



**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025 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: 871 0409 6506 Passcode: 879124</p>

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Announce Electronic Participants**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
 - 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended
 - That the agenda dated June 2, 2025 be adopted
- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 5.1 Regular Meeting of April 7, 2025
 - 5.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended
 - That the Committee adopt the April 7. 2025 minutes
- 6. Presentations and Delegations**
- 7. Notice of Motions**
- 8. Correspondence**
 - 8.1 Various Municipalities (Municipality of Chatham-Kent, Municipality of Kincardine, Town of Shelburne, Town of Orangeville, Town of Plympton-Wyoming) – Oppose Bill 5
 - 8.2 Township of Champlain – Surveillance & Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
 - 8.3 Town of Georgina – Salt Management Resolution
 - 8.4 Ministry of Natural Resources – Reintroduction of the Geologic Carbon Storage Act
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - 9.1 Report # CSR04-25 – Community Services Update
Prepared by Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services
- 10. In Camera (Closed) Session**
- 11. Return to Regular Session**
- 12. Motions Resulting from Closed Session**

13. Adjournment

13.1 Adjournment of the meeting

- That the June 2, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025

3.1

**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda dated Monday June 2, 2025 be adopted.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held Monday April 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Committee Members Present:

Chair Fern Levesque
Vice Chair Spencer Bigelow

Visiting Council Members:

Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Staff Present:

Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk
Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services
Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

*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

Meeting Called to Order by Chair at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Bélanger made quorum for meeting.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was no online participants.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 06-25-COMM

Moved by Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda dated Monday April 7, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Bigelow arrived at 6:02 p.m.

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 Regular Meeting of February 3, 2025

5.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 07-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee minutes of the meeting of

February 3, 2025 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED – unanimous

6. Presentations and Delegations

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

8.1 City of Peterborough – Support for Safer Municipalities Act, 2024

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.1 and requested it be brought to Council for support.

8.2 Healtheon – Addressing the Struggling Healthcare

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.2 and requested an email be sent with the Physician Recruitment Committee contact information.

8.3 FONOM – Support for Extended Producer Responsibility for Household Blue Box Program

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.3.

8.4 City of Stratford – Support for Solving the Homelessness Crisis

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.4.

8.5 City of Woodstock – Support to Reduce Speeding, Distracted Driving & Impaired Driving

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.5.

8.6 Coleman Township – Northern Highway Safety Plan Resolution

The Committee spoke on correspondence item # 8.6.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Report # CSR01-25 – Pinehill Cemetery Update

Prepared by Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

Resolution Number 08-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR01-25 titled Pinehill Cemetery Update.

CARRIED – unanimous

9.2 Report # CSR02-25 – Fire Department Updates

Prepared by Shawn Hongell, Fire Chief

Resolution Number 09-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR02-25 titled Fire Department Update.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 9.3 Report # CSR03-25 – Community Services Update
Prepared by Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

Resolution Number 10-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR03-25 titled Community Services Update.

CARRIED – unanimous

- 10. In Camera (Closed) Session**
11. Return to Regular Session
12. Motions Resulting from Closed Session
13. Adjournment
13.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 11-25-COMM

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 7, 2025 meeting adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Chair

Clerk

May 13, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

“Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

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Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and
2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities."

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Council Meeting

Motion # 05/14/2025 - 14
Title: Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Moved by: Jennifer Prenger
Seconded by: Beth Blackwell

Whereas the Ontario government has fast-tracked Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 (Bill 5), such that it was referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior on May 6, 2025, after being first read on April 17, 2025, and

Whereas the written submission deadline for participation on Bill 5 is May 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM (EDT), and

Whereas Bill 5 would enact the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025; amend/repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and replace it by enacting the Species Conservation Act, 2025; and amend various Acts including the Ontario Heritage Act, the Mining Act, the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, and the Electricity Act, 1998 and to revoke various regulations in relation to development and procurement, and

Whereas Bill 5 will allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to create zones anywhere in Ontario where municipal and provincial laws will not apply, and where projects or proponents can be exempted from requirements under provisions of an Act or of a regulation, including environmental and heritage laws, and

Whereas the provisions of Bill 5 as written include anti-democratic principles and risks undermining civil liberties, Indigenous rights, the environment and local government oversight, and

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine believes that the provincial priorities of housing, resource development and economic development can be achieved without subverting existing laws, undermining municipal authority, threatening the environment, restricting industry growth, or undermining informed consent with Indigenous communities; now therefore be it

Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine hereby opposes Bill 5; and
That Council formally express its opposition to Bill 5 in favour of preserving democracy, transparency, accountability, the environment, civil liberties, and Indigenous rights; and

That Council encourage the province to prioritize democratic principles and governance systems that support responsible development, environmental preservation, and acknowledge our responsibility to future generations; and

That Council formally request that the Ontario government reject Bill 5; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, ; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MPP Lisa Thompson; all Ontario municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Standing Committee on the Interior.

Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk

From: [Jennifer E. Willoughby](#)
To: [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](#); [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](#); [premier@ontario.ca](#); [todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org](#)
Cc: [policy@amo.on.ca](#); [Minister \(MMAH\)](#); [romachair@roma.on.ca](#); [Alice Byl](#)
Subject: Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5
Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:55:15 AM

Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously

Moved By: Councillor Len Guchardi
Seconded By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority;

And Whereas the Town of Shelburne supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;

And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Town of Shelburne:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

- The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,
- Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon,
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
- All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,
- All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,
- Conservation Ontario

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

[Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk](#)

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Resolution

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-093

Moved: Councillor Prendergast

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.

Result: Carried Unanimously



Premier of Ontario, The Honorable Doug Ford (sent by email, premier@ontario.ca)

Provincial Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. MPP, Todd McCarthy (sent by email, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org)

Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP, Rob Flack (sent by email, rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

Sarnia Lambton Bkejwanong Provincial MPP, Bob Bailey (sent by email, bob.baileyco@pc.ola.org)

Sarnia Lambton Bkejwanong Federal MP, Marilyn Gladu (sent by email, marilyn.gladu@parl.gc.ca)

AMO (sent by email, amo@amo.on.ca)

All Municipalities (sent by email)

May 27th, 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Planning Council meeting on May 26h, 2025, passed the following motion calling for a pause of the enactment of BILL 5 PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT 2025:

MOTION TO PAUSE BILL 5 PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT 2025

Whereas the province has introduced Bill 5, Protect Ontario by unleashing our Economy 2025 which is intended to speed up housing and economic development in Ontario.

And whereas the proposed legislation will include the repeal of the Endangered Species Act of 2007 and replace it with the Conservation Species Act of 2025.

And whereas the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks primarily manages the Act, The Committee on the Status of Species in Ontario (COSSARO) is responsible for assessing and classifying species.

And whereas COSSARO is comprised of experts with scientific and traditional knowledge and operates independently from the government ensuring impartial assessments of species at risk, the provincial cabinet will now decide what species will remain or be removed from endangered, concerned or at-risk status.

And whereas the current law considers the habitat to be all the areas that the species relies on for living, gathering food, migrating, hibernating and reproducing. The new law however, narrows that definition to "a dwelling place, such as a den, nest or other similar place, that is occupied or habitually occupied by one or more members of a species for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating"

And whereas the legislation would gut environmental assessment processes, speed mining and infrastructure development and take a "register-first, ask-questions-later" approach that would allow developers to begin projects before their environmental implications are fully known and allow for economic zones which will eliminate any environmental mitigation measures or protections.

And whereas the legislation would eliminate provincial responsibility for federally listed migratory birds and aquatic species because it says such birds and species are under federal jurisdiction, even though the province has historically administered such duties.

And whereas the government will enhance funding for the Species Conservation Program, which will see contributions more than quadruple to \$20 million each year for on the ground projects that directly support efforts to conserve and protect listed species, the funding will only go to projects in regions that would otherwise not be considered viable for housing priorities, essentially allowing for the extirpation of local ecoregions in Ontario.

And whereas while development is necessary for human progress, Bill 5 will pose significant challenges to mitigating water, soil and air pollution; will overexploit natural resources, and increase invasive species in each uniquely identified ecoregion in Ontario.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Plympton-Wyoming urges the government to pause the proposed legislation and maintain strong environmental laws that prevent extinction of species and protect local ecoregions.

And furthermore, the Council of Plympton-Wyoming asks that the government recognize and give meaningful consideration to ecoregions in Ontario through their unique perspectives and preserve Ontario's natural heritage systems in the application of any proposed updated provincial legislation for the long-term growth, sustainability and well-being of our communities.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.



