



Correspondence Items Presented for Information November 10, 2025

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AMO Policy Update – Bill 60, *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025*

Top Insights

The omnibus Bill 60 contains several significant municipal proposals, most notably:

- Draft regulations for development charge modernization, aligning with joint advice from AMO and the Ontario Home Builders' Association.
- Creation of a public corporation for water and wastewater services, beginning with Peel Region.
- Prohibitions on municipalities reducing motor vehicle lanes, including for new bike lane installation.
- Measures to shorten Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) processes and eviction timelines.

Bill 60 *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act 2025*

Last Thursday, the government tabled its latest [omnibus bill](#). The bill and [additional communications](#) include a large number of initiatives impacting the municipal sector.

Top items of interest

- **Development charges (DCs):** Responding to joint AMO-Ontario Home Builders' Association advocacy for DC modernization over cuts and discounts, the province introduced [draft regulation](#) based on Bill 17's framework changes. AMO is pleased the province adopted our joint technical advice developed over the summer, which standardizes calculation of DCs, including land and local service costs, and introduces new transparency measures, such as annual DC statement tabling to council. These changes will improve local municipal-developer relations by reducing questions and friction on DC fee calculation, reducing the incidence of lengthy appeals.
- **Peel Region water and wastewater services:** The bill introduced a pilot public corporation model for water and wastewater services, specifically targeting Peel Region. This legislation will transfer jurisdiction over these services from the Peel Region to the three lower-tier municipalities – Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon – and establish this new public corporation to manage infrastructure funding. While governance shifts to a professional board of directors, the structure ensures that assets remain publicly owned, a key outcome advocated by AMO. The intent of this model is to create new revenue streams by allowing the constituent municipalities to borrow capital for water/wastewater investments from the public corporation. AMO is pleased that the province is committed to maintaining public asset ownership while exploring innovative utility models and ways to fund growth infrastructure. However, [AMO's prior analysis](#) indicated these models are best suited for small and medium-sized municipalities, not large, complex regions like Peel. AMO continues to advocate that the use of public corporations for water and wastewater services must remain voluntary, not mandatory.
- **Vehicle lanes:** Bill 60 proposes to prohibit municipalities from reducing motor vehicle lanes for new bike lanes or other purposes (to be defined by regulation). This follows 2024's Bill 212 changes to constrain local bike lane decisions, which AMO opposed and continues to oppose now. Municipalities, relying on local knowledge and community input, are best positioned to balance traffic flow with active transportation, road safety, and community needs. Biking is a key tool for combating congestion; bike lanes are an essential element

of multi-modal planning that removes cars from the road for short trips and transit connections, thus alleviating congestion, not causing it.

Other Bill proposals

- Changes to the LTB with a focus on strengthening landlord rights, providing shorter timelines for tenant evictions, and improving the speed and effectiveness of the LTB to address the active case backlog. While AMO recognizes that landlords need adequate rights to provide rental opportunities and increase housing supply, Ontario needs a balanced approach that provides tenants with strong protection from unlawful and illegal evictions such as bad faith renovations.
- Streamlining approvals for developments near transit and through Community Improvement Plans, expanding use of minor variances as-of-right, and prohibiting municipal green building standards.
- Creating a new legislative authority to create harmonized road construction standards for municipalities.
- Streamlining environmental approvals and making it easier to use excess soils where there is a low risk of contamination.

Items announced for future consultation

In addition to these legislative and regulatory changes, the government announced a commitment to consult on a review of the Ontario Building Code, streamlined official plans and digital approvals, expanding the use of communal and small-scale water and wastewater systems, and implementing harmonized road construction standards. The government has already walked back plans to consult on potential changes to end-of-lease provisions.

AMO will continue collaborating with the province to advise on and advocate for municipal interests in housing and economic growth and will formally comment on the bill during the standing committee process.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).



AMO Policy Update – Speed Camera Legislation, First-Time Homebuyer HST Relief, AMO’s Homelessness Research Update & Energy Advocacy

Top Insights

- The province is fast-tracking its Bill banning municipal speed cameras, limiting MPP debate and bypassing public consultation.
 - AMO commends the province for providing tax relief to first-time homebuyers.
 - AMO is working with OMSSA, NOSDA and municipal partners to update data from our groundbreaking January 2025 homelessness report.
 - AMO provided the province with advice on how to best implement a data centre strategy that protects utility capacity needed to deliver housing and economic priorities.
 - The province announced a new advisory panel to recommend ways to strengthen local electricity distribution, responding to AMO’s call for new Local Distribution Company (LDC) funding approaches.
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Province to Fast-Track *Bill 56, Building a More Competitive Economy Act, 2025*

The provincial government will fast-track their red tape reduction Bill tabled earlier this month, which included amendments to the Highway Traffic Act to remove municipal authority to operate Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE). The government's proposal would halt debate in the legislature at the second reading stage and bypass the legislative committee stage that typically follows.

By eliminating this essential component of the democratic process, the government removes the public's ability to comment and provide feedback on the Bill's numerous proposals, many of which will directly impact municipalities. See [AMO's previous post](#) for a summary of these proposals. AMO is disappointed in the government's decision as we had planned to use the legislative committee process to provide comments and detail the impacts of the Bill for the municipal sector. However, we look forward to providing feedback on the Bill through any future Regulatory/Environmental Registry postings.

AMO has written to Minister Sarkaria advocating for early collaboration with municipalities on the design of the new road safety funding program to ensure investments translate to improved road safety and highlighting the significant sunk costs municipalities have invested into ASE in accordance with provincial regulation.

