



**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
AGENDA
MONDAY JUNE 9, 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 9, 2025 be adopted
- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest**
- 5. Presentations and Delegations**
- 6. Adoption of Minutes**
 - 6.1 Regular Meeting of May 26, 2025
 - 6.2 Special Meeting of June 2, 2025
 - 6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended
 - That Council adopt the May 26 & June 2, 2025 minutes
- 7. Notice of Motions**
 - 7.1 Permit Refreshment Vehicles on Explorer's Point for Voyageur Days
 - 7.2 Change Start Time of Committee of the Whole Meeting
- 8. Correspondence**
 - 8.1 Various Municipalities (County of Prince Edward, Town of Petrolia, City of Windsor, Township of Rideau Lakes,) – Opposition to Proposed Amendments to Expand Strong Mayor Powers
 - 8.2 AMO – Province Introduces Bill 30
 - 8.3 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association – Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access & Education
- 9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions**

10. Information Reports – Motions

- 10.1 Physician Recruitment Update – Report # 25-32R
Report from Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

11. By-Laws

- 11.1 By-Law 25-11 – Appoint John Dixon Library Board Members
BEING a By-law to appoint members to the John Dixon Public Library Board.

12. Old Business

- 12.1 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

16. Return to Regular Session

- 16.1 That the Council Return to Regular Session at _____ p.m.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

18. Adjournment

- 18.1 Adjournment of the meeting
- That the June 9, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

3.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday June 9, 2025 be adopted.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday May 26, 2025, 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
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

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

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1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 6:00 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that there was no online participation.

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-100

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday May 26, 2025 be adopted as amended to include a motion under Section 7 titled Voyageur Days Permit to Sale Liquor and an In Camera (Closed) Session item under Section 15 titled Library Board Members.

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Adoption of Minutes

6.1 Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025

6.2 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-101

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

7.1 Voyageur Days Permit to Sale Liquor

Resolution Number 25-102

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa permits the sale of alcohol at Explorer's Point on Friday July 25, Saturday July 26 and Sunday July 27, 2025 with the understanding that all rules and regulations will be followed as set by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa endorses and supports the 2025 Mattawa Voyageur Days Festival as an event of municipal significance.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

8. Correspondence

8.1 Various Municipalities (Town of Petawawa, Town of Goderich, Township of Springwater, Municipality of North Perth, City of Quinte North, Town of Shelburne, Town of Orangeville) – Opposition to Proposed Amendments to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

8.2 FONOM – Resolutions for Public Health Programs, Policing Costs, Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review, Expand Producer Responsibility, Ministry of Transportation

8.3 Municipality of Mattawan – Support for Mattawa Area Business & Tourism Development Organization

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.3

8.4 Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Protect Ontario by Building Faster & Smarter Act, 2025

8.5 AMO – Proposed Legislation on Planning Approvals & Development Charges

8.6 Mattawa / North Bay Algonquin First Nation – Celebration of National Indigenous People's Day on June 20, 2025

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.6

8.7 OPP – Realignment of Services

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.7

8.8 Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer – Celebration and Otto Holden Dam Tour

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.8

8.9 Bell – Infrastructure Upgrades

Council spoke on correspondence item # 8.9

9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

10. Staff Reports – Motions

- 10.1 Mattawa Marina Rehabilitation – Report # 25-28R
Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Resolution Number 25-103

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-28R titled Mattawa Marina Rehabilitation.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa accepts to look at potential grants/funding for the waterfront/marina rehabilitation.

CARRIED – unanimous

Councillor Thibert left Council Chambers at 6:41 p.m.

- 10.2 Insurance Renewal – Report # 25-29R
Report by Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-104

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-29R titled Insurance Renewal.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa approves the 2025-26 insurance policy renewal with Intact Public Entities.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa directs the CAO/Treasurer to secure quotes for the 2026-27 renewal.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

- 10.3 Town of Mattawa Sign – Report # 25-30R
Report by Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Councillor Thibert returned to Council Chambers at 6:46 p.m.

Resolution Number 25-105

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-30R titled Town of Mattawa Sign.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa approves the revised Town of Mattawa sign with the population.

CARRIED – Members voting for: 5, Members voting against: 2

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-10 – Appoint Municipal Auditor

BEING a by-law to appoint Baker Tilly SNT as the municipal audit firm for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa and its local boards on a year-to-year basis.

Resolution Number 25-106

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-10 being a by-law to appoint Baker Tilly SNT as the municipal audit firm for the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa and its local boards on a year-to-year basis.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

12. Old Business

12.1 Beautification Committee Terms of Reference & Committee Structure

12.2 Council Presentation from April 28, 2025 – Newly Formed Non Profit Corporation

13. New Business

14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda

15. In Camera (Closed) Session

15.1 Dorion Road Reconstruction - Update

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

i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization

15.2 Library Board Members

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

b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

Resolution Number 25-107

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:04 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

CARRIED – unanimous

16. Return to Regular Session

16.1 That the regular session reconvene

Resolution Number 25-108

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:36 p.m.
CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor Bélanger advised the closed session was pertaining to library members and Dorion Road Reconstruction.

17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

Resolution Number 25-109

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque
Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa approve the appointment of Tracy Ellis, Bryan David Williams and Molly McNamara as John Dixon Library Board Members and directs the Clerk to return at the next regular meeting of Council for formal adoption by way of By-law.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Mick, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

Against: Mayor Bélanger

18. Adjournment

18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-110

Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert
Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the May 26, 2025 meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Special Meeting held Monday June 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger
Deputy Mayor Mathew Gardiner
Councillor Fern Levesque
Councillor Loren Mick
Councillor Laura Ross
Councillor Garry Thibert
Councillor Spencer Bigelow

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

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1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bélanger at 5:30 p.m.

2. Announce Electronic Participants

Clerk announced that Councillor Thibert was participating online

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-111

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick

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

CARRIED – unanimous

4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest

5. Presentations and Delegations

6. Notice of Motions

7. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports – Motions

8. Information Reports – Motions

8.1 Municipal Drinking Water License – Report # 25-31R
Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-112

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque

Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-31R titled Municipal Drinking Water Licence.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Mattawa Waterworks Financial Plan.

AND FURTHER THAT Council is of the opinion that the drinking water system is financially viable.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

9. In Camera (Closed) Session

10. Return to Regular Session

11. Motions Resulting from Closed Session

12. Adjournment

12.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-113

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross

Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 2, 2025 meeting adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

Clerk

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

6.3

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2025 and Special Meeting of June 2, 2025.

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

7.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT refreshment vehicles regulated under By-law 09-14 be permitted to locate at Explorer's Point July 25 to 27, 2025 during Voyageur Days festival as requested by staff. Refreshment vehicle operators will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Obtain all approvals before operating from the North Bay and District Health Unit, Fire Dept. and Building Dept. under sections 6 and 7 of By-Law 09-14.
- 2) Notify the By-law Department with all approvals no later than July 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. prior to installation at Explorer's Point.
- 3) Be responsible to ensure that the immediate area is cleaned at all times.

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

7.2

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY: COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY: COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council change the start time for the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday June 16, 2025 for the presentation on the 2024 financial statements from the municipal auditors.

