

**TOWNSHIP OF ESSA
CONSENT AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025**

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- p. 38 13. Correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing:
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14. Correspondence from Watson and Associates:
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- p. 73 16. Correspondence from the City of Brantford, re: Professional Activity Day on Municipal Election Day.

B – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR ACTION

None.

C – ITEMS RECEIVED AND REFERRED TO SERVICE AREA FOR REVIEW AND REPORT TO COUNCIL

None.



Teens de-stress with therapy dogs during a lunch hour program at the Angus Branch.

“ You just don’t understand what a good library we have. We live in the teeniest place and the library should not be this good.

You guys are the best.
- Angus Patron

It was so great! I watched the teens all rushing into the library on their lunch break, you would have thought they were giving out free candy or something! Free dog snuggles are even better though 😊

**PHYSICAL MATERIALS
CIRCULATED**

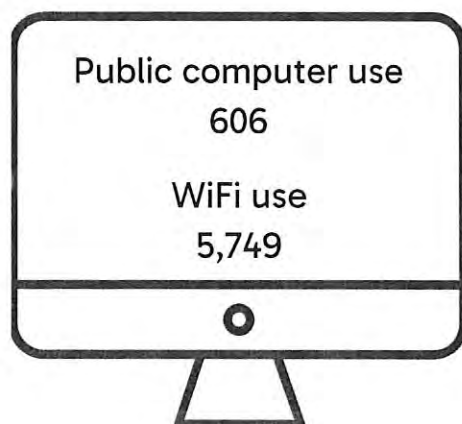
ANGUS	THORNTON
8,790	1,149
86,734 TOTAL IN 2025	

**DIGITAL
CIRCULATION**

E-BOOKS	E-AUDIOBOOKS
690	470
9,463 TOTAL IN 2025	

**MATERIALS USED
IN HOUSE**

ANGUS	THORNTON
412	94
4,374 TOTAL IN 2025	



New Members

Angus	181
Thornton	4
Year-to-date total	839

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2,992 DIGITAL LIBRARY USES

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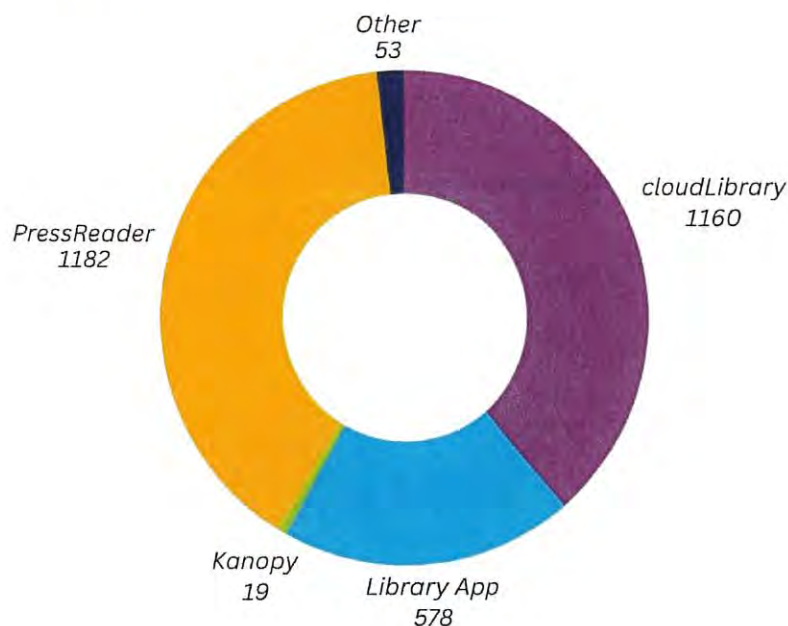
Library App



Kanopy



Other Resources



SOCIAL MEDIA

YouTube - Total Subscribers	989
YouTube - Views	2,593
Facebook - Total Followers	1,917
Instagram - Total Followers	983

“ Thank you for having a library.
It’s one of our favourite places.
- Angus patron

KIDS PROGRAMS

Growing Together Storytime - AN	7
Wiggles & Giggles - AN	19
PJ Storytime - AN	7
Maker Monday - AN	9
Storytime - TH	30
Stay & Play - TH	30
Leafy Search & Find	27
Borden Blast	400

ADULT PROGRAMS

Cercle de Conversation	25
Hobby Circle - AN	10
Writers Group - AN	2
Angus Book Clubs - AN	17
Thornton Book Club - TH	9
Trivia Night - AN	67
Adult Movie Night - AN	7

TEEN PROGRAMS

Minute To Win It - AN	42
Brain Freeze (Snack Cart)	88
Therapy Dog Visit - AN	159
Tweens: Intro to Junk Journaling - AN	13
Low Sensory Lunch - AN	12
Teen Volunteers - AN	9

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Chair Yoga - AN	148
Card Making - AN	14
Sketching - AN	8
Master Gardeners Presentation - AN	9
Seniors Social - TH	20

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Borden Family Resource Centre | Cards with Colleen | Corner Market Angus | Country Crafters |
Essa Township | Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School | Side Door Yoga Studio | South Simcoe Arts Council
Starbucks Angus | Tim Hortons Angus



Teen volunteers were instrumental in caring for our Community Gardens this year.

“ This place is my lifeline.

- Longtime Thornton Patron

“ The library is the best place, a happy place I took my kids when they were little and now they take their kids here.

- Angus Book Club Member

**PHYSICAL MATERIALS
CIRCULATED**

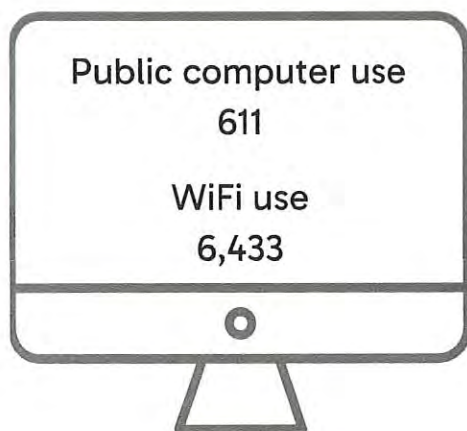
ANGUS	THORNTON
8,330	1,177
96,241 TOTAL IN 2025	

**DIGITAL
CIRCULATION**

E-BOOKS	E-AUDIOBOOKS
670	492
10,625 TOTAL IN 2025	

**MATERIALS USED
IN HOUSE**

ANGUS	THORNTON
304	29
4,707 TOTAL IN 2025	



New Members

Angus	65
Thornton	1
Year-to-date total	905

3,116 DIGITAL LIBRARY USES

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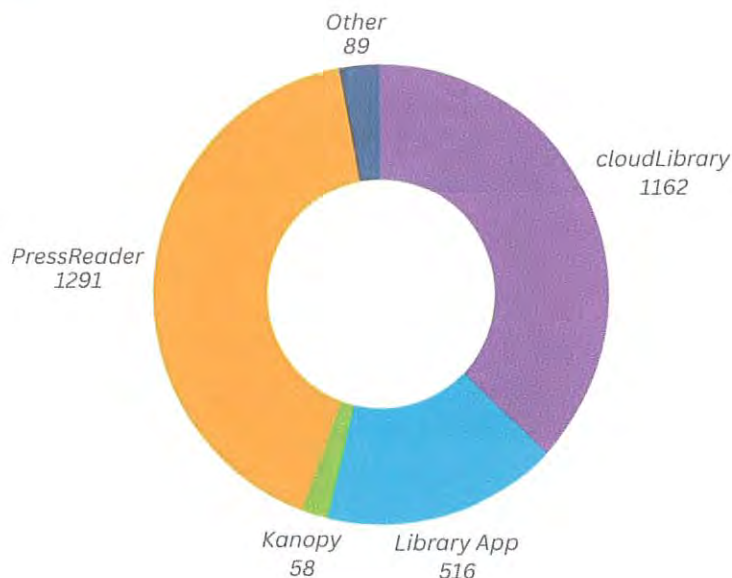
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Other Resources



KIDS PROGRAMS

Indigenous Storytime - AN	7
Wiggles & Giggles - AN	58
Toddler Time - AN	42
Spanish Storytime	21
Storytime - AN	102
Storytime - TH	27
Stay-n-Play - TH	27
Saturday Wonders - AN	28
Maker Mondays - AN	52
Teeny Halloweeny	60
Seach n' Find: Apple Hunt- AN	78
Search n' Find: Apple Hunt - TH	18
Search n' Find: Halloween - AN	122
Search n' Find: Halloween - TH	27
School Library Visits - AN	21

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Seniors Social - AN	19
Seniors Social - TH	15
Chair Yoga	38

TEEN PROGRAMS

Pumpkin Colouring Contest - AN	162
Snack Cart - AN	117
Minute to Win It - AN	16
This or That - AN	35
Teen Volunteers	13
Neurographic Art - AN	13
Low-Sensory Lunch - AN	10
Junk Journaling - AN	14

ADULT PROGRAMS

Cercle de Conversation	34
Hobby Circle - AN	12
Writers Group - AN	2
Angus Book Clubs - AN	19
Thornton Book Club	7
Simcoe Reads	95
Prenatal Classes - AN	72

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Instagram - Total Followers	991

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Cards with Colleen | Country Crafters | Barrie Public Library | Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library
 Essa Township | Innisfil IdeaLab & Library | Midland Public Library | New Tecumseth Public Library
 Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School | Ramara Public Library | Severn Township Public Library
 Side Door Yoga Studio | South Simcoe Arts Council



Sep-25

Current

Permits Issued	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Residential	14	128	\$489,207.00	\$12,162,870.00	\$8,386.98	\$140,965.33
Commercial	2	19	\$125,000.00	\$1,169,946.00	\$451.00	\$9,627.02
Industrial		1		\$7,700,000.00		\$53,997.05
Institutional	1	6	\$10,000.00	\$805,500.00	\$325.00	\$4,922.52
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		16		\$5,515,700.00		\$68,382.97
TOTAL	17	170	\$624,207.00	\$27,354,016.00	\$9,162.98	\$277,894.89

