

Meeting Details

In-Person Meeting Location: Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2nd Line East

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1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda.

4 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Recommendation: That the minutes of March 4, 2026 are approved.

5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

7.0 Public Question Period

8.0 Reports for Decision

9 8.1 Recycled Aggregates Report

Recommendation: That Council approve the recycled aggregates pilot during the upcoming construction season and that staff report back to Council with the findings and recommendations for future use.

9.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

12 9.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: February 3, 2026

- 18 9.2 Economic Development Committee Minutes: February 27, 2026
- 21 9.3 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes: February 27, 2026
- 30 9.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 26, 2026
- 45 9.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: March 12, 2026
- 53 9.6 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: March 18, 2026
- 56 9.7 Rosemont District Fire Department: Spring 2026 Newsletter
- 60 9.8 Campaign Cabinet Update: March 2026

Recommendation: That Council receives the committee minutes and reports as copied and circulated.

10.0 Information Items

- 61 10.1 User Fees and Charges By-law Amendments
- 63 10.2 Election Sign By-law Amendments
- 71 10.3 Municipal Emergency Control Group Amendments
- 76 10.4 Circular Materials Garbage Carts
- 79 10.5 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: Conservation Authority Amalgamation
- 102 10.6 Monica Watson: 5th Line Bridge Correspondence
- 106 10.7 Rev. Robert Graham: Water Usage Correspondence
- 107 10.8 Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22- Agricultural Policies
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- 115 10.10 Township of Melancthon: Z26-02 Public Notice
- 117 10.11 Thomson Rogers Shelburne & District Fire Board Notice
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- 124 10.14 Joint Candidate Information Sessions
- 125 10.15 Notice of Nomination Period for Interested Candidates
- 126 10.16 York Region: Circular Materials Resolution
- 128 10.17 Township of McNab/Braeside: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant
- 129 10.18 Town of Whitby: Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Discal Framework
- 133 10.19 Township of North Dumfries: Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Recommendation: That Council receives the information items as copied;
And that the following items be endorsed: _____

11.0 Closed Session

- 11.1 Staff Compensation
- 11.2 Land Acquisitions (NDCC)

11.3 Claims Against the Township

11.4 2026 Senior of the Year

Recommendation: That Council do rise into open session at _____ with the following motion:

That _____ be nominated to the Province as Mulmur's 2026 Senior of the Year;
And that staff proceed as directed.

12.0 Items for Future Meetings

12.1 Circular Materials Blue Cart Recycling (Councillor Clark)

12.2 New Official Plan

12.3 Fire Department By-law Consistency

12.4 Service Allocation Policy

12.5 UGDSB Delegation (June)

13.0 Passing of By-Laws

136 **13.1 User Fees and Charges Amending By-law**

140 **13.2 Signs on Municipal Highways By-law**

146 **13.3 Municipal Emergency Control Group Amending By-law**

147 **13.4 Confirmatory By-Law**

Recommendation: That by-laws 13.1 to 13.4 be approved.

14.0 Adjournment

Recommendation: That Council adjourns the meeting at _____ to meet again on May 6, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.



Council Minutes March 4, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Council Present: Mayor Horner, Deputy Mayor Hawkins, Councillors Clark Cunningham and Lyon

Staff Present: Tracey Atkinson, Heather Boston, Roseann Knechtel, Chris Wolnik

1.0 Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That the minutes of February 4, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

7.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel inquired about the use of recycled aggregates in 2026 capital projects. Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure confirmed a report to Council is anticipated.

8.0 Presentations

8.1 2025 Mansfield Water Annual Report

Council welcomed Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd., who presented the 2025 annual water reports for the Mansfield Water System.

Miedema spoke to the costs associated with the generator failure during the Spring 2025 ice storm and provided an overview of the annual testing and flow rates of the system.

Council applauded and thanked Meidema for his work and dedication.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives and approves the 2025 annual and summary reports of the Mansfield Well Supply under the Drinking Water Systems Regulation O. Reg. 170 as amended and submitted by Joe Miedema, P. Eng. General Manager of Dufferin Water Co. Ltd.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:21 a.m. and returned at 10:36 a.m.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Traffic Calming and Speed Reduction Policy

Council discussion ensued on the potential impacts of traffic calming and speed reduction on other road networks and directed staff to amend the policy to include ramifications as part of the development and evaluation of traffic calming and speed reduction (Sections 5.2, 6.1 and 7.0).

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approves the Traffic Calming and Speed Reduction Policy substantially in the form attached hereto;

And that the 2013 Speed Policy is hereby repealed.

Carried.

