



Correspondence Items Presented for Information September 8, 2025

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- 10) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of North Glengarry Re: Producer Responsibility of Blue Boxes.
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- a) Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.
 - b) Township of Terrace Bay.
- 13) Correspondence from the Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Aurora Re:
- a) Bill 17 *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*.
 - b) Bill 5 *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*.
- 14) Correspondence from the Deputy Clerk, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Re: Advocacy for increased income support thresholds for Canadian veterans.

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July 29, 2025

Mayor Ian Boddy and City Council
City of Owen Sound
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Dear Mayor Boddy and Council:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Owen Sound Housing Company Limited, we wish to thank Council for the motion passed at their July 21, 2025 meeting.

As previously stated in our letter of July 18, 2025, Board was already scheduled to meet to discuss the City Report that was provided to us by Kate Allan.

The following motion was approved by Board:

“THAT the Board of Directors recognize the City’s initiative shown in the acquisition of three forfeited properties from the Province to be used for future development of additional affordable housing in Owen Sound

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors thanks the City for its kindness, consideration and generous offer to transfer said parcels to Owen Sound Housing Company Limited for development.”

The Board discussed at great lengths its capacity to develop these parcels in a timely manner. The following motion was passed:

“THAT Board express our concerns to City about our ability to develop said properties in a timely manner due to emerging issues presenting at an existing site, limited operational infrastructure and financial constraints.”

As there has been limited discussion to date relating to any possible transfer of lands, Board felt that it was important to ensure that City expectations and Owen Sound Housing limitations were properly vetted and determined prior to moving forward. We are concerned that our possible timeline for development is much further out than what Council may be expecting.

The second part of the meeting was required due to the change in motion from what we had seen in advance from City Staff to what was approved at the July 21 Council meeting.

The Board of Directors, in 2022 nearing the completion of the Odawa Heights development, had indicated that, moving forward, building and site amenities would not be named. This policy was reaffirmed at our July 24, 2025 meeting.

While we hope that there will be a way to move forward, we appreciate that the motion passed at Council is specific in nature.

We will await further discussion from Council.

Thank you again



Shari Huber
Executive Director

Cc Kate Allan, Director of Corporate Services
Briana Bloomfield, City Clerk ✓



July 21, 2025

City of Owen Sound
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Attn: Mayor Ian Boddy
City Council

RE: Support for Adopting the New Affordable Property Tax Subclass

Dear Mayor Boddy and Council:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation and Owen Sound Housing Company Limited to ask that the municipality adopt the new affordable rental housing property tax subclass recently introduced by the Ontario government.

This optional tool would allow Owen Sound to reduce property taxes by up to 35% for eligible affordable rental units (including both new and existing homes). These savings would help organizations like ours keep rents affordable and reinvest in our buildings and supports for residents.

To qualify, units must meet the province's definition of affordability, meaning rents would not exceed the lesser of an income-based rent amount and the average market rent, as outlined in the Ministry's Affordable Residential Units bulletin.

We understand that the subclass won't apply automatically. It requires a local by-law to be passed by September 30, 2025 for this new tool to take effect in 2026.

We're encouraging Owen Sound to:

- Review the new regulations (O. Reg 73/25, 74/25, and 75/25)
- Bring forward a by-law so this tool can be used to support affordable housing in our community

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We would be happy to speak with you further about the positive impact this could have on local housing providers and residents. Thank you for your continued leadership on affordable housing issues.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shari Huber".

Shari Huber
Executive Director

Cc B. Bloomfield, City Clerk ✓
A.M. Shaw, Director of Community Services
County of Grey

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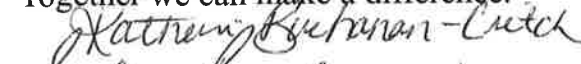

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month, and we invite everyone to join us on Friday September 5th at 2 pm for a Flag Raising event at Owen Sound City Hall. This gold ribbon flag acknowledges the thousands of children and their families who are presently dealing with a cancer diagnosis and those we have loved and lost from childhood cancers.

Then mark your calendar for Sunday September 21st 11am – 2pm in beautiful Harrison Park. Join us in your pajamas for an inspiring event, supporting and raising funds for Childcan at the second annual Owen Sound Childcan P.J. Walk.

