



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
AGENDA
MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**DR. S. F. MONESTIME MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
160 WATER STREET, MATTAWA ON**

<p>Zoom Meeting Access: 1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID Code: 822 2157 4516 Passcode: 231942</p>

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Announce Electronic Participants**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
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- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
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- 6. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 6.1 Regular Meeting of January 26, 2026
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- 7. Notice of Motions**
 - 7.1 Council & Staff Attendance to 2026 FONOM Conference
 - 7.2 Support for Steel & Lumber Sectors
- 8. Correspondence**
 - 8.1 FONOM – 2026 FONOM Conference & Key Note Speaker Announcement
 - 8.2 FONOM – Letter to Prime Minister – Highway 11 and 17
 - 8.3 City of Peterborough – Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request
 - 8.4 Township of Southgate – OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution
 - 8.5 FONOM – Birth of Change Initiative
 - 8.6 FONOM – Closure of Life Labs
 - 8.7 Municipality of Markstay Warren – Support Resolution Closure of Sudbury's Life Labs

- 8.8 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – 2026 Municipal Levy
- 8.9 Ministry of Transportation – 2026-2027 Connecting Links Program Funding

9. Information Reports – Motions

- 9.1 Health & Safety Water Stream Program Funding – Report # 26-03R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
- 9.2 Purchase of 598 McConnell Street Property – Report # 26-04R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
- 9.3 Staffing Updates – Report # 26-05R
Report from Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

10. By-Laws

- 10.1 By-Law 26-03 – 2026 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee
BEING a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint its committee members for the 2026 municipal elections.

11. Old Business

- 11.1 Library Proposal from Report # 26-01R

12. New Business

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

- 14.1 Adoption of Previous Closed Meeting Minutes

14.2 Cassellholme Update

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(e)

- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

14.3 Litigation Matter

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(c)

- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

14.4 Mattawa Landfill Update

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 239 (2)(h)

- e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board

15. Return to Regular Session

- 15.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session

16. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

17. Adjournment

- 17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

3.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday February 9, 2026 be adopted as amended to include the following changes:

Section 3. Adoption of Agenda – add item # 3.2 Mayoral Announcement

Section 7. Notice of Motion – Item # 7.1 change to include Mayor and CAO/Treasurer

Section 8. Correspondence – add item # 8.9 letter from Ministry of Transportation

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Councillor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Loren Mick (Virtual)
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spener Bigelow (Virtual)

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

*When a recorded vote is requested and the minutes indicate the recorded vote was "Unanimous" it means all Councillors present and noted above voted in favour unless otherwise indicated.

1. Meeting Called to Order

2. Announce Electronic Participants

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-11

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting agenda dated Monday January 26, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of January 12, 2026

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 26-12

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2026 as circulated.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Solicitor General - Powers and roles of Municipalities, Mayors and Police Service Boards in establishing a police service board budget.
- 8.2 Municipality of Magnetawan – Site Ready Funding
- 8.3 City of Peterborough - Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request Resolution
- 8.4 The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – Municipal Accountability Act
- 8.5 Town of Cobourg – Elbows Up for Climate Action
- 8.6 Township of Nairn & Hyman - Support for Steel and Lumber Sector
- 8.7 Township of Hornepayne - Request for support of a Small Northern Residential Property Tax Class
- 8.8 Town of Wasaga Beach & City of Brantford – Letter of Support regarding Support for Reform to Sentencing, Parole, and Public Access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
- 8.9 Town of Aylmer – Support to the City of Welland for Justice and Protection of Canada’s Children
- 8.10 AMO Policy Update – Conservation Authority Transformation Advocacy Bill 75 Submission
- 8.11 Near North Crime Stoppers - Crime Stoppers Month – safe Streets, Strong Communities
- 8.12 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Board Meeting Agenda
- 8.13 North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Direct Contact Information

9. Staff Reports – Motions

- 9.1 2026 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee – Report # 26-02R
Report from Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

Resolution Number 26-13

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-02R titled 2026 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 26-14

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the 2026 Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and terms of reference and directs the Clerk to return at the next regular meeting with a formal by-law for adoption.

CARRIED – unanimous

10. By-Laws

11. Old Business

11.1 Business/Organization Signage Policy

11.2 FONOM Correspondance Consultation on Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario

11.3 Community Safety & Well- Being in Mattawa

11.4 Library Proposal from Report #26-01R

12. New Business

13. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

14. In Camera (Closed) Session

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17. Adjournment

17.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 26-15

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

6.2

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2026 as circulated.

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

7.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Mayor Bélanger, Councillor Laura Ross and CAO/Treasurer Paul Laperriere to attend the 2026 FONOM conference being held in the City of Timmins from May 11th to 13th.

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

7.2

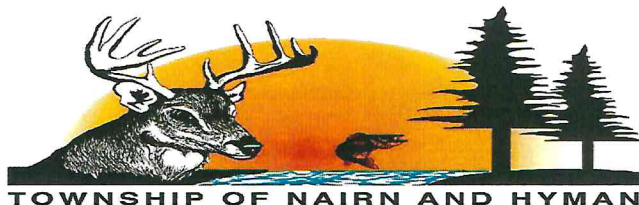
THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Township of Nairn and Hyman for their support for the steel and lumber sectors.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, MP Pauline Rochefort, MPP Vic Fedeli, FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities.



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 Established: March 7, 1896 Office of the Clerk Treasurer, CAO E-mail: belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca

December 17, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
 Office of the Prime Minister
 80 Wellington Street
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Support Resolution

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, I am writing to formally convey Council's support for recent federal measures aimed at stabilizing and strengthening Canada's steel and softwood lumber sectors.

As a small Northern Ontario municipality whose economy is closely tied to the continued operation of Interfor, a local softwood lumber mill, Council is increasingly concerned that ongoing trade pressures and market uncertainty are placing added strain on the long-term viability of this key employer. Any reduction in operations or a potential closure would have significant and lasting consequences for local employment, municipal revenues, and the overall economic and social wellbeing of our community.

In this context, and in response to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' November 26, 2025 media release, Council adopted the enclosed resolution at their meeting of December 8, 2025:

SUPPORT FOR STEEL AND LUMBER SECTORS

RESOLUTION # 2025-14-247

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and

WHEREAS the federal actions—including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects—represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and

WHEREAS municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

WHEREAS the Township of Nairn and Hyman recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP Jim Belanger, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely Yours,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk - Treasurer

BK/mb

cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Northern Development
FONOM
MP Hon. Jim Belanger
MPP Hon. Bill Rosenberg
All Ontario Municipalities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 26, 2025

**FONOM Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors
Impacted by U.S. Tariffs**

Northeastern Ontario – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today's announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney outlining new federal measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries, which continue to face unprecedented challenges due to aggressive U.S. tariff actions.

The federal plan includes strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports for companies facing liquidity pressures, and new incentives to increase the use of Canadian steel and lumber in national infrastructure and housing projects. These measures aim to stabilize sectors vital to the economies of many Northern Ontario communities.

Prime Minister Carney announced that Canada will significantly tighten tariff-rate quotas on foreign steel imports, opening an estimated **\$850 million in domestic demand** for Canadian producers. In addition, the federal government is allocating **\$500 million in new financing** for softwood lumber firms, paired with a further **\$500 million expansion** of the Business Development Bank of Canada's softwood guarantee program.

FONOM is encouraged by the federal government's recognition of the pressures facing Northern resource-based communities, where steel and lumber operations support thousands of jobs and anchor local economies.

"These measures acknowledge what Northern Ontario has long understood — that our steel and lumber sectors are national economic pillars," said FONOM President Dave Plourde **"U.S. tariffs continue to destabilize communities across the North, and today's announcement provides needed tools to help our workers and industries adapt, compete, and grow."**

FONOM also welcomes the federal commitment to **reduce interprovincial freight rates by 50 per cent** for steel and lumber shipments beginning next spring. Lower transportation costs will help Northern producers access new domestic markets and move product efficiently while north-south trade remains constrained.

As part of the plan, the federal government will also advance the **Buy Canadian Policy**, ensuring that major defence, construction, and infrastructure projects prioritize Canadian steel, aluminum,

and wood products. This aligns strongly with FONOM's longstanding advocacy for procurement policies that support Canadian jobs and supply chains.

"Keeping Canadian dollars working in Canada is essential," added the President. "These steps will create new demand for made-in-Canada materials while helping stabilize communities affected by unpredictable U.S. trade actions."

FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with federal officials to ensure the timely rollout of these programs, and to ensure that Northern Ontario municipalities and industries can fully benefit from the measures announced today.

Media Contact:

Dave Plourde, President

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

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From: [FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM](#)
Subject: 2026 FONOM Conference hosted by the City of Timmins
Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026 9:37:39 AM

Good morning Please share this email with our Council and Management teams.

The 2026 FONOM Conference will take place in the City of Timmins from May 11th to May 13th, 2025. Please find the Delegate Registration portal link below for those interested in attending. FONOM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the McIntyre Community Centre on Monday, May 11th, at 10:30 a.m. After lunch at noon, the opening ceremonies will begin at 1:00 p.m.

[FONOM Conference Registration, Tue, May 12, 2026 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

The Conference is being held at the McIntyre Community Centre, and the City has arranged special accommodation rates with several hotels. The city has a conference link with the locations below;

[2026 – FONOM | The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities](#)

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Hope to see you in Timmins

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
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From: [FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM](#)
Subject: Keynote Speaker Announcement – 2026 FONOM Conference
Date: Monday, February 2, 2026 9:59:40 AM
Attachments: [Jamie Campbell promo \(2\) \(1\).png](#)

Please share with Council and your Senior Management Team

Dear FONOM Members,

We are pleased to officially announce the **Keynote Speaker for the 2026 FONOM Conference**, taking place **May 11–13 in Timmins**, under the theme ***Connecting Communities, Driving Growth.***

It is our pleasure to welcome **Jamie Campbell** as this year's keynote speaker. Jamie will be presenting on **Monday afternoon, May 11**, helping set the tone for three days of discussion, learning, and collaboration focused on strengthening Northern Ontario communities.

We are also proud to acknowledge **Agnico Eagle** as the **Keynote Sponsor** for the 2026 FONOM Conference. Agnico Eagle's continued support for Northern Ontario communities and municipal leadership is instrumental in making this event possible.

Jamie is a familiar and trusted voice to Canadians and brings a unique perspective shaped by decades of experience in national broadcasting, live event storytelling, and connecting audiences across the country. His keynote will explore leadership, resilience, and the power of connection; directly reflecting this year's conference theme, "Connecting Communities, Driving Growth."

Please see the poster below featuring Jamie Campbell, followed by his biography for more background on his career and accomplishments.

The **full conference agenda will be released in early March**, and we look forward to sharing additional details in the coming weeks.

We look forward to welcoming you to Timmins for what promises to be an outstanding conference.

Kind regards, Mac



Keynote Speaker

Jamie Campbell

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Jamie Campbell is the host of Blue Jays' baseball on Sportsnet. He began his broadcasting career at CBC Sports in 1987. He was a sports anchor at CBC Edmonton from 1993 to 1997, then moved to CJOH Ottawa for a year. In 1998, he became one of Sportsnet's original broadcasters and co-hosted the first edition of Sportscentral (now Sportsnet Central). He's hosted coverage of the Grey Cup, Super Bowl, NHL Draft, MLB All-Star Game, and MLB postseason. Campbell enters his 22nd year as a member of the Blue Jays' broadcast team after serving as the play-by-play voice of the team from 2005 to 2009. The following year, he took over as host of Blue Jays Central. In 2010, at the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, millions of Canadians were watching when Campbell announced the country's historic first gold medal won in Canada by Alexandre Bilodeau. He also called all cycling events at the 2012 London Olympics.

Talk soon, Mac.

From: [FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM](#)
Cc: [AMO President](#); [ROMA Chair](#); [Rick Dumas \(Marathon\)](#); [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#); [ROMA](#); [Jason Veltri](#)
Subject: FONOM Letter to the Prime Minister: Highways 11 & 17
Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 12:36:24 PM
Attachments: [FONOM, A Nation-Building Opportunity for Highways 11 & 17; and a Clear Federal Signal \(1\).pdf](#)

Dear FONOM Members,

On January 27, 2026, FONOM sent the attached letter to the Prime Minister of Canada regarding the urgent need to modernize Highways 11 and 17; the northern Trans-Canada corridors that are critical to public safety, economic development, and national supply chains.

The letter follows FONOM's recent meetings in Ottawa and reflects the consistent concerns raised by Northern municipalities: unacceptable safety risks, repeated highway closures, and the growing importance of these corridors to trade, critical minerals development, forestry, agriculture, and national resilience.

In our correspondence, FONOM urges the federal government to make a clear, public commitment to partner with Ontario at a 50-per-cent funding level once the Province formally advances this project. We believe that clarity is essential to closing the current trust gap and moving this long-standing priority from discussion to action.

This advocacy is rooted in the principle of equal treatment for Northern Ontario within the national highway system, which is vital to communities, industry, and Canada as a whole.

We are sharing the letter with you for your awareness and continued support as FONOM works collaboratively with municipal partners, the Province of Ontario, and the federal government to advance this critical nation-building project.

As always, thank you for your engagement and for the work you do every day on behalf of Northern communities.