May 28, 2025

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 27, 2025 the following resolution regarding "Strong Mayor" powers was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-316

DATE: May 27, 2025

MOVED BY: Councillor Engelsdorfer

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

WHEREAS on May 1st, 2025, the Province of Ontario designated Prince Edward County as a "Strong Mayor" community along with 168 other Ontario communities, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and

WHEREAS "Strong Mayor" legislation violates the principles and meaning of democracy, and local governance has, for generations, been built upon a foundation of shared, democratic decision-making; and

WHEREAS elected representatives and citizens from many municipalities throughout Ontario including several close neighbours such as Quinte West have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition and appropriateness of these powers; many councils have called for their repeal; and many mayors throughout the province have publicly recommitted to democracy by refusing to adopt "Strong Mayor" powers; and

WHEREAS Prince Edward County did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and

WHEREAS the government justified the expansion as a tool to build more housing, AMTCO has indicated there is no evidence that the legislation has impacted housing starts in municipalities that have previously been granted strong mayor powers; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers create significant risks for municipal integrity increased division in local discourse, the blurring of roles threatening the neutrality of the unelected public service, and greater risk of improper influence (or the appearance thereof) particularly regarding local planning and development matters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the County of Prince Edward formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing recommit to the meaning and spirit of democracy and rescind the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, AMO, ROMA, and all other Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Victoria Leskie, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Engelsdorfer



May 29, 2025

Town of Mattawa
Township of Springwater
Town of Goderich

Via email

RE: Town of Petrolia Council *support* of opposition to strong mayor powers

During the May 26, 2025 regular meeting of council, council in response to correspondence received from Goderich | Mattawa & Springwater the following resolution passed:

C-10 WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia has received correspondence from Goderich, Town of Mattawa and the Township of Springwater in opposition to Strong Mayors Powers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia acknowledge receipt of the letters circulated by Goderich, Mattawa, and Springwater in opposition of Strong Mayors Powers and further that we support them and that a copy of this motion with a recorded vote be sent to them.

Moved By Liz Welsh, Seconded By Joel Field

Bill Clark For

Chad Hyatt For

Ross O'Hara Absent

Debb Pitel For

Liz Welsh (Moved By) For

Joel Field (Seconded By) For

Brad Loosley For

CARRIED.

recorded vote requested by Councillor Welsh

Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Director of Legislative Services | Clerk

cc:

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing rob.flack@pc.ola.org

MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton bob.bailey@pc.ola.org

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COUNCIL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER
TO OUR FILE NO. _____

May 29, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Windsor City Council, at its meeting held April 28, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

Decision Number: CR182/2025

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through O. Reg. 530/22 under the *Municipal Act*, 2001, designated the City of Windsor as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective July 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,

WHEREAS several members of Windsor City Council, as well as municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the City of Windsor did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal; and therefore,

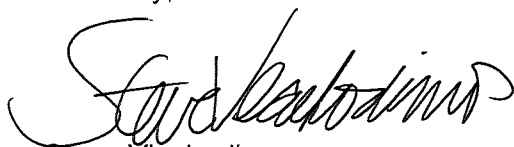
BE IT RESOLVED that Windsor City Council **FORMALLY REQUEST** that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately **REMOVE** the City of Windsor from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution **BE SENT** to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Carried.

Your consideration to Windsor City Council's resolution would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Vlachodimos', written in a cursive style.

Steve Vlachodimos
City Clerk/Licence Commissioner
SV/wf

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mr. Andrew Dowie, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor-Tecumseh
Ms. Lisa Gretzky, Member of Provincial Parliament, Windsor West
Mr. Anthony Leardi, Member of Provincial Parliament, Essex
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

From: Paula Banks
To: valeriep@haltonhills.ca; shuschilt@hastingshighlands.ca; mclosier@hearst.ca; clerk@huroneast.com; [Natashia Roberts](mailto:Natashia.Roberts@huronkinloss.com); jwhite@huronkinloss.com; pthoma@innisfil.ca; mreeder@iroquoisfalls.com; [Chantal Guillemette](mailto:Chantal.Guillemette@crichtie@kawarthalakes.ca); [crichtie@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:hpikulak@kenora.ca); [hpikulak@kenora.ca](mailto:hgorgerat@khrtownship.ca); [hgorgerat@khrtownship.ca](mailto:dtimm@king.ca); [dtimm@king.ca](mailto:cityofkingston@noreply.ca); cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca; tguy@kincardine.ca; cityofkingston@noreply.ca; csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca; ahair@lakeshore.ca; clerks@lambtonshores.ca; lhclerk@lanarkhighlands.ca; jallen@latchford.ca; dsauriol@lvtownship.ca; bpercy@leamington.ca; clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca; clerk@loyalist.ca; aadams@malahide.ca; [Amy Leclerc](mailto:Amy.Leclerc@meaford.ca); [clerk@meaford.ca](mailto:hammer@middlesexcentre.ca); [hammer@middlesexcentre.ca](mailto:vbull@mindenhills.ca); [vbull@mindenhills.ca](mailto:clerk@mississippimills.ca); cmortimer@muskokalakelakes.ca; clerk@neebing.org; karen.mcisaac@northbay.ca; info@northfrontenac.ca; cao@northglengarry.ca; clamb@northhuron.ca; judyg@northmiddlesex.on.ca; clerks@northperth.ca; info@nemi.ca; [Town Clerks](mailto:Town.Clerks@orangeville.ca); clerksdept@orangeville.ca; DKIRBY@orillia.ca; clerks@oro-
Subject: Over 100 Municipalities Oppose SMP
Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025 4:16:57 PM
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Thank You for Responding —You Are Not Alone

I truly appreciate your municipality taking the time to respond. Please know that you are not alone in this fight.

Across the province, more and more municipalities, now 100+, are standing up to defend local democracy and resist the erosion of council powers. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can protect the rights of our communities, our children, and our grandchildren.

Let's continue to speak out, organize, and support one another. Unity is our greatest strength.

Support your neighboring municipalities by passing a motion asking to opt out of Strong Mayor Powers.

If you can forward me any that have been passed, I will add them to the growing list.

Join Stop Stong Mayor Powers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1905629133507708/>

If there is an inaccuracy in the spreadsheet, please let me know and I will update it.

It is a work in progress.

Paula Banks

Councillor Bastard and South Burgess

Rideau Lakes

Municipal Opposition and concerns to Strong Mayor Powers

Following the expansion of strong mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities on May 1, 2025, a total of 216 municipalities now have these powers.

These 216 many that oppose Strong Mayor Powers had to use them to delegate their authority back to their CAO's and council's.

This in affect forces the data to show these powers are widely used across the 216 municipalities when in fact the vast majority oppose these powers.

This means that 228 municipalities in Ontario do not have strong mayor powers, but will likely get them.

Please join our growing coalition and fight back this is democracy for our children and grandchildren.