Children receiving cancer treatments often never get out of pajamas. Tubes, ports, lines, and catheters interfere with wearing regular clothing. That is the reason we wear our Pajamas and raise funds during the walk while encouraging those who join us to do the same. For over 50 years Childcan has raised awareness and funds to provide personal and compassionate programs and services to assist families who are navigating childhood cancers from diagnosis, treatment, post treatment or bereavement. They do this by direct financial assistance, social and emotional support to families and to fund vital paediatric research at Children's hospital in London Ontario. We have been one of those families who benefitted from these services, and we would like to encourage and assist Childcan to be able to assist others in western Ontario for years to come.

So come join us! There is no charge to register for the walk. Check it out at www.childcan.com . For local questions specific to the Owen Sound Walk, call (519) 372 0309. Join our team "Dominic's Cancer Crushers" or create your own team. Last year Owen Sound raised over five thousand dollars and this year our goal is to exceed that.

Together we can make a difference.



Katherine Buchanan Critch

Esther Buchanan

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AMO Comments on Bill 9, OPP Billing Review, Waste Management and OMA Consultations at the AMO Conference

Policy Update • July 18, 2025

AMO Comments on Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025*

The *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025* is a necessary step forward in supporting safe and respectful working environments for members of council and municipal staff. The municipal sector has long advocated for provincial code of conduct legislation and AMO commends Minister Flack for reintroducing this important bill.

Yesterday, AMO President Robin Jones presented to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure, and Cultural Policy. She expressed broad support for many aspects of the legislation, including the enabling of the standardization of municipal codes of conduct and integrity commissioner investigation processes.

In her remarks and [our written submission](#), AMO has advocated for two amendments to the legislation:

- **AMO recommends that the removal from office vote be adjusted from unanimous to a supermajority (a vote by at least 2/3 of Council).** We recognize that a vote to remove an elected municipal official from office is fundamentally different than a regular council vote, but the current proposal sets too high of a threshold. Previously, AMO had advocated for the removal from office procedure to be in the hands of the judiciary. However, in recognizing that the government is interested in leaving this decision to elected municipal officials, we believe that a council

supermajority vote is more appropriate.

- **AMO recommends that the legislation includes a progressive range of discipline options for integrity commissioners, aligned with what was established under the *Education Act in 2023*.** This would provide a standard list of penalties that could be applied apart from removal from office, including censure of a member, barring attendance at meetings, barring a member from sitting on committees, and barring a member from being chair or vice chair of committees.

AMO Input on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Billing Model Review

Earlier this summer, the Ministry of the Solicitor General wrote to all impacted Mayors and CAOs announcing the launch of a review of the OPP billing model. The Ministry has been consulting widely with municipalities over the past month.

On July 11th, AMO wrote to the Solicitor General to provide input on behalf of the entire municipal sector. AMO appreciates the province's willingness to consider changes to the current OPP billing model. However, increasing police costs are impacting all Ontario municipalities and are only one element of a broader discussion that is needed on reforming the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship.

To that end, AMO made comments on:

- Improving transparency and bill timing
- Addressing municipal police spending on areas of provincial responsibility
- Provincial funding to offset costs associated with police away from work on WSIB approved leaves of absences
- Removing a 2008 cap on provincial funding for uploaded prisoner transport and court security costs
- Addressing the inequitable cost burden faced by service hub municipalities

AMO looks forward to continuing to work with the government to ensure both community safety and fiscal sustainability for our members.

AMO Advocacy on Waste Management

AMO has sent two letters to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding waste management practices in Ontario. AMO continues to support exploring new approaches to supporting priority projects and meeting the waste management

needs of Ontario's growing communities.

AMO wrote to the Minister on July 7 expressing concerns about proposed amendments to the Blue Box Regulation that would delay recovery targets, reverse producer responsibility for away-from-home public space blue bin collection, and remove the planned expansion of blue box services for multi-residential buildings, schools, long-term care, and retirement homes. These changes would likely reduce waste diversion rates, increase municipal waste management costs, and leave residents without blue box service.

