

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AGENDA TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

Zoom Meeting Access: 1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID Code: 871 0409 6506 Passcode: 879124

- 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 October 14, 2025 be adopted
- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest
- 5. Presentations and Delegations
- 6. Adoption of Minutes
- 6.1 Regular Meeting of September 22, 2025
- 6.2 Special Meeting of September 29, 2025
- 6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended
 - That Council adopt the September 22 and September 29, 2025 minutes
- 7. Notice of Motions
- 8. Correspondence
- 8.1 Solicitor General Ontario Provincial Police Cost Recovery Model
- 8.2 Various Municipalities (Municipality of Huron Shores, City of North Bay, Municipality of Assiginack, Municipality of St. Charles, Town of Cobalt, Township of McGarry, Township of Hilliard, Township of Larder Lake) Support for NORDS Pilot Program
- 8.3 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop Cancelled
- 8.4 AMO Planned Automated Speed Enforcement Ban
- 8.5 ROMA 2026 Annual Conference Registration & Hotel Information

- 8.6 Various Municipalities (City of St. Catharines, Township of Southgate, Town of Aurora, Municipality of Brighton, Town of Smith Falls, Township of Stone Mills, Town of Pickering) Support for Election Respect Pledge
- 8.7 Various Municipalities (Municipality of Shuniah, Township of Perry, Township of Southgate, Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury) Support to Increase Income Support Thresholds for Veterans
- 8.8 Township of Woolwich Bill C-61, First Nations Clean Water Act
- 8.9 City of Kitchener Amend Municipal Act for Paper Billing of Tax and Utility Bills
- 8.10 Municipality of Mattawan Request for Shared Fire Services
- 8.11 FONOM New Leadership Elected at Board of Directors Meeting
- 8.12 Ministry of Long-Term Care Delegation at AMO Conference 2025 in Ottawa
- 8.13 Ministry of Transportation Proposed Expansion of Highways 11 & 17
- 8.14 Solicitor General AMO Conference Delegation
- 9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports Motions
- 10. Information Reports Motions
- 10.1 Update to Meeting Procedures Report # 25-54R Report from Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk
- 10.2 Update on Mattawa & Area Foodbank Report # 25-55R Report from Councillor Garry Thibert
- 10.3 Mattawa Voyageur Days 2025 Report # 25-56R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
- 10.4 Main Street Connecting Link Report # 25-57R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
- 10.5 Updates from Town Hall Report # 25-58R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer
- 11. By-Laws
- 12. Old Business
- 12.1 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for "Chick Webster"
- 12.2 Business/Organization Signage Policy
- 12.3 FONOM Correspondence Consultation on Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
- 12.4 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- 13. New Business
- 14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda
- 15. In Camera (Closed) Session

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

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

15.2 Business Opportunity Update

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

c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

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 October 14, 2025 meeting adjourn at _____ p.m.

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

| MOVED BY COUNCILLOR | |
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| SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR | |

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Tuesday October 14, 2025 be adopted.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Regular Meeting held Monday September 22, 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, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

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- 1. Meeting Called to Order
- 2. Announce Electronic Participants
- 3. Adoption of Agenda

Councillor Mick arrived at 6:01 pm

3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-176

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday September 22, 2025 be adopted as amended to include correspondence item 8.8 and report 10.4 titled National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

CARRIED – unanimous

- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest
- 5. Presentations and Delegations
- 6. Adoption of Minutes
- 6.1 Special Meeting of September 8, 2025
- 6.2 Regular Meeting of September 8, 2025
- 6.3 To adopt the minutes as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-177

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the special meeting of September 8, 2025 and the regular meeting of September 8, 2025.

CARRIED – unanimous

7. Notice of Motions

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Various Municipalities (Township of Larder Lake, Town of Cobalt, Town of Petrolia) Resolution to Extend Firefighter
- 8.2 City of Brantford Advocacy for Provincial Scrap Metal & Bail System Reform
- 8.3 AMO Advocacy on Automated Speed Enforcement, Federal Development Charges & More
- 8.4 Strategic Plan Committee Minutes of August 27, 2025 Meeting
- 8.5 FONOM Consultation on Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario
- 8.6 Municipality of East Ferris Cassellhome & Castle Arms Board of Directors Resolution
- 8.7 AMO Federal Government Launches Build Canada Homes
- 8.8 Laura Ross Letter of Appreciation for Recreation Department
- 9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports Motions

10. Staff Reports - Motions

10.1 Strategic Plan Update – Report # 25-49R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-178

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-49R titled Strategic Plan Themes.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the 4 main themes for the Strategic Plan, which are:

- 1. Governance and Community Relations
- 2. Economic Development and Growth
- 3. Municipal Services
- 4. Fiscal Responsibility

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Strengths Opportunities Weaknesses and Threats (SWOT) Analysis Report.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Gardiner, Levesque, Ross, Thibert, Bigelow

Against: Councillor Mick

10.2 Pumpkinfest at Explorers Point – Report # 25-50R Report from Councillor Spencer Bigelow

Resolution Number 25-179

Moved by Councillor Loren Mick Seconded by Councillor Mathew Gardiner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amends resolution number 25-180 by removing and further that Council approves the purchase of pyramid and pumpkins for October 2025 and directs the recreation staff to erect one pyramid with pumpkins.

CARRIED – unanimous

Resolution Number 25-180

Moved by Councillor Spencer Bigelow Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-50R titled Pumpkinfest at Explorers Point.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the purchase of pyramid and pumpkins for October 2025 and directs the recreation staff to erect one pyramid with pumpkins.

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports Pumpkinfest as an annual event to be organized by the Parks and Recreation Department with a costume contest, music, food vendors and more beginning in 2026 as amended.

RESOLUTION NOT VOTED ON BY COUNCIL

10.3 Upcoming Changes to Recycling Program – Effective October 1, 2025– Report # 25-51R Report from Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

Resolution Number 25-181

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-51R titled Upcoming Changes to Recycling Program – Effective October 1, 2025.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to proceed with communications to residents and the business commercial and industrial sector regarding the upcoming recycling program changes, including:

- the transition of residential recycling to producer responsibility on October 1, 2025,
- the continuation of municipal recycling service for businesses, commercial, and industrial properties from October 1 to December 31, 2025, with full cost recovery through invoicing, and the full transfer of responsibility for business commercial and industrial recycling to businesses as of January 1, 2026.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

10.4 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation – Report # 25-52R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-182

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-52R titled National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the closure of all municipal offices on Tuesday September 30, 2025 and directs staff to post a public notice on the municipal website, town app and social media site.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Mick, Ross, Bigelow

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Thibert

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-12 – Amendment of Governance Policies & Procedures of Council **BEING** a by-law to amend By-law No. 24-10 being the governance policies and procedures of Council.

Resolution Number 25-183

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 25-12 which is a by-law to amend Policy 3 of By-law No. 24-10 Governance Policies and Procedures of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

11.2 By-Law 25-13 – Amendment of Remuneration for Members of Council

BEING a by-law to amend By-law No. 23-04 being the remuneration for Members of Council, Committees of Council and its local boards to provide for reimbursement of expenses.

Resolution Number 25-184

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law Number 25-13 which is a by-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law No. 23-04 Remuneration for Members of Council.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was as follows:

For: Mayor Bélanger, Councillors Levesque, Ross, Bigelow

Against: Councillors Gardiner, Mick, Thibert

12. Old Business

- 12.1 Renaming of Hurdman Street Request for "Chick Webster"
- 12.2 Business/Organization Signage Policy
- 13. New Business
- 14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda
- 15. In Camera (Closed) Session
- 15.1 Mattawa Landfill Site

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

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

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Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at 7:12 pm in order to address a matter pertaining to e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED – unanimous

Mayor

| 16. | Return to Regular Session |
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| 16.1 | That the Council Return to Regular Session at p.m. |
| | Resolution Number 25-186 Moved by Councillor Garry Thibert Seconded by Councillor Loren Mick |
| | BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at 7:52 p.m. CARRIED – unanimous |
| 17. | Motions Resulting from Closed Session |
| 18. | Adjournment |
| 18.1 | Adjournment of the meeting |
| | Resolution Number 25-187 Moved by Councillor Laura Ross Seconded by Councillor Spencer Bigelow |
| | BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 22, 2025 meeting adjourn at 7:53 p.m. CARRIED – unanimous |
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Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MATTAWA

The minutes of the Special Meeting held Monday September 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Dr. S.F. Monestime Council Chambers.

Council Present: Mayor Raymond A. Bélanger

Councillor Mathew Gardiner Councillor Fern Levesque Councillor Laura Ross Councillor Garry Thibert

Staff Present: Amy Leclerc, Municipal Clerk/Revenue Services Clerk

Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Dexture Sarrazin, Director of Community Services

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- 3.1 To Adopt the agenda as presented or amended

Resolution Number 25-188

Moved by Councillor Laura Ross Seconded by Councillor Garry Thibert

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting agenda dated Monday September 29, 2025 be adopted as amended to include Report # 25-53R titled Dorion Road Illumination Contract. **CARRIED** – unanimous

- 4. Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest
- 5. Presentations and Delegations
- 6. Adoption of Minutes
- 7. Notice of Motions
- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Standing Committee Recommendations/Reports Motions
- 10. Staff Reports Motions
- 10.1 Dorion Road Illumination Contract Report # 25-53R Report from Paul Laperriere, CAO/Treasurer

Resolution Number 25-189

Moved by Councillor Fern Levesque Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-53R titled Dorion Road Illumination Contract.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves and awards the contract to Vickers Power Services in the amount of \$71,386.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote was unanimous

11. By-Laws

11.1 By-Law 25-14 - Borrowing By-law

BEING a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for borrowing of funds if required.

Resolution Number 25-190

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Fern Levesque

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Mattawa adopt By-Law 25-14 being a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia for borrowing of funds if required.

