

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda

Monday December 8, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Council Chambers

3720 County Road 34

Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0

THE MEETING WILL OPEN WITH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Council Minutes – Monday November 24, 2025

Special Closed Session of Council Minutes – Thursday November 27, 2025

5. DELEGATIONS

- a. RRCA 2026 Budget – Alison MacDonald, General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Community Services Department

CS 2025-23: 2026 Canada Day Events

CS 2025-24: Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Project

CS 2025-25: HGMH Pool Update

CS 2025-26: Arts Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference

CS 2025-27: Community Development Committee Terms of Reference

CS 2025-28: Designation of the Glengarry Archives Building

- b. Building, Planning & By-law Department

- i. BP 2025-27: Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-10-2025, Zawisla

- ii. BP-2025-28: Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-11-2025, Dirico

- c. Public Works Department

- i. PW 2025-25: Pick up Replacement

ii. PW 2025-26: Equipment Attachments

iii. PW 2025-27: Pedestrian Crossing Warning Light
Equipment

d. Fire Department

i. FD 2025-07 -Dunvegan Water Storage Tank – Licence Agreement
and Bill of Sale

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Meeting of Planning Minutes – Monday October 27, 2025

Committee of Adjustment Hearing Minutes – Monday September 8, 2025

Council Correspondence Package

South Nation Conservation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 16,
2025

9. NEW BUSINESS

Support for Local Governance of Conservation Authorities

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Next Regular Meeting of Council

Monday January 12, 2026, at 6 pm. in the Council Chambers, 3720 County Road
34, Alexandria, Ontario

Note: Meetings are subject to change and cancellation

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions are to be in relation to the items presented on this agenda. Limit of one
question per person and subsequent questions will be at the discretion of the
Mayor/Chair.

12. CLOSED SESSION

As this matter deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual,
including municipal or local board employees they may be discussed in closed
session under sections 239 (2)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*);

As this matter deals with labour relations or employee negotiations they may be
discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(d) of the *Ontario Municipal
Act*);

And adopt the minutes of the Municipal Council Closed Session meeting
of Monday November 27, 2025.

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

a. By-law 48-2025

14. ADJOURNMENT

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Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams
Councillor: Jacques Massie
Councillor: Jeff Manley
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Michael Madden
Councillor: Gary Martin

ALSO PRESENT: Interim CAO/Clerk: Timothy Simpson
Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan
Director of Finance/Treasurer: Zoe Bougie
Director of Public Works: Timothy Wright

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Brian Caddell declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Item 12 – Closed Session – Land, as the matter relates to property in which he is an affected landowner and has a financial interest in the outcome.

3. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Carma Williams

Seconded by: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday November 24, 2025, as amended

Remove Section 6, item f (i) – PW 2025-23: Glengarry Snowmobile Club Authorization By-law.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Jacques Massie

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THAT the minutes of the following meeting(s) be adopted as circulated.

- Regular Meeting of Council Minutes – Monday November 10, 2025
- Special Closed Session of Council Minutes – Thursday, November 20, 2025

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

Glengarry Artist Collective –Bobi Leutschafft Poitras, President &Yvonne Callaway, Vice President.

Glengarry Artist Collective President Bobi Leutschafft Poitras and Vice President Yvonne Callaway presented Council with the Collective's seventh gift of art to the Township for display in the Sanfield Centre. The artwork, created by P. Poinier, depicts the Alexandria Hospital from across Mill Pond. Councillor Jeff Manley accepted the artwork on behalf of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Treasury Department

TR-2025-24: Ice Resurfacer Borrowing By-Law 41-2025

Resolution No. 3

MOVED BY: Jeff Manley

SECONDED BY: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report TR-2025-24: Ice Resurfacer Borrowing By-Law; and

THAT By-Law 41-2025, being a By-Law to authorize the borrowing of funds for financing of capital (ice resurfacer); be read a first, second and third time and adopted in open Council this 24th day of November 2025.

Carried

TR-2025-25 Tile Drainage Borrowing By-Law 42-2025

Resolution No. 4

MOVED BY: Michael Madden

SECONDED BY: Gary Martin

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report TR-2025-25 Tile Drainage Borrowing By-Law 42-2025; and

THAT By-Law 42-2025, being a By-law to authorize the borrowing of funds for tile drainage works; be read a first, second and third time and adopted in open Council this 24th day of November 2025.

Carried

TR-2025-26 Third Quarter Variance Report

Resolution No. 5

MOVED BY: Gary Martin

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives staff report TR-2025-26: Third Quarter Variance Report for information purposes only.

Carried

b. Public Works Department

PW-20224: 2025 Winter Maintenance

Resolution No. 6

MOVED BY: Michael Madden

SECONDED BY: Jeff Manley

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-20224: 2025 Winter Maintenance for information purposes; and

THAT Council authorizes the award of a winter maintenance contract to Lalonde Equipment Rental for \$12,019.09; and

THAT Council authorizes the award of a winter maintenance contract to Power Lawn Care for \$9,200.00; and

AND THAT Council authorizes the purchase of Compact Tractor to facilitate in house winter maintenance in Dalkieth and Glen Robertson for \$52,998.86

Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives the item(s) from the consent agenda for information purposes only.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Next Regular Meeting of Council

Monday December 8, 2025, at 6 pm. in the Council Chambers, 3720
County Road 34, Alexandria, Ontario

Note: Meeting are subject to change and cancellation

11. QUESTION PERIOD

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12. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 8

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Gary Martin

Proceed “In closed Session”

As this matter deals with a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(c) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*); and

As this matter deals with labour relations or employee negotiations they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*); and

As this matter deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*);

And adopt the minutes of the Municipal Council Closed Session meeting of Monday November 10, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 9

MOVED BY: Carma Williams

SECONDED BY: Jacques Massie

THAT Council now rise and report from the Closed Session held on Monday November 24, 2025; and

THAT the Regular Council Meeting now resume at 7:23 p.m.

THAT the following motion be adopted:

THAT the Mayor and CAO/Clerk be and hereby are authorized to complete the said Acknowledgement and Direction relating to the property described herein; and

THAT the CAO/Clerk be authorized to do all manner of act or anything to give effect to the lease agreement; and

THAT By-law No. 44-2025 be read a first second and third time and enacted in open Council this 24th day of November 2025.

FURTHERMORE, THAT Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in Closed Session;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any necessary documents

Carried

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No. 10

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopts by-law 45-2025, being a by-law to adopt, confirm, and ratify the matters dealt with by Resolution; and

THAT by-law 45-2025 be read a first, second and third time and enacted in Open Council this 24th day of November 2025.

Carried

14. ADJOURMENT

Resolution No. 11

Moved by: Jacques Massie

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THERE being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25p.m.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH

GLENGARRY Special Meeting of Council

Minutes

Thursday November 27, 2025, 3:00 p.m

Council Chamber

3720 County Road 34

Alexandria, On. K0C 1A0

PRESENT: Mayor: Jamie MacDonald
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams
Councillor At Large: Jacques Massie
Councillor: Jeff Manley
Councillor: Michael Madden
Councillor: Gary Martin

ALSO PRESENT: United Counties of SDG Director of Corporate Services/ Clerk:
Kimberley Casselman
Unites Counties of SDG Human Resource Manager: Kristen Sommers

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Carma Williams

Seconded by: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the agenda of the Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, November 27, 2025.

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

5. DELEGATION(S)

None

6. STAFF REPORTS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None

12. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Michael Madden

Proceed "In Closed Session",

As this matter deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*);

Carried

Resolution No. 3

Moved by:

Seconded by:

MOVED BY: Michael Madden

SECONDED BY: Gary Martin

THAT Council now rise and report from the in-camera session held on DATE during the Regular Council Meeting; and

THAT there are no reportable items arising from the closed session;

AND THAT the Regular Council Meeting now resume at 4:32 p.m

Carried

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Gary Martin

Seconded by: Carma Williams

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopts by-law 46-2025 being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by Resolution; and

THAT By-law 46-2025 be read a first, second, third time and enacted in Open Council this 27th day of November 2025.

Carried

14. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Jacques Massie

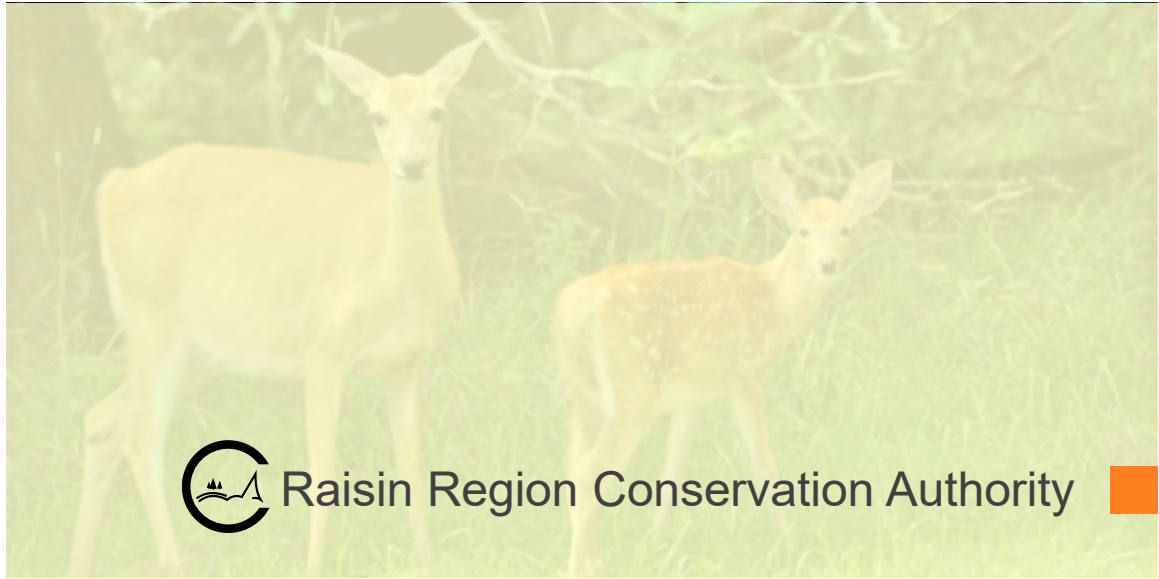
Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THERE being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32p.m.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

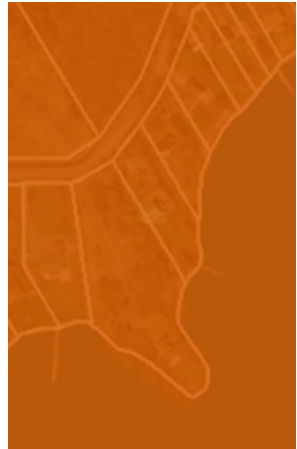


Raisin Region Conservation Authority

December 8, 2025

2026 RRCA Draft Budget

Township of North Glengarry

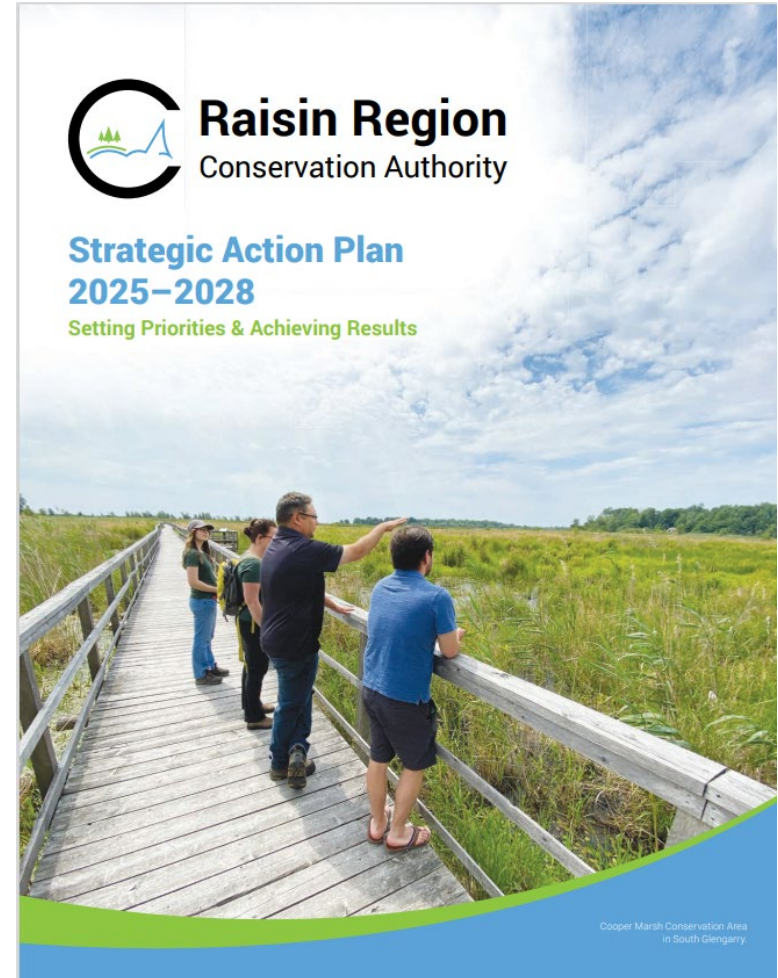




■ Highlights

1. Natural Hazards – Protecting People and Property
 1. Garry River System
2. Conservation Land and Recreation
3. Forestry and Special Projects
4. Operating and Capital Budgets

RRCA Governance





Drinking Water Source Protection

“Core” Source Protection Activities

- New or modified drinking water systems
- Policy and communications
- Source Protection Committee
- Provincial reporting

Risk Management Activities

- Review activities near municipal drinking water systems
- Coordinate risk management plans, mitigation measures, existing approvals





■ Planning and Permitting – Natural Hazards

Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act responsibilities:

- Flooding
- Unstable Slopes
- Unstable Soils

We review:

- Permit Applications
- Minor Variances
- Zoning Bylaw Amendments
- Site Plans
- Plans of Subdivision
- Plans of Condominium
- Land Severances





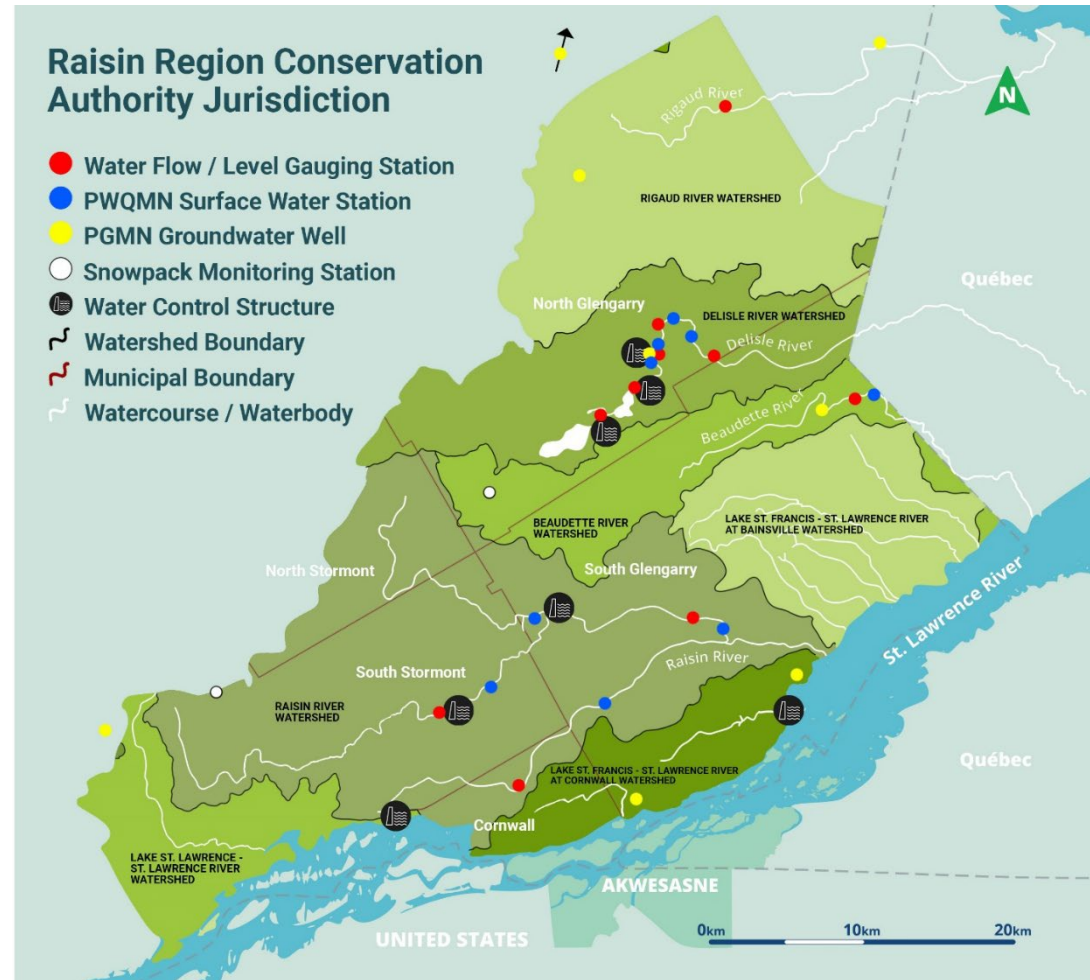
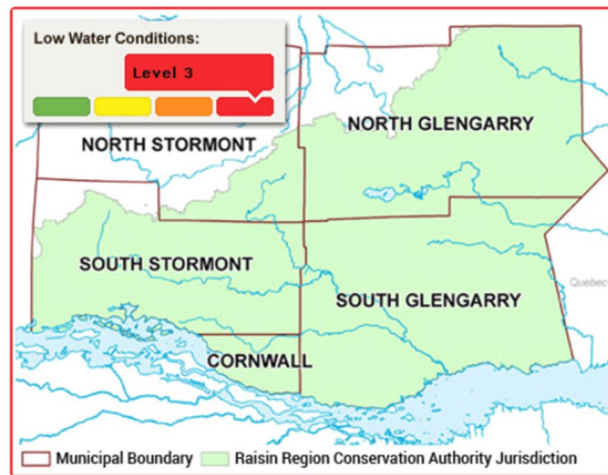
Flood Forecasting and Low Water Response

Low Water Response

Current Status: Level 3

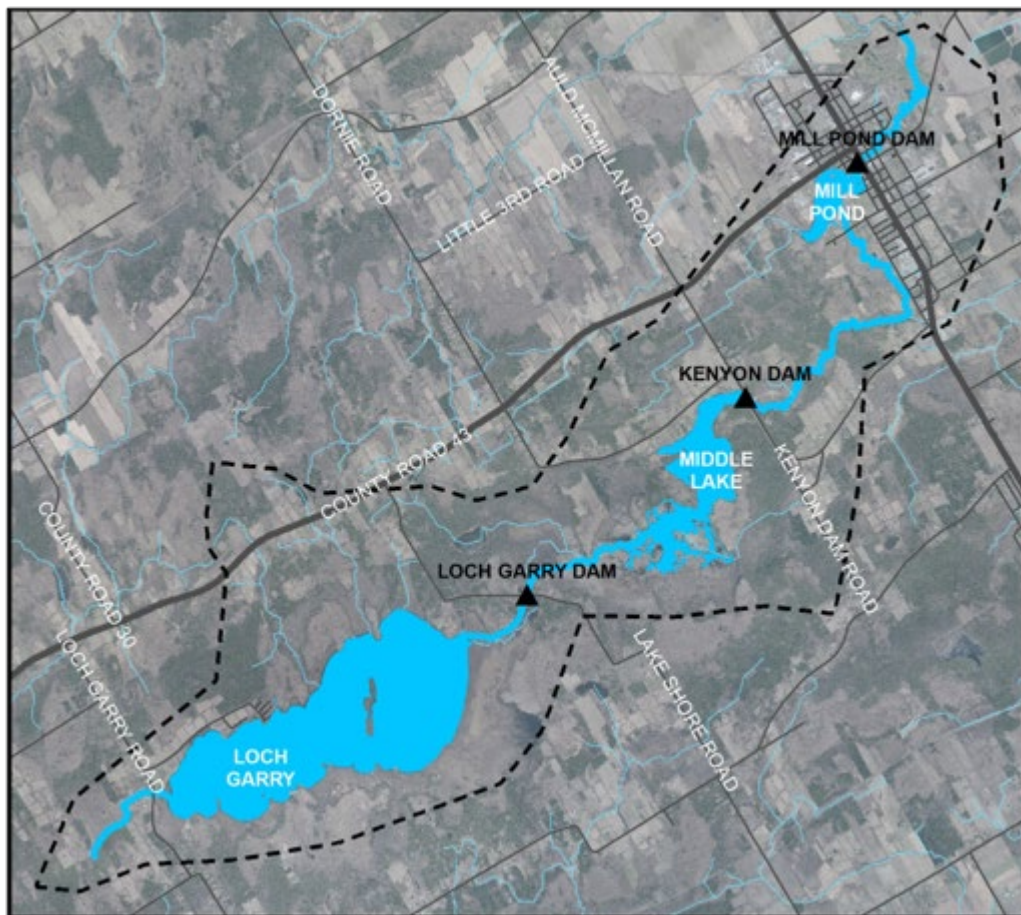
RRCA Water Response Team Declares Low Water Level
3 Status for its Jurisdiction

Thursday, October 30, 2025 (3:00 PM)





Garry River System



- Agreement for the management of 3 Water Control Structures
- Loch Garry, Middle Lake, Mill Pond
- Assisting with funding applications for improvements



Conservation Lands & Recreation Opportunities



Gray's Creek Marina

- 3 Conservation Areas
 - Gray's Creek, Cooper Marsh, Charlottenburgh Park
 - 185,000 Visitors in 2025
 - Camping, beach, marina, boat launches, hiking
- Manage 2,300 acres of conservation land
- Raisin River Canoe Race



Landowner Stewardship for Healthy & Resilient Watersheds



1,000 free trees distributed to North Glengarry residents, 2025



- Forestry Program
 - 2026: 60,000 trees
 - Tree giveaways
- Joint-municipal tree planting funding submission to FCM under review
- ALUS and RRCA provides financial and technical support to farmers to establish best management practices
- Partnered with 7 North Glengarry farmers in 2025



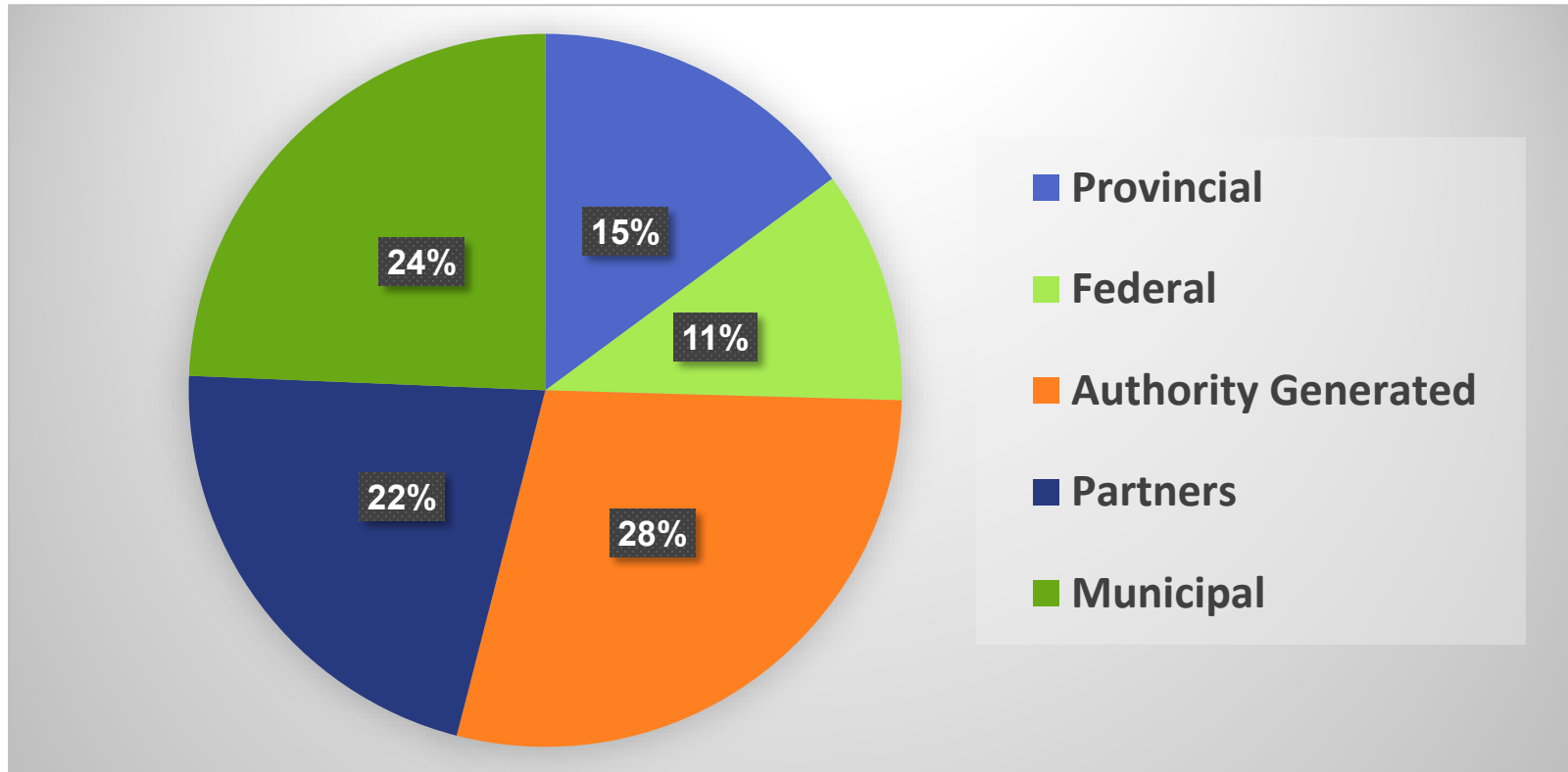
2026 Budget

- Draft 2026 Budget out for 30-day consultation period
- Prioritizing local actions and investments within the local watershed
- Anticipating provincial modernization and consolidation
- Adapting strategic actions to align with the proposed new regional model





2026 Funding Sources





■ Budget Overview - Operating

Operating Budget Highlights

Funded By

Provincial	\$623,203.71
Federal	441,980.62
Authority Generated	1,195,524.86
Partners	906,395.34
Municipal Levy	1,019,410.62
2025 Carry-forward	<u>\$125,000</u>
Total	<u>\$4,311,515.15</u>

Municipal levy increase	\$51,815.07
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Budget Overview - Capital

Capital Budget Highlights

Total Project Value	\$273,500
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Funded By

Reserves	94,500
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Provincial	65,000
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Municipal Levy	114,000
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Total	\$273,500
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Raisin Region

Conservation Authority

Alison McDonald

General Manager

Alison.McDonald@rrca.on.ca

(613) 938-3611 ext. 222



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Committee of Adjustment Hearing

Minutes

**Monday, September 8, 2025,
5:30 pm
Council Chamber
3720 County Road 34
Alexandria, On. K0C 1A0**

PRESENT:

Mayor - Jamie MacDonald
Deputy Mayor - Carma Williams
Councillor (At Large) - Jacques Massie
Councillor (Kenyon Ward) -Jeff Manley
Councillor (Alexandria Ward) - Michael Madden
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Gary Martin

ALSO PRESENT:

Director of Building, By-law & Planning - Jacob Rhéaume
Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan
SDG Clerk: Kimberley Casselman

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT INTEREST

None

2. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 1

Moved By: Jacques Massie

Seconded By: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the Committee of Adjustment Hearing agenda of Monday, September 8, 2025.

Carried

3. RATIFY MINUTES

Resolution No. 2

Moved By: Michael Madden

Seconded By: Gary Martin

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the Committee of Adjustment Hearing Minutes of Monday August 11, 2025.

Carried

4. MINOR VARIANCES

MV-01-2024

Owner: MARSENI REAL ESTATE INC

Location: 10 Mechanic Street West, Maxville
Plan 32 Part Mill Lot; 14R1736 Parts 1, 2 & 3
Roll 0111 014 000 58200
PIN 67103-0405

Purpose of application: To seek relief from the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 39-2000 Section 5.4 (2)(i)(c) for a reduction in the Front Yard (North) Depth setback from the minimum required 9m (from Mechanic Street West - County Road 22) to the proposed 5.66m AND from Section 5.4 (2)(i)(e) for a reduction in the Interior Side Yard (West) Width setback from the minimum required 4.5m to the proposed 3m, to the building foundation for a new apartment building construction.

Resolution No. 3
Moved By: Gary Martin
Seconded By: Carma Williams

It is the recommendation of the Planning Department that the Committee of Adjustment approve Minor Variance application #MV-07-2025 as submitted.

The clerk asked 3 times for comments from the public in attendance and from members of Council.

Carried

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 4
Moved By: Carma Williams
Seconded By: Jacques Massie

THERE being no further business to discuss the Committee of Adjustment Hearing was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2025-23

December 8, 2025

From: Stephanie MacRae – Director of Community Services

RE: 2026 Canada Day Events

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-23: 2026 Canada Day Events; and,

THAT Council approves the following schedule for the 2026 Canada Day celebrations:

Saturday, June 27, 2026 – Canada Day in Glen Robertson

Tuesday, June 30, 2026 – Canada Day in Apple Hill and Maxville

Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – Canada Day in Alexandria

Background / Analysis:

Each year, the Township of North Glengarry supports multiple Canada Day celebrations held across the community. These celebrations are not possible without the support of numerous volunteers and organizations who assist with their execution.