On July 15, AMO wrote to the Minister about the use of Bill 5 to remove environmental assessment (EA) requirements for the Dresden Waste Disposal Site (a landfill). While we recognize that the EA process can be onerous and create delays in advancing landfills, this decision sets a precedent that could see any of the over 600 active and inactive landfills across Ontario expanded without reviewing impacts to the environment or nearby communities. AMO recommends the Province establish a modernized approval process for landfills, balancing the need to expedite waste management infrastructure with strong environmental and community protection.

OMA Healthcare Meetings with Municipalities at the AMO Conference

Across Ontario, communities continue to face serious challenges in our health-care system, including: long wait times for surgeries and specialist care, difficulty finding a family doctor and increasing demands for mental health services. These are not just medical issues; they are economic and community challenges that affect every resident and municipality.

Building on last year's successful collaboration with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) will again host one-on-one meetings at the Fairmont Château Laurier, across the road from the Conference venue, on August 18 and 19. These 15-minute sessions are an opportunity to share your community's health-care concerns directly with our senior leadership and discuss how the OMA can partner more closely going forward.

To schedule a 15-minute meeting with the OMA, please contact Tarun Saroya at Tarun.Saroya@oma.org. Due to limited availability, meetings will be scheduled on a first come first served basis.

The OMA looks forward to your participation and partnership at AMO and beyond.

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FEB 14, 2022 • LETTER

Christina McLean

From: Christina McLean
Sent: August 26, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Christina McLean
Subject: FW: Advocacy Update: AMCTO at the 2025 AMO Conference

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Recap of conference highlights and our delegation meetings

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Advocacy Update
Learn more about our work as we advocate on behalf of AMCTO members

August 21, 2025

AMCTO at the 2025 AMO Conference

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) held its annual general meeting and conference from August 17-20, 2025, in Ottawa where we were proud to represent our members' interests in delegation meetings, attend plenary and concurrent sessions, and have the chance to connect with municipal professionals and elected officials across the province, including at the conference tradeshow.

Delegations

AMCTO President Danielle Manton advanced our advocacy interests in delegation meetings with the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, and the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

This was our first opportunity to meet with the Honourable Stephen Crawford since he took on the role of Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement in March.

As you may recall, **at AMO last year**, the Ministry committed to a comprehensive review of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) within a year. At our delegation this year, we sought an update on this important initiative and called on the Minister to launch a comprehensive review of MFIPPA this fall.

We highlighted the urgency of a comprehensive review of MFIPPA, especially in light of pending changes to Ontario's privacy framework through Bill 194. We emphasized that municipal staff need modern legislation to ensure they have the tools to promote good governance in their communities.

Minister Crawford and his team committed to reviewing the legislation. We reiterated our dedication to support the government with this initiative and will continue to persist in advocating for this thorough review and update of the legislation.

Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility

This was also our first time meeting with the Honourable Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. We asked the Minister about:

- His plans to support the municipal sector in building capacity to continue to make Ontario more accessible;
- If there were plans for regulatory amendments to address the recommendations of various standards review committees; and
- What the Ministry's plans are for accessibility beyond 2025.

We also raised concerns from our members regarding the auditing and reporting processes that many are currently undergoing.

Minister Cho and his staff expressed interest in further dialogue on the accessibility audit process, and we welcome the opportunity to continue engaging with ministry officials on this important topic.

Provincial Speeches and the Ministers' Forum

The AMO Conference provided delegates with the opportunity to hear from Premier Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, and opposition leaders. Delegates also had the opportunity to sit in on the Ministers' Forum, where members of council could ask the Cabinet general municipal questions.

Premier Ford's Speech

During his speech, Premier Ford spoke about U.S. President Trump, trade and tariffs, and working with others to build a strong Canadian economy, noting he met with Prime Minister Carney while in Ottawa. He focused on the government's infrastructure commitments and his continued interest in investing in the extraction of critical minerals. Premier Ford called on municipalities to eliminate development charges to help spur development and lower the cost of housing in communities. He also announced an additional \$1.6 billion in the **Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program**, which provides funding for core infrastructure projects such as roads and water systems.