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Municipality	Email		Comments	Date	Resolution # or Evidence
Adjala-Tosorontio	clerk@adjtos.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	2025-04-10
Ajax	Clerks@ajax.ca	I	Mayor Shaun Collier used his strong-mayor powers to push through a development project consisting of two 60-storey mixed-use buildings, a project town planning staff did not support.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Amherstburg	vpaller@amherstburg.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/15/2025	Resolution# 20250414-011
Arnprior		U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.	5/25/2025	
Arran-Elderslie		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/25/2025	Arran-Elderslie Council Opposes Strong Mayor Powers - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh	clerk@acwtownship.ca	O	On April 22, 2025, the council unanimously passed a motion rejecting the Strong Mayor Powers, citing concerns about the erosion of democratic governance.		
Athens	athens@myhighspeed.ca	U	Unknown		
Atikokan	townclerk@townofaurora.com	U	Unknown		
Aurora	townclerk@aurora.ca	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers and used with controversy.		How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Aylmer	Mmelucci@town.aylmer.on.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	
Bancroft		U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		
Barrie		U	Mayor Alex Nuttall said at the end of 2022 he didn't see a need for him to have strong-mayor powers. In November 2023, as the city prepared for its 2024 budget talks, Nuttall said he didn't anticipate using his new powers.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Belleville		U	Mayor Neil Ellis initially balked but wound up accepting the new powers. Though, according to media reports, most of his council colleagues weren't too keen about it.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Black River-Matheson	cchild@twpbrm.ca	U	Unknown		
Blind River	katie.scott@blindriver.ca	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2023		
Bluewater	clerk@municipalityofbluewater.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/28/2025	20250422-CS-LTR-Resoution-Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers Expansion.pdf
Bracebridge	lmcdonald@bracebridge.ca	U	Mayor Maloney so far has used the Strong Mayor Powers granted by the Province of Ontario, to delegate specific authorities to Council and the CAO, demonstrating Mayor Maloney's commitment to collaboration, transparency, and good governance.	5/14/2025	https://www.facebook.com/townbracebridge/posts/pfbid0qhR3jgAJ1fEprltS7xoja2M8Ny9jqfK9XBqsa54ivz2vcMAAdk7MYwv6H96ELiv8l
Bradford West Gwillimbury	treyolds@townofbwg.com	I	Mayor James Leduc has utilized these powers to make changes to council committees, leading to controversy and accusations of authoritarian leadership.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Brampton	candiced@brighton.ca	I	Mayor Patrick Brown has actively utilized these powers, including hiring a new director of bylaw enforcement.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?

Brantford	info@brockton.ca	O	Mayor Kevin Davis, after public consultation, delegated some of his strong mayor powers to the city's CAO and others to council. In a statement posted on the city's website, he also said that he "did not see the need" to use strong-mayor powers for development matters with the current council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Brighton	candiced@brighton.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/1/2025	Brighton council formally opposes strong mayor powers, creates information hub for homeless information services Quinte News
Brock	fernando.lamanna@brock.ca	O	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion	4/21/2025	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion
Brockton	info@brockton.ca	U	Unknown		
Brockville	searl@brockville.com	U	City Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		5/25/2025
Burlington		O	In March 2024, the council unanimously passed a motion requesting the mayor to delegate all possible Strong Mayor Powers back to the council, emphasizing a commitment to democratic governance	2023	
Caledon		O	In response to public outcry, Mayor Groves partially rescinded some of her Strong Mayor Powers in June 2024, returning to a traditional majority vote system for certain decisions.	2023	'Is democracy dying in Caledon?': Residents outraged as Mayor Annette Groves rushes through questionable development plans, cuts them out of the process The Pointer
Cambridge		O	Mayor Jan Liggett has expressed that she does not intend to use these powers, favoring collaborative decision-making with the council.	2023	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion
Carleton Place		U	Unknown		
Central Elgin	deleitch@centralelgin.org	U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		
Central Frontenac	cdeachman@centralfrontenac.com	O	A rift has emerged between Mayor Frances Smith and the council over the use of these powers. The council has expressed concerns about the centralization of authority and the potential erosion of collaborative governance.	4/23/2025	Frontenac News - Strong Mayor Reveals Rift Between CF Mayor Smith & Council
Central Huron	clerk@centralhuron.com	O	On April 22, 2025, the Central Huron Council unanimously rejected the Strong Mayor Powers, expressing concerns about the erosion of democratic governance and the potential for abuse of power.	5/1/2025	eScribe Agenda Package
Central Manitoulin	ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca	U	While specific statements from Central Manitoulin's mayor or council regarding the adoption or rejection of these powers are not publicly available, neighboring municipalities on Manitoulin Island have expressed reservations. For instance, the mayors of Gore Bay and Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) have indicated they do not intend to use the powers, emphasizing the importance of collaborative governance		
Centre Wellington	info@centrewellington.ca	U	Mayor Shawn Watters has expressed uncertainty about the implications of these powers and emphasized the importance of collaboration with council, stating that using such powers without prior discussion could lead to division. The township has documented several mayoral decisions and delegations under the new legislation, indicating a measured approach to their implementation. There is no record of council resolutions opposing the legislation.		
Champlain	karla.barton@champlain.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	2025-158
Chatham-Kent	ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca	O	Mayor Darrin Canniff has publicly opposed the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers in Chatham-Kent. He expressed his concerns by sending two letters to the provincial government, articulating his opposition to these powers.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Clarence-Rockland	administration@clarence-rockland.com	U	Has not passed a formal motion regarding the implementation or rejection of the Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025	
Clarington	town@cobalt.ca	O	Mayor Adrian Foster's reacted to being granted expanded powers by saying, collaboration with my colleagues has been and will continue to be my focus as we navigate the rapid growth in our community." One of his first decisions was to delegate his new authority to restructure the town's staffing back to the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Clearview	ecoleman@clearview.caemail	U	Mayor Doug Measures expressed that he does not anticipate significant changes with the new powers, emphasizing a continued collaborative approach with the council	5/27/2025	Province extends strong mayor powers – The Creemore Echo

Clearwater		U	Mayor Measures stated, "I will continue to lead our community working collaboratively with Council to deliver in the best interest of our residents and visitors." He also noted that while the legislation requires the mayor to present the annual municipal budget, the process will remain a collaborative effort involving staff, council, and the public.	5/1/2025	news-release-mayor-measures-speaks-strong-mayor-powers
Cobalt	townhall@cochraneontario.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.		2025-057
Cobourg	clerk@collingwood.ca	U	Cobourg Mayor Misses Out on Strong Mayors Meeting	4/30/2025	Cobourg Mayor Misses Out on Strong Mayors Meeting - Today's Northumberland - Your Source For What's Happening Locally and Beyond
Cochrane	townhall@cochraneontario.com	U	Two notices of motion challenging aspects of Ontario's strong mayor legislation were pulled from the May 13 Cochrane council agenda before the meeting even got underway.	2025	Debate on strong mayor powers delayed in Cochrane - TimminsToday.com
Collingwood	clerk@collingwood.ca	O	On April 14, 2025, Collingwood Council passed a 7-2 motion, introduced by Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer, raising concerns about Ontario's expanded "strong mayor" powers and requesting clarification from the province. Mayor Yvonne Hamlin and Councillor Deb Doherty opposed the motion, with Hamlin questioning the value of municipal feedback.	2025	Council - Committee of the Whole - April 14, 2025
Cornwall	info@dysartetal.ca	O	Cornwall councillors vehemently oppose using strong mayor powers	4/30/2025	Cornwall councillors vehemently oppose using strong mayor powers Cornwall Standard-Freeholder
Deep River	townmail@deerpriver.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	2025	Res# 2025 128
Dryden	info@dysartetal.ca	O	May 16, 2025, Mayor Harrison "I must say throughout my career I've always tried to follow the ancient proverb 'There's wisdom in the council of many', and I have no intention of deviating from that." He further stated that while the new powers allow him to hire or fire the city's Chief Administrative Officer, create new committees, and approve the budget, he sees no good reason to concentrate this power in the mayor's role and prefers to maintain the status quo, where decisions remain a collective council responsibility.	2025	Harrison doesn't think he'll use Strong Mayor powers CKDR
East Gwillimbury	clerks@eastgwillimbury.ca	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2023	2023	
East Zorra-Tavistock	clerk@ezt.ca	U	Unknown		
Elizabethtown-Kitley	mail@ektwp.ca	U	Unknown		
Elliot Lake	info@englehart.c	U	Unknown		
Englehart	mrobinson@englehart.ca	U			
Espanola	jburke@espanola.ca	U			
Essex	jmalandrucolo@essex.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/28/2025	R25-04-187
Fort Erie	ACarter@forterie.ca	O	, Redekop said he's not all that interested in putting the new powers to use if they are granted to him. "I find them anti-democratic to be honest," said Redekop, adding he doesn't see a need for them. "I think it's important to ensure that all members of council are heard," he said.	4/10/2025	Redekop not interested in using new provincial 'strong mayor powers' - Fort Erie Radio
Fort Frances	cgreig@fortfrances.ca	U	Mayor Andrew Hallikas says he has "mixed feelings" about what the Ontario government calls "strong mayor powers." "Right off the top of my head, I'm concerned that it might have the potential to weaken democracy,"	4/10/2025	"Potential to weaken democracy": Mayor conflicted about greater powers - NWOnewsWatch.com
French River	clerk@frenchriver.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/17/2025	Sudbury news: French River wants to opt out of strong mayor powers, calls them 'authoritarian'
Gananoque	clerk@gananoque.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/28/2025	Gananoque Council Seeks to Opt Out of Strong Mayor Powers Expansion GananoqueNow.ca
Georgian Bay	rdillabough@georgina.ca	U	Unknown		
Georgian Bluffs	ccraig@georgianbluffs.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/8/2025	Georgian Bluffs Joins Chorus Of Municipalities Opposing Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre

Goderich	afisher@goderich.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/9/2025	Town of Goderich
Gore Bay	hschlange@gorebay.ca	O	Gore Bay mayor does not intend to use 'strong mayors powers'	4/23/2025	Gore Bay mayor does not intend to use 'strong mayors powers' The Manitoulin Expositor
Gravenhurst		U			
Greater Napanee	jwalters@greaternapanee.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	04-23-25 - Support for Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.pdf
Greater Sudbury	eric.labelle@greatersudbury.ca	U	Mayor Paul Lefebvre accepted strong-mayor powers but, according to numerous media reports, said he didn't see a need to use them. He later delegated decisions regarding the organizational structure of the city to the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Greenstone	kristina.miousse@greenstone.ca	U	Mayor Jamie McPherson acknowledged the receipt of strong mayor powers and indicated that their potential use would be a topic of discussion with the municipal council. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and thorough deliberation before any application of these powers.	4/10/2025	Strong mayor powers worth considering: Greenstone mayor - SNNewsWatch.com
Grey Highlands	levittj@greyhighlands.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/9/2025	Grey Highlands Asks To Opt Out Of Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Grimsby	vsteele@grimsby.ca	I	Mayor Jeff Jordan supports the implementation of strong mayor powers, viewing them as tools to streamline decision-making processes, particularly in areas like housing and infrastructure development	2025	
Guelph		U	Mayor Cam Guthrie, like Foster and others, quickly relinquished some of his new powers. In Foster's case, he delegated authority to reorganize city departments to the CAO and handed over power to hire and fire the CAO as well the ability to appoint heads of council committees to city council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Haldimand County		U	In April 2025, Haldimand County Mayor Shelley Ann Bentley unilaterally accepted "strong mayor" powers, reversing the council's 2023 decision to reject them. Without council consultation, she gained authority effective May 1 to veto bylaws, propose budgets, and manage senior staff. Councillors voiced concern over the lack of transparency and democratic oversight.	2023 / 2025	Local politicians divided on Bentley's strong mayor powers The Haldimand Press
Halton Hills	valeriep@haltonhills.ca	O	Mayor Ann Lawlor's initial reaction was that strong-mayor powers weren't necessary and her council colleagues passed a motion expressing their opposition to granting the new powers.	2023	filestream.ashx
Hamilton		O	For councillor Mike Spadafora, however, he ended up getting quite a bit more than he bargained for at GIC committee Wednesday. In a surprise show of unanimity, Hamilton General Issues Committee voted 13-0 to ask the province to drop strong mayor powers for Hamilton.	4/20/2025	Spadafora got more than he asked for, as Council nixes Strong Mayor powers 13-0 -- bayobserver.ca Hamilton, Burlington and GTA
Hanover		O	Meanwhile, Sue Paterson, mayor of Hanover, believes that the process currently in place in her community is democratic and works. "All of council may not agree on every issue, but we work best when all voices are heard equally," Paterson said. "Council as a whole works in the best interests of the public and the community we serve."		Strong mayor The Times
Hastings Highlands	shuschilt@hastingshighlands.ca	O	powers. A good mayor needs a good council and a good staff, and I'm blessed with both." Councillor Keith Buck asked the mayor if it was his intention to delegate his powers when possible. Fitzgerald replied ambiguously stating, "They [the province] are forcing us [to use the powers and] if you don't use the strong mayor powers you have to delegate it—let's say I delegate the dismissal of the CAO to council, I'll just throw that out as an example—I could later do it anyway, so what's the difference? That's how it's written that I can delegate a power to council or staff and still override it. We've got no rules on the playground..."		Strong mayor powers given to Hastings Highlands Bancroft this Week
Hawkesbury		O	On May 12, 2025, Hawkesbury Mayor Robert Lefebvre announced he would delegate the Ontario-granted "strong mayor" powers to council and staff, favoring collaborative governance. Councillors welcomed the decision, praising his commitment to shared leadership. However, concerns remained about future mayors potentially retaining the powers, highlighting the need for ongoing vigilance to protect democratic processes.	5/18/2025	Hawkesbury mayor delegates "strong mayor" authority - The Review Newspaper

Hearst	mclosier@hearst.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	150-2025
Huntsville		U			
Huron East	clerk@huroneast.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	
Huron Shores	natashia@huronshores.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	25-14-16
Huron-Kinloss	jwhite@huronkinloss.com	U	Unknown		
Ingersoll		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/10/2025	statement-from-the-mayor_april-2025.pdf
Innisfil	pthoma@innisfil.ca	O	Mayor Lynn Dollin said she wouldn't use her strong-mayor powers to veto council decisions and vowed to delegate some of her new powers to council and the CAO, which she did Nov. 2, 2023.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Iroquois Falls	mreeder@iroquoisfalls.com	U			
Kapuskasing	chantal.guillemette@kapuskasing.ca	U			
Kawartha Lakes	critchie@kawarthalakes.ca	I	Mayor Doug Elmslie couldn't "envision the need to use" his strong-mayor powers, when he agreed to sign the province's housing pledge. As of Jan. 29, Elmslie has only used the new powers to shorten the veto periods allowed during budget deliberations.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Kenora	hpihulak@kenora.ca	U		5/22/2025	
Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	tgorgerat@khrtownship.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.		res# 2025-06
Killarney	cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca	U			
Kincardine	tguy@kincardine.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	05/14/2025 - 10
King	dtimm@king.ca	U	King has not adopted a motion regarding Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025	
Kingston	cityofkingston@noreply.ca	O	Kingston city council opposes Strong Mayor Powers	7/15/1905	Kingston City Council takes stance against 'strong mayor powers'
Kingsville		O	On April 14, 2025, Kingsville Council unanimously opposed Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, calling them undemocratic. Mayor Dennis Rogers supported the stance, favoring collaboration. Despite this, the powers took effect on May 1. Rogers responded by delegating key powers back to council and staff. The resolution was shared with provincial leaders and municipal associations, reflecting wider concerns.	4/16/2025	78-04142025
Kirkland Lake		O	Kirkland Lake Mayor Wight opposes use of 'strong powers, "Not only have I spoken strongly against these powers, but many of our council members have done the same. Though we may not agree on every issue, we are a team, and a team works best when all voices are considered equally."	4/9/2025	Kirkland Lake Mayor Wight opposes use of 'strong powers' Northern News
Kitchener		O	Mayor Berry Vrbanovic's initial reaction to being awarded strong-mayor powers was to say, "My intention is to continue working collaboratively with council, because that's how we best serve our residents." But he also acknowledged such "tools might come in handy."	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Lake of Bays	csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca	U			
Lakeshore	ahair@lakeshore.ca	O	Mayor Tracey Bailey criticized the strong mayor legislation for eroding local democracy and emphasized the importance of council members' voices in governance	4/10/2025	Mayor's Message: Strong Mayor Powers - Municipality of Lakeshore
Lambton Shores	clerks@lambtonshores.ca	O	Mayor Bill Weber opposed the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, expressing skepticism about its effectiveness in accelerating housing development	2023	Overwhelming majority of county council opposes Strong Mayors Bill
Lanark Highlands	lhclerk@lanarkhighlands.ca	U			
LaSalle		O	Mayor Crystal Meloche publicly opposed the strong mayor powers, stating her intention to delegate them back to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and council to maintain democratic processes	4/21/2025	LaSalle mayor joins opposition against strong mayor powers
Latchford	jallen@latchford.ca	U			