Tax Break for New Homebuyers

Yesterday, the province [announced](#) a new rebate for the provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers of most new and substantially renovated homes. This mirrors proposed federal policy, combining to give first-time buyers a full HST break on qualifying homes under \$1 million. Provincial and federal plans allow for a phased HST reduction for first-time buyers for qualifying homes between \$1-1.5 million. AMO commends the province on taking steps to reduce the cost of new homes for first-time home buyers. This tax relief could boost buyer demand and help increase new home construction – an important priority for municipalities and the province.

Homelessness Research

AMO has partnered with OMSSA, NOSDA and HelpSeeker Technologies to update some of the data included in [Municipalities Under Pressure: The Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis](#). The original report was successful, in large part, because we had full participation from all 47 municipal service managers. AMO is encouraging all impacted municipalities and District Social Services Administration Boards to participate and support AMO's continued advocacy on the homelessness crisis.

AMO's Advocacy on Ontario's Data Centre Plan

AMO [submitted comments](#) to the province with advice on how to best implement its [plan](#) to prioritize the connection of large-load facilities, including data centres, to Ontario's electricity grid. Given escalating electricity capacity constraints, AMO supports the province's prioritization framework for data centres to avoid them impeding housing and economic growth. We recommended criteria for data centre prioritization and asked that the final process involve collaboration with municipalities and retain local planning approval authority.

New Local Electricity Distribution Panel

On Monday, the province [announced a new advisory table](#) named the "Panel for Utility Leadership and Service Excellence" (PULSE). PULSE's industry and municipal members will make recommendations to the province on local distribution company (LDC) funding and service delivery. Ontario's LDCs will need upwards of \$120 billion to meet growing electricity demands over the next 25 years. Making sure that LDCs can fund and deliver infrastructure when and where it is needed is critical to supporting local housing and economic growth. AMO is pleased that the panel will be responding to our call for new funding and financing mechanisms to renew and expand LDC infrastructure.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).



AMO Policy Update – 2025 Federal Budget Focuses on Infrastructure and Responding to Ongoing Trade Uncertainty

Top Insights

- This budget marks a shift from operational to capital spending. While significant (over \$50B) deficits are planned for the next five years, this is projected to be entirely driven by capital spending by 2028-29.
- The budget includes a significant federal infrastructure investment through the Build Communities Strong Fund, which will provide \$51B over ten years and include a \$5B Health Infrastructure Fund. AMO will be working to ensure Ontario municipalities can access these new infrastructure investments without simply trading them for development charge reductions.
- Previously announced Build Canada Homes investments of \$13B over five years will support non-market and factory-built housing.
- Yesterday, AMO [posted a policy update](#) to our website covering 2026 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund allocations, Building Faster Fund advocacy, Bill 30's fast-tracking, development charge changes and resources, and the legislated ban on municipal speed cameras.

2025 Federal Budget

Infrastructure and Development Charges

AMO has long called for infrastructure investments to support growth, build more homes, and provide economic stimulus in the face of the trade dispute with the United States and global economic uncertainty.

- Budget 2025 commits to launch a new **Build Communities Strong Fund** for infrastructure with \$51 billion over 10 years starting in 2026-27, including previously committed Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) funding.
- The Build Communities Strong Fund will comprise three streams:
 - A \$17.2 billion Provincial and Territorial Stream for housing-enabling infrastructure, infrastructure for college/universities, and health infrastructure (\$5B over three years has been earmarked for this purpose).
 - A \$6 billion Direct Delivery Stream to support regionally significant projects with private investment, large building retrofits, climate adaptation, and community infrastructure.
 - A \$27.8 billion Community Stream which is a rebrand of committed CCBF funding.
- To access the provincial-territorial funding stream, provinces will need to provide cost-match funding, substantially reduce development charges, and not levy other taxes that hinder the housing supply.
- AMO will continue to work with the province to modernize the development charge system and advocate for long-term and predictable infrastructure funding to replace any revenue lost from development charge reductions.

Trade & Tariff Response

Ontario municipalities have been strong partners in responding to the ongoing trade and tariff uncertainty and have faced significant cost escalation related to US tariffs. The Budget does not include any direct

funding to support communities, but includes a number of infrastructure, innovation and business-focused investments:

- Introduction of a Buy Canadian Policy for federal procurement that will prioritize Canadian suppliers and inputs, require local contracts for federal procurement, and support small and medium businesses.
- Commits \$213.8 million over five years for the Major Projects Office and outlines projects including a critical minerals strategy, and reducing timelines to start construction on the Alto Rail Project by half.
 - The Budget outlines plans for the Major Projects Office to co-ordinate financing from the private sector and provincial governments and Crown corporations to support projects.
 - An additional \$2 billion over five years is proposed to create a Critical Minerals Sovereign Fund to make investments in critical mineral projects and companies.
- The Canada Infrastructure Bank's statutory capital envelope will increase from \$35 billion to \$45 billion.
- Proposes \$925.6 million over five years to support a public AI infrastructure project that will increase the availability of domestic capacity for public and private research.
- Commits to \$97 million over five years to improve recognition of foreign credentials with a focus on health and construction sectors to help address labour shortages.
- Introduces a Strategic Response Fund of \$5 billion over six years to help businesses impacted by tariffs to adapt, and additional industry specific investments for sectors including agriculture, biofuel, forestry, and steel manufacturing.

Affordable Housing and Homelessness

AMO has long advocated for substantial provincial and federal investment in deeply affordable housing in order to re-orient our homelessness response to long-term and stable housing. While details about ongoing funding for critical

homelessness programs like Reaching Home remain unclear, the government has affirmed its commitment around Build Canada Homes.