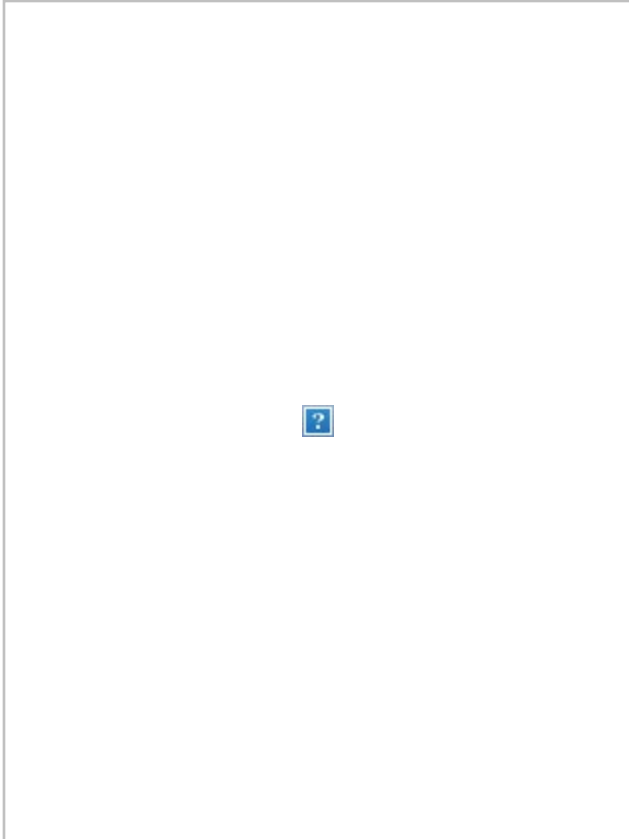
Sincerely,

Dave Plourde

FONOM President

Talk soon, Mac.

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2026 FONOM Conference

Hosted by the **City of Timmins**

January 27, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

SENT BY EMAIL: pm@pm.gc.ca

Subject: A Nation-Building Opportunity for Highways 11 & 17; and a Clear Federal Signal

Dear Prime Minister,

On behalf of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), I am writing to follow up on our delegation meetings in Ottawa earlier this winter, where representatives from Northern Ontario municipalities met with members of your team, including Zachary Nixon, to discuss the growing challenges facing our 110 member municipalities.

Chief among those challenges is the urgent need to modernize Highways 11 and 17, Ontario's northern Trans-Canada corridors, through a combination of four-laning and the proven 2+1 highway model.

During our Ottawa meetings, we heard a consistent and encouraging message: **if the Province of Ontario were to formally advance this project as a priority, the Government of Canada would be prepared to participate at a 50-per-cent funding level.** That clarity matters deeply to Northern communities.

At present, however, a trust gap remains. The Province has indicated hesitation to proceed without a clear, public federal commitment. In short, Ontario needs to hear plainly and publicly that Ottawa is ready to be an equal partner.

We are therefore respectfully urging you to make that commitment explicit.

This is not an abstract policy discussion. People are dying on these highways. Families, truck drivers, and first responders face unacceptable risk every day on corridors that carry **more than \$200 million in goods daily**, serve as the primary access route to the Ring of Fire, and are critical infrastructure for national defence, emergency response, and continental supply chains.

Highway 11, in particular, is increasingly indispensable: a more reliable east-west trade corridor, less vulnerable to weather disruptions, and central to Canada's critical minerals, forestry, agriculture, and energy future. It is also essential to Canada's internal resilience at a time when secure domestic trade routes matter more than ever.

Your government's Building Canada Act and nation-building criteria speak directly to this moment.

Upgrading Highways 11 and 17 meets every test: safety, economic growth, national security, Indigenous participation, climate resilience, and shovel-ready execution. Ontario has already taken important steps with its planned 2+1 pilot. What is now required is a clear federal signal to unlock full provincial participation.

Prime Minister, if you were to publicly state that the Government of Canada is prepared to invest 50-cent dollars in this corridor once Ontario brings it forward, it would be heard loudly and clearly at Queen's Park and across Northern Ontario.

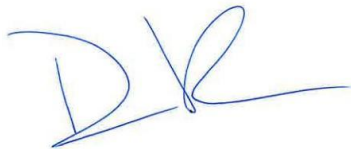
Should you wish to do so, FONOM would welcome the opportunity to make that announcement at our 2026 FONOM Conference in Timmins, alongside Premier Doug Ford and in the heart of the region most directly affected. It would be a powerful nation-building moment, rooted in partnership, safety, and confidence in Canada's future.

Northern Ontarians are not asking for special treatment; we are asking for equal treatment on a national highway that has always been vital to this country's cohesion and prosperity.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience and remain ready to work with your office, the Province of Ontario, and federal partners to advance this critical project.

Thank you for your leadership and for your continued attention to the needs of Northern communities.

Respectfully,



Dave Plourde
President, FONOM

Cc'd Premier Doug Ford
Honourable Steven MacKinnon
Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Honourable Patty Hajdu



February 3, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Manitoulin Police Services Board Veronique Dion; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

RE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR POLICE SERVICES REQUEST

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of January 29, 2026, the following motion was approved:

021-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the City of Peterborough meeting dated November 3, 2025:

*Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service;
and*

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to "ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area" and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuring the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

*Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing;
and*

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

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

Therefore, be it resolved that:

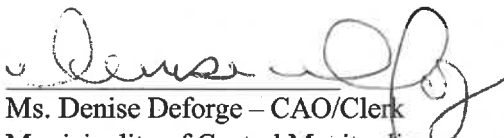
Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

*Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and
Therefore, be it further resolved that: Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services;
and*

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Manitoulin Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,


Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File

**Township of Southgate
Administration Office**

185667 Grey County Road 9, RR 1
Dundalk, ON N0C 1B0



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Fax: 519-923-9262
Web: www.southgate.ca

January 21, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate - Notice of Motion – OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution

Please be advised that at the January 21, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-027

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Southgate does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

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

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
MPP Paul Vickers
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

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Good morning

Please share this Resolution with your Mayor, Council, Senior Management and your Community Safety and Wellbeing person.

The attached DRAFT Municipal Resolution - The Birth of Change is for your council's consideration. There is also a supporting Document attached, created by the North Bay Police Service.

If a member of your Council would like to bring it forward to your next meeting, please let your Clerk know.

Suggested comment in support of this change

Colleagues, I'm bringing this resolution forward because prescription drug diversion is no longer an abstract or distant issue; it's something municipalities across Northern Ontario are dealing with every day.

When legally prescribed medications are sold, traded, or misused, the impacts fall squarely at the local level. We see it through increased pressure on our police services, emergency responders, hospitals, housing systems, and community supports. These are municipal impacts, even if the tools to address them largely sit with the Province.

What I appreciate about the "Birth of Change" initiative is that it doesn't approach this issue from just one angle. It brings together police, health professionals, pharmacists, addiction specialists, and community partners to identify practical, evidence-based approaches to reduce diversion while protecting access to medically necessary treatment for those who genuinely need it.

*This resolution does **not** require our municipality to assume new responsibilities or enforce new rules. It simply adds our voice to a growing call for the Province to seriously review the recommendations coming from this collaborative work and to continue engaging municipalities as part of the solution.*

*By supporting this resolution, we are saying two things:
First, that prescription diversion is a real public health and community safety issue affecting our residents.*

Second, Northern Ontario communities deserve solutions that reflect our realities, not one-size-fits-all approaches.

I believe passing this resolution is a responsible and constructive way for our council to support safer communities and encourage meaningful provincial action, and I ask for Council's support.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
665 Oak Street East, Unit 306
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Ph. 705-498-9510



**Support for the Prescription Diversion Partnership and Collaboration Project
“The Birth of Change”**

_____ moved, **SECONDED** by _____, that

WHEREAS prescription drug diversion, particularly involving regulated opioids and other controlled medications, presents a serious and growing risk to public health, community safety, and vulnerable populations across Ontario, including Northern and rural communities; and

WHEREAS evidence from law enforcement, health professionals, and community drug strategy partners demonstrates that diverted prescription medications are contributing to substance misuse, criminal activity, and increased strain on health, social, and enforcement systems throughout Northern Ontario

WHEREAS the **Partnership and Collaboration Project, “The Birth of Change”** (written by the North Bay Police Services and Community Drug Strategy of North Bay & Area), brings together law enforcement, addiction medicine specialists, pharmacists, public health partners, and community organizations to address prescription diversion through a collaborative, evidence-based, and multi-sector approach

WHEREAS the project identifies practical regulatory, prescribing, dispensing, and prevention measures intended to reduce diversion while maintaining appropriate access to medically necessary pain management and addiction treatment services; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Northern Ontario are experiencing the downstream impacts of prescription diversion, including pressures on emergency services, policing, housing stability, and community well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ *Municipality* _____ formally supports the **Partnership and Collaboration Project, “The Birth of Change”** and its objectives to reduce prescription drug diversion through coordinated, evidence-based action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ *Municipality* _____ calls on the **Province of Ontario**, including the **Ministry of Health** and the **Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions**, to review and give serious consideration to the project’s recommendations, including regulatory, prescribing, dispensing, and prevention strategies aimed at mitigating prescription diversion while protecting patient care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that _____ *Municipality* _____ encourage continued provincial engagement with municipalities, law enforcement, health professionals, pharmacists, and community partners to ensure that solutions are practical, regionally appropriate, and responsive to the realities faced by Northern Ontario communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the **Minister of Health**, the **Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**, **Sgt. Brad Reaume**, **Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament**, **NOMA**, **AMO** and **ROMA**.

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Det. B. Reaume
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COMMUNITY
DRUG STRATEGY
NORTH BAY & AREA

Ms. P. Cliche, R.N.
Co-Chair

Prescription Diversion Project
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Location of Project:

The Prescription Diversion project is underway in the Nipissing District, located in Northeastern Ontario, established in 1858. The district seat is North Bay. North Bay is a diverse community with a population of 52,662 and a regional trading area of 112,000, covering the districts of Nipissing, Parry Sound, Timmins, Temiskaming Shores, and Cobalt.

The North Bay Census Agglomeration includes the Municipalities of East Ferris, Callander, and the Townships of Bonfield and Chisholm. Unorganized townships include Nipissing North and the Municipality of Powassan. As of the 2021 Census, the total population of North Bay, CA is 71,736.

English is the primary language, with a smaller French-speaking community. Indigenous people comprise 10.7% of the population, with the majority identifying as First Nations.

Three general hospitals operate in the Nipissing District: North Bay Regional Health Centre, West Nipissing General Hospital, and Mattawa General Hospital.

The region receives policing services from the North Bay Police Service, Ontario Provincial Police, both municipal and regional offices, and the Anishinabek. Police Service.

Definition of Prescription Diversion:

Diversion occurs when a prescription holder receives medication from a pharmacist/dispenser and is then traded or sold. This may come in many forms, as low-impactful as a benefit holder assisting a family member with costs or non-narcotic medication.

Diversion is the illegal distribution or abuse of prescription drugs, or their use is not intended by the prescriber. The vast majority of diversion includes the sale or trade of prescribed narcotics for currency or a more desired narcotic like fentanyl and analogs of fentanyl.

Background:

In February 2025, the Street Crime Unit of the North Bay Police Service recognized that Prescription Diversion within the community was continuing to increase. Detective Brad Reaume reported that he had been informed by a dealer that he had arrested “that everyone diverts their medication”. This person continued to relay statements such as they are like “candy on the streets, kids are buying them,” and “you're doing the same thing you did with oxy's all over again.”

During the execution of several search warrants, 8mg Dilaudid pills and prescription bottles were found routinely, and during one search warrant, over 1000 pills were discovered.

Hydromorphone is being sold and traded for a preferred narcotic- Fentanyl (Analog). The pills are then sold for a profit to low-tolerance individuals and introduction to substance abusers. A concerning factor is that young people are seeking out dealers to purchase these pills.

Methadone, a Schedule II narcotic used to treat Opioid use disorder, is also sold and traded for the preferred drug of choice. **(See Appendix A: Slide deck *Diversion North Bay.ppt*)**

In February 2025, a series of meetings took place with various stakeholders and partners to begin addressing the issue strategically. Detective Brad Reaume and Patricia Cliche from the

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Community Drug Strategy – North Bay & Area assumed the roles of Chairs for the Prescription Diversion Project.

A series of meetings from February through to March 10, 2025, were hosted with addiction physicians presenting the issue and soliciting input and recommendations from the prescribers. Also in February, an awareness letter, “Withdraw Management & Opiate Prescribing Issue,” was sent to all addiction physicians as well as to the Department of General & Family Practice at the North Bay Regional Hospital.

On May 2, 2025, Detective Brad Reaume and Pat Cliche met with our local MPP, Vic Fedeli, to communicate the issue of diversion and address some regulatory changes. MPP Fedeli advised us to speak directly to the staff at the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, and that at the first opportunity, he would pass on information to the Associate Minister Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam.

On May 27, 2025, a Media Release was posted to communicate and raise awareness around the issue of diversion and the types of medications that are a risk to individuals who are not regulated consumers. **(See Appendix B: Media Release)**

During July 2025, we had the opportunity to discuss the issue of Prescription Diversion via a virtual platform with three staff members from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss future steps and plans regarding the North Bay project, ensuring to share and keep the Ministry up to date on plans and progress.

In our past experiences with our development of Bill 33 – Safeguarding our Communities Act, it was realized that the pharmacists were Gatekeepers to assist in the success of projects. We scheduled two meetings with all our local pharmacy outlets to seek their recommendations to address this concern.

First meeting was held on April 10 with some suggested recommendations, and on August 28, 2025, a large symposium with pharmacists, enforcement, addiction physician from Sudbury, partners from the local Mental Health & Addiction Committee and a Lived experience person who stated she had lost two partners to overdose but that she had “trafficked her prescriptions over 10,000 times.” The participants revealed crucial facts relating to actual diversion, indicating that prescription holders quickly (within 24 hours) divert their prescriptions for sale or trade. This key fact is supported by police investigations, where diverted medications were discovered and supports the regulatory changes recommended.

This issue of diversion is also not isolated to one community; it is widespread across the province. In Timmins, Police seized \$1.26 million in drugs and arrested 22 people, the result of a major drug operation in Timmins and Attawapiskat First Nation. Project Albion was conducted in conjunction with the Timmins Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, and it began in September 2024. They also seized \$100,000 in cash. Among the drugs seized were: fentanyl, crystal methamphetamine, methamphetamine pills, cocaine, oxycodone (Percocet and

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OxyContin pills), hydromorphone pills, morphine pills, psilocybin, lorazepam, Ritalin, MDMA, two motor vehicles, a rifle, a conducted energy weapon, and various paraphernalia consistent with drug trafficking.