Laurentian Valley	dsauriol@lvtownship.ca	U		
Leamington	bpercy@leamington.ca	O	Leamington's mayor, Hilda MacDonald, says she'll "respectfully decline" the ministry's offer of strong mayor powers. "I'm hoping that message gets through to the province and they will have a change of heart," she said. MacDonald, who was a councillor earlier in her political career, says councils should represent all voices in the community	4/10/2025 These politicians strongly oppose Ontario's strong mayor powers for Essex County
Leeds and the Thousand Islands	clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca	U		
Lincoln		I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2025	
London		I	Mayor Josh Morgan invoked his strong-mayor powers to assign additional duties to the deputy mayor and budget chair. That move was followed by a request to council to boost their pay to reflect the fact they're taking on more work.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Loyalist	clerk@loyalist.ca	U		
Malahide	aadams@malahide.ca	U		
Mapleton		O	Strong mayor powers are not supported by Mapleton's council.	5/1/2025 Mapleton council opposes strong mayor powers
Markham		I	Mayor Frank Scarpitti has been quiet on the issue since being granted strong-mayor powers in July 2023.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Mattawa	clerk@mattawa.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/15/2025 Resolution Number 25-95
Meaford	clerk@meaford.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/30/2025 Meaford Opposes Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Middlesex Centre	hammer@middlesexcentre.ca	U		
Midland		O	Despite the absence of a formal opposition, Mayor Bill Gordon has publicly stated that he does not intend to exercise these powers. On May 1, 2025, he delegated the newly granted authorities back to the council and the CAO, emphasizing his commitment to collaborative governance. Mayor Gordon remarked, "I believe in the strength of our council and the importance of shared decision-making for the betterment of Midland." The mayor says he will be delegating powers back.	Midland mayor takes stand after being granted strong mayor powers – CTVNews
Milton		O	On April 22, 2025, Minto Council unanimously voted to delegate "strong mayor" powers back to council and staff, affirming its commitment to shared decision-making. Mayor Dave Turton said the move reflects the town's values and supports democratic governance. The resolution was sent to Premier Ford and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Minden Hills	vbull@mindenhills.ca	U		
Minto		O	On May 15, 2025, Minto Council unanimously voted to delegate the Ontario-granted "strong mayor" powers back to council and staff, emphasizing collaborative governance. Mayor Dave Turton stated the move reflects the town's values and commitment to democratic decision-making. The resolution was sent to Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.	5/15/2025 Minto votes to delegate Strong Mayor Powers back to council and staff
Mississauga		I	Bonnie Crombie, who stepped down as mayor Jan. 12 after winning the race to become leader of Ontario's Liberal party, made use of her new powers a few times, including to delegate powers to the CAO and to push through a controversial housing motion supporting fourplex homes.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Mississippi Mills	clerk@mississippimills.ca	U		
Muskoka Lakes	cmortimer@muskokalak.es.ca	U		
Neebing	clerk@neebing.org	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025
New Tecumseth		O	On April 29, 2025, New Tecumseth Council narrowly passed a 5-4 resolution opposing "strong mayor" powers for Mayor Richard Norcross, citing democratic concerns. Despite this, the province implemented the powers on May 1. In response, Norcross delegated key authorities back to council and the CAO, committing to collaborative leadership. Some powers, like proposing the budget, remain non-delegable but will involve council input.	4/29/2025 Statement from the Mayor - Strong Mayor Powers - Town of New Tecumseth

Newmarket		Newmarket was the first out of the gate, with Mayor John Taylor telling the province there was no way the town could build 12,000 homes in 10 years because the municipality doesn't currently have the sewage capacity to serve more than a couple thousand more homes.	2023	4 Ontario municipalities turn down strong mayor powers CBC News
Niagara Falls		Mayor Jim Diodati declared in September 2023 that he has "no intention of using these tools," but he stopped short of delegating any of his new powers back to council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Niagara-on-the-Lake				
Norfolk County		Norfolk council is again telling the province it doesn't want "strong mayor powers" and this time it's not mincing words.		Norfolk to tell province it doesn't want strong mayor powers Simcoe Reformer
North Bay	karen.mcisaac@northbay.ca	Mayor Peter Chirico said, in response to being granted new powers, "I am committed to working collaboratively with our city council, and I have no intention of exercising these powers in a way that undermines our strong team."	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
North Frontenac	info@northfrontenac.ca	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/30/2025	Resolution #139-25 - Frontenac News - North and South Frontenac Speak Against Strong Mayor Powers
North Glengarry	cao@northglengarry.ca	North Glengarry Mayor Jamie MacDonald has rejected Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, effective May 1, 2025. He stated these powers are unnecessary, would undermine council voices, and harm local democracy. MacDonald emphasized equal representation and full transparency.	4/10/2025	North Glengarry Included on the List of Municipalities with Proposed Expanded Strong Mayor Powers Township of North Glengarry
North Huron	clamb@northhuron.ca	Reeve Paul Heffer of North Huron has declined to use Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, effective May 1, 2025, citing concerns about their impact on democratic decision-making. Heffer stated these powers could undermine council collaboration, staff input, and community engagement, calling them a "disservice to local democracy"	5/23/2025	Statement from Reeve Heffer Strong Mayor Powers - Township of North Huron
North Middlesex	judyg@northmiddlesex.on.ca	The Municipality of North Middlesex has formally opposed Ontario's expansion of "strong mayor" powers. On April 24, 2025, the municipal council passed a resolution rejecting these powers, which were set to take effect on May 1, 2025. The resolution expresses concern that such powers undermine local democracy and the collaborative governance model. It also urges the province to reconsider the implementation of these powers in rural municipalities.	4/25/2025	NorthMiddlesex-Resolution-StrongMayor.pdf
North Perth	clerks@northperth.ca	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/8/2025	North Perth requests province undo strong mayor powers Spare News pentictonherald.ca
Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands	info@nemi.ca			
Oakville	TownClerk@oakville.ca	Mayor Rob Burton, in early 2023, said had no interest in acquiring strong-mayor powers. After he was granted them, Burton said he couldn't imagine a scenario where he would use them, but stopped short of saying he never would.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Orangeville	clerksdept@orangeville.ca	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/25/2025/	2025-092
Orillia	DKIRBY@orillia.ca	Orillia's council also approved a motion calling for the province to rescind the powers given to Orillia mayor Don McIsaac in a tense special meeting on Friday. "This is a slap in the face for democracy," said Orillia council member Tim Lauer, describing the province's action as "totally disrespectful to Council and totally disrespectful to the residents of	5/25/2025	Strong mayor The Times
Oro-Medonte	clerks@oro-medonte.ca			
Oshawa		Mayor Dan Carter was among those mayors who relinquished some of his new powers, including handing authority to reorganize city departments to the CAO and granting the ability to hire and fire the CAO to city council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Ottawa		Mayor Mark Sutcliffe's first strong-mayor move was to delegate power to city council to appoint an interim city manager and an acting chief financial officer.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Owen Sound	cityclerk@owensound.ca	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/1/2025	Owen Sound To Ask Province To Rescind Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre

Parry Sound		O	On April 15, 2025, the Town of Parry Sound Council unanimously passed a resolution rejecting Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, which were set to take effect on May 1. Introduced by Mayor Jamie McGarvey, the resolution opposes the application of these powers in Parry Sound and requests that the province allow municipalities the option to decline them	4/15/2025	Mayor McGarvey Rejects Strong Mayor Powers
Pelham	clerks@pelham.ca	O	'Strong mayors' may be coming to more Ontario towns, but in Pelham Marv Junkin says he has no intention of using those powers to override council decisions	5/1/2025	MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Thanks, but no thanks - PelhamToday.ca
Pembroke		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/21/2025	Pembroke city council rejects strong mayor powers Pembroke Observer
Penetanguishene		O	'Democracy, openness, transparency, and accountability for decision making' removed, says Penetanguishene mayor on Ontario push for stronger mayor powers	4/10/2025	Penetanguishene News - Springwater News
Perth		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/14/2025	Perth Town Council Requests Removal from Strong Mayor Powers List Town of Perth
Perth East	contact@pertheast.ca	U			
Perth South	info@perthsouth.ca	U			
Petawawa	choward@petawawa.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	2025 04 29 Town of Petawawa - Strong Mayor Designation Town of Collingwood
Peterborough	cityclerk@peterborough.ca	I	Mayor Jeff Leal joined other strong mayors in granting council the authority to establish the responsibilities of the city's CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Petrolia	clerk@petrolia.ca	U			
Pickering		O	Mayor Kevin Ashe exercised his new powers numerous times after saying before being elected he wouldn't do so. That prompted one councillor to challenge him for using them. Later, several other Pickering councillors expressed opposition to strong-mayor powers in Ontario.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Plympton-Wyoming	ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	https://www.collingwood.ca/node/282820?utm_source=chatgpt.com
Port Colborne		U			
Port Hope	twilson@porthope.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	48-20-2023
Prescott	admin@prescott.ca	U			
Prince Edward		O	Prince Edward County Council has voted to oppose the introduction of strong mayor powers to the community. In a recorded vote, the motion passed unanimously.	5/28/2025	County council opposes introduction of Strong Mayor powers Quinte News
Quinte West		U			
Rainy River	clerk@rainyriver.ca	U			
Ramara	clerks@ramara.ca	U			
Renfrew		O	On April 30, 2025, Renfrew Town Council passed a resolution expressing their opposition to the strong mayor powers granted by the province. The resolution highlighted concerns about the concentration of decision-making authority in a single office and the potential erosion of democratic processes. Council members emphasized the importance of collaborative governance and requested that the province reconsider the implementation of these powers in Renfrew.	5/25/2025	Renfrew grudgingly accepts Strong Mayor Powers as information but rejects the implementation The Regional
Richmond Hill		I	Mayor David West vowed to be "prudent" in using strong-mayor powers. He went on to delegate the authority to appoint a CAO to council and granted the CAO power to determine the city's organizational structure.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Rideau Lakes	clerk@rideaulakes.ca	O			
Sables-Spanish Rivers	inquiries@sables-spanish.ca	U			
Sarnia	clerks@sarnia.ca	I	Mayor Mike Bradley, according to media reports, said he wasn't interested in the strong-mayor powers, but signed the province's housing pledge to gain access to funding. He has since delegated some of his new powers to council and the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?

Saugeen Shores		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/14/2025	Saugeen Shores Mayor Opposed To Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Sault Ste. Marie	cityclerk@cityssm.on.ca	O	Mayor Matthew Shoemaker, according to media reports, pledged not to use his new powers and to delegate certain powers to council and the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Scugog	clerk@scugog.ca	O	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion	4/21/2025	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion
Seguin	info@seguin.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	Township-of-Seguिन-Resolution-No.-2025-099.pdf
Severn	info@severn.ca	O	The Township of Severn is deeply concerned about the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power.	5/25/2025	
Shelburne	clerk@shelburne.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/12/2025	2025 05 16 Town of Shelburne - Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers Town of Collingwood
Sioux Lookout	info@siouxlookout.ca	U			
Smiths Falls		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/15/2025	'No thanks': Smiths Falls council pushes back on Strong Mayor Powers - Hometown News
South Algonquin	info@southalgonquin.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	
		U			
South Bruce	clerk@southbruce.ca	U			
South Gate		O	Southgate Mayor Brian Milne has declined to exercise the strong mayor powers granted by the province, instead delegating them to Council and the CAO, emphasizing his commitment to collaborative governance. While Southgate Council has not formally opposed these powers, Milne's decision reflects a preference for traditional council-led oversight		strong-mayor-press-release-may-8.pdf
South Frontenac	admin@southfrontenac.net	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/14/2025	res# 25-513 https://www.frontenacnews.ca/frontenac-county-news/item/18007-north-and-south-frontenac-speak-against-strong-mayor-powers
South Huron	natashia@huronshores.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/25/2025	
Southgate	clerks@southgate.ca	U			
Southwest Middlesex	info@southwestmiddlesex.ca	U			
South-West Oxford	info@swox.org	U			
Springwater	clerk@springwater.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/8/2025	Springwater councillors butt heads over strong mayor powers - Barrie News
St. Catharines	emcginty@stcatharines.ca	O	Mayor Mat Siscoe's and his council colleagues have voiced concerns about how strong-mayor powers could be wielded, but he praised the way the budget process played out under the new legislation.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
St. Clair	clerk@stclairtownship.ca	O	Deputy Mayor Steve Miller expressed strong opposition to these powers, describing them as "very undemocratic" and likening them to a "borderline dictatorship." He questioned the purpose of council if the mayor could unilaterally make significant decisions. Mayor Jeff Agar responded by assuring that he would not misuse these powers, stating, "You have a mayor that's not going to boss anybody around."		
St. Mary's		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/29/2025	Resolution
St. Thomas	clerk@stthomas.ca	O	a collaborative approach with the city council. He stated, "I certainly would never hope to use the strong mayor powers," highlighting the effectiveness of the current council in achieving city goals without the need for additional authority.	5/29/2025	Stand Up For Decency Rally in St. Thomas is about 'rejecting extremism in any form' – Ian's City Scope