Ministers' Forum

Of particular interest to AMCTO members, several questions during the Ministers' Forum were focused on Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025*, and when the sector can expect to see the legislation implemented. While Minister Flack did not give any sense of whether changes will be made to what was initially proposed, he said that the Bill will continue to go through the legislative process and that the Standing Committee will review all feedback received.

Minister Flack also told delegates that he intends to consult with the municipal sector to "extend and improve" the **Building Faster Fund**, including ensuring the fund is reflective of the current market and encouraging municipalities to cut development charges.

Our members may also be interested to hear that Minister of Finance Peter Bethlanfalvy was asked about the 'heads in beds' funding formula and if the government was considering making changes to increase these amounts. He claimed that while he is not currently considering making any changes, he will continue to listen.

Finally, Minister of Education Paul Calandra stated that he is considering major changes to the school board governance model, including considering having the province take on more responsibilities. We will continue to monitor these changes related to their potential impacts on school board elections.

Moving Forward

The AMO Conference continues to be an important opportunity for our Association to connect with provincial and municipal leaders. We will be following up on Minister Crawford and Minister Cho's commitments and look forward to continuing these conversations to advocate on our members' behalf.

For more information or details about how to get involved in our advocacy efforts, please [contact us](#).



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August 13, 2025

Subject: Proposed regulations to support the implementation of the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025*, if passed by the Legislature

Hello,

Over the past three years, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Carbon storage involves injecting captured carbon dioxide into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

As you may be aware, the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025* was introduced into the Ontario legislature on May 27th, 2025 as part of [Bill 27, Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025](#). The Bill has now reached second reading in the Legislature, and debate of the Bill will continue after the legislature resumes on October 20th, 2025. The status of the Bill in the legislative process can be viewed on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario [website](#).

The proposed Act, if passed by the Legislature, would require the development of supporting regulations that would cover the detailed regulatory requirements for the authorization of research and evaluation activities, and carbon storage activities, before the Act could be proclaimed and brought into force.

We are writing to notify you that the MNR is seeking feedback on the general content of proposed regulations that are being considered under the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025*, if it is passed by the Legislature.

More details on the general content of the proposed regulations can be viewed in a proposal notice on the Regulatory Registry, posting # [25-MNRF006](#). Feedback on the proposal can be provided directly to MNR through the email address provided below.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Keyes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

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August 08, 2025

Subject: Proposed updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resource Act*

Hello,

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. At this time, MNR is proposing updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

Over the last six years, changes to the Act, regulation, and the development of the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Standards, have left several aggregate resources policies outdated and/or inaccurate. New requirements and provisions introduced through these changes also need to be supported with new policy direction.

In a continued effort to clarify requirements and improve efficiencies, three policies are proposed to be updated (replacing seven outdated policies) related to new aggregate licence/permit applications addressing Water Report, Cultural Heritage Report, and Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence. One new policy based on the 2020 requirements in the Standards, Maximum Predicted Water Table Report is being proposed. In addition, the government is focused on reducing burden to businesses; this is why we are proposing to rescind 28 policies that are outdated or unnecessary.

Updated policies are an important step in modernizing the Ministry's aggregate program, ensuring transparency and consistency in program delivery, and providing certainty to industry and the public about the Ministry's expectations.

A complete summary of the proposed policy changes can be found on the [Environmental Registry](#) (search for notice: 025-0216) for a 48-day commenting period ending September 25, 2025.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)

2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or
3. By mail to:

Resources Development Section
Ministry of Natural Resources
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South
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For questions, contact Sheena Tower at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Keyes".

Jennifer Keyes

Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch



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August 27, 2025

Premier of Ontario
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Honorable Premier:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Strong Mayor Legislation

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on August 26, 2025:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario introduced Strong Mayor Powers on November 22, 2022, in the Cities of Toronto and Ottawa to support the provincial priority of building 1.5 million homes with subsequent expansions in 2023; and:

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, the Province of Ontario expanded the Strong Mayors legislation to include 169 additional municipalities with six or more members of Council, including the Township of Woolwich; and

WHEREAS over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requesting their removal, expressing concerns about the effect on democratic governance and transparency; and