Mackenzie Baird
mbaird@plympton-wyoming.ca
Planning Technician
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

The Town Of
PLYMPTON-WYOMING



Date:

26 May 2025

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Moved By:

K. Rodrigues

Seconded By:

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Yay Nay

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Netty McEwen

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5:00pm Planning Council 5.1

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Carried

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Deferred

Yay Nay

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Alex Boughen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Rodrigues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John van Klaveren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Vasey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Woolvett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2025-120
Title: Councillor Gerry Miner - Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
Date: April 24, 2025

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Burroughs

Whereas the Council of the Township of Champlain is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners, and pedestrians.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to: increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:



GEORGINA

Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division

April 7, 2025

Via email; premier@ontario.ca

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

The Honourable Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution regarding Salt Management

Please be advised that Town Council adopted the following motion concerning Salt Management;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0077

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious and irreversible environmental and public health concerns associated with road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is our closest freshwater lake and is the 4th largest inland lake within Ontario, host to a number of functions including a biodiverse habitat for over 56 species of fish, the source water for municipal drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents within the watershed, including 41,000 here in the Town of Georgina, and the many other recreational and commercial functions it serves; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe's salinity concentrations have increased over 500% since monitoring began over the past 50 years, with the primary contributor being runoff from the use of salt for winter maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS The Town of Georgina shares fifty-two (52) kilometers of beautiful Lake Simcoe shoreline and all 288 square kilometers of the Town of Georgina are encompassed by sub-watersheds that drain into Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Georgina, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Georgina's winter maintenance operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management; and

2. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

3. That the Town of Georgina continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities; all municipalities in Ontario; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, and The Honourable Premier Doug Ford.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,



Carolyn Lance
Council Services Coordinator

cc: Minister Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney-General; doug.downey@pc.ola.org
York Region municipalities
Ontario municipalities
Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; r.baldwin@LSRCA.on.ca
The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation; sylvia.mccue@georginaisland.com
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; resolutions@amo.on.ca
Lake Simcoe Watershed MPP's
Conservation Ontario; info@conservationontario.ca
Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; dani@waterwatchers.ca
The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; rescuelakesimcoecoalition@gmail.com

Ministry of Natural Resources

Development and Hazard Policy
Branch
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Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

Ministère des Richesses naturelles

Direction de la politique d'exploitation des
ressources et des risques naturels.
Division de l'élaboration des politiques
300, rue Water
Peterborough (Ontario) K9J 3C7

May 27, 2025

Subject: Reintroduction of the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

Hello,

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

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

On November 25, 2024, the Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024 was introduced in the Ontario legislature. This Act included a proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*. The legislature was dissolved on January 28, 2025, and all incomplete business was terminated.

We are writing to notify you that today, the Bill was reintroduced in the legislature. The suite of proposed changes remains the same as what was introduced in November 2024, aside from a small number of administrative updates made to provide clarity.

The original proposal can be accessed through the Environmental Registry/Regulatory Registry: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9299>.

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

Sincerely,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
PREPARED BY: DEXTURE SARRAZIN, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
TITLE: COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE
DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
REPORT NO: CSR04-25

BACKGROUND

Community Services updates.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Since the last report, we haven't stopped. With the summer weather upon us, both the Public Works and Recreation departments have been diligent in preparing for the nice weather. Parks are open, clean, and maintained daily. The Fitness Centre is open, freshly painted and now cleaned daily by our staff. Streets are swept, culverts are clear, and drainage ditches are ready for spring rainstorms. Landfill cleanup has begun, tires cleaned up by the recycler, refrigerators and steel removed, and a plan in place to shred and reuse our refuse wood. OCWA has started to reorganize the inside of the water treatment plant, and we have started to give the outside the attention it deserves with some much-needed roof work and now exterior paint and brick repair.

Our Parks & Recreation Team continues to prepare for summer youth programs, sports, and the continuation of fitness programs.

Our Public Works Team continues to create equal opportunities for staff to learn new equipment and grow their potential.

As Community Services, we feel like things are moving in the right direction and have had a lot of positive feedback. At any time, if you have feedback to share with us, please feel free to contact me by phone, email, or text. We are always here to help.

Below, you will find a weekly summary from each supervisor. I will continue to share these with you if you find them helpful.

Update from Recreation Department Supervisor Sheri Wabie

March 29 - May 5

This past week was a productive one for the Parks and Recreation Department. We kicked things off with an incredible response to our bootcamp program. Registration numbers

exceeded expectations, and on May 1st, we welcomed 35 committed participants to the first class—plus four enthusiastic walk-ins who joined us that day. The energy and excitement were contagious, setting a positive tone for the 9 weeks ahead.