- As previously announced, Budget 2025 provides an initial investment of \$13 billion over five years starting in 2025-26 to launch Build Canada Homes with initial investments including:
 - Developing six public land sites to build 4,000 factory-built homes, with additional capacity of up to 45,000 units across Canada Lands Company's portfolio.
 - Protecting existing affordable housing by launching the \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund.
 - Providing \$1 billion to build transitional and supportive housing for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Child Care and Early Learning

Negotiations between the province and federal government on the next Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) transfer are ongoing. The budget does not provide an update on provincial agreements but does commit to keep and grow the program.

- Budget 2025 provides an increase in Canada-wide early learning and child care transfer payments to provinces and territories from \$7.9 billion in 2025-26 to \$8.5 billion in 2029-30, reflecting 3 per cent per year growth for four years starting in 2027-28.

National School Food Program

AMO has advocated for investments in school food programs to respond to the growing food insecurity challenges faced in communities across Ontario.

- Budget 2025 proposes to introduce legislation to make the National School Food Program permanent and provide \$216.6 million per year, starting in 2029-30, to Employment and Social Development Canada,

Indigenous Services Canada, and Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada for the program.

Indigenous Relations

AMO welcomes the federal government's commitment to prioritizing investment in infrastructure that will support Indigenous Peoples and communities as action towards Economic Reconciliation. Significant announcements include:

- The Major Projects Office will be considering whether a project will advance the interests of Indigenous Peoples as part of their criteria for selected projects. In addition to previously announced commitments to support consultation, the federal government has committed to upholding Section 35 and the Duty to Consult, as well as implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, including free, prior, and informed consent as part of the work of the Major Projects Office.
- Providing \$2.3 billion over three years, starting in 2026-27 to renew the First Nations Water and Wastewater Enhanced Program, maintaining progress on approximately 800 active projects.
- Increasing the Canada Infrastructure Bank's target for investment in Indigenous infrastructure from \$1 billion to at least \$3 billion across priority sectors.

Additional Non-Budget Advocacy

On Tuesday, [AMO released a Policy Update](#) on their website covering a range of pressing municipal issues unrelated to the Federal Budget. Top insights included:

- Allocations for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) have been released.
- AMO provided the province with Board-advice to improve the Building Faster Fund by fixing housing start targets and tying funding to

municipally determined, locally-specific reforms that create better conditions for homebuilding.

- Bill 30 was fast-tracked, bypassing public consultation. The bill proposes giving Skills Development Fund Capital Stream recipients exemptions from the Planning Act and potentially the Municipal Act.
- AMO advocacy and new municipal resources supporting implementation of development charge modernization changes, including the payment deferral that came into force.
- Legislation prohibiting automated speed enforcement receives Royal Assent.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).

From: MECP Land Policy (MECP) <MECP.LandPolicy@ontario.ca>

Sent: Friday, October 24, 2025 2:29 PM

To: MECP Land Policy (MECP) <MECP.LandPolicy@ontario.ca>

Subject: Amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation and Records of Site Condition Regulation

Greetings,

Ontario is committed to reducing regulatory burdens to help accelerate the development of housing, highways and other critical infrastructure. I am reaching out to share that Ontario has finalized amendments to two regulations under the *Environmental Protection Act*, O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Regulation (Excess Soil Regulation) and O. Reg. 153/04 (Records of Site Condition Regulation), and the Rules for Soil Management and Excess Soil Quality Standards (Soil Rules).

I. Excess Soil Regulatory Amendments

Taking feedback into consideration on proposed amendments described in ERO [019-9196](#), which was posted from October 18, 2024 - November 21, 2024, Ontario has updated the Excess Soil Regulation and Soil Rules to enable greater reuse of excess soil, provide added flexibility in soil management options, and reduce costs for businesses.

The amendments to the Excess Soil Regulation and Soil Rules include:

- Exempting aggregate reuse depots from the requirement for a waste environmental compliance approval (ECA), subject to certain conditions. The depots must also comply with requirements governing waste management and the operation of the site.
- Enabling greater reuse of excess soil, aggregate and stormwater management pond sediment with asphalt-related standards exceedances in areas covered by asphalt, and greater reuse of excess soil and aggregate with naturally occurring exceedances of reuse standards.
- Allowing greater reuse of soil between similar infrastructure project areas and reuse sites of the same project leader or where the reuse site owner or operator is a public body.
- Removing reuse planning requirements (other than a notice in the Excess Soil Registry) for excess soil moved between infrastructure project areas and reuse sites with different owners or where the reuse site is not owned or operated by a public body.
- Allowing in-situ sampling of SWMP sediment to reduce sampling and storage, making sediment management more practical and less costly or time-consuming.

- Providing sampling frequency flexibility for parameters that are not anticipated at a site.
- Other clarifications, corrections and minor amendments.

More information on the finalized amendments may be found in the [decision notice \(ERO 019-9196\)](#) posted on the Environmental Registry. Links to the regulation as well as existing educational material can be found on MECP's [Handling Excess Soil website](#).

II. Records of Site Condition Regulatory Amendments

Taking feedback into consideration on proposed amendments described in ERO [019-9310](#), which was posted from November 20, 2024 - January 10, 2025, Ontario has made amendments to the RSC Regulation to:

1. Prohibit the submission of an RSC for filing in the ministry's RSC registry in specified circumstances when the RSC is not required by regulation and there is no identified risk of contamination, and as such it is not necessary support brownfields redevelopment; and
2. Expand an existing exemption from the regulatory requirement to file an RSC in the RSC Registry, when changing the use of commercial and community use buildings to mixed use, with residential or other sensitive uses to enable faster redevelopment of these buildings to housing.

An educational document related to the RSC amendments and on alternatives to requesting an RSC has been included in the ERO posting.