Stone Mills	clerk@stonemills.com	U		
Stratford	mfranken@stratford.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025 Resolution R2025-174
Strathroy-Caradoc	clerk@strathroy-caradoc.ca	U		
Strong Township		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025 Strong Township talks strong mayors Spare News pentictonherald.ca
Tay	clerk@tay.ca	U		
Tay Valley Township	clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca	U		
Tecumseh	admin.council@tecumseh.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/25/2025 Motion: RCM -114/25
Temagami	projects@Temagami.ca	U	Has not passed a formal motion regarding the implementation or rejection of the Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025
Temiskaming Shores	contact@temiskamingshores.ca	U		
The Archipelago	info@thearchipelago.on.ca	U	The Archipelago Council has not made a formal decision regarding the Strong Mayors legislation	5/27/2025
The Blue Mountains	townclerk@thebluemountains.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/22/2025
The Nation	clerk@nationmun.ca	U		
Thessalon	debbie@thessalon.ca	U		
		U		
Thorold	clerk@thorold.ca	U		
Thunder Bay		U		
Thunder Bay		O	Mayor Ken Boshcoff requested the province grant him strong-mayor powers even though his colleagues around the council table didn't support the move, according to media reports.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Tillsonburg		O	Asked Ford to pause	4/16/2025 Tillsonburg asks for pause on strong mayor powers
Tillsonburg		U		
Timmins	clerks@timmins.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/1/2025 In the wrong hands, strong mayor powers 'can be abused', says Northern leader - TimminsToday.com
Toronto		O	Mayor Olivia Chow, who replaced John Tory in June 2023 following his departure amid scandal, called strong-mayor powers granted to Toronto in 2022, "unfair" and "not democratic" and vowed not to "override the power of council."	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Trent Hills	info@trenthills.ca	U		
Uxbridge	clerk@uxbridge.ca	U		
Vaughan	Clerks@vaughan.ca	I	Mayor Steven Del Duca, former leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, welcomed the news that Ford, who bested him in the 2022 provincial election, was granting the city strong-mayor powers.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Wasaga Beach		U		
Waterloo		O	Mayor Dorothy McCabe echoed what many other mayors said about being unable to "foresee a situation where I would need to use those powers."	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Welland	clerk@welland.ca	I	Mayor Frank Campion used his strong-mayor powers to appoint a new CAO. He later faced concerns from some council members about his budget veto powers.	2023 How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
West Grey	info@westgrey.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/7/2025 West Grey Mayor Opposes New 'Strong Mayor' Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
West Lincoln	clerk@westlincoln.ca	I	Mayor Cheryl Ganann supports thoughtful use of the powers with council collaboration. Governance updates are underway.	2025

West Nipissing	info@westnipissing.ca	I	Kathleen Thorne Rochon, West Nipissing's mayor, told BayToday, "It's a complex issue. I think there are some things in there that a mayor can use to help expedite the priorities of council. But there is a lot of room there for it not to be used well." She continued, "When you have mayors that don't believe as staunchly in the democratic process as I do, there is definitely an opportunity for abuse."	4/11/2025	Strong mayor powers coming to West Nipissing, mayor expresses caution - North Bay News
West Perth	clerk@westperth.com	U			
Whitby		U	Mayor Elizabeth Roy said pledged to be "cautious and respectful when it comes to these new powers," saying she is committed to consensus building. She refused to use her strong-mayor powers to end a workers' strike at the town in November 2023.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Whitchurch-Stouffville		U	Mayor Iain Lovatt's first move with his strong-mayor powers was to delegate some of them to the CAO and council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Whitewater Region	cmiller@whitewaterregion.ca	U			
Wilmot	clerk@wilmot.ca	U			
Windsor	clerks@citywindsor.ca	I	Mayor Drew Dilkins used his new powers to axe two senior bureaucrats as part of a restructuring at the city in November 2023.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Woodstock		O	Mayor Jerry Acchione's council colleagues, according to media reports, passed a motion in October 2023 stating they don't support the use of strong-mayor powers and they want the mayor to publicly outline how he plans to use them.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Woolwich	clerks@woolwich.ca	U			

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Policy Update - Province Introduces Bill 30

Province Introduces Bill 30, *Working For Workers Seven Act, 2025*

Yesterday, the Ontario government tabled its seventh [Working for Workers Act](#) (Bill 30). While the stated objective of supporting workers amidst potential job losses arising from the US-Canada trade dynamic is noted, one of its proposals raises significant concerns -- exempting Skills Development Fund

Capital Stream-supported capital projects from the requirements of *The Municipal Act* and *The Planning Act*.

Earlier exemptions from municipal planning approvals, such as those related to public universities and "community service facilities" like K-12 schools, hospitals, and long-term care homes are aimed to expedite planning for public entities. Bill 30, however, marks a significant shift by:

- Extending expedited planning processes and exemptions from municipal authorities to private entities without the robust accountability and regulatory frameworks that characterize broader public sector bodies, solely by virtue of their qualification to access a source of provincial funding with broad eligibility; and
- Going beyond exemptions to *The Planning Act* to include exemptions to *The Municipal Act*. These powers could allow for waivers from municipal bylaws, including those related to property tax, development charges, and other local requirements with no clear purpose or rationale.

The cumulative impact of what is now the proposed ability of four separate Ministers to override municipal land use planning and other authorities also raises significant concern by increasing the likelihood of unintended consequences and diffuse accountability. Currently before the legislature are proposals to provide powers to:

- The Minister of Infrastructure to use Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) to override *The Planning Act* as part of Bill 17;
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to create Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to override *The Planning Act* and *The Municipal Act* as part of Bill 5; and
- The Minister of Labour, Immigration, Skills and Training to override *The Planning Act* and *The Municipal Act* for those in receipt of capital funding from the Skills Development Fund under Bill 30.

AMO continues to support the need for bold and innovative action to respond to unprecedented economic challenges. However, the threat of tariffs cannot be used to justify any and all proposals to override provincial and municipal laws. AMO will continue to analyze the proposal and seek opportunities to provide commentary to the legislature.

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



District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

RE: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), representing the twenty-three Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound, held its Spring 2025 meeting on May 23, 2025, in the Municipality of Callander. At this meeting, the following resolution was carried:

Moved by: Kathy Hamer (Municipality of McDougall)

Seconded by: Daniel O'Halloran (Township of McMurrich Monteith)

Whereas democracy is an open process – one that requires ongoing engagement between citizens and their elected officials; and

Whereas ethics and integrity are at the core of public confidence in government and in the political process; and

Whereas proper policies and procedures protect the democratic process; and

Whereas sections 223.2 and 223.3, Municipal Act, 2001 state all municipalities are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner; and

Whereas it is the role of the Integrity Commissioner to educate member of Council on the Councillor Code of Conduct policy as well as to investigate alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct, at the municipality's expense; and

Whereas there are many new elected officials each term of Council who need access to information and proper training in order to do the work effectively and responsibly; and

Whereas Municipal Affairs and the Ombudsman's Office are hesitant to give information, so there is nowhere to ask questions and learn; and

Whereas the only source of information is to pay for fee-for-service on a case-by-case basis from the Integrity Commissioner which is very cost-prohibitive for small municipalities; and

Whereas Council is expected to oversee the management of taxpayers money and taxpayers deserve to know where their tax dollars are being spent;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association calls upon the Ontario government to provide free access to information so that Councils can be effective in their role in our democratic system; and

Further That the DPSMA hereby requests that Municipal Affairs and/or the Ombudsman's Office and/or the Integrity Commissioner provide, if requested by a municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each investigation.

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Forwarded on behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association; For questions and/or inquires, please contact:



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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound
All Ontario Municipalities



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: MAYOR RAYMOND A. BÉLANGER

TITLE: PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-32R

BACKGROUND

The Physician Recruitment Committee consists of appointed Members from Councils of the Town of Mattawa (Raymond Bélanger), Townships of Bonfield (Narry Paquette) and Papineau-Cameron (Mélanie Chenier) and the Municipalities of Calvin (Richard Gould) and Mattawan (Janet McNabb).