Finally, in London, Ontario, CBC news reported on July 8, 2024, that about half of the opioids seized by London, Ont., police last year were prescribed Dilaudids.

Dilaudids made up roughly 15,000 of the hydromorphone pills seized in 2023.

Goal for Prescription Diversion:

To work with various community pharmacists, prescribers and committee members to explore potential best practices/strategies and regulatory options that may mitigate the impact of prescription diversion.

Objective for Prescription Diversion:

To convene working forums with identified pharmacists, prescribers and committee members under one umbrella to focus on the issues surrounding prescription diversion and then to develop multiple strategies aimed at reducing or eliminating the issue.

Deliverables: (Strategies-Recommendations)

(A) Recommendations: Addiction Physicians on March 10, 2025

1. Utilization of screening tool by all prescribing physicians in our area to ensure consistent screening of all clients.
2. Prescribing physicians will schedule and document a call-back screening program as a pilot.
3. The NBPS will notify the individual physician via a private text with a photo of all and any identified prescription bottles discovered during a search. It is the responsibility of the physician to then notify and speak to the client. (A legal discussion currently ongoing to determine if this contravenes privacy regulation)
4. Future meetings will be arranged with the community pharmacy outlets.
5. Suggestions that we re-initiate the return of Methadone bottles to the pharmacy or clinics used.

(B) Recommendations: Pharmacy Outlets on April 30, 2025

1. Return of Methadone Bottles to the pharmacy or clinic, but must be consistent across all pharmacy outlets. Develop a Best Practice regulation so that all outlets are compliant.
2. **Call-back** process for a pre-determined time period. Zero tolerance policy for clients if not compliant; they will be obligated to speak to their physician and be subject to a quantitative urine sampling investigation. The pharmacy will do if funding is available for consultation fees, which will sufficiently interfere with hydromorphone diversion.
3. Investigate the feasibility of a written, signed contract between the patient and physician. Violation of regulations will result in the immediate termination of the prescription.
4. Remove Dilaudid 8 mg (Hydromorphone) from provincial pharmacy coverage, **OR** develop a standard and accepted callback regulation requiring prescribers to call back

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patients on a random basis to demonstrate the medication has not been diverted. This will be done on a no less than 4 times per year, and there shall be no announcement of this regulation.

5. Physicians, when prescribing, observe the client taking Kadian. This will **eliminate** Kadian in our communities.

(C) Recommendations: August 28, 2025

Regulatory Recommendations for Prescription Diversion

Opioid diversion poses a significant risk to both public health and community safety. Our committee believes that these recommendations strike a balance between ensuring appropriate access to necessary pain medications and safeguarding our communities from the risks associated with diversion. A multifaceted approach will also provide patients with safer, evidence-based alternatives for managing pain and addictions.

All pharmacy outlets in Ontario must remain consistent and compliant with all approved regulations regarding prescription diversion.

1. Formulary Adjustments

- **Delist from the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) Formulary**
 - Dilaudid (hydromorphone) 8mg tablets: DIN 00786543 and all its generic interchangeables
 - Hydromorph Contin 24mg (DIN 02125382) and 30mg (DIN 02125390), and 4.5 mg (DIN 02359502) capsules with all their generic interchangeables
- **Restrict access to higher-strength formulations from General Benefits to Limited Use (LU) or Exceptional Access Program (EAP)**
 - Dilaudid 4 mg tabs (DIN 00125121) and all its generic interchangeables
 - Hydromorph Contin 18mg caps (DIN 02243562) and all its generic interchangeables

2. Dispensing Regulations

- If Kadian is to be provided, the administration **must be observed**. There is to be no take-home prescription. Exceptions under certain circumstances, such as when the provider is closed for the weekend.
- Implement legislation limiting opioid dispensing to a **maximum 14-day supply**
- Establish a **random “call-back” program**, allowing pharmacists/physicians to request that patients return their dispensed opioid medications in their original containers for verification and count
- A **nominal \$5:00 fee** would be reimbursed under ODB for each callback, limited to four (4) callbacks per client per year
- Require that all **methadone carry bottles be returned** with their original label intact for patients to receive their next carry supply.

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3. Enhanced Pain Management Options

- Expand provincial coverage to support a multifaceted approach to acute pain management to include:
- Addition of non-opioid options to the ODB formulary, muscle relaxants, tramadol, and tramacet, anti-inflammatories such as ketorolac
- Short-term coverage for physiotherapy, chiropractic care, massage therapy, and psychotherapy

4. Alternatives to Opioid Detoxification

- Explore and implement non-opioid-based approaches to detoxification, reducing reliance on opioids in the recovery pathway.

(D) Other recommendations and suggested prevention strategies

- Legislative changes are needed, such as delisting higher strengths of opioids and limiting prescription quantities to reduce diversion and encourage reflection on dosage choices.
- Improve regulations and reporting mechanisms to address prescription diversion and trafficking.
- Review concerns around the lack of coverage for alternative pain management treatments, suggesting this contributes to addiction issues and the need to consider broader healthcare system reforms.
- Potential strategies to detect and prevent prescription diversion, including the use of technology for remote medication monitoring.
- Reporting of physicians if it is known that they are aware their client is diverting their medication and ignore the issue. Should they be reported to their college for them to review their practice?
- A creation of a clear reporting channel for pharmacists and physicians that can be implemented quickly.
- The need to address this issue proactively to avoid legal challenges, similar to a Class Action suit with Oxycodone.

Actions to Address Prescription Diversion

1. Seek approval from the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions for our submitted Proposal of September 18, 2025. and presently the latest format Partnership and Collaboration – “the birth of change”
2. Increase public education and awareness not only in schools but also among the general public.
3. The need to review and recommend some mandatory guidelines for the use of Methadone, such as the actual consulting during treatment and determining the length of time that a client remains on Methadone.
4. Seek approval and letters of support from various partnerships throughout our Province.

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Diversion Trends – North Bay April 30 2025



Diversion – is the trade/sale of prescribed medications

Alarming conversations with traffickers who have expressed concerns “They’re flooding the streets like candy” “Kids are asking for them”

“Your doing the same thing you did with oxys”



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Methadone Hydrochloride
80 MG Mfr: MAL
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456 Ferguson St, N
Tel: (705) 472-4222

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239 Main St. E.
Phone 705-472-4222

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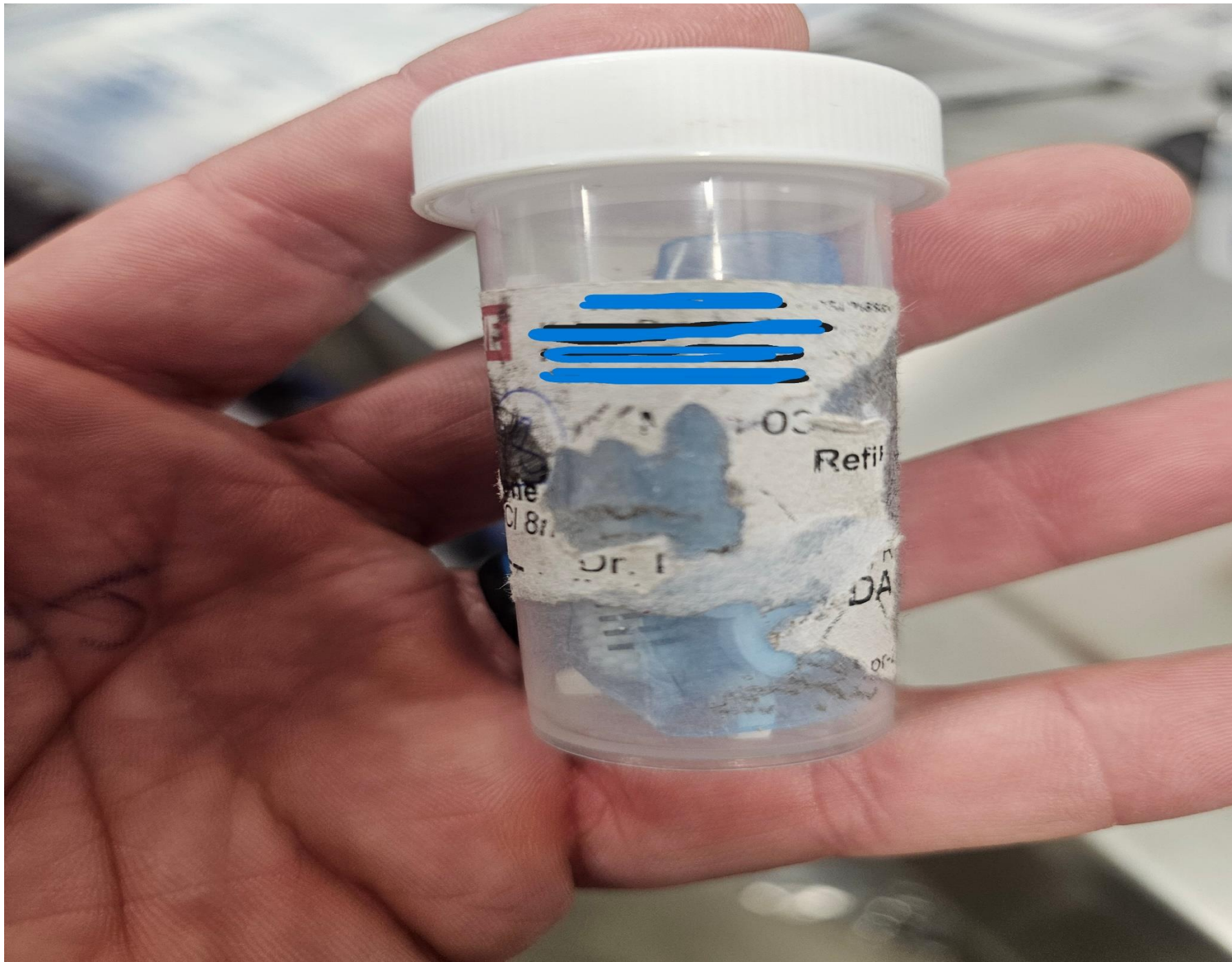
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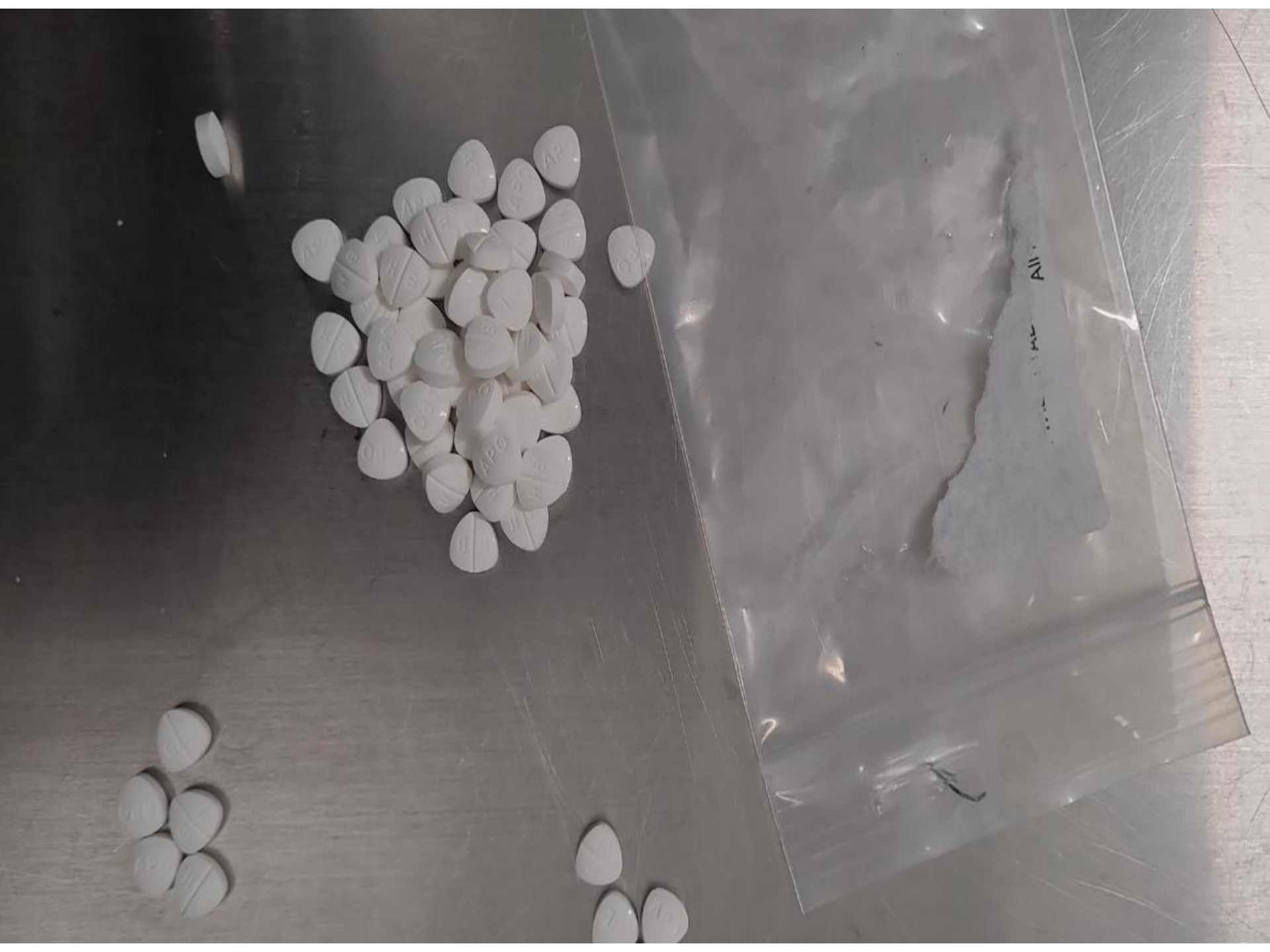
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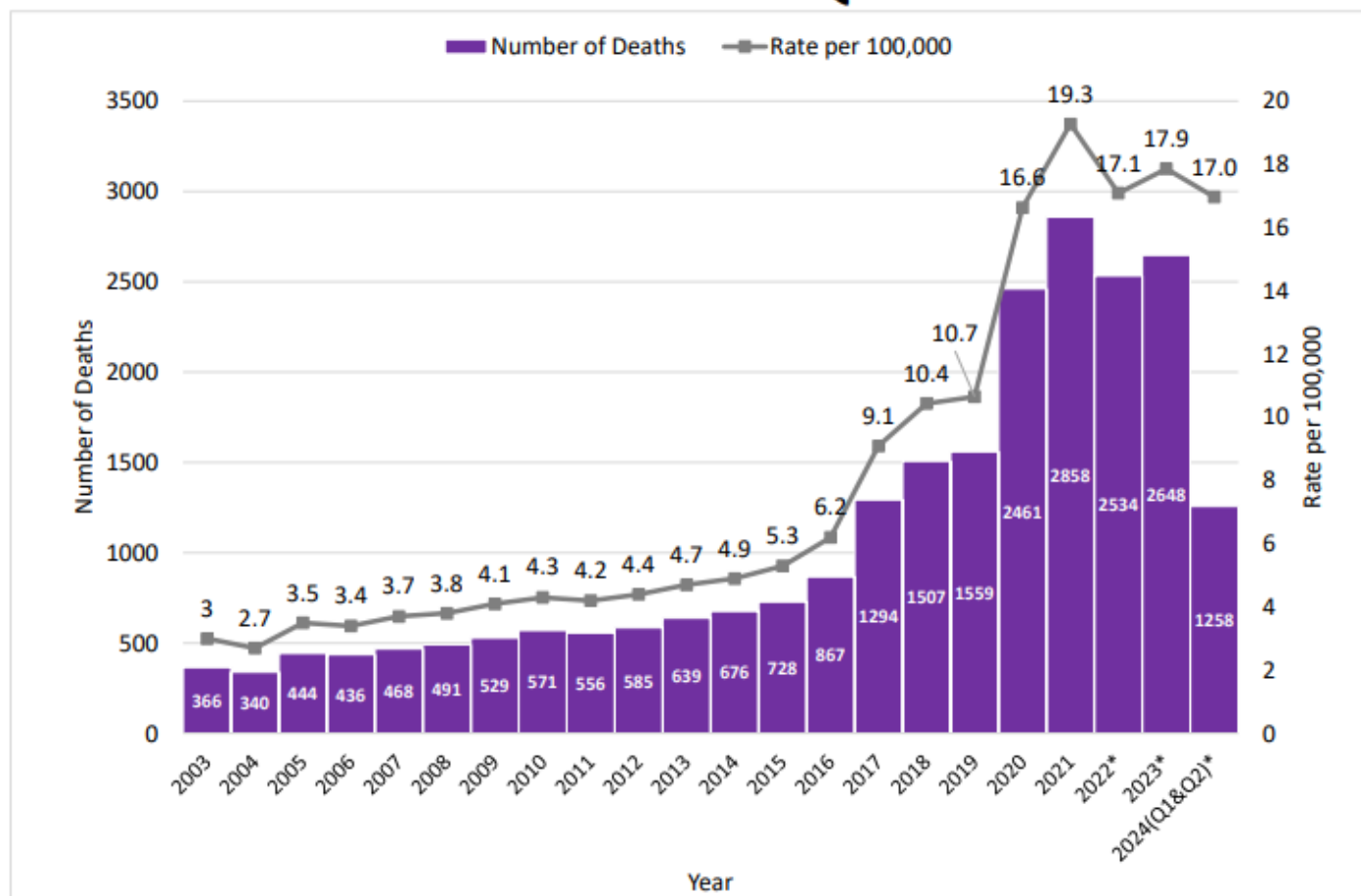