Y.O.Y.	25	280	\$4,047,588.00	\$	58,053,759.00	\$	601,686.27	-53.81%
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NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION

Dwelling Units Created

Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW		13		\$4,437,209.00
Mult Res Bldgs		1		\$400,000.00
ARU	2	3	\$259,745.00	\$939,745.00
TOTAL	2	17	\$259,745.00	\$5,776,954.00

Y.O.Y	4	73	\$	1,460,588.00	\$	21,104,257.00	-50.00%	-76.71%	-82.72%	-72.63%
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Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes



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Oct-25						
Current						
	# Permits Issued	# Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Construction Value of Permits Issued	Construction Value of Permits Issued YTD	Monthly Building Permit Fees	Building Permit Fees YTD
Permits Issued						
Residential	26	154	\$3,470,920.00	\$15,633,790.00	\$48,006.75	\$188,972.08
Commercial	3	22	\$300,000.00	\$1,469,946.00	\$6,210.98	\$15,838.00
Industrial		1		\$7,700,000.00		\$53,997.05
Institutional	1	7	\$15,000.00	\$820,500.00	\$175.00	\$5,097.52
Public Utilities		0		\$0.00		\$0.00
Agricultural		16		\$5,515,700.00		\$68,382.97
TOTAL	30	200	\$3,785,920.00	\$31,139,936.00	\$54,392.73	\$332,287.62
Y.O.Y.	28	267	\$2,836,035.00	\$51,077,708.00	\$38,381.61	\$568,442.75
						-41.54%

NEW SFD CONSTRUCTION				
Dwelling Units Created				
Type	Current Month	YTD	Dwelling Const. Value	Dwelling Const. Value YTD
SFD/SEMI/ROW	6	19	\$2,110,420.00	\$6,547,629.00
Mult Res Bldgs	0	1	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
ARU				\$680,000.00
TOTAL	6	20	\$2,210,420.00	\$7,327,629.00
Y.O.Y	3	73	\$1,597,045.00	\$31,587,887.00
	100.00%	-72.60%	38.41%	-76.80%

Reviewed by CBO Pedro Granes



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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Klewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price				
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison

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Krista Pascoe

From: Lisa Lehr
Sent: October 31, 2025 2:31 PM
To: Krista Pascoe
Cc: Michael Mikael; Sarah Corbett
Subject: Fw: Ontario Increasing Support to Municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

Consent

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From: Ontario News <do.not.reply@ontario.ca>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 1:36:03 PM
To: Lisa Lehr <llehr@essatownship.on.ca>
Subject: Ontario Increasing Support to Municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Increasing Support to Municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

\$50 million boost will support 388 municipalities across the province in providing critical services

October 31, 2025
[Ministry of Finance](#)

GODERICH — As part of the provincial government's plan to protect Ontario and provide historic financial support for municipalities, the province is increasing the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) by \$50 million, bringing the total funding to \$600 million for 2026. The funding will support 388 small, northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base, by providing critical services from public transit and libraries to emergency services and road maintenance.

"Today's announcement shows our government's continued commitment to protecting and supporting rural and northern municipalities in Ontario. The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund plays an essential role in creating safe and strong rural communities across the province," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "Through the OMPF, our government is helping to ensure that rural and remote northern communities

will receive the funds necessary to address local priorities that will allow them to thrive and grow.”

The OMPF is the province’s main general assistance grant to municipalities. After consultation earlier this year, the additional \$50 million enhancement builds on the significant increases in support that the government is providing and represents a combined 20 per cent increase over the last two years.

“As we continue to navigate tariffs and global economic uncertainty, our government is stepping up to support Ontario’s communities – including small, Northern, and rural municipalities,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “As we continue to protect Ontario and build our province, we will ensure municipalities have the tools they need to continue delivering critical local services to people and families in every corner of the province.”

From 2019 to 2024, key provincial support to municipalities grew by over 45 per cent. In 2024 alone, the government provided over \$10 billion to Ontario municipalities through key transfers. This includes:

- An additional \$1 billion through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) over five years starting in 2022.
- Nearly \$654 million annually through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP).
- Almost \$380 million to help 102 municipalities improve local transit through the 2024-25 Gas Tax program.

The government’s \$50 million increase to the OMPF in 2026 will be spread across all four core grant components to support small, northern and rural municipalities, as well as those with a limited property tax base.

Quick Facts

- The OMPF is a formula-based program that incorporates annual data updates to ensure the program is responsive to changing municipal circumstances.
- The province is working with municipalities to support building more homes for people and families. Ontario is investing an additional \$1.6 billion through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) nearly doubling the total investment to \$4 billion.

Additional Resources

[2026 Municipal Partnership Fund](#)
[2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#)

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[EXTERNAL]

From: Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition Coordinator - Jessica <rlscjessica@gmail.com>
Sent: November 3, 2025 8:46 AM
To: Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition Coordinator - Jessica <rlscjessica@gmail.com>
Subject: Request for Municipal Support on Road Salt Liability Reform with Attached Resolution

Some people who received this message don't often get email from rlscjessica@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

[Municipal Resolution](#) (also see attached pdf)

3rd November 2025

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition, I am writing to invite your municipality to join a growing movement of local governments calling for provincial action on a pressing issue affecting both our environment and our communities: the overuse of road salt and the liability pressures driving it.

Chloride levels in the Lake Simcoe watershed have increased by more than 500 percent since the 1970s, and several urban creeks now regularly exceed federal water-quality guidelines. Road salt is a designated toxic substance under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*; its overuse damages ecosystems, infrastructure and our drinking water sources.

Across the watershed, municipalities are investing heavily to reduce their own salt footprint by upgrading equipment, refining winter maintenance practices and even building snow-filtration facilities. Yet, private salt use continues to rise, often not out of carelessness but because of liability risk. Contractors and property owners are compelled to over-apply salt to protect themselves from potential lawsuits, even when following recognized best practices.

That's why municipalities are calling on the province to step in. A limited-liability framework—similar to the one used successfully in New Hampshire—would protect certified contractors who follow provincially endorsed best practices, reducing salt use by an estimated 40 percent without compromising safety.

To date, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA), the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), and the municipalities in our watershed of Georgina, Bradford West Gwillimbury (where I serve on Council), and Newmarket have all passed resolutions supporting this call to action.

We are encouraging every municipality within the Lake Simcoe watershed to:

1. Endorse the attached resolution supporting provincial liability reform to reduce unnecessary road salt use; and
2. Write to the Province of Ontario—including the Premier, the Attorney General, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and your local MPP—urging them to act on this matter.

By joining together, municipalities can demonstrate a united, solutions-focused approach that protects both public safety and freshwater health.

I would be pleased to attend your Council to make a deputation about this matter if desired.

Thank you for your continued leadership in protecting Lake Simcoe and its watershed.



Sincerely,

Jonathan Scott

Executive Director

Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition

Jessica Merriman

Coalition Coordinator

416-768-9798

MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION
to Support the Need for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt

Whereas road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **This municipality** urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and
2. **This municipality** urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and
3. **This municipality** commits to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while maintaining safety on roads, parking lots and sidewalks; and
4. This resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Water Association, Minister (Todd McCarthy (MECP), Attorney General Doug Downey, and Premier Doug Ford.

From: MEPCO <mepco@mepco.ca>
Sent: November 7, 2025 4:14 PM
To: Krista Pascoe
Subject: Changes to OMERS Governance

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MEPCO – created by AMO – is the voice of municipal employers that contribute to the OMERS Pension Plan. Your contributions to MEPCO help AMO appoint highly qualified people to the OMERS' boards and allow MEPCO to advocate on pension issues that matter to municipal employers.

Changes to OMERS Governance

As part of the Fall Economic Statement, the Ontario Government tabled legislation that, if passed, would significantly change the OMERS governance structure. The government is proposing to dissolve the OMERS Sponsors Corporation and replace it with a Sponsors Council with diminished oversight over the pension plan.

These are significant changes that impact the nature of how decisions about pension benefits and contributions are made, moving from a model based on shared, long-term stewardship to one based on advocacy and collective bargaining. This shift creates additional financial risks for municipalities and to property taxpayers.

There are also implications for the way that costs to support pension oversight are borne, likely resulting in higher administrative costs for municipalities.

AMO and MEPCO are currently reviewing details with a view to mitigating new financial risks for municipalities and ensuring that plan sponsors retain strong oversight over plan design and performance. AMO and MEPCO will also work to minimize instability for plan governance that the implementation of these significant changes will create.

Further updates and opportunities for engagement for AMO and MEPCO members to follow.

For more information on how MEPCO supports AMO with fulfilling its role as an OMERS Plan Sponsor, MEPCO created a [short information sheet](#). We encourage you to review this resource and share with others at your municipality or DSSAB who are interested in MEPCO's work.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY
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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 # 321/2025

DATE: November 12, 2025

WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families;

WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes, and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental homes; and

WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home; e.g. about \$117,000 on a \$900,000.00 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of McGarry calls on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing , Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario,

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

Signature of Chair:

Elaine Fic

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

November 12, 2025

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

via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Curbside Recycling Eligibility for Non-Profit Organizations

At its regular meeting held on November 11th, 2025, the Council of the Township of Selwyn passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2025 – 223 – Curbside Recycling – Non Profits

Mayor Sherry Senis – Councillor Brian Henry –

Whereas the Province of Ontario designated producers to be responsible for collecting recycling in the Province; and

Whereas non-profit organizations, including our local food banks, have been deemed ineligible for producer blue box collection effective January 1st, 2026; and

Whereas food insecurity is a local, provincial and federal issue; and

Whereas food banks need to receive grocery items that are delivered in cardboard boxes and cartons which generate copious amounts of recyclable material; and

Whereas food banks are volunteer and donation based with no revenue collected to pay for services such as removal of recyclable materials;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Selwyn strongly urge the Province to re-instate the eligibility for curbside blue box collection as of January 1st, 2026, for non-profit organizations, such as food banks; and

That this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Dave Smith, County and City of Peterborough, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and Ontario Municipalities for support.