CARRIED – Recorded vote and the vote unanimous

- 12. Old Business
- 13. New Business
- 14. Questions from Public Pertaining to Agenda
- 15. In Camera (Closed) Session
- 16. Return to Regular Session
- 17. Motions Resulting from Closed Session
- 18. Adjournment
- 18.1 Adjournment of the meeting

Resolution Number 25-191

Moved by Councillor Mathew Gardiner Seconded by Councillor Laura Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the September 29, 2025 meeting adjourn at 5:10 p.m. **CARRIED** – unanimous

| Mayor | Clerk |
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THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

| MOVED BY COUNCILLOR | <u> </u> |
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| SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR _ | |

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2025 and the special meeting of September 29, 2025.

Solicitor General

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132-2025-3641 **By email**

September 26, 2025

Dear Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers of OPP-Policed Municipalities:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has undertaken a review of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) cost recovery model. I would like to extend my gratitude for your participation and input into this process.

I am writing to inform you that because of the review, regulatory amendments have been made to Ontario Regulation 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. These amendments are in effect and will inform the 2026 annual billing statement to be issued shortly.

Firstly, an 11 per cent cap is established on the increase in policing costs owed by municipalities for the 2026 calendar year when compared to 2025, excluding the costs related to any service enhancements.

Secondly, a new discounts table will be established in regulation and will apply to the 2026 billing year and going forward. This new discount table introduces a lower eligibility threshold to receive a discount. Municipalities will now receive calls for service and overtime discounts when they are three or more standard deviations from the average calls for service weighted time to property count ratio, rather than the current regulatory threshold of five standard deviations.

The amendments have been approved by Cabinet and have been filed with the Registrar of Regulations. They will be accessed publicly online through the <u>e-Laws page</u> – and will be available here within the next few business days.

The preparation of 2026 annual billing statements is underway and statements are targeted for release in November 2025.

As we undertook this review, we heard loud and clear that greater clarity, predictability and stability in the OPP cost recovery model, and associated billing statements, is critical to municipalities as annual budget processes are undertaken. These amendments were contemplated, and ultimately decided upon, based on those concerns and the direct feedback that we heard from OPP-policed municipalities.

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Should you have any questions about the regulatory updates, please reach out to solgeninput@ontario.ca.

Please direct any questions about your annual billing statements to the Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau at opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca.

Thank you again for your partnership.

Sincerely,

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The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner Solicitor General

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
Ministry of the Solicitor General

Thomas Carrique, C.O.M. Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police



Municipality of Huron Shores

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August 13, 2025

The Honourable Greg Rickford Minister of Northern Development Suite 400 160 Bloor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Subject: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #25-20-23 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, August 13th, 2025, as follows:

"WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Municipality of Huron Shores, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency

of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Huron Shores strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk NR/KN

Cc: Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities.





The Corporation of the City of North Bay

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August 13, 2025

Honourable Greg Rickford Minister of Northern Development Suite 400 160 Bloor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Dear Hon. Greg Rickford:

This is Resolution No. 2025-279 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-279:

"Whereas the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

And Whereas the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

AND WHEREAS the Seymour Street Widening project from Station Road to Wallace Road, including a signalized intersection, is a critical continuation of the intersection improvement at Hwy 11/17 and Seymour Street, directly supporting a high-value industrial zone;

And Whereas this arterial corridor enables key sectors such as mining, forestry, construction, and manufacturing to receive and ship goods efficiently, impacting markets provincially and beyond;

And Whereas the updated total Seymour Street Widening project budget of approx. \$11 million includes contributions from multiple funding programs such as NORDS (\$2 million) and OCIF (\$4,259,448).

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

And Further Be It Resolved That the Council of the City of North Bay formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, such as the Seymour Street Widening project, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

And Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Nipissing MPP Victor Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Yours truly,

Veronique Hie Deputy City Clerk

VH/ck

cc:

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of Natural Resources
Nipissing MPP, Victor Fedeli
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
Northern Ontario Municipalities

The Honourable Greg Rickford Minister of Northern Development Suite 400 160 Bloor Street Toronto, ON M7A 2E6

Re: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

At its regular meeting held on August 19, 2025, the Council of the Township of Assiginack passed the following resolution expressing support for making the NORDS pilot program permanent:

Resolution #173-08-2025 – R. Maguire – J. Bowerman WHEREAS the City of North Bay has circulated their letter to the Province requesting the NORDS pilot program to become a permanent funding opportunity for Northern municipalities and to expand the criteria to include agricultural equipment impact on roads;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Assiginack Council agrees and provides their support of this request.

Carried.

The NORDS program provides essential support for maintaining and improving infrastructure that is critical to Northern municipalities. Making this program permanent and expanding its criteria would ensure that rural and agricultural communities can manage the increasing strain on local roads caused by agricultural and heavy equipment.

We respectfully urge the Province to consider making the NORDS program a permanent funding initiative and thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Stasia Carr

Clerk

Township of Assiginack

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles RESOLUTION PAGE



Agenda Number: 4.3.

Resolution Number 2025-223

Title: Resolutions of Support for Correspondence

Date: September 17, 2025

Councillor Lachance

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 2025-279 passed on August 12, 2025 by the City of North Bay and supports Resolution #173-08-2025 passed on August 19, 2025 by the Municipality of Assiginack, regarding making the NORDS Pilot Program permanent;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Minister of Northern Development; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Minister of Natural Resources; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED



September 17, 2025

The Honourable Greg Rickford Minister of Northern Development Suite 400 160 Bloor Street Toronto ON M7A 2E6

Re: NORDS Pilot Program

Dear Honourable Greg Rickford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 16, 2025, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-147

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur SECONDED BY: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the Town of Cobalt, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support larger-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHERAS the Town of Cobalt recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding the program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobalt formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Temiskaming MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

Steven Dalley

Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer

Tel: (705) 679-8877 Email: sdalley@cobalt.ca

cc: Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness

Minister of Infrastructure

Minister of Natural Resources

MPP-John Vanthof

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Rural Ontario Municipalities Association

all Northern Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY P.O. BOX 99 VIRGINIATOWN, ON. POK 1X0

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| MOVED BY COUNCILLOR: Louanne Caza Elaine Fic Annie Keft Francine Plante Mayor Culhane | SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR: Louanne Caza Elaine Fic Annie Keft Francine Plante Mayor Culhane | RESOLUTION # 367 3035 DATE :September 9, 2025 |
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WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resources sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically stack multiyear allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities is also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agriculture equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities:

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

| Recorded vote requested by | | I declare this motion | | |
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| | For | Against | ☑ Carried | |
| Councillor Louanne Caza | | 1 - | □ Lost / Defeated | |
| Councillor Elaine Fic | | | □ Deferred to: | (enter date |
| Councillor Annie Keft | | | Because: | |
| Councillor Francine Plante | | | ☐ Referred to: | (enter body |
| Mayor Bonita Culhane | | | Expected response: | (enter date |
| Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest * | | | Signature of Chair: | |

^{*}Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



Resolution # 2025- 95

Date: September 17, 2025

Moved by:

Seconded by:

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilliard strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

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| Peckover, Karen | 1 | |
| Carleton, Betty | | |
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Mayor

Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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August 13, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution – Support Making the NORDS Pilot Program Permanent and Expanding Program Eligibility

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Support for Making the NORDS Pilot Program Permanent and Expanding Program Eligibility

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Larder Lake strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

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Moved by: Councillor Armstrong Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

As so directed, a copy of Council's Resolution has been supplied for your reference.

Sincerely,

Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

^{*}Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.

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 From:
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 To:
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Cc: Paraco, Enrique (MMAH); Portelance, Brandon (MMAH); Prosperi, Paul (MMAH); Cormier, Sarah (MMAH); Searle,

Bryan (MMAH); Horgan, Kathy (MMAH); May, Steve (MMAH); Couillard, Cindy (MMAH); Yatabe, Blaine (MMAH);

Little, Anna (MMAH); Lepage, Lori (She/Her) (MMAH)

Subject: Cancelation Notice - 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop

Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2025 9:03:24 AM

Dear Councils and Staff,

We regret to inform you that due to low registration numbers, we have made the decision to cancel the upcoming 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have already sent a cheque to our office, it will be returned once Canada Post services resume. We assure you that cheques have not been cashed.

If you have made hotel reservations, please contact your chosen hotel directly to cancel your booking.

We remain committed to providing meaningful educational opportunities for council members in the northeast, and we are working to deliver the training material through a webinar series over a period of time. We will share more details about these webinars soon.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Warm regards,

MMAH – Municipal Services Office North

 From:
 MSONorth (MMAH)

 To:
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Cc: Paraco, Enrique (MMAH); Portelance, Brandon (MMAH); Prosperi, Paul (MMAH); Cormier, Sarah (MMAH); Searle,

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Little, Anna (MMAH)

Subject: 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop – Registration Reminder

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 3:23:35 PM

Attachments: Save The Date - 2025 Northeast Municipal Workshop- October 21 and 22, 2025.pdf

To: Heads of Council, CAOs, and Clerks

We're pleased to remind you about the upcoming **2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop**; a key opportunity for council members across Northeastern Ontario to come together to learn, share insights, and strengthen regional connections.

We're finalizing the agenda and expect to share the full program in the coming days. In the meantime, here's a preview of the topics we'll be covering:

- Municipal tools for affordable housing
- Policy making considerations
- Best practices for local complaint policies and procedures
- Municipal liability and risk management
- Running effective council meetings
- Understanding municipal financial reporting
- Councils' role as employers
- Conducting more effective delegation meetings

Additional topics will be included in the final agenda.

Details on registration, venue, and other logistics are included in the updated **Save the Date** document attached to this email.

Please distribute this email to all members of your council who may be interested in attending.