On November 18, 2025, the Municipal Recreation Association (MRA) Committee met to review event dates for 2026. The above-noted dates were deemed agreeable to the MRA hosts in Glen Robertson, Apple Hill and Maxville. As with previous years, the Alexandria Canada Day celebration will remain on July 1st, 2026, which is organized by the Alexandria Lion's Club.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council approves this resolution

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council does not approve this resolution

Financial Implications:

The Township of North Glengarry, during its annual budget exercise, allocates a portion of funding to the Community Services Department to support Canada Day celebrations. Any costs associated with supporting these events are within Council-approved budgets.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:**Others Consulted:**

- Municipal Recreation Association Committee

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, CAO/Clerk



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2025-24

December 8, 2025

From: Stephanie MacRae – Director of Community Services

RE: Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Project Update

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-24: Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Projects Update; and

THAT Council approves the re-allocation of Dalkeith Recreation Association Capital Funds to support siding repairs at the Dalkeith Community Centre; and,

THAT Council approve the allocation of the 2026 Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Projects.

Background / Analysis:

On November 18, 2025, the Municipal Recreation Association Committee (MRAC) met and discussed updates to their 2025 capital projects and anticipated projects for 2026.

2025 MRAC Capital Projects:

In 2025, Council had approved the allocation of \$63,500.00 in capital funding to be dispersed to the Municipal Recreation Associations (MRAs) to support each MRAs respective projects.

The following is a summary of how the 2025 capital funds were dispersed:

MRA	Project	2025
Alexandria	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Apple Hill	Kitchen Upgrades	\$ 19,200.00
Dalkeith	Ice Rink Reserve	\$ 15,000.00
Dunvegan	Floor Reserve	\$ 7,500.00
Father Gauthier	Equipment	\$ 800.00
Glen Robertson	Walking Track	\$ 10,500.00
Glen Sandfield	Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
Greenfield	Equipment	\$ 1,500.00

Laggan	Equipment	\$ 3,500.00
Maxville	Equipment Maintenance	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 63,500.00

As of the time of this report, Apple Hill, Father Gauthier, Glen Robertson, and Maxville have completed their projects for 2025, with the remaining funds expected to be spent before the end of the year.

2025 MRAC Re-Allocation of Funds:

During the meeting, representatives of the Dalkeith Recreation Association requested to re-allocate some of their 2025 ice rink reserve capital funds towards siding repairs that were needed in 2025. The Dalkeith Recreation Association have requested to have \$8,500.00 to be taken out of their \$15,000.00 capital allocation towards the ice rink reserve, and have these funds re-allocated towards the siding repairs at their Community Centre. The remaining amount of \$6,500.00 would be transferred to the ice rink reserve project.

2026 MRAC Capital Projects:

During the meeting, the MRACs further discussed how they would like to see the 2026 MRAC capital funds dispersed, pending the 2026 municipal budget exercise.

The following is a summary of the 2026 anticipated projects and associated funds being requested to support these projects:

MRA	Project	(Draft) 2026
Alexandria	Contribution to resurfacing GDHS Community Tennis & Pickleball courts/ GSP Ball Diamond Repairs	\$15,000.00
Apple Hill	Remaining Kitchen Upgrades from 2025 project	\$7,000.00
Dalkeith	Accessibility Upgrades	\$10,000.00
Dunvegan	Floor Reserve	\$5,000.00
Father Gauthier	Equipment Repairs	\$800.00
Glen Robertson	Outdoor Yard Enhancements	\$8,000.00
Glen Sandfield	Equipment	\$1,000.00
Laggan	Soccer Equipment	\$3,500.00
Maxville	MSC Soccer Lights Reserve	\$13,200.00
TOTAL		\$63,500.00

The MRAC continues to play an important role in maintaining and improving community halls and recreation across North Glengarry. The recommended re-allocation of Dalkeith Recreation Association capital funds will address needed building siding repairs while preserving support for the ice rink reserve. Additionally, the proposed allocation of 2026 capital funds reflects the priorities identified by each Recreation Association and ensures that resources are directed toward projects that enhance accessibility, safety, and recreational opportunities for residents.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council approves this resolution

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council does not approve this resolution

Financial Implications:

The Township of North Glengarry, during its annual budget exercise, has consistently allocated \$63,500.00 in capital funding in recent years to support the Municipal Recreation Associations. The request to re-allocate the Dalkeith portion of the funds remains in alignment with the 2025 Council-approved amounts.

The 2026 MRAC Capital Projects are subject to the approval of the 2026 Township of North Glengarry budget, pending the re-allotment of \$63,500.00 for the Municipal Recreation Associations.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Others Consulted:

- Timothy Simpson - Chief Administrative Officer
- Municipal Recreation Association Committee

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, Interim CAO/Clerk



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2025-25

December 8, 2025

From: Stephanie MacRae – Director of Community Services

RE: HGMH Pool Updates

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-25: HGMH Pool Updates for information purposes only.

Background / Analysis:

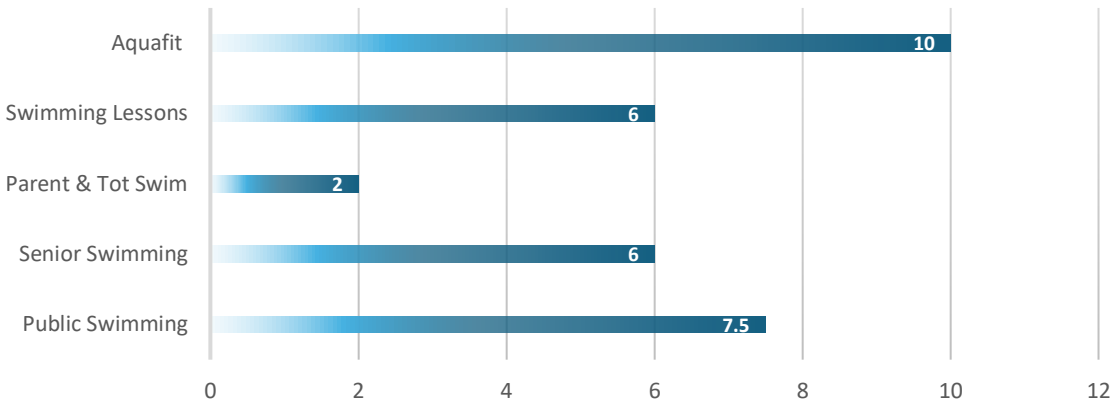
During the summer of 2023, the Township of North Glengarry and the Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital (HGMH) announced a partnership to work on the reopening of the HGMH Pool to the public.

Through this partnership, the Township provides lifeguards and programming at the pool. The pool opened to the public on a gradual basis in the spring of 2024 and has since been operating on a regular basis to serve the public and offer aquatic services to the community.

Programming:

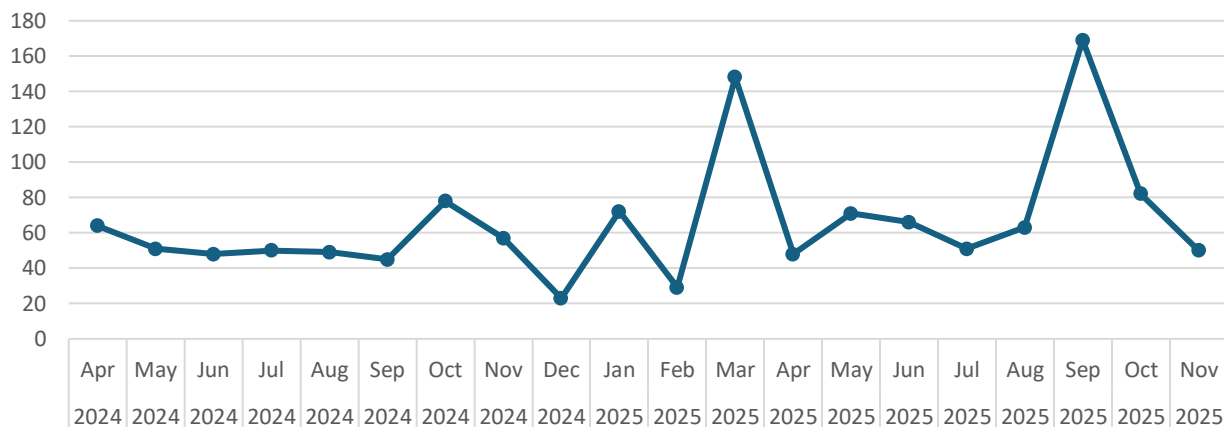
As of the Fall of 2025, the Township has been offering approximately 32 hours of programming at the HGMH pool per week. These activities include public swimming, senior swimming, parent & tot swims, as well as Aquafit fitness classes and swimming lessons for youth. Below is a summary of the weekly hours allocated to programming at the pool.

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING HOURS



The pool primarily operates on evenings and weekends to align with lifeguard availability. During the summer of 2025, the pool adjusted its hours to offer more daytime weekday programming, which was well-received by patrons. During the summer, the pool also hosted the Boys & Girls Club summer camp twice per week.

Below is a summary of enrollment trends since the pool's opening in the spring of 2024. It should be noted that the Community Services Department has been working to formalize registration periods for its programming, resulting in greater planning and execution of programs as class sizes and final numbers are confirmed prior to the beginning of the session. Members of the public are asked to register during a specified period for the seasonal session. As an example, those wishing to sign up for the Fall Aquafit or swimming lessons classes, would be required to register in advance of the sessions starting in September. This is illustrated in the chart below, in which March and September resulted in higher waves of registrations. Any registrations that occur outside of those periods are specific to ongoing/drop-in public and senior swim sessions.



Expenses & Revenue:

The biggest expense to operate the HGMH are the lifeguard wages. The Township employs six part-time lifeguards who are present for all of the programming at the pool, and are also

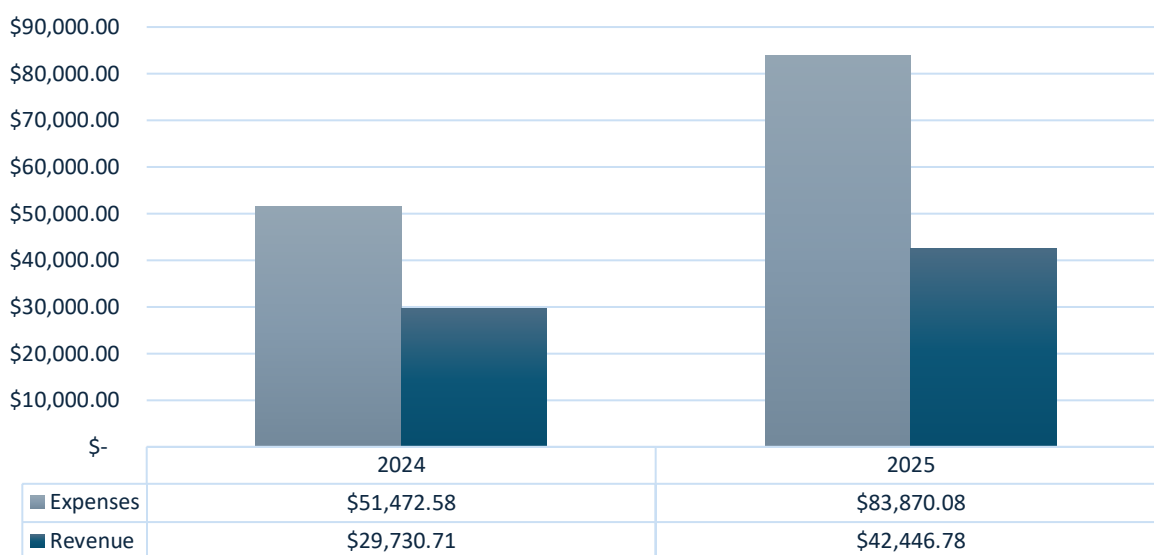
responsible for providing swimming lessons, opening and closing the pool, testing the pool and ensuring the safety of all users.

In addition to the lifeguard wages, the Township also commits a portion of the Community Services HGMH budget towards a clothing allowance for lifeguard uniforms, supplies, as well as a portion of the department's booking software.

The Community Services Department generates revenue from all program registrations and private pool rentals for birthday parties or private swim rentals.

The following is a comparison of revenue and expenses generated from 2024 to 2025, with 2025 being the first full year the pool has operated for. It should be noted that the 2025 revenue is not reflective of any revenue yet to be generated during the month of December. With the first year of operations completed, staff will be reviewing its model of operations to aim to align expenses more closely with anticipated revenue, now having a full year of usage information to examine.

At present, the Township has noted a 42.8% increase in revenue generated from 2024.



Pool Users:

The table below highlights each of the communities where registered participants reside. This demonstrates the reach of the HGMH pool in not only servicing North Glengarry communities but also surrounding municipalities.

<i>City/Town</i>	<i>% Of Registrations</i>
Alexandria	54.56
Maxville	7.56
Green Valley	4.36
Williamstown	3.88
Apple Hill	2.79
Casselman	2.79

<i>Martintown</i>	2.52
<i>Saint-Eugene</i>	2.45
<i>North Lancaster</i>	2.38
<i>Vankleek Hill</i>	2.18
<i>Summerstown</i>	1.91
<i>Dunvegan</i>	1.23
<i>Dalkeith</i>	1.16
<i>Embrun</i>	1.16
<i>Glen Robertson</i>	1.09
<i>Cornwall</i>	0.89
<i>South Lancaster</i>	0.82
<i>Bainsville</i>	0.68
<i>Curran</i>	0.61
<i>Lancaster</i>	0.61
<i>Gatineau</i>	0.54
<i>Moose Creek</i>	0.54
<i>Ottawa</i>	0.48
<i>St-Albert</i>	0.41
<i>Crysler</i>	0.34
<i>Long Sault</i>	0.34
<i>North Stormont</i>	0.34
<i>South Glengarry</i>	0.34
<i>St Andrews West</i>	0.34
<i>Montreal</i>	0.27
<i>Très-Saint-Rédempteur</i>	0.27
<i>Alfred</i>	0.20
<i>Hawkesbury</i>	0.20
<i>St Isidore</i>	0.20
<i>Monkland</i>	0.14
<i>North Glengarry</i>	0.14
<i>Petawawa</i>	0.14
<i>Ste-Anne-de-Prescott</i>	0.14
<i>Guelph</i>	0.07
<i>Kanata</i>	0.07
<i>Rigaud</i>	0.07
<i>Saint Telephore</i>	0.07
<i>Sainte-Justine-de-Newton</i>	0.07
<i>Verona</i>	0.07

The programming and registration trends at the HGMH pool demonstrate the Township of North Glengarry's commitment to providing diverse aquatic opportunities for residents. While participation levels have remained steady, continued monitoring of registration data and expense allocations will ensure that programming remains responsive to community needs and financially sustainable. The investment in the pool not only supports recreation and wellness but also reinforces the Township's role in fostering a healthy, active lifestyle for all age groups. Moving forward, staff will explore opportunities for program enhancements and cost efficiencies to maximize the value of this important community asset.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council approves this resolution

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council does not approve this resolution

Financial Implications:

The expenses referenced in this report to operate the HGMH pool are in alignment with the approved 2025 Township of North Glengarry budget.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Others Consulted:

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, Interim CAO/Clerk



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2025-26

December 8, 2025

From: Stephanie MacRae – Director of Community Services

RE: Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-26: Arts Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference; and

THAT Council adopts the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference.

Background / Analysis:

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee serves as a Committee of Council, providing input and recommendations on initiatives that promote and preserve the Township's cultural identity. To ensure clarity and consistency in its operations, a Terms of Reference document has been developed outlining the Committee's mandate, roles and responsibilities of members, procedures for filling vacancies, and other governance provisions.

On December 1, 2025, the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee reviewed the proposed Terms of Reference and confirmed that it accurately reflects the Committee's purpose and operational framework. The document will serve as a guiding tool for the Committee, ensuring alignment with Council's strategic priorities and providing clear direction on matters such as membership expectations, quorum requirements, and reporting protocols.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council approves this resolution

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council does not approve this resolution

Financial Implications:

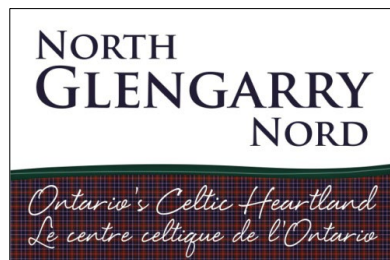
None.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Others Consulted:

- Timothy Simpson – CAO/Clerk
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, Interim CAO/Clerk



Township of North Glengarry Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

Terms of Reference

Last Revised: November 2025

BACKGROUND

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee is a Committee of Council for the Township of North Glengarry that held its first meeting on March 23rd, 2011. In 2019, the Community Improvement Plan Advisory Committee and the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee amalgamated to form one committee under the Arts, Culture and Heritage designation.

PURPOSE

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee will promote and support arts, culture and heritage as central elements in the well-being of North Glengarry.

MANDATE

1. To assist the municipal administration in the development of recommendations concerning Council policies.
2. To assist municipal administration, when requested, to develop administrative policies.
3. To review and vet applications to the Community Grant Program.
4. To act as a Municipal Heritage Committee and advise and assist Council on all matters relating to Parts IV and V of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.18.
5. Foster cross-cultural cooperation by liaising with community groups and stakeholders.
6. Advocating on behalf of arts, culture and heritage in the community.
7. To review and vet applications to the Community Improvement Plan and forward recommendations to Council.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

A yearly calendar of meetings will be adopted by the Committee. The Committee will meet a minimum of five times per year (typically in February, April, June, October and December) to discuss business and make recommendations to Council. Committee members are expected to attend meetings throughout the year according to attendance stipulations in the Township's Procedural By-law 26-2023.

STRUCTURE

Nominations for Community Representatives are reviewed by Council. Appointments to the Community Development Committee are at Council's sole discretion and for the term of Council, unless replaced sooner by Council.

Membership:

As per the Township of North Glengarry's Procedural By-law 26-2023:

“An Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee is hereby established and shall be composed of 2 members of Council and a minimum of 5 lay persons appointed by Council resolution for the term of Council.

From time to time, the Committee may invite resource persons or subject matter experts to attend meetings to provide advice or information on specific matters. These individuals are not members of the Committee and do not have voting rights.

When deemed necessary by the Committee, working groups may be formed to review specific matters and develop recommendations.

Vacancies:

Committee members must express in writing their intention to be removed from or leave the Committee and have it directed to the attention of the Chair of the Committee.

Vacancies shall be brought to the attention of Council, having appointed the individual responsible for the vacancy. In the event the vacancy results in less than five lay persons on the Committee, the vacancy shall be filled as soon as practicable with another suitable representative. If the Committee maintains more than five lay persons at the time of the vacancy, the replacement of the representative shall be done at the discretion of Council.

Vacancies are filled in accordance with the appointment process approved by Council.

Absences:

- a) Members are expected to attend all scheduled meetings.
- b) If a member is unable to attend, they must notify the Chair or Recording Secretary in advance.
- c) Three consecutive unexcused absences or four absences within a calendar year may result in the members' removal from the Committee, subject to Council's discretion.
- d) Attendance will be recorded in the official minutes.

ROLES

Committee Chair:

The Committee must elect a chair at its first meeting of the new term of Council. The Chair shall:

- a) Ensure meetings are called and held in accordance with the Committee's mandate, terms of reference or by-laws.
- b) Confirm an agenda for each meeting.
- c) Officiate and conduct meetings.
- d) Ensure the meeting agenda and relevant documents are circulated to the members of the committee in advance of the meeting.
- e) Ensure minutes are retained, included and reviewed at the next meeting.
- f) Provide leadership & ensure that committee members are aware of their obligations and that the committee complies with its responsibilities.
- g) Ensure that discussion on agenda items is on topic, productive and professional.
- h) Chair in-camera meetings as required.

The Chair may from time to time designate an alternate Chair to preside over the meeting.

Committee Members:

Committee Members shall:

- a) Attend meetings, provide input and contribute to initiatives surrounding arts, culture and heritage in North Glengarry.
- b) Work collaboratively with municipal staff, other committees and external organizations to advance arts, culture and heritage goals and initiatives.
- c) Attend scheduled meetings and actively participate in discussions and review materials in advance to make informed contributions.

Recording Secretary:

The Director of Community Services or alternate will act as the Recording Secretary for the Committee. The Recording Secretary shall:

- d) Ensure the accurate recording of attendance and business conducted during the meetings.
- e) Ensure minutes are retained, included and reviewed at the next meeting.
- f) Circulate the proposed agenda items to the Chair.
- g) Ensure the meeting agenda and relevant documents are circulated to the members of the committee in advance of the meeting.

Committee members are requested to forward agenda items to the Chair and copy the Recording Secretary on the information.

Township of North Glengarry Staff:

Township of North Glengarry staff shall provide support to the Committee as required; however, are not members of the Committee and do not have any voting rights.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

All members of Council, local boards and committees have an obligation to act honestly and responsibly when making decisions or giving advice on Council, board or committee matters. This obligation includes the disclosure of pecuniary interest.

A pecuniary interest refers to a situation where a member has a direct or indirect conflict related to a matter under consideration. A full explanation of direct and indirect pecuniary interests can be found in the [Municipal Conflict of Interest Act](#).

The onus is on the member to determine whether they are affected by the pecuniary interest provisions. All members must submit their disclosures of pecuniary interest in writing to the Clerk immediately following the meeting during which they verbally disclose a pecuniary interest using the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest Form, available on the Township of North Glengarry website or in paper version.

QUORUM

A quorum of members must be present at all times to conduct the business of the Committee. A quorum shall be 50% + 1 member.

REPORTING

The Chair, or designate, may present reports at Council meetings when requested or when significant matters require discussion or are relevant for Council to be informed of.

REMUNERATION

Committee members are paid in alignment with By-Law No. 11-2019, which outlines remuneration for committee meeting attendance.

BUDGET

Activities recommended to Council through the Committee may be funded through existing approved operating or capital funding, or through an extraordinary funding request to Council for a specific purpose.

Budgets are approved yearly at Council's discretion.

REVIEW

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed once per term of Council to ensure relevance and alignment with municipal priorities.

Amendments require Council approval.



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2025-27

December 8, 2025

From: Stephanie MacRae – Director of Community Services

RE: Community Development Committee Terms of Reference

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-27: Community Development Committee Terms of Reference; and

THAT Council adopts the Community Development Committee Terms of Reference.

Background / Analysis:

The North Glengarry Community Development Committee is a Committee of Council which plays a key advisory role in supporting initiatives that enhance economic development, tourism, and community vitality within the Township. To ensure effective governance and clarity of responsibilities, a Terms of Reference has been prepared to define the Committee's mandate, membership roles, procedures for addressing vacancies, and operational guidelines.

On December 3, 2025, the Community Development Committee reviewed the proposed Terms of Reference and confirmed that it accurately reflects the Committee's objectives and structure. This document will serve as a guiding framework for the Committee, ensuring alignment with Council's strategic priorities and providing clear direction on matters such as quorum, reporting requirements, and member expectations.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council approves this resolution

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council does not approve this resolution

Financial Implications:

None.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Others Consulted:

- Timothy Simpson – CAO/Clerk
- Community Development Committee

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, Interim CAO/Clerk



Township of North Glengarry
Community Development Committee
Terms of Reference
Last Revised: November 2025

BACKGROUND

The Community Development Committee is a Committee of Council formed as of January 2019.

Its purpose is to identify, investigate, analyze and report to Council on matters affecting or having the potential to affect the growth, prosperity, and economic well-being of the community. In exercising its mandate pursuant to these Terms of Reference, the Committee shall be deemed to be an Advisory Committee to Council.

GOAL

To explore issues and concerns, and consult with community partners, to enhance, promote, and encourage community vitality and sustainability.

MANDATE

- 1) Examine community issues that arise in North Glengarry and provide recommendations to Council;
- 2) Investigate, promote and support challenges and opportunities in fields relevant to economic development;
- 3) Provide direction on the development of initiatives that foster community and economic development;
- 4) Seek input from individuals and groups interested in community development issues and to encourage networking among them;
- 5) Participate in community planning initiatives in conjunction with municipal and regional authorities;
- 6) Attend meetings and other events to network with other community development groups as required;
- 7) Be cognizant of issues relating to economic development and its potential impact on the community and the environment.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

A yearly calendar of meetings will be adopted by the Committee. The Committee will meet a minimum of five times per year (typically in January, March, May, September and November) to discuss business and make recommendations to Council. Committee members are expected to attend meetings throughout the year according to attendance stipulations in the Township's Procedural By-law 26-2023.

STRUCTURE

Nominations for Community Representatives are reviewed by Council. Appointments to the

Community Development Committee are at Council's sole discretion and for the term of Council, unless replaced sooner by Council.

Membership:

As per the Township of North Glengarry's Procedural By-law 26-2023:

"A Community Development Committee is hereby established and shall be composed of 3 members of Council and a minimum of 4 lay persons appointed by Council resolution for the term of Council."

From time to time, the Committee may invite resource persons or subject matter experts to attend meetings to provide advice or information on specific matters. These individuals are not members of the Committee and do not have voting rights.

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BUDGET

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REVIEW

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed once per term of Council to ensure relevance and alignment with municipal priorities.

Amendments require Council approval.



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: CS-2025-28

December 8, 2025

From: Stephanie MacRae – Director of Community Services

RE: Designation of the Glengarry County Archives Building

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-28, Designation of the Glengarry County Archives Building,

THAT Council receives By-law 47-2025, being a by-law to designate the property at 28 Kenyon Street East, Alexandria, (Glengarry County Archives), as a property of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND THAT By-Law 47-2025 be read a first, second, and third time and enacted in Open Council this 8th day of December 2025.

Background / Analysis:

On September 8, 2025, Council passed a resolution directing staff to proceed with the designation process to the Municipal Register for the Glengarry County Archives building, which is jointly owned by the Townships of North Glengarry and South Glengarry.

Notices of Intent to Designate were subsequently issued to the property owners, who were then granted a 30-day objection period to object having their property included on the registry.

During a Council meeting on October 14th, 2024, the Township of South Glengarry, as the co-owner of the Glengarry County Archive Building with the Township of North Glengarry, had passed a Resolution to object proceeding with the designation.

As such, Staff requested a delegation to the Township of South Glengarry Council in early November to provide further information about the designation process and speak to any questions or concerns expressed by their Council. Following the delegation provided by North Glengarry's Economic Development Officer, Ainsley Hunt, and Manager of Long-Range Planning and Policy for the SDG Counties, Lindsay Parisien, the Council of the Township of South Glengarry expressed support with moving forward with the designation process.

As a result, Staff have prepared By-Law 47-2025. If Council endorses this By-law:

- A letter will be sent to the property owner confirming that the By-law was passed by Council;
- A Notice of Heritage Designation will be posted to the website;
- The Ontario Heritage Trust will be informed that the By-law was passed by Council;

In accordance with Section 29(8) of the Act, any person who objects to the By-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by forwarding to the Tribunal and the Clerk (at the Township of North Glengarry – Attention: Timothy Simpson, COA / Clerk, 3720 County Road 34, Alexandria ON K0C 1A0 or at cao@northglengarry.ca) within 30 days after the date of publication on the Township's Website, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal. A copy of the appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal website - <https://olt.gov.on.ca/forms-submissions>. The last date to appeal this By-law is January 22, 2026.

Alternatives:

Option 1 – Recommended – That Council approves this resolution

Or

Option 2 – Not recommended – That Council does not approve this resolution

Financial Implications:

There are minimal financial implications. Costs associated with the designation process are limited to advertising costs.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

- By-Law 47-2025- Designate 28 Kenyon Street East, Alexandria, Ontario
 - Schedule A to By-law 47-2025
 - Schedule B to By-law 47-2025

Others Consulted:

- Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee
- Ainsley Hunt, Economic Development Officer
- Jamie Fawthrop, CAO – Township of South Glengarry

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, Interim CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

BY-LAW NO. 47-2025

A by-law to designate the property at 28 Kenyon Street East in Alexandria as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, the council of a municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest;

WHEREAS the property described in Schedule “A” to this By-law (“the Property”) contains the cultural heritage resource located at 28 Kenyon Street East in Alexandria, Ontario;

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry, by resolution passed on September 9, 2025, has caused to be served on the owner of the lands and premises at 28 Kenyon Street East in Alexandria, ON and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the property at 28 Kenyon Street East in Alexandria as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, and further, has caused the notice of intention to be published on the township’s website and in The Glengarry Times newspaper in accordance with Section 29(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Township of North Glengarry has described the property, set out the statement of cultural heritage value or interest for the Property, and described the heritage attributes of the Property in Schedule “B” to this By-law, which forms part of this By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. **THAT** the real property legally described in Schedule “A” to this By-law, is hereby designated to be of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.
- 2. **THAT** the attached Schedules form part of the By-law.
- 3. **THAT** the Township’s Clerk be authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule “A” at the Land Registry Office.

READ a first, second, third time and enacted in Open council this 8th day of December, 2025

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of By-law 47-2025, and that such by-law is in full force and effect.

Date Certified

Clerk/Deputy Clerk

SCHEDULE “A” TO BY-LAW 47-2025

In the Township of North Glengarry in the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, property description as follows:

28 Kenyon Street East, Alexandria ON K0C 1A0

Plan 5 Part Lots 21 to 25 and ; 30 on Reference Plan 14R1331 PT Part 1.

SCHEDULE “B” TO BY-LAW 47-2025

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

Description of the Property

The subject property is a single-detached building currently occupied as a museum by the Glengarry County Archives and is situated west on the northern side of the Town of Alexandria and east of Main Street. Its municipal address is 28 Kenyon Street East, Alexandria, Ontario.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Design and Physical Value

This property has design and physical value that represents examples of late Georgian Tradition home designs in Ontario with its simple design built of limestone, quarried from the South of Alexandria. Its two-storey limestone building, including its hipped roof, windowsills, balanced façade, and arched transom depict one of the earliest constructed buildings in Alexandria.