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EVERY 30 DAYS)**

DR. W. Graham

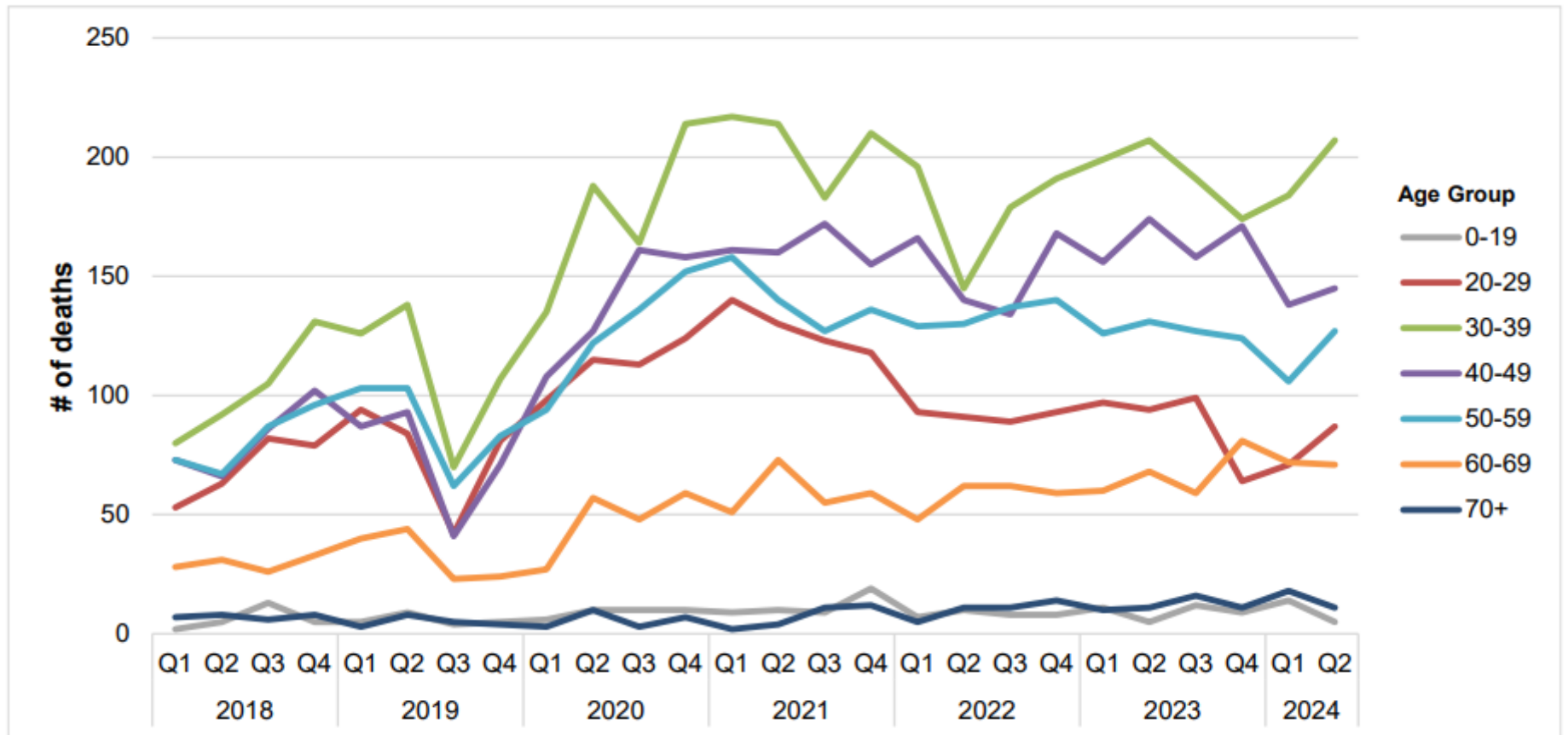
Opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario by year, 2003-2024 Q2



In **2021**, the mortality rate for opioid toxicity in Ontario was **19.3** per 100,000 population; **more than double** the rate in 2017 (9.1).

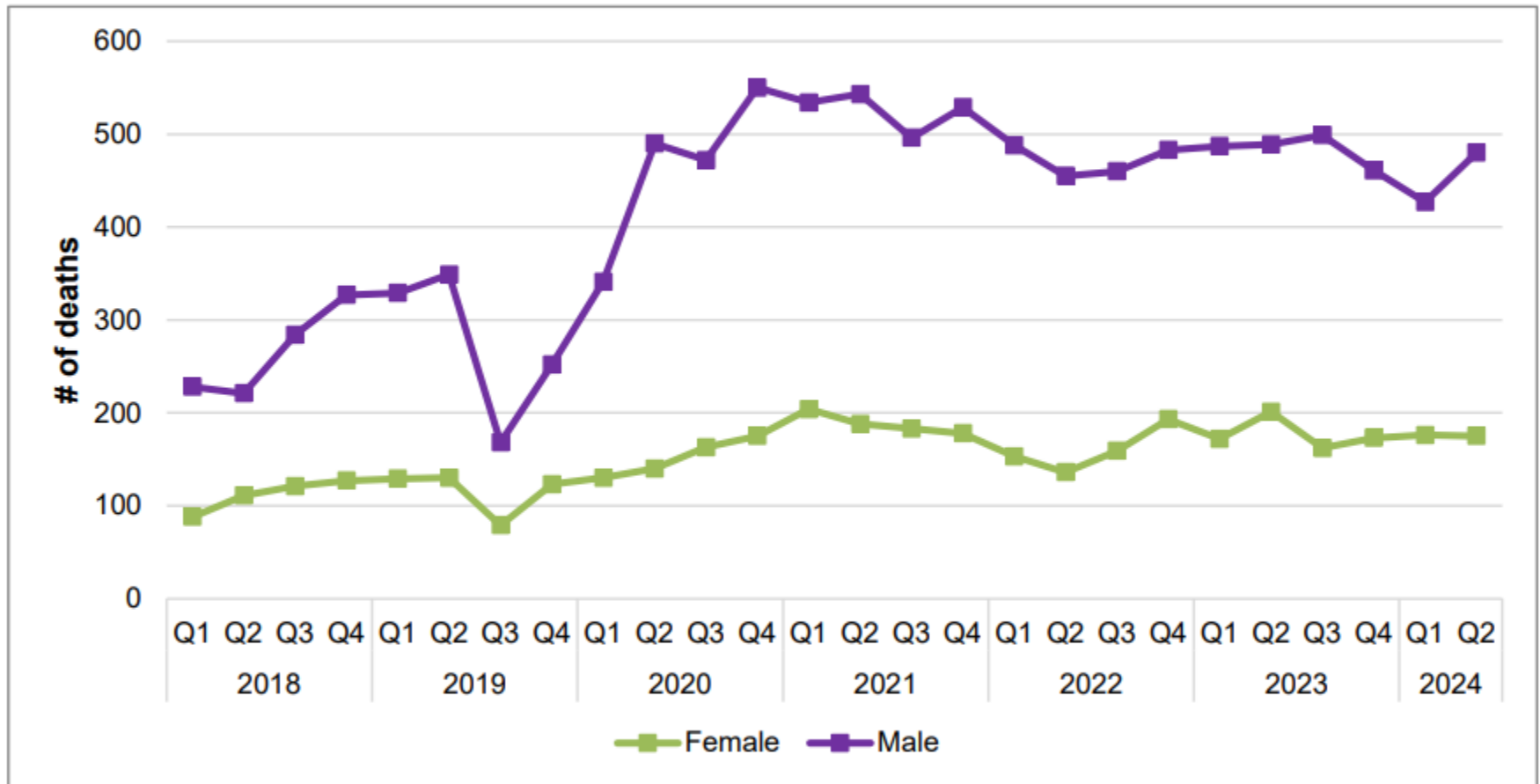
In **2024(Q1&Q2)**, the mortality rate has **decreased by 12%** compared to 2021, however remains **59% higher** than in 2019.

Opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario by age group, 2018-2024 Q2



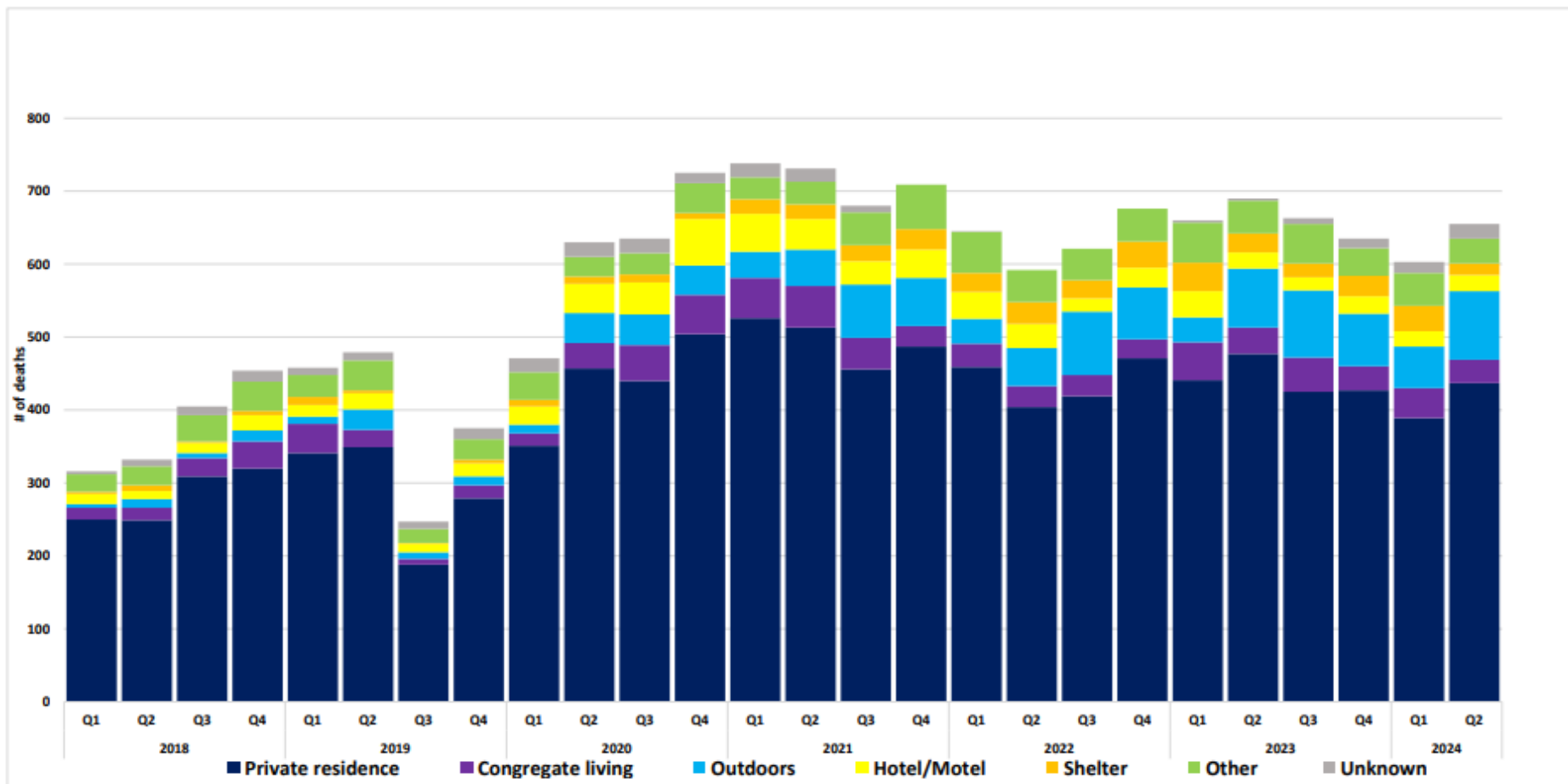
Age groups **30-59** continue to be **most impacted**, accounting for 73% of deaths in Q2 2024.

Opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario by sex, 2018-2024 Q2



3 in 4 deaths have been among **males** since the start of the pandemic.

Locations of Incident among Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



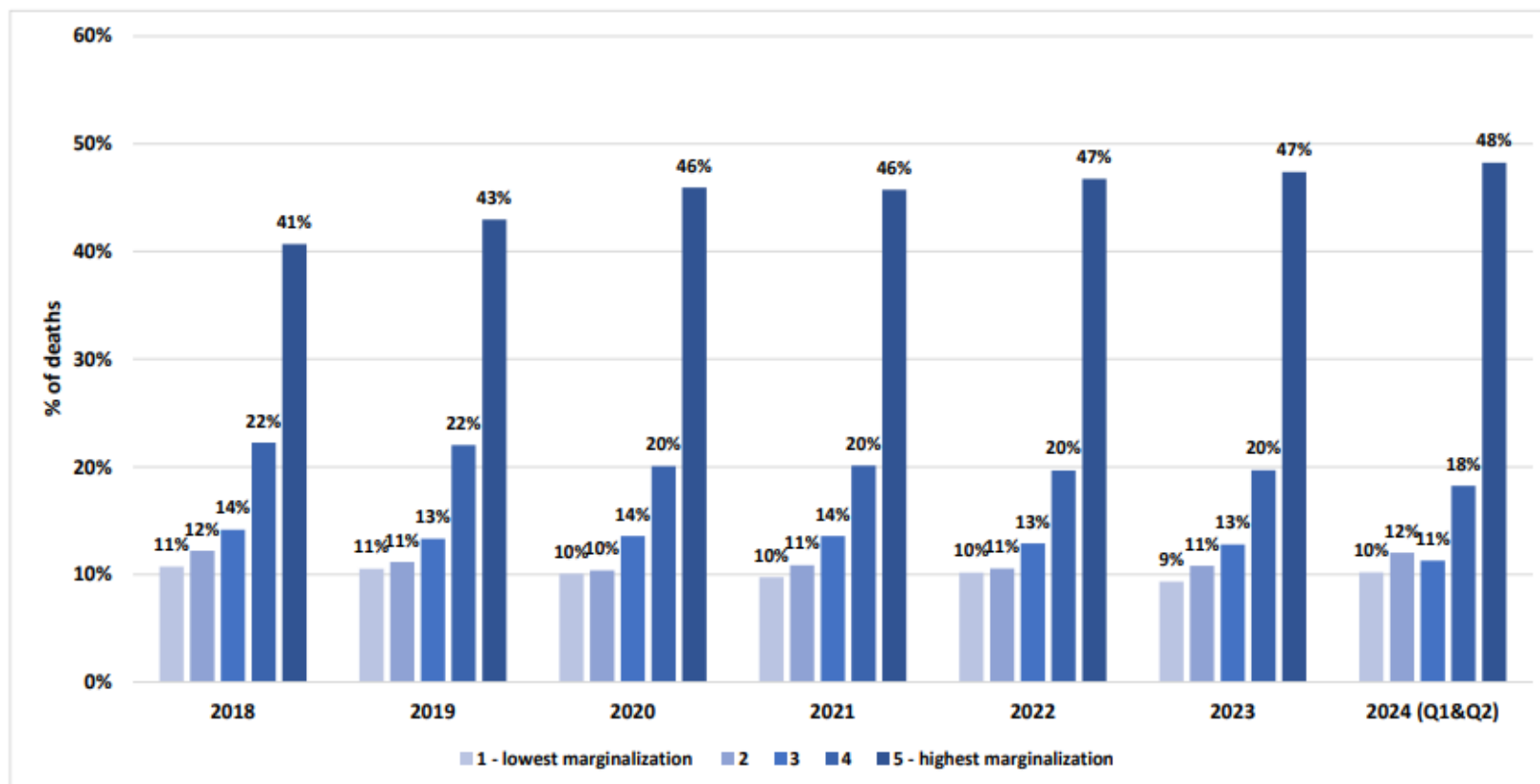
The majority of fatal opioid toxicity events (nearly 7 in 10) occur in private residences.

Source: Office of Chief Coroner (OCC) - Data effective October 28, 2024.

Includes confirmed and probable opioid toxicity deaths and ongoing investigations where information may be pending. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

'Other' locations of incident include: Correctional Facility, in Custody, Hospital/Clinic, in a Vehicle, Public building, and Industrial (Construction Site, Factory, Plant, Warehouse, Mine)

Material Resources Marginalization Index among opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Nearly half of all opioid toxicity deaths occur among people living in areas experiencing the highest level of material resource marginalization (i.e., extreme difficulty attaining basic material needs).

Source: Office of Chief Coroner (OCC) - Data effective October 28, 2024. Includes confirmed and probable opioid toxicity deaths and ongoing investigations where information may be pending. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Based on postal code of residence where available; if missing, then postal code of incident is used. The [2021 Ontario Marginalization \(ON-MARG\) Index](#) uses dissemination area (defined as a "relatively stable geographic unit with average population of 400 to 700 persons") and material resources quintiles. The material resources dimension is related to poverty and the inability to attain basic material needs such as housing, food, clothing, and education. It is a known limitation that ON-MARG may not be able to accurately represent Indigenous reserves, Indigenous people living off reserve or institutionalized populations (nursing homes, penitentiaries etc.) due to how the information is collected in the census.

Substances involved in opioid toxicity deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2

	% of Opioid Toxicity Deaths by Year						
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 (Q1&Q2)
Non-Pharmaceutical Opioids							
Total fentanyl/Fentanyl analogues	67.9	75	85.7	88.8	83.4	86.2	83
Fentanyl	64.4	53.4	85.5	87.9	81.8	82.3	76.2
Carfentanil	6.3	31.4	0.5	4.3	7.6	3.1	1.5
Other Fentanyl Analogues**	1.4	1.3	1.2	0.6	1.7	22	24.2
Detection of Fluorofentanyl*	0	0	0	0.8	6.4	42.5	47.6
Detection of Butyryl/Isobutyryl/Methyl-fentanyl*	0	0	0	0	0	1.3	27.8
Nitazenes*	0	0	0	0.2	0.8	0.6	0.9
Heroin	7.2	4.1	1.7	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.8
Opioids Indicated for Pain							
Codeine	4.6	2.6	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Oxycodone	11.1	9.1	4.9	3.8	5.7	4.6	5.3
Hydromorphone	10.8	10.1	6.1	5.9	6.9	7.5	8.4
Tramadol	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.6
Morphine	10.7	8	5.2	4	5.7	5.4	5
Opioid Agonist Treatment							
Methadone	12.9	12.9	10.4	10.3	9.5	8.7	10.1
Buprenorphine	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4
Other Substances							
Total Stimulant(s)	43.5	48.3	56.9	59.3	59.9	67.3	66.7
Methamphetamine	16.3	20.5	25.8	30.2	32.1	34.9	36.2
Cocaine	32.2	34.4	41.6	40	39.6	47.9	45.1
Other Stimulants	2.4	1.4	1.7	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.3
Alcohol	13.7	12.6	12.8	10.6	12.2	11.6	10.3
Benzodiazepines	11.9	8.4	9.1	11.1	11.2	31.8	43.1
Detection of nonpharmaceutical benzodiazepines*	32.7	29.8	45	63.8	48.8	64.7	64
Detection of xylazine*	0	0	0.2	2.1	2.5	3.1	4

Fentanyl continues to contribute to the majority (76.2%) of opioid toxicity deaths.
Stimulants are involved in nearly 7 in 10 opioid toxicity deaths.

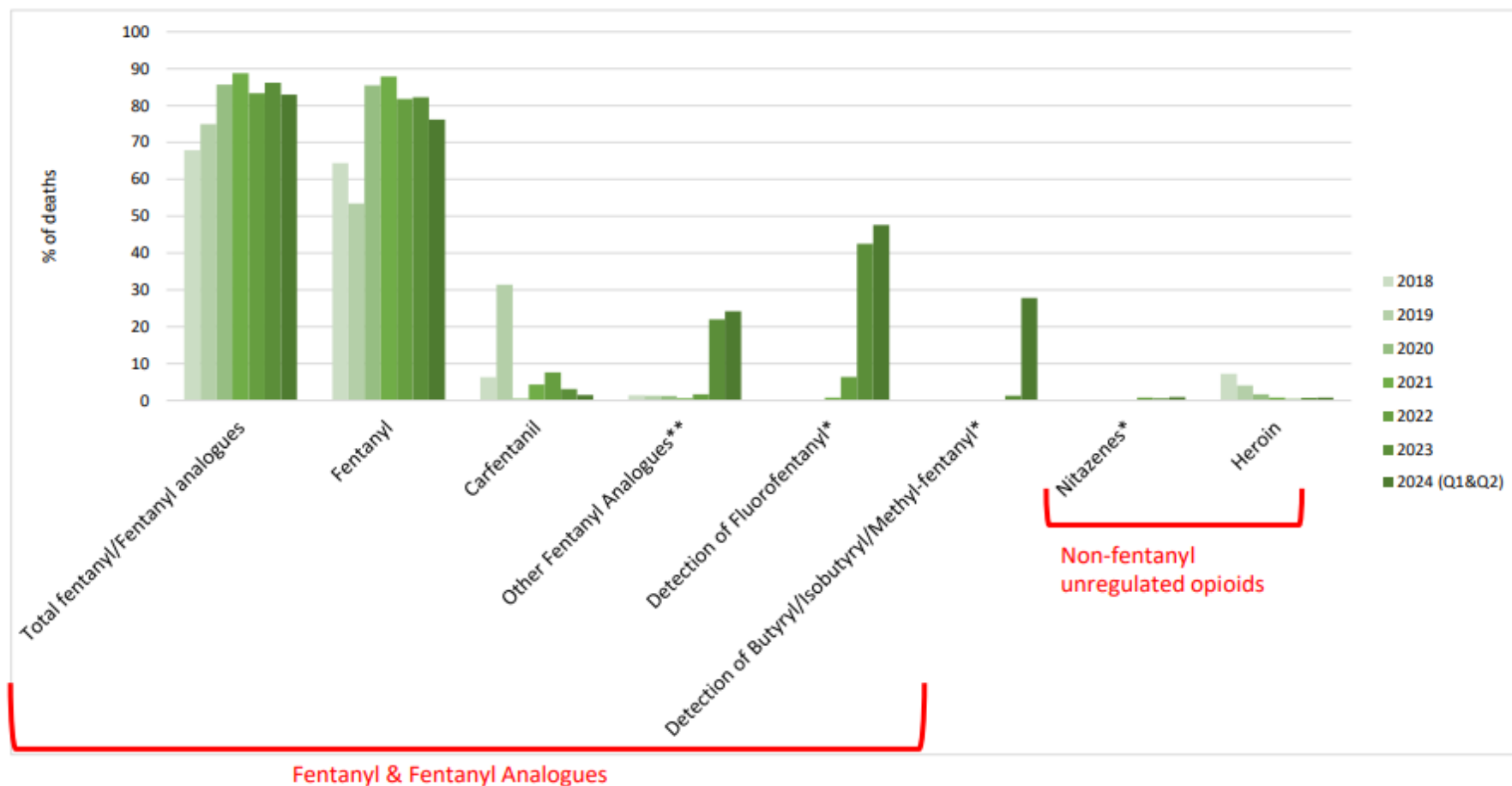
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Unregulated Opioids Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



In 2024 to date (Q1&Q2):
Fentanyl/Fentanyl Analogues are attributed to over 4 in 5 opioid toxicity deaths.
Fluorofentanyl is detected in nearly half of opioid toxicity deaths.
Butyryl/Isobutyryl/Methyl-fentanyl is detected in nearly 3 in 10 opioid toxicity deaths.