WHEREAS a 2024 survey by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) found that only 33% of mayors retained the power to change the organizational structure and 26% of mayors retained the power of employment matters; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Mayor Sandy Shantz delegated all possible political powers and duties back to Council and administrative duties back to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), however not all powers and duties can be delegated; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich respectfully request that the Province of Ontario continue to study the impacts of the strong mayors legislation including:

1. **To what extent the legislation is supporting the stated intent of supporting housing development, for example if strong mayors are using their powers to support or veto more housing in their communities;**
2. **If there are any unintended consequences of the legislation, for example on democracy, transparency, workplace culture, or the politicization of administrative staff appointed by a strong mayor (the CAO or department heads);**
3. **The impact of extending the legislation to smaller, rural municipalities like Woolwich, such as the impact of additional powers and duties on part-time mayors or the implications six-member councils where a simple majority and 2/3 majority vote is the same;**
4. **Consider the concerns expressed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the AMCTO, including the powers affecting public administration and eliminating the need for a majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities;**
5. **Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, AMCTO and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
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All Municipalities in Ontario

From: Melanie Bilodeau <MelanieBilodeau@nairncentre.ca>

Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 9:14 AM

Subject: RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Disposal of Niobium Tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings

Dear Municipal Colleagues,

Please find attached a letter from the Township of Nairn and Hyman outlining our Council's formal opposition to the proposed transportation and disposal of niobium tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, located within our municipal boundaries.

We are sharing this letter with all Ontario municipalities to raise awareness of the environmental concerns associated with this project, particularly the lack of formal consultation with our municipality in advance of its planning. As the host community, we were not engaged prior to the development of this proposal, despite its potential impacts on our environment and residents.

We believe this situation raises broader questions about municipal rights, environmental oversight, and the handling of legacy industrial waste across the province.

Thank you for taking the time to review this correspondence.

Mélanie Bilodeau

Deputy Clerk Treasurer

Township of Nairn and Hyman

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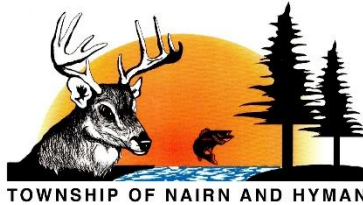
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July 17, 2025

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RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Disposal of Niobium Tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman has passed a formal resolution opposing the proposed transport and disposal of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTEMA), located within our municipal boundaries.

This resolution follows the independent review by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. conducted on behalf of the Township of the technical documents submitted by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Transportation, including the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)

and the Conceptual Site Model (CSM). The findings of Hutchinson's review have raised significant concerns regarding the sufficiency of the risk assessment, groundwater and surface water monitoring, leachability modeling, baseline data gaps, and long-term containment and environmental management plans. These issues pose unacceptable risks to public health, the surrounding watershed, and the long-term environmental integrity of our region.

Further, it has come to the Township's attention that the Ministry of Transportation has transported a portion of the niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility near Sarnia. This action raises a serious question as to why all the material is not being disposed of through the same secure and regulated channel, instead of being placed at an aging tailings management site adjacent to sensitive ecosystems and communities.

The Township of Nairn and Hyman also wishes to acknowledge and support the position of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), who have issued a letter voicing their firm opposition to this project. Their concerns are rooted not only in environmental impact, but also in the Ministry's failure to conduct meaningful consultation with the impacted UCCMM First Nations, whose traditional territory includes the Agnew Lake area. Their letter is attached for your review and inclusion in the public record.

This resolution passed at the Council Meeting of the Township of Nairn and Hyman on July 14, 2025, calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025-8-152

DATED: July 14, 2025

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Transportation has proposed the transportation and placement of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, located within the Township of Nairn and Hyman;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry has submitted technical documentation, including a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) and Conceptual Site Model (CSM), which have been independently reviewed by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. on behalf of the Township;

AND WHEREAS Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. report raises serious concerns regarding the adequacy of risk modeling, leachability assessments, hydrogeological characterization, biological monitoring, and long-term containment of radionuclides and toxic metals;

AND WHEREAS the Township has recently learned that the Ministry of Transportation intends to transport an existing stockpile of niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility in Sarnia, Ontario, raising the question as to why all of the niobium tailings are not being managed in the same manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman formally opposes the transportation or placement of niobium tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; MP Jim Belanger; MPP Bill Rosenburg; MPP France Gelinias; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Sincerely,