Historical and Associative Value

This was one of the first buildings constructed in North Glengarry before 1822. It first appears in the first manuscript of Alexandria, dated 1822, however its construction date is estimated to be between 1820-1822. It reflects the early tradition and values of North Glengarry by being the first home of Colonel Angus Macdonell, the nephew of Bishop Alexander Macdonell.

Contextual Value

The property has contextual value because it is physically, visually and historically linked to its surroundings. The house has cultural heritage value as a physical reminder of the settlers to Alexandria. It has an important physical connection to the past. The property’s location, set relatively close to the village’s Main Street, has meant that it is a familiar and noticeable site along Kenyon Street, acting as a signal to the area’s past.

Therefore, in addition to the design and physical value, and the historical and associative value, 28 Kenyon Street East in Alexandria possesses associated contextual value.

Description of Heritage Attributes

Key attributes of the property that exemplify its cultural heritage value include the following:

- Balanced façade;
- Limestone façade;
- Rectangle footprint of the right portion of the building;
- Hipped roof;
- Stone windowsills;
- Arched transom above the rear door.



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: BP-2025-27

December 8, 2025

From: Jacob Rheaume, Director of Building, By-law & Planning

RE: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT No. Z-10-2025

Applicant: Andrzej & Minerva ZAWISLA

18506 Hughie Munro Road, Apple Hill
Kenyon Concession 1, Part Lot 36; Plan 31 lot 1
Roll 0111 011 001 39000
PIN 67113-0220

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopt Zoning By-Law No. Z-10-2025; and

THAT By-law No. Z-10-2025 be read a first second and third time and enacted in open Council this 08th day of December 2025.

Background / Analysis:

A zoning amendment application was presented during a public meeting of planning on November 24th, 2025.

THE PURPOSE of the Zoning By-Law Amendment is to re-zone the property from Institutional (IN) to Rural Hamlet (RH) to permit the existing building previously used as a church (institutional/assembly use) to be used as a single family dwelling (residential use) via a Change-of-Use permit issued under Section 8 of the Ontario Building Code Act.

The application was circulated as per the planning act, being by regular mail, posted on the property and posted on the Township website. No questions or concerns from the public or other agencies have been brought forward.

The application is being presented this evening to the Council of The Township of North Glengarry for further discussion and adoption.

Alternatives: Option #1 That Council adopt the by-law as presented

OR

Option #2 Council does not adopt the by-law

Financial Implications:

No financial implications to the Township

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

- By-Law Z-10-2025
- Public Meeting of Planning Staff report from November 24th, 2025

Others Consulted:

n/a

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

BY-LAW NO. Z-10-2025

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 39-2000

WHEREAS By-Law No. 39-2000 regulates the use of land and erection of buildings and structures within the Township of North Glengarry, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry deems it advisable to amend By-Law 39-2000 as hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.5 to the contrary, on the lands described as being Kenyon Concession 1, Part Lot 36; Plan 31 lot 1; Parcel Identifier (PIN) 67113-0220 (18506 Hughie Munro Road, Apple Hill) of North Glengarry, shown on Schedule “A” attached hereto, shall now be zoned Rural Hamlet (RH), changed from Institutional (IN).
2. That Schedule “F” of By-Law 39-2000 is hereby amended by changing the “IN” Zone Symbol on the subject lands to “RH” as shown on Schedule “A” hereto.
3. That Schedule “A” attached hereto is hereby made fully part of the By-Law.

This By-Law shall come into effect on the date of passing hereof subject to the provisions of the Planning Act.

READ a first, second, third time and enacted in Open Council, this 8th day of December 2025.

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

I, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of By-Law No. Z-10-2025, duly adopted by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry, on the 8th day of November 2025.

Date Certified

Clerk / Deputy Clerk

**SCHEDULE “A”
TO BY-LAW NUMBER Z-10-2025**

**Legend
Subject Lands
Zone Change from “IN” to “RH”**



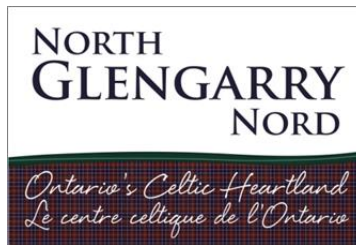
**18506 Hughie Munro Road, Apple Hill
Kenyon Concession 1, Part Lot 36; Plan 31 lot 1
Roll 0111 011 001 39000
PIN 67113-0220**

**Township of North Glengarry
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**

**This is Schedule “A” to By-Law Z-10-2025.
Passed this 8th day of December 2025.**

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk




**STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING OF PLANNING**

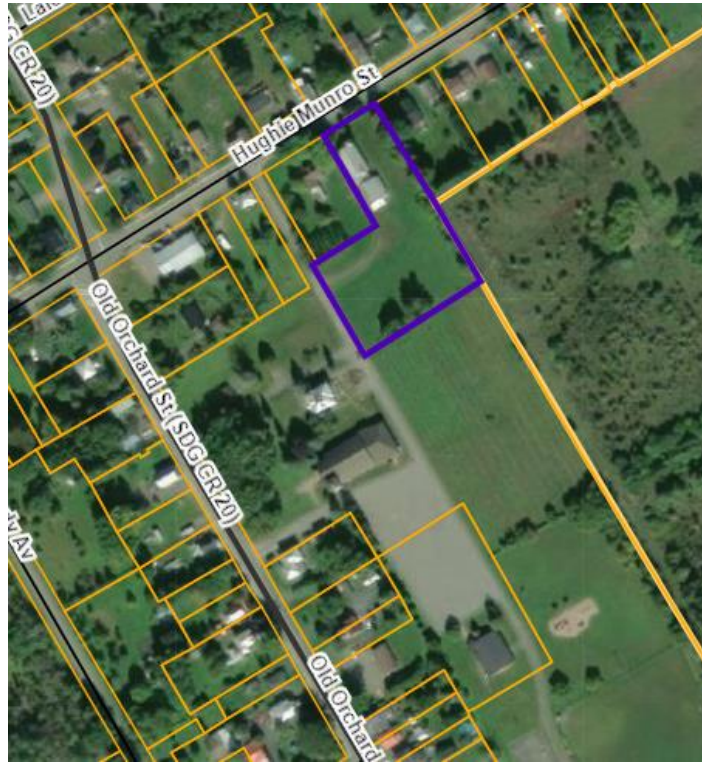
Date: **November 24, 2025**

To: **Mayor and Council Members**

From: **Jacob Rheaume, Director of Building, By-law & Planning**

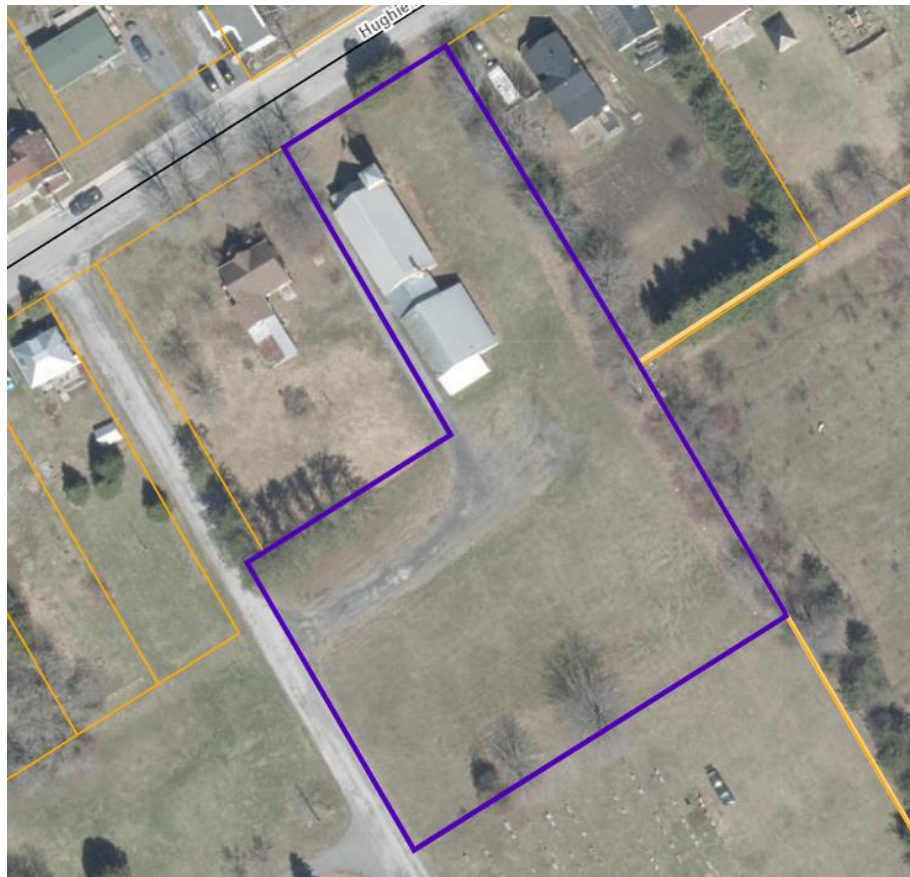
File	Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-10-2025
Owner	Andrzej & Minerva ZAWISLA
Address (Civic & Legal)	18506 Hughie Munro Road, Apple Hill Kenyon Concession 1, Part Lot 36; Plan 31 lot 1 Roll 0111 011 001 39000 PIN 67113-0220
Location	

Property



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Site



Purpose of application

THE PURPOSE of the Zoning By-Law Amendment is to re-zone the property from Institutional (IN) to Rural Hamlet (RH) to permit the existing building previously used as a church (institutional/assembly use) to be used as a single family dwelling (residential use) via a Change-of-Use permit issued under Section 8 of the Ontario Building Code Act.



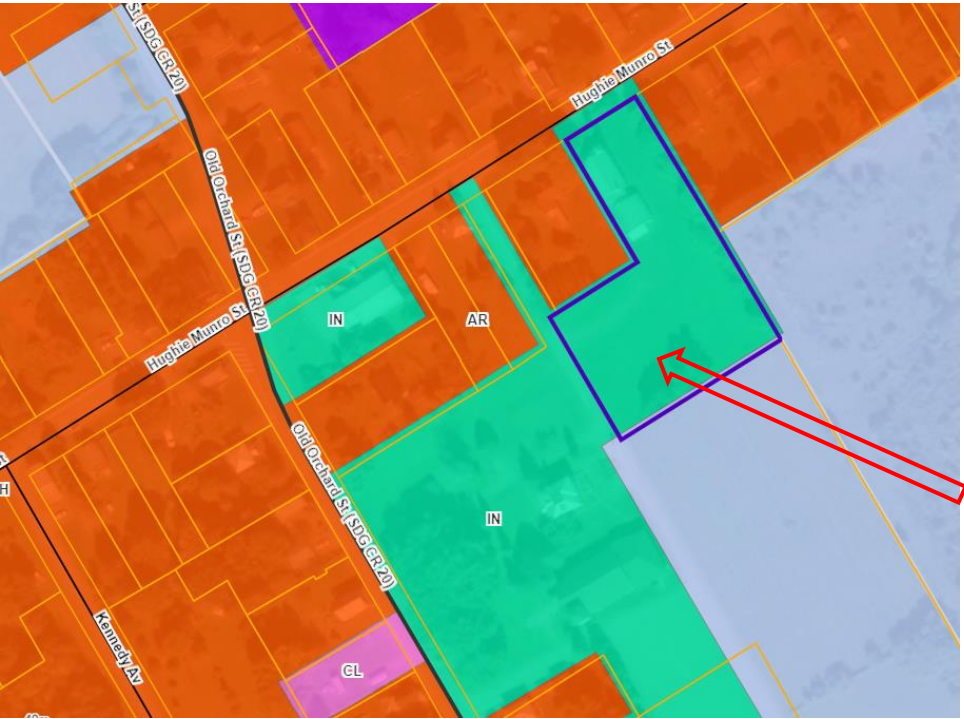
Official Plan & surroundings


Rural Settlement Area – Apple Hill




The property is located within the Rural Settlement Area of Apple Hill as identified in the United Counties of SDG Official Plan. Rural Settlement Areas are intended to accommodate a mix of land uses including residential, commercial, and community uses. The proposed conversion to residential is consistent with the established residential character of the area.

Surrounding land uses are primarily low-density residential dwellings, accessory structures, and small parcels typical of the Apple Hill settlement pattern. The introduction of a single-family dwelling is not anticipated to create adverse impacts.

Zoning & surroundings	<p>Institutional (IN)</p>  <p>Existing Use: Former church building (Institutional).</p> <p>Proposed Use: Conversion to a Single-Family Dwelling.</p> <p>The proposed use represents an adaptive reuse of an existing structure, consistent with the intent of the PPS and the Official Plan to support efficient development within serviced settlement areas.</p>
Use	<p>Currently used as a church building (Institutional)</p>
Surrounding Uses	<p>North – Residential lots East – Residential lots South – Residential lots, small parcels West – Residential properties and local rural uses</p> <p>The surrounding uses are entirely compatible with the proposed residential conversion.</p>
Size/Area	<p>1.43 Acres</p> <p>No proposed changes.</p> <p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p>

Frontage	<p>31.8m on Hughie Munro Road</p> <p>No proposed changes.</p> <p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p>
Dimensions	<p>Irregular shape</p>
Buildings	<p>2 buildings, a single-family dwelling to remain and 1 residential accessory storage building.</p> <p>No proposed changes.</p> <p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p> 
Building Height	<p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p>
Setbacks	<p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p> <p>The survey has not been submitted at this point in time.</p> <p>Any new buildings to be built in compliance with Zoning By-law, no reductions in setback proposed.</p>

Lot Coverage	<p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p> <p>Any new building to be built in compliance with Zoning By-law, no reductions in minimum lot coverage is proposed.</p>
Sanitary/Septic	<p>The property is serviced by an existing private septic system.</p> <p>Private Class 4 Septic system located on the East of the existing dwelling.</p> <p>The system must be evaluated for compliance with current requirements for residential use.</p>
Water/Well	<p>Serviced by an existing private well.</p> <p>The well must be confirmed as adequate for residential occupancy.</p>
Storm	<p>Storm water dispersed on site.</p> <p>No changes proposed.</p>
Entrance/Driveway	<p>1 existing driveway accessible from Hughie Munro Road, driveway remain.</p> <p>No new entrances proposed.</p> 
Civic number	1 existing civic number 18506 to remain for the existing dwelling.
SDG	No comments submitted.
RRCA & SNRCA	No comments submitted.

EOHU	No comments submitted.
MTO	No comments submitted.
CP/CN/Via Rail	No comments submitted.
OMAFRA	No comments submitted.
Hydro one, OPG, Bell, Enbridge	No comments submitted.
NG Roads Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG Public Works Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG Fire Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG By-law Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG Building Dept.	<p>A Change of Use Permit will be required under Section 8 of the OBCA. The building must be upgraded to meet all Ontario Building Code requirements for residential use, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire separations and life safety - Structural capacity - Egress and exit requirements - Any other applicable residential occupancy standards. <p>Prior to permit issuance, the Building Department may conduct an on-site review to confirm no other structures pose health or safety concerns.</p>
Planning Act	<p>The Ontario Planning Act gives municipal Councils the authority to pass zoning by-laws, and make amendments to existing zoning by-laws, under Section 34 of the Act.</p> <p>In making planning decisions, Council must have regard for matters of provincial interest and ensure that decisions are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and conform with the SDG Official Plan.</p> <p>This application meets the requirements of the Planning Act.</p>

Provincial Policy Statement	<p>The PPS encourages efficient land use, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, and development within settlement areas where private services already exist.</p> <p>The proposed residential conversion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports efficient development patterns - Uses existing servicing and infrastructure - Contributes to rural settlement vitality - Represents an environmentally responsible reuse of an existing structure. <p>The proposal is consistent with the PPS.</p>
Official Plan	<p>The SDG Official Plan supports residential development in Rural Settlement Areas where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development is compatible with surrounding uses - Existing infrastructure and services can adequately support it - Infill and redevelopment are encouraged - Adaptive reuse of existing buildings is permitted. <p>This application meets all relevant OP criteria.</p>
Zoning By-law 39-2000	<p>Following approval of this amendment, the property will be rezoned appropriately for residential use (Rural Residential), and the proposed Single-Family Dwelling will be a permitted use.</p> <p>All zoning standards will apply to future development on the site.</p>
Justification	<p>Facilitates appropriate land use compatibility and minimizes conflicts (Act)</p> <p>Supports efficient, sustainable development patterns (PPS)</p> <p>Represents infill development within an existing Rural Settlement Area (OP)</p> <p>Aligns with community character and surrounding land uses (OP)</p> <p>Provides an appropriate and desirable use for the site (ZB)</p> <p>Ensures functional site design, access, servicing, and safety (ZB)</p> <p>Amendment ensures functional site design: adequate access, parking, servicing, etc. (ZB)</p>

Pictures of site





In conclusion, based on the criteria above, the proposed zoning amendment conforms to the relevant policies of the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry's Official Plan, it is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement and compliant with the Township of North Glengarry Zoning By-law No. 39-2000.



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: BP-2025-28

December 8, 2025

From: Jacob Rheame, Director of Building, By-law & Planning

RE: ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT No. Z-11-2025

Applicant: Tiffany DIRICO

1250 & 1280 Tannery Road, Dalkeith
Lochiel Concession 9, Part Lots 23 & 24; 14R5288 Parts 2, 3, 7 & 8;
RP 14R1378 Part 10
Roll 0111 016 019 64200
PIN 67163-0234

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopt Zoning By-Law No. Z-11-2025; and

THAT By-law No. Z-11-2025 be read a first second and third time and enacted in open Council this 08th day of December 2025.

Background / Analysis:

A zoning amendment application was presented during a public meeting of planning on November 24th, 2025.

THE PURPOSE of the Zoning By-Law Amendment is:

To re-zone the retained portion of Consent Application No. B-45-25 (\pm 21.3 acres) of the property from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-269) to:

- prohibit additional residential development (1 existing single-family dwelling to remain) and,
- acknowledge the deficiency in lot area from the required 74 acres to the proposed \pm 21 acres,

and;

To re-zone the severed portion of Consent Application No. B-45-25 (\pm 1.1 acres) from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-270) to:

- prohibit agricultural uses.

The application was circulated as per the planning act, being by regular mail, posted on the property and posted on the Township website. No questions or concerns from the public or other agencies have been brought forward.

The application is being presented this evening to the Council of The Township of North Glengarry for further discussion and adoption.

Alternatives: Option #1 That Council adopt the by-law as presented

OR

Option #2 Council does not adopt the by-law

Financial Implications:

No financial implications to the Township

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

- By-Law Z-11-2025
- Public Meeting of Planning Staff report from November 24th, 2025

Others Consulted:

n/a

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

BY-LAW NO. Z-11-2025

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND ZONING BY-LAW NO. 39-2000

WHEREAS By-Law No. 39-2000 regulates the use of land and erection of buildings and structures within the Township of North Glengarry, United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry deems it advisable to amend By-Law 39-2000 as hereinafter set forth;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry enacts as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11.2 to the contrary, on the lands described as being Lochiel Concession 9, Part Lots 23 & 24; 14R5288 Parts 2, 3, 7 & 8; RP 14R1378 Part 10; Parcel Identifier (PIN) 67163-0234 (1250 & 1280 Tannery Road, Dalkeith) of North Glengarry zoned General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-269) & General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-270) on Schedule “A” attached hereto, the following provisions shall apply:
 - i) General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-269):
 - prohibit additional residential development (1 existing single-family dwelling to remain) and;
 - acknowledge the deficiency in lot area from the required 74 acres to the proposed \pm 21.3 acres, and;
 - ii) General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-270):
 - to prohibit agricultural uses.
2. That Schedule “B” of By-Law 39-2000 is hereby amended by changing the “AG” Zone Symbol on the subject lands to “AG-269” & “AG-270” on the Schedule “A” hereto.
3. That Schedule “A” attached hereto is hereby made fully part of the By-Law.

This By-Law shall come into effect on the date of passing hereof subject to the provisions of the Planning Act.

READ a first, second, third time and enacted in Open Council, this 8th day of December 2025.

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

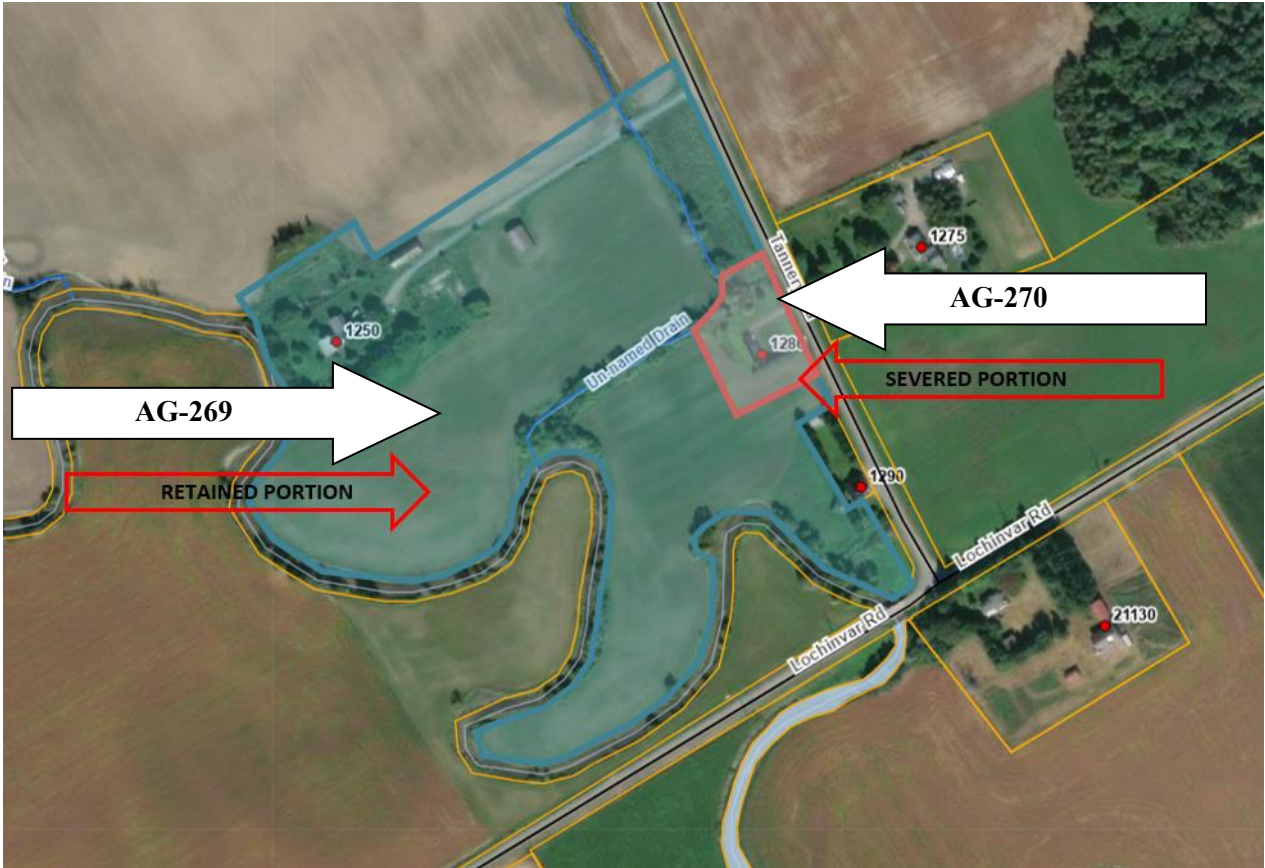
I, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of By-Law No. Z-11-2025, duly adopted by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry, on the 8th day of November 2025.

Date Certified

Clerk / Deputy Clerk

**SCHEDULE “A”
TO BY-LAW NUMBER Z-11-2025**

**Legend
Subject Lands
Zone Change from “AG” to “AG-269” & “AG-270”**



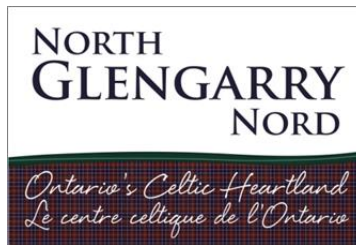
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Roll 0111 016 019 64200
PIN 67163-0234**

**Township of North Glengarry
United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry**

**This is Schedule “A” to By-Law Z-11-2025.
Passed this 8th day of December 2025.**

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

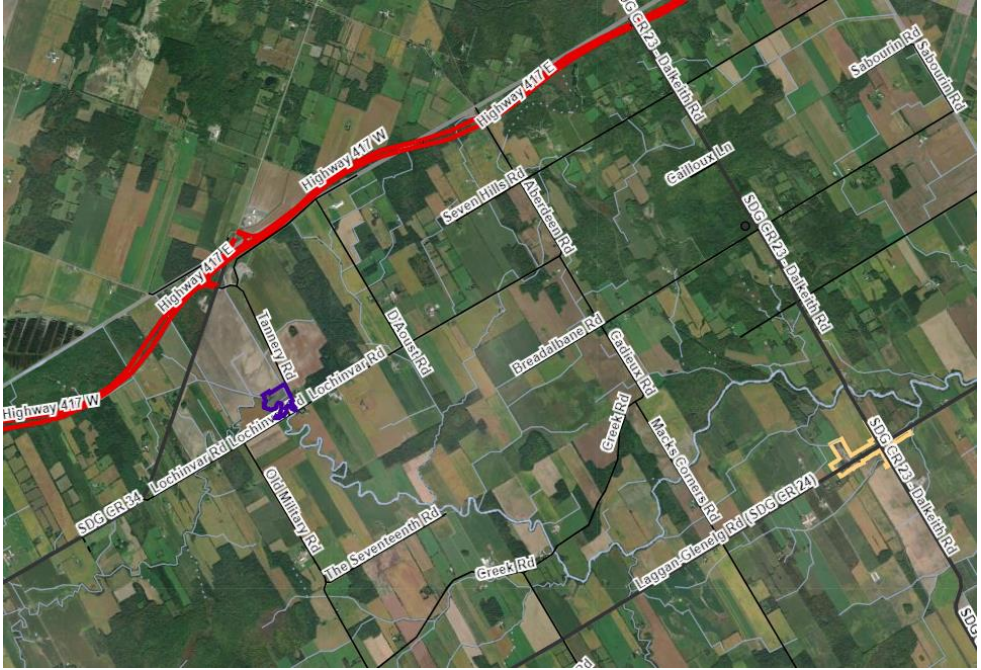


STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING OF PLANNING

Date: **November 24, 2025**

To: **Mayor and Council Members**

From: **Jacob Rheaume, Director of Building, By-law & Planning**

File	Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-11-2025
Owner	Tiffany DIRICO
Address (Civic & Legal)	1250 & 1280 Tannery Road, Dalkeith Lochiel Concession 9, Part Lots 23 & 24; 14R5288 Parts 2, 3, 7 & 8; RP 14R1378 Part 10 Roll 0111 016 019 64200 PIN 67163-0234
Location	

Property



Site



Purpose of application

THE PURPOSE of the Zoning By-Law Amendment is:

To re-zone the retained portion of Consent Application No. B-45-25 (± 21.3 acres) of the property from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-269) to:

- prohibit additional residential development (1 existing single-family dwelling to remain) and,
- acknowledge the deficiency in lot area from the required 74 acres to the proposed ± 21 acres, and;

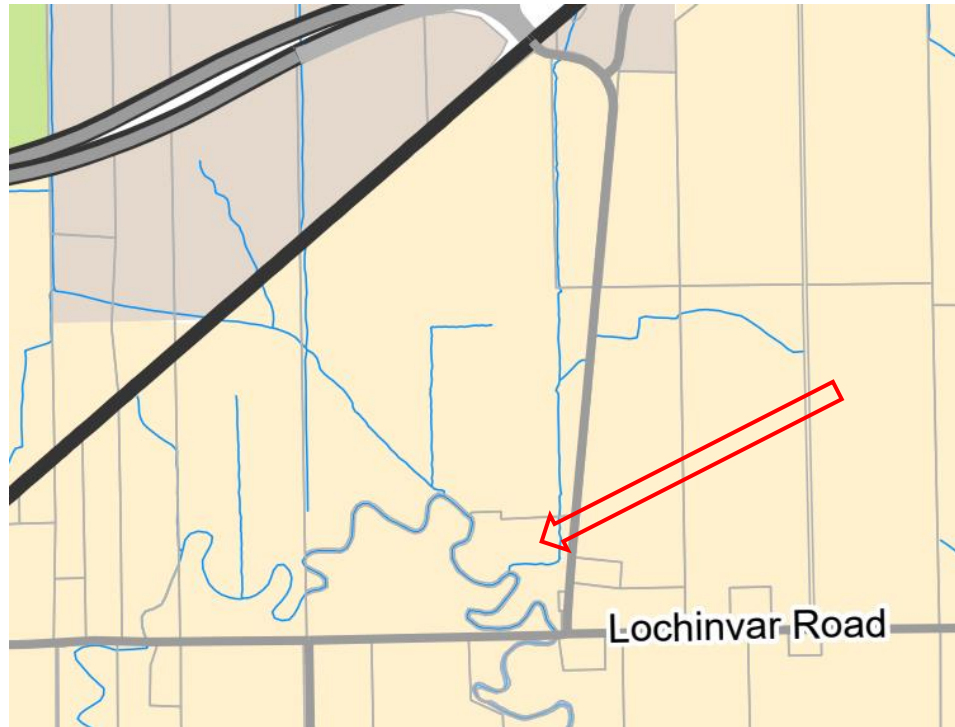
To re-zone the severed portion of Consent Application No. B-45-25 (± 1.1 acres) from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-270) to:

- prohibit agricultural uses.