Carried.

Under the Province's producer-responsibility framework, food banks and similar non-profit organizations have been deemed ineligible for curbside blue box collection effective January 1, 2026. This change will place an unreasonable burden on these essential community services that rely entirely on volunteers and donations.

Food banks play a critical role in addressing food insecurity — an issue of local, provincial, and national importance. These organizations receive large quantities of grocery items packaged in cardboard and other recyclable materials, yet they have no sustainable means to manage the associated recycling costs once municipal collection ends.

The Township of Selwyn strongly urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate eligibility for curbside blue box collection for non-profit organizations, such as food banks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Megin Hunter
Office Assistant/ Receptionist
Township of Selwyn

Cc: Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks
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November 19, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Public Input Coordinator
Via Email: ca.office@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, November 17, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

195-11172025

Moved By: Councillor Neufeld

Seconded By: Councillor Patterson

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,

- Directs the Acting Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Please accept this correspondence as an official confirmation of Council's decision with respect to the same. Any questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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cc. Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
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November 19, 2025

Re: Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED

Hamilton City Council, at its meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, passed the following resolution:

Item 9.3 of the General Issues Committee Minutes 25-016:

9.3 Impacts of Provincial Bill 60 on Tenants in Hamilton - REVISED

WHEREAS, on October 23, the Provincial government introduced Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster, which seeks to weaken rent control and make rental tenure less secure;

WHEREAS, Council has introduced bylaws and policies to protect tenants from renovations and to strengthen protections for tenants;

WHEREAS, Council has enacted new legislation to improve property standards, ensure health and safety in apartment buildings, and implement an Adequate Temperature Bylaw to address the impacts of extreme heat;

WHEREAS, the majority of residents living in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are tenants; approximately one third of all City residents rent their homes; and tenant populations in suburban and rural Wards are growing rapidly;

WHEREAS, through Ward 2 Tenant Town Halls, the Ward 2 Tenant Survey, and the Ward 2 Tenant Council, tenants have expressed anxiety about rental tenancy and rent control including the impacts they've faced since the Provincial government changed legislation in 2018 to eliminate it;

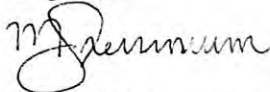
WHEREAS, the Provincial government has suggested it will backtrack on some parts of its proposed legislation but has not confirmed what the impact will be, what will be changed, or how this legislation will be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, a similar motion, entitled Impacts of Provincial Legislation that Weakens Rental Protections was passed by the City of Toronto's Executive Committee on November 4, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor, on behalf of City Council, inform the Government of Ontario and all Hamilton Members of Provincial Parliament of its opposition to changes to the *Residential Tenancies Act* in Bill 60 and the weakening of tenant rights including contemplated changes to "security of tenure" or a further weakening of rent control;
- (b) That the General Issues Committee direct the City Solicitor to work with the Hamilton Legal Clinic and report back in Q1 2026 through a Closed Session Information Report to review legal options and provide advice to protect renters and challenge the provisions of Bill 60, including potential Charter protections;
- (c) That staff from the Housing Services Division report back to the General Issues Committee, through an Information Report and presentation, on the potential impact of Bill 60 including changes to "security of tenure" and rent control, in Q4 2025; and
- (d) That this resolution be circulated to AMO, FCM and all Ontario municipalities.

Regards,



Matthew Trennum
City Clerk

cc.

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Subject:

FW: Nottawasaga Futures Newsletter



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Your company's logo will also be featured on a Sponsorship Recognition Poster prominently displayed at the event.

We would be delighted to discuss how your organization can be part of AgKnowledge 2026. Please feel free to contact me directly at 705-502-0311 ext. 108 or robin@nottawasaga.com to confirm your sponsorship or request additional details.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support and celebrate our agricultural community.

Warm regards,

Robin

Upcoming Events



Ask an Ag-xpert Webinar

The Simcoe County Economic Development Office is hosting another Ask an Ag-xpert session scheduled for Thursday, **November 20, 2025**, from 11:30am-12:30pm. The virtual workshop will focus on succession planning in the agriculture sector and will be presented by Katie Hannon from the Orillia Area CDC. To register for the session, please click [here](#).



Upcoming Training Sessions – now open for registration

Two engaging training opportunities – delivered in partnership between the County of Simcoe and Lakehead University – are coming up soon:

(1) *Developing Indigenous Land Acknowledgements and Relationships*

This business development workshop will provide Simcoe County business leaders with the opportunity to deepen their understanding of how to build meaningful relationships with indigenous communities including recruitment of employees and students. This event will take place on **November 25** from 10:00am-2:00pm at Chippewas of Rama First Nation. For more information, please see [here](#); to register, please click [here](#).

(2) EDIA Foundations in the Workplace

Scheduled for **December 4** from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the County of Simcoe Administration Building, Council Chambers, this professional development workshop will provide leaders and organizations with the foundation to embed Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) principles into every layer of their operations. Participants will learn how to align EDIA with strategic plans, mission, vision, and values, as well as policies, procedures, training enhancements. More details can be accessed [here](#); to register, please click [here](#).



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Fall 2025

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*The Western Ontario Fall Funders Forum Series is an in-person opportunity to meet representatives from various provincial ministries, who will present and discuss their respective grant programs. The series provides communities, nonprofits, economic development stakeholders and local businesses with direct access to funders, helping them better understand available supports, eligibility criteria, and application timelines. On Tuesday, **December 2**, an in-person session will take place at the Simcoe County Administration Building, Council Chambers. For full details and to register, please visit the [Simcoe County Economic Development Office Events Page](#).*



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Province of Ontario announces new Conservation Authority Agency to improve service delivery

UTOPIA, Ontario (October 31, 2024) – Today, the Province of Ontario announced that it will introduce legislation to create an Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency to provide leadership, governance, and strategic direction to conservation authorities.

Specifically, this agency will be tasked to develop a provincial digital permitting platform, establish standardized service delivery and oversee the consolidation of conservation authorities with the aim of improving the province's conservation authority system to construct homes and other local infrastructure projects faster.

"The government is right to insist on greater standardization and clearer processes across conservation authorities," said Jonathan Scott, Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). "These are essential steps toward improving transparency and accountability. However, the proposed consolidation represents a significant and potentially disruptive shift. If not carefully managed, it could undermine local expertise and responsiveness, ultimately working against the outcomes the government aims to achieve."

In his [media conference](#), Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy noted that conservation authorities will continue to deliver these important local programs and services.

"Conservation Authorities remain one of Ontario's best tools for balancing the province's urgent housing needs with protecting the Nottawasaga Watershed from natural hazards and climate change," said Jennifer Vincent, CAO of NVCA. "NVCA is committed to being part of the solution and will continue working to achieve these goals. This year alone, we've taken significant steps to modernize by introducing digital and standardized processes for permitting. As a result, our customer satisfaction scores have grown from 68% to 90%, and permitting timelines now meet provincial standards 95% of the time with an average review time of just 16 days. These improvement reflect our dedication to progress – and we're ready to build on this momentum."

Like all conservation authorities across the province, NVCA helps ensure that development is balanced with natural hazard risk reduction, safeguarding communities from flooding and

erosion. The organization's work in restoration, education and recreation efforts enhances water quality and quantity, habitat, resilience, and overall well-being.

The policy proposal will include a 45-day public consultation on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

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About NVCA: The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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234-2025-4923

October 30, 2025

Dear Head of Council:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



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

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234-2025-4857

November 12, 2025

Dear Head of Council,

On October 23, 2025, our government introduced the *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025* ([Bill 60](#)). Through this legislation and other changes, we are protecting Ontario's economy and keeping workers on the job by cutting red tape, getting shovels in the ground faster and supporting the construction of homes, roads and infrastructure.

The bill contains bold actions, creating the conditions for building housing and transportation infrastructure faster to support families, attract investments, create good jobs and keep Ontario competitive.

You are invited to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided with this letter and share any feedback you may have.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca.

In the face of economic uncertainty, we must protect Ontario. I look forward to continued collaboration with you, our municipal partners, to build the more prosperous, resilient and competitive economy that Ontario needs today, tomorrow, and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

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

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Development Charges Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 3 of the Bill would make amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

Land Acquisition Costs

A new subsection 7 (3.1) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* would require development charge-eligible land acquisition costs to be part of a class in a development charge by-law consisting only of those costs. Land acquisition costs would, pursuant to a new section 5.3, be exempted from the historic service level cap, and these costs, for certain services, would be limited to those that relate to the ten-year period after the background study.

A new subsection 35 (1.1) of the Act would provide that money in an existing reserve fund established to pay for growth-related capital costs of eligible services can continue to be used for growth-related land acquisition costs of the applicable service, so long as those costs are not being paid from the reserve fund for the land acquisition class.

Requiring Local Service Policies

A new subsection 59 (2.2) of the Act would require municipalities that levy development charges to establish local service policies for each service to which the by-law relates and for which a part of the service would be provided as a local service.

The local service policy must identify the works or classes of works that are intended to be for the provision of local services. It could also identify works or classes of works that are not intended to be for the provision of local services (e.g. works that would be funded through development charges) or works or classes of works that would only partially be intended to be for the provision of local services.

A municipality could not require a work for the provision of local service to be paid for or constructed as a condition of land division if it is not identified as being intended to be so provided in the local service policy. This rule applies on the earlier of 18 months after Royal Assent or the day on which the local service policy is established.

The municipality would need to send a copy of the local service policy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on request, by the date specified in the request.

If a local service policy has been established, it must be reviewed and a resolution passed by council at the same time as a development charge by-law is passed, indicating whether revisions would be needed.

Requiring Treasurer's Statements to be Submitted by a Specific Date

Subsection 43 (1) of the Act is amended to require the municipal treasurer to give council a development charges financial statement (commonly referred to as the treasurer's statement) on or before June 30 annually. Subsection 43 (3) of the Act is amended to require the treasurer to give a copy of the financial statement to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing no later than July 15 of the year in which the statement is provided to council.