9.2 2026 Community Grants

Council reviewed the applications received to date and discussed offering a second intake in the fall.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council amends the Community Grant Policy to adjust the deadline for submissions to March 1st, with a second intake deadline of October 1st if funding remains available;

And that Council approve the following 2026 grant applications:

- Main Tract Trail Rehabilitation: \$500
- Headwater Farm Fresh Guide: \$500

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Shelburne District Fire Board Minutes: December 2, 2025**
- 10.2 Dufferin County Council Minutes: January 29, 2026**
- 10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 5, 2026**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 11, 2026**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Statutory Minutes: February 12, 2026**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: February 12, 2026**
- 10.7 NVCA Board Minutes: January 2026**
- 10.8 Shelburne Public Library Board Minutes: January 20, 2026**
- 10.9 Campaign Cabinet Update: February 2026**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Lyon

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports as copied and circulated.

Carried.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 OPP Detachment Board Q4 2025 Report**
- 11.2 MMAH - Mulmur Official Plan Correspondence**
- 11.3 Dufferin County Road Transfer Deferral Notice**
- 11.4 Stevenson Memorial Hospital Correspondence**
- 11.5 Upper Grand District School Board Funding Announcement**
- 11.6 Public Meeting Notice: Z26-01 556024/556034 Mulmur-Melancthon TL**
- 11.7 Lee Benson - February 9, 2026 Correspondence**
- 11.8 Town of Mono: OCIF Resolution**
- 11.9 Town of Orangeville: Bill 21 Resolution**
- 11.10 Township of Melancthon: Fire Board Resolution**
- 11.11 Township of Perry: Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources**
- 11.12 Municipality of Magnetewan: Bell Fibre Resolution**
- 11.13 Township of Papineau-Cameron: Veterinary College Resolution**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council receives the information items as copied;

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.9 and 11.11

Carried.

12.0 Closed Session

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn to closed session at 11:45 a.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for:

- two (2) matters related to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(k).

Carried.

Mayor Horner left the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and Deputy Mayor Hawkins assumed the position of Chair.

12.1 Fire Service Negotiations

12.2 UGDSB Negotiations

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council do rise out of closed session into open session 12:28 p.m. and direct staff to invite the UGDSB to attend an upcoming Council meeting.

Carried.

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

13.1 New Official Plan

13.2 Circular Materials Blue Cart Recycling (Councillor Clark)

13.4 Fire Department By-law Consistency

13.5 Recycled Aggregates Report

13.6 Service Allocation Policy

14.0 Passing of By-Laws

14.1 Automated Speed Enforcement Repealing By-law

14.2 Confirmatory By-Law

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

That By-laws 14.1 to 14.2 be approved.

Carried.

14.0 Adjournment

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourns the meeting at 12:29 p.m. to meet again on April 1, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk



Staff Report

To: Council
From: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure
Meeting Date: April 1, 2026
Subject: Recycled Aggregates pilot

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to implement a Recycled Aggregates pilot project.

Background:

Council requested that staff provide a report regarding the usage of recycled aggregates within infrastructure projects to address a question received at the January 7, 2026 Council meeting. Municipalities across Ontario are increasingly exploring the use of recycled aggregates as a sustainable alternative to traditional virgin aggregates. Recycled aggregates are often created by reclaiming concrete and asphalt that would otherwise end up in landfills. Recycled aggregate has been successfully used in road bases, granular fills, and other infrastructure applications.

Provincial direction, including the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan and Ontario's Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, encourage municipalities to reduce reliance on virgin resources and support circular economy practices. In February 2025, the Toronto Road Builders Association estimated that recycled crushed aggregates usage accounted for 7 % of the 180 million tonnes of aggregates used in Ontario for projects involving roads, highways, bridges and subdivisions. Several larger Ontario municipalities have already implemented recycled aggregate programs with positive results, including reduced material costs and decreased environmental impact.

The Township of Mulmur's geography and road network create ongoing demand for granular materials. Although the Township has an active gravel pit with a good supply of aggregates these materials are not an infinite resource. With the cost of aggregates production expected to increase in the future it is timely to evaluate recycled aggregates as an alternative.

Analysis:

A pilot project evaluating the use of recycled aggregates in various municipal applications, including parking lot bases, culvert bedding backfill, shoulder repair, drainage improvements, and other select capital works. A pilot project could assess performance, cost savings, environmental benefits, and long-term feasibility for broader adoption within the Township of Mulmur. Recycled aggregates could be sourced from a licensed and

reputable supplier meeting Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS). Material testing (gradation, compaction, durability) would be conducted to ensure compliance with municipal standards.