Official Plan & surroundings

Agricultural Resource Lands





Zoning & surroundings

General Agricultural (AG) & Floodplain (FP) - *Lochinvar Drain*



Use	Currently used as residential (2 dwellings) and fields. No proposed change after ZBA & Consent.
Surrounding Uses	North – Cash crop land/fields, 417 exit & Herb's Plaza East – Rural residential properties & cash crop land/fields South – Some wetlands & floodplains, cash crop land/fields West – Cash crop land/fields
Size/Area	+/- 22.4 acres Proposed Consent Application No. B-45-25: - retained portion – 21.3 acres - severed portion – 1.1 acres. Retained portion needs Zoning acknowledgement for the 21.3 acres, being less than the required 74 acres. Severed portion is compliant with Zoning By-law.
Frontage	Proposed Consent Application No. B-128-24: - retained portion – 217m on Tannery Road - severed portion – 85m on Tannery Road. Both portions are compliant with Zoning By-law.
Dimensions	+/- 22.4 acres of land of irregular shape.
Buildings	4 buildings 1 single-family dwelling (1250) to be kept with the agricultural portion of the severance, along with 2 accessory buildings. 1 single-family dwelling (1280) to be kept with the residential portion of the severance.
Building Height	Compliant with Zoning By-law.
Setbacks	All 4 buildings & 2 septic systems compliant with Zoning By-law.
Lot Coverage	Compliant with Zoning By-law. The new property line is proposed to be in such a location to keep the area to a minimum to accommodate the residential use for the dwelling, septic, well and the accessory building as per OP for both portions.
Sanitary/Septic	Private Class 4 Septic system located on the East of the dwelling for 1280 & located on the North-West for 1250.
Water/Well	Private Well for both portions.

Storm	Storm water dispersed on site for both portions.
Entrance/Driveway	<p>2 existing driveways off of Tannery Road, one for each dwelling/portion, to remain.</p>  

Civic number	2 existing civic numbers 1250 & 1280 to remain for each portion. Currently no civic number for the agricultural, with 1250.
SDG	No frontage or access on any County Roads. The applicant received conditional approval from the United Counties of Stormont Dundas & Glengarry on June 4, 2025, for Consent Application B-45-25, granted on lands designated as Agricultural Resource Lands as per 8.12.13.3 (7) for a residence surplus to a farming operation.
RRCA & SNRCA	We have received a comment from RRCA as there is a mapped watercourse on and within 15m of the subject lot. Alterations to the watercourse including but not limited to shoreline restoration, crossings, bridges, culverts, channelization, channel closures, realignment and cleanouts shall require permission from the Raisin Region Conservation Authority, as per O. Reg. 175/06.
EOHU	No comments submitted.
MTO	No comments submitted.
CP/CN/Via Rail	No comments submitted. All existing buildings are outside the CN railway buffer zoned.
OMAFRA	No comments submitted. No intensive livestock facility nearby.
Hydro one, OPG, Bell, Enbridge	No comments submitted.
NG Roads Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG Public Works Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG Fire Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG By-law Dept.	No comments submitted.
NG Building Dept.	The owner will have to apply for a building permit for an agricultural accessory building to be changed to a residential storage building, or the building could be demolished. Prior to clearing all the conditions, the Chief Building Official will go on site to ensure no other structures are creating a health and safety hazard for the public and future owners, such as sheds, silo, other old buildings, etc.

Planning Act	<p>The Ontario Planning Act gives municipal Councils the authority to pass zoning by-laws, and make amendments to existing zoning by-laws, under Section 34 of the Act.</p> <p>The Planning Act also requires that in making planning decisions Council must have regard for matters of Provincial Interest.</p> <p>The Planning Act requires that Council's decisions must be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement, and conform, or not conflict with, the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Official Plan which apply to the lands.</p>
Provincial Policy Statement	<p>According to the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) lot creation in prime agricultural areas is discouraged and may only be permitted in certain circumstances.</p> <p>A residence surplus to a farming operation is the most common reason and is applicable to this application provided that the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use, accessory uses, and appropriate sanitary sewage and water services.</p> <p>The planning authority ensures that new residential dwellings are prohibited on any remnant parcel or farmland created by the severance.</p>
Official Plan	<p>The SDG Counties Official Plan Policy (8.12.13.3(7)) permits lot creation in agricultural lands for a residence surplus to a farming operation if the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use, accessory uses, and appropriate sanitary sewage and water services, and the municipality prohibits further dwellings (residential development) on the vacant retained lands created by the subject consent.</p>
Zoning By-law 39-2000	<p>Compliant with Zoning By-law.</p> <p>After the passing of this Zoning By-law Amendment, both portions will be deemed to have the required minimum Lot Area and minimum Lot Frontage, and all minimum setbacks will have to be met.</p> <p>The existing use to remain is compliant with the permitted uses within the General Agricultural Zones.</p>
Justification	<p>Facilitates appropriate land use compatibility and minimizes land use conflicts. (ACT)</p> <p>Supports sustainable development by promoting a mix of land uses (ACT)</p> <p>Supports efficient land use and development patterns (PPS)</p> <p>Amendment aligns with the general intent and vision of the Official Plan (OP)</p> <p>Enhances the community's character while respecting compatibility with surrounding uses (OP)</p> <p>The proposed use is appropriate and desirable for the site (ZB)</p> <p>Amendment ensures functional site design: adequate access, parking, servicing, etc. (ZB)</p>

Pictures of site





In conclusion, based on the criteria above, the proposed zoning amendment conforms to the relevant policies of the United Counties of Stormont Dundas and Glengarry's Official Plan, it is consistent with Provincial Policy Statement and compliant with the Township of North Glengarry Zoning By-law No. 39-2000.



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: PW-2025-25

December 8, 2025

From: Timothy Wright, Director of Public Works

RE: Pick Up Replacement

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-25: Pick up Replacement; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a replacement pickup truck for the sum of \$66,750+HST from Roy's Chevrolet Buick GMC Inc;

AND THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a replacement V plow blade from for the sum of \$17,760+HST from Carmikel's Canada

Background / Analysis:

This procurement is for a planned replacement of a 2016 ¾ plow truck, this truck has particularly high mileage (336725km) and is relied upon to be able to keep the hamlets in the Lochiel region compliant with the minimum maintenance standards. The associated plow also needs replacement but the current salter can be reused.

The old unit has been earmarked for use by recreation staff because even though it has high mileage the truck is still quite capable if it isn't going to be used over long distances. Considering the negligible resale value at the mileage that seems to be the best thing to do with the unit.

For the pick up truck 'PWTEN-09 2025 3/4 ton Foreman's Truck' received two bids both from Roy's GM. One strictly conformed to the tender and one was a 1 tonne vehicle with a service body. Both options are brand new but the 1 ton is a 2024 model. Considering the utility and extra power offered by the 1 tonne option this is the one we recommend, the steep discount is due to the an overstock of the 1 ton.

Bid	Year	Kms	Engine	Bed	Price
Bid 1	2026	0	$\frac{3}{4}$ ton	8' Regular	\$68,975
Bid 2	2024	0	1 ton	8' Utility	\$66,750

For the plow 'RFQ No. PW-2025-02 – Supply and Installation of One (1) Commercial V-Plow Snow Removal System' we received one bid from Carmikel's Canada.

The V plow bid meets specification and is within budget.

Alternatives:

N/A

Financial Implications:

All bids are within the 2025 budget of 75k for the pick up and 20k for the plow.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

N/A

Others Consulted:

Robbie Smeall – Manager of Transportation

Reviewed and Approved by:
Tim Simpson Interim CAO/Clerk



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: PW-2025-26

December 8, 2025

From: Timothy Wright, Director of Public Works

RE: Equipment Attachments

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-26: Equipment Attachments; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a backhoe thumb for the sum of \$17,900+HST from Terrapro Construction - Vars;

AND THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a pair of forks for the Loader in Alexandria for \$13,914+HST from Brandt - Ottawa;

Background / Analysis:

A backhoe thumb for the Lochiel Backhoe and a set of forks for the 544K John Deere Loader in Alexandria are planned capital purchases for 2025. These purchases were left for later in the year not only to make sure we met our most urgent capital needs first. These items were specifically requested by front line workers and are anticipated to greatly increase the efficiency of roads operations.

A thumb attachment on a backhoe lets the operator securely grasp, lift, and place irregular materials like rocks, logs, and debris with far greater control, versatility, and efficiency than a bucket alone, reducing hand work and improving jobsite safety. Currently we are quite often driving the Kenyon backhoe across the Township to complete operations at the Glen Robertson Landfill that requires this level of dexterity. Getting this attachment for the Lochiel backhoe will make this driving time redundant saving the township valuable manpower.

Bid	Solution	Price
TerraPro	OEM	\$17,900.00
JS Fournier	Aftermarket	\$20,042.91

A set of Forks will let us safely lift, carry, and stack pallets, pipe, lumber, and other bulky materials with better visibility, higher reach, and less bucket damage to the load, greatly improving material-handling efficiency on site.

Quotation	Solution	Price
Brandt	OEM	\$13,914.00

Financial Implications:

These attachments were budgeted at \$15,000 each. Together they total \$31,814.00. The \$1,800.00 overage can be absorbed by other capital items that came in under budget.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

N/A

Others Consulted:

Robbie Smeall – Manager of Transportation

Reviewed and Approved by:
Tim Simpson Interim CAO/Clerk



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: PW-2025-27

December 8, 2025

From: Timothy Wright, Director of Public Works

RE: Pedestrian Crossing Warning Light Equipment

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-27: Pedestrian Crossing Warning Light Equipment; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of two sets of pedestrian crossing warning lights for \$22,020.35 from Logix ITS Inc;

Background / Analysis:

In 2023, the Public Works Dept. conducted a pedestrian network study that identified the need for crossings across MacDonald Boulevard to provide access to the Tim Hortons Dome and to the GSP for pedestrians. MacDonald Boulevard is a busy County Road (Alexandria By-pass) with heavy transport traffic. To provide safe crossings at these locations, the Township explored the installation of pedestrian warning lights per County standards.

These warning signals are known as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). These crossing systems use bright, rapidly flashing LED beacons to make pedestrians far more visible to drivers at unsignalized crosswalks. RRFB's significantly increases driver yielding rates, reduce pedestrian crash risk (often by around half), and are a relatively low-cost option compared with full traffic signals.

Three bids were received for the supply of the equipment, as follows:

Item	FOX	RAM	Logix
RRFB Beacon Assemblies (Qty 4)	\$8,800.00	\$10,591.09	\$9,677.47
Push Button Stations (Qty 4)	\$4,800.00	\$4,017.53	\$3,154.62
Solar Power Systems (Qty 4)	\$3,000.00	\$3,197.11	\$1,592.30
Mounting Poles & Hardware (Qty 2 sets)	\$2,500.00	\$6,266.67	\$5,667.03
PXO Signage Packages (Qty 2 sets)	\$1,800.00	\$1,950.00	\$913.92
Freight to Alexandria, ON	\$1,750.00	\$285.00	\$1,015.00
Total	\$22,650.00	\$26,307.40	\$22,020.35

Financial Implications:

This item has been included in the 2025 budget (budgeted amount \$30,000).

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

N/A

Others Consulted:

Robbie Smeall – Manager of Transportation

Reviewed and Approved by:
Tim Simpson Interim CAO



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report No: FD 2025-07

December 8, 2025

From: Matthew Roy – Fire Chief

RE: Dunvegan Water Storage Tank – Licence Agreement and Bill of Sale

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the License Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry (Licensor) and North Glengarry BESS Inc. (Licensee) for the installation of an underground water storage tank on municipal lands in Dunvegan.

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Bill of Sale transferring ownership of the tank and associated equipment to the Township upon completion of the work.

THAT By-law number 48-2025, Licence Agreement with BESS, be read a first, second and third time in open Council this December 8, 2025.

Background / Analysis:

As part of the North Glengarry Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, the Licensee has agreed to construct an underground water storage tank at their own cost on municipal property located at 19050 County Road 24, North Glengarry. This tank will serve as an emergency water source for fire protection in the event of an incident at the BESS facility, as well as being available for fire protection purposes throughout North Glengarry.

The License Agreement outlines the terms under which the Licensee will access municipal lands to complete the work. The agreement ensures there is no cost to the Township for construction, improves fire protection resources for the community, and provides clear terms for access and future maintenance. Termination occurs upon delivery of the Bill of Sale or notice of project cancellation.

The Bill of Sale formalizes this transfer and assigns all responsibility for the equipment, including maintenance, operation, and compliance with applicable laws, to the Township.

Both documents have been reviewed and align with the Township's interests for fire protection and emergency preparedness.

Alternatives:

Financial Implications:

No direct cost to the Township for construction. Future maintenance and operational costs will be the responsibility of the Township after transfer.

Attachments & Relevant Legislation:

Appendix A – License Agreement

Appendix B – Bill of Sale

Others Consulted:

Reviewed and Approved by:
Timothy Simpson, Interim CAO/Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

BY-LAW NO. 48-2025

BEING A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT AND BILL OF SALE WITH NORTH GLENGARRY BESS INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANK AT 19050 COUNTY ROAD 24

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may enter into agreements and that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by by-law unless otherwise delegated;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Township the License Agreement and Bill of Sale between the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry and North Glengarry BESS Inc., attached hereto as Schedules "1" and "2" and forming part of this By-law.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL THIS 8th DAY OF December 2025

CAO/Clerk / Deputy Clerk

Mayor / Deputy Mayor

I, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of By-Law No. 48-2025, duly adopted by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry on the 8th day of December 2025

Certified CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Date

“Schedule 1”

THIS LICENSE AGREEMENT made as of the ____ day of December, 2025

BETWEEN:

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

(hereinafter called the "**Licensor**")

OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

NORTH GLENGARRY BESS INC.

(hereinafter collectively called the "**Licensee**", and with the Licensor, the "**Parties**" and each a "**Party**")

OF THE SECOND PART

RECITALS:

1. The Licensor is the beneficial and registered owner of the lands and premises known as 19050 County Rd 24, North Glengarry, Ontario, being the area outlined in dashed line and described as the “property boundary” in Schedule "A" (the "**Licensed Area**");
2. The Licensee is developing a battery energy storage project on lands adjacent to the Licensed Area (the "**Project**");
3. In the event of a fire emergency associated with the Project, the Licensor has requested, and the Licensee has agreed, to develop and construct (the "**Work**") an underground water storage tank (the "**Tank**") at the Licensee's cost to be constructed on a portion of the Licensed Area;
4. The Licensee requires access to the Licensed Area in order to complete the Work; and
5. The Licensor has agreed to grant a license for access and to complete the Work on the Licensed Area to the Licensee on the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES that in consideration of the covenants herein contained, the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by both Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **DEMISE.** The Licensor, as the registered and beneficial owner of the Licensed Area, hereby grants to the Licensee (for itself, its successors, assigns, employees, agents, servants, contractors, subcontractors, licensees, and tenants) a license for the Licensed Area for the non-exclusive use described herein (the "**License**").
2. **USE OF LICENSED AREA.** The Licensee is permitted to use the Licensed Area to complete the Work (including all necessary rights of access for pedestrians and vehicles as the Licensee requires from time to time), and is permitted to install and maintain any

related equipment or attachments (collectively with the Tank, the "**Equipment**") at the Licensed Area. The Licensee shall be permitted to clear or remove all vegetation, brush, trees, buildings, improvements, and other obstructions on, under or over the Licensed Area and generally to do all acts necessary to exercise the rights and privileges granted herein together with all rights and privileges necessarily ancillary thereto required to complete the Work as it deems necessary.

3. **TERM.** The Term of this License shall commence on the date hereof (the "**Commencement Date**") and shall continue on a month to month basis (the "**Term**") until a Termination Event (as such term is defined in Section 7) has occurred.
4. **LICENSE FEE.** For the rights granted to the Licensee under this Agreement, the Licensee shall pay to the Licensors a license fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the Term, plus applicable taxes, in advance (the "**Fee**"). The Licensors hereby acknowledges receipt of the Fee due for the entirety of the Term concurrently with the execution of this License.
5. **LICENSEE'S WORK.** The Licensors agree that the Equipment shall not become fixtures of the License but shall be and remain the property of the Licensee and may be removed from the Licensed Area at any time from time to time by the Licensee during the Term or within a reasonable time after expiration or early termination of this License, so long as the Licensee makes good, at the Licensee's cost and expense, any damage caused by such removal, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

The Licensee may make any alterations and/or improvements to the Equipment or the Licensed Area during the Term. Such alterations and/or improvements may include, but are not limited to the expansion, reconfiguration or replacement of existing, or the addition of new, equipment, apparatus, fixtures, pipes, pumps, cabling, attachments or any other Equipment required by the Licensee, so long as the Licensee makes good, at the Licensee's cost and expense, any damage caused by such alterations and/or improvements, reasonable wear and tear excepted.

6. **ADDITIONAL TAXES.** The Licensors at all times shall remain responsible for all taxes, rates, fees or assessments of every description which may be charged or imposed, during the Term hereof, by a governmental authority related to the Licensed Area upon or in respect of the privileges hereby granted.
7. **TERMINATION.** The License and this License Agreement shall terminate at the earlier of (each, a "**Termination Event**"):
 - (a) delivery by the Licensee to the Licensors of a bill of sale, which bill of sale shall:
 - (i) not be delivered to the Licensors until the Work has been completed, to both Parties' reasonable satisfaction; and
 - (ii) convey all right, title and interest in the Equipment to the Licensors on an "as is, where is" basis.

After delivery of the Bill of Sale, the Licensors shall be responsible for all maintenance, repairs, replacements and operation of the Equipment.

 - (b) delivery by the Licensee of a termination notice (the "**Termination Notice**"), which Termination Notice shall:

- (i) only be delivered to the Licensor in the event that the Project shall not be fully constructed; and
- (ii) confirm that within sixty (60) days after the expiration or notice of early termination of this License Agreement with respect to the Licensed Area, the Licensee shall remove from such Licensed Area at its sole risk and expense, all of the Equipment and any other property of the Licensee located thereon. The Licensee shall repair, at its sole cost, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Licensor, any damage to the Licensed Area that arises or results from either the presence or removal of the Licensee's Equipment therefrom.

Upon the occurrence of a Termination Event, after the Licensee has satisfied its obligations in accordance with this Section 7 as applicable, both Parties shall be released from any further obligations with respect to any matter under this License.

- 8. **QUIET ENJOYMENT.** The Licensor covenants with the Licensee for quiet enjoyment of the Licensed Area without any interruption or disturbance from the Licensor provided the Licensee performs all its covenants under this License.
- 9. **NOTICES.** All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given hereunder will be in writing and will be considered as properly given (a) if delivered in person, (b) if sent by overnight delivery service, (c) in the event overnight delivery services are not readily available, if mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, registered or certified with return receipt requested or (d) if sent by e-mail. Notice so given will be effective upon receipt by the addressee, except that communication or notice so transmitted by e-mail will be deemed to have been validly and effectively given on the day (if a Business Day and, if not, on the next following Business Day) on which it is transmitted if transmitted before 4 p.m., recipient's time, and if transmitted after that time, on the next following Business Day; provided, however, that if any notice is tendered to an addressee and the delivery thereof is refused by such addressee, such notice will be effective upon such tender. Any Party will have the right to change its address for notice hereunder to any other location within Canada by giving of thirty (30) days' written notice to the other parties in the manner set forth herein above.

In the case of the Licensor:



and in the case of the Licensee:

NORTH GLENGARRY BESS INC.

192 Spadina Ave, Suite 506
Toronto, ON, M5T 2C2
Attention: Jonathan Cheszes

E-mail: jon@compassenergyconsulting.ca

Either Party hereto may change its aforesaid address for notices in accordance with the provisions of this notice.

- 10. **BINDING AGREEMENT.** The Licensor covenants that the Licensor has good right, full power, and absolute authority to grant this License to the Licensee and this License shall

be binding upon and shall enure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respect heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and subsequent purchasers.

11. **FORCE MAJEURE.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this License contained, if either Party hereto shall be bona fide delayed or hindered in or prevented from the performance of any term, covenant or act required hereunder by reason of strikes; labour troubles; an inability to procure materials or services; failure of power; restrictive governmental laws or regulations; riots; sabotage; pandemic; rebellion; war; act of God; or other reason whether of a like nature or not, which are not the fault of the Party delayed in performing the work or doing the act required under the terms of this License, then the performance of such term, covenant or act shall be excused for the period of the delay and the period for the performance of any such term, covenant or act shall be extended for a period equivalent to the period of such delay.
12. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The terms of this License and all information issued, disclosed or developed in connection with this License are to be held in strict confidence between the Parties hereto. The Licensor, its agents and employees agree not to use, reproduce or divulge the same to third parties unless it is with the prior written consent of the Licensee and to take all reasonable precautions for protection of such information from disclosure.
13. **ASSIGNMENT.** The Licensee shall be permitted to assign, sublet or license the whole or any part of the Licensed Area and rights of access without the consent of the Licensor.
14. **GOVERNING LAW.** This License and all rights and obligations hereunder shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein. The Parties attorn to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Ontario.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

SIGNED:

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH
GLENGARRY**

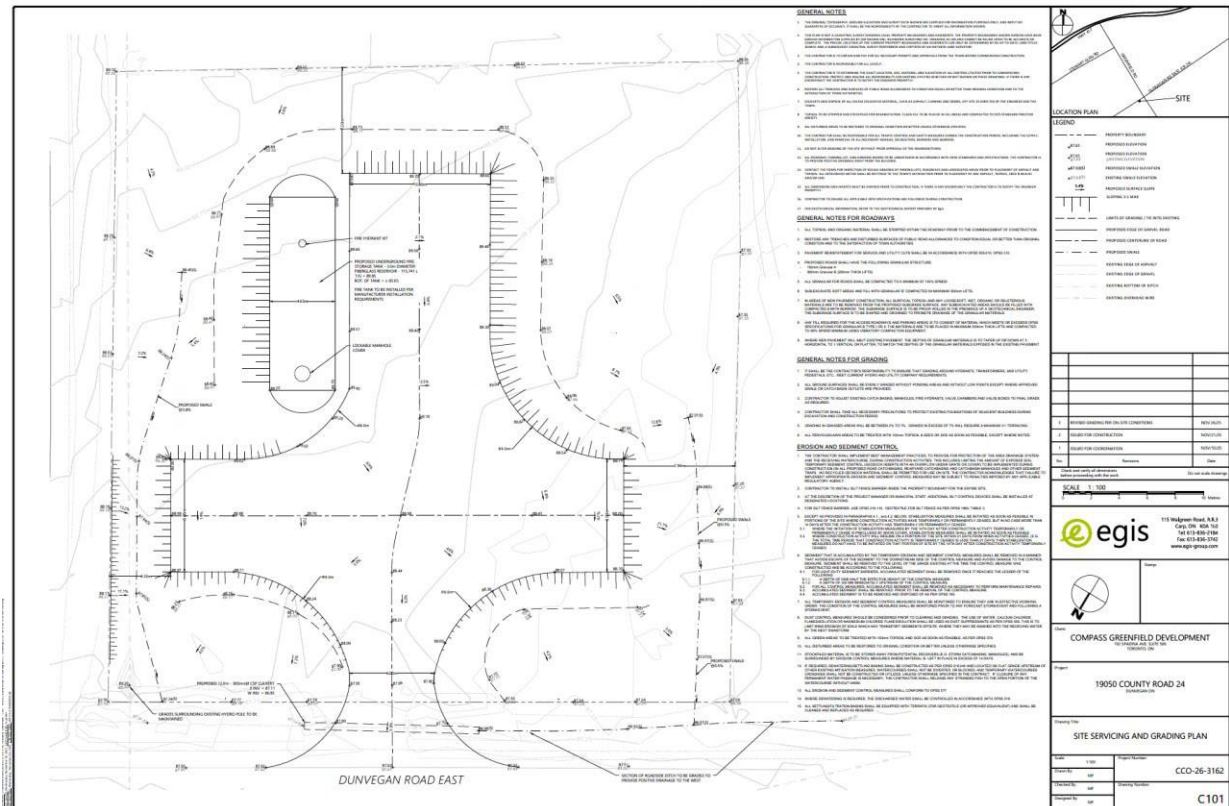
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NORTH GLENGARRY BESS INC.

Per: _____
Name
Title:

Licensed Area



Bill of Sale

THIS BILL OF SALE is made [●], 2025,

BETWEEN:

NORTH GLENGARRY BESS INC.

(the "**Seller**")

– and –

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

(the "**Buyer**", and together with the Seller, the "**Parties**")

WHEREAS pursuant to the terms and conditions of that license agreement dated [●], 2025 (the "**Agreement**") dated the date hereof, the Seller has agreed to convey its right, title and interest, and the Buyer agreed to assume all responsibility for the equipment more particularly described in Appendix-1 (the "**Equipment**");

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of \$1.00, the mutual covenants contained in the Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Seller hereby bargains, conveys, assigns, transfers and sells to the Buyer the Equipment on an "as is, where is" basis.
2. This Bill of Sale is made by the Seller without recourse and without any express or implied representation or warranty whatsoever, whether express, implied, statutory or otherwise.
3. The Buyer acknowledges it is accepting all title to the Equipment, and all responsibility for such Equipment, (a) in full knowledge of and accepting all risks associated with the Equipment; and (b) expressly assumes all responsibility and liability for the Equipment, including all risks relating to its condition, use, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, storage, transportation and compliance with applicable laws.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of the Agreement, the Buyer releases and forever discharges the Seller from any and all claims, losses, demands, liabilities or causes of action of any kind, whether known or unknown, arising out of or relating to the Equipment, its condition, defects, operation or use, whether occurring before or after the date of this Bill of Sale.
5. This Bill of Sale shall be governed by and interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.
6. This Bill of Sale may be executed and delivered by original or electronic means and in counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall constitute an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

SIGNED:

NORTH GLENGARRY BESS INC.

Per: _____

Name:

Title:

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF NORTH GLENGARRY**

Per: _____

Name:

Title:

Per: _____

Name:

Title:

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Public Meeting of Planning

Minutes

Monday October 27 2025 5:30pm

Council Chamber 3720 County Road 34

Alexandria, On. KOC 1A0

- PRESENT:

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams
Councillor (At Large) - Jacques Massie
Councillor (Kenyon Ward) - Jeff Manley
Councillor (Alexandria Ward) - Michael Madden
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Gary Martin
- ALSO PRESENT:

Interim CAO/Clerk: Timothy Simpson
Director of Building, By-law & Planning - Jacob Rhéaume
Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

2. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 1

Moved By: Carma Williams
Seconded By: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the agenda for the Public Meeting of Planning on Monday October 27, 2025.

Carried

3. RATIFY MINUTES

Resolution No. 2

Moved By: Brian Caddell
Seconded By: Jeff Manley

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the minutes of the Public Meeting of Planning of Monday September 8th, 2025.

Carried

4. ZONING AMENDMENTS

Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-07-2025

OWNER: Judy & Darrel MACLEOD

ADDRESS: 20300 Kenyon Concession Road 8, Alexandria

Kenyon Concession 7, Part Lot 1

Roll 0111 011 011 32000

PIN 67102-0051

PURPOSE: To re-zone the retained portion of Consent Application No. B-81-24 (\pm 198.59 acres) of the property from General Agricultural (AG) & Restricted Agricultural to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-263) to:

- prohibit residential development and,
- acknowledge the deficiency in lot frontage from the required 200m to the proposed \pm 76m, and;

To re-zone the severed portion of Consent Application No. B-81-24 (\pm 5 acres) from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG- 264) to:

- prohibit agricultural uses.

The clerk 3 times asked for comments from the public in attendance and from members of Council.

No questions or comments were received

Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-08-2025

OWNER: William Gordon METCALFE

ADDRESS: 18123 Athol Road, Maxville

Concession 20 IL, Part Lots 12 & 13

Roll 0111 011 016 02000

PIN 67100-0081

PURPOSE: To re-zone the retained portion of Consent Application No. B-53-25 (\pm 44.6 acres) of the property from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-265) to:

- prohibit residential development and,
- acknowledge the deficiency in lot area from the required 74 acres to the proposed \pm 44.6 acres, and;

To re-zone the severed portion of Consent Application No. B-53-25 (\pm 2.1 acres) from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-266) to:

- prohibit agricultural uses and,

- acknowledge the deficiency in lot frontage from the required 45m to the proposed ± 17.7m (flag lot).

The clerk 3 times asked for comments from the public in attendance and from members of Council.

No questions or comments were received

Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-09-2025

OWNER: 8872058 CANADA INC - Gordon MACDONALD

ADDRESS: 20829 Glen Robertson Road (County Road 10), Alexandria

Lochiel Concession 2, Part Lots 28 & 29

Roll 0111 016 005 02000

PIN 67151-0060

PURPOSE: To re-zone the retained portion of Consent Application No. B-128-24 (± 21.5 acres) of the property from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-267) to:

- prohibit residential development and,
- acknowledge the deficiency in lot frontage from the required 200m to the proposed ± 134.8m and,
- acknowledge the deficiency in lot area from the required 74 acres to the proposed ± 21.5 acres, and;

To re-zone the severed portion of Consent Application No. B-128-24 (± 1.5 acres) from General Agricultural (AG) to General Agricultural Special Exception (AG-268) to:

prohibit agricultural uses.

The clerk 3 times asked for comments from the public in attendance and from members of Council.

No questions or comments were received

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 3

Moved By: Jeff Manley

Seconded By: Jacques Massie

THERE being no further business to discuss, the Public Meeting of Planning was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Committee of Adjustment Hearing

Minutes

**Monday, September 8, 2025,
5:30 pm
Council Chamber
3720 County Road 34
Alexandria, On. K0C 1A0**

PRESENT: Mayor - Jamie MacDonald
Deputy Mayor - Carma Williams
Councillor (At Large) - Jacques Massie
Councillor (Kenyon Ward) -Jeff Manley
Councillor (Alexandria Ward) - Michael Madden
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Gary Martin

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Building, By-law & Planning - Jacob Rhéaume
Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan
SDG Clerk: Kimberley Casselman

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT INTEREST

None

2. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 1

Moved By: Jacques Massie
Seconded By: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the Committee of Adjustment Hearing agenda of Monday, September 8, 2025.