Requiring Municipal Documents to be Submitted to the Ministry on Request

A new subsection 10 (5) of the Act would require municipal councils to give a copy of the development charge background study to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on request, by the deadline specified in the request

A new subsection 13 (5) of the Act, requires municipal councils to give a copy of the development charge by-law passed by the municipality to the Minister on request, by the deadline specified in the request.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* through the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([25-MMAH018](#)) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Municipal Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 7 of the Bill propose changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to transfer jurisdiction over water and wastewater (sewage) services from Peel Region to the lower-tier municipalities of Mississauga and Brampton, and Caledon, effective January 1, 2029, or a different date as prescribed by the Minister. The proposed amendments prevent the transfer of jurisdiction over water and wastewater back from the lower-tier municipalities to Peel Region using existing authority to transfer services in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*. through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([025-1098](#)) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 10 of the Bill proposes the following amendments to the *Planning Act* that would help create the conditions necessary to support housing and community development. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Provide authority for the Minister to make regulations that would remove the need for certain minor variances,
- Allow certain official plan amendments modifying the authorized uses of land within a Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSA) to be exempt from Minister's approval,
- Make provincial policy statements inapplicable with respect to all Minister's decisions under the *Planning Act* outside the Greenbelt Area. A transparent and accountable oversight framework would be developed to support implementation,
- Enable all upper-tier municipalities to establish regional Community Improvement Plans (CIPs) without being prescribed, allow municipalities to fund the CIPs of their respective upper- or lower-tier municipalities, and, for upper-tier municipalities without planning responsibilities, to revive CIPs that were in effect on the day before the municipality lost its planning responsibilities, and
- Enable Minister's zoning orders (MZO) to be made by non-regulatory orders and require them to be published on a Government of Ontario website.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry from October 23, 2025, to November 22, 2025:

- [ERO 025-1097](#) Proposed Planning Act Changes (Schedule 10 of Bill 60 - *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act*, 2025).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on associated consultation postings:

- [ERO 025-1099](#): Consultation on simplifying and standardizing official plans.
- [ERO 025-1100](#): Consultation to better understand the linkage between minimum lot sizes on urban residential lands and increased housing options and affordability.
- [ERO 025-1101](#): Consultation to understand current municipal practices with respect to green development standards at the lot level (outside of building) in order to assess whether future changes are needed to prohibit mandatory green development standards in order to improve consistency and clarity across Ontario.

The Environmental Registry postings provide additional details regarding the proposed changes.

City of Toronto Act, 2006 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The proposed change would, through a proclamation order, remove the City of Toronto's authority, under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, to require green roofs or other alternative roof surfaces on buildings, effective November 3, 2025.

Residential Tenancies Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing / Ministry of the Attorney General

Schedule 12 of the Bill amends the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (RTA) to help address delays and support backlog reduction efforts at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) and adjust the balance of landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Remove the requirement for a landlord to provide compensation to a tenant when evicting for personal use of the rental unit, if the landlord gives at least 120 days' notice of termination, instead of the required 60 days' notice;
- Shorten the notice period a landlord must provide to a fixed-term or month-to-month tenant to evict them for rent arrears from 14 days to 7 days;
- Remove a tenant's ability to raise issues that could otherwise be the subject of a tenant application to the LTB as part of a rent arrears hearing, if the tenant has not paid at least half of the rent arrears claimed in the application filed by the landlord;
- Remove a tenant's ability to raise issues that could otherwise be the subject of a tenant application to the LTB on the day of a rent arrears hearing, if the tenant has not given prior notice in accordance with LTB timelines;
- Specify a 15-day period for a landlord or tenant to request internal review of a final order or decision of the LTB; and

- Create new regulation-making authorities for the government to prescribe:
 - The form of a notice given by a landlord or tenant to terminate a tenancy.
 - Rules and guidelines for determining what qualifies as a “persistent” failure to pay rent / monthly housing charges, when they are due, by a tenant / member of non-profit housing co-operative.
 - Limitations on the LTB’s ability to postpone the enforcement of an eviction order and/or factors the LTB must consider before postponing enforcement.
 - Limitations, conditions, or tests related to a tenant / member of non-profit housing co-operative making a motion to set aside an eviction order that has been issued, without a hearing, when the tenant/member has given notice of termination to a landlord/co-op, or the parties have entered into an agreement to end a tenancy.
 - Limits or conditions on the power of the LTB to review its final decisions and orders.

The proposed amendments would come into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change through the Ontario Regulatory Registry from October 23, 2025, to November 22, 2025 at the links below:

- [RR 25-MMAH019](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Rules Related to Tenants Raising New Issues at a Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) Rent Arrears Hearing
- [RR 25-MMAH024](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendments to Shorten the Rent Arrears Eviction Notice Period
- [RR 25-MMAH025](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Compensation Requirements for Landlord's Own Use Evictions
- [RR 25-MAG017](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendment to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA) to Shorten the Period of Time Available to Request a Review of an LTB order

Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 16 of the Bill proposes a new Act which sets out a framework for a new delivery model for water and wastewater services. The new framework will include legislative authority for the Minister to:

- Designate corporations as water and wastewater public corporations by regulation.
- Require prescribed municipalities to deliver water and wastewater exclusively through a water and wastewater public corporation beginning on a date as prescribed.

Under the new framework, the Minister will have regulation-making authority, including the ability to:

- Prescribe duties and responsibilities for the water and wastewater public corporation.
- Govern the transfer, issuance, redemption and purchase of shares and dividends of a water and wastewater public corporation.
- Govern requirements related to the nomination, appointment, election, resignation or removal of members of the board of directors of the corporation.
- Govern powers for the water and wastewater public corporation to impose and collect fees and charges. If required by LGIC regulation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing would have oversight powers over rate plans (and additional plans that may be prescribed in regulations).
- Provide for additional transitional matters.

Subject to future regulations setting out the share allocation, the first corporation would provide water and wastewater services in Peel Region and would be jointly owned by Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. A corporation would be incorporated under the *Ontario Business Corporations Act* at the direction of the Minister that the Minister would designate as a water and wastewater public corporation.

The council of a municipality prescribed by the regulations shall, by the date specified in the regulations, make by-laws transferring employees, assets, liabilities, rights and obligations of the municipality to a water and wastewater public corporation for the purpose of providing water and wastewater services.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([025-1098](#)) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

GO Transit Station Funding Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 4 of the Bill proposes changes the *GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023*, to enable Municipalities the flexibility to specify payment of a transit station charge, in respect of any part of a development that consists of residential development, upon occupancy and require financial security to secure the payment of any transit station charge that is required to be paid upon occupancy of residential development.

Additional amendments will provide for the determination of a transit station charge that is payable upon occupancy of residential development.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [025-1182](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

The proposed amendments to the *Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, 2002* would extend the mandate of Waterfront Toronto from 2028 to 2035, and allow for a further extension up to 2040.

The amendments also include provisions relating to a strategic review of Waterfront Toronto in 2031-32 that may inform the extension, a provision requiring the provincial government to consult with the federal government and City of Toronto prior to winding-up the corporation, and the repeal of provisions in the Act that are no longer applicable.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, 2002* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [025-1182](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 15 of the Bill proposes to amend the *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*, which may allow the Minister to establish a Transit-Oriented Communities Advisory Panel. The Minister may appoint up to four individuals to this Advisory Panel and appoint a Chair from among them.

The Transit-Oriented Communities Advisory Panel would advise and make recommendations to the Minister, in respect of such matters as the Minister directs, related to infrastructure, transit-oriented community projects, land designated as transit-oriented community land under the Act, and other related matters.

The amendments will also enable the Minister to make an order requiring an owner of land designated as transit-oriented community land to enter into an agreement with a municipality addressing any matters that the Minister considers necessary for the appropriate development of the transit-oriented community land.

Municipalities will also be required to designate a municipal officer or employee to give to the Minister such information as the Minister requests with respect to the implementation of transit-oriented community projects that are located within that municipality.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [025-1182](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Construction Act - Ministry of the Attorney General

Schedule 2 of the bill proposes the following amendments to the *Construction Act* that would, if passed, refine the new annual release of holdback system that was enacted in 2024 but that is not yet in force:

Section 30 is re-enacted in order to apply with respect to the abandonment or termination of a contract or subcontract, rather than to a circumstance in which a contractor or subcontractor defaults in the performance of a contract or subcontract.

Not-yet-in-force amendments to section 31 that would have been made by section 27 of Schedule 4 to the *Building Ontario For You Act (Budget Measures), 2024* – providing for annual lien expiry – are repealed. Section 31 is amended to retain the provisions of those amendments dealing with notice of termination and its effects. The not-yet-in-force re-enacted version of section 26 (payment of basic holdback) is consequently amended to require the annual release of holdback without the expiry of liens.

Section 87.4 is amended by adding a separate transition rule for alternative financing and procurement arrangements (otherwise known as “public-private partnerships”) and to adjust the transition rules respecting amendments made to section 31.

Transitional regulation-making authority in section 88 is made more generally applicable and is transferred from the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Minister.

The amendments are to come into force at the same time as related amendments to the Act made by the *Building Ontario For You Act (Budget Measures), 2024*, except for the transitional regulation-making authority which comes into force on Royal Assent.

Ontario Water Resources Act - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Schedule 8 of the bill proposes amendments to the *Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA)* that would, if enacted, would reduce the time and costs with providing on-site sewage treatment to on-farm worker housing by allowing larger systems (comprised of multiple systems with design capacities no greater than 10,000 L/d each and up to 50,000 L/d total per lot or parcel of land) to be regulated under the Ontario’s Building Code and exempting these systems from existing *Ontario Water Resources Act* requirements for environmental compliance approvals.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *Ontario Water Resources Act* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [ERO 025-0900](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025. In parallel, the government is also consulting on a policy proposal on how the Ontario Building Code will continue to provide protection to human health, the environment, and neighbouring properties in relation to these on-farm systems. You may provide comments on this supporting policy proposal to the Ontario Building Code through Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-0899](#) from October 24, 2025 to December 7, 2025.