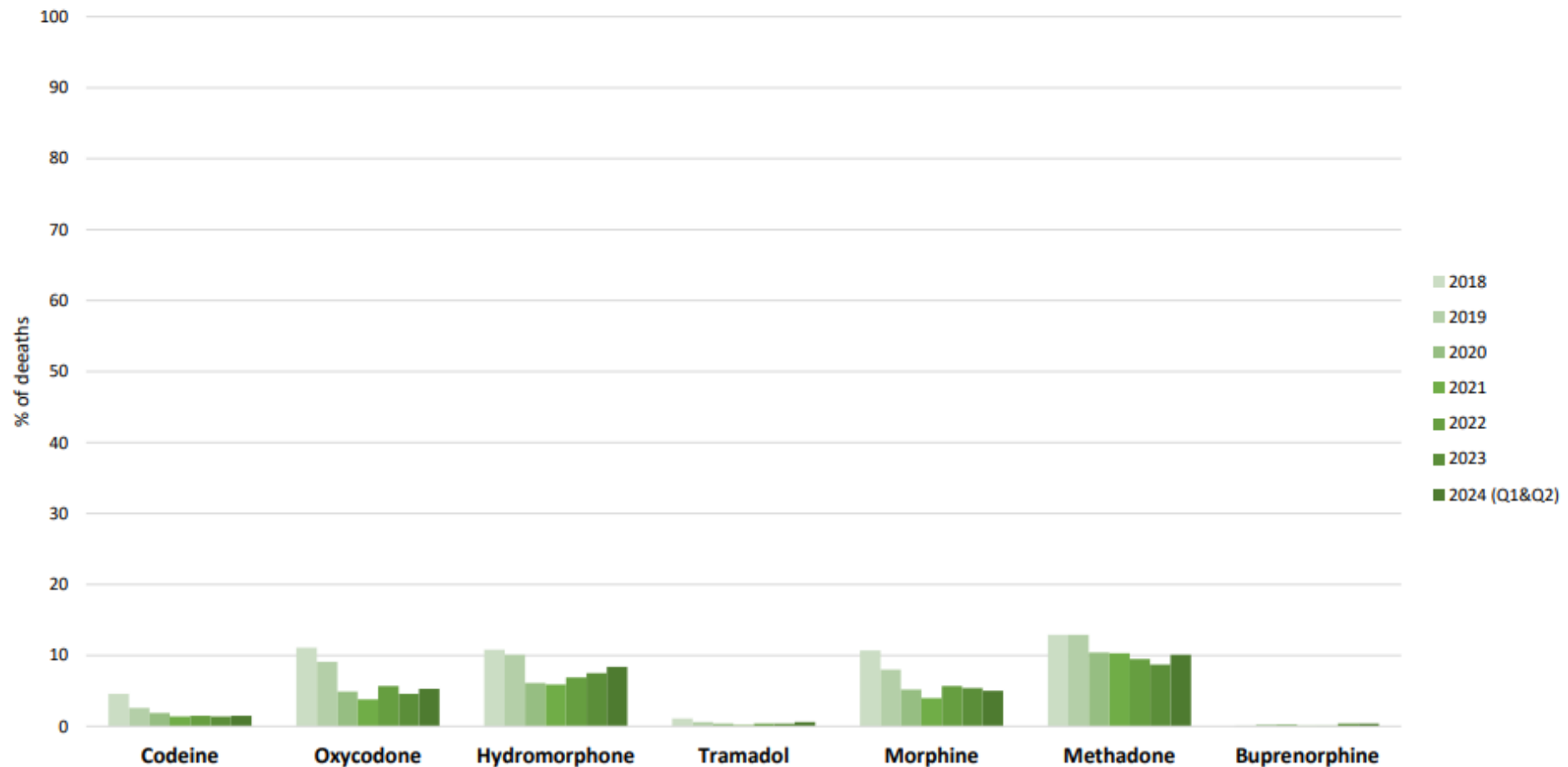
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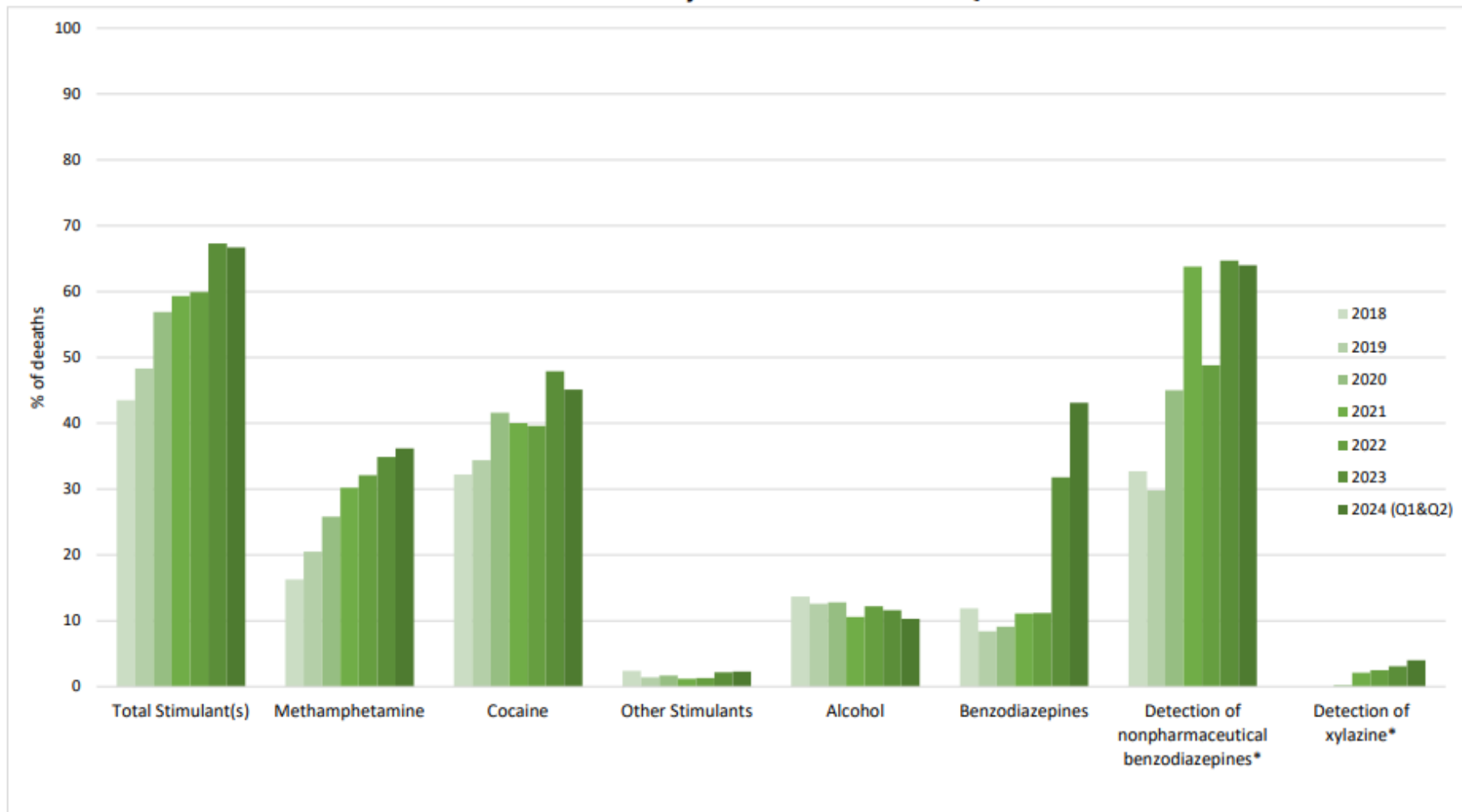
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Regulated Opioids Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Regulated Opioids in the absence of fentanyl are attributed to death in less than 1 in 6 in opioid toxicity deaths (Q1&Q2 2024).

Other Substances Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2



Benzodiazepines are involved in over 3 in 5 opioid toxicity deaths (Q1&Q2 2024).
Cocaine is involved in over 2 in 5 opioid toxicity deaths (Q1&Q2 2024).

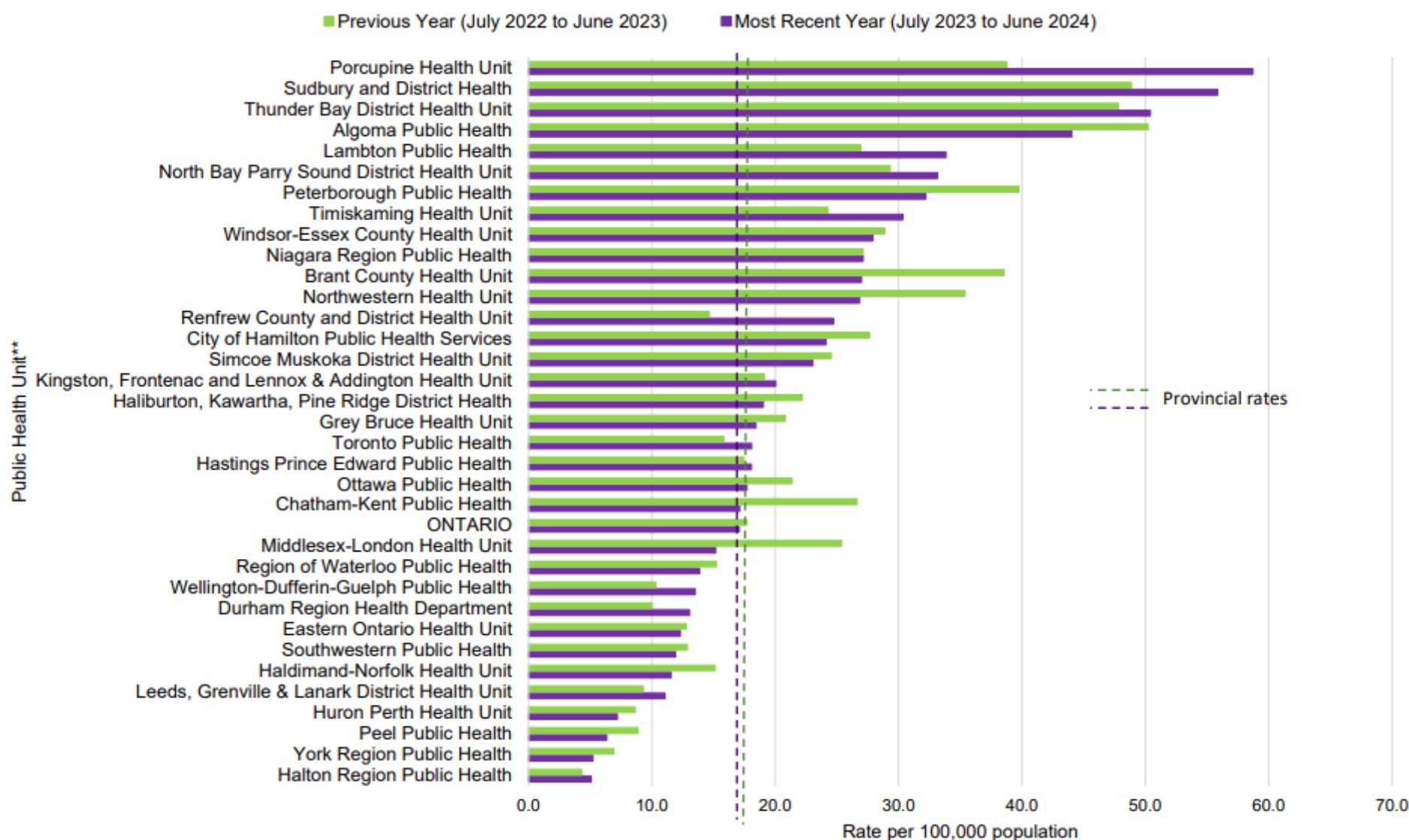
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Opioid toxicity mortality rate by PHU region - Annual

Most recent two years of data available*



Opioid Toxicity Mortality Rate by Census Subdivision (CSD)

Ten (10) CSDs with the highest mortality rates in 2024 Q1&Q2:

Census Subdivision**	Opioid toxicity* mortality rate per 100,000 population (annualized)	Number of Opioid toxicity deaths
SAULT STE. MARIE	64.2	24
THUNDER BAY	59.6	33
SARNIA	56.7	21
TIMMINS	52.4	11
PETERBOROUGH	51.5	22
NORTH BAY	47.8	13
ORILLIA	46.3	8
GREATER SUDBURY	45.0	38
WINDSOR	41.7	48
BRANTFORD	40.8	22
<i>Ontario (for reference)</i>	17.0	1258

Source: Office of Chief Coroner (OCC) - Data effective October 28, 2024.

*Includes both confirmed and probable opioid-related deaths; **preliminary and subject to change.**

**Based on location of incident. Among CSDs with >30,000 population.



Contact Information

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MEDIA RELEASE

North Bay Police Service

COMMUNITY DRUG STRATEGY NORTH BAY & AREA

For immediate release

on May 27, 2025

Media Release “Prescription Diversion”

The North Bay Police Service has identified an increased presence of diverted prescription opioids within the North Bay community. Prescribed substances such as hydromorphone, morphine sulphate, and medications for Opiate Agonist Treatment are frequently encountered in drug investigations, and there have recently been significant quantities showing up in police investigations revealing evidence of diversion. Diversion occurs when an individual, who is prescribed medication, sells, trades, or gives their narcotics to someone else. Once these narcotics enter the community, they pose a risk to individuals who are not regulated consumers.

To address this growing concern, the Community Drug Strategy and North Bay Police have been working with local prescribers and pharmacists, to explore potential prevention strategies and regulatory options that may mitigate the impact of prescription diversion in both the community and surrounding areas. Everyone involved has expressed a strong willingness to partner in identifying and implementing solutions.