Warm regards,

MMAH – Municipal Services Office North



SAVE THE DATE

MSO-North (Sudbury)
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop

Date: October 21, 2025 (8:45 am to 4:30 pm) and October 22, 2025 (8:45 am to 4:15

pm)

Location: Lionel E. Lalonde Centre, Greater Sudbury (Azilda) – In Person Only

Registration:

Agenda:

The Municipal Services Office-North in Sudbury is pleased to invite you to a two-day training workshop where members of council and staff from across northeastern Ontario will come together to hear from experts and each other on relevant and timely topics. Sessions will cover a range of essential learning on municipal governance, finance, land use planning and affordable housing issues. Please mark your calendars with the date of this event as you don't want to miss out.

Who Should Attend:

This two-day session will be of interest to both experienced municipal council and staff and those who are newer to municipal governance and operations.

Why attend:

We are arranging an impressive list of guest speakers with significant municipal knowledge and leading practices to share. Participants will engage with and hear about experiences and approaches to common challenges. Attendees will leave the workshop with a greater understanding of how to tackle current municipal issues and govern effectively and democratically.

Registration:

Feel free to register at anytime using this link: Registration Form

Payment information:

Payment: A \$80.00 (cheque only) registration fee includes lunch. Make cheque payable to the

Minister of Finance.

Mail to: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 159 Cedar Street, Suite 401, Sudbury ON,

P3E 6A5

Payment date: Payment shall be made no later that October 10th, 2025.

Inquiries: Payment information

Municipal Services Office - North (Sudbury)

Enrique Paraco, Municipal Advisor Sarah Cormier, Senior Municipal Advisor

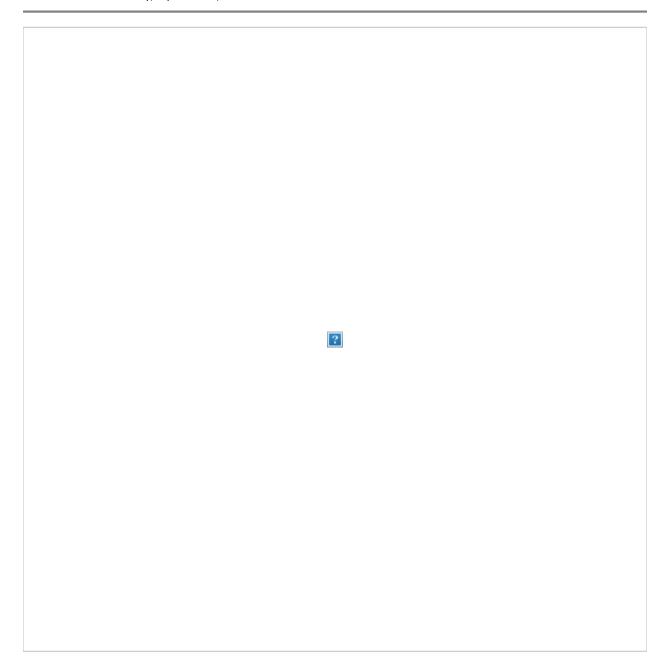
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From: AMO Policy
To: Amy Leclerc

Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO's Response to the Planned Automated Speed Enforcement Ban

Date: Friday, September 26, 2025 9:48:16 AM



AMO Policy Update – AMO's Response to the Planned Automated Speed Enforcement Ban

Top Insights

• Premier Ford announced a province-wide ban on municipal automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras, which will be included in a fall Bill and,

if passed, would take effect upon Royal Assent.

- AMO is disappointed with the decision, highlighting that ASE cameras have a proven record of increasing road safety, free up police to focus on other crimes, and are paid for by speeders, not taxpayers. A ban is provincial over-reach.
- AMO will advocate against the ban. It will also gather data from municipalities to quantify the ban's financial impact. This data will be used to request that the province fund the costs.

AMO's Response to the Planned Automated Speed Enforcement Ban

Yesterday, Premier Ford <u>announced</u> a province-wide ban on municipal ASE cameras. The ban, to be introduced in a fall Bill, would take effect upon Royal Assent if passed. Other elements of the plan include:

- Requirements for signs. Municipalities with existing ASE cameras in school zones must install large new signs to slow down drivers by mid-November 2025, with permanent, large signs with flashing lights to be in place by September 2026.
- A new provincial fund. A fund will be created for impacted municipalities to implement traffic calming road improvements, such as speed bumps, roundabouts, and signage, as well as public education initiatives.

AMO is disappointed the Premier is taking steps to ban municipal ASE. There is strong evidence showing that ASE cameras work. People slow down, making our roads safer and protecting all of us – especially kids. We all care about road safety, but we also care about community safety. ASE also frees up police to focus on high priority crime, which is what Ontarians want. Speeders – not taxpayers – pay the cost. If there's an issue of fairness or how the cameras are used, municipalities with AMO can work together with the province to address it. We can have safer streets, efficient enforcement, and fair enforcement. Further, municipalities need a broad range of tools to improve road safety. We are also concerned about continued provincial overreach. This should be a local decision. Municipalities are an accountable, elected order of government.

AMO will continue to engage with the Ministry of Transportation, sharing our sector's concerns about a province-wide municipal ban and offering advice on potential program improvements. We will also provide comments to the Bill's Standing Committee. Our goal is to advocate for working with the province to

improve - not ban - the ASE program.

As a next step, we will ask municipalities with ASE programs for data to quantify the financial impact of a ban, which will support our request for the province to fund the costs of their imposed ban if it proceeds.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the AMO Website.

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario

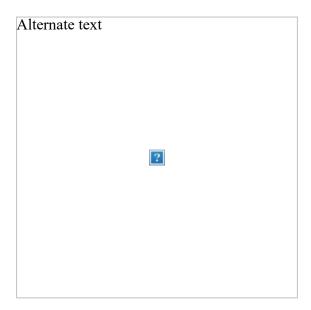
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From: ROMA Events
To: Amy Leclerc

Subject: ROMA 2026 Conference: Registration and Hotel Information

Date: Saturday, September 20, 2025 8:00:29 AM



ROMA 2026 Annual Conference

Ontario's Rural Leaders Conference Register Today

January 18 – 20, 2026

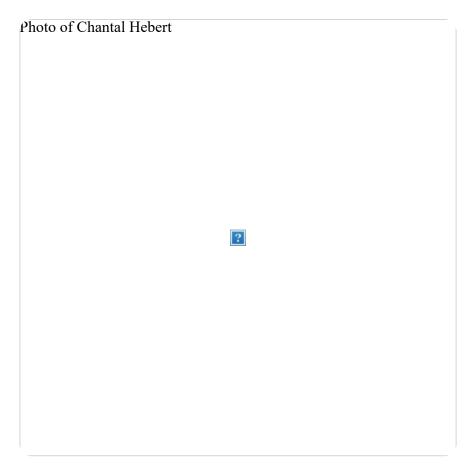
Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

As the first gathering for municipal leaders of the year, the ROMA Conference offers a powerful opportunity to come together with others who understand the unique challenges and opportunities facing rural communities in Ontario. The ROMA 2026 Conference is a vital hub for sharing innovative solutions, gaining insight into best practices and tools that can drive the sustainability of your community.

ROMA 2026 – *Ontario's Rural Leaders Conference*, will enable you to amplify the rural voice, advocate for your community, and shape policies that reflect the realities of rural Ontario.

Back by popular demand

Back by popular demand, journalist <u>Chantal Hébert</u> returns to ROMA 2026 to provide insight, humour, and critical contemplations on the state of public policy and national politics.



Registration

Registration is open now. Save on registration fees by registering as an Early Bird. The deadline to take advantage these rates is **October 31, 2025**.

Click here to register today.

Accommodations

You can now also book your hotel rooms for the Conference. Here are a few important pieces of information to remember when booking your hotel:

Make sure you provide a credit card when you book your room, if a room reservation does not have a credit card associated with it, the room will be released by the room rate deadline. In this case you will not be guaranteed a hotel room.

All the conference contracted hotels have deadlines by which the preferred hotel rates are no longer offered. Familiarize yourself with these deadlines for cost savings.

If you receive a message that the "rooms are sold out" when booking, this most likely refers to the rooms available at the preferred conference rate. There may still be rooms available at the hotel, just at a higher cost.

Click here for full hotel information.

Attention Sponsors and Exhibitors!

The ROMA Annual Conference is an opportunity to connect with close to 2,000 delegates, most of whom are elected municipal officials and decision makers. If you offer services or products that are a benefit to communities across the province, you will not want to miss this event.

Information on both exhibit hall and sponsorship opportunities will be available soon.