Building Transit Faster Act, 2020 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 1 of the bill proposes amendments to the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (BTFA) that, if passed, would remove barriers and streamline processes that may otherwise result in delays to the timely completion of provincial transit projects by:

- Reducing the notice period to property owners from 30 to 15 days for Metrolinx to conduct due diligence work (e.g., carrying out inspections, removing obstructions), extending access to municipal right-of-way and third-party lands to the operation and maintenance of projects, and expanding the application of Minister's access orders to additional infrastructure (e.g., tunnels, life safety systems, buildings, bridges). Amendments will also create Minister's regulation-making authorities to name additional infrastructure and to delegate powers for access orders to Metrolinx or to an MTO official.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the BTFA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-1035](#).

Highway Traffic Act – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 5 of the bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) to require applicants for a Driver's Licence, Photo Card and Registrant Identification Number demonstrate that the person is a resident of Ontario, that the person has legal status in Canada and, with respect to an application for a commercial class driver's licence, that the person is lawfully able to work in Canada.

The Schedule also makes amendments to Part II.1 of the HTA to address concerns about the impact of vehicle lane reductions on traffic flow, congestion, and transportation efficiency. Amendments to s.195.3 would prohibit all municipalities from reducing the number of motor vehicle lanes when installing new bicycle lanes. Regulation-making authority is also proposed that would allow the Minister to expand the prohibition to include other municipal activities or provide exemptions to the prohibition altogether.

Finally, amendments to s. 195.9 would streamline the process for reimbursement regarding the existing bicycle lane provisions.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes through Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-1071](#) and Regulatory Registry notice [RR 25-MTO019](#).

Local Roads Boards Act – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 6 of the bill amends the *Local Roads Boards Act* to allow owners of certain tax-exempt lands to make voluntary payments to their local roads boards. If approved by the Minister, the voluntary payments would be eligible for matching provincial government funding. The Minister is provided regulation-making authority to prescribe lands for this purpose, as well as to establish an approvals process for such payments. Other related amendments are made regarding record-keeping.

***Photo Card Act, 2008* – Ministry of Transportation**

Schedule 9 of the bill amends the *Photo Card Act, 2008*, to require that an applicant for a photo card establish that they are a resident of Ontario, and that they are in Canada lawfully.

***Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* – Ministry of Transportation**

Schedule 11 of the bill adds a new section to the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act* (PTHIA), stating that various things under the Act do not constitute an expropriation or injurious affection.

This Schedule also repeals and replaces s. 117 of the Act. The Minister of Transportation has existing authority under this section to set mandatory standards for highways, including for municipal roads; however, there is no such regulation currently in place. Proposed amendments would support implementation of common road construction standards across the province by creating new regulation-making authorities to allow the province to prescribe requirements for road construction contracts, establish an exemption process, and set reporting requirements pertaining to road standards. Amendments also allow the Minister to require input from stakeholders regarding standards upon request.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the PTHIA related to road construction standards through the Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-1140](#).

***Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021* – Ministry of Transportation**

Schedule 14 of the bill amends the *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021*, such that tow operators and vehicle storage operators are not required to submit their rates to the ministry for a service where a maximum amount for that service has been set by regulation.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes through Regulatory Registry notice [RR 25-MTO017](#).

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234-2025-4982

November 25, 2025

Dear Head of Council:

Through the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (Bill 17)*, which received Royal Assent on June 5, 2025, changes were made to the *Planning Act* that will help streamline and standardize municipal development processes.

This includes changes that enable the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, by regulation, to permit variation from a zoning by-law “as of right” if a proposal is within a prescribed percentage of the required setback (the minimum distance a building or structure must be from a property line) on specified lands. This new authority was intended to reduce planning applications for minor variances.

Today, our government announced further action to streamline planning approvals by exercising my authority established under Bill 17 to amend Ontario Regulation 545/06 ([Zoning By-laws, Holding By-laws and Interim Control By-laws](#)) to allow variations to be permitted “as-of-right” if a proposal is within 10% of setback requirements applicable to specified lands. Specified lands include any parcel of urban residential lands outside of the Greenbelt Area, and exclude areas such as hazardous lands, and lands near shorelines and railways. These changes in [Ontario Regulation 257/25](#) were filed on November 21, 2025 and took effect upon filing.

Any variances sought beyond the prescribed percentage of the setback requirement would be subject to the usual minor variance or rezoning approval process and other zoning standards (e.g., height limits, etc.) would continue to apply, helping to mitigate potential land use compatibility issues.

This “as-of-right” permission is intended to remove the need for certain variances that are the most minor in nature, resulting in fewer applications submitted and fewer hearings for minor variances before a municipal committee of adjustment for these proposals.

The proposed regulation works with the [Additional Residential Units regulation](#) (Ontario Regulation 299/19) to help create additional residential units, such as basement suites, by eliminating additional barriers related to setbacks.

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We look forward to continued collaboration with our municipal partners as we work together to achieve our goal of building the homes that Ontarians need.

Sincerely,



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

- c. Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, MMAH
David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Planning and Policy Division,
MMAH
Municipal Chief Administrative Officer

November 4, 2025

To our Municipal Clients:

Re: Bill 60, *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025* and Regulatory Proposals
25-MMAH018 and 25-MMAH030

In our continued efforts to keep our clients up to date on legislative changes that may impact them, we are writing to inform you of proposed legislative changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (D.C.A.) and associated regulation (Ontario Regulation 82/98). The provincial government has introduced Bill 60, an Act to amend various Acts and to enact the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025* (referred to as the *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025*). This Bill proposes amendments to the following legislation:

- *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020*;
- *Construction Act*;
- *Development Charges Act, 1997*;
- *GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023*;
- *Highway Traffic Act*;
- *Local Roads Boards Act*;
- *Municipal Act, 2021*;
- *Ontario Water Resources Act*;
- *Photo Card Act, 2008*;
- *Planning Act*;
- *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*;
- *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006*;
- *Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act*;
- *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act*;
- *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*;

The Bill also introduces new legislation: the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*.

In addition to the legislative amendments, the Province is also proposing changes to the development charge (D.C.) regulation (Ontario Regulation 82/98). The proposed changes, which are intended to standardize and streamline the D.C. framework, are available for comments via the Regulatory Registry at the following links:

- 25-MMAH018: <https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/52054>; and
- 25-MMAH030: <https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/52308>.



The deadline to submit comments on the above-referenced proposals is November 22, 2025, and November 23, 2025, respectively.

This letter provides a summary and preliminary analysis of the proposed changes to the D.C.A. and Ontario Regulation 82/98.

1. Proposed Changes to the Development Charge Framework

1.1 Proposed Changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*

The proposed changes to the D.C.A. are presented in Schedule 3 of Bill 60, *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025*. The following is a list of the proposed changes, which are discussed in further detail below:

1. Addition of Class of Service for land acquisition;
2. Required timelines for the Annual Treasurer's Statement;
3. Addition of requirements for Local Service Policies; and
4. Requirement to provide documents to the Minister.

1.1.1 *Addition of Class of Service for Land Acquisition*

Background Context

In preparing the D.C. calculations as part of a D.C. background study, most services^[1] require a Level of Service calculation to be undertaken, as the D.C.A. requires that the increase in need for service must not exceed the historical Level of Service when determining the charge. This requirement is set out in subsection 5 (1) 4 of the D.C.A. and section 4 of Ontario Regulation 82/98. The regulation requires that the Level of Service be calculated by identifying quantity and quality measures of service. These measures have generally been interpreted to reflect the quantity of capital assets used to provide the service and the current replacement value (i.e., quality) of the capital assets. The combination of the measures results in the per capita historical replacement value, which, when applied to the forecast population, provides the total D.C.-eligible amount that can be included in the D.C. calculations for recovery.

In determining the replacement value (i.e., quality) of the assets, the scope of capital costs is consistent with the definition in subsection 5 (3) of the D.C.A. The Act defines capital costs to include "costs to acquire land or an interest in land, including a leasehold interest." Compliance with the D.C.A. requires that the scope of capital costs included in the increase, the need for service, and the historical Level of Service be the same. As such, the historical Level of Service calculations commonly include the value of land. Over the past few years, the development community has raised concerns

^[1] All D.C.-eligible services, except water, wastewater, stormwater, and transit services.



regarding the inclusion of land in the required Level of Service calculations when no future land costs are identified. The increase in the value of land and all other infrastructure has led to an increase in the D.C.-eligible amount that can be included in D.C. calculations.

Proposed Changes

The legislative proposal is to include land acquisition as a separate class of service.^[1] Under this proposal, anticipated land acquisition capital needs would be grouped together for the purposes of the D.C. calculations. Land acquisition capital needs would also be excluded from the historical Level of Service restrictions.

In identifying the land acquisition needs by service, the proposal restricts the anticipated capital costs for land to 10 years for all services except for the following:

- Water;
- Wastewater;
- Stormwater;
- Services related to a highway;
- Electrical;
- Transit;
- Police; and
- Fire.

As land acquisition will be established as a class of service, municipalities will be required to establish a separate reserve fund for these capital costs. As such, funds would be segregated for this purpose, only to be used for land costs. Similar to other reserve funds, monies in this reserve fund can be borrowed and repaid, with interest. With respect to credits, municipalities will need to ensure that credits for land are accounted for separately from credits for other applicable services.

Section 35 of the D.C.A. is amended to add an exception to the use of monies in established reserve funds. This section states that monies in a reserve fund can be used for land acquisition; however, they cannot be used for land acquisition if those costs are to be paid for with the reserve fund established for land acquisition.

^[1] Section 7 of the D.C.A. states that a class of service may be established for the purposes of a D.C. by-law that is a combination of D.C.-eligible services or a subset of a D.C.-eligible service. Note, land acquisition related to the Toronto-York and Yonge North Subway Extensions is not required to be a class of service.