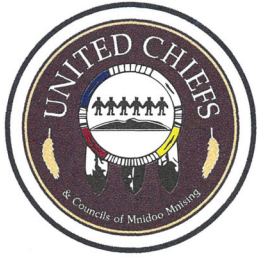
Belinda Ketchabaw

Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman
64 McIntyre Street,
Nairn Centre, ON P0M 2L0

Attachments: UCCMM Letter – Agnew Lake Tailings Management, Chief Patsy Corbiere, July 14, 2025

Cc:

Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members
The United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising
Ontario Ombudsman
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Canadian Environmental Law Association
MP Jim Belanger
MPP Bill Rosenburg
MPP France Gelinias
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities
Maria Magdalene Healy, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Adam Levine, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Marc Stewart, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Rob Schryburt, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Eric Cobb, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Kristin Franks, Ministry of Transportation
Andrew Healy, Ministry of Transportation



UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

July 14, 2025

Hon. George Pirie
Minister of Mines
minister.mines@ontario.ca

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
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Adam Levine Team Leader,
Indigenous Consultation and Participant Funding Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Re: Lack of First Nations engagement regarding Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area

We are writing to express our serious concerns about the lack of engagement with the impacted UCCMM First Nations regarding the ongoing monitoring and management of the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, including but not limited to the decision in 2020 to expand the scope of the existing licence to allow for the depositing of large quantities of radioactive material from the former Beaucage Mine (WNSL-W5-3102.01/2025), as well as the proposed renewal of the licence for the site.

In the fall of last year UCCMM raised serious concerns with you and your staff about depositing large quantities of radioactive material at the site and the impacts of this on the UCCMM First Nations' rights, interests and well-being.

The Tailings Management Area is in close proximity to areas actively used for the exercise of our treaty protected s. 35 rights, including fishing and trapping. Despite this, there appears to have been no adequate engagement with our First Nations either about the decision to add more radioactive site to the Tailings Area, or about ongoing monitoring and management of the Tailings Area.

After a meeting with UCCMM last fall we were promised more detailed information about the project to add new radioactive materials to the site and the management of the site. While we have received some information from CNSC, we have received no further information or communication from Ontario. While we are aware of Ontario's communications with Whitefish River First Nation, as far as we are aware, the detailed information promised to WRFN by Ontario in December of 2024 was also never provided. In any event, WRFN is not the only UCCMM First Nation impacted, a point that was made clear in our meeting with Ontario officials last fall. Despite

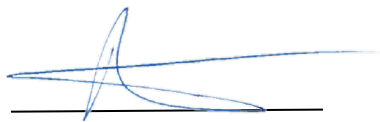
this, UCCMM was not even notified directly by Ontario about its further plans to move ahead with this project.

It is entirely contrary to the Honour of the Crown and the Crown's obligation for the Crown to move ahead with plans that will likely have a significant negative impact on the UCCMM First Nations where the Crown has repeatedly failed to be forthcoming with its promises to provide information.

UCCMM must have adequate information, as well as time and resources to review that information to assess the level of impact on our rights, and what alternatives are available.

Please confirm that Ontario will pause any further plans to move ahead with a renewal or to move any additional radioactive material to the site until appropriate consultation and accommodation – including the provision of adequate data – is completed.

Please contact Saul Bomberry sbomberry@uccmm.ca at the Tribal Council to arrange a meeting with UCCMM and provide him the relevant information immediately.



Chief Patsy Corbiere
Tribal Chair

cc. Eric Cobb, MINES
Marc Stewart, MINES
UCCMM First Nations Chief and Councils
Township of Nairn and Hyman

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August 12 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
premier of Ontario
legislative building
queen's park
Toronto, on M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: request to amend Ontario regulation 391/21: blue box – inclusion of currently ineligible sources

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on August 11, 2025, the council of the Township of North Glengarry passed a resolution (copy enclosed) urging the province of Ontario to amend Ontario regulation 391/21: blue box to ensure producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recyclable materials from all sources, including those currently deemed ineligible.