Please pass this information along to colleagues, members of your organization, other organizations and anyone else that may be interested.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share input.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these amendments or other aspects of the Excess Soil Regulation or Records of Site Condition Regulation, please contact Reema Kureishy or Sanjay Coelho at MECP.LandPolicy@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Robyn Kurtes
Director, Environmental Policy Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

From: protection, source (MECP) <source.protection@ontario.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 27, 2025 9:34 AM

Subject: FW: Proposal to accelerate and improve protections for Ontario's drinking water sources

Good morning,

We are aware that some organizations may not have received our original notification email sent out on October 20. As a precaution, we are resending the message to ensure all intended recipients have access to this information. We apologize for any inconvenience if you have already received this communication.

The Source Protection Team

From: protection, source (MECP)

Sent: October 20, 2025 4:37 PM

Subject: Proposal to accelerate and improve protections for Ontario's drinking water sources

Greetings,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is committed to ensuring that future and existing sources of drinking water are protected from contamination and depletion through the Clean Water Act, 2006 (CWA).

Source protection plans and their amendments are necessary to safeguard Ontario's sources of drinking water. However, after implementing the Act for 20 years, the ministry has determined that the processes in place to develop and amend these plans are lengthy and unnecessarily complex

To remove redundancies and accelerate protections for drinking water sources, MECP is proposing changes to the CWA and related regulations. We're sharing this information to invite your input on the proposal. The legislation has been introduced in the house and the legislative proposal notice is now posted for comment on the Environmental Registry under registry number 025-1060 until November 19, 2025. In addition, the Ministry is also consulting on a regulatory proposal under registry number 025-1104 until December 4, 2025.

The proposed changes would maintain a high standard of protection for drinking water sources, while:

- Allowing local source protection authorities to approve certain routine updates to source protection plans.

- Allowing additional minor types of plan amendments (such as modifications that are administrative in nature) to proceed without approval or consultation.
- Setting clear timelines for approval by the Minister of source protection plan amendments.
- Simplifying consultation requirements on plan amendments while ensuring the right people are engaged at the right time.
- Enabling the use of new drinking water sources (such as wells and intakes) faster where protections are already in place.
- Changing how policies affecting “prescribed instruments” (such as permits and licences are used to manage risks to drinking water.

You can submit comments on this proposal through the Environmental Registry at ero.ontario.ca, ERO Notice 025-1060 for the legislative proposal and ERO Notice 025-1104 for the regulatory proposal, or by emailing us directly at source.protection@ontario.ca.

We also invite you to participate in an online information session where ministry staff will present an overview of the proposal and will be available to answer questions. Two sessions will be held on:

- November 5, 2025 at 10am
- November 12, 2025 at 1:30pm

To register for either of these sessions, please email source.protection@ontario.ca with the subject line “CWA Information Session,” and indicate your preferred session. We’ll reply with details on how to join.

Thank you for your continued support for the protection of Ontario’s sources of drinking water.

Sincerely,

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October 30, 2025

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (DCA) that were made by Bill 17, the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, and corresponding changes to Ontario's Building Code.

As you recall, our government introduced Bill 17 to help speed up the construction of new homes and infrastructure by streamlining development processes and reducing costs, in partnership with municipalities. Among the changes, the Bill:

- Amended the DCA to provide for payment of development charges (DCs) for non-rental residential developments to be made in full at the earlier of the date an occupancy permit is issued and the date a development is first occupied. This deferral would encourage residential construction activity by enhancing a developer's cashflow flexibility.
- Removed authority for municipalities to charge interest on any legislated DC deferral amounts, except to the extent such interest has accrued prior to these changes coming into force.

The amendments noted above require a commencement order to come into force. Following consultations with municipal and industry experts, the government has issued a commencement order to bring these changes into force on November 3, 2025.

To support the implementation of deferred development charges, I will be amending the Building Code to require that all non-rental residential buildings subject to a deferred development charge will now require an occupancy permit, which can only be issued once these deferred development charges have been paid. These targeted changes will establish a clear, enforceable payment trigger for municipalities while leaving all life-safety requirements for occupancy unchanged. These Building Code amendments will take effect alongside the DCA amendments on November 3, 2025. Municipalities without development charges, and requirements for other buildings, are unaffected.

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I look forward to continuing to work together to get shovels in the ground to build more homes that Ontarians can afford. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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October 22, 2025

Sent Via Email Only

Re: Advocacy for Funds to Effectively Manage the Emerald Ash Borer Infestation

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of September 15, 2025, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 19-695-2025

Whereas the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation has resulted in a substantial increase in dead ash trees throughout Ontario, resulting in extensive ecological, economic, and public safety challenges;

And Whereas dead ash trees contribute to potential hazards, including falling limbs, compromised power lines, and blocked transportation routes, posing significant threats to public safety;

And Whereas removing and replacing dead ash trees is a costly undertaking that imposes financial burdens on municipalities, private organizations, and individual property owners;

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Stone Mills formally requests that the Provincial and Federal governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipal governments, private organizations, and property owners in effectively managing the removal and replanting of trees, thereby addressing the aftermath of the EAB infestation.

Be It Further Resolved That funding support should encompass:

1. Grants for municipalities to fund community-wide removal and replanting initiatives.
2. Financial assistance for private organizations engaged in environmentally restorative work.
3. Subsidies for individual property owners to safely remove and replace dead ash trees.

And Be It Further Resolved That this request be forwarded to relevant Provincial and Federal ministries and agencies involved in environmental management, forestry, and public safety.

Be It Finally Resolved That a supporting letter be drafted and disseminated to other municipalities across Ontario to encourage regional advocacy and collaboration in addressing this ecological challenge.