CONTACT

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July 30, 2025

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

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: Elect Respect Pledge Our File 10.12.1

To Whom it May Concern,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

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

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

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

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

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Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk :av

cc: Ontario Big City Mayors

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities



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

Township of Southgate Administration Office

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September 4, 2025

Re: Resolution of Support - City of St. Catharines - Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at the September 3, 2025, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southqate, approved the following:

No. 2025-423

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen **Seconded By** Councillor John

Be it resolved that the correspondence from the City of St. Catharine's regarding the Elect Respect pledge be received and supported as outlined below:

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

WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials and municipal staff are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of Southgate Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Alex Ruff and MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Provincial Police, and all Ontario Municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green, Clerk Township of Southgate

cc:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario Federation of Canadian Municipalities MP Alex Ruff MPP Paul Vickers Ontario Provincial Police All Municipalities in Ontario



Legislative Services Michael de Rond 905-726-4771 clerks@aurora.ca

Town of Aurora 100 John West Way, Box 1000 Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

September 25, 2025

Delivered by email

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 155 University Avenue, Suite 800 Toronto, ON M5H 3B7 resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 23, 2025

Member Motion 8.9.1 - Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 23, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas a healthy democracy thrives when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life; and

Whereas Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online; and

Whereas elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equitydeserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation; and

Whereas social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking or maintaining public office; and

Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;
 - Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;
 - Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;
 - Fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office;
 - Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;
 - Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

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

Sincerely,

Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

3 of 3

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Sandra Cobena, MP Newmarket-Aurora

Costas Menegakis, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill

Dawn Gallagher Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora

Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill

The Regional Municipality of York

York Regional Police

All Ontario Municipalities



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Town of Aurora

Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 9, 2025

Moved by Councillor Thompson **Seconded by** Councillor Weese

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 23, 2025, and the Audit Committee Meeting Report of June 24, 2025 (Item 9), be received and the recommendations carried by the Committees approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.2.2, 8.5.2, and 8.7.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (6): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Absent (1): Councillor Gaertner

Carried (6 to 0)

8.9 Member Motions

8.9.1 Councillor Gilliland; Re: Elect Respect Campaign Support

Whereas a healthy democracy thrives when all individuals can participate safely, equitably, and meaningfully in public life; and

Whereas Aurora, like many municipalities across Ontario, is witnessing an erosion of civil discourse and growing hostility in the political arena, both in person and online; and

Whereas elected officials at all levels, particularly women and those from equity-deserving communities, are experiencing increased threats, harassment, and toxic engagement that deter civic participation; and

Whereas social media platforms, while powerful tools for engagement, have contributed to a climate of disrespect and polarization that discourages individuals from seeking or maintaining public office; and

Whereas inclusive and respectful governance results in better decision-making and stronger representation, especially when

voices of diverse genders, identities, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities are present at municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), through its Healthy Democracy Project, has identified troubling trends of voter apathy and a declining interest in running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, a group of female elected officials from Halton formed H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives), launching the Elect Respect campaign to advocate for respectful political engagement and safe, inclusive workplaces; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a national Parliamentary Civility Pledge, inspired by the work of H.E.R., to promote respectful conduct among elected officials;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Town of Aurora Council endorses the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treating all individuals with respect in every setting; public, private, and digital;
 - Speaking out against harassment, intimidation, and personal attacks;
 - Keeping debate focused on ideas and public policy, not individuals;
 - Fostering an environment where people of all backgrounds feel safe and supported in seeking and holding public office;
 - Urging relevant authorities to ensure the safety and protection of elected officials facing threats or abuse;
 - Demonstrating leadership through integrity, accountability, and mutual respect among colleagues and constituents; and
- Be It Further Resolved That the Town of Aurora encourages other municipalities, elected officials, organizations, and residents to support the Elect Respect initiative and sign the pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),

local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), York Region, York Regional Police, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried



Date: September 15, 2025 Resolution No. COU-2025

Moved By: Councillor Wheeldon

Seconded By: Councillor Rowley

Whereas Canadian governments at all levels are structured by and derive their legitimacy from democratic principles, practices, and norms;

And Whereas many countries around the world are experiencing increased political polarization and hostility, shifts toward authoritarianism, and the undermining of democratic norms;

And Whereas incivility and hostility increasingly define the political sphere in Canada at every level of government, but particularly in systems with political parties;

And Whereas this hostile political climate drives lower democratic participation, including low voter turnout and fewer and less diverse political candidates, resulting in a lopsided and unhealthy democracy;

And Whereas poor political health undermines the ability of democratic institutions to exercise effective leadership and overcome the unprecedented challenges of the 21st century;

And Whereas elections are one of the most central and participatory parts of Canadian democratic systems;

And Whereas numerous studies, including those by Parliamentary committees, have identified our First Past the Post electoral system as driving increasing polarization and declines in voter participation, and have recommended some form of proportional representation;

And Whereas electoral reform enjoys broad public support, with a majority of polling respondents who identify with every major party supporting change in the way that they vote;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton call upon the provincial and federal governments to enact electoral reform, adopting proportional systems in which every vote counts and polarization is diminished, in order to safeguard and empower Canadian democracy;

And Be It Further Resolved that this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario municipalities.

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October 8, 2025

Association of Municiplaities of Ontario 155 University Ave | Suite 800 Toronto, ON M5H 3B7 resolutions@amo.on.ca

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Support of H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025, Council meeting:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario Municipalities, relevant MPs and MPPs, Smiths Falls Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello Town Clerk

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cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Ontario Municipalities

M.P. Scott Reid, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

M.P.P. John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston

Smiths Falls Police Services

Ontario Provincial Police

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

The Corporation of The Township of Stone Mills

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October 7, 2025

Sent Via Email Only

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

Re: Electoral Reform

Dear Honourable Mark Carney,

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of October 6, 2025, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

Resolution 23-696-2025

That the resolution circulated from the Municipality of Brighton be received and supported.

Moved By Councillor Woodcock Seconded By Councillor Fenwick Carried

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

Sincerely,

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Brandi Teeple

Township Clerk Township of Stone Mills 4504 County Road 4 Centreville, ON, K0K 1N0

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cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario All Ontario Municipalities

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Corporate Services Department Legislative Services

Sent by Email

October 3, 2025

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 155 University Ave, Suite 800 Toronto, ON M5H 3B7 resolutions@amo.on.ca

Subject: Elect Respect

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 29, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

And Whereas, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

And Whereas, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

And Whereas, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour, disproportionately affecting women, racialized persons, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ+ persons, and persons with disabilities, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

And Whereas, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

And Whereas, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

And Whereas, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

- 1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
 - Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
 - Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
 - Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;
 - Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
 - Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
 - Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;
- 2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,
- 3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly

Susan Cassel City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors

Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs)

Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS)

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

All Municipalities in Ontario

Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.)

Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

Chief Administrative Officer



COUNCIL RESOLUTION

8.7

| SHUNIAH | Resolution | on No.: 295-25 | Date: Sep 23, 2025 | |
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| Moved By: | Ra | in la | | |
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| AND THAT the same be filed in the Clerk's Office. | | | | |
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| | Municipality of Shuniah | , 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder | Bay, Ontario, P/A 1X8 Signature | |



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: September 3, 2025

Resolution No.: **2025-** 310

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Whereas the Township of Perry recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

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

That this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

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

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| | | Norm Hofstetter, Mayor |

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| Councillors | Jim Cushman | | | | | |
| | Joe Lumley | | | | | |
| | Margaret Ann MacPhail | | | | | |
| | Paul Sowrey | | | | | |
| Mayor | Norm Hofstetter | | | | | |



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September 4, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney Email: PM@pm.gc.ca
The Honourable Jill Mcknight jill.mcknight@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Andrew Scheer andrew.scheer@parl.gc.ca
Scott Aitchison, Member of Parliament Scott.Aitchison@parl.gc.ca
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The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) resolutions@amo.on.ca

Re: Support for Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

To the Respective Parties,

I am writing to express our strong support for the call on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household. Our Council also urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada.

The Township of Perry recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values.

The 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support. Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program. The eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living. Such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life. It is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability.



We respectfully encourage your governments to move forward with the increase of the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) and to review the income support programs available to our Canadian Veterans.

Sincerely,

Norm Hofstetter

Mayor

Township of Southgate Administration Office

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August 11, 2025

Re: Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At their regular Council meeting held on August 6, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate adopted the following:

No. 2025-396

Moved By Councillor John **Seconded By** Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that the Township of Southqate formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single person household; and

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

That this motion be formally endorsed and sent to The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs, The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition, Bruce Grey Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, Bruce Grey Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers, all 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement.

Carried

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green, Clerk Township of Southgate

Lindsey Green

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada cc: The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition Alex Ruff, MP Bruce Grey Owen Sound

Paul Vickers, MPP Bruce Grey Owen Sound

The Federation of Municipalities of Ontario (FCM)

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

All Ontario Municipalities



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

42 Burnt Bridge Road, PO Box 40 Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0 TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

August 6, 2025

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

RE: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

Dear Hon. Mark Carney,

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

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June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

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

Resolution 2025-185

Moved by: Councillor Harper Seconded by: Councillor Scott

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

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

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

Regards,

Tara Reynoids

Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104

Mara Reynolds

treynolds@townofbwg.com

CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada

Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs

Hon, Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition

Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury

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THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

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September 26, 2025

Prime Minister
Right Hon. Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0A2

Right Honorable Prime Minster:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Bill C-61First Nations Clean Water Act

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on September 23, 2025:

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Minister of Indigenous Services introduced house government bill C-61: An Act respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands also known as the First Nations Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS in an open letter to Members of Parliament on December 12, 2024, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) called on all Members of Parliament to prioritize the advancement of Bill C-61, calling it "a step toward addressing the long-standing water issues faced by First Nations"; and

WHEREAS Bill C-61 was not passed into law before Parliament was prorogued on January 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Todd McCarthy has been unclear on Ontario's position on this legislation, identifying Bill C-61 as a potential piece of legislation that would "undermine competitiveness" and "delay project development" before apologizing for any confusion and clarifying the need to "bring clean drinking water to First Nations communities, while also bringing the kind of regulatory certainty that attracts investment in businesses and communities"; and

WHEREAS Prime Minister Mark Carney and Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty have indicated the Canadian government's support for introducing legislation like Bill C-61 in the fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS as of September 2025, Indigenous Services Canada data shows that while 93 long-term drinking water advisories have been lifted, since November

2015, 37 long-term drinking water advisories remain active, including in 27 communities in Ontario; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich:

- Calls on the Government of Canada and the Minister of Indigenous Services to reintroduce legislation to ensure First Nations have the right to clean and safe drinking water in the Fall of 2025 in the same form as Bill C-61;
- 2. Calls on the Government of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to support this important Federal legislation; and
- 3. Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Prime Minister, Minister of Indigenous Services, Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Assembly of First Nations and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Yours truly,

Jeff Smith Municipal Clerk Corporate Services Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services

Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minster of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Assembly of First Nations All Municipalities in Ontario



8.9 AMANDA FUSCO

Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk Corporate Services Department Kitchener City Hall, 2nd Floor 200 King Street West, P.O. Box 1118 Kitchener, ON N2G 4G7

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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 26, 2025

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 25, 2025, passed the following resolution regarding postage:

"WHEREAS Postage costs have seen significant increases, including 25% in 2025 alone:

WHEREAS paper billing has a further environmental cost in both materials (trees) and transportation;

WHEREAS paper billing is increasingly being displaced by environmentally friendly and cost-efficient e-billing;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act indicates the right to a paper bill, and costrecovery fees for paper billing for tax, and utility bills are unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council request the Province of Ontario to amend the Municipal Act to permit municipalities the ability to grandfather-out paper billing as the default option, and to permit municipalities to establish fees for paper billing for new accounts that opt for this method of delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement."