Our Seniors Exercise Class continues to thrive, providing a welcoming and healthy environment for older adults in the community. Held twice weekly, these sessions saw a combined attendance of 39 participants, highlighting the strong community interest in active aging initiatives.

In exciting news, registration for our upcoming ball hockey program has been scheduled for Monday, May 12th. This new program will run for four weeks throughout the month of June and promises to be a fun and energetic addition to our summer lineup.

Infrastructure and facility upgrades were also a key focus. The visitor bench is now nearing completion and is already drawing compliments for its impressive look. Meanwhile, important repairs to the arena floor have been completed, eliminating hazards and improving safety for all users.

At the Fitness Centre, the painting project has wrapped up, leaving the space refreshed and vibrant. We're now preparing for the launch of locker rentals, which are expected to begin in the next few weeks, offering added convenience for our members.

Seasonal work across the parks has also progressed well. Cleanup efforts have been completed, and while regular maintenance will be ongoing, the parks are now ready to welcome visitors for the spring and summer months. Our attention is now turning to the baseball field, where we hope to have the outfield aerated soon—we're currently awaiting a rental quote to move forward.

Finally, storm recovery efforts were successfully completed this week. All branches and debris have been cleared from public spaces. This was a joint department effort, and the Muskoka chairs have been assembled and placed for use by the Beautification Committee; they will add a charming touch to our community spaces.

It's been a busy but rewarding week, and we look forward to continuing this momentum in the weeks ahead.

Week of May 12

The Recreation Department has had a productive start to the month of May, with several important updates and ongoing activities to report on.

On Friday, May 9, the Health Unit conducted a scheduled inspection of the kitchen facilities. We are pleased to share that the inspection went well, and we successfully passed without any issues. The kitchen is ready for ongoing and upcoming community use.

In preparation for the August soccer program, all soccer uniforms have arrived. The uniforms are sponsored by Tim Hortons, and we are grateful for their support of local youth sports.

The town clock continues to keep perfect time, although the chime function is currently not working. We are waiting for a quote for the necessary replacement part and will determine how and if we move forward with repairs.

Our Bootcamp program continues to see strong community participation. Current registration includes 17 participants from Mattawa (with one new addition), 13 from Papineau (plus two new), 4 from Calvin (with one new), as well as one participant each from Mattawan and out of town. It's encouraging to see continued interest and growth in this program.

The senior exercise classes also remain well attended. Between both class times, we've had a total of 36 participants, highlighting the importance and popularity of this program among our older adult community members.

Around the grounds, garbage cans have been repositioned for better access and convenience. Additionally, the ball field has recently been aerated and is scheduled to be seeded this week. Regular watering will follow to ensure healthy growth and a well-maintained playing surface for the upcoming season.

In terms of community events and bookings, the church spaghetti dinner was a great success and well attended. The Mattawa Métis have booked two drop-in sessions for this month, and we have one wedding scheduled to take place on the main floor.

Overall, the department continues to focus on maintenance, program planning and delivery, and supporting community events. We look forward to another active and engaging month.

Week of May 22

Spring had finally arrived in town, and with it came a flurry of activity across parks, programs, and community spaces. At the baseball field, as well as at Annie's Park and Timmins Park, fresh life was being breathed into the grounds. All three locations had recently undergone aeration, preparing the soil for much-needed refreshment. The next step is seeding, scheduled for the following week—just as soon as the new seed shipment arrives.

Meanwhile, the ball hockey program kicked off with great enthusiasm. On the very first night of registration, 51 kids signed up, showing just how eager the community was to hit the pavement and get active. Since then, three more young players have joined, bringing even more energy to the roster.

Up on Main Street, a touch of pride and polish was being added. New flags for the lamp posts have been ordered, promising to brighten up the heart of town with a splash of color and community spirit once they arrive and are installed.

In the world of fitness and wellness, the bootcamp program is in full swing. The participants came from all corners of the surrounding area: 17 from Mattawa (plus one new addition), 13 from Papineau (also with one more joining), 4 from Calvin, 1 from Mattawan, and 1 from out of town. The turnout reflected the growing interest in health-focused community events.

Seniors, too, were staying active. The Senior Exercise Group saw an impressive engagement, with 41 participants attending both of its classes. It was heartening to see so many residents coming together to prioritize their well-being and connect with others.