Moved By Councillor Fenwick
Seconded By Deputy Woodcock
Carried

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

Sincerely,



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- Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
- Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
- Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
- Shelby Kramp-Neuman, MP Hastings-Lennox & Addington-Tyendinaga
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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,

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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
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October 17, 2025

Sent by email

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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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October 27, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney P.C., O.C., M.P.
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The Honourable Doug Ford MPP
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Prime Minister Carney 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 deliver more affordable homes.

Sincerely,

Mayor James Leduc
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Jonathan Scott
Councillor, Ward 2

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cc:

- Hon. François-Phillipe Champagne PC MP
Hon Peter Bethlenfavly MPP
Hon. Caroline Mulronev 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.

Regards,



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September 30, 2025

CL 14-2025, September 25, 2025***DISTRIBUTION LIST******SENT ELECTRONICALLY*****Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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**The Corporation of the City of Cambridge
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October 30, 2025

Re: Rent Protection for Tenants

At its Council Meeting of October 28, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units.

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security.

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases.

AND WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Cambridge renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes.

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates.

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

AND WHEREAS This council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system,

AND WHEREAS maintaining Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Cambridge City Council request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Brian Riddell, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Shaw
City Clerk

CC: (via email)
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MPP Jess Dixon
MPP Brian Riddell
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November 3, 2025

Re: TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project

At its October 29, 2025 Council Meeting, the Township of Tiny Council ratified a resolution regarding the TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project.

In accordance with Council's direction, a copy of this resolution and additional correspondence received from the Severn Sound Environmental Association regarding this matter are attached for your attention.

Thank you,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY

Tina Arbuckle
Deputy Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Tiny

Meeting Date: October 29, 2025

Moved by: Birrell Carried: 5-0
 Seconded by: WALMA Defeated: _____
 Signed: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Tiny recognizes the importance of developing reliable and sustainable energy infrastructure for the Province of Ontario and acknowledges that energy projects of this scale may have significant environmental, economic, and social implications for our region, particularly for Georgian Bay and surrounding ecosystems;

AND WHEREAS the proposed TC Energy Ontario Pumped Storage Project is located within the Municipality of Meaford, the Township of Tiny is committed to ensuring that the interests of our residents and the health of Georgian Bay are fully considered;

AND WHEREAS the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has twice recommended to the Ministry of Energy (MOE) that this Pumped Storage project would not reduce electricity costs and have no economic value to Ontario ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS the IESO has authorized newer, more efficient and less environmentally invasive technologies such as Long-Duration Battery Storage, as they not only take less property and time to build, they can be built at more locations closer to high demand markets, reducing the need for long transmission corridors;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Defence has warned of toxic contamination of Georgian Bay when soil on 4th Canadian Division Training Centres is disturbed by construction;

AND WHEREAS some 30 endangered species will be put at risk should the project proceed;

AND WHEREAS the Niagara escarpment is a UNESCO designated geological formation deserving of protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Tiny Council emphasizes the following principles:

1. **Environmental Stewardship:** The Township of Tiny is deeply concerned about potential irreversible impacts on aquatic ecosystems, water quality, and species at risk in Georgian Bay. Any project of this magnitude must meet the highest standards of environmental assessment and protection.

2. **Transparent Governance and Consultation:** We call for full transparency in the project approval process, including open communication with neighbouring municipalities and local stakeholders. Public consultation and meaningful engagement with communities in the Georgian Bay region are essential.

3. **Regional Collaboration:** The Township of Tiny encourages collaboration between municipalities, provincial authorities, and Indigenous partners to ensure that any energy project reflects regional priorities, including environmental protection, economic sustainability, and community well-being.

4. **Precautionary Approach** Given the uncertainties and potential ecological risks, the Township of Tiny advocates for a precautionary approach. We support comprehensive independent studies and a thorough review process before any approvals or construction activities proceed.

AND THAT Council reaffirms its commitment to representing the interests of our residents and protecting the natural heritage of Georgian Bay, and stands ready to engage constructively with TC Energy, the Municipality of Meaford, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation and provincial authorities to ensure that energy development in our region proceeds responsibly and sustainably;

AND THAT that this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in the Georgian Bay Basin, the IESO, DND, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans, Simcoe North Member of Parliament, Simcoe North Member of Provincial Parliament, Canadian Coast Guard, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to request their co-operation in preventing this project from proceeding;

AND THAT the correspondence from the SSEA dated September 9, 2025 regarding the TC Energy Pumped Storage Proposal be included in the submission.



Severn Sound Environmental Association

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September 9, 2025

Township of Tiny
130 Balm Beach Road W
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Dear Mayor and Council,

RE: SSEA Comment – Requested by Township of Tiny Council RE: The TC Energy Pumped Storage Proposal

The SSEA has conducted an initial assessment of the TC Energy pumped storage proposal. The proposed project falls outside of the Severn Sound watershed and the jurisdiction of the SSEA. The local watershed planning authority and organization with local expertise on this site and this project would be the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

While SSEA staff can't provide specific comment on localized effects of the pumped storage facility near Meaford, we offer some thoughts on potential widespread effects on Georgian Bay, specifically considering the western coast of Tiny Township, which of all the shorelines in the SSEA service area is most likely to be impacted. Georgian Bay is already under stress from the impacts of climate change, localized algae blooms, invasive species, habitat loss and the loss of species at risk, so any project that will add to one of these stressors should be scrutinized and all appropriate mitigation measures taken.

Our primary concern is around the precedent that a project like this might set, and the possibility of a similar project being proposed in the Severn Sound area in the future. If the proposed pumped storage was within the Severn Sound watershed, the SSEA would want to see a rigorous and comprehensive environmental impact assessment completed, including considerations for fish/fish habitat, species at risk and their habitat, sediment and water temperature impacts, and identification of avoidance and mitigation measures, and permitting/authorizations that may be required.