Yours truly,

A. Fusco

Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)

Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener

Ontario Municipalities



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September 30, 2025

The Corporation of the Town of Mattawa PO Box 390 Mattawa ON POH 1V0 Attention: Mayor, Council and Fire Chief Hongell

RE: Fire Department Shared Services

Dear Mayor Belanger, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Mick, Councillor Thibert, Councillor Levesque, Councillor Ross and Councillor Bigelow and Fire Chief Hongell,

Road Supervisor, Phil Bangs and I would like to meet again to continue our discussion regarding a fire department shared service for the Municipality of Mattawan. When would you be able to meet with us to continue this discussion? Ideally, we would like to have a plan in place before January 1st, 2026, so we can include costs in the 2026 budget.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Don Lemaire, Councillor and Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Mattawan From: FONOM Office/ Bureau de FONOM

Subject: FONOM Elects New Leadership at Parry Sound Board Meeting

Date: Sunday, October 5, 2025 4:46:49 PM

Attachments: FONOM Elects New Leadership at Parry Sound Board Meeting (1).pdf

Please share with Mayor, Council and Senior Management

Dear Members,

Please find attached a media release announcing the results of FONOM's recent Board of Directors meeting, held in Parry Sound on Friday, October 3rd, 2025.

At this meeting, the Board elected its new executive, with Mayor Dave Plourde of Kapuskasing acclaimed as President. The Board also recognized outgoing President Danny Whalen for his 15 years of dedicated service, including the past eight years as FONOM's President.

The attached release provides further details about the meeting, including FONOM's leadership transition, recent audit results, and key issues discussed.

Thank you for your continued support of FONOM as we work together to represent and advance the interests of Northeastern Ontario's municipalities.

Talk soon, Mac.

Mac Bain
Executive Director
The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
665 Oak Street East, Unit 306
North Bay, ON, P1B 9E5
Ph. 705-498-9510

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much".



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FONOM Elects New Leadership at Parry Sound Board Meeting

October 4, 2025 – Parry Sound, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) held its Board of Directors meeting in Parry Sound on Friday, October 3rd, where the organization elected its new executive.

Mayor Dave Plourde of Kapuskasing was acclaimed as President of FONOM, succeeding Danny Whalen, who was recognized for his 15 years of service on the Board, including the past eight years as President.

The Board also elected **Deputy Mayor Maggie Horsfield** of North Bay as **First Vice-President**, and **Mayor Lynn Watson** of Echo Bay as **Second Vice-President**.

FONOM extended its sincere appreciation to Danny Whalen for his dedication and leadership. During his presidency, he:

- Steered FONOM through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Supported SpaceX in securing Canadian BETA Test approval from the CRTC.
- Leveraged FONOM's political capital to host the second and third Northern Leaders' Debates, giving Northern Ontario a stronger voice in provincial discussions.
- Championed the GoNorth Project, which has reached over one million unique viewers, showcasing the opportunities of Northern Ontario.
- Spearheaded advocacy on bail reform, ensuring community safety remained a top priority.
- Worked with Minister Sylvia Jones, as Solicitor General, to secure financial compensation for volunteer fire services when called to respond within unincorporated areas.
- Worked collaboratively with all political parties, respecting diverse viewpoints while always advocating for the needs of FONOM's members.

"Danny has left a remarkable mark on FONOM and on Northern Ontario," said incoming President Dave Plourde. "His leadership, vision, and tireless advocacy have strengthened our voice and advanced the priorities of our communities. On behalf of the Board, I thank him for his years of service."

In addition to the election, the Board:

- Received a presentation from its auditor, Baker Tilly, on the 2024-2025 audit, confirming a clean audit.
- Discussed municipal concerns regarding Speed Camera resolutions.

FONOM looks forward to building on this momentum under its new leadership team as it continues to advocate for municipalities across Northeastern Ontario.

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His Worship Raymond Bélanger, Mayor Beverly Bell, Councillor Michelle Lahaye, Councillor Paul Laperriere, CAO Town of Mattawa

Jason McMartin, CAO Township of Papineau-Cameron

Donna Maitland, CAO Municipality of Calvin

Dear Members of the Town of Mattawa Delegation,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and officials from the Ministry of Long-Term Care at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference 2025 in Ottawa.

We appreciated the opportunity to hear directly from you and your colleagues regarding the important issues and perspectives your delegation brought forward.

Your insights on Boards of Management were thoughtful and constructive. We value your feedback, and the role the Town of Mattawa plays in supporting residents, families, caregivers, and staff in long-term care.

Municipal partners are essential to our shared goal of protecting Ontario's long-term care system. Thank you again for your ongoing collaboration, engagement and dedication. We look forward to continuing our work together to ensure that long-term care residents receive the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve.

Sincerely,

Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta Minister of Long-Term Care

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c: The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

Peter Kaftarian, Interim Deputy Minister

Kelci Gershon, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, System Planning & Partnerships Division Victoria Demkowicz, Director of Stakeholder & Member Relations

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

October 3, 2025

Your Worship Raymond A. Bélanger Mayor Town of Mattawa c/o Amy Leclerc Municipal Clerk and Revenue Services Clerk clerk@mattawa.ca

Dear Mayor Bélanger:

The Prime Minister's Office provided me with a copy of your correspondence of September 8, 2025, regarding the proposed expansion of highways 11 and 17 in Northern Ontario using the 2+1 highway model.

Thank you for highlighting the importance of a safe and efficient highway corridor through Northern Ontario and its role in regional development, internal trade, supply chain continuity, and national cohesion.

Across the country, there is a consensus regarding the urgent need to strengthen the Canadian economy and make it easier for business and Canadians to trade goods and services by removing barriers.

One Canadian Economy: An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act, will remove federal barriers to internal trade and labour mobility and advance nation-building projects crucial for driving Canadian productivity growth, energy security, and economic competitiveness.

Several criteria, as outlined in the Building Canada Act, will be considered, including:

- whether a project will strengthen Canada's autonomy, resilience, and security;
- whether a project will provide economic or other benefits to Canada;
- the likelihood of successful project execution;
- whether a project will advance the interests of Indigenous peoples; and



• whether a project will contribute to clean growth and address climate change.

Please be assured that I have taken note of your views. I have also shared our exchange of correspondence with the Major Projects Office, for their awareness.

Thank you for your interest and your input.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, P.C., M.P.

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Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons

c.c. The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P. Premier, Government of Ontario

Dawn L. Farrell Chief Executive Officer, Major Projects Office

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132-2025-3209 By email

September 5, 2025

Your Worship Raymond Bélanger Mayor Town of Mattawa 160 Water Street Mattawa ON P0H 1V0 mayor.belanger@mattawa.ca

Dear Mayor Bélanger:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me and members of my staff, during the 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference on August 19, 2025.

I appreciate the important insights you provided during our discussion. Our government understands the importance of working with our municipal partners and we work every day to meet the needs of communities across Ontario.

Please stay in touch on the matters we discussed. Your team can connect with Aaron Posner, Senior Manager of Stakeholder Relations, in my office at Aaron.Posner@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for meeting with me at the AMO conference. I look forward to continuing to work together with the Town of Mattawa.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner

Solicitor General



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: AMY LECLERC, MUNICIPAL CLERK/REVENUE SERVICES CLERK

TITLE: UPDATE TO MEETING PROCEDURES

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-54R

BACKGROUND

During the regular meeting of Monday September 22, 2025 the by-law to amend the governance policy was approved and past by Council. During the same meeting Council and staff were caught off guard when Mayor Bélanger changed the way the amended motion was handled. It was not the usual way of Council where they voted on the amendment then voted on the original motion as amended. When I was questioned the response was there was nothing in the policy that applied to how the amended motions are handled.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

Since there are no rules within the policy on how to handle amended motions, the policy will be updated again once more scenarios are reviewed.

Moving forward with the meetings when it comes to Council requesting amendments to motions the Mayor would like the amended motion carried only and the original motion not read since it does consider the original motion carried if the amended motion is carried.

What we will see moving forward, from the Clerk's perspective, is when a member of Council requests an amendment the Clerk will write the amendment just to either include more information or remove information and word the motion clearly. Then Council will vote only on the amendment. If the amendment is carried then the meeting moves forward without reading the original motion. If the amendment is lost then the Chair will read the original motion and Council will vote on the original.

When it comes to the minutes regarding amendments, it will be noted that the resolution numbers will be an (a) and (b) motion with the same resolution number for both the amended motion and original motion. It will state on the original motion carried as amended and state just carried on the amended motion.

We will be changing the governance policy 3 – council meetings again in the near future to note how amended motions will be handled.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council for the Town of Mattawa receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-54R titled Update to Meeting Procedures.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: COUNCILLOR GARRY THIBERT

TITLE: UPDATE ON MATTAWA & AREA FOODBANK

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-55R

BACKGROUND

I was appointed by Council to sit on the Mattawa and Area Foodbank Board of Directors.

The board meets four times per year and if necessary, the Chair will call a meeting outside the four times per year.

Below is an update on how the board operates its business.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The Mattawa and Area Foodbank is a member of Food Bank Canada and FEED Ontario. Being a member has many benefits for the foodbank. The membership for this is a yearly cost of \$1,675.00.