Respectfully,

Jena Doonan
Deputy Clerk
Township of North Glengarry
deputyclerk@northglengarry.ca

Enclosure: Council Resolution – Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box Amendment Request

cc: The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

The Honourable Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Mr. Nolan Quinn, MPP for Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry

All 444 Ontario Municipalities

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 11

Date: Monday August 11, 2025

Moved By: Michael Madden

Second By: Jeff Manley

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses,

places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end of life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby requests the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Nolan Quinn Member of Provincial Parliament for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED

MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

YEA

NEA



July 30, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Elect Respect Pledge
Our File 10.12.1**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting of July 14, 2025, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT City of St. Catharines Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City of St. Catharines Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Ontario Big City Mayors
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities



Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
MPs and MPPs
Regional Police
The Ontario Provincial Police
Royal Canadian Mounted Police



**TOWNSHIP OF
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August 6, 2025

Jon Pegg
Fire Marshal of Ontario
Office of the Fire Marshal
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Toronto, ON M3M 0B1
Jon.pegg@ontario.ca

RE: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Township of Black River – Matheson.

Resolution No: 2025-06-06-10
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Black River – Matheson with their Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22).

Whereas the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

And Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighting training and safety;

And Whereas these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographics barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

And Whereas the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township’s ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

Now Therefore be It resolved that The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg 343/22;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Billy Denault, the Fire Marchal, AMO, FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thompson".

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLACK RIVER – MATHESON

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Jon Pegg
Fire Marshal of Ontario
Office of the Fire Marshal
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Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

June 10, 2025

Via Email: Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10th, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

Sincerely,

Dave Dymont, Mayor

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

Encl.: Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

CC:

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – admin@fonom.org

All Ontario Municipalities



Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson
 367 Fourth Avenue
 P.O. Box 601
 Matheson, Ontario
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ITEM # 2025-10.b)
RESOLUTION

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall
 Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

CARRIED DEFEATED

CHAIR SIGNATURE

Original Amendment Refer Defer Reconsider Withdrawn

Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY

	YEAS	NAYS
Mayor Dave Dymant		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		

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Town Manager/Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Phone: (807) 825-3315 Fax: (807) 825-9576

August 12, 2025

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday August 11, 2025, the following resolution of support was passed.

RE: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 – Firefighter Certification Requirements

Resolution: 203-2025

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Terrace Bay acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Lise Vaugeois, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, NOMA and all Ontario municipalities.



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

P.O. Box 40, 1 Selkirk Avenue, Terrace Bay, ON, P0T 2W0
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Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

Solicitor General – Michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

MPP Lise Vaugeois – lvaugois-gp@ndp.on.ca

Ontario Fire Marshall – askofm@ontario.ca

AMO – resolutions@amo.on.ca

FONOM – fonom.info@gmail.com

NOMA – admin@noma.on.ca

Ontario Municipalities



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July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of June 24, 2025
Member Motion 7.2 - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario
by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025***

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its special meeting held on July 15, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas Ontario Bill 17 (the legislation) was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025;
and**

**Whereas the legislation raises significant concerns related to democratic
governance, environmental sustainability, municipal autonomy, and social equity;
and**

**Whereas the legislation centralizes decision-making authority and reduces the
power of local municipalities in planning and development approvals; and**

**Whereas the legislation curtails public consultation rights, limiting residents' ability
to influence projects impacting their neighbourhoods; and**

**Whereas the legislation accelerates approvals by reducing time for environmental
assessments, heritage evaluations, and public safety considerations that could
result in substandard buildings, strained infrastructure and negative long-term
effects on communities; and**

**Whereas the legislation threatens green spaces, natural habitats, and water
resources overlooking careful measures that allows sustainable growth and
undermines Ontario's commitment to environmental stewardship; and**

**Whereas the legislation limits public hearings and community engagement
opportunities, which increases the risk of corruption, favouritism and poor local
planning decisions;**

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council recognizes the intent of Ontario Bill 17 to streamline housing and infrastructure development; however, expresses significant concerns with Ontario Bill 17 in its current form, and recommends:**
 - **Restoring municipal autonomy, and ensuring meaningful consultation and decision-making power;**
 - **Maintaining rigorous environmental, safety, and heritage assessments despite expedited timelines;**
 - **Incorporating clear affordable housing requirements within new developments;**
 - **Enhancing transparency, public engagement and accountability mechanisms;**
 - **Ensuring climate change mitigation is included in all development projects; and**
2. **Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