Carried

3. RATIFY MINUTES

Resolution No. 2

Moved By: Michael Madden
Seconded By: Gary Martin

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the Committee of Adjustment Hearing Minutes of Monday August 11, 2025.

Carried

4. MINOR VARIANCES

MV-01-2024

Owner: MARSENI REAL ESTATE INC

Location: 10 Mechanic Street West, Maxville
Plan 32 Part Mill Lot; 14R1736 Parts 1, 2 & 3
Roll 0111 014 000 58200
PIN 67103-0405

Purpose of application: To seek relief from the Comprehensive Zoning By-law 39-2000 Section 5.4 (2)(i)(c) for a reduction in the Front Yard (North) Depth setback from the minimum required 9m (from Mechanic Street West - County Road 22) to the proposed 5.66m AND from Section 5.4 (2)(i)(e) for a reduction in the Interior Side Yard (West) Width setback from the minimum required 4.5m to the proposed 3m, to the building foundation for a new apartment building construction.

Resolution No. 3
Moved By: Gary Martin
Seconded By: Carma Williams

It is the recommendation of the Planning Department that the Committee of Adjustment approve Minor Variance application #MV-07-2025 as submitted.

The clerk asked 3 times for comments from the public in attendance and from members of Council.

Carried

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 4
Moved By: Carma Williams
Seconded By: Jacques Massie

THERE being no further business to discuss the Committee of Adjustment Hearing was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor

Council
Correspondence
Nov 19 – Dec 3, 2025

Subject	Received from
MEMOS & INFORMATION	
AMO Watchfile	AMO
Water & Wastewater Public Corporations Act	Watson and Associates
News Release	Ontario News
Seasonal Conservation Area Closure and Winter Recreation	South Nation Conservation
Level 3 Low Water Advisory	South Nation Conservation
Great Lakes and St Lawrence Cities Initiative “2024 Annual Report and Presentation	Northumberland County Council
RESOLUTIONS	
OCIF Funding	Township of Puslinch
Request for support for the e moratorium on Glyphosate spraying in Timiskaming Forest	Municipality of Callander Township of Larder Lake
Advocacy for funds to effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation	Municipality of Wawa
Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities	Town of Kingsville
Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras	Town of Fort Erie City Brampton
Remove the GST/HST from all New Homes	Town of Perry Sound Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton	City of Hamilton
Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans	Northumberland County Council
Accessible and Effective Alcohol Container Return System in Ontario	Town of Goderich Municipality of Wawa
Strengthening self-defence protection and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario	Municipality of Calvin
Professional Activity (P.A) day on Municipal Election Day- School Board	City of Brantford
Survive to Swim Training	Township of Madawaska Valley

Jena Doonan

From: AMO Communications <communicate@amo.on.ca>
Sent: November 20, 2025 10:01 AM
To: Jena Doonan
Subject: AMO Watchfile - November 20, 2025

November 20, 2025

In This Issue:

- Share your local municipal staff career spotlights!
- Sport Hosting Program Applications Intake
- Ontario Energy Board Plans 2026 review of Model Franchise Agreement.
- Applications now open: Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidy.
- Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official, March and May 2026 workshops.
- ROMA Zone Meet-ups over lunch Sunday, January 18.
- Free Workshop: Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate - Dec 3rd.
- New Dates! Seeking re-election or first-time candidate? AMO's free workshop series is for you.
- Is your municipality ready for the phase-out?
- Energy Training that pays for itself!
- AODA Accessibility Solutions RFP Now Open.
- Blog - Fire Prevention Tips for a Safe and Cozy Winter Season.
- Review Your Group Benefits Before the New Year.
- New AMO/OMAA Webinar: Impact of the Mayor-CAO relationship on workplace culture.
- New Program to Help Get Your Community Energy Emissions Planning Done!
- Federal Food Waste Prevention and Diversion Webinar
- Release of Gender Based Violence Prevention Framework
- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO is building a campaign to highlight the impact and the people behind municipal work - and we want to hear your story. Submissions will be featured on the campaign website and newsletters as *Impact Stories* to highlight the everyday work that keeps communities safe, clean, connected and welcoming. Please [contact us at workforce@amo.on.ca](mailto:workforce@amo.on.ca) to share stories from your community.

Provincial Matters

The province is accepting applications for next round of [Sport Hosting Program](#) to support sport tourism and local economies. Municipalities are eligible to [apply](#). The deadline to submit for 2026/27 applications is until January 12, 2026.

The OEB [issued a letter](#) advising interested stakeholders that it intends to commence a generic proceeding in 2026 to review the OEB's Model Franchise Agreement.

Federal Matters

Municipalities with 50 or fewer full-time employees are eligible to apply for wage subsidies for summer work experiences targeting youth aged 15- 30 years old. Application window closes December 11, 2025, at 11:59 pm (PST). [Click here for more info.](#)

Education Opportunities

Conflict and misunderstanding is a big part of many municipal leaders current realities. This workshop provides an opportunity to transform conflict into collaboration. The [Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official](#) workshop teaches skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

This year's ROMA Zone Meet-ups will be held over lunch at the ROMA Conference on Sunday, January 18. The Zone Meet-ups are an important opportunity to hear about the work of the ROMA Board and engage with your Zone and Board representatives. [Register today](#) for the ROMA 2026 conference and plan to arrive Saturday to take part in discussion on ROMA strategic priorities.

Focused specifically on underrepresented candidates, AMO's [Running for Municipal Office - Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate](#) 90 minute free workshop provides useful insights and strategies to support you in getting your name on the ballot.

If you missed AMO's Healthy Democracy Leadership Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities workshop registration, we are offering new dates to register. Designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. It's offered at no charge in two streams: first time candidates, and those considering re-election in 2026. [Full details and registration information here.](#)

LAS

The [phase-out of mercury containing lamps](#) (CFL, linear fluorescent lamps, metal halides, etc.) begins on January 1, 2026. The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) offers a turn-key solution to upgrade your lights so you won't be left in the dark. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out how you can get ready.

Staff training is critical to identifying energy savings opportunities and reducing costs in your buildings. The [LAS Energy Workshop & Treasure Hunt](#) will empower your teams to meet your energy and budget goals. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more information. Eligible for IESO incentives.

LAS invites qualified vendors to propose scalable accessibility solutions for Ontario municipalities, including digital accessibility, accessible public infrastructure, training, and communication supports, to support province-wide AODA compliance and promote inclusive, accessible communities. [Download the RFP from here.](#)

[Read our latest blog](#) to understand the risk factors and discover fire prevention tips that can help you and your loved ones remain safe and cozy all winter long.

Help reduce your group benefits costs with the LAS Group Benefits program offered by Mosey & Mosey. The plans are customizable to suit your needs. [Learn more.](#)

Municipal Wire*

Back by popular demand, AMO and OMAA are pleased to present the next topic in our Mayor-CAO Relationship Series. This conversation turns the spotlight on how the Mayor-CAO partnership

shapes municipal workplace culture and why strong, trust-based leadership matters now more than ever. Register here for the free December 8th Session.

Has your municipality been considering developing your 'CEEP' for too long to identify and reduce your community's energy emissions? Get it done, now, through QUEST Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator program! Contact Lead, Projects, Norma Panetta at npanetta@questcanada.org by December 1, 2025. [More information.](#)

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is showcasing the Waste Reduction and Management Division's Grant and Contribution funding recipients whose projects focus on food waste prevention and diversion December 4th. [Register now.](#)

The [Gender Based Violence Prevention Framework](#) provides a roadmap for preventing gender-based violence. Municipalities and public health units are encouraged to review the framework and resources.

Careers

[Manager, Waste Disposal - Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority.](#) Closing Date: December 5, 2025.

[Project Manager, Affordable Housing Development and Renewal - Regional Municipality of Durham.](#) Closing Date: December 7, 2025.

[Manager, Development Partnerships - Regional Municipality of Durham.](#) Closing Date: December 8, 2025

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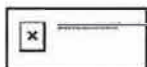
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November 27, 2025

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AMO Matters

We need your help! AMO is building a public affairs campaign to highlight the impact and the people behind municipal work - and we want to feature real stories from Ontario's municipalities. Submissions will be featured on the campaign website and newsletters as *Impact Stories* to highlight the everyday work that keeps communities safe, clean, connected and welcoming. [Please contact us](#) at workforce@amo.on.ca to learn how to share stories from your community.

Provincial Matters

This Public Health Ontario Rounds will be held virtually December 2nd from 12-1pm. It will present a Framework to support public health agencies contributing to gender-based violence prevention. Register [here](#).

The Municipal Energy Plan Program, a voluntary, application-based program of the Ministry of Energy and Mines helps develop and enhance energy plans. [Learn more here](#).

The province is accepting applications for next round of [Sport Hosting Program](#) to support sport tourism and local economies. Municipalities are eligible to [apply](#). The deadline to submit for 2026/27 applications is until January 12, 2026.

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) [issued a letter](#) advising interested stakeholders that it intends to commence a generic proceeding in 2026 to review the OEB's Model Franchise Agreement.

Federal Matters

Municipalities with 50 or fewer full-time employees are eligible to apply for wage subsidies for summer work experiences targeting youth aged 15- 30 years old. Application window closes December 11, 2025, at 11:59 pm (PST). [Click here for more info](#).

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) is showcasing the Waste Reduction and Management Division's Grant and Contribution funding recipients whose projects focus on food waste prevention and diversion December 4th. [Register now](#).

Education Opportunities

Conflict and misunderstanding are a big part of many municipal leaders' current realities. This workshop provides an opportunity to transform conflict into collaboration. The [Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official](#) workshop teaches skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

This year's ROMA Zone Meet-ups will be held over lunch at the ROMA Conference on Sunday, January 18. The Zone Meet-ups are an important opportunity to hear about the work of the ROMA Board and engage with your Zone and Board representatives. [Register today](#) for the ROMA 2026 conference and plan to arrive Saturday to take part in discussion on ROMA strategic priorities.

AMO's [Running for Municipal Office - Everything You Need to Know as an Underrepresented Candidate](#) 90 minute free workshop provides useful insights and strategies to support you in getting your name on the ballot. While this workshop focuses on individuals from underrepresented communities, all are welcome to participate.

If you missed AMO's *Healthy Democracy Leadership Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities* workshop registration, we are offering new dates to register. Designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. It's offered at no charge in two streams: first time candidates, and those considering re-election in 2026. [Full details and registration information here](#).

LAS

LAS invites qualified vendors to propose scalable accessibility solutions for Ontario municipalities, including digital accessibility, accessible public infrastructure, training, and communication supports, to support province-wide AODA compliance and promote inclusive, accessible communities. [Download the RFP from here](#).

Is a road needs study or sidewalk assessment part of your 2026 work plan? [Contact Tanner](#) to get a free quote with the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment](#) service. Better data helps make the best decisions for your assets.

The [phase-out of mercury containing lamps](#) (CFL, linear fluorescent lamps, metal halides, etc.) begins on January 1, 2026. The [LAS Facility Lighting Service](#) offers a turn-key solution to upgrade

your lights so you won't be left in the dark. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out how you can get ready.

Staff training is critical to identifying energy savings opportunities and reducing costs in your buildings. The [LAS Energy Workshop & Treasure Hunt](#) will empower your teams to meet your energy and budget goals. Contact [Christian Tham](#) for more information. Eligible for IESO incentives.

Ontario municipalities are under mounting pressure to do more with less. Rising healthcare-related expenses, aging populations, and tighter budgets mean every dollar must be stretched further. [Read more here.](#)

[Join a free webinar](#) on December 9 to find valuable insights from municipal and healthcare supply chain leaders who are working to strengthen procurement practices, control costs, and build more resilient systems across Ontario.

Municipal Wire*

Back by popular demand, AMO and OMAA are pleased to present the next topic in our Mayor-CAO Relationship Series. This conversation turns the spotlight on how the Mayor-CAO partnership shapes municipal workplace culture and why strong, trust-based leadership matters now more than ever. [Register here](#) for the free December 8th Session.

Has your municipality been considering developing your 'CEEP' to identify and reduce your community's energy emissions for too long? Get it done, now, through QUEST Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator program! Contact Projects Lead Norma Panetta at npanetta@guestcanada.org by December 1, 2025. [More information.](#)

Careers

[Manager Transportation Operations & Maintenance \(Winter Services – City Wide\) - City of Toronto.](#)
Closing Date: December 5, 2025.

[Supervisor of Fleet Services - City of Quinte West.](#) Closing Date: December 8, 2025.

[Manager, Development Engineering \(Water And Wastewater\) - Region of Waterloo.](#) Closing Date: December 26, 2025.

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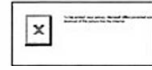
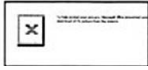
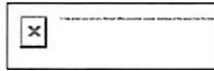
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November 19, 2025

To our Municipal Clients:

Re: Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025

In our continued efforts to keep our clients up to date on legislative changes that may impact them, we are writing to inform you that the provincial government has introduced the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025* (W.W.P.C.A.), as presented in Schedule 16 of Bill 60, *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025*.

This letter provides a summary and preliminary analysis of the proposed W.W.P.C.A.

1. Background

The W.W.P.C.A. allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to designate a corporation as a water and wastewater public corporation (W.W.P.C.) to provide water and sewage services on behalf of the lower-tier municipalities prescribed by the regulations.

These W.W.P.C.s will own and operate the municipal water and sewage systems, with their own governance structure and rate-setting capabilities.

On October 28, 2025, the Province held a technical briefing for Bill 60 to present the Bill's contents and answer attendees' questions. As part of this briefing, the Province outlined their proposed amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* under Bill 60 (Schedule 7), which will transfer jurisdiction of the water and sewage public utilities from the Regional Municipality of Peel to the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. Subsequent to this transfer, it was noted that the Minister intends to designate a W.W.P.C. on behalf of the three aforementioned municipalities.

1.1 Proposed Legislation

The following provides a summary of the proposed legislation and commentary from the Province's recent Bill 60 technical briefing held on October 28, 2025:

1.1.1 Overview

The Minister may, by regulation, designate a corporation as a water and wastewater public corporation to provide water and sewage services on behalf of the lower-tier municipalities prescribed in the regulations. The W.W.P.C.A. describes the ability of



public corporations to provide sewage services. Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the definition of “sewage” includes the following:

- storm water and other drainage from land; and
- commercial wastes and industrial wastes that are disposed of in a sewage system.

Unless the regulations limit the public corporations’ service delivery to water and wastewater, storm water may be included as part of their scope.

Once a W.W.P.C. has been designated for a particular lower-tier municipality, the municipality shall provide water and sewage services only through that water and wastewater public corporation as of the date prescribed by the regulations.

Potential Impacts

This legislative proposal empowers the Minister to require municipalities to establish a public corporation for water and sewage services without a prior local consultation process. This differs from the process for creating a Municipal Service Corporation (M.S.C.) under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, which requires several steps prior to establishing an M.S.C. (i.e., creating a business case, consulting with the community, etc.).

It is noted that the W.W.P.C.A. appears to be directed at lower-tier municipalities only, with the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon being the first to be affected (pending the transfer of water and wastewater jurisdiction from Peel Region). The Province, however, does have the authority to amend the *Municipal Act* to revise jurisdictional responsibility, as well as designate W.W.P.C.s for any other municipality in the future.

1.1.2 Governance and Ownership

A W.W.P.C. is proposed to have the following governance and ownership framework:

- The W.W.P.C.s will not act as agents of the Crown, local boards, or similar entities.
- In accordance with regulations, the W.W.P.C.s can issue shares and dividends.
- Municipal councils will be required to transfer assets and other prescribed items to the W.W.P.C.
- The W.W.P.C. will be governed by a board of directors, with rules for its creation and operation set out in the regulations.
- Roles and responsibilities of directors, officers, and shareholders will be governed by regulation and associated agreements.
- Municipalities may provide assistance to a W.W.P.C. without violating the bonusing provisions under section 106 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.



- The Crown, its representatives, or representatives of the designated municipalities will be immune from liability.

Potential Impacts

At the outset, the governance and ownership structure of the W.W.P.C., including the transfer of assets and assistance from municipalities, appears to be similar to M.S.C.s under the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Both types of corporations can be governed by a board of directors or trustees appointed by the municipal government or elected by shareholders.

An M.S.C. that provides water or wastewater services, however, cannot be owned (wholly or partially) by a private person.^[1] This restriction on ownership does not appear to be contained within the draft W.W.P.C.A., and it is unclear whether this will be addressed in the regulations. Under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, the owner and operating authority are responsible for the standard of care of the municipal drinking water system. If the regulations allow for ownership by a private person, then that responsibility may fall on the officers and directors of the W.W.P.C.

Subject to legal review, the W.W.P.C.A. appears to remove liability from the Crown, its representatives, or representatives of the designated municipalities. This immunity does not appear to be consistent with the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*.

Additionally, the W.W.P.C. is not considered a local board, except as prescribed by the regulations. If the W.W.P.C.'s status is not considered a local board for the purposes of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (D.C.A.), then it will be unable to utilize development charges for its growth-related infrastructure. In contrast, an M.S.C. is considered a local board if it is wholly owned by the municipality (section 21 (3) of O. Reg. 599/06). While it is unclear whether a lower-tier municipality can continue to collect development charges on behalf of the W.W.P.C., the proposed legislation does allow for the W.W.P.C. to impose charges and, at present, there appear to be no restrictions on the imposition of a capital charge on new developments beyond the rules of the D.C.A.

Furthermore, a municipality's debt capacity and annual repayment limit are based on a calculation of 25% of its own-source revenues, which include property taxes, grants, water, wastewater, and other user fees. If, however, the water and wastewater services are transferred from the lower-tier municipalities to a W.W.P.C., then this will effectively reduce the overall revenues for municipalities, resulting in lower debt capacity and annual repayment limits. For municipalities that rely on their water and wastewater revenues to allow for a higher proportion of their debt to be related to other municipal

^[1] Subsection 18 (5) of Ontario Regulation 599/06.



services, this may result in those municipalities exceeding the 25% annual repayment limit.

1.1.3 Fees and Charges

W.W.P.C.s will have the authority to impose and collect fees or charges and other powers prescribed by regulation. They may be required to submit rate plans and other plans to the Minister, as prescribed. The Minister may approve, refuse, or require amendments to those plans. If the Minister does not undertake one of the aforementioned three steps within the prescribed time period, the rate plan is deemed to be approved.

Uncollected fees and charges are considered debts, and unpaid amounts may be added to the municipal tax roll and collected in the same manner as taxes. Regulations may establish procedures and priority lien status.

Potential Impacts

The ability for a W.W.P.C. to prepare a rate plan and impose fees and charges is similar to the current practice for municipal water and wastewater systems.

The current rate-setting process typically involves a rate study that requires Council approval and adoption of the water and wastewater rates. The proposed process under the W.W.P.C.A. allows a W.W.P.C. to set fees and charges, but the Minister can require submission of the rate plans for approval or refusal via regulations. It is unclear whether the rate-setting process will be transparent to the general public and whether profit margins are factored into the imposed rates.

Regarding the uncollected fees and charges, which are considered debt and added to the municipal tax roll, this may result in additional administrative time and costs for affected municipalities. Municipalities may also require legal advice for imposing taxes to recover for a service they no longer provide or own.

We would note that subsection 7 (1) of the W.W.P.C.A. appears to have an error where it states “waste” rather than “water”:

7 (1) “If the regulations so provide, a waste and wastewater public corporation shall submit to the Minister a rate plan for fees or charges specified in the regulations and any other plans prescribed by the regulations.” (emphasis added)

1.1.4 Reporting

A W.W.P.C. shall submit to the Minister an annual report, including audited financial statements and such other reports and information as may be prescribed by the



regulations. A W.W.P.C. may be required by the Minister to examine, report, and advise on any question respecting water and sewage services.

Potential Impacts

The reporting requirements appear to be similar to current practices undertaken by municipalities. It also appears that the municipal drinking water licence applications (i.e., drinking water works permit, operational plan, accreditation, financial plan, and permit to take water) may be the responsibility of the W.W.P.C.

2. Concluding Remarks

The proposed W.W.P.C.A. appears to be similar to an M.S.C. in its intent to assist municipalities with the operations and administration of municipal services. There are key distinctions, however, between the proposed W.W.P.C. and a water and wastewater M.S.C., including:

- Shares and voting rights for an M.S.C. shall not be given to a private person, whereas a W.W.P.C. opens the possibility for private ownership.
- An M.S.C. can be considered a local board for development charge purposes, whereas a W.W.P.C. appears not to be considered a local board (subject to regulations).
- The creation of an M.S.C. requires a public consultation, whereas a W.W.P.C. only requires a Minister's designation.

Watson has concerns about a public utility, such as water and wastewater, being privately owned. This could potentially introduce profit-seeking behaviour and result in increased costs for customers.

While the status of a W.W.P.C. not being considered a local board for the purposes of development charges may impact the ability to impose a development charge to fund growth-related infrastructure (for both future and existing commitments), the W.W.P.C. may have the ability to impose capital charges to recover the cost of growth-related works. In the event that a separate capital charge is not imposed for new customers, this may likely lead to increases in water and wastewater rates. Furthermore, it is unclear how the proposed growth-related water and wastewater capital works currently identified in the Region of Peel's development charges study will be transitioned within the W.W.P.C. framework.

Another concern with the W.W.P.C. is the removal of water and wastewater revenues from a municipality's debt capacity calculations. If water and wastewater services are transferred from lower-tier municipalities to a W.W.P.C., this will effectively reduce the overall revenues for municipalities, resulting in lower debt capacity and annual repayment limits. For municipalities that rely on their water and wastewater revenues to



allow for a higher proportion of their debt to be related to other municipal services, this may result in those municipalities exceeding the 25% annual repayment limit.

Additionally, the ability of the Minister to designate a W.W.P.C. for any lower-tier municipality beyond Peel Region, without public consultation, removes the municipal council's authority over a service that falls within their sphere of jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Province can, at any time, amend the *Municipal Act* to change the sphere of jurisdiction from existing upper-tier municipalities to their lower-tier municipalities.

We will continue to monitor any changes and inform you of the potential impacts on municipalities.

Should you have any questions, please contact any of the undersigned or send an email to info@watsonecon.ca.

Yours very truly,

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Supporting Growth in Simcoe County

Province proposing legislation that would unlock up to 8,000 new homes while supporting business expansion and job creation

November 25, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Barrie-Oro-Medonte-Springwater Boundary Adjustment Act, 2025* that would, if passed, support growth in Simcoe County by transferring approximately 1,673 hectares of land located in the Townships of Oro-Medonte and Springwater to the City of Barrie. This would unlock up to 8,000 new homes, allow for major economic investments to continue and align with key transportation infrastructure projects, such as the Barrie GO Line expansion and the Bradford Bypass. The Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator (OPLDF) would facilitate discussions among the municipalities on the best way to implement the legislation, including financial compensation from the City of Barrie.

“Our government is taking action to support the construction of new homes where it makes sense and is needed most,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “This boundary change will benefit the entire region by protecting jobs and accelerating economic growth in Simcoe County, while laying the groundwork for more people to live here.”

Barrie is the largest urban area in Simcoe County and serves as the regional hub for transportation, health care, education and employment. Its population has grown by almost 13 per cent over the last two years and the city has no developable lands within its municipal boundary to support future growth. Without expanding its boundaries, Barrie will run out of residential land by the 2030s and employment land by the 2040s. Given the time constraints related to planning and building, further delays in addressing this shortage will put future housing and employment needs at risk.

Although Barrie currently has a shortage of developable lands, it has the necessary water and wastewater servicing capacity to kick start future growth. By transferring this

additional land to the city, Barrie's existing servicing capacity can be quickly and cost-effectively deployed to support the construction of new homes as well as job creation and business expansion that will benefit all of Simcoe County. The transfer would support planning for infrastructure expansion over the medium to long term, allowing home-building proposals to move forward, creating homes for 23,000 more people.

The OPLDF has been working with the City of Barrie, the Townships of Oro-Medonte and Springwater, and the County of Simcoe since May 2024 to facilitate an agreement without achieving a successful resolution. After 18 months of negotiations, and at the recommendation of the OPLDF who facilitated discussions with all municipalities, the government has opted to introduce legislation — which includes minister's regulation-making authority to allow ward boundaries to be adjusted well in advance of the 2026 municipal election — rather than further delaying decisions that are necessary for Simcoe County's continued growth. The boundary adjustment would come into effect on January 1, 2026, or Royal Assent, whichever is later.

These boundary changes strengthen all of Simcoe County and would impact just 2.3 per cent of land in Springwater and 0.8 per cent of land in Oro-Medonte. If passed, the legislation would also allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make regulations on transitional matters such as phasing-in property tax changes, financial and other forms of compensation, to support an orderly transition for impacted residents and businesses.

Quick Facts

- Barrie's population is projected to almost double from 169,000 people in 2024 to 298,000 people by 2051. The number of jobs is projected to grow to 150,000 over the same time frame.
- In the last 20 years, the City of Barrie has invested hundreds of millions of dollars on infrastructure to support growth, expanded water and wastewater plants and created new commercial and employment opportunities for the entire county.
- In 2024, the Barrie GO Line had 4.3 million riders on weekdays, weekends and holidays. Ridership is projected to grow to 10-14 million by 2041.
- The Bradford Bypass is a new four-lane freeway that will connect Highway 400 and Highway 404 in Simcoe County and York Region. It will relieve congestion, support anticipated population growth and create economic opportunities in the surrounding communities. The new highway will make it easier for goods to travel to market, boosting the local economy and improving connectivity for residents and businesses.
- The proposed legislation will accelerate economic development along Highway 400, north of Highway 11. This employment area is well-positioned to link southern Ontario's manufacturing base with northern Ontario's resource regions.

Additional Resources

- Learn about the [Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator](#)



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Memorandum

To: Mayor Jamie MacDonald, Council, Interim CAO Tim Simpson
From: John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands, and Community Outreach
Date: November 18, 2025
RE: Seasonal Conservation Area Closure and Winter Recreation

In preparation for winter, South Nation Conservation (SNC) will begin removing safety and debris booms ahead of water control structures in November 2025.

Water levels ahead of the Chesterville Dam have now been set to winter operations and residents may notice lower water levels as a result.

All docks and portable washrooms will be removed from seasonal Conservation Areas and all seasonal parks and river access sites will be closed by the end of November 2025.

Residents can still get outdoors and take advantage of select Conservation Area trails that will remain open and groomed weekly by SNC for winter use, including:

- W.E Burton Conservation Area in Russell
- J. Henry Tweed Conservation Area in Russell
- Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area in Morrisburg
- Robert Graham Forest Conservation Area in Brinston
- Warwick Forest Conservation Area in Berwick
- Oschmann Forest Conservation Area in Ormond
- Nokomis Park in Limoges
- Russell Recreational Trail

Municipalities interested in working with SNC to have their winter trails groomed can contact Mike Leger at 1-877-984-2948 or mleger@nation.on.ca.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for your support in providing outdoor, public natural spaces and local recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

John Mesman
Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands, and Community Outreach
South Nation Conservation



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Mémoire

Destinataires : Maire Jamie MacDonald, Conseil, DG Tim Simpson
De : John Mesman, Directeur, Terres protégées et Sensibilisation communautaire
Date : Le 18 novembre 2025
Objet : Fermeture saisonnière des aires de conservation - Loisirs d'hiver

En prévision de l'hiver, la Conservation de la Nation Sud (CNS) commencera à enlever les estacades de sécurité et de débris en amont des structures de contrôle de l'eau en novembre 2025.

Le niveau d'eau en amont du barrage de Chesterville a été ajusté pour l'hiver et les résidents pourraient constater une baisse du niveau d'eau.

Tous les quais et toilettes portables seront retirés des aires de conservation saisonnières et tous les parcs saisonniers ainsi que les accès à la rivière seront fermés d'ici la fin novembre 2025.

Les résidents peuvent toujours sortir et profiter de certains sentiers des aires de conservation qui resteront ouverts et entretenus chaque semaine par la CNS en hiver :

- L'aire de conservation W. E. Burton à Russell
- L'aire de conservation J. Henry Tweed à Russell
- L'aire de conservation de la Forêt Two Creeks à Morrisburg
- L'aire de conservation de la Forêt Robert Graham à Brinston
- L'aire de conservation de la Forêt Warwick à Berwick
- L'aire de conservation de la Forêt Oschmann à Ormond
- Le parc Nokomis à Limoges
- Le sentier récréatif de Russell

Les municipalités intéressées à collaborer avec la CNS pour le damage de leurs sentiers d'hiver peuvent communiquer avec Mike Leger au 1-877-984-2948 ou à mleger@nation.on.ca.

Nous vous remercions de votre partenariat continu et de votre soutien à la création d'espaces naturels publics et de possibilités de loisirs locaux.

Sincèrement,

John Mesman

Directeur, Propriétés, Terres protégées et Sensibilisation communautaire
Conservation de la Nation Sud



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South Nation Conservation Maintains Level 3 Low Water Advisory

November 26, 2025

The South Nation Conservation Water Response Team has maintained the Level 3 Low Water Condition across the SNC jurisdiction.

Level 3

Level 3 conditions indicate that water supply no longer meets demand in certain regions and ongoing drought conditions are putting increased pressure on surface and/or groundwater supplies. Under this advisory, all water users are asked to reduce water use and suspend non-essential water uses until natural supplies begin to recover.

The Level 3 condition was announced in late August following persistent hot and dry weather during July and August. Dry conditions continued through September, leading to several impacts across the region, including dried-up rivers and streams, poor water quality caused by stagnant water, and reduced groundwater levels affecting people who rely on private wells.