According to the 2024 Statement of Service form Food Bank Canada and FEED Ontario we have received \$260,318.00 of food services and funding for the Mattawa and Area Foodbank (statement attached). In 2025 the foodbank received an amount of \$69,346.87 which is a decrease for our area (statement attached).

On a bi-weekly basis the Mattawa and Area Foodbank services, on average, 80 households which is between 198 to 220 people. The numbers are expected to increase due to the closure of Scott's Discount. The foodbank operates every other Wednesday from the hours of 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Food Canada reports that food insecurity is rising in Canada and that one in four families are experiencing this.

The foodbank and it's directors follow the Food Banks Canada ethical foodbanking code which is attached to this report.

Recently the board had a financial review which was very positive and the board approved the draft statement, which is attached for Council's viewing.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Statement of Services 2024 Statement of Services 2025 Food Banks Canada Ethical Foodbanking Code Mattawa and Area Food Bank Financial Statements ending December 31, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council for the Town of Mattawa receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-55R titled Update on Mattawa and Area Food Bank.

Statement of Services 2024



| Food Bank Mattawa and Area Food Bank | | Date | March 15, 2024 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Location | Mattawa | Service Term* | March 1, 2023 – February 28, 2024 |

*While the Feed Ontario fiscal year runs from April 1 – March 31, data for this report is pulled during this time frame to ensure information is received by the membership prior to the renewal date. The below chart summarizes the food and funding allocations received by your food bank during the service term indicated above. The total value of each section is indicated in blue.

| Program | Pounds | Value |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| Ontario Milk Program | 2,017 | \$7,101 |
| Ontario Chicken Program | 2,520 | \$8,870 |
| Ontario Pork Program | 144 | \$507 |
| Ontario Turkey Program | 560 | \$1,971 |
| Full Shelves** | 5,312 | \$18,700 |
| Food Offers | 57,332 | \$201.809 |
| Trucking & Transportation | - | \$2,380 |
| Total FeedON (Food and Trucking) | | \$241,338 |
| FBC After the Bell | _ | \$980 |
| FBC Emergency Food Access Grant | _ | \$18,000 |
| Total Feed Possibility (Funding) | _ | \$18,980 |

^{**}Your eligible annual allotment of dry hub product, based on the number of unique individuals you serve each month

Grand Total: \$260,318

This document details the food and services you have received as a Direct Member of the Ontario Association of Food Banks (o/a Feed Ontario) and as an Affiliate Member of Food Banks Canada. If you have any questions about this statement, contact Erin Waddington (erin@feedontario.ca).

Statement of Service 2025



| Food Bank | Mattawa and Area Food Bank | Date | March 27, 2025 | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Location | Mattawa | Service Term* | March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025 | | |

^{*}While the Feed Ontario fiscal year runs from April 1 - March 31, data for this report is pulled during this time frame to ensure information is received by the membership prior to the renewal date. The below chart summarizes the food and funding allocations received by your food bank during the service term indicated above. The total value of each section is indicated in blue.

| Program | Lbs | Value |
|----------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Ontario Milk Program | 1879.00 | \$6,614.08 |
| Ontario Pork Program | | \$0 |
| Ontario Beef Program | | \$0 |
| Ontario Turkey Program | 143.00 | \$503.36 |
| Ontario Egg Program | 96.00 | \$337.92 |
| Ontario Chicken Program | 2704.00 | \$9,518.08 |
| Food Offers | | \$50,916.8 |
| Trucking and Transportation | N/A | \$1,456.63 |
| Total FeedON (Food and Trucking) | | \$69,346.87 |
| After the Bell 2024 | N/A | \$1,680 |
| Total Feed Possibility | - | \$1,680 |

^{**}Your eligible annual allotment of dry hub product, based on the number of unique individuals you serve each month

Grand Total

\$69,346.87



THE ETHICAL FOODBANKING CODE

Food Banks Canada, the provincial associations, and affiliate food banks/programs will:

- 1. Provide food and other assistance to those needing help regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, citizenship, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, income source, age, and mental or physical ability.
- 2. Treat all those who access services with the utmost dignity and respect.
- 3. Implement best practices in the proper and safe storage and handling of food.
- 4. Respect the privacy of those served and will maintain the confidentiality of personal information.
- 5. Not sell donated food.
- 6. Acquire and share food in a spirit of cooperation with other food banks and food programs.
- 7. Strive to make the public aware of the existence of hunger and of the factors that contribute to it.
- 8. Recognize that food banks are not a viable long-term response to hunger and devote part of their activities to reducing the need for food assistance.
- 9. Represent accurately, honestly, and completely their respective mission and activities to the larger community.

Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report and Financial Statements

December 31, 2024

Financial Statements December 31, 2024

| Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report | |
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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Board of Directors of Mattawa And Area Food Bank

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Mattawa and Area Food Bank that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

During the course of our review, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence regarding the completeness of cash donations and fundraising revenues. These revenues are derived from sources for which there is limited documentation available prior to their initial entry into the accounting records. Accordingly, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations and fundraising revenues, excess of expenses over revenue, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2024, and assets and net assets as at Dcember 31, 2024.

Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report (continued)

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mattawa and Area Food Bank as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Emphasis of Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements which describes that Mattawa and Area Food Bank adopted Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations on January 1, 2024 with a transition date of January 1, 2023. These standards were applied retrospectively by management to the comparative information in these financial statements, including the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2023, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2023 and related disclosures.

Other Matter

The financial statements of Mattawa and Area Food Bank for the year ended December 31, 2023 were neither audited nor reviewed, nor were we engaged to report on the comparative information and we provide no assurance therein. Prior year figures have been included with these financial statements for comparative purposes only.

North Bay, Ontario
Date to be determined

Chartered Professional Accountants Licensed Public Accountants

Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2024

| | December 31, | December 31, 2023 | January 1, 2023 |
|---|--|---|--------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Current assets Cash Guaranteed investment certificate (note 4) HST receivable | \$ 31,400 76,364 643 \$ 108,407 | \$ 26,443 101,985 784 \$ 129,212 | \$ 142,265 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current liabilities Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 7,316 | \$ 2,260 | \$ 1,962 |
| Net assets | 101,091 | 126,952 | 141,001 |
| | \$ 108,407 | \$ 129,212 | <u>\$ 142,963</u> |

Approved by the board:

Member

Statement of Changes in Net Assets For the year ended December 31, 2024

| | _ | 2024 | _ | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----|----------|
| Balance, beginning of year | \$ | 126,952 | \$ | 141,001 |
| Excess of expenditures over revenue | _ | (25,861) | _ | (14,049) |
| Balance, end of year | <u>\$</u> | 101,091 | \$ | 126,952 |



Statement of Operations
For the year ended December 31, 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revenue | | |
| Fundraising (net) | \$ 32,222 | \$ 41,700 |
| Donations (net) | , | |
| Interest income | 24,628 | 30,376 |
| | 3,892 | 1,985 |
| | 60,742 | 74,061 |
| Expenditures | | |
| Supplies | 70,046 | 74,830 |
| Professional fees | 7,050 | 2,500 |
| Insurance | 2,228 | 2,714 |
| Travel | 1,684 | 2,590 |
| Dues and memberships | 1,660 | 1,597 |
| Training | 996 | - |
| Repairs and maintenance | 929 | 749 |
| Telephone | 820 | 1,225 |
| Interest and bank charges | 553 | 232 |
| Office | 477 | 1,572 |
| Advertising and promotion | 160 | 101 |
| 2.0 | | |
| | 86,603 | 88,110 |
| Excess of expenditures over revenue | \$ (25,861) | <u>\$ (14,049)</u> |

Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended December 31, 2024

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash provided by (used for) | | |
| Operating activities Cash receipts from donations and fundraising Cash receipts from interest Cash paid to suppliers | \$ 56,991 4,513 | \$ 71,990 - |
| | (20,043) | (15,822) |
| Investing activities Purchase of guranteed investment certificates Proceeds on maturity of guaranteed investment certificates | 25,000 | (100,000) |
| | 25,000 | _(100,000) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash | 4,957 | (115,822) |
| Cash, beginning of year | 26,443 | 142,265 |
| Cash, end of year | \$ 31,400 | \$ 26,443 |

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2024

1. Nature of operations

Mattawa and Area Food Bank (the "Organization") is a not-for-profit corporation and is incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Organization operates a food bank to provide food to those in need. The Organization is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and, as such, is exempt from income taxes and may issue income tax receipts to donors.

2. Basis of presentation

The Organization adopted Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations for the first time on January 1, 2023, and there were no adjustments to opening net assets upon transition.

3. Significant accounting policies

The Organization applies the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty. The effect of changes in such estimates on the financial statements in future periods could be significant. Accounts specifically affected by estimates in these financial statements are accrued liabilities. All estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are made to the statements of operations as appropriate in the year they become known.

Revenue recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Interest income is recognized as revenue when earned and includes interest on guaranteed investment certificates.

Other revenues are recorded in revenue when collection is reasonably assured and performance has been achieved.

Tangible capital assets

The Organization expenses its capital assets. During the current year, capital expenditures included \$ - (2023 - \$ -).

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2024

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Contributed materials and services

Directors and other community members volunteer their time and contribute food during the year to assist in the Organization's activities. While these materials and services benefit the Organization considerably, a reasonable estimate of their amount and fair value cannot be made and, accordingly, these contributed materials and services are not recognized in the financial statements. During the year, 4,673 pounds (2023 - 6,358 pounds) of food was donated.

Financial instruments

(i) Initial measurement

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities originated or exchanged in arm's length transactions at fair value.