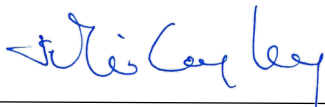
With the anticipated large volume of water and extensive wind and current driven mixing, the effects of increased temperature from pumped storage outflow are likely to be localized and temperatures in Georgian Bay are more likely to be impacted by climate change. However, the cumulative effect of thermal pollution from pumped

storage systems should be considered, particularly if this type of project is to become more widespread. Any potential increases in turbidity from inflow or outflow of water would also be more likely to be localized effects, however given the along-shore currents that occur along the south coast of Georgian Bay, modelling should be undertaken to determine how far-reaching turbidity effects will be. We understand that there is concern about sediment-bound chemicals in the area around the proposed pumped storage site, which may be disturbed during construction and/or operation of the facility. We would strongly encourage thorough sediment sampling for persistent contaminants like heavy metals and PFAS, which could enter the food web and have impacts beyond the immediate local area. Fish communities will likely be impacted by the project and may have further reaching effects since fish migrate throughout the Bay.

The Lake Huron Action and Management Plan (<https://binational.net/2024/03/12/lake-huron-lamp-2022-2026/>) identifies priority actions to reduce chemical contamination, manage nutrients and algae, prevent and control invasive species, and restore and protect habitat and native species. As members of the LAMP partnership, the provincial and federal governments should ensure that implementing projects like pumped storage does not run counter to the intent of this document.

SSEA emphasises the importance of thorough consideration and evaluation of environmental impacts.

Sincerely,



Julie Cayley, Executive Director

CC: Robert Lamb, Chief Administrative Officer, Township of Tiny
Laura Russell, Director of Legislative Services/ Clerk, Township of
Tiny Tim Leitch, Director of Public Works, Township of Tiny



**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Correction to July 14, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, October 20, 2025
Time: 2:49 PM

Moved by: Councillor Ardiel
Seconded by: Councillor Hope

THAT, at the July 14, 2025 Council Meeting, Council received the June 19, 2025 correspondence from the CANN Group;

AND THAT, in response to the correspondence received, Council passed the following two motions that, in error, included reference to “battery storage”;

NOW THEREFORE, in order to correct the formal record of the July 14, 2025 Council Meeting minutes, Council directs the Town Clerk to amend the July 14, 2025 Council Meeting minutes, to remove the words “battery storage” from the two resolutions, and to circulate the corrected resolutions to all parties:

D.1.2 Sally Leppard, Co-Lead, Climate Action Now Network TBM (CANN) Re: Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 19, 2025, correspondence from Sally Leppard, CANN regarding Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal;

AND THAT Council communicate to the Province that the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that TC Energy's proposed ~~battery storage~~ project is excluded from designation as a Special Economic Zone under the regulations to be developed in Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act 2025;

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 19, 2025, correspondence from Sally Leppard, CANN regarding Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal;

AND THAT Council requests Grey County Council and the Municipality of Meaford to request the Province to exclude TC Energy's proposed ~~battery storage~~ project from designation as a Special Economic Zone under the regulations to be developed in Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025;

AND THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains welcomes enquiries from any municipalities or Indigenous Nations interested in making similar motions to the Town of The Blue Mountains

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion is Carried

YES: 7

Mayor Matrosovs
Councillor Maxwell

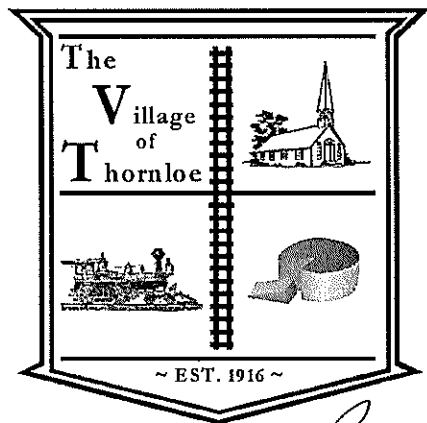
Deputy Mayor Bordignon
Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Ardiel
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNLOE

10 Main Street, Thornloe, Ontario P0J 1S0

DATE: September 16th, 2025

RESOLUTION #: 2025-110

Moved by:

Pauline Peddie

Seconded by:

Alvin Peck

WHEREAS under the former Police Services Act, 1990, municipalities received provincial grant funding to offset the costs associated with the appointment of provincial representatives to local police services board;

AND WHEREAS the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024, consolidating multiple individual police services boards into regional OPP Detachment Boards, thereby streamlining governance across jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of Detachment Boards under the CSPA has resulted in a reduction in the number of provincial appointees required in OPP-policed municipalities, yielding cost savings for the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the CSPA was designed to enhance community engagement and local governance in policing, yet the withdrawal of provincial funding undermines this intent by shifting the financial burden entirely onto municipalities and local taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS during the development of both the 2024 and 2025 Board budgets, it was understood that provincial funding would be provided in support of Detachment Board operations;

And whereas it has since been confirmed that the province will not be providing the anticipated contribution of \$6,600, a figure previously expected as part of ongoing provincial support;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That a formal request be submitted to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, respectfully requesting the reinstatement of the annual \$6,600 in funding to support the ongoing operations and governance of the Temiskaming OPP Detachment Board; and

RESOLUTION #: 2025-110 Continued

2. That a copy of the letter be circulated to all participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area, all Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards throughout Ontario, as well as to the Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Temiskaming-Cochrane.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	✓ Mr. Wayne Miller Reeve			
AMENDED	Mr. Rob Addison Deputy Reeve			
DEFEATED	Ms. Cher Kiff Councillor			
TABLED	Mr. Alan Peddie Councillor			
	Mrs. Pauline Peddie Councillor			

Wayne Miller
Reeve

Tricia Addison
Clerk



November 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario

Via Email: doug.downey@pc.ola.org

Dear Attorney General Downey,

Re: Withdrawal of Provincial Offences Act Charges

At its meeting held on October 6, 2025, Council of the Municipality of Meaford reviewed a resolution received from the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board and passed the following resolution of support.