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

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji

Deputy Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities



7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

7.2 Member Motion - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

Whereas Ontario Bill 17 (the legislation) was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas the legislation raises significant concerns related to democratic governance, environmental sustainability, municipal autonomy, and social equity; and

Whereas the legislation centralizes decision-making authority and reduces the power of local municipalities in planning and development approvals; and

Whereas the legislation curtails public consultation rights, limiting residents' ability to influence projects impacting their neighbourhoods; and

Whereas the legislation accelerates approvals by reducing time for environmental assessments, heritage evaluations, and public safety considerations that could result in substandard buildings, strained infrastructure and negative long-term effects on communities; and

Whereas the legislation threatens green spaces, natural habitats, and water resources overlooking careful measures that allows sustainable growth and undermines Ontario's commitment to environmental stewardship; and

Whereas the legislation limits public hearings and community engagement opportunities, which increases the risk of corruption, favouritism and poor local planning decisions;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council recognizes the intent of Ontario Bill 17 to streamline housing and

infrastructure development; however, expresses significant concerns with Ontario Bill 17 in its current form, and recommends:

- Restoring municipal autonomy, and ensuring meaningful consultation and decision-making power;
- Maintaining rigorous environmental, safety, and heritage assessments despite expedited timelines;
- Incorporating clear affordable housing requirements within new developments;
- Enhancing transparency, public engagement and accountability mechanisms;
- Ensuring climate change mitigation is included in all development projects; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (4 to 0)



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July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Energy and Mines

ministerenergy@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Lecce:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of July 15, 2025
Member Motion 7.1 - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario
by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025***

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its special meeting held on July 15, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 5 was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas Bill 5 amends several key pieces of legislation with the goal of fast-tracking economic development and introduces changes in legislation that affect local governance, labour laws and environmental protections; and

Whereas the legislation includes the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025* (SEZ) that gives Queen's Park the power to designate areas where regulatory approval processes can be amended by the Ontario Government, potentially without input from local decision-makers; and

Whereas the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been dissolved and replaced by the *Species Conservation Act 2025*, which environmental critics argue removes important provisions of the former law; and

Whereas the new law also makes changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that potentially could impact Heritage site designations; and

Whereas this law has been rushed through the legislature in 49 days, limiting Committee time, public consultation and ensuring rapid passage;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in Bill 5, but expresses serious concerns with Bill 5 in its current form as it interferes with local**

planning authorities, limits public consultation, and threatens both heritage designations and endangered species; and

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 - **Collaboration with municipalities to determine Special Economic Zones;**
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 - **Include municipalities and Indigenous partners in shaping regulations; and**
 - **Preserve legal recourse for affected communities; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

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

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

7.1 Member Motion - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas Bill 5 was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas Bill 5 amends several key pieces of legislation with the goal of fast-tracking economic development and introduces changes in legislation that affect local governance, labour laws and environmental protections; and

Whereas the legislation includes the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025* (SEZ) that gives Queen's Park the power to designate areas where regulatory approval processes can be amended by the Ontario Government, potentially without input from local decision-makers; and

Whereas the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been dissolved and replaced by the *Species Conservation Act 2025*, which environmental critics argue removes important provisions of the former law; and

Whereas the new law also makes changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that potentially could impact Heritage site designations; and

Whereas this law has been rushed through the legislature in 49 days, limiting Committee time, public consultation and ensuring rapid passage;

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Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (4 to 0)



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August 6, 2025

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

RE: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

Dear Hon. Mark Carney,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwilliambury.

Resolution No: 2025-06-06-11
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Bradford West Gwilliambury resolution regarding Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs; The honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition; Cheryl Gallant, MP Algonquin-Renfrew-Pembroke; The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



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June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

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

Resolution 2025-185
Moved by: Councillor Harper
Seconded by: Councillor Scott

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

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

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

Regards,



Tara Reynolds
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
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CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
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