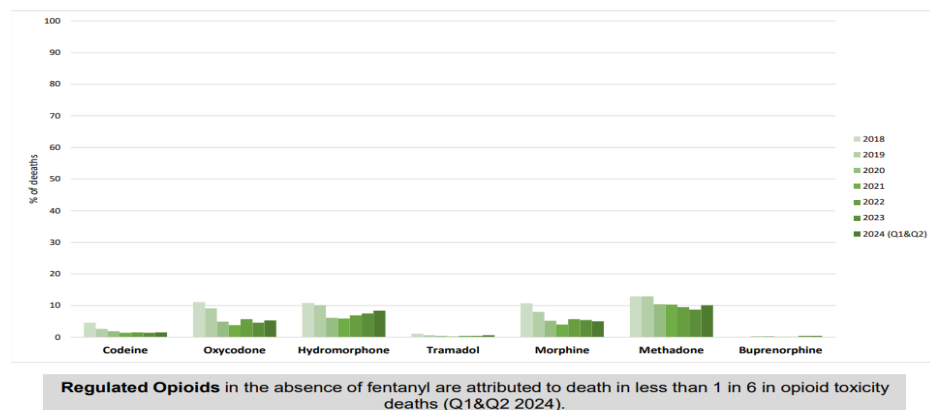
Medications are a vital part of our lives and are essential for effectively treating various conditions and diseases. When medications are no longer needed or have expired, it is imperative that you dispose of them safely and properly.

Proper disposal is crucial to prevent the accidental or intentional misuse of medications. Take action by dropping off your unused or expired medications at participating pharmacies where this service is available free of charge any day of the week.

Remember, selling your prescription medications is not just discouraged; it is illegal under the Control Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA) and carries serious penalties. Make the responsible choice and dispose of medications correctly.

According to the Office of the Chief Coroner, Regulated Opioid use is involved in just under one in 6 deaths

**Regulated Opioids Involved in Opioid Toxicity Deaths
in Ontario, 2018-2024 Q2**



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For further inquiries please contact:

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Det. Sgt. Brad Reaume: Street Crime Unit, North Bay Police Service

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Prescription Diversion Motion

We, the undersigned, formally support the motion for “Partnership and

Collaboration – the birth of change” passed on the date of November 21, 2025, in North Bay, Ontario.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Name of Agency/Organization

Partnership and Collaboration
"the birth of change"



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**COMMUNITY
DRUG STRATEGY**
NORTH BAY & AREA

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From: [FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM](#)
Subject: Fwd: Closure of LifeLabs
Date: Friday, January 30, 2026 1:01:10 PM
Attachments: [Planned Closure of LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury \(1\).pdf](#)

Good afternoon

Please share this Resolution with your Mayor, Council, and Senior Management

The attached DRAFT Municipal Resolution, regarding the closing of the laboratory at Sudbury's LifeLabs, is for your council's consideration.

If a member of your Council would like to bring it forward to your next meeting, please let your Clerk know.

Suggested comment in support of this resolution

Colleagues, I'm bringing this resolution forward because the planned closure of the LifeLabs laboratory in Greater Sudbury has real implications for Northern Ontario communities like ours.

That Sudbury lab doesn't just serve one city. It processes medical tests for patients across the North urban, rural, and remote areas. When lab work is delayed, it's not an inconvenience; it can affect diagnosis, treatment decisions, and patient outcomes, especially for people with chronic illness, seniors in long-term care, newborns, and anyone on time-sensitive medications.

Sending samples hundreds of kilometres south may work on paper, but in Northern Ontario, we know the reality. Winter weather, highway closures, and long distances introduce risks that simply don't exist in southern Ontario. Delays, lost samples, and retesting are not theoretical; they're things we already deal with.

There's also a workforce issue here. Northern Ontario is already short on health-care professionals. Losing trained lab technologists and centralizing services further south makes it harder to recruit and retain the people our health system depends on.

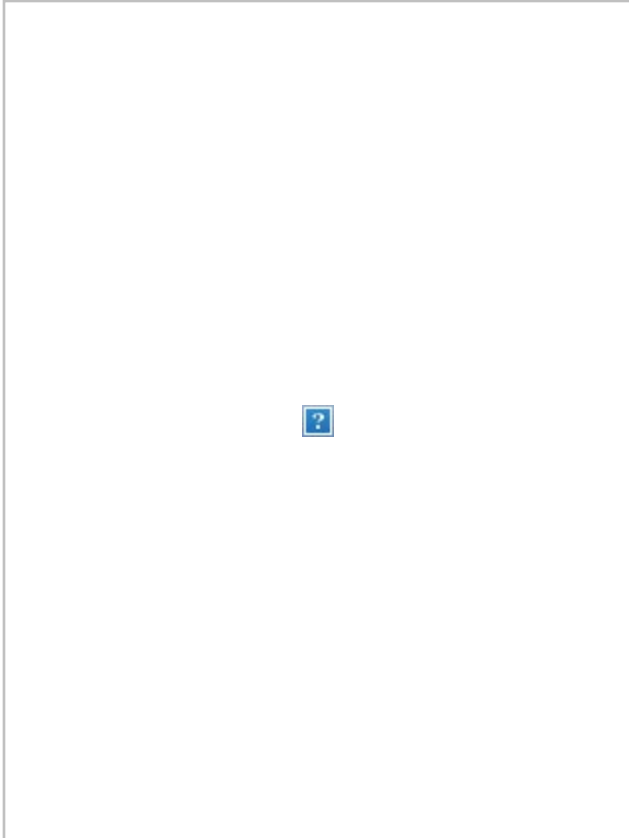
This resolution is not about telling a private company how to run its business. It's about asking the Province to step in and make sure Northern Ontarians continue to have reliable access to essential health services. It's about fairness and patient safety.

Passing this resolution allows our municipality to add its voice and say clearly that Northern communities should not be disadvantaged simply because of geography. I believe this is a reasonable and responsible position for the Council to take, and I'm asking for your support.

Happy to chat

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
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2026 FONOM Conference

Hosted by the **City of Timmins**

Planned Closure of LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced its intention to close its **Greater Sudbury laboratory**, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and plays a critical role in ensuring timely and reliable medical testing for Northern residents; and

WHEREAS patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making; and

WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures—potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ Municipality _____ call on the **Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health** to take immediate action to ensure that **essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario**, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure **reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times** for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the **Northern Ontario health-care workforce**, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the **Minister of Health, local Members of Provincial Parliament, FONOM, AMO, and ROMA.**

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Agenda Number: 14.c.
Resolution Number 2026-RCM-029
Title: Closure of Sudbury's LifeLabs Laboratory
Date: February 2, 2026

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Moved by:



Seconded by:



WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced the planned closure of its laboratory processing facility in Greater Sudbury, with services being transferred to facilities in Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury LifeLabs laboratory currently provides essential diagnostic testing services to residents of Markstay-Warren and communities throughout Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the closure raises serious concerns regarding increased turnaround times for critical medical testing, potential service disruptions, and risks to patient care due to transportation delays, particularly during winter months and adverse weather conditions; and

WHEREAS timely access to laboratory diagnostics is a critical component of an effective healthcare system and is essential to the health and well-being of rural, senior, and vulnerable populations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren hereby expresses its opposition to the closure of the LifeLabs laboratory in Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council formally requests the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and LifeLabs to reconsider this decision and to maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury to ensure reliable and timely diagnostic services for Northern Ontario residents;

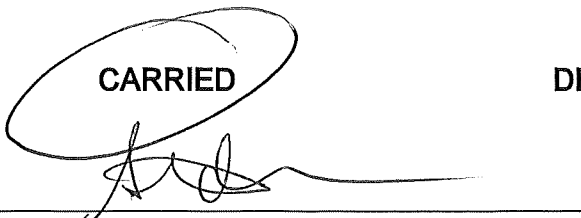
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the attached draft communication and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
- MPP France G  linas, Nickel Belt
- MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming  Cochrane
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- LifeLabs Ontario

CARRIED

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Mayor

February 2, 2026

The Honourable John Vanthof, MPP
Timiskaming–Cochrane
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

RE: Concerns Regarding the Closure of the LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury

Dear MPP Vanthof,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, I am writing to express our serious concerns regarding the announced closure of the LifeLabs laboratory facility in Greater Sudbury.

The Sudbury LifeLabs facility plays a critical role in providing timely diagnostic services for residents throughout Northern Ontario, including those in Markstay-Warren and surrounding communities. The planned transition of laboratory processing services to facilities located in the Greater Toronto Area raises serious concerns regarding longer turnaround times, potential service disruptions, and increased risks to patient care. Particularly during winter months and periods of inclement weather that frequently affect northern transportation routes.

Reliable access to diagnostic testing is essential to the health and well-being of our residents. Many of our citizens rely on timely laboratory results to support urgent and ongoing medical treatment. Any delays or disruptions may result in adverse health outcomes, particularly for seniors, rural residents, and vulnerable populations.

Council is also concerned about the potential loss of skilled laboratory professionals from our region, further weakening already strained healthcare services across Northern Ontario.

The Municipality of Markstay-Warren respectfully urges the Province of Ontario to engage with LifeLabs and the Ministry of Health to explore options that would maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury and ensure that residents of Northern Ontario continue to receive timely, high-quality diagnostic services.



Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your continued advocacy on behalf of Northern Ontario communities and respectfully request your support in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

Marc Serré, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Markstay-Warren
Encl. Closure of Sudbury's LifeLab Laboratory Resolution
cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
MPP France Gélinas, Nickel Belt
MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
LifeLabs Ontario

January 29, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

Paul Laperriere
CAO/Treasurer - Town of Mattawa
160 Water Street
P.O. Box 390
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

Dear Mr. Paul Laperriere:

Re: 2026 Municipal Levy

Attached please find your **2026 Municipal Levy Information Package**.

At its meeting on January 28, 2026, the Board of Health approved the 2026 budget. The approved budget includes a 1% increase (previously confirmed) in provincial mandatory program funding and a 4% increase in the Municipal share. For 2026, the sharing split is 77.29% provincial and 22.71% municipal.

Please note that 2026 is the final year of the Strengthening Public Health Initiative, which provides a 1% funding increase to health units. Funding for 2027 is unknown at this time. Updated Draft Ontario Public Health Standards have been shared with health units; however, final release has been delayed, and current protocols and standards remain in effect.

In accordance with the Board of Health By-Laws, the Municipal Reserve status will be updated and provided with the 2025 audited financial statements. For your information, the Municipal Reserve balance as of October 31, 2025, was \$2,488,411.

To learn more about Health Unit programs, activities, and reports, please visit the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit website at www.myhealthunit.ca. The website is completely searchable and provides information on a wide range of health topics.

The following information is enclosed:

- **Appendix A – 2025 Levy Payment Schedule**

- **Appendix B – 2025 Board of Health Approved Budget Summary Sheet**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Massicotte, Executive Director, Corporate Services/Privacy Officer, at (705) 474-1400, extension 5238.

Yours truly,



[Rick Champagne \(Jan 29, 2026 14:14:52 EST\)](#)

Rick Champagne
Chairperson, Board of Health

Enclosures (2)

Copy to: Paul Massicotte, Executive Director, Corporate Services/Privacy Officer
Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, Medical Officer of Health/Executive Officer
Board of Health

January 29, 2026

Town of Mattawa
160 Water Street
P.O. Box 390
Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

2026 LEVY
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

2026 Annual Levy

\$71,854.00

Monthly Payment Schedule effective January 1, 2026	Amount
January 1, 2026	\$5,763.00
February 1, 2026	\$5,763.00
March 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
April 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
May 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
June 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
July 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
August 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
September 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
October 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
November 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
December 1, 2026	\$6,032.80
Total	\$71,854.00

Levy based on population of: 1,836

Per Capita Rate: \$39.14

Due Date: The first day of every month

Interest is charged at 1.25% per month on outstanding balances.

Please remit to: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

Attention: Finance Department

345 Oak St W

North Bay, ON P1B 2T2

Or Direct Deposit to: Account # 03442 003 128749

2026 Board of Health Public Health Budget

Budget Summary Sheet

Budget Summary	Budget 2025	Forecast 2025	Budget 2026	Cost Sharing Percentage for 2026	Notes
Total Expenses	23,282,096	23,397,114	24,052,331		1
Less Program Revenues	481,041	627,106	603,725		2
Net Expenses	22,801,055	22,770,008	23,448,606		
Less: 100% Funding, and One-Time Funding and Grants	5,190,769	5,652,102	5,544,905		3
Total Shareable Base	17,610,286	17,117,906	17,903,701		
Ministry of Health Share	13,701,100	13,318,020	13,838,100	77.29%	4
Municipal Share	3,909,232	3,799,886	4,065,601	22.71%	5
Plus: 100% Municipal - Adult Dental	98,277	53,708	98,277		6
Gross Municipal Levy	4,007,509	3,853,594	4,163,878		
Per Capita Municipal Population	106,394	106,394	106,394		7
Per Capita Rate	37.67	36.22	39.14		

Notes for Budget Summary

1	Total expenses include the cost of all Health Unit programs and services.
2	Program revenues are generated through payments from the public or the government on a fee-for-service basis.
3	The forecast for 2025 includes 100% funding from multiple sources and one-time funding for COVID-19 Vaccination expenses and Purpose-Built Immunization Product Refrigeration.
4	The Ministry of Health funding for 2026 has been confirmed at a 1% increase over last year. The new total of \$13,838,100 is 77.29% of the shareable base.
5	The municipal share is calculated using the 2025 levy plus 4%. The new total of \$4,065,601 is 22.71% of the shareable base.
6	The 2025 forecasted 100% Municipal Adult Dental is below budget as a result of increased offset revenues from the Ontario Disability Support Program and Low Income People Involvement of Nipissing.
7	As per the <i>Health Promotion and Protection Act</i> , R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 7, O. Reg. 489-97 Allocation of Board of Health Expenses, current (2022) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) enumeration data is used for populations. MPAC does not allow their total population data to be shared publicly.