Current Conditions

Although rainfall returned to more normal levels in October and November and has helped ease some dry conditions, the earlier water deficit was severe. Many residents are still experiencing impacts. Stream flows in many creeks and rivers have improved, but several remain lower than normal for this time of year. Groundwater resources take longer to recover, and impacts are still being observed across the jurisdiction.

Low water conditions are determined using precipitation and streamflow indicators under the province-wide Ontario Low Water Response Program.

- **Level 1 (Minor):** Early signs of a potential water supply problem.
- **Level 2 (Moderate):** A potentially serious water supply problem.
- **Level 3 (Severe):** Water supply is no longer able to meet demand.

Because residents on private wells continue to experience problems, the South Nation Conservation Water Response Team is extending the Level 3 Low Water Condition across the jurisdiction.

Recommended Actions:

All water users, including municipalities, residents, businesses, and farmers, are being asked to reduce water use, including the suspension of all outdoor non-essential water use.

If you hold a Permit to Take Water, reduce your water takings as much as possible. During low flow conditions, surface water takings can significantly impact water availability.

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Residents on Private Wells:

If you use a private groundwater well, please use water carefully to help protect the underground water supply (aquifer) your well depends on.

- If your well water supply is low or has run dry, you are encouraged to review the Ontario Government's "Managing your well in times of drought" guide: [Managing your water well in times of water shortage | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/govt/managing-your-water-well-in-times-of-water-shortage)
- **Never put water down a well** — this can damage the well and contaminate groundwater.
- Contact licensed contractors to complete work on wells: [ontario.ca/licenced-well-contractors](https://www.ontario.ca/licenced-well-contractors).
- Bulk water haulage services provide water and storage tank rentals.
- To help us track low water impacts across the region, we're asking residents to report any concerns using our quick online form: [Help Us Track Drought Impacts in Your Area](#)

Residents serviced by the Ottawa River and St. Lawrence River are not subject to the same water supply pressures and do not need to suspend outdoor water uses. However, conservation measures are strongly encouraged to reduce overall demand.

Duration: This Level 3 Low Water Advisory will remain in effect until further notice.

Next Steps:

South Nation Conservation will continue to monitor rainfall, stream flows, and water levels across the region. Updates will be shared as conditions change.

South Nation Conservation Contact:

Kat Watson, Coordinator, Early Warning Systems and Watershed Plans
kwatson@nation.on.ca | 1-877-984-2948



SOUTH NATION
CONSERVATION
DE LA NATION SUD

La Conservation de la Nation Sud maintient l'avis de niveau 3 concernant le bas niveau d'eau

26 novembre 2025

L'Équipe d'intervention en cas de bas niveau d'eau de la Conservation de la Nation Sud a maintenu l'alerte de niveau 3 pour les conditions de bas niveau d'eau dans toute la juridiction de la CNS.



Le niveau 3 indique que l'approvisionnement en eau ne répond plus à la demande dans certaines régions, et que la sécheresse persistante exerce une pression accrue sur les réserves d'eau de surface et/ou souterraines. Dans le cadre de cet avis, on demande aux utilisateurs d'eau de réduire leur consommation et de suspendre toute utilisation non essentielle jusqu'à ce que les réserves naturelles commencent à se reconstituer.

L'avis de niveau 3 a été annoncé à la fin du mois d'août, à la suite d'une période de chaleur et de sécheresse persistante en juillet et août. Les conditions de sécheresse se sont poursuivies tout au long du mois de septembre, entraînant plusieurs conséquences dans la région, notamment l'assèchement des rivières et des ruisseaux, une mauvaise qualité de l'eau due à la stagnation, et une baisse du niveau des nappes phréatiques affectant les personnes qui dépendent de puits privés.

Conditions actuelles :

Bien que les précipitations soient revenues à des niveaux plus normaux en octobre et novembre et aient contribué à atténuer certaines conditions de sécheresse, le déficit hydrique antérieur était grave. De nombreux habitants en subissent encore les conséquences. Le débit de nombreux ruisseaux et rivières s'est amélioré, mais plusieurs d'entre eux restent inférieurs à la normale pour cette période de l'année. Les ressources en eaux souterraines mettent plus de temps à se reconstituer, et des répercussions sont encore observées sur tout le territoire.

Les conditions de bas niveau d'eau sont déterminées à l'aide d'indicateurs de précipitations et de débit dans le cadre du Programme d'intervention en matière de ressources en eau de l'Ontario.

- **Niveau 1 (mineur)** : signes précurseurs d'un problème potentiel d'approvisionnement en eau
- **Niveau 2 (modéré)** : problème d'approvisionnement en eau potentiellement grave
- **Niveau 3 (grave)** : l'approvisionnement en eau n'est plus en mesure de répondre à la demande.

Comme les résidents qui utilisent des puits privés continuent de rencontrer des problèmes, l'Équipe d'intervention en cas de bas niveau d'eau de la Conservation de la Nation Sud maintient le niveau 3 de bas niveau d'eau pour l'ensemble de sa juridiction.



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Si vous êtes titulaire d'un permis de prélèvement d'eau, réduisez autant que possible vos prélèvements d'eau. Pendant les conditions de bas niveau d'eau, les prélèvements d'eau de surface peuvent avoir un impact significatif sur la disponibilité de l'eau.

Les résidents doivent consulter le site Web de leur municipalité pour connaître les restrictions concernant l'utilisation de l'eau et les interdictions de faire du feu en vigueur.

Résidents utilisant des puits privés :

Si vous utilisez un puits privé d'eau souterraine, veuillez utiliser l'eau avec précaution afin de protéger la réserve d'eau souterraine (aquifère) dont dépend votre puits.

- Si vous avez des problèmes d'approvisionnement en eau de puits, communiquez avec le service d'information sur les puits du ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la Nature et des Parcs de l'Ontario : ontario.ca/fr/page/les-puits-sur-votre-propriete.
- **Ne jamais verser d'eau dans un puits**, car cela pourrait l'endommager et contaminer l'eau souterraine.
- Communiquez avec des entrepreneurs agréés pour effectuer des travaux sur les puits : ontario.ca/fr/page/trouver-des-entrepreneurs-en-construction-de-puits-autorises.
- Les services de transport d'eau en vrac proposent la location d'eau et de réservoirs de stockage.
- Afin de nous aider à suivre les effets de la pénurie d'eau dans la région, nous demandons aux résidents de signaler tout problème à l'aide de notre formulaire en ligne rapide : [Aidez-nous à suivre les effets de la sécheresse dans votre région](#).

Les résidents desservis par la rivière des Outaouais et le fleuve Saint-Laurent ne sont pas soumis aux mêmes pressions d'approvisionnement en eau et n'ont pas besoin de cesser les arrosages et usages extérieurs. Toutefois, les mesures de conservation sont fortement encouragées afin de réduire la demande globale.

Durée de l'avis : Cet avis de niveau 3 restera en vigueur jusqu'à nouvel ordre.

Prochaines étapes :

La Conservation de la Nation Sud continuera de surveiller les précipitations, les débits des cours d'eau et les niveaux d'eau dans toute la région. Des mises à jour seront communiquées à mesure que la situation évoluera.

Personne-ressource à la Conservation de la Nation Sud :

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



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

November 25, 2025

All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
'2024 Annual Report and Presentation'**

At a meeting held on November 19th, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-11-19-929, adopting the below resolution:

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Robert Crate

"Whereas the Economic Development, Tourism, and Land Use Planning Committee (November 5, 2025) considered Correspondence, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative '2024 Annual Report and Presentation', and County Council identified this item for separate discussion at the November 19, 2025 County Council meeting;

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Further That this motion be distributed to all Ontario municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-11-19-929

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett



Council Resolution

Moved By (L.C.) L. Cleveland

Seconded By (B.C.) R. Crate

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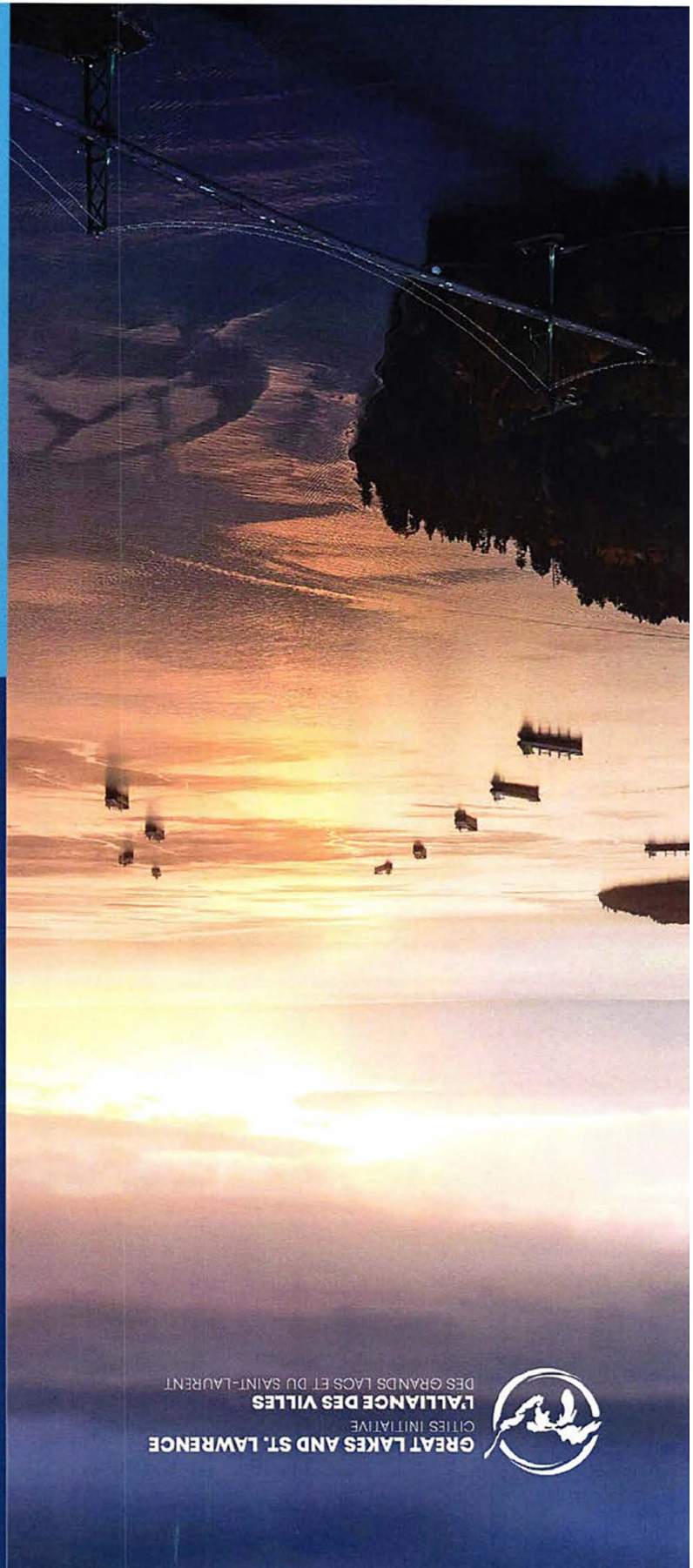
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Annual Report 2024

Mayors Securing the
Future of Our Basin

GREAT LAKES AND ST. LAWRENCE
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Executive Summary

A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2024, our organization deepened its commitment to fostering resilient and thriving communities across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin, emerging as a leading advocate for preparing for a changing climate and advancing sustainable economic development. With over 70 organizations (business, government, and non-profit partners) joining the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation, we have built an unprecedented coal-

ition to chart the development of our region's economy. We remain dedicated to a prosperous and sustainable future for all our communities — that means ensuring that your residents have access to good jobs, reliable and safe infrastructure, communities that are resilient to extreme weather, and access to all the opportunities that come with being in a region that makes up over 80 percent of North America's fresh water.

\$420 M

Supported the launch of the independent **Canada Water Agency** and securing the first phase of funding under Canada's **\$420 million** Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River protection commitment.

UP TO
\$425 M

Provided project planning and grant support for **62 projects** through the **Resilient Coastal Projects Initiative** for a total project value of up to **\$425 million.***

\$400 M

Advocated for nearly **\$400 million** in funding to prevent the devastating spread of invasive carp through the Brandon Road Interbasin Project.

450

Trained approximately **450 participants** through webinars, workshops, and sessions on sustainable solutions for coastal resilience challenges.

OVER
750

Presented at various conferences to a **total audience of over 750**, highlighting the climate action initiatives spearheaded by the Cities Initiative and its members.



Photo by Ryan Haertli/ISFWS

350

Hosted **12 workshops** with

OVER
\$2 B

Helped secure over



Letter from Our Co-Chairs

Dear Members,

As we reflected on 2024, our organization celebrated a year of delivering meaningful support to advance your priorities. We provided and secured financial resources, technical training, and instructional programs to help you and your staff implement effective green solutions for challenges facing your communities. We also worked alongside you and your teams to advocate for legislation and policies that improved your residents' lives. Our coalition grew to nearly 270 communities, supported by a dedicated team committed to providing the resources needed to make a real difference.

As mayors, we understood the immense challenges faced by our communities, especially when resources were limited. Our organization remained hyper-focused on helping your residents live healthy and fulfilling lives. Our mission was to safeguard the resilience and success of all communities across the basin for future generations.

Protecting the environment and a freshwater resource that is the envy of the world was critical to our region's ongoing success and ability to attract the best and brightest people, companies, and changemakers. We empowered you and your staff to address the most pressing issues impacting your residents, including flooding, coastal erosion, aging infrastructure, and ensuring that every resident had access to clean and affordable water.

We also recognized the potential for our basin to become a leading blue-green economic corridor. In 2025, our Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation planned to deliver a 10-year plan to remake our fresh coast economy and ensure that the basin remained an ideal place to live, work, invest, and play for the next 50 years.

We looked forward to your continued commitment to the Cities Initiative. Please review this report, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Let's aim to make 2025 an even more successful year for our coalition.

Mayor Gino Moretti, Co-Chair
Saint-Anicet, QC

Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Co-Chair
Sheboygan, WI



Protecting Our Environment. Securing Our Future.

KEY DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED

- 1 Advocated for the Brandon Road Interbasin Project, unlocking **\$274 million** in federal funding and **\$114 million** in non-federal funding, advancing the project to the construction phase to **prevent the spread of invasive carp.**
- 2 Pushed for the **implementation of the CAD \$500 million Blue Fund in Québec** through increased royalties on important water users to finance water-quality protection initiatives, including **\$80 million** for water-infrastructure including upgrades.
- 3 Supported the launch of the independent **Canada Water Agency** to strengthen coordination of freshwater policy and securing the roll out of the first phase of enhanced funding under Canada's **\$420+ million** Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River protection commitment.
- 4 **Endorsed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Act of 2024**, encouraging the U.S. Congress to extend the GLRI's authorization for an additional five years while increasing spending to **\$500 million** annually.
- 5 Advocated to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for fair distribution of lead service line funding under the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**, resulting in funding increases for five of eight Great Lakes states and a **\$16 million award to Milwaukee** for lead service line replacement funding.

over
\$1.9B Funding Secured
 Thanks to the
 Cities Initiative



Coastal and Climate Resilience

US PROGRAMMING

40

Provided training and technical assistance to **40 communities**, including **28 vulnerable ones**, through our Initiative for Resilient Great Lakes Coasts partnership program with NOAA.

up to \$425M

Provided project planning and grant support for **62 projects** through the Resilient Coastal Projects Initiative for a total project value of up to **\$425 million**.

22

Provided engineering and design support for **22 projects** through our coastal programs, moving these projects one step closer to construction.

over \$224M

Submitted over **\$24 million** in grant applications to **American funding agencies** for new programming at the Cities Initiative to support our members with their resilience and source water protection concerns.



ONTARIO, CA

Pursuing new federal program funding in partnership with **Conservation Ontario** and over 15 member municipalities to create **new coastal programs** on three Great Lakes over the next three years.

QUÉBEC, CA

Working to foster stakeholder collaboration among municipalities from **Greater Québec City with a hands-on workshop** to support the metropolitan community's climate adaptation mandate.

Enhancing International Cooperation and Influence



Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Council of the Great Lakes Region** — an organization dedicated to maintaining the Great Lakes region's economic competitiveness through sustainable development — to help guide our new strategic pillar on Economic Transformation.

Established a **Memorandum of Cooperation with Conservation Ontario** to address coastal erosion, flooding and storm impacts for member communities in addition to partnering on a briefing for elected officials at the **Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Annual Conference in Ottawa**.

Recruited more than 70 businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations to serve as **advisors to the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation**.

Co-organized a **Mayoral Reception at the**

and John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for Clean Energy Innovation and Implementation.

Hosted an educational public event in Chicago entitled, "Honoring Our Waters," to **showcase strong partnership between Indigenous and Municipal leaders**, co-hosted by our partners at the Billnaagami Initiative, Canadian Geographic, Swim Drink Fish, and the City of Chicago.



2024 Highlights

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR THE BASIN



Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study

Hosted a high-impact policy roundtable in Washington D.C., led by the Mayors Commission on Coastal Resilience, to strengthen municipal engagement with the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study. This event featured Major General Mark C. Quander, Commander of the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, alongside other key project partners, resulting in a renewed commitment to collaborative resilience planning and actionable support for Great Lakes communities.



Great Lakes Lead Pipes Partnership at the Water Summit

Launched the Great Lakes Lead Pipes Partnership at the White House Water Summit in April 2024, led by three Mayors Commission on Water Equity members – Mayor Brandon Johnson of Chicago, Mayor Mike Duggan of Detroit, and Mayor Cavalier Johnson of Milwaukee – to expedite lead service line replacement in Great Lakes big cities with the heaviest lead burdens.





Basin-Wide Declaration Signed by Major Cities and Endorsed by All Members

With record attendance, the Cities Initiative's launched the Mayors Commission on Economic Transformation at its 2024 Annual Conference in Montréal, QC. Mayors Valérie Plante of Montréal, Mayor Brandon Johnson of Chicago, IL and Mayor Cavalier Johnson of Milwaukee, WI signed a declaration, endorsed by all Cities Initiative members, to collaborate on an Action Plan that will guide the way for our region to become a leading blue-green economic corridor



Québec Government's New Maritime Strategy

Teamed up with the Québec Union of Municipalities and the Saint-Lawrence Economic Development Network to position mayors and industry leaders as key partners as the Québec government renews its maritime strategy. This vital and strategic industry supports over 27,000 jobs in the province, and more than 350,000 jobs across the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway, while connecting the heart of North America to the Atlantic Ocean.



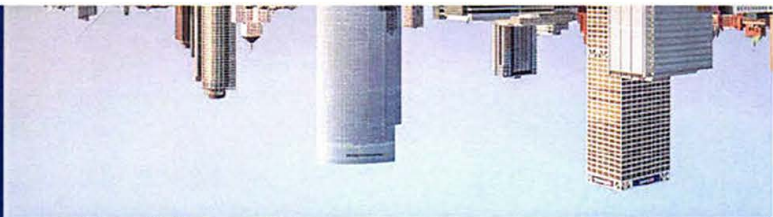
— Jon Altenberg, CEO, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Today, the economy and environment are inextricably linked, and our success depends on integrating them seamlessly. Our 2024 initiatives—Coastal and Climate Resilience, Economic Transformation, and Enhancing International Cooperation and Influence—are vital to unlocking the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basins' immense growth potential for the next 50 years. Building a blue-green economic corridor is essential for driving sustainable progress in our communities while protecting the invaluable resources that define our region.

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THE CITIES INITIATIVE



Founded in 2003 by the
Chicago and Toronto

- Give communities **voice in protecting the Great Lakes** and
- Unite cities that share a **resource that:**
 - Provides **drinking water** to **10 million Canadians**
 - Supports an **\$80 billion** **economy**



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OUR MISSION

We are a **multinational coalition of local government leaders** working to:

- **promote economic prosperity**
- **protect our fresh water** for the benefit of current and future generations.



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A GROWING COALITION

- Cities Initiative members **represents more than 350 communities and over 21 million residents** across the region
- Membership **spans from Duluth, MN to Gaspé, QC**
- Broadening our coalition with **Tribes and First Nations**
- **New Allies program** of associate memberships for non-profits, colleges/universities



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OUR PILLARS & PRIORITIES



Healthy Lakes
and Rivers



Climate
Coastal
Resilience



Safe and
Affordable Water



Economic
Transformation



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ECONOMIC TRANSFORMA

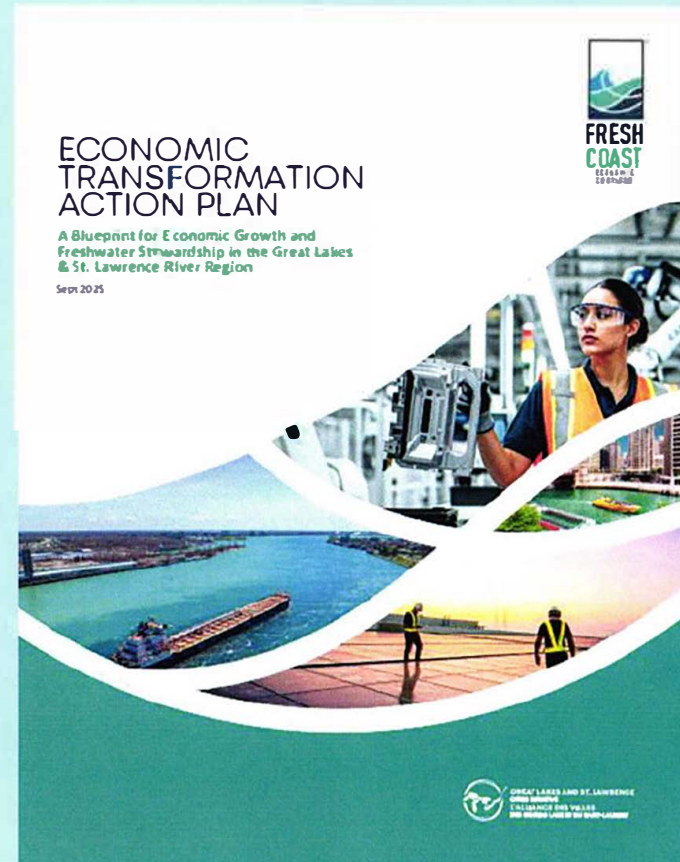


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ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN

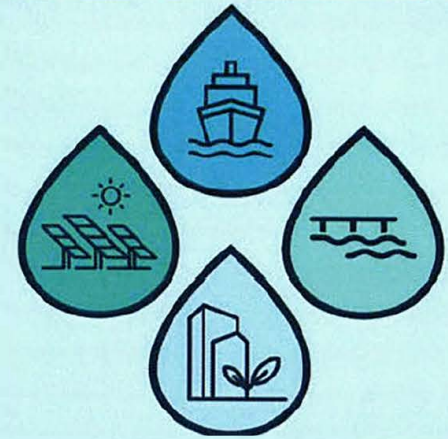
- **Launched Sept 24** in NYC as part of Climate Week
- More than **60 attendees**, including Mayors Johnson (Chicago), Plante (Montréal), and Bibb (Cleveland)
- Broadcast online live for press in the region to tune in



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ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN

- **One Vision: Develop the Fresh Coast Economic Corridor**
- Five Regional Goals
- Four Transformational Pillars
- 17 Strategies, 76 Actions, and 12 Program Concepts



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REGIONAL GOALS

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ATTRACT
HALF A MILLION
NEW
BUSINESSES

2

CREATE 18
MILLION NEW
JOBS

3

AVOID INCREASE
IN % WATER
LOSS

4

IMPROVE WATER
QUALITY FROM
"FAIR" TO
"GOOD"

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**Together, let's build a prosperous, resilient, and sustainable future
for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Region.**



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CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS



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A GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE STRONG RESPONSE

- Given the current climate, the Cities Initiative provides a **network of municipal leaders and partners dedicated to maintaining strong ties** between both nations
- In February, we took our ***Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Strong*** position on the trade war and launched a binational Mayors Transition Team to strategize on new CAD and U.S. federal governments and current trade context
- Reinforced during Great Lakes Day in D.C. and at our May 2025 Annual Conference in Milwaukee

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MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

POLICY & ADVOCACY

- Mayors Commissions
- U.S. and Canadian Days on the Hill
- Policy Resolutions



COLLABORATION & LEARNING

- Project-based partnerships
- Conferences
- International Events
- Webinars



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MAYORS COMMISSIONS

COMMISSIONS

- Water Access
- Community Resilience
- Economic Transformation

CORE FUNCTIONS

- Policy Development
- Advocacy
- Regional Collaboration
- Media Engagement



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MAYORS COMMISSIONS

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE



Help municipalities plan for, and take action to strengthen their **resiliency to impacts from climate change**

WATER ACCESS



Promote equitable access to safe and affordable water for all residents of our region

ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION



Transform our region into a thriving **Economic Corridor** by promoting inclusive, and resilient economic growth and freshwater stewardship



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OTHER MEMBER BENEFITS

- **REGION-WIDE COLLABORATION** – Build relationships with local leaders from ON, QC and the US
- **DIRECT ADVOCACY** – Help move forward your priorities with provincial and federal officials
- **PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP** – We are always on the lookout for willing members to partner with us on innovative projects
- **WEGE AWARD** – Annual prize of up to \$7,500 for communities with populations under 100,000 that advance innovative water solutions
- **STAFF AND COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT** – Staff and council members are encouraged to participate in Cities Initiative events
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Your work with us gets covered



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 13 – Ontario Water Leaders Summit –**
Oakville, ON
- **December 8 – Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Day on**
the Hill – Ottawa, ON
- **March 2026 – Great Lakes Day – Washington, DC**
- **May 6- 8, 2026 – 2026 Annual Conference –**
Hamilton, ON



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2025 Ontario Water Leaders Summit



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Thank You! Questions?

Phil Murphy-Rhéaume

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ANNEX - MAYORS COMMISSION



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MAYORS COMMISSION ON WATER ACCESS

Leadership in Canada: Grey County (ON), Repentigny (QC)

Mission Statement: *Ensuring access to safe, secure and affordable drinking water; and water quality and ecosystems health of our lakes and rivers.*

Priority areas:

- Ensure dedicated **long-term, predictable funding for water, wastewater and storm infrastructure** that is not in competition with other needs. (mix of shovel-ready and
- Supporting the implementation of historic **freshwater funding** from the federal gov including direct funding in municipal projects.
- Working towards better **public access** to water assets in our regions
- Tackling **emerging pollutants and invasive aquatic species** through better monitoring standards and increased enforcement
- Supporting the **bi-national legal framework** protecting Great Lakes water quality

MAYORS COMMISSION – COMMUNITY RES

Leadership in Canada: Tecumseh (ON), Contrecoeur (QC)

Mission Statement: *Supporting our communities in their adaptation to climate change, resilience of the municipalities and their infrastructure against erosion, urban flooding.*

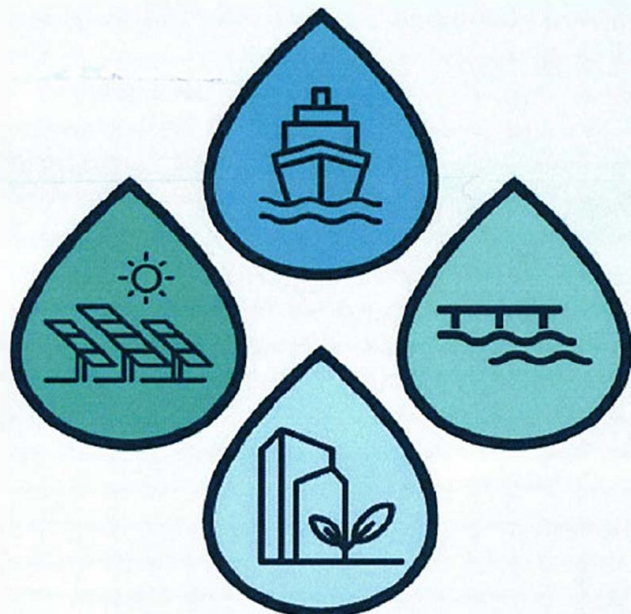
Priority areas:

- Securing appropriate **funding for municipal resilience programs**, especially through Mitigation and Adaptation Fund – Advocacy through the Climate Proof Coalition.
- Building **municipal capacity** through resilience programming, best practices and fec such as the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program
- Re-establishing the **shoreline erosion funding** that had been canceled in 1997.

MAYORS COMMISSION – ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

Leadership in Canada: Cobourg (ON), Montréal (QC), Québec City (QC)

Mission Statement: *Charting a roadmap for the region and our cities to ensure that economic growth goes hand in hand with climate action and social equity.*



Priority areas:

- Attracting **new sustainable jobs and industries** in the region, supporting the creation of new regional industrial champion
- Supporting the development of a **decarbonised energy grid** decarbonisation of municipal energy utilities.
- Expanding **decarbonised shipping**, supporting a modal shift shipping, with better integration of the cities and their ports
- **Redeveloping our waterfronts** to foster resilience, multi-use accessible areas in the city that support increased life quality and public access.



Hon. Doug Ford
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November 28, 2025

Hon. Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure
VIA EMAIL:
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Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs
and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
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RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-382:

Moved by Councillor Hurst and
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17, 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received for information; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of



Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.