Potential Impacts

The removal of land from the Level of Service calculations would have varying impacts across municipalities. Where land values are significant, the removal of these amounts from the Level of Service calculations will result in a decrease in the D.C.-eligible amount that may restrict D.C. funding for future capital projects. For example, the removal of land values from the replacement costs of recreation facilities would have the effect of reducing the Level of Service cap on D.C. funding for recreation services. While this may be impactful, this change enables the Level of Service calculations to be more accurately compared to the anticipated increase in need for service and allows land needs to be included without the Level of Service restriction.

The restriction on the forecast period for certain services appears to be inconsistent with previous changes to the D.C.A., which removed the 10-year forecast period restriction for all services except Transit.^[1] As land purchases are commonly undertaken years before the construction of a facility, there may be some requirements to include a post-period benefit deduction if the land is required for a facility that will benefit growth outside the 10-year forecast period.

Municipalities may consider having different land acquisition calculations for the various forecast periods. For example, one calculation may be undertaken for the 10-year restricted services, whereas one or more calculations may be undertaken for those services with unrestricted forecast periods.

With respect to establishing a reserve fund for the land acquisition class of service, there may be some transitional matters to consider when preparing the D.C. background study calculations. For example, where land acquisition has been included in previous D.C. background studies, and reserve fund monies have been allocated and/or committed to land acquisition projects, reserve fund adjustments may be required. As the changes to the D.C.A. state that a class of service for land shall be established (i.e., required to recover land as a separate service), a separate reserve fund is required. Once a municipality undertakes a new D.C. by-law, the capital costs included in the class of service for land acquisition must be funded from the land acquisition reserve fund.

^[1] In 2019, the Province passed Bill 108, which removed the requirement to forecast capital needs over a 10-year period for all services other than water, wastewater, stormwater, services related to a highway, electrical power services, police, fire, and the Toronto-York subway extension, as these services were previously not restricted to a 10-year forecast.



1.1.2 Required timelines for the Annual Treasurer's Statement

Proposed Changes

Currently, the Annual Treasurer's Statement must be prepared each year by a date determined by Council. Subsection 43 (1) of the Act is amended to require the Treasurer's Statements to be completed by June 30 of each year.

Currently, the Annual Treasurer's Statement is required to be provided to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon request. Subsection 43 (3) of the Act is amended to require a copy of the Treasurer's Statement to be submitted to the Minister by July 15 of each year.

Potential Impacts

Municipalities will need to ensure the Annual Treasurer's Statements are completed by June 30 and submitted to the Minister by July 15.

1.1.3 Addition of Requirements for Local Service Policies

Proposed Changes

Currently, subsection 2 (5) of the D.C.A. precludes a D.C. by-law from imposing charges with respect to local services described in section 59 of the D.C.A. Section 59 of the D.C.A. provides a link to the *Planning Act*, such that, as a condition of subdivision or consent agreement, a municipality may require local services to be installed or paid for by the owner. Local services are considered when preparing a D.C. background study to ensure compliance with the legislative requirements. As such, a Local Service Policy is generally included in our D.C. background studies for transparency to stakeholders and for municipal staff administration.

New subsections 59 (2.2) through 59 (2.11) are proposed, which generally set out the following:

- A Local Service Policy is required for all D.C.-eligible services to which a D.C. by-law imposes a charge and where some part of the service will be provided as a local service.
- A Local Service Policy is required to impose a condition of local services on development, and only to the extent it has been identified in the Local Service Policy. That is, a municipality could not require a work or classes of work to be provided as a local service if it is not identified as such in the Local Service Policy.
 - This does not apply where a municipality does not impose a D.C. for that service.



- This applies the day a municipality establishes the Local Service Policy or 18 months after Bill 60 receives Royal Assent.
- Required content for a Local Service Policy includes:
 - Works or classes of works related to development that are intended to be required as a Local Service.
- Optional content for a Local Service Policy includes:
 - Works or classes of works that are not intended to be required as a Local Service.
 - Works or classes of works that are partially required as a Local Service.
- The municipality shall give a copy of the Local Service Policy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing upon request, by the date requested.
- The Local Service Policy must be reviewed, requiring a resolution of Council declaring if a revision is needed. The resolution shall be passed at the time of passing any D.C. by-law or when a revision to the policy is required.

Note, there appears to be an error in the newly proposed subsection 59 (2.5). This subsection refers to subsection 2.8; however, that subsection refers to sending a copy of the Local Service Policy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. It appears the appropriate reference should be subsection 2.7.

Potential Impacts

At Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (Watson), it is our current practice to include Local Service Policies as part of D.C. background studies. This provides transparency to stakeholders and the municipality by delineating between local service capital costs and D.C.-eligible capital costs. The proposed changes regarding the required and optional content appear to be generally in line with Watson's current practice. Some municipalities, however, currently include wording in their Local Service Policies that provides flexibility for the municipality's interpretation of what costs can be deemed local service. The proposed changes aim to provide clarity on which costs would be deemed local service; therefore, municipalities may consider updating their current Local Service Policies to ensure removal of the "flexible" language. Furthermore, municipalities may require more frequent updates to their Local Service Policies as items are raised through the development approvals process that may not be appropriately captured in the Local Service Policy.

The proposed subsection 59 (2.2) requires that a Local Service Policy cover the services set out in subsection 2 (4) of the D.C.A. that are included in a D.C. by-law. Land acquisition is a service as defined in this section, as it is proposed to be a sub-service of capital costs for eligible services. As such, it would appear that land is required to be addressed in the Local Service Policy.

Proposed subsection 59 (2.6) appears to clarify that if a municipality does not impose a D.C. for a particular service, there is no requirement to have that service set out in the



Local Service Policy. This would also appear to apply to municipalities without D.C. by-laws.

Municipalities will need to ensure that all D.C. background study processes include a Local Service Policy and that the policy be expressly approved in the resolution of Council when the D.C. background study and by-law are adopted. This would appear to apply to all D.C. background study processes, including those prepared for by-law amendments and streamlined amendments to by-laws that do not require a background study under subsection 19 (1.1).

Given there is a transitional deadline of 18 months after this legislation takes effect, municipalities with existing D.C. by-laws that do not have Local Service Policies should consider reviewing and approving a Local Service Policy.

Note, if a municipality determines that there is no service in their D.C. by-law for which they will impose local service requirements, it does not appear that the municipality would be required to prepare a Local Service Policy.

1.1.4 Requirement to Provide Documents to the Minister

Proposed Changes

Currently, there is no requirement to provide the D.C. background study or by-law to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The proposed changes to section 10 and section 13 of the D.C.A. would require municipalities to provide copies of the documents to the Minister upon request, by the date requested.

In addition, there is currently no requirement to provide the Local Service Policy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. A proposed new subsection 59 (2.8) will require a copy of the Local Service Policy to be provided to the Minister upon request, by the date requested.

Potential Impacts

There does not appear to be any impact to municipalities, as the D.C. background study is already required to be posted on the municipality's website, and copies of the by-law and Local Service Policy are typically included within the D.C. background studies.

1.2 Proposed Changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98

In addition to the proposed changes to the D.C.A., the Province has proposed regulatory changes to Ontario Regulation 82/98. These changes are with respect to the following matters:

1. Merging of credits for water supply services and wastewater services;



2. Making Benefit to Existing allocations more transparent in D.C. background studies;
3. Detailing land acquisition costs in D.C. background studies; and
4. Making information in financial statements relating to D.C.s more transparent and easily accessible.

These changes are discussed in more detail below. Note that the draft regulation has not yet been released. Our preliminary comments are based on the summary of the proposed changes provided on the Provincial Regulatory Registry website.

1.2.1 Merging of Credits

Watson has previously provided commentary on the merging of credits.^[1] Our commentary included the following potential impacts:

Removal of municipal discretion

Currently, municipalities have the ability to agree to apply credits to other services within a D.C. by-law. In many cases, the municipality will undertake a cashflow analysis of their D.C. reserve funds to determine if this is feasible. This proposed change appears to remove a municipality's discretion to combine services by agreement in certain instances.

Cashflow implications for municipalities

Combining services for the purposes of credits would have cashflow implications for municipalities, where funds held in a D.C. reserve fund for a service not included under the section 38 agreement would be reduced. This could delay the timing of capital projects for these impacted services and/or increase financing costs, as municipalities tend to confine funding for projects to the reserve funds available for that service and not borrow between reserve funds/services.

Proposed Changes

This proposed change aims to merge water supply services and wastewater services for the purposes of credits. As provided in subsection 2 (4) of the D.C.A., the D.C.-eligible services of water supply and wastewater include distribution and treatment, and sewers and treatment, respectively.

^[1] Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. June 4, 2025 letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: <https://www.watsonecon.ca/insights/opinions/bill-17-comments-for-regulatory-registry.pdf>



Potential Impacts

The proposal is of concern as some municipalities have invested significant amounts into their water and wastewater systems. To elaborate on why this is a concern, in certain circumstances, municipalities have separated their water and wastewater D.C.s into the following categories:

- Water supply and storage;
- Water distribution;
- Wastewater treatment; and
- Wastewater collection.

Where significant investments in water supply and storage or wastewater treatment have been made, separating the D.C.s into the categories above may assist in ensuring D.C. cashflows are available to pay existing debt payments. The proposal to combine water supply and wastewater services would entitle a developer to receive D.C. credits against both services if D.C.-eligible capital costs/works have been provided directly for either service. This would negatively impact cashflows for the service not directly provided by the developer.

1.2.2 *Transparency of Benefit to Existing Calculations*

Proposed Changes

The proposed regulatory changes would require municipalities to provide greater details with respect to how capital costs are determined and how the growth-related and non-growth-related shares of the costs are determined. The proposed wording appears to require this for each service, rather than on a project-by-project basis.

Potential Impacts

It is positive that the Province has not established a required methodology, as there is no standardized approach across all municipalities (although there are best practices that are generally followed).

Providing further details in the background study will enhance transparency for stakeholders. While this will require additional effort in the preparation of the D.C background study, it should reduce the effort required by municipal staff to address stakeholder questions related to the determination of capital and benefit to existing deductions once the background study is released. Although the proposal suggests that the D.C. background study will require the methodology to be provided by service, there may be situations where a project-by-project determination is required.