In the 2022 study commissioned by Toronto Area Road Builders Association, laboratory test results of all samples of recycled aggregates met OPPS requirements. Additional analytical testing found that the marginally detected concentrations of the selected metal or volatile organic compounds parameters analyzed in the recycled aggregates granular base effluent did not suggest the potential for sub-surface environmental impacts to result from the use of recycled aggregates base materials.¹ Based on this study, the quality of recycled aggregates are expected to be on par with traditional virgin aggregate material.

Quality and long-term performance uncertainty are usually cited as the main concerns of recycled aggregates usage in infrastructure projects. There are often perceived risks around durability and consistency in terms of limited local supply. Because of these concerns there could be a fear that performance issues could lead to higher lifecycle costs or additional testing requirements. The proposed pilot could further evaluate these typical concerns for smaller projects and non-essential travel before proposing recycled aggregate usage in larger infrastructure projects.

The following set of criteria could be used to evaluate the pilot project:

- Cost comparison versus virgin aggregate.
- Material performance (compaction, stability, drainage).
- Condition monitoring over time.
- Environmental impact (reduced trucking, reduced extraction).
- Operational feedback from Public Works staff.

Following the pilot project a report could be made available summarizing the findings and recommendations for a long-term recycled aggregates policy.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

It's in our Nature: Live - We commit to providing a balanced community and providing quality services. We will encourage increased community building and respectful social interactions to enrich the lives of Mulmur residents. We will provide a range of communications and facilities to promote play, growth, connection, active living and recognize the changing demographics of Mulmur.

It's in our Nature: Grow - We commit to developing a framework to shape our Township in a manner that protects our agriculture, natural resources and our rural character. We will embrace technology, support energy conservation, climate change mitigation and assess

¹ Assadi, A. Nov 2025. The Benefits of Using Recycled Crushed aggregates in Infrastructure Projects Study Report. Accessed March 17, 2026 from chrome-extension://efaidnbmninnibpcjpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.ossqa.com/multimedia/2022-12-06-140628-15051/exp-benefits_of_using_recycled_crushed_aggregates.pdf

environmental impacts in our decision-making process to grow the Township in a sustainable manner.

Financial Impacts:

The usage of recycled aggregates has the opportunity to offset virgin aggregate costs and stabilize long term material budgets. Costs for the pilot project could be absorbed within the existing Public Works budget. Staff time for monitoring and reporting could be accommodated within current workloads.

Environmental Impacts:

The environmental benefits include support for the circular economy and waste diversion goals for a recycled aggregates product that may have been destined for a landfill.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the recycled aggregates pilot during the upcoming construction season and that staff report back to Council with the findings and recommendations for future use.

Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



SHELburne & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

February 3, 2026

The Shelburne & District Fire Department **Board of Management** meeting was held in person at the Shelburne and District Fire Department on the above mentioned date at 7:00 P.M.

Present

As per attendance record.

1. **Opening of Meeting**

1.1 Vice Chair, Gail Little, called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

1.2 **Land Acknowledgement**

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

2. **Additions or Deletions**

Appointments of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary-Treasurer and Auditors deferred to the next meeting.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management approves the agenda as amended.

Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by B. Metzger – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management adopt the minutes under the dates of December 2, 2025 as circulated.

Carried

5. **Pecuniary Interest**

5.1 No pecuniary interest declared.

6. **Public Question Period**

6.1 No questions.

7. **Delegations / Deputations**

7.1 No delegations present.

8. **Unfinished Business**

8.1 Nothing at this time.

9. **New Business**

9.1 **Town of Shelburne Resolutions**

Resolution # 3

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management acknowledges the resolutions distributed by the Town of Shelburne dated December 15, 2025 and January 26, 2026.

Carried

9.2 **Fire Chief's Monthly Operations Report**

Resolution # 4

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE Shelburne & District Fire Department Joint Board of Management receives the Chief's Monthly Operations Report;

AND THAT The Shelburne and District Fire Department Joint Board of Management receives the December 2025 Draft Operations report and directs the Fire Chief to continue providing monthly reports to the identified goals.

Carried

10. **Chief's Report**

10.1 **Monthly Reports (December 2025 and January 2026)**

There are a total of 48 incidents for the month of December 2025 and a total of 41 incidents for the month of January 2026.

10.2 **Update from the Fire Chief**

The Chief advised the Board that we finished 2025 with 449 calls for service.

We have 6 recruits attending SFA (Southwest Fire Academy) for training.

The Chief asked the Board if we should include driver's abstract checks into the Criminal Record Check policy? Research what each municipality and the County does for their staff and bring it back to the next meeting.

11. **Future Business:**

11.1 Annual Audit (RLB)

12. **Accounts & Payroll – December 2025 - January 2026**

12.1 **Resolution # 5**

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The bills and accounts in the amount of \$98,108.85 for the period of November 29, 2025 to January 30, 2026 as presented and attached be approved for payment.