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February 6, 2026

107-2025-3073

His Worship Raymond Belanger
Mayor
Town of Mattawa
mayor.belanger@mattawa.ca

Dear Mayor Belanger:

I am pleased to advise you that the Town of Mattawa has been selected for funding through the Ministry of Transportation's 2026-27 Connecting Links Program. You may proceed with your project upon receipt of this letter subject to the conditions noted below.

The ministry's maximum provincial contribution for your project is \$3,177,000 towards the Reconstruction of Main Street from the Highway 17 Roundabout to Mauril Belanger Bridge.

Ministry staff will follow up with your municipality to provide the contribution agreement and discuss the milestones and other requirements that must be met. The contribution agreement needs to be signed and returned to the ministry within two months of receipt. The ministry will require a signed agreement, accompanied with a council resolution before funding can be provided; however, as noted above, you may proceed with your project upon receipt of this letter. Any eligible costs incurred on or after April 1, 2026, will be reimbursable through the payment and reporting process after the contribution agreement has been signed by both parties.

I look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship and wish you success with your project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria'.

Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation

c. Paul Lapierriere, CAO/Treasurer, Town of Mattawa, cao@mattawa.ca



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: PAUL LAPERRIERE, CAO/TREASURER

TITLE: HEALTH & SAFETY WATER STREAM PROGRAM FUNDING

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

REPORT NO: 26-03R

BACKGROUND

The Town submitted a \$5.9 million submission to the Province of Ontario for a new water reservoir under the Health and Safety Water Stream program (HSWS).

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The HSWS program provides funding of 73% of the approved cost to a maximum of \$30 million.

On February 5, 2026, MPP Vic Fedeli announced that the Town of Mattawa's \$5.9 million project was approved.

Under the terms of the program, the project must start no later than June 30, 2026, and must be completed by March 31, 2029.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

Total provincial funding will be \$4,312,298 while the Town's share will be \$1,594,960. The Town is seeking funding from the federal government to help fund this project and otherwise, was financing through Infrastructure Ontario.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-03R titled Health & Safety Water Stream Program Funding.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: PAUL LAPERRIERE, CAO/TREASURER

TITLE: PURCHASE OF 598 MCCONNELL STREET PROPERTY

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

REPORT NO: 26-04R

BACKGROUND

Update on acquisition.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

On February 5, 2026, the Town of Mattawa concluded its acquisition of 598 McConnell Street from 9343199 Canada Corporation and takes immediate possession of the property.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

The property was acquired for \$232,724.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-04R titled Purchase of 598 McConnell Street Property.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the purchase of 598 McConnell Street and authorizes the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer to execute the purchase and sale agreement and such documents as may be necessary.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: DEXTURE SARRAZIN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

TITLE: STAFFING UPDATES

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

REPORT NO: 26-05R

BACKGROUND

Update on staffing at the Information Centre, Recreation Department and Public Works Department.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Public Works Supervisor

Recently, interviews were completed for the Public Works Supervisor position.

The hiring committee was Dexture, Paul and Mayor Bélanger. Due to absence, Paul replaced himself with Councillor Gardiner.

4 applications were received. 3 applicants were interviewed.

After consideration, Mark DeWaal was successful candidate.

Mark starts March 2, 2026.

Temporary Caretaker 2

Recently, a posting went up externally for a temporary caretaker 2.

The hiring committee was Sheri, Dexture, and Paul.

1 application was received. 1 applicant was interviewed.

After consideration, Mike Gaudet was the successful candidate.

Mike started in early December and has been working at the arena since.

Permanent Clerk 1 (Info Centre)

With a recent retirement, the Clerk 1 position was posted internally.

Due to the fact that there was a Clerk 2, no hiring committee was required.

After joining us in early 2025, Natalie Gravelle was the successful candidate.

Permanent Clerk 2 (Info Centre)

With a recent promotion of the Clerk 2 to Clerk 1, the Clerk 2 position was posted internally.

Due to the fact that there was someone qualified within the bargaining unit, no hiring committee was required. After joining us in late 2025, Mike Gaudet was the successful candidate.

Temporary Caretaker 2

Due to the promotion of the previous Caretaker 2 and an absence of a Caretaker 1, we will be posting for another Temporary Caretaker 2. This will help cover the absence and recent promotions.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 26-05R titled Staffing Updates.

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

10.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 26-03 being a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint its committee members for the 2026 municipal elections.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

BY-LAW NUMBER 26-03

BEING a by-law to authorize the establishment of the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint its committee members for the 2026 municipal elections.

WHEREAS Section 88.37 (1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, requires the Council, before October 1st of an election year, to establish a Compliance Audit Committee to deal with matters regarding election campaign finances and contributions;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37 (2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, requires that the Committee shall be composed of not fewer than three and not more than seven members;

AND WHEREAS Section 88.37 (6) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, states that the clerk of the municipality shall establish administrative practices and procedures for the committee and shall carry out any other duties required under this Act to implement the committee's decisions;

AND WHEREAS the Councils of the Town of Mattawa, the Township of Papineau-Cameron, the Municipality of Mattawan and the Municipality of Calvin deem it advisable to establish the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee and to set out the terms of reference of the Committee.

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa hereby adopts the Terms of Reference for the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee, hereto attached as Schedule "A" and forming part of this by-law, to meet the requirements of Section 88.37 (1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
2. **THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa hereby appoints the three (3) following Municipal Clerks to the 2026 Joint Election Audit Committee for the term commencing November 15, 2026 to November 14, 2030 to meet the requirements of Section 88.37(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended:
 - a) Clerk - Township of Papineau-Cameron
 - b) Clerk - Municipality of Mattawan
 - c) Clerk - Municipality of Calvin
3. **THAT** this by-law shall come into full force and effect upon the date of the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST and SECOND time, this 9th day of February, 2026.

READ A THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED this 9th day of February, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk

2026 JOINT ELECTION COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. DEFINITIONS

- a. **Act**- means the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, as amended from time to time.
- b. **Applicant** – Means an elector as defined under Section 88.33(1) or 88.35(1) of the Act who applies for a compliance audit of a candidate’s or third party advertiser’s election campaign finances.
- c. **Application** – means an application for a compliance audit accepted by the Clerk pursuant to Section 88.33(2) of the Act.
- d. **Auditor** – means a person appointed by the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee to conduct a compliance audit of the election campaign finances of candidates and registered third parties pursuant to Section 8.33 of the Act.
- e. **Auditor’s Report** – means a report prepared by an auditor regarding the findings of an audit into the election campaign finances of a candidate or registered third party advertiser.
- f. **Candidate** – means the candidate whose election campaign finances are the subject of an application for a compliance audit.
- g. **Clerk** – means the Clerk of the Town of Mattawa, Township of Papineau-Cameron, Municipality of Mattawan and Municipality of Calvin, or their designate.
- h. **Committee** – means the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee established pursuant to Section 88.37 of the Act.
- i. **Compliance Audit** – means an audit conducted by an auditor, appointed by the Joint Election Compliance Audit Committee, of a candidate’s election campaign finances, and contributions to registered third parties.
- j. **Council** – means the Council of the Town of Mattawa, the Township of Papineau-Cameron, the Municipality of Mattawan, and the Municipality of Calvin.
- k. **Municipality** – means a member municipality in the Town of Mattawa, the Township of Papineau-Cameron, the Municipality of Mattawan, and the Municipality of Calvin.
- l. **Registered Third Party** – means the individual, corporation or trade union whose notice of registration has been certified by the Clerk and whose campaign finances are the subject of an application for compliance audit.

2. MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION

The Joint Committee will represent the following four (4) municipalities

- a) The Town of Mattawa
- b) The Township of Papineau-Cameron

- c) The Municipality of Mattawan
- d) The Municipality of Calvin

3. COMPOSITION

Committee members shall be appointed by the Councils of all four (4) of the joint municipalities by By-Law.

The Joint Committee will be composed of four (4) members being:

- a) Clerk of the Town of Mattawa
- b) Clerk of the Township of Papineau-Cameron
- c) Clerk of the Municipality of Mattawan
- d) Clerk of the Municipality of Calvin

Should a compliance audit application from an elector or a report from the Clerk where a candidate or registered third party has contravened any of the contribution limits under section 88.9 of the Act is received, the Committee comprised of the three (3) members shall meet and consider the application and/or report in accordance with the Act.

The Clerk whose municipality has received a compliance audit application and/or is the Clerk who has submitted a report to the Committee shall be excused from the Committee while that application is in process and shall in no way address that application but shall act as Officer to the Committee.

Pursuant to subsection 88.37(2) of the Act, the Committee shall not include:

- a) Members of Council or local board
- b) Employees or officers of the Municipality or local board
- c) Any persons who are candidates in the election for which the Committee is established
- d) Any persons who are registered third parties in the Municipality in the election for which the committee is established

4. TERM OF OFFICE

The Committee must be established before October 1, 2026. The term of office of the Committee and its appointed members will be from November 15, 2026 to November 14, 2030 (same as term of Council) to deal with applications from the 2026 election and any by-elections during the term of Council.

5. MANDATE

The role of the Compliance Audit Committee are set out in sections 88.33 to 88.37 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended. The Committee will perform the functions relating to the compliance audit application process as outlined in the Act. These functions include:

Candidate Contravention

- a) Within 30 days receipt of a compliance audit application by an elector, consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected;
- b) Give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant, the decision of the Committee to grant or reject the application and brief written reasons for the decision;

- c) If the application is granted, appoint a licensed auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the Candidate's election campaign finances;
- d) Receive the auditor's report from the Clerk;
- e) Within 30 days receipt of the auditor's report, consider the report;
- f) If the auditor's report concludes that the Candidate appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to election campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Candidate for the apparent contravention;
- g) After reviewing the report, give to the Candidate, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Candidate Contributor Contravention

- a) Within 30 days receipt of a report identifying each contributor to a candidate for office on a Council who appears to have contravened any of the contribution limits, consider the report and decide whether to commence a legal proceeding against the contributor for an apparent contravention;
- b) After reviewing the report, give to the Contributor and the Clerk the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Registered Third party Contravention

- a) Within 30 days receipt of a compliance audit application by an elector, consider the application and decide whether it should be granted or rejected;
- b) Give to the Registered Third Party, the Clerk and the Applicant, the decision of the Committee to grant or reject the application and brief written reasons for the decision;
- c) If the application is granted, appoint a licensed auditor to conduct a compliance audit of the Registered Third Party's campaign finances;
- d) Receive the auditor's report from the Clerk;
- e) Within 30 days receipt of the auditor's report, consider the report;
- f) If the auditor's report concludes that the Registered Third Party appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Registered Third Party for the apparent contravention;
- g) After reviewing the report, give to the Registered Third Party, the Clerk and the Applicant the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

Registered Third Party Contributor Contravention

- a) Within 30 days receipt of the report, consider the report
- b) If the report concludes that the Contributor appears to have contravened a provision of the Act relating to campaign finances, decide whether to commence legal proceedings against the Contributor for an apparent contravention;
- c) After reviewing the report, give to the Contributor and the Clerk the decision of the Committee, and brief written reasons for the decision.

6. CHAIR

At the first meeting of the Compliance Audit Committee, the members shall appoint one member to act as Chair for the duration of the Committee's term.

The Chair is the spokesperson for the Committee and is the liaison between the members and the Officer of the Committee on matters of policy and process.

7. ROLE OF OFFICER TO THE COMMITTEE

The Clerk of the municipality where the application is received will act as Officer to the Committee and shall:

- a) Provide administrative support to the Committee
- b) Circulate the decisions of the Committee

8. MEETING AND SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

Within ten (10) days of receiving an application, the Clerk of the municipality where the application is received shall forward the application to the Committee.

The date and time of the meeting will be determined by the Officer of the Committee and communicated directly to the Committee members. Subsequent meetings will be held at the call of the Chair in consultation with the Officer of the Committee.

9. MEETING NOTICES, AGENDAS AND MINUTES

The Agenda shall constitute notice. The Officer of the Committee shall cause notice to the meetings to be provided:

- a) To members of the Committee, Candidate and the Public for a meeting regarding an application by an elector;
- b) To members of the Committee, Contributor, Candidate and the Public for a meeting regarding a Candidate Contributor Contravention report;
- c) To members of the Committee, Contributor, Registered Third Party and the Public for a meeting regarding a Registered Third Party Contributor Contravention.

Notice shall be given a minimum of two (2) business days prior to the date of each meeting, not including weekends or holidays. The Agendas and Minutes of meetings shall be posted on the member municipality's website. Minutes of each meeting shall outline the general deliberations and specific actions and recommendations that result.

10. LOCATION OF MEETINGS

The Committee shall meet at the location determined by the member municipality.

11. PROCEDURES

Meetings of the Committee will be conducted in accordance with the open meeting provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001. Meeting Notices, Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the website of the municipality that has received the application to conduct a compliance audit.

12. CLOSED MEETINGS

All Committee meetings shall be open to the public however the Committee may deliberate in closed session in order to come to a decision. Closed meetings shall be held in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239.

13. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The principles of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, apply to this Committee.

14. COST

The municipality conducting the compliance audit shall pay the licensed auditor's costs of performing the audit. Any expenses incurred of the Committee shall be the responsibility of the municipality who has received the application for a compliance audit.

There shall be no remuneration paid to members of the Committee.

15. DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Any responsibilities not clearly identified or defined within these Terms of Reference shall be in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 2001, as amended.

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed In Camera (Closed) session pursuant to section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended at _____ p.m. in order to address the following:

Items 14.2 Cassellholme Update; 14.3 Litigation Matter; and 14.4 Mattawa Landfill Update all under litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

15.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at _____ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2026

17.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.