Moved by: Councillor Uhrig

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

That Council of the Municipality of Meaford:

- 1. Support the following Resolution from the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board; and**
- 2. Direct staff to forward a copy of resolution of support to the Ministry of the Attorney General, AMCTO, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards, OAPSB and local Members of Provincial Parliament:**

Whereas the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board serves as a civilian governance and oversight body, mandated to guide local policing priorities, promote transparency and accountability, and support the development and monitoring of community safety initiatives;

And whereas the Board has become aware of the recent withdrawal of a substantial number of Provincial Offences Act (POA) charges in our region, which undermines the principles of accountability, deterrence, and public confidence in the justice system;



And whereas municipalities are responsible for the administration of fine collection of POA matters on behalf of the province and rely on fine revenue not only to recoup associated costs but to support local justice infrastructure and community safety initiatives;

And whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), supported by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), has called for a third-party review of the POA system to address long-standing concerns, including judicial resource shortages, growing court case backlogs, difficulty collecting outstanding fines, outdated legislative frameworks, and an overly burdensome administrative structure;

And whereas AMCTO President, Paul Shipway and staff, recently met with Attorney General, Doug Downey, and Parliamentary Assistant, Monica Ciriello, to advocate for urgent reforms to improve efficiency, enhance fine collection, and reinforce the integrity of the POA system in Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board formally express its deep concern and displeasure at the unexplained and substantial withdrawal of POA charges in our region, and the negative impact this action has on community safety, public trust, and municipal cost recovery;

Be it further resolved that the Board endorse AMO's and AMCTO's call for a third-party review of the Provincial Offences Act system and support efforts to modernize POA legislation to better reflect current enforcement and judicial needs;

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Attorney General, AMCTO, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards, OAPSB and local Members of Provincial Parliament, and that the Board request a formal response from the Ministry explaining the rationale behind



the withdrawal of POA charges and what steps are being taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Carried - Resolution #2025-36-07

Yours sincerely,

Allison Penner

Deputy Clerk / Manager, Legislative Services
Municipality of Meaford
21 Trowbridge Street West, Meaford
519-538-1060, ext. 1110 | apenner@meaford.ca

cc: Alex Ruff, MP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Paul Vickers, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
All Ontario Municipal Councils and Police Service Boards
Ontario Association of Police Service Boards





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(since Nov. 26 2024)

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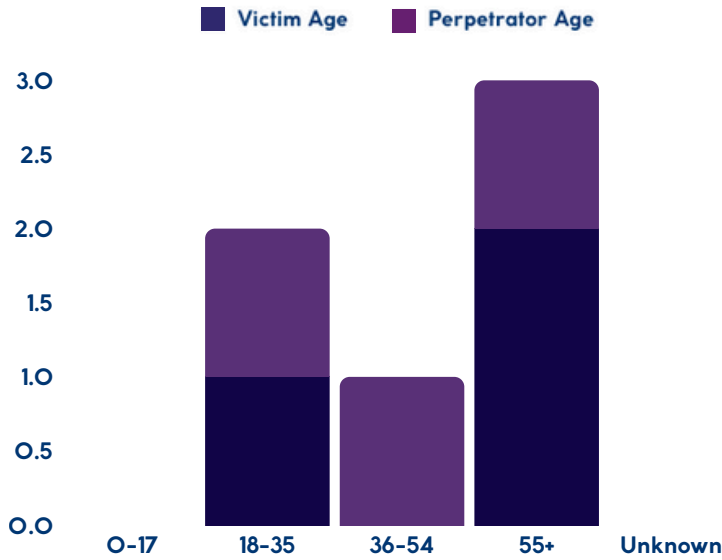
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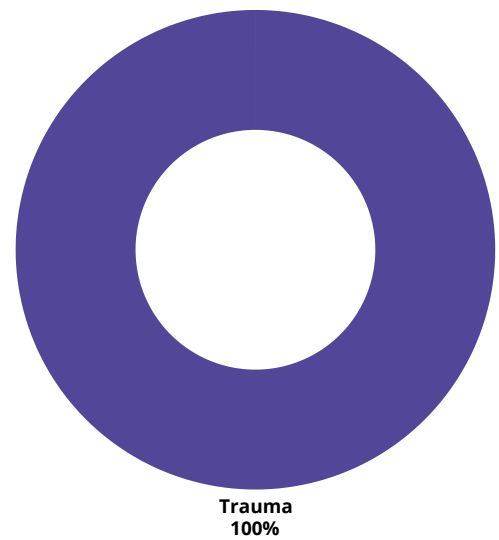
- OAITH's femicide definition includes a gender-related killing of a woman, child, trans woman, 2-Spirited Person, or gender non-conforming individual where a man has been charged in relation to the death

OAITH Femicide Data- Femicide Type (Year to Date)					
Intimate Partner	Family	Known	Relationship Not Reported	No Prior Relationship	Total
10	10	6	6	3	35