1.2.3 Details of Land Acquisition

Proposed Changes

It is proposed that land acquisition capital needs shall be treated as a class of service. As such, section 8 of Ontario Regulation 82/98 will be amended to require land acquisition costs to be included in the D.C. background presentation of:

- The total of the estimated capital costs relating to the service;
- The allocation of the total of the estimated costs between costs that would benefit new development and costs that would benefit existing development;
- The total of the estimated capital costs relating to the service that will be incurred during the term of the proposed D.C. by-law;
- The allocation of the costs incurred during the term of the proposed by-law between costs that would benefit new development and costs that would benefit existing development; and
- The estimated and actual value of credits that are being carried forward relating to the service.

Potential Impacts

See the comments above with respect to the inclusion of land acquisition as a class of service.

1.2.4 Information Accessibility

Proposed Changes

The proposed changes increase reporting requirements for the Annual Treasurer's Statements to include:

- The amount from each reserve fund that was committed to a project, but had not been spent, as of the end of the year;
- The amount of debt that had been issued for a project as of the end of the year; and
- The location in the D.C. background study where the project's capital costs were estimated.

This would not apply in circumstances where a municipality uses a unique identifier in both background studies and Treasurer's Statements to identify each project.

Potential Impacts

The proposed changes increase transparency for the public and can help demonstrate that D.C. funds are being used as required and to the extent allowable under the D.C.A.



These additional requirements will increase administrative effort by municipal staff. Municipalities may wish to provide unique project identifiers as part of the preparation of their next D.C. background study for ease of aligning projects in the D.C. background study with the projects identified in the Annual Treasurer's Statement.

2. Concluding Remarks

The proposed changes to the D.C.A. and Ontario Regulation 82/98 are generally positive as they provide additional transparency of the D.C. calculations and how D.C.s are used by municipalities. The changes with respect to including land acquisition as a class of service appear to have a minor impact on municipalities where land values are minimal, with a greater impact on the Level of Service calculations for larger urban municipalities. The requirement for a Local Service Policy and its contents are generally in line with Watson's current approach; however, updates may be required to existing Local Service Policies to provide more detail on which costs would be local service and which costs would be recovered through D.C.s. Watson continues to have concerns regarding the merging of services for the purposes of credits, as this may impact municipalities that have invested in water supply and/or wastewater treatment costs.

We will continue to monitor any changes and inform you of the potential impacts on municipalities.

Should you have any questions, please contact any of the undersigned or send an email to info@watsonecon.ca.

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To our Municipal Clients:

Re: Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025

In our continued efforts to keep our clients up to date on legislative changes that may impact them, we are writing to inform you that the provincial government has introduced the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025* (W.W.P.C.A.), as presented in Schedule 16 of Bill 60, *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025*.

This letter provides a summary and preliminary analysis of the proposed W.W.P.C.A.

1. Background

The W.W.P.C.A. allows the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to designate a corporation as a water and wastewater public corporation (W.W.P.C.) to provide water and sewage services on behalf of the lower-tier municipalities prescribed by the regulations.

These W.W.P.C.s will own and operate the municipal water and sewage systems, with their own governance structure and rate-setting capabilities.

On October 28, 2025, the Province held a technical briefing for Bill 60 to present the Bill's contents and answer attendees' questions. As part of this briefing, the Province outlined their proposed amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001* under Bill 60 (Schedule 7), which will transfer jurisdiction of the water and sewage public utilities from the Regional Municipality of Peel to the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. Subsequent to this transfer, it was noted that the Minister intends to designate a W.W.P.C. on behalf of the three aforementioned municipalities.

1.1 Proposed Legislation

The following provides a summary of the proposed legislation and commentary from the Province's recent Bill 60 technical briefing held on October 28, 2025:

1.1.1 Overview

The Minister may, by regulation, designate a corporation as a water and wastewater public corporation to provide water and sewage services on behalf of the lower-tier municipalities prescribed in the regulations. The W.W.P.C.A. describes the ability of



public corporations to provide sewage services. Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the definition of “sewage” includes the following:

- storm water and other drainage from land; and
- commercial wastes and industrial wastes that are disposed of in a sewage system.

Unless the regulations limit the public corporations’ service delivery to water and wastewater, storm water may be included as part of their scope.

Once a W.W.P.C. has been designated for a particular lower-tier municipality, the municipality shall provide water and sewage services only through that water and wastewater public corporation as of the date prescribed by the regulations.

Potential Impacts

This legislative proposal empowers the Minister to require municipalities to establish a public corporation for water and sewage services without a prior local consultation process. This differs from the process for creating a Municipal Service Corporation (M.S.C.) under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, which requires several steps prior to establishing an M.S.C. (i.e., creating a business case, consulting with the community, etc.).

It is noted that the W.W.P.C.A. appears to be directed at lower-tier municipalities only, with the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon being the first to be affected (pending the transfer of water and wastewater jurisdiction from Peel Region). The Province, however, does have the authority to amend the *Municipal Act* to revise jurisdictional responsibility, as well as designate W.W.P.C.s for any other municipality in the future.

1.1.2 Governance and Ownership

A W.W.P.C. is proposed to have the following governance and ownership framework:

- The W.W.P.C.s will not act as agents of the Crown, local boards, or similar entities.
- In accordance with regulations, the W.W.P.C.s can issue shares and dividends.
- Municipal councils will be required to transfer assets and other prescribed items to the W.W.P.C.
- The W.W.P.C. will be governed by a board of directors, with rules for its creation and operation set out in the regulations.
- Roles and responsibilities of directors, officers, and shareholders will be governed by regulation and associated agreements.
- Municipalities may provide assistance to a W.W.P.C. without violating the bonusing provisions under section 106 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.



- The Crown, its representatives, or representatives of the designated municipalities will be immune from liability.

Potential Impacts

At the outset, the governance and ownership structure of the W.W.P.C., including the transfer of assets and assistance from municipalities, appears to be similar to M.S.C.s under the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Both types of corporations can be governed by a board of directors or trustees appointed by the municipal government or elected by shareholders.

An M.S.C. that provides water or wastewater services, however, cannot be owned (wholly or partially) by a private person.^[1] This restriction on ownership does not appear to be contained within the draft W.W.P.C.A., and it is unclear whether this will be addressed in the regulations. Under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, the owner and operating authority are responsible for the standard of care of the municipal drinking water system. If the regulations allow for ownership by a private person, then that responsibility may fall on the officers and directors of the W.W.P.C.

Subject to legal review, the W.W.P.C.A. appears to remove liability from the Crown, its representatives, or representatives of the designated municipalities. This immunity does not appear to be consistent with the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*.

Additionally, the W.W.P.C. is not considered a local board, except as prescribed by the regulations. If the W.W.P.C.'s status is not considered a local board for the purposes of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* (D.C.A.), then it will be unable to utilize development charges for its growth-related infrastructure. In contrast, an M.S.C. is considered a local board if it is wholly owned by the municipality (section 21 (3) of O. Reg. 599/06). While it is unclear whether a lower-tier municipality can continue to collect development charges on behalf of the W.W.P.C., the proposed legislation does allow for the W.W.P.C. to impose charges and, at present, there appear to be no restrictions on the imposition of a capital charge on new developments beyond the rules of the D.C.A.

Furthermore, a municipality's debt capacity and annual repayment limit are based on a calculation of 25% of its own-source revenues, which include property taxes, grants, water, wastewater, and other user fees. If, however, the water and wastewater services are transferred from the lower-tier municipalities to a W.W.P.C., then this will effectively reduce the overall revenues for municipalities, resulting in lower debt capacity and annual repayment limits. For municipalities that rely on their water and wastewater revenues to allow for a higher proportion of their debt to be related to other municipal

^[1] Subsection 18 (5) of Ontario Regulation 599/06.



services, this may result in those municipalities exceeding the 25% annual repayment limit.

1.1.3 Fees and Charges

W.W.P.C.s will have the authority to impose and collect fees or charges and other powers prescribed by regulation. They may be required to submit rate plans and other plans to the Minister, as prescribed. The Minister may approve, refuse, or require amendments to those plans. If the Minister does not undertake one of the aforementioned three steps within the prescribed time period, the rate plan is deemed to be approved.

Uncollected fees and charges are considered debts, and unpaid amounts may be added to the municipal tax roll and collected in the same manner as taxes. Regulations may establish procedures and priority lien status.

Potential Impacts

The ability for a W.W.P.C. to prepare a rate plan and impose fees and charges is similar to the current practice for municipal water and wastewater systems.

The current rate-setting process typically involves a rate study that requires Council approval and adoption of the water and wastewater rates. The proposed process under the W.W.P.C.A. allows a W.W.P.C. to set fees and charges, but the Minister can require submission of the rate plans for approval or refusal via regulations. It is unclear whether the rate-setting process will be transparent to the general public and whether profit margins are factored into the imposed rates.

Regarding the uncollected fees and charges, which are considered debt and added to the municipal tax roll, this may result in additional administrative time and costs for affected municipalities. Municipalities may also require legal advice for imposing taxes to recover for a service they no longer provide or own.

We would note that subsection 7 (1) of the W.W.P.C.A. appears to have an error where it states “waste” rather than “water”:

7 (1) “If the regulations so provide, a waste and wastewater public corporation shall submit to the Minister a rate plan for fees or charges specified in the regulations and any other plans prescribed by the regulations.” (emphasis added)

1.1.4 Reporting

A W.W.P.C. shall submit to the Minister an annual report, including audited financial statements and such other reports and information as may be prescribed by the



regulations. A W.W.P.C. may be required by the Minister to examine, report, and advise on any question respecting water and sewage services.

Potential Impacts

The reporting requirements appear to be similar to current practices undertaken by municipalities. It also appears that the municipal drinking water licence applications (i.e., drinking water works permit, operational plan, accreditation, financial plan, and permit to take water) may be the responsibility of the W.W.P.C.