Other members of the committee consist of Dr. Bryan Williams (Chief of Staff), Tanya Bélanger (President & CEO), Amy Morrison (VP Corporate Services & CFO/Administrator), Christine Thompson (VP Clinical Services/CNO), Kayla Michaud (Physician Recruiter) and Lyse Côté (Recorder).

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

Return of Service Agreements:

We have three agreements with the upcoming physicians.

- **Dr. Taylor Wilkins:** Originally, she was scheduled to start in July or August 2025 but has postponed to January 2026 for personal reasons and to take locum positions to gain more experience. She is within her agreement and has expressed interest in doing locums at our facility.
- **DJ Houle:** Is scheduled for July 2026. He is excited about joining and hopes to bring his wife into the practice. His contract specifies a two-month timeline.
- **Adam Ritchie:** Is scheduled for July 2027.

Locum Coverage:

Smaller hospitals often provide incentives to attract locums.

- Incentives were necessary during the Christmas holiday to cover shifts when another physician had to drop their scheduled shifts. Dr. Williams has been helpful in assisting with locum coverage.
- We had another locum who recently found a hospital closer to his home and had to give up several shifts. We had to cover just under 20 shifts. The Emergency Department Locum Program (EDLP) program has been helpful in covering the shifts to date.

Physician Transition and Feedback:

- We are working closely with locum physicians to determine what improvements can be made in-house during transitions.
- We will explore what the new physicians would like to see in their roles.

OHA and Vic Fedeli Meeting:

- The OHA was refraining from engaging with hospitals during the election campaign, which is why Crystal Burns gave her regrets to that meeting.
- Vic Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing, has scheduled a meeting in the community. This could be an opportunity to discuss the community's limited resources.

Physician Staffing Goals:

- Given our reliance on locums, we need more than three physicians to meet staffing needs. The current physicians recommend eight physicians to replace the four previous ones; however, the CEO suggested we aim for six physicians, with a potential new recruit in 2028.

Nurse Practitioner (NP) Consideration:

- Could an NP alleviate the workload? If funding allows, an NP could be a good support, but this is dependent on provincial government support. Under current legislation, an NP would be a good support but would not eliminate the need to have a physician in the Emergency Department.

Health Home Model:

- The CEO expressed interest in starting a pilot for a health home model, subject on sufficient funding, as it aligns with our vision for healthcare.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa approved a five-year annual financial commitment of \$13,769.54 per year for the Mattawa Physician Recruitment Initiative. This annual contribution will begin in 2024 until the final payment in 2028 payable in January of each year.

The CFO provided an overview of the budget planning on 2022-2028. Recruitment budget planning and funds are attached for reference.

- The budget comparison report covers the fiscal year-to-date ending December 31, 2024.
- We are currently under budget.
- Physician 4 position remains to be filled.
- On the expense side, we are under budget, mainly due to lower costs for advertising and fairs. Only one fair in Sudbury was attended.
- Overall, we are on target for this fiscal year.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION

ATTACHMENTS

Financial Reports

RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTION

That Council accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives Report # 25-32R titled Physician Recruitment Committee Report.

Budget Comparison - at March 31, 2025

	Budget	Actual	Variance
<u>Fund Contributions</u>			
Revenue from Townships/Municipalities	31,699.56	31,699.56	-
Revenue from Hospital	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
Total Revenue	\$ 43,699.56	\$ 43,699.56	\$ -
<u>Expenses</u>			
Physician Site Visits/Resident Get-Away Weekend	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Academic Days at Universities/Other Recruitment Fairs	1,000.00	933.24	66.76
Giveaways	750.00	474.02	275.98
Advertising/Invitations/Marketing Expenses	500.00	-	500.00
Physician Retention Office Space (2 months first 3 years)	-	-	-
Physician Incentives (travel, accomodation, etc)	5,000.00	1,583.16	3,416.84
Recruiter Costs	6,853.17	8,182.36	- 1,329.19
Expenses before Incentives	15,603.17	11,172.78	\$ 4,430.39
Signing Incentives	75,000.00	100,000.00	- 25,000.00
Total Expenses	90,603.17	111,172.78	- 20,569.61
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	- 46,903.61	- 67,473.22	- 20,569.61
Opening Fund Balance	60,841.94	60,841.94	
Cumulative Fund Balance	13,938.33	- 6,631.28	

Recruitment Fund - Cumulative Report

At March 31, 2025

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Contributions								
Mattawa Hospital	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Town of Mattawa	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54	\$ 13,769.54
CalvinTownship	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
MattawanTownship	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32	\$ 2,011.32
PapineauTownship	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70	\$ 12,218.70
Bonfield Township	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Total Contributions	\$ 43,699.56	\$ 43,699.56	\$ 42,499.56	\$ 42,499.56	\$ 42,499.56	\$ 42,499.56	\$ 48,499.56	\$ 43,699.56
Physician Site Visits/Resident Get-Away Weekend								
Academic Days at Universities/Other Recruitment Fairs	\$ -	\$ 1,904.01	\$ 1,362.03	\$ 2,954.23	\$ 634.11			\$ 933.24
Giveaways								\$ 474.02
Advertising/Invitations/Marketing Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 767.76			\$ 2,009.22	
Physician Retention Office Space (2 months first 3 years)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Physician Incentives (travel, accomodation, etc)	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 11,982.24	\$ 3,380.31	\$ 1,583.16
Recruiter Costs	\$ 3,953.11	\$ 7,906.23	\$ 5,259.48	\$ 5,595.65	\$ 6,187.54	\$ 6,249.45	\$ 6,759.61	\$ 8,182.36
Return of Service Incentives						\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
Payment to MBEDC for Dr. L incentive	\$ 21,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -				
Total Disbursements	\$ 24,953.11	\$ 16,810.24	\$ 6,771.51	\$ 9,317.64	\$ 6,821.65	\$ 68,231.69	\$ 112,149.14	\$ 111,172.78
Net Change	\$ 18,746.45	\$ 26,889.32	\$ 35,728.05	\$ 33,181.92	\$ 35,677.91	\$ (25,732.13)	\$ (63,649.58)	\$ (67,473.22)
Cumulative Fund Balance	\$ 18,746.45	\$ 45,635.77	\$ 81,363.82	\$ 114,545.73	\$ 150,223.65	\$ 124,491.52	\$ 60,841.94	\$ (6,631.28)

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

11.1

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 25-11 being a by-law to appoint John Dixon Library board members for the remainder of the 2023 – 2026 term.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

BY-LAW 25-11

BEING a By-law to appoint members to the John Dixon Public Library Board.

WHEREAS Council enacted By-law 64-19, being a By-law to establish the John Dixon Public Library Board;

AND WHEREAS the Public Libraries Act, R. S. O. 1990, c. P. 44, Section 9. (1) provides for Municipal Councils to appoint Library Board Members;

AND WHEREAS applications have been received to sit on the John Dixon Public Library Board for the 2023 – 2026 term of Council.

AND WHEREAS the following applicants are qualified to sit as a board members under Section 10 (1) (2) of the Public Libraries Act.

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

1. **THAT** Council hereby appoints Tracy Ellis, Bryan David Williams and Molly McNamara as members of the John Dixon Public Library Board for a term concurrent with Council of the Town of Mattawa.
2. **THAT** this By-law shall come into full force in effect on the date of its passing.

READ A FIRST and SECOND TIME, this 9th day of June, 2025.

READ THIRD TIME and FINALLY PASSED, this 9th day of June, 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

DATE: MONDAY JUNE 9, 2025

18.1

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR _____

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _____

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the June 9, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.