Lastly, over at the museum, the damage caused by the recent storm has finally been repaired. The restoration brought a sense of relief ensuring the town's history remains protected.

With so many projects underway and others already completed, the season was shaping up to be a vibrant and productive one for the community.

Update from Public Works Supervisor Barry Jackson

Monday, April 28, 2025

We continued with Daily Winter Patrol in the early morning, Tailgate Safety meeting, Continued Sweeping roads, removed barrier fencing at the Marine Crib entrance, Cleaned up metal laydown area and pushed into Landfill Metal Bin for removal, Completed several Locate Requests, Removed Deer Carcass from Marina Point shoreline and disposed of it at Landfill.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

We continued with Daily Winter Patrol in the early morning, attended several Commercial Landfill appointments, Continued Sweeping roads, Repaired a Sinkhole near 336 Park Street and Assisted OCWA with the Eleventh Street Station pump overhaul. Late in the afternoon a Severe Storm struck our area, and crews mobilized after hours to set up Safety Barricades and TC-54 Traffic Barriers to protect the General Public from fallen trees, flooding intersections and downed Hydro-electric wires. We also pushed several downed trees off roadways onto roadside shoulders to allow emergency crews and the public to pass safely.

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

We completed this Springs final Daily Winter Patrol in the early morning, Crews worked tirelessly all day on Storm Damage Cleanup throughout the entire Town were practical.

Several downed Hydro-electric cables remained entangled in fallen trees, awaiting Hydro-One experts to arrive.

Thursday, May 1, 2023

Crews continued Storm Damage Cleanup, began removal (where safe to do so) of Safety Barricades and TC-54 Traffic Barriers in the Valley area.

Crews then continued Sweeping activities, attended to several Commercial Landfill appointments.

Friday, May 2, 2025

Crews Cold-mixed Potholes on Main, the Bridge and Bissett Streets before leaving at 11:00am (Short Friday re Saturday Landfill), a Grave Warrant was exercised at the Pinehill Cemetery for a Saturday Interment, Heavy Cleanup completed around the Landfill Recycling and Waste Metal Bins, Completed several Locates, Began stationing Gravel & Sand Piles and pallets of Sand Bags as a precautionary endeavor for Flood Protection.

Saturday, May 3, 2025

The crew attended the Landfill in the morning for four hours; one employee was dispatched to the Cemetery after Lunch to complete the burial and final cleanup of the interment site.

May 5 to May 16, 2025 (Barry's Vacation, Director of Community Services was Supervisor)

During the 2 weeks of Barry's vacation, I provided daily supervision over Public Works staff, meeting them at 7:00am daily to ensure everyone was prepared, organized and safe for the workday ahead. Staff worked to complete sweeping, cold patching, grass cutting, equipment maintenance, dock repairs, grading, flood mitigation, flood area cleanups, flood monitoring, and seasonal water service repairs and maintenance.

Monday, May 26, 2025

Crews continued with removing residual sand stockpile from the Arena to the Landfill, removal of Jersey Barriers and boulders at the Landfill for Near North Labs access to test wells, water maintenance activities including exercising valves for the Hydrant Replacement on Henry Street, grading several municipal properties and Hydro easements.

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Crew busy with Hydrant & Valve Replacement on Henry Street, Sweeping Road edges on Tenth and Brydges Streets, Landfill appointments, Cold-mixing Potholes and preparing for painting of the Water Treatment Plant.

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Crew continued working on the Hydrant Replacement and Clean-up, Sweeping Dorion Road from Belanger Road to the Canor Barrier Location, began mowing municipal properties with the Trackless Mower, Brushing of trees at several locations and disposal of branches and brush at the Landfill. The crew began painting the Water Treatment Plant, and we measured all the docks and Boat Ramp for decking replacement quantities.

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Crew continuing removal of Residual Sand Stockpile at the Arena. We assisted P&R Staff with access and removal of items from the second-floor storage location at the Arena.

Painting of the Water Treatment Plant continues. Several commercial Landfill appointments are being attended to. Sourcing prices for water department inventory is being completed to replenish used stock from our recent hydrant replacement.

Friday, May 30, 2025

The crew will continue Sand Removal, Painting of the Water Treatment Plant, Cleanup of the Downtown Core, Cold-mixing potholes and mowing of municipal properties if time allows.

Priority work changes, if required, will supersede planned activities, as usual.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Services Committee receives this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Community Services Committee receives Report # CSR04-25 titled Community Services Update.
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DATE: MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025

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**THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 2, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.