2. Concluding Remarks

The proposed W.W.P.C.A. appears to be similar to an M.S.C. in its intent to assist municipalities with the operations and administration of municipal services. There are key distinctions, however, between the proposed W.W.P.C. and a water and wastewater M.S.C., including:

- Shares and voting rights for an M.S.C. shall not be given to a private person, whereas a W.W.P.C. opens the possibility for private ownership.
- An M.S.C. can be considered a local board for development charge purposes, whereas a W.W.P.C. appears not to be considered a local board (subject to regulations).
- The creation of an M.S.C. requires a public consultation, whereas a W.W.P.C. only requires a Minister's designation.

Watson has concerns about a public utility, such as water and wastewater, being privately owned. This could potentially introduce profit-seeking behaviour and result in increased costs for customers.

While the status of a W.W.P.C. not being considered a local board for the purposes of development charges may impact the ability to impose a development charge to fund growth-related infrastructure (for both future and existing commitments), the W.W.P.C. may have the ability to impose capital charges to recover the cost of growth-related works. In the event that a separate capital charge is not imposed for new customers, this may likely lead to increases in water and wastewater rates. Furthermore, it is unclear how the proposed growth-related water and wastewater capital works currently identified in the Region of Peel's development charges study will be transitioned within the W.W.P.C. framework.

Another concern with the W.W.P.C. is the removal of water and wastewater revenues from a municipality's debt capacity calculations. If water and wastewater services are transferred from lower-tier municipalities to a W.W.P.C., this will effectively reduce the overall revenues for municipalities, resulting in lower debt capacity and annual repayment limits. For municipalities that rely on their water and wastewater revenues to



allow for a higher proportion of their debt to be related to other municipal services, this may result in those municipalities exceeding the 25% annual repayment limit.

Additionally, the ability of the Minister to designate a W.W.P.C. for any lower-tier municipality beyond Peel Region, without public consultation, removes the municipal council's authority over a service that falls within their sphere of jurisdiction. Furthermore, the Province can, at any time, amend the *Municipal Act* to change the sphere of jurisdiction from existing upper-tier municipalities to their lower-tier municipalities.

We will continue to monitor any changes and inform you of the potential impacts on municipalities.

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BUILDING UP

Largest modular building to date arrives in Barrie

40-bed facility brought to community will add to local capacity in coming weeks

Midhurst/November 4, 2024 – Late yesterday afternoon, a convoy of trucks rolled into Barrie carrying the County of Simcoe's latest modular purchase to date, a 40-bed facility that will ease system and capacity pressures locally for those living unsheltered in the community.

This facility will form part of the Campus of Care, announced by Barrie Cares and the County of Simcoe in October. The modular building will immediately be utilized to support the County of Simcoe's winter response strategy; providing a 24/7 40 bed program for those currently living unsheltered. This supportive bridge housing program will also provide 24/7 on-site supports and services for unsheltered individuals to secure sustainable and permanent housing outcomes.

This facility is expected to open in the coming weeks after installation has been completed.

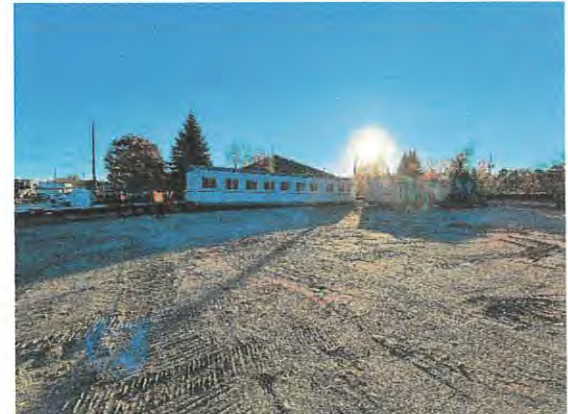
Supporting vulnerable individuals in our community

The County's [10-Point Homelessness Prevention Strategy](#) is a strong, data-driven strategy created to help the most vulnerable in our communities through initiatives that have been proven effective in other regions and across the communities we serve. It makes affordable housing even more attainable by increasing supply, creating "deep rent subsidies", increasing eviction prevention services, and improving available shelter. It commits the County to find new opportunities, enhance community shelter services, and improve safety throughout the community.

The goals identified in the plan use proven methods that create a safer community for all, with the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness at the forefront. They take a collaborative approach to build up communities, understanding the important relationship that is established when working together with all levels of government, service providers, the business community, and residents from all walks of life.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



County announces initial phase of warming centre locations across the region

Midhurst/November 4, 2025 – With winter rapidly approaching, the County of Simcoe is once again expanding warming centre services across the region, ensuring that no unhoused person or family who would like to come inside is left in the cold this winter.

In the County's first phase of its winter response strategy, warming centres began opening as of November 1st. The opening of the warming centres listed below are in alignment with local approvals, fire safety, building code and capacity limitations. For additional details, visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

While the ultimate goal remains full daily activation – including 24/7 bedded services (with the exception of temperature-activated beds in Bradford) – the first phase will launch at the following locations:

Barrie

- **The Busby Centre** – 90 Mulcaster St (**Opening Date Coming Soon**)
Capacity: 25 | Open Daily 24/7 | Pet-Friendly
- **Salvation Army** – 16 Bayfield St (**Open**)
Capacity: 15 | Open Daily 7:30 PM–7:30 AM
- **County of Simcoe Modular Facility** – 113 Tiffin St (**Opening Date Coming Soon**)
Capacity: 40 | Open Daily 24/7
- **Trinity Anglican Church** - 24 Collier St (**Opening Date Coming Soon**)
Capacity: 25 | Open Daily 9:30 PM–7:30 AM
- **Hope Centre** - 34 Mary St, Barrie, ON (**Opening Date Coming Soon**)
Capacity: 15 | Open Daily 7:30 PM– 7:30 AM

Orillia

- **Location information coming soon!**

Midland

- **The Guesthouse** – 522 Elizabeth St (**Open**)
Capacity: 8 | Open Daily 7:30 PM–7:30 AM

Wasaga Beach

- **Faith Community Church** – 1355 River Rd W (**Open**)
Capacity: 10 | Open Daily 7:30 PM–7:30 AM | Pet-Friendly

Bradford

- **WOW Living** – 177 Church St (**Open**)
Capacity: 10 | Temperature-Activated (-10°C threshold) | Open 7:30 PM–7:30 AM

On-site services vary by location and may include laundry, showers, meals, and other supports. For detailed service offerings, please visit simcoe.ca/winterwarming.

Additional locations may be added as approvals are received from local authorities.

This is just one of the ways the County of Simcoe is working with its partners to create spaces for those living unhoused who would like to come inside and out of the cold this winter. For more information on the County's 10-point Homelessness Prevention Strategy, please visit simcoe.ca/HomelessnessSystem.

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November 14, 2025

Essa Township
5786 Simcoe County Road 21
Utopia, ON L0M 1T0

Dear Township of Essa,

As a participating municipality in the County of Simcoe Bursary Program we are pleased to provide an update on the Bursary Program. This year we received a significant number of applications, reflecting the growing interest and enthusiasm within our communities for continuing education. Our Bursary Committee reviewed each application and after careful deliberation identified the recipients who best demonstrated exceptional promise, commitment to their community and alignment with the program's objectives.

The County of Simcoe is delighted to share that your resident **Ryan Halupka** has been selected by the Bursary Committee to receive a Simcoe County Bursary and has been notified as such. In submitting their application, applicants have agreed to have their name posted publicly on your website and/or an upcoming agenda should you wish to do so.

While we were unable to grant the bursary to all applicants due to the overwhelming response, we want to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone in your municipality who took the time to apply. We also would like to thank the Township of Essa for their continued support and commitment to the Simcoe County Bursary Program.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to sharing details about the upcoming 2026 Bursary Program!

Regards,

County of Simcoe



November 28, 2025

Premier Doug Ford

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held November 25, 2025 adopted the following:

12.4.11 Professional Activity (P.A) Day on Municipal Election Day – School Boards - Councillor Carpenter

Councillor Carpenter read the title of his notice of motion:

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are responsible for organizing and administering municipal and school board elections every four years, as mandated under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*; and

WHEREAS local schools are traditionally among the most convenient, accessible, and familiar polling locations for voters in all communities; and

WHEREAS schools offer important accessibility features such as level entrances, parking, and public visibility that make them ideal polling stations, particularly for seniors, parents, and persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS the use of schools as polling locations can lead to increased costs with regards to ensuring the safety and security of students; and

WHEREAS many municipalities face challenges securing suitable and accessible alternative voting locations, resulting in increased costs and reduced accessibility for voters; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act provides that school boards shall provide their facilities free of charge for the Municipal and School board elections; and

WHEREAS holding a province-wide Professional Activity (P.A.) Day for all publicly funded schools on municipal election day would alleviate concerns from school administrators for voting purposes while maintaining student safety; and

WHEREAS this coordinated approach would enhance voter convenience, improve accessibility, and help strengthen civic engagement and democratic participation by allowing electors to vote at their local schools without disrupting the student body; and

WHEREAS it would also create efficiencies and potential cost savings for municipalities by reducing the need to rent alternative facilities or implement special security measures; and

WHEREAS aligning a P.A. Day with municipal election day would require minimal disruption to the school calendar, as school boards already schedule several P.A. Days each academic year; and

WHEREAS this measure would demonstrate a spirit of cooperation between the Province of Ontario, local municipalities, and school boards to promote civic engagement and fiscal responsibility;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario and its members have lobbied the Province to establish a P.A day on Election Day;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. The Council of the City of Brantford respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to consider directing all publicly funded school boards in Ontario to schedule a Professional Activity (P.A.) Day on the date of the municipal election in each election year; and
- B. That this direction be made in consultation with the Ministry of Education, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and school board associations, to ensure consistency across the province; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - i. The Premier of Ontario;
 - ii. The Minister of Education;
 - iii. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - iv. The Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA);
 - v. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association (OCSTA); and
 - vi. All Ontario municipalities for their information and support
 - vii. MPP Will Bouma

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



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