(ii) Subsequent measurement

The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost using the straight-line method include cash, guaranteed investment certificates, and HST receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

4. Guaranteed investment certificate

| | December 31, 2024 | December 31, 2023 | January 1, 2023 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Guaranteed investment certificate with an interest rate of 4.15% (2023 - 4.50%), maturing July 2025 (2023 - July 2024). | \$ 76,364 | \$_101,985 | \$ - |

5. Financial instruments

It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant interest, currency, or credit risks arising from its financial instruments. The fair values of the financial instruments approximates their carrying values due to their short-term nature. There has been no significant change from the prior year.

Year End: December 31, 2024 Trial balance for clients

| Account | Prelim | Adj's | Reclass | Rep | Rep 12/23 | %Chg | i | L/S |
|------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-----|-----|
| 1010 Scotiabank (104612 Current Ac | 31,400.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31,400.22 | 24,989.65 | 26 | A | |
| 1012 Scotiabank (0028118 Xmas Ac | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,453.07 | (100) | | |
| 1013 Long Term Investments | 76,364.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,364.38 | 101,984.93 | (25) | | |
| 1026 HST Taxes Recoverable | 642.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 642.53 | 784.19 | (18) | | |
| 2005 Accounts payable | (2,316.50) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (2,316.50) | (2,260.00) | 3 | CC | |
| 2200 Accounting Accrual | 0.00 | (5,000.00) | 0.00 | (5,000.00) | 0.00 | 0 | CC | |
| 960 Reserves - beginning | (115,932.76) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (115,932.76) | (129,982.31) | (11) | | |
| 560 Accum. Reserve Funds | (11,019.08) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (11,019.08) | (11,019.08) | 0 | UU | |
| 010 Fundraising | (32,222.30) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (32,222.30) | (41,699.50) | 4 | REV | |
| 020 Donations | (24,628.36) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (24,628.36) | (30,375.61) | | REV | |
| 050 Interest revenue | (3,891.81) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (3,891.81) | (1,984.93) | | REV | |
| 5010 Purchases and supplies | 70,046.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 70,046.21 | 74,829.53 | | EXP | |
| 6020 Advertising | 160.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 160.00 | 100.97 | 58 | EXP | |
| 6040 Training fees | 996.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 996.00 | 0.00 | 0 | | |
| 5050 Office | 198.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 198.00 | - C | | EXP | |
| 5080 Accounting and legal | 2,050.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,050.00 | 1,231.29 | | EXP | |
| 6090 Bank charges | 553.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 553.00 | 2,500.00 | 182 | EXP | |
| 096 Travel | 1,683.71 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,683.71 | 232.30 | 138 | EXP | |
| 200 Telephone | 820.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 820.36 | 2,589.83 | | EXP | |
| 210 Fees and dues | 1,660.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,660.36 | 1,224.77 | | EXP | |
| 300 Non-refundable portion of GST/ | 279.42 | 0.00 | 17 | · Vi | 1,596.50 | 4 | EXP | |
| 350 Insurance | 2,228.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 279.42 | 341.04 | | EXP | |
| 400 Repairs and maintenance | 928.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,228.04 | 2,714.04 | (18) | | |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 928.58 | 749.32 | _24 | EXP | |
| Man I | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | | |
| Net Income (Loss) | (20,861.21) | |) " | (25,861.21) | (14,049.55) | 84 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

Year End: December 31, 2024 Trial balance for clients

| Account | Prelim | Adj's | Reclass | Rep | Rep 12/23 | %Chg |
|--|-------------------------|------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1010 Scotiabank (104612 Current Accour | 31,400.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31,400.22 | 24,989.65 | 26 |
| 1012 Scotiabank (0028118 Xmas Accoun | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,453.07 | (100) |
| 11.01 Cash | 31,400.22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31,400.22 | 26,442.72 | 19 |
| 1013 Long Term investments | 76,364.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,364.38 | 101,984.93 | (25) |
| 11.04 Marketable securities | 76,364.38 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,364.38 | 101,984.93 | (25) |
| 2005 Accounts payable | (2,316.50) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (2,316.50) | (2,260.00) | 3 |
| 2200 Accounting Accrual | 0.00 | (5,000.00) | 0.00 | (5,000.00) | 0.00 | 0 |
| 13.01 Accounts payable and accrued | (2,316.50) | (5,000.00) | 0.00 | (7,316.50) | (2,260.00) | 224 |
| 1026 HST Taxes Recoverable | 642.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 642,53 | 794 10 | (40) |
| 13.02 GST/HST/Sales and business t | 642.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 642.53 | 784.19 784.19 | (18) (18) |
| 2960 Reserves - beginning | (115,932.76) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (115,932.76) | (129,982.31) | (11) |
| 3560 Accum. Reserve Funds | (11,019.08) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (11,019.08) | (11,019.08) | (11) 0 |
| 15.10.01 Opening/As previously state | (126,951.84) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (126,951.84) | (141,001.39) | (10) |
| 4010 Fundraising | (32,222.30) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (32,222.30) | (41,699.50) | (23) |
| 21.01 Fundraising (net) | (32,222.30) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (32,222.30) | (41,699.50) | (23) |
| 4020 Donations | (24,628.36) | 0.00 | 000 | (24 628 26) | (00.075.04) | (40) |
| 21.04 Donations (net) | (24,628.36) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (24,628.36) | (30,375.61) | <u>(19</u>) |
| 7 | (= 1,0=0.00) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (24,628.36) | (30,375.61) | (19) |
| 4050 Interest revenue | (3,891.81) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (3,891.81) | (1,984.93) | 96 |
| 21.10 Interest income | (3,891.81) | 0.00 | 0.00 | (3,891.81) | (1,984.93) | 96 |
| 5020 Advertising | 160.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 160.00 | 100.97 | 58 |
| 23.01 Advertising and promotion | 160.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 160.00 | 100.97 | 58 |
| 5210 Fees and dues | 1,660(36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,660.36 | 1,596.50 | 4 |
| 23.13 Dues and memberships | 1,660.36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,660.36 | 1,596.50 | 4 |
| 5350 Insurance | 2,228.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2 220 04 | 0.744.04 | (40) |
| 23.19 Insurance | 2,228.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,228.04 2,228.04 | 2,714.04 2,714.04 | <u>(18)</u> (18) |
| 5090 Bank charges | EE2 00 | 0.00 | | | | |
| 23.20 Interest and bank charges | 553.00 553.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 553.00 | 232.30 | 138 |
| | 400.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 553.00 | 232.30 | 138 |
| 5050 Office | 198.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 198.00 | 1,231.29 | (84) |
| 5300 Non-refundable portion of GST/HST | 279.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 279.42 | 341.04 | (18) |
| 23.32 Office | 477.42 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 477.42 | 1,572.33 | (70) |
| 5080 Accounting and legal | 2,050.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,050.00 | 2,500.00 | 182 |
| 23.38 Professional fees | 2,050.00 | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 7,050.00 | 2,500.00 | 182 |
| 5400 Repairs and maintenance | 928.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 928.58 | 749.32 | 24 |
| 23.42 Repairs and maintenance | 928.58 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 928.58 | 749.32 | 24 |
| 5040 Training fees | 996.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 000 00 | 0.00 | ^ |
| 23.47 Training | 996.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 996.00 996.00 | 0.00 | <u>0</u> |
| 5200 Telephone | 900.50 | | | | | |
| 23.50 Telephone and utilities | 820,36 820,36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 820.36 | 1,224.77 | (33) |
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Year End: December 31, 2024 Trial balance for clients

| 5096 Travel 23.51 Travel and accommodation 1,683.71 0,00 0.00 1,883.71 2,589.83 23.51 Travel and accommodation 1,683.71 0,00 0.00 1,883.71 2,589.83 5010 Purchases and supplies 70,046.21 0.00 0.00 70,046.21 74,829.53 23.80 Supplies 70,046.21 0.00 0.00 0.00 70,046.21 74,329.53 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0 | | Prelim | Adj's | Reclass | Rep | Rep 12/23 | %Chg |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 23.80 Supplies 70,046.21 0.00 0.00 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 0.00 0.00 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 0.00 0.00 0.00 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 74,829.53 70,046.21 74,049.55) | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.683.71 | 2 580 83 | (35) |
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| Net Income (Loss) (20,861.21) (25,861.21) (14,049.55) | 3.80 Supplies | 70,046.21 | | | | | <u>(6</u>) (6) |
| Net Income (Loss) (20,861.21) (25,861.21) (14,049.55) | = | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 |
| | Net Income (Loss) | (20,861.21) | | | | _ | 84 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 | | | | | |

Year End: December 31, 2024

Journal Entries

Date: 1/12/1999 To 12/31/2024

| Number | Date | Name | Account No | Debit | Credit |
|--------|------|---|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | | Accounting Accrual Accounting and legal | 2200 5080 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |
| | | To record current year accounting accrual from Bakertilly | | | |
| | | | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 |

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INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: PAUL LAPERRIERE, CAO/TREASURER

TITLE: MATTAWA VOYAGEUR DAYS 2025

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-56R

BACKGROUND

The 26th annual Voyageur Days took place July 25 – 27, 2025.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

This year's event saw a return to Sunday Nights featuring classic rock. Also this year was a paradigm shift with the "Country" night moving to Saturday night instead of the traditional Friday night for country and Saturday night for rock.

Also new this year for the sale of wristbands exclusively through on-line purchases with the hopes of having better sales data (who, where and when purchases were made). There were some growing pains with this process which needs to be analyzed in greater detail in terms of pros and cons.

Unlike the 25th anniversary celebrations of last year, the family events were minimized this year.

Despite a very strong musical line-up and excellent weather, overall attendance of 2,500 was below the budget of 3,000.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

| | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Tickets sold | 3,000 | 2,492 |
| \$/ticket Revenue | \$88.67 \$266,000.00 | \$86.45 \$216,435.00 |

The \$50,000 shortfall in revenue is significant however other revenues are greater than budget and expenses are in-line. See attached analysis.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1- Voyageur Days 2025 – Financial Result

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council for the Town of Mattawa receives and accepts this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-56R titled Mattawa Voyageur Days 2025.