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October 23, 2025

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

Premier's Office

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

Municipality of South Huron

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org;
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack,
rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy,
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osum@osum.ca; FCM, resolutions@fcm.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities

VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
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MUNICIPALITY OF CALLANDER

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Moved by Councillor Carr Dell ☒ WIM McMartin Smit

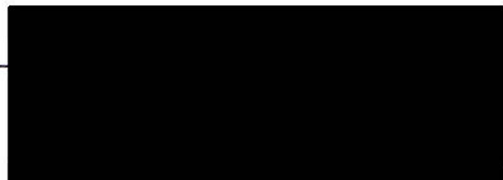
Seconded by Councillor Carr ☒ Dell McMartin Smit

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/11/ 342

That Report 2025-072 ADMIN: Request for Support for Moratorium on Glyphosate Spraying in Timiskaming Forest be received, and

That Council support the Township of Larder Lake's Resolution #18 by forwarding a copy of this resolution of support, along with a copy of Resolution #18, to the appropriate provincial ministries, agencies, and municipalities as outlined in the request from the Township of Larder Lake regarding the aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest, and

That staff be directed to prepare and send the attached letter to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP Nipissing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, requesting that aerial spraying of glyphosate not proceed due its potential impact on water quality, ecosystems, and public health.



CARRIED / DEFEATED / AMENDED / DEFERRED



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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September 10, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution #18, September 9, 2025 - Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Timiskaming Forest

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

CARRIED

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

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of Larder Lake, and this activity may impact residents and ecosystems; and

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

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

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

cerely,



Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

November 21, 2025

Provincial Land Use Policy Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
13th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Re: ERO 025-1099: Consultation on Simplifying and Standardizing Official Plans

On behalf of our many municipal clients, we are submitting our comments related to the consultation on simplifying and standardizing Official Plans.

1. Introduction

Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson) is one of Canada's leading economic consulting firms, comprising municipal economists, planners, accountants, and support staff. The firm has been in operation since 1982. We work with municipalities across Canada on assignments related to growth management strategies, demographic forecasts, comprehensive urban land need reviews, employment strategies, housing studies, as well as a broad range of municipal finance and land economics studies. Watson is a recognized national leader in the field of growth management, having completed numerous comprehensive review studies for lower-tier, upper-tier and single-tier municipalities over the past two decades.

2. Overview Commentary

We appreciate the province's initiative to standardize Official Plans across Ontario, as it reflects the government's commitment to improving consistency, clarity, and predictability in planning processes. This approach has the potential to streamline approvals and advance housing and growth objectives. Drawing on our experience working with municipalities on Official Plan Reviews, we see opportunities for the province to consider changes that will support effective implementation and maximize the benefits of this initiative. Provided herein is a summary of our key recommendations and considerations.



3. Recommendations

3.1 Standardizing Land-Use Designations

We recognize the province's intent to simplify and standardize land use designations as part of standardizing Official Plans. This approach can improve clarity, add predictability and help streamline development approvals. However, based on our experience working with municipalities, we believe the following considerations are crucial.

Variation in Local Context

Land use designations are designed to reflect the unique characteristics, economic drivers, and community priorities of individual municipalities. Applying a one-size-fits-all approach would significantly reduce the flexibility needed to address local conditions. Municipalities have invested considerable effort in creating plans that respond to distinct economic opportunities, geographic constraints, and long-term planning objectives. A rigid, province-wide template regarding land use designations risks diminishing these distinctions, potentially weakening local planning goals and economic development strategies. To address this, the province should allow municipalities the flexibility to incorporate local subcategories (e.g., light, general, heavy, rural industrial uses) or overlays where necessary, to accommodate unique conditions and priorities.

Recognizing the Range of Employment Uses

A key concern is ensuring Official Plans provide more than one stand-alone employment designation to reflect the diversity of economic activity. The Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024 defines "Employment Area" primarily as industrial-type development; however, this narrow definition does not capture the full range of employment-generating uses that drive modern economies. Commercial uses, such as innovation hubs, technology campuses, stand-alone research facilities, and business parks, require dedicated land and tailored policies, as they do not meet the provincial definition of an Employment Area, but are also often not suitable or feasible in pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use environments. For example, such commercial uses often require large floor plates, have specific infrastructure requirements, necessitate significant surface parking, or can introduce a substantial increase in car/truck traffic to the local area. Furthermore, land-extensive, car-oriented commercial uses, which often rely on highway visibility (e.g., car dealerships), are typically not well-suited to mixed-use environments and require distinct designations to ensure they are properly located and supported. Lastly, commercial rents, particularly for lower-order service commercial uses (e.g. auto repair, dance studios), generally cannot support higher land costs in mixed-use areas.

The province should support more than one stand-alone employment designation to reflect the diversity of economic activity within municipalities. In addition to the



traditional Employment Area designation, which primarily covers industrial uses, a separate category for other Employment Generating Uses should be established. This designation would apply to non-industrial employment uses that do not meet the provincial industrial definition and are not suitable or feasible within mixed-use environments. Furthermore, it is important to maintain well-located, distinct commercial designations for uses which directly support industrial operations in Employment Areas and/or are not well-suited or supported in mixed-use environments. These designations can form appropriate transitional lands between Employment Areas and mixed-use and/or residential areas. Providing distinct commercial designations will help municipalities protect strategic lands for employment generation, support complete communities, and respond effectively to evolving market needs.

3.2 Maintaining Secondary Plans

While Official Plans establish broad directions, Secondary Plans provide the detailed, site-specific guidance necessary to implement those directions effectively. They allow municipalities to address critical issues such as infrastructure capacity, protection of natural features, and coordination of land use in ways that Official Plans cannot.

Secondary Plans are comprehensive documents that include detailed mapping, technical studies, and design work. Without this level of detailed information, municipalities are limited in their ability to effectively plan for infrastructure, identify suitable balances across a range of required residential and non-residential land uses, protect environmental features, and deliver the community amenities needed to support urban development. This depth of analysis is essential for coordinating land use, transportation and services in a way that creates complete and sustainable communities.

3.3 Official Plan Schedules

Proposed schedules related to “Estimate of Market Need” and “Serviced Land Requirement” often require dynamic, data-driven models based on established methodologies, which are best documented through supporting background studies rather than being embedded in the Official Plan itself.

It is important to recognize that existing Official Plan schedules related to urban structure, land use and infrastructure are directly informed by comprehensive growth analysis studies, urban needs assessments and master servicing strategies, which are carried out by municipalities in conjunction with key stakeholders. These studies are designed to identify the need for urban land by planning policy area based on anticipated real estate market trends over a long-term horizon, as set out in the PPS, 2024.



Phasing strategies and associated policies can also inform Official Plan schedules, which provide direction on the timing and sequencing of municipal services required to address the estimated market need for designated urban lands, including approved urban expansion areas or urban reserve lands / future urban growth lands (where applicable). Urban land supply inventories, growth tracking systems, and servicing capacity monitoring tools must be better integrated and enhanced to enable municipalities to dynamically respond to changing real estate market conditions and infrastructure needs, which inform the broader direction of their Official Plans and supporting schedules.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments related to the proposed changes on behalf of our municipal clients.

Yours very truly,

WATSON & ASSOCIATES ECONOMISTS LTD.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November 24, 2025

Relevant Provincial and Federal Ministries and Agencies.

BY EMAIL ONLY

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their November 13, 2025 Council meeting, and at the request of the Township of Stone Mills, passed the following resolution regarding Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation.

Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has caused a significant increase in dead ash trees across Ontario, creating ecological, financial, and public safety challenges;

And whereas the removal and replacement of affected trees has placed a substantial financial burden on municipalities, organizations, and property owners;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the Township of Stone Mills motion to urge the Provincial and Federal governments to establish a dedicated fund to assist with the removal and replanting of trees impacted by the EAB infestation.

Be it further resolved that this letter of support be submitted to the relevant Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies to strengthen regional advocacy efforts on this issue.

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

_____,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/mps



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November 19, 2025

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

Public Input Coordinator
Via Email: ca.office@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, November 17, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

195-11172025

Moved By: Councillor Neufeld

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,

- Directs the Acting Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Please accept this correspondence as an official confirmation of Council's decision with respect to the same. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Angela Toole.

Angela Toole
Acting Manager of Municipal Governance/Clerk
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cc. Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent-Leamington
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Legal and Legislative Services

November 18, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Honourable and Dear Sir,

Re: City of Brampton – Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of November 17, 2025 received and supported the resolution from the City of Brampton dated October 17, 2025 regarding the Province's decision to abruptly cancel Automated Speed Enforcement.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Brampton correspondence dated October 17, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Prabmeet Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk

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Encl.

c.c. The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation minister.mto@ontario.ca
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October 17, 2025

Sent by email

See Distribution List on page 6

Re: Provincial Decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of October 1, 2025 was approved by Council on October 15, 2025, pursuant to Council Resolution C230-2025:

CW303-2025

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

Whereas the Province's ASE legislative framework, together with provincial encouragement in 2019, has led municipalities such as Brampton - where auto-insurance rates remain among the highest in Ontario - to implement ASE technology to improve safety, reduce speeding, and prevent serious collisions and fatalities; and,

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

Whereas some cities have implemented ASE incorrectly, Brampton is part of the vast majority of municipalities who have implemented best practices endorsed by the Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Traffic Council - including speed thresholds - that prioritize public safety, resulting in safer roads; and,

Whereas consistent with local, regional, national and international research by third parties including Sick Kids & Toronto Metropolitan University, the Canadian Automobile Association, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Traffic Injury Research Foundation, and the Ontario Traffic Council; the City of Brampton's ASE program has resulted in significant reductions in speed, increased speed compliance in Community Safety and School Zones, and changes in driver behaviour as outlined in the September 10, 2025 Council report titled "Automated Speed Enforcement – Traffic Safety Update";

Whereas the average recorded speed for ticket issued is 15.7 km/h over the posted limit, demonstrating that Brampton's existing threshold is both reasonable and aligned with best practices; and

Whereas between twenty and thirty percent of ASE ticket revenue is collected by the Province of Ontario.

Whereas Brampton is working to improve road safety and uphold its commitment to Vision Zero, through its ASE program and complementary traffic-calming measures such as speedbumps/humps, roundabouts, road diets, and improved signage, in order to reduce speeds, prevent collisions, and promote lawful driving behaviour.

Whereas the City of Brampton has already implemented a significant number of speedbumps, likely the most in the province with 834 locations and anticipates installing an additional 33 individual locations this year, but because speedbumps cannot be deployed in all areas around schools, a comprehensive approach to traffic calming, including Automated Speed Enforcement, has proven effective in reducing vehicle speeds, changing driver behaviour, preventing fatal collisions, and enhancing public safety;

Whereas polling in Brampton demonstrates strong and consistent public support for ASE as a tool to reduce speeding, including: Mainstreet Research (Early September 2025) showing 65% overall support, and the City-led Telephone Townhall poll (July 2025) showing 86% of participants support for speed cameras near schools and parks to help curb speeding; and

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

Whereas a preliminary estimate of private sector investment by companies delivering ASE solutions indicates the creation of 62 jobs and \$14 million dollars of investment in the province; and

Whereas the Premier believes some municipalities have misused ASE; but that is no reason to shut down municipal ASE programs that have proven successful at changing driver behaviour and improving public safety; and

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

Whereas Brampton's ASE program is considered best-practice and rather than banning, the Premier should meet with Mayor Patrick Brown and other municipal leaders to develop improved provincial legislation, regulations and program standards related to the ASE program; and,

Whereas it is reckless to abandon what works, and essential to maintain a program that preserves public safety, and, especially, at a very minimum, safety in school locations; and,

Whereas should the ASE program be cancelled, the considerable municipal investments to implement this provincially shaped program must be reimbursed, and additional funding must be provided to implement alternate, although not necessarily as effective, traffic calming measures.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That Brampton City Council formally opposes the Province's decision to abruptly cancel ASE, a public safety tool enabled through provincial regulations in December 2019; and,
2. That a letter from Council be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Transportation, and local MPPs outlining Brampton's position, calling for the continuation of ASE, and Brampton Council request that the Premier meet with Mayor Patrick Brown, and other municipal leaders to negotiate consistent implementation across municipalities that utilizes best practices to uphold the public safety benefits of ASE; and,
3. That the City of Brampton immediately implement the following ASE program enhancements to accommodate concerns and maintain the technology as an effective public safety tool:
 - a. Limit the use of ASE cameras to school locations
 - b. Maintain the existing threshold and implement variable threshold speeds:
 - Maintain existing speed threshold during peak hours around schools
 - Implement a higher speed threshold for non-peak hours to enforce excessive speeding & stunt driving
 - c. Develop and implement a process to limit the number of tickets that can be issued to a single license plate within a defined period of time, excluding excessive speeding or stunt driving
 - d. Prohibit the operation of an ASE camera for six months following a speed limit change
 - e. Require that surplus ASE revenues be reinvested in road safety-related infrastructure, initiatives, and education
 - f. Require that staff report annually to Council, through the budget process, on the allocation and use of surplus ASE revenues
 - g. Require that staff report annually to Council on outcomes of the ASE program (e.g., number of tickets, speed reductions, speed limit compliance, collisions, injuries/fatalities, etc.); and,

4. That the City of Brampton request the Provincial government to amend their legislation, regulations and program standards governing ASE as follows:
 - a. Restrict the use of ASE to School locations
 - b. Use of ASE in areas that do not contain schools must be approved by the Minister of Transportation, supported by data clearly demonstrating the need and a description of why alternative traffic calming measures are not suitable for the location.
 - c. Eliminate provincial fees and charges from ASE tickets, including:
 - MTO fee, currently \$8.25 per ticket, for providing registered license plate owner information
 - Victim surcharge fee ranging from \$10 to \$125 - or 25% of the fine for speeding offences greater than \$1,000
 - d. Develop a revised fee schedule for ASE tickets that reduces the cost for lower speed infractions while maintaining higher penalties for excessive speeding and stunt driving
 - e. Extend voluntary electronic notification (SMS and/or email) to license plate holders to reduce the notification period for ASE offences, similar to license plate renewal notifications
 - f. Develop new signage to include language indicating that the location is speed camera enforced
 - g. Develop more visible ASE signage that includes the speed limit
 - h. Require municipalities to reinvest surplus ASE revenue into road safety-related infrastructure, initiatives and education
 - i. Require greater transparency from municipalities by implementing the following reporting requirements:
 - Report annually to municipal Council on how surplus ASE funds are spent.
 - Require annual public reporting of program outcomes (e.g., number of tickets, speed reductions, speed limit compliance, collisions, injuries/fatalities, etc.).

- j. Establish program standards across all municipalities for key program elements - like speed thresholds - through a process led by the Ministry of Transportation and in consultation with municipalities to ensure consistency and transparency for all municipalities in Ontario.
 - k. That the Ministry of Transportation provide greater oversight and enforcement of Municipal ASE programs through regular audits; and
5. That, should the provincial government proceed with banning the use of ASE despite Brampton's immediate actions to address concerns and requests to work collaboratively with the Province and other municipalities to continue these programs, the Province must reimburse municipalities for all costs incurred to implement ASE program; and,
 6. Staff be directed to report back on potential impacts of an ASE ban on Brampton's road safety strategy and financial investments; and,
 7. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, Brampton members of Provincial Parliament, local MPPs across the Region of Peel, all Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP), and the Ontario Traffic Council; and,
 8. That the City develop an advocacy campaign consistent with this motion.

Note: Item **RM 45/2025** has been added to the Referred Matters List for the report requested in clause 6 of the recommendation above, and assigned to Michael Kralt, Director, Automated Enforcement and Court Administration, Legislative Services.

Yours truly,

Sonya Pacheco

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 - 154

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: November 18, 2025

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

MOVED BY:

BY:

CARRIED: ✓ DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

That Council of the Town of Parry Sound hereby supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's call on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Scott Aitchison and MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Mayor Jamie McGarvey

October 27, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Camey P.C., O.C., M.P.
Office of the Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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

Dear Prime Minister Camey and Premier Ford:

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its meeting of October 21, 2025, the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted the enclosed motion calling on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to remove the federal and provincial portions of the HST from new homes purchased as primary residences.

This measure would extend the relief already provided for purpose-built rental housing to families seeking to buy their first home. It represents a practical, immediate step toward improving affordability and supporting new housing supply.

For an average new home in our community, the 13 percent HST adds tens of thousands of dollars to the purchase price, a burden that directly undermines our shared goal of making homeownership affordable for working families and seniors. Removing that tax would provide meaningful relief.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is one of Ontario's fastest-growing municipalities, investing heavily in growth-related infrastructure while working to keep housing within reach. We urge both levels of government to work together on this change as part of a broader strategy to make homeownership attainable again for young Canadians. Simply put, cutting taxes in this way will help make life more affordable.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to any federal-provincial review of housing-related taxation and policy tools that can help [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

[REDACTED]

Jonathan Scott
Councillor, Ward 2

encl.

cc:

Hon. François-Phillipe Champagne PC MP
Hon Peter Bethlenfavy MPP
Hon. Caroline Mulroney MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
All Ontario Municipalities

Hon. Gregor Robertson PC MP
Hon. Rob Flack MPP
Scot Davidson MP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

October 27, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Removing HST/GST from New Homes to Support Housing Affordability

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution 2025-343

Moved by: Councillor Scott

Seconded by: Councillor Duhaney

WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families;

WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes, and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental housing; and

WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home, e.g. about \$117,000 on a \$900,000 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury calls on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Please find enclosed a letter from Mayor James Leduc and Ward 2 Councillor Jonathan Scott.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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

CC: Hon. Mark Camey, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Hon. Peter Bethenfalvy, Minister of Finance, Ontario
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe
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City Clerk
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November 19, 2025

Re: Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 9.3 of the General Issues Committee Minutes 25-016:

9.3 Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED

WHEREAS, on October 23, the Provincial government introduced Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster, which seeks to weaken rent control and make rental tenure less secure;

WHEREAS, Council has introduced bylaws and policies to protect tenants from renovictions and to strengthen protections for tenants;

WHEREAS, Council has enacted new legislation to improve property standards, ensure health and safety in apartment buildings, and implement an Adequate Temperature Bylaw to address the impacts of extreme heat;

WHEREAS, the majority of residents living in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are tenants; approximately one third of all City residents rent their homes; and tenant populations in suburban and rural Wards are growing rapidly;

WHEREAS, through Ward 2 Tenant Town Halls, the Ward 2 Tenant Survey, and the Ward 2 Tenant Council, tenants have expressed anxiety about rental tenancy and rent control including the impacts they've faced since the Provincial government changed legislation in 2018 to eliminate it;

WHEREAS, the Provincial government has suggested it will backtrack on some parts of its proposed legislation but has not confirmed what the impact will be, what will be changed, or how this legislation will be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, a similar motion, entitled Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections was passed by the City of Toronto's Executive Committee on November 4, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, inform the Government of Ontario and all Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament of its opposition to changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* in Bill 60 and the weakening of tenant rights including contemplated changes to "security of tenure" or a further weakening of rent control;
- (b) That the General Issues Committee direct the City Solicitor to work with the Hamilton Legal Clinic and report back in Q1 2026 through a Closed Session Information Report to review legal options and provide advice to protect renters and challenge the provisions of Bill 60, including potential Charter protections;
- (c) That staff from the Housing Services Division report back to the General Issues Committee, through an Information Report and presentation, on the potential impact of Bill 60 including changes to "security of tenure" and rent control, in Q4 2025; and
- (d) That this resolution be circulated to AMO, FCM and all Ontario municipalities.



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

cc.

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Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) info@fcm.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
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**The Corporation of the
County of Northumberland**
555 Courthouse Road
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Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

November 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada),
Honourable Jill McKnight (Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence),
Honourable Andrew Scheer (Acting Leader of the Official Opposition),
Philip Lawrence (Member of Parliament for Northumberland-Clarke),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South),
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
All Ontario Municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Municipality of Shuniah
'Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans'**

At a meeting held on November 19th, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-11-19-926, adopting the below recommendation from the November 5, 2025 Social Services Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Lucas Cleveland
Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Martin

"That the Social Services Committee support the correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding 'Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support this correspondence."

Council Resolution # 2025-11-19-926

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at bennett@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett



Council Resolution

Moved By L. Cleveland (LC)

Seconded By M. Martin (MM)

Agenda
Item 10

Resolution Number
2025-11-19- 926

Council Date: November 19, 2025

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the five Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held November 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2025), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Economic Development Committee, Item 7.a, Correspondence, Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion' - **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Economic Development Committee, Item 7.c, Correspondence, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative '2024 Annual Report and Presentation – **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Economic Development Committee, Item 8.c, Report 2025-219 'Alnwick/Haldimand Plan of Subdivision-D12-AH2301 (New Danforth)- **Held by Councillor Cleveland**
- Social Services Committee, Item 9.b, 310 Division Street Community Liaison Committee, Meeting Minutes– **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote





Social Services Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: November 5, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.b

Resolution Number: 2025-11-05- 887

Moved by: B. Ostrander


Seconded by: J. Logel

Council Meeting Date: November 19, 2025

"That the Social Services Committee support the correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah regarding 'Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council support this correspondence."

Carried


Committee Chair's Signature



MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 295-25

Date: Sep 23, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council hereby receives and supports the resolution from Perry regarding Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister of Veterans Affairs Jill Mcknight, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois Yves-Francois Blanchet, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay Superior-North Patty Hajdu, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities;

AND THAT the same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**

Signature



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario POA 1J0

Date: September 3, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 310

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Township of Perry recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit

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

That this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

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

Carried: ✓

Defeated: _____


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: November 26, 2025

Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

Resolution Number: 2025-345

Moved By: Mayor Gould

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS violent home invasions have increased in several regions of Ontario, creating growing fear and frustration among residents;

AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners increasingly believe that current self-defence laws do not provide sufficient or clear protection for individuals who lawfully defend themselves and their families during violent intrusions;

AND WHEREAS rural residents often experience police response times that can exceed 30 minutes or more, leaving citizens without immediate protection when confronted with life-threatening emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the absence of "home invasion" as a distinct offence in the national Uniform Crime Reporting system prevents governments from understanding the true scale of this crime and responding appropriately;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has repeatedly called for strengthened homeowner protections, including consideration of castle-law-style provisions, and for the federal government to act;

AND WHEREAS residents expect all levels of government to take decisive action to address gaps that leave families vulnerable in their own homes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality of Calvin strongly supports the Province of Ontario's call for strengthened homeowner self-defence protections, including the adoption of clear and robust "castle law"-type provisions to ensure that law-abiding residents can protect themselves without fear of unjust prosecution.
2. Council calls on the Government of Canada to immediately prioritize reforms to the Criminal Code that strengthen and clarify the rights of homeowners who act in legitimate self-defence during violent home invasions.
3. Council demands that the federal government amend the Uniform Crime Reporting system to classify "home invasion" as a distinct criminal offence, allowing for accurate tracking, targeted enforcement, and informed public policy.
4. Council urges the Province of Ontario to take stronger action to monitor, publish, and improve police response times in rural and northern communities, and to ensure that residents are not left unprotected due to resourcing shortages.
5. Council encourages all Ontario municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to demonstrate a unified municipal voice calling for urgent reforms that protect citizens in their homes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to:
The Prime Minister of Canada, The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.
The Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General of Ontario,
MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.

Results: Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2025-345 passed by the
Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin
on the 25th day of November 2025.



Deputy Clerk

Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

Agenda Item: Resolution – Background Report (Submitted by Mayor Gould)

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has repeatedly called for a review or adoption of “castle laws” in Canada, beginning June 16, 2025, and continuing in August and October of 2025. Premier Ford has emphasized that Ontario families must feel safe in their homes and that law-abiding residents should not face legal uncertainty when legitimately defending themselves from violent intruders.

Several urban and suburban regions, including York and Peel, have experienced a documented rise in violent home invasions and have established dedicated task forces to address this trend. In contrast, rural communities lack reliable statistics because “home invasion” is not recognized as a distinct offence under the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. As a result, these incidents are recorded under broader categories such as break-and-enter or assault, making it difficult to assess the true scale of the problem outside major urban centres.

Rural residents face additional vulnerabilities due to limited policing resources and significantly longer emergency response times, which can leave homeowners without immediate protection during life-threatening situations. These conditions highlight the need for clearer legal protections for homeowners, improved crime-tracking practices, and decisive action from both provincial and federal governments to enhance public safety.

Resolution: Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

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AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners increasingly believe that current self-defence laws do not provide sufficient or clear protection for individuals who lawfully defend themselves and their families during violent intrusions;

AND WHEREAS rural residents often experience police response times that can exceed 30 minutes or more, leaving citizens without immediate protection when confronted with life-threatening emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the absence of “home invasion” as a distinct offence in the national Uniform Crime Reporting system prevents governments from understanding the true scale of this crime and responding appropriately;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has repeatedly called for strengthened homeowner protections, including consideration of castle-law-style provisions, and for the federal government to act;

AND WHEREAS residents expect all levels of government to take decisive action to address gaps that leave families vulnerable in their own homes;

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The Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General of Ontario,
MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.



November 28, 2025

Premier Doug Ford

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held November 25, 2025 adopted the following:

12.4.11 Professional Activity (P.A) Day on Municipal Election Day – School Boards - Councillor Carpenter

Councillor Carpenter read the title of his notice of motion:

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are responsible for organizing and administering municipal and school board elections every four years, as mandated under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*; and

WHEREAS local schools are traditionally among the most convenient, accessible, and familiar polling locations for voters in all communities; and

WHEREAS schools offer important accessibility features such as level entrances, parking, and public visibility that make them ideal polling stations, particularly for seniors, parents, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the use of schools as polling locations can lead to increased costs with regards to ensuring the safety and security of students; and

WHEREAS many municipalities face challenges securing suitable and accessible alternative voting locations, resulting in increased costs and reduced accessibility for voters; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act provides that school boards shall provide their facilities free of charge for the Municipal and School board elections; and

WHEREAS holding a province-wide Professional Activity (P.A.) Day for all publicly funded schools on municipal election day would alleviate concerns from school administrators for voting purposes while maintaining student safety; and

WHEREAS this coordinated approach would enhance voter convenience, improve accessibility, and help strengthen civic engagement and democratic participation by allowing electors to vote at their local schools without disrupting the student body; and

WHEREAS it would also create efficiencies and potential cost savings for municipalities by reducing the need to rent alternative facilities or implement special security measures; and

WHEREAS aligning a P.A. Day with municipal election day would require minimal disruption to the school calendar, as school boards already schedule several P.A. Days each academic year; and

WHEREAS this measure would demonstrate a spirit of cooperation between the Province of Ontario, local municipalities, and school boards to promote civic engagement and fiscal responsibility;

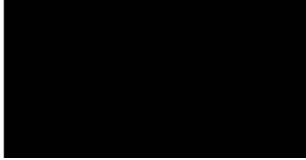
WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and its members have lobbied the Province to establish a P.A day on Election Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Council of the City of Brantford respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to consider directing all publicly funded school boards in Ontario to schedule a Professional Activity (P.A.) Day on the date of the municipal election in each election year; and
- B. That this direction be made in consultation with the Ministry of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and school board associations, to ensure consistency across the province; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - i. The Premier of Ontario;
 - ii. The Minister of Education;
 - iii. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - iv. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA);
 - v. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA); and
 - vi. All Ontario municipalities for their information and support
 - vii. MPP Will Bouma

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
cgauthier@brantford.ca

CC - The Minister of Education paul.calandra@pc.ola.org

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) Bwallace@opsba.org

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA) aobrien@ocsta.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario - resolutions@amo.on.ca

All Ontario municipalities for their information and support

MPP Will Bouma - will.bouma@pc.ola.org



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OF MADAWASKA VALLEY**

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Moved by: Mary Blank
Seconded by: Ernie Peplinski

05-RC-18 Nov 2025
18 November 2025

BE IT RESOLVED

The Council of the Township of Madawaska Valley, at their Regular Council Meeting on November 18, 2025, reviewed the correspondence and resolution from Brudenell, Lyndoch Raglan Township and passed unanimously the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Madawaska Valley is in support of the City of Dryden's resolution requesting to incorporate mandatory water safety and Survive-to-Swim training into elementary curriculum for all Ontario students.

AND FURTHER, that this resolution be copied to the City of Dryden and be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Ontario Municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

X CARRIED

Suzanne Klatt

Suzanne Klatt, CAO/Clerk

***Replies to this correspondence can be forwarded
electronically to dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca***



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting No. 09/25

Thursday, October 16th, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Watershed Room, SNC

Directors Present:

Steve Densham, Stormont Dundas Glengarry, Chair
Linda Payant, City of Ottawa
Tom Smyth, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
Bill Smirle, Stormont Dundas Glengarry
François St. Amour, Prescott Russell
Mike Tarnowski, Prescott Russell
Deb Wilson, Leeds Grenville
Adrian Wynands, Leeds Grenville, Vice Chair

Regrets:

Catherine Kitts, City of Ottawa, Second Vice Chair
Genevieve Lajoie, Prescott Russell
Mathew Luloff, City of Ottawa
Isabelle Skalski, City of Ottawa

Staff Present:

Carl Bickerdike, Chief Administrative Officer
Johanna Barkley, Director of Finance
Ronda Boutz, Secretary-Treasurer
Jennifer Boyer, Managing Director, Approvals
Donna Ferguson, Accounting Technician
Sandra Mancini, Managing Director, Natural Hazards and Infrastructure
John Mesman, Managing Director, Property, Conservation Lands and Community Outreach
Eric McGill, Corporate Counsel
Pat Piitz, Team Lead, Property





TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

John Mesman, read the Indigenous land acknowledgement.

CHAIRS REMARKS

Steve Densham, Chair, called the SNC Board of Directors meeting of October 16th, 2025 to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF SNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. BD-178/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the October 16th, 2025 main and supplemental agenda as amended:

- Supplemental Agenda Item 1c., be moved to precede main agenda item 7a.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-179/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Tom Smyth

RESOLVED THAT:

The Members approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes of September 18th, 2025 as submitted.

CARRIED

B. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: SNC COMMITTEES MEETING HIGHLIGHTS AND MINUTES OF:

- Watershed Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 23rd, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-180/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: Bill Smirle



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve the actions and recommendations of the following Committees meetings:

i. Watershed Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 23rd, 2025.

CARRIED

SNC PROJECT UPDATE: POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

Staff presented the members with a PowerPoint presentation on project updates.