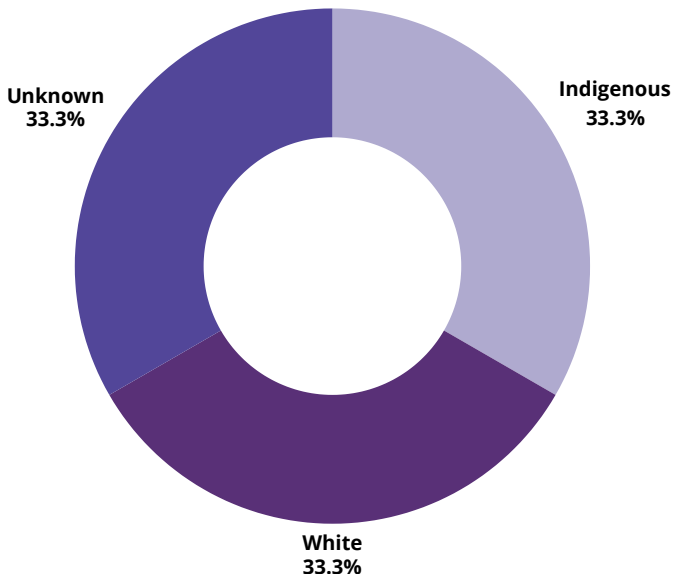
Victim & Perpetrator Age Comparision



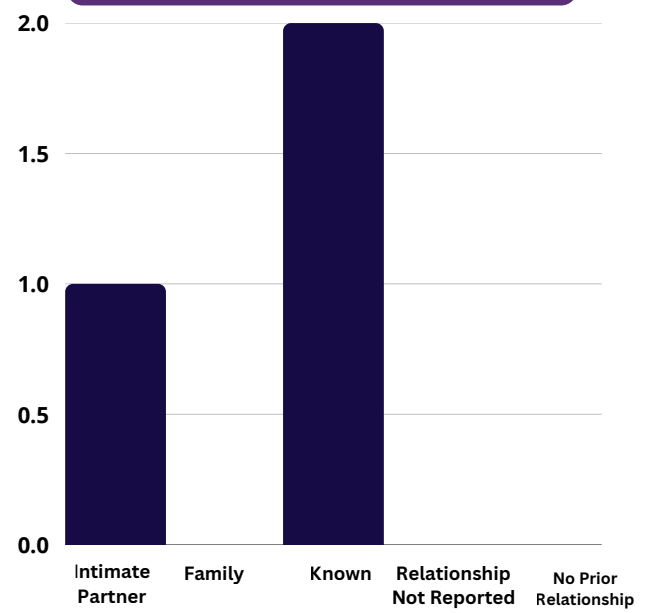
Cause of Death



Victim Race



Victim & Perpetrator Relationship Comparison





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Femicide Victims

Confirmed Total: 3

Central Region

Jane Doe (Guelph), 80 - Guelph, ON

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/GuelphTodayJaneDoe>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/CBCNewsJaneDoeGuelph>

Toronto Region

Serenity Brown, 21 - Toronto, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/SerenityBrownTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/SerenityBrownTorontoToday>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/SerenityBrownCBCNews>

East Region

Marilyn Stevens, 62 - Newcastle, ON

National Media: <https://bit.ly/MarilynStevensTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/MarilynStevensDurhamRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/MarilynStevensCTVNews>



Newly Confirmed Femicides From Previous Months

Total: 1

East Region

Deborah Anishinabie, 42 - Thunder Bay, ON

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/DeborahAnishinabieNWONewsWatch>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/DeborahAnishinabieCBCNews>



Unconfirmed Femicides

Total: 3

Helya Bahari-Kashani, 24

National Media: <https://bit.ly/HelyaBahariKashaniTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/HelyaBahariKashaniYorkRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/HelyaBahariKashaniCTVNews>

Rose Bahari-Kashani, 11

National Media: <https://bit.ly/RoseBahariKashaniTorontoStar>

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/RoseBahariKashaniYorkRegion>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/RoseBahariKashaniCBCNews>

Elizabeth Spurgeon, 36

National Media:

Local Media: <https://bit.ly/ElizabethSpurgeonWaterlooRegionRecord>

Television Media: <https://bit.ly/ElizabethSpurgeonCBCNews>



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2025. September Monthly Femicide in Ontario Factsheet.



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Patterns of Harm: Strengthening System Responses to Risk



Three femicides have been confirmed in September. Since November 26, 2024, 35 femicides have been confirmed in Ontario. By the end of September, 58% of all the cases we've reviewed are either an IPV femicide (29%) or a family femicide (29%) demonstrating that there have been as many family related femicides as there have been IPV femicides. In 17% of the cases the victim and accused were reported to be known to each other and in 9% of cases the victim and accused had no prior relationship. In 17% of cases, the relationship between the accused and victim has not been shared within media reports, however, reports suggest that the killing was targeted. While this is a decrease compared to September 2024, nine potential femicide cases continue to be monitored pending further investigation, disclosure and/or criminal charges. Given the reliance on media reports within femicide data collection and associated limitations, the true rates of femicide are likely higher than reported.

In 29% of femicide cases, media reports have indicated that those charged in relation to the femicide had documented a history of violence towards women and/or previous criminal justice system involvement. Reported past charges have included theft, weapons offences, assault charges and histories of violence against animals and violence against women - both critical risk factors for further violence and/or lethality. In at least four of these cases, media reports have indicated that the accused was on probation when the femicide occurred, highlighting possible gaps in community-based supervision, monitoring, communication and coordinated risk management/mitigation. These cases reinforce the need for ongoing risk assessment and risk management processes throughout all stages of the criminal justice system. This includes at the time of arrest, sentencing and during release and reintegration within the community. Increasing information sharing and collaboration between criminal justice actors and community-based organizations, including those specializing in addressing gender-based violence (GBV) can help to enhance current risk management processes. Ensuring that information regarding risk can be shared, allows for risk to be identified and acted upon with various risk mitigation strategies. Embedding GBV specific frameworks and understanding of risk within current release and supervision processes would be an important step in reducing recidivism and preventing future lives from being lost to femicide.

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