TOWN OF MATTAWA

VOYAGEUR DAYS - 2025

Financial Results

| | Budget | Actual |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Wristbands | | |
| Gross | 266,000 | 227,573 |
| "Leakage" (5%) | - | (11,138) |
| Net | 266,000 | 216,435 |
| Sponsorships | 42,000 | 18,500 |
| Vendors | 6,000 | 6,805 |
| Merchandise | 5,000 | 1,665 |
| Camping | 11,000 | 4,000 |
| Bar | 100,000 | 144,926 |
| Grants | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Total Revenue | 500,000 | 462,331 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Entertainment | | |
| Music | 287,381 | 286,402 |
| Other (family & kids) | 20,000 | 5,450 |
| Fireworks | 9,500 | 9,000 |
| Sound & lighting | 36,000 | 35,598 |
| Riders | 7,500 | 7,576 |
| Accomodations & travel | 10,000 | 8,316 |
| Marketing | 5,000 | 5,379 |
| Merchandise | 3,500 | 1,227 |
| Safety | | |
| Private security | 15,000 | 16,220 |
| OPP | 9,000 | 8,754 |
| Yellow shirts | 7,500 | 3,078 |
| First Aid | 2,000 | 901 |
| Electrical | 5,000 | - |
| Port-a-Potties rental | 17,000 | 11,601 |
| Beverages | | |
| Alcohol | 40,000 | 60,085 |
| Bartenders | 7,000 | 8,221 |
| Ice | 3,500 | 3,366 |
| Refrigerated trailer | 2,500 | 1,832 |
| License/misc | 500 | 540 |
| Insurance | 4,000 | 3,892 |
| Trailers | 2,500 | 2,587 |
| Supplies | 1,500 | 1,262 |
| All others/miscellaneous | 4,119 | - |
| Total Expenses | 500,000 | 481,285 |
| NET | 0 | (18,955) |



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: PAUL LAPERRIERE CAO/TREASURER

TITLE: MAIN STREET CONNECTING LINK

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-57R

BACKGROUND

The province of Ontario recently announced that the Connecting Link Intake #11 is now open.

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

The Town of Mattawa applied for funding for Main Street under the Connecting Link program Intake #9 and was approved to do the detailed engineering and environmental assessment. A similar application was submitted for the Mauril Bélanger bridge under Intake #10 and the Town was also successful.

Intake #11 is now open and provides funding up to \$5 million for roads and \$7 million for bridges. With the Main Street detailed engineering and environmental study complete, the plan is to submit an application for the Main Street capital project. Using our engineers and planners of record, Jp2g, our plan is to develop and complete the application by the November 13, 2025, deadline.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

The engineer's determination of probable costs for this project is \$3 million. The province will fund 90% or \$2.7 million. The Town will need to contribute \$300K. The plan is to seek long term funding from Infrastructure Ontario to cover Mattawa's portion. In addition, our consultant's fee is estimated at \$15K.

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION

MTO Connecting Links Program Guide

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council for the Town of Mattawa receives and approves this report and further that Council directs the CAO/Treasurer, in conjunction with support form Jp2g, to prepare and submit a Main Street Connecting Links application under intake #11.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-57R titled Main Street Connecting Link.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves a submission for the Main Street Connecting Links Intake # 11 application and directs the CAO/Treasurer to work with the Engineers of Record Jp2g Consultants Inc. on this application.



INFORMATION REPORT

PREPARED FOR: MAYOR BÉLANGER AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

PREPARED BY: PAUL LAPERRIERE CAO/TREASURER

TITLE: UPDATES FROM TOWN HALL

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

REPORT NO: 25-58R

BACKGROUND

ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

DORION ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

Phase I (Canor contract) was substantially completed August 28, 2025. Phase II consists of the illumination contract, the tender for which awarded to Vickers Power Services. The start date pending MTO approval and Bell's lowering of the line on their poles.

The remaining part of Phase II, the Dorion Road Extension, was awarded to Canor through a change order. This work consisted of tree clearing and grubbing along Dorion Road from the pavement's end (near the Bell Tower) to just east of Brook Street, drainage consolidation and laying A gravel on the surface.

This completes the ICIP project will end within the allowable timeline and on budget.

The Town patched up Dorion road from the end of ICIP project (just east of Brook Street) to to Belanger Road and Dorion Road is now open to public.

NORDS PROJECT

The Council approved project was tendered Friday October 3rd with a submission deadline of October 15th and a project substantial completion date of December 5th.

The scope of the project is the building of the road curve connecting Dorion Road to Belanger Road. It is anticipated that we will seeking Council approval to award the contract the week of October 20th.

CONNECTING LINK - MAIN STREET

Intake 11 is now open and as per Council's direction, staff will be submitting a funding application to do the capital work on the rehabilitation of Main Street. This will be \$3 million project, 90% funded by the Province with a 2 year construction timeline.

<u>CONNECTING LINK – MAURIL BELANGER BRIDGE</u>

The detailed structural review and environmental assessment has commenced. Completion date of this phase is December 31, 2026.

MUNICIPAL LANDBANK #1

We are still awaiting announcement from the Province's Ministry of Infrastructure on our \$5.2 million HSWS funding application for the new water reservoir and related cost. The total funding envelope is \$275 million so while hopeful, we consider our chances low.

As announced at AMO, the Province will doing a 3rd round of the Home Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) with a \$1.6 billion funding envelope for which we feel our chances are much greater. We have local MPP support and if unsuccessful with the current HSWS application, we will submit under HEWSF round 3 with a funding request similar to that of HEWSF round 1 or \$12 million (less than 1% of the funding pot).

ARENA

This fall weather is fabulous and has everyone talking about how nice it is. Well almost everyone. Making ice in an non-insulated building is next to impossible and the minor hockey season is in jeopardy of starting late.

Further complicating matters is the leaking ice making infrastructure for which we have been loosing brine during the summer.

Following the advice of ice plant contractors, we will be starting the ice plant and see if the leakage is minimal. If it is, no action will be required with respect to the brine. It the leakage is too great, we will apply a solution (as done in the past). The \$10,000 cost of the solution is provided for in the budget.

FINANCE

The 3rd quarter ended on September 30th and it is anticipated that results will be shared with Council at the next regular meeting.

The Town's Line of Credit was accessed this month to fund the ICIP project while we wait reimbursement from the Province.

The budget process will begin in Quarter 4 with a planned presentation to Council in March, 2026. Any earlier date would mean a Mayor's budget under the Strong Mayor Powers legislation.

ROSEMOUNT VALLEY SUITES (RSV)

The Council approved rent increase notice was provided to residents and will be effective January 1, 2026.

As directed by Council, Descon was given the go-ahead to repair the roof. The low bid was Blanchfield Roofing Company in the amount of \$89,650 plus tax. Work is expected to be completed this fall.

FILMING IN THE MATTAWA AREA

Skymed Season 4 will have an episode filmed in Mattawa with the Bois Leger tower being the focal point and will feature a high wire act. PD/FD/EMS have been notified.

Filming will take place October 17th with preparations being made during the week leading up to filming and dismantling occurring the following week.

The entire crew will be around 80 people and Mattawa will provide the arena for meals and parking.

CHRISTMAS

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and staff have begun working on this year's event. Details will be provided in future updates.

NHL ALUMNI HOCKEY GAME

Our P&R Supervisor dubbing January *HOCKEY MONTH IN MATTAWA* and as parts thereof is finalizing terms for an NHL Alumni Hockey Game in Mattawa in mid-January.

The budget for this event is \$25,000 with total identified revenues (fees and donations) reaching or exceeding this amount such that worse case is breakeven with a chance of a small surplus.

HGTV HOME TOWN CANADA

Nationwide call invites small communities to share their stories and dream big HGTV is inviting Canadians to show their small-town pride for a chance to star in the brandnew series Home Town Takeover Canada, premiering on HGTV and streaming on Citytv+ in fall 2026 or winter 2027.

Communities with a population of 20,000 or fewer can apply. Submissions should include photos and videos of areas most in need of a boost—whether that's a tired main street, a public park, a community gathering spot, or even the home of a local changemaker.

The series, produced by RTR Media, builds on the success of the U.S. Home Town Takeover, where entire towns have been transformed. HGTV stars Ben and Erin Napier will join Canadian designers and builders to create a showpiece renewal that celebrates local spirit and resilience. Production is set for 2026, with the winning location and additional hosts to be revealed in the months ahead.

Photo ideas:

A vibrant but weathered main street in need of fresh paint Local volunteers working at a community centre or park Iconic town landmarks that capture small-town character

Communities ready for a life-changing makeover can start their application now and put their hometown pride in the national spotlight.

Staff are working with volunteers Kerri MacKay and Bob Simmons who will be instrumental in completion the submission which is due November 1. We hope to secure the assistance of Josie Dinsmore to do the video.

There is no stated amount of funding available but based on the US programming including before and after photos, it could be substantial. While we are hopeful, we recognize that only one municipality across Canada will be selected for this program.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

RELEVANT POLICY/LEGISLATION

ATTACHMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council for the Town of Mattawa receives and approves this report.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Town of Mattawa receives report # 25-58R titled Updates from Town Hall.

THE CORPORATION TOWN OF MATTAWA

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| | | ESOLVED THAT this Council proceed in Camera at in order to address a matter ag to: |
| | a) | security of the property of the municipality or local board; |
| | b) | personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; |
| | c) | a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; |
| | d) | labour relations or employee negotiations; |
| | e) | litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; |
| | f) | advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; |
| | g) | a matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body has authorized a meeting to be closed under another Act; |
| | h) | information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; |
| | 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; |
| | j) | a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or |
| | k) | a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or |

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| BE IT RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting reconvene at | p m | |

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| BE IT RESOLVED THAT the October 14, 2025 meeting adjourn at | p.m. |