The Board of Directors recessed for a break at 10:15 a.m.

The Board of Directors reconvened from break at 10:26 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

LAND SECUREMENT FUNDING DECISION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-181/25

Moved by: Tom Smyth
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the land securement funding decision report.

CARRIED

FOR REVIEW: PROPOSED 2026 LEVIES

RESOLUTION NO. BD-182/25

Moved by: Linda Payant
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors receive the proposed 2026 general levy, at \$4,847,480, and the proposed capital levy of \$209,093, for review and comment; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors receive the following proposed 2025 City of Ottawa special levies for review and comment:

1. Ottawa Rural Clean Water Program: \$200,000
2. Ottawa Tree Replacement Program: \$200,000
3. Eastern Ontario Water Resource Program: \$50,000
4. Ottawa Baseline Monitoring Program: \$47,000

CARRIED



REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN [DRAFT]

RESOLUTION NO. BD-183/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski

Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Draft Asset Management Plan; and

FURTHER THAT:

Staff bring back an updated Draft Asset Management Plan, with financing options, to the November 2025 meeting.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: GROWING CANADA'S COMMUNITY CANOPIES FUNDING AGREEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-184/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands

Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into a multi-year agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Green Municipal Fund – Growing Canada's Community Canopies program to receive \$372,400 in funding for the "Greening Community Spaces in the South Nation Conservation Jurisdiction: A Municipal Tree Planting Partnership"; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve entering into contribution agreements with municipal partners to undertake the "Greening Community Spaces in the South Nation Conservation Jurisdiction: A Municipal Tree Planting Partnership" project.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: FUNDING SUBMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-185/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski

Seconded by: Linda Payant

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approves the submission of a funding application to the Wetlands Conservation Partner Program requesting \$200,000 for the



restoration and enhancement of the Two Creeks Forest Conservation Area and Leitrim Wetland in 2026.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: WETLAND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

RESOLUTION NO. BD-186/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: Deb Wilson

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve hiring Contractor A to complete a wetland restoration project at the Snake Island Forest property at an approximate cost of \$70,000 plus HST; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board of Directors approve hiring Contractor E to complete a wetland restoration project at SNC Property 188 at an approximate cost of \$85,000 plus HST.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSEMENT REGISTER FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-187/25

Moved by: Tom Smyth
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the money received report for September 2025; and

FURTHER THAT:

The Board approve the Disbursement Register of \$694,222.37 for September 2025.

CARRIED

MONTHLY UPDATES:

- i. **PLANNING ACTIVITY**
- ii. **ENGINEERING TECHNICAL REVIEWS**
- iii. **SECTION 28.1 PERMITS ISSUED**
- iv. **ENFORCEMENT OF PARTS VI AND VII OF THE ACT**
- v. **ON-SITE SEWAGE PERMITS RECEIVED**

RESOLUTION NO. BD-188/25

Moved by: Adrian Wynands
Seconded by: François St. Amour



RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the following updates for August 2025:

- i. Planning Activity;
- ii. Engineering Technical Reviews;
- iii. Permits issued under Section 28.1 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*;
- iv. Reported *Conservation Authorities Act* regulation concerns received; and
- v. On-site sewage permits received.

CARRIED

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

UPDATE: ESTIMATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. BD-189/25

Moved by: Mike Tarnowski
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the Estimated Statement of Operations for the year ending December 31st, 2025, as of September 30th, 2025.

CARRIED

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL: HYDROMETRIC STATION INSTALLATION – EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

RESOLUTION NO. BD-190/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors approve purchasing hydrometric equipment for Water Response Programs to an upset limit of approximately \$50,000 plus HST.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

None



DATES OF UCOMING MEETINGS, THIRD THURSDAY, AT 9:00 A.M. UNLESS INDICATED OTHERWISE:

- November 20th, 2025 (2026 Draft Budget presentation)
- December 11th, 2025 (Note: second Thursday of the month)

FUTURE MOTIONS OF THE BOARD AND/OR DISCUSSION OF SNC ISSUES

None.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-191/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Closed Session for the following:
a. Update: Land Acquisition: 2025-OTT-03 [Ottawa] [verbal]
b. Update: Legal Matter [verbal]

CARRIED

The Board convened Closed Session at 11:49 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. BD-192/25

Moved by: Bill Smirle
Seconded by: Adrian Wynands

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors move into Open Session.

CARRIED

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 11:59 a.m.

UPDATE: LAND ACQUISITION: 2025-OTT-03 [OTTAWA] [VERBAL]

RESOLUTION NO. BD-193/25

Moved by: Tom Smyth
Seconded by: François St. Amour

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the verbal update on the Land Acquisitions 2025-OTT-03 [Ottawa].

CARRIED



UPDATE: LEGAL MATTER [VERBAL]

RESOLUTION NO. BD-194/25

Moved by: Tom Smyth
Seconded by: Mike Tarnowski

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors receive and file the verbal update on the Land Acquisitions 2025-OTT-03 [Ottawa].

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. BD-195/25

Moved by: Deb Wilson
Seconded by: Bill Smirle

RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Directors meeting of October 16th, 2025 be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Steve Densham,
Chair.

Carl Bickerdike,
Chief Administrative Officer.

/rb



November 24, 2025

Township of North Glengarry

Dear Mayor Jamie MacDonald, Interim CAO Tim Simpson and Council,

**Re: Proposed Amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and ERO Posting
#025-1257 – Request for Municipal Support**

On behalf of the South Nation Conservation (SNC) Board of Directors, I am writing to share our Statement on the Ontario's proposal to amend the *Conservation Authorities Act* and consolidate Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into 7 regional agencies.

SNC has proudly served your municipality since 1947, operating as a locally governed, municipal partnership designed to protect people, property, farmland, and natural systems. Today, municipalities fund the vast majority of SNC's programs and services, while provincial contributions have declined to approximately 3% of SNC's annual operating budget. This reality underscores the importance of maintaining strong local decision-making, oversight, and accountability for services funded primarily through municipal levy dollars.

Our Board is deeply concerned that the proposed regional restructuring—including the creation of a new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency—would significantly reduce local municipal representation, weaken watershed-based decision-making, and diminish the responsiveness and local service delivery that Eastern Ontario communities rely on.

We support provincial goals related to consistency, modernization, and digital permitting; however, these improvements can all be achieved without dismantling the current locally governed model, which has protected communities for nearly 80 years.

We respectfully request that your Council consider adopting the attached draft Resolution, which aligns closely with SDG Counties position, and reinforces the importance of maintaining:

- Local governance and rural representation
- Municipal oversight of levy-funded programs
- Local stewardship of donor lands and municipal conservation properties
- Trusted partnerships for emergencies, planning review, and agricultural support

Your voice is critical. Municipal leadership created conservation authorities, fund the majority of their operations, and have decades of established partnership with SNC. A strong municipal response will ensure that any provincial changes are evidence-based, transparent, and respect the unique needs of Eastern Ontario.

We welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss these proposed changes and their implications. SNC will also be submitting comments to the Environmental Registry by the December 22, 2025.

Thank you for your leadership and continued support.

Sincerely,

Steve Densham
Chair, Board of Directors
South Nation Conservation





Le 24 novembre 2025

Canton de North Glengarry

Cher maire Jamie MacDonald, directeur general Tim Simpson, Conseil,

Objet : Réponse proposée à la modification de la Loi sur les offices de protection de la nature et à l'Avis au Registre environnemental #025-1257 – Demande de soutien municipal

Au nom du Conseil d'administration de la Conservation de la Nation Sud (CNS), je vous écris pour vous faire part de notre déclaration concernant la proposition de l'Ontario visant à modifier la *Loi sur les offices de protection de la nature* et à regrouper les 36 offices de protection de la nature de l'Ontario en 7 agences régionales.

La CNS est fière de servir votre municipalité depuis 1947, en tant que partenariat municipal à gouvernance locale visant à protéger les personnes, les biens, les terres agricoles et les systèmes naturels. Aujourd'hui, les municipalités financent la grande majorité des programmes et services de la CNS, tandis que les contributions provinciales ont diminué pour représenter environ 3 % du budget de fonctionnement annuel de la CNS. Cette réalité souligne l'importance de maintenir une prise de décision, une surveillance et une responsabilité locales solides pour les services financés principalement par les taxes municipales.

Notre Conseil d'administration est profondément préoccupé par le fait que la restructuration régionale proposée, y compris la création d'une nouvelle agence provinciale de conservation de l'Ontario, réduirait considérablement la représentation municipale locale, affaiblirait la prise de décision au niveau des bassins versants et diminuerait la réactivité et la prestation de services locaux dont dépendent les communautés de l'Est de l'Ontario.

Nous soutenons les objectifs provinciaux en matière de cohérence, de modernisation et de délivrance de permis numériques ; cependant, ces améliorations peuvent toutes être réalisées sans démanteler le modèle actuel de gouvernance locale, qui protège les communautés depuis près de 80 ans.

Nous demandons respectueusement à votre Conseil municipal d'envisager l'adoption du projet de résolution ci-joint, qui correspond étroitement à la position des comtés SDG et renforce l'importance de maintenir :

- La gouvernance locale et la représentation rurale,
- la supervision municipale des programmes financés par les redevances,
- la gestion locale des terres données et des propriétés municipales de conservation,
- des partenariats de confiance pour les urgences, l'examen des plans et le soutien à l'agriculture.

Votre voix est essentielle. Les dirigeants municipaux ont créé les offices de protection de la nature, financent la majorité de leurs activités et entretiennent depuis des décennies un partenariat établi avec la CNS.

Une réponse municipale forte garantira que tout changement provincial sera fondé sur des preuves, transparent et respectueux des besoins uniques de l'Est de l'Ontario.

Nous nous réjouissons de pouvoir vous rencontrer pour discuter de ces changements proposés et de leurs implications. La CNS soumettra également ses commentaires au Registre environnemental avant le 22 décembre 2025.

Nous vous remercions de votre leadership et de votre soutien continu.

Cordialement,

Steve Densham
Président du Conseil d'administration
Conservation de la Nation Sud



SNC Responds to Provincial Proposal to Restructure Conservation Authorities

Conservation Authorities Were Created “For the People, By the People” — SNC Highlights Importance of Local Governance and Community Accountability

November 24, 2025

South Nation Conservation (SNC) is reviewing the Province of Ontario’s proposal to amend the *Conservation Authorities Act* and consolidate Ontario’s 36 Conservation Authorities into seven regional bodies overseen by a new provincial agency (ERO Posting #025-1257). The Environmental Registry consultation is open until December 22, 2025.

This proposal represents the most significant change to Ontario’s environmental management system in 80 years.

Conservation Authorities were established as locally governed, watershed-based agencies — created by municipalities, funded by municipalities, and accountable to municipalities. They were founded on the principle that natural resources must be managed at the watershed scale, because drainage, flooding, erosion, and water quality follow watershed boundaries — not administrative borders.

Historically, the Province funded up to 50% of Conservation Authority operations; today, provincial support has fallen to roughly 3%, leaving municipalities to fund the majority of watershed services. SNC is concerned that the proposed restructuring would shift governance away from the municipalities who created and fund Conservation Authorities, resulting in a significant loss of local decision-making, community accountability, and rural representation.

While SNC supports provincial goals to improve consistency and modernize digital permitting, these objectives can be achieved without removing local governance or amalgamating watershed agencies into large provincial structures.

SNC Services Continue Without Disruption

SNC continues to deliver all watershed programs across its 4,480 km² jurisdiction, including:

- natural hazard management and permitting
- watershed planning and development review
- flood forecasting and low water response
- drinking water source protection
- forestry, restoration, and stewardship programs
- agricultural support and cost-share programs
- management of over 13,000 acres of conservation lands

Conservation Authorities are the only environmental agencies with boots on-the-ground providing natural resource management, local monitoring, site visits, emergency response, and technical expertise to municipalities, landowners, and farm families.





Proposal Lacks Transparency – SNC Supports Timely Sustainable Development

SNC is concerned about the limited information provided to support the restructuring proposal. Municipalities and Indigenous communities received minimal advance notice, no cost-benefit analysis or transition plan has been released, and the proposal offers no clarity on how land transfers, municipal service agreements, risk management offices, or emergency response roles would function.

The ERO posting also does not reference Bill 68 (Schedule 3) — the legislation enabling consolidation — making it difficult for the public to understand the full scope of changes.

Despite claims of inefficiency, SNC issues over 98% of permits within provincial timelines, and provincial reports, including the Province’s Housing Affordability Task Force Report, do not identify Conservation Authorities as barriers to housing or development.

SNC also demonstrates how shared-service delivery models can reduce municipal costs and improve service quality: SNC delivers Ontario Building Code: Part 8 sewage system permitting on behalf of 16 municipalities, issuing 100% of permits within required timelines, with an average review period of just 9 days.

SNC plays an essential role in helping municipalities meet their development targets: 100% of planning reviews and development-related screenings are completed within municipal timelines, and SNC staff work directly with municipal planners, developers, and property owners to resolve issues early, reduce delays, and support local economic growth.

In 2023, the Province removed Conservation Authorities’ ability to provide natural heritage reviews and hydrogeological services for municipalities. This change has not worked for rural Ontario, forcing municipalities to hire private consultants at higher cost, with longer timelines, and with less local knowledge — undermining the coordinated, affordable service model that previously supported rural development.

Donor Lands and Municipal Properties Must Remain Locally Stewarded

Much of SNC’s land base was donated by local residents and farm families with the expectation of permanent, local stewardship. Transferring these properties to a distant regional authority raises concerns regarding:

- charitable trust obligations
- donor intent
- *Income Tax Act* requirements
- municipal conservation land agreements
- conservation easements and bequests

Maintaining donor confidence is essential to sustaining long-term conservation partnerships in Eastern Ontario.



Bilingual Service Obligations Must Be Protected

SNC is the only bilingual Conservation Authority in Southern Ontario, serving municipalities designated under the *French Language Services Act*. Any restructuring must ensure continued access to bilingual services and avoid downloading new bilingual obligations onto municipalities that do not operate in both official languages. Integrating SNC into a larger region risks weakening bilingual service quality and increasing local administrative costs.

Watershed-Based Management Must Be Preserved

Eastern Ontario's unique hydrology and geology — including the Casselman-to-Lemieux Potential Retrogressive Landslide Area and sensitive Leda clay plains — require specialized management rather than “consistency” delivered from distant regional offices. Effective watershed management depends on local policies that reflect local conditions and realities.

SNC is part of the Ottawa Conservation Partners with Rideau Valley and Mississippi Valley Conservation Authorities, working seamlessly with the City of Ottawa to align planning reviews, environmental monitoring, and stewardship delivery on private property.

SNC also delivers specialized agricultural stewardship programs built around local soils, farm practices, and long-standing relationships. These programs are not universally delivered across the province, but they are essential in SNC's region, where agriculture represents the largest land base and a major economic driver. These tailored services risk being diminished under a broad, standardized regional model.

Restructuring Would Increase Costs and Disrupt Services

Large-scale consolidation would require major transitions in governance, staffing, IT systems, land and asset transfers, and municipal agreements — diverting resources away from frontline watershed programs.

SNC also emphasizes its strong support for Conservation Ontario, the network agency for Conservation Authorities. Municipalities are concerned that their locally raised tax dollars may be redirected away from Conservation Ontario and toward establishing a new provincial agency — costs that should be borne by the Province, not municipalities.

Since 2020, Conservation Authorities have already undergone substantial regulatory and administrative change, including new provincial regulations (O. Reg. 41/24), mandatory municipal service agreements, and governance policy updates. Layering full consolidation on top of these recent changes would significantly increase administrative burden, slow response times, and reduce service quality during a period of escalating climate-driven natural hazards.

Many smaller Conservation Authorities — much like small municipalities — would genuinely benefit from consolidation or enhanced shared-service models. These organizations should be the Province's focus, not restructuring large, high-performing Conservation Authorities that already deliver efficient, coordinated local services.



Modernization Can Continue Without Structural Reform

SNC welcomes modernization efforts, including the introduction of a new online provincial permitting portal to improve transparency and customer service.

There are also meaningful opportunities for shared-service solutions — such as modern IT systems, digital infrastructure, and information management — that could improve efficiency across Conservation Authorities.

These improvements can be implemented within Ontario's current watershed-based model. Structural amalgamation is not required and would weaken the municipal relationships necessary to deliver effective watershed management.

SNC's Position Remains Clear

SNC and its member municipalities will be submitting comments with Conservation Ontario to the Province and encourage community partners and residents to provide input before December 22, 2025, at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1257>.

Modernization must not come at the expense of:

- local accountability and decision-making
- rural representation
- watershed-based science and natural hazard expertise
- donor trust and municipal land agreements
- agricultural partnerships and on-the-ground service delivery
- bilingual service obligations
- community safety and emergency response capacity

SNC remains committed to protecting people and property, supporting municipalities and landowners, safeguarding drinking water, restoring natural systems, and delivering high-quality watershed services across Eastern Ontario.

Healthy watersheds are the foundation of healthy communities and strong local economies. SNC supports the Province's goal of improving service delivery, strengthening natural hazard management, and enhancing digital permitting tools to help streamline the development process. We encourage the government to build on the significant strengths already present within Ontario's Conservation Authority system, rather than replacing them, by investing in modernization, supporting local capacity, and ensuring sustainable provincial funding.

Given that it already takes over an hour to travel across SNC's watershed, strong local offices and locally based technical staff are essential to delivering rapid site visits, emergency response, field monitoring, permitting, and stewardship services. Protecting our communities and supporting sustainable development depend on maintaining local capacity where people live and work.

With the right commitment, this moment can become an opportunity to shape the future of conservation in Ontario in a meaningful and lasting way.



La CNS réagit à la proposition provinciale visant à restructurer les offices de protection de la nature

**Les offices de protection de la nature ont été créés « par le peuple et pour le peuple » —
La CNS souligne l'importance de la gouvernance locale et de la responsabilité communautaire**

Le 24 novembre 2025

La Conservation de la Nation Sud (CNS) examine la proposition de la province de l'Ontario de modifier la *Loi sur les offices de protection de la nature* et de regrouper les 36 offices de protection de la nature de la province en sept organismes régionaux supervisés par une nouvelle agence provinciale (Avis au Registre environnemental #025-1257). La période de consultation se termine le 22 décembre 2025.

Cette proposition représente le changement le plus important au système de gestion environnementale de l'Ontario depuis 80 ans.

Les offices de protection de la nature ont été créés comme des organismes locaux, gérés à l'échelle du bassin versant — créés par les municipalités, financés par les municipalités et responsables devant les municipalités. Ils reposent sur le principe selon lequel la gestion des ressources naturelles doit se faire à l'échelle du bassin versant, puisque le drainage, les inondations, l'érosion et la qualité de l'eau suivent les limites naturelles des bassins hydrographiques — et non les frontières administratives.

Historiquement, la Province finançait jusqu'à 50 % des opérations des offices de protection de la nature; aujourd'hui, ce soutien provincial s'est réduit à environ 3 %, laissant les municipalités assumer la majorité des services de gestion du bassin versant. La CNS craint que la restructuration proposée n'éloigne la gouvernance des municipalités qui ont créé et financent les offices, entraînant une perte importante de prise de décision locale, de responsabilité communautaire et de représentation rurale.

Bien que la CNS appuie les objectifs provinciaux visant à améliorer la cohérence et à moderniser la délivrance numérique des permis, ces objectifs peuvent être atteints sans éliminer la gouvernance locale ni regrouper les organismes de bassin versant en grandes structures provinciales.

Les services de la CNS se poursuivent sans interruption

La CNS continue d'offrir l'ensemble de ses programmes dans son territoire de 4 480 km², notamment :

- la gestion des risques naturels et la délivrance des permis
- l'examen de l'aménagement du territoire et du développement
- la prévision des crues et la gestion des bas niveaux d'eau
- la protection des sources d'eau potable
- les programmes de foresterie, de restauration et d'intendance
- les programmes agricoles et les subventions partagées
- la gestion de plus de 13 000 acres de terres de conservation

Les offices de protection de la nature sont les seuls organismes environnementaux dotés d'équipes de terrain offrant la gestion des ressources naturelles, la surveillance locale, les visites de sites, le soutien en situation d'urgence et une expertise technique aux municipalités, aux propriétaires fonciers et aux familles agricoles.





Manque de transparence — La CNS appuie un développement durable et opportun

La CNS est préoccupée par le peu d'information fournie pour appuyer la proposition de restructuration. Les municipalités et les communautés autochtones ont reçu très peu d'avis préalable; aucun plan de transition ni analyse des coûts-avantages n'ont été publiés, et la proposition ne clarifie pas la gestion éventuelle des transferts de terres, des ententes municipales, des bureaux de gestion des risques ou des rôles en matière d'intervention d'urgence.

L'avis du Registre environnemental ne renvoie pas non plus au projet de loi 68 (Annexe 3) — la législation qui permettrait la consolidation — rendant difficile pour le public de comprendre la portée réelle des changements.

Malgré les affirmations d'inefficacité, la CNS délivre plus de 98 % de ses permis dans les délais provinciaux, et les rapports provinciaux — y compris le Groupe d'étude sur le logement abordable — n'identifient pas les offices de protection de la nature comme un obstacle au logement ou au développement.

La CNS démontre également qu'un modèle de services partagés peut réduire les coûts municipaux et améliorer la qualité des services : la CNS administre la délivrance des permis pour les systèmes septiques en vertu de la Partie 8 du Code du bâtiment de l'Ontario au nom de 16 municipalités, en délivrant 100 % des permis dans les délais requis, avec un délai moyen d'examen de 9 jours.

La CNS joue un rôle essentiel dans l'atteinte des cibles de croissance municipale : 100 % des examens de planification et des analyses liées au développement sont réalisés dans les délais municipaux, et le personnel de la CNS collabore directement avec les urbanistes municipaux, les promoteurs et les propriétaires pour résoudre les enjeux tôt, réduire les retards et soutenir la croissance économique locale.

En 2023, la Province a retiré aux offices de protection de la nature la capacité de fournir des examens du patrimoine naturel et des études hydrogéologiques pour les municipalités. Ce changement n'a pas bien servi les régions rurales, forçant les municipalités à recourir à des consultants privés — à coût plus élevé, avec des délais plus longs et avec moins de connaissances locales — compromettant ainsi le modèle coordonné et abordable qui appuyait auparavant le développement rural.

Les terres données et les propriétés municipales doivent rester sous une gestion locale

Une grande partie des terres de la CNS a été donnée par des résidents locaux et des familles agricoles avec l'attente d'une gestion locale et permanente. Le transfert de ces propriétés à une autorité régionale éloignée soulève des préoccupations liées :

- aux obligations fiduciaires
- à l'intention des donateurs
- aux exigences de la *Loi de l'impôt sur le revenu*
- aux ententes municipales sur les terres de conservation
- aux servitudes de conservation et aux legs

Maintenir la confiance des donateurs est essentiel à la continuité des partenariats de conservation dans l'Est ontarien.



Les obligations en matière de services bilingues doivent être protégées

La CNS est le seul office bilingue du sud de l'Ontario et dessert des municipalités désignées en vertu de la *Loi sur les services en français*. Toute restructuration doit garantir l'accès continu aux services bilingues et éviter de transférer de nouvelles obligations linguistiques à des municipalités qui n'offrent pas déjà des services dans les deux langues officielles. L'intégration de la CNS dans une région plus vaste risque affaiblir la qualité des services bilingues et d'augmenter les coûts administratifs locaux.

La gestion à l'échelle du bassin versant doit être préservée

L'hydrologie et la géologie uniques de l'Est ontarien — y compris la zone potentielle de glissement de terrain rétrogressifs de Casselman à Lemieux et les argiles sensibles de Leda — exigent une expertise spécialisée, plutôt qu'une « uniformité » imposée à partir de bureaux régionaux éloignés. Une gestion efficace du bassin versant dépend de politiques locales adaptées aux conditions et réalités locales.

La CNS fait partie des Partenaires de conservation d'Ottawa avec les offices de protection de la Vallée Rideau et de la Vallée Mississippi, collaborant étroitement avec la Ville d'Ottawa pour harmoniser les examens de planification, la surveillance environnementale et la prestation de programmes d'intendance sur les propriétés privées.

La CNS offre également des programmes agricoles spécialisés adaptés aux sols locaux, aux pratiques agricoles et aux partenariats de longue date. Ces programmes ne sont pas offerts de manière uniforme à l'échelle provinciale, mais ils sont essentiels dans la région de la CNS, où l'agriculture constitue la plus grande superficie et un moteur économique majeur. Ces services adaptés risquent d'être affaiblis sous un modèle régional standardisé.

La restructuration entraînerait une augmentation des coûts et perturberait les services

Une consolidation à grande échelle exigerait des transitions majeures en matière de gouvernance, de dotation en personnel, de systèmes informatiques, de transferts de terres et d'actifs, et d'ententes municipales — détournant des ressources des programmes de conservation essentiels.

La CNS réitère également son soutien à Conservation Ontario, l'organisme-cadre des offices de protection de la nature. Les municipalités craignent que leurs revenus locaux soient redirigés de Conservation Ontario pour financer une nouvelle agence provinciale — des coûts qui devraient être assumés par la Province, et non par les municipalités.

Depuis 2020, les offices ont déjà subi des changements réglementaires importants, notamment le Règlement de l'Ontario 41/24, des ententes de services obligatoires avec les municipalités et des mises à jour de gouvernance. L'ajout d'une consolidation complète à ces changements récents augmenterait considérablement la charge administrative, ralentirait les temps de réponse et réduirait la qualité des services dans une période où les risques naturels liés au climat s'intensifient.

De nombreuses petites offices de protection de la nature, tout comme les petites municipalités, tireraient véritablement profit d'une consolidation ou de modèles améliorés de services partagés. La province devrait se concentrer sur ces organisations plutôt que de restructurer les grands offices de protection de la nature très performantes qui fournissent déjà des services locaux efficaces et coordonnés.



La modernisation peut se poursuivre sans réforme structurelle

La CNS appuie les efforts de modernisation, notamment la mise en place d'un nouveau portail provincial en ligne pour la délivrance des permis, afin d'améliorer la transparence et le service à la clientèle.

Il existe également des possibilités importantes pour des services partagés — tels que les systèmes informatiques modernes, l'infrastructure numérique et la gestion de l'information — qui pourraient améliorer l'efficacité à l'échelle des offices de protection de la nature.

Ces améliorations peuvent être réalisées dans le cadre du modèle actuel de gestion par bassin versant. Une amalgamation structurelle n'est pas nécessaire et affaiblirait les relations municipales essentielles à une gestion efficace du territoire.

La position de la CNS demeure claire

La CNS et ses municipalités membres soumettront leurs commentaires — conjointement avec Conservation Ontario — et encouragent les partenaires communautaires et les résidents à faire part de leurs commentaires avant le 22 décembre 2025, à l'adresse :

<https://ero.ontario.ca/fr/notice/025-1257>

La modernisation ne doit pas se faire au détriment :

- de la responsabilité et de la prise de décision locales
- de la représentation rurale
- de la science et de l'expertise en matière de risques naturels
- de la confiance des donateurs et des ententes foncières municipales
- des partenariats agricoles et des services techniques de terrain
- des obligations de services bilingues
- de la sécurité communautaire et de la capacité d'intervention d'urgence

La CNS demeure engagée à protéger les personnes et les biens, à soutenir les municipalités et les propriétaires fonciers, à protéger les sources d'eau potable, à restaurer les systèmes naturels et à fournir des services de haute qualité dans tout l'Est ontarien.

Les bassins versants en santé sont à la base de communautés en santé et d'économies fortes. La CNS appuie l'objectif de la Province visant à améliorer la prestation de services, renforcer la gestion des risques naturels et moderniser les outils numériques de délivrance des permis afin d'accélérer le processus de développement. Nous encourageons le gouvernement à miser sur les forces déjà présentes au sein du système ontarien des offices de protection de la nature, plutôt que de le remplacer, en investissant dans la modernisation, en soutenant la capacité locale et en assurant un financement provincial durable.

Étant donné qu'il faut déjà plus d'une heure pour traverser le bassin versant de la CNS, le maintien de bureaux locaux et de personnel technique basé dans la région est essentiel pour assurer des visites de site rapides, l'intervention d'urgence, la surveillance sur le terrain, l'examen des permis et les services d'intendance. La protection de nos collectivités et le soutien au développement durable dépendent du maintien d'une capacité locale là où vivent et travaillent les gens.

Avec un engagement approprié, cette initiative peut devenir une occasion de façonner l'avenir de la conservation en Ontario de manière durable et significative.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

**BY-LAW 49-2025
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT, CONFIRM AND RATIFY MATTERS DEALT WITH BY
RESOLUTION.**

WHEREAS s. 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that the powers of municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council by by-law; and

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings, decisions and votes of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the action of the Council at its regular meeting of Monday December 8, 2025, in respect to each motion passed and taken by the Council at its meetings, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed, as if each resolution or other action was adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law and;
2. **THAT** the Mayor and the proper officers of the Township of North Glengarry 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 the Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix the corporate seal of the Township to all such documents.
3. **THAT** if due to the inclusion of a particular resolution or resolutions this By-law would be deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction then Section 1 to this By-law shall be deemed to apply to all motions passed except those that would make this By-law invalid.
4. **THAT** where a “Confirming By-law” conflicts with other by-laws the other by-laws shall take precedence. Where a “Confirming By-Law” conflicts with another “Confirming By-law” the most recent by-law shall take precedence.

READ a first, second and third time, passed, signed and sealed in Open Council this 8th day of December 2025.

CAO/Clerk / Deputy Clerk

Mayor / Deputy Mayor

I, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true copy of By-Law No. 49-2025, duly adopted by the Council of the Township of North Glengarry on the 8th day of December 2025

Certified CAO/Clerk / Deputy Clerk

Date