Carried

Resolution # 6

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following invoices related to MVC billing totalling \$27,445.00 be written off as uncollectable:

• 23-023	• 23-034
• 23-074	• 23-084
• 23-105	• 23-116
• 23-146	• 23-170
• 23-223	• 23-225
• 23-227	• 23-311
• 23-336	• 23-351
• 24-006	• 24-097
• 24-152	• 24-157
• 24-221	• 24-247

10.3 Closed Session

Resolution # 7

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board do now go “In Camera” to discuss the following:

Labour relations or employee negotiations and advice that is subject to Solicitor-Client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Resolution # 8

Moved by W. Mills – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We do now rise and report progress at 8:00pm.

Carried

13. **Confirming and Adjournment**

13.1 **Resolution # 9**

Moved by B. Metzger – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

All actions of the Board Members and Officers of the Shelburne and District Fire Board of Management, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; And each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members and Officers at the meeting held on the above date are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

Carried

13.2 **Resolution # 9**

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management do now adjourn at 8:01 pm to meet again on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

Nicole Hill
Secretary-Treasurer

Gail Little
Vice Chairperson

SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting Attendance Record Under Date of February 3, 2026

Municipality / Member	Present	Absent
Township of Amaranth		
Brad Metzger	X	
Gail Little	X	
Town of Mono		
Melinda Davie	X	
Fred Nix	X	
Township of Melancthon		
James McLean		X
Bill Neilson	X	
Town of Shelburne		
Wade Mills	X	
Shane Hall		X
Township of Mulmur		
Earl Hawkins		X
Janet Horner		X
Staff		
Dave Pratt – Fire Chief	X	
Jeff Clayton – Deputy Chief	X	
Nicole Hill – Sec/Treas.	X	



**Economic Development
Committee Minutes
February 27, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

Present: Daryl Stansfield, Chair
Lisa Thomson
Kim Lyon
Savannah Rogers
Diana Morris
Rebecca Landman, Central Counties Tourism
Roseann Knechtel, Secretary

1.0 Call to Order

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2.0 Appointment of a Chair

Moved by Morris Seconded by Rogers

That Lisa Thomson be appointed Chair of the EDC Committee for the February 27, 2026 meeting.

Carried.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Morris

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Rogers and Seconded by Morris

That the minutes of January 8, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

6.0 Administration

6.1 Central Counties Tourism

Rebecca Landman, Central Counties Tourism provided an overview of their mandate and current role in the Headwaters, York and Durham regions. An update was provided on the tourism role of Dufferin County and the services offered by Central Counties Tourism.

Members reviewed and discussed educational and funding opportunities available.

Direction was given to promote these Central Counties Tourism opportunities through the Township's communication channels.

6.2 Mulmur 175

- a) Family Day Winterfest Recap:** Members received the report.
- b) Bruce Trail End to End Badges:** Members reviewed the current budget and the quote for badges. Direction was given to move forward with buttons or stickers instead of badges.
- c) March Break Community Days:** Staff are awaiting posters from the Mansfield Ski Club to promote the event. No response was received regarding sponsorship opportunities.
- d) Maple Madness:** Rosemont Fire Association has agreed to allow the committee to use the griddles. Members discussed staffing. Daryl agreed to attend as an EDC member and the Township will have 1 staff member in attendance. Additional volunteers are required.
- e) Mulmur 175 Celebration BBQ:** Members discussed the Township event and provided the following directions:
 - Ice Cream Truck – to be booked by staff.
 - Mascots – Puma only.
 - Town Crier - Diana to provide contact information.
 - John Ireland – Confirmed.
 - Invite OPP to community events

6.0 Information Items

6.1 CCT Funding Opportunities

7.0 Items for Future Meetings

7.1 Dufferin County EDC

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Morris and Seconded by Rogers

That the Economic Development Committee adjourns the meeting at 10:35 a.m. to meet again on March 25, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.



02-26-BOD Agenda Minutes **(Draft)**
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday February 27, 2026 9:00 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Vice-Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township) - *departed at 10:58am*; Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township); Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City) - *departed at 10:52am*; Cllr. Joel Loughead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town) - *departed at 11:03am*; Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township)

NVCA Staff:

Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Tyler Mulhall, Senior Environmental Regulations Analyst – *departed at: 10:52am*; Michelle Schaeffle, Manager, Development Planning & Permits – *departed at: 10:52am*; Don Little, Manager, Stewardship & Restoration Services – *departed at: 10:52am*; Kerry Jenkins, Corporate Services Clerk/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town)

Guests:

Ellen Ferris, Associate, MHBC Planning Partner – *departed at: 10:45am*;
Jamie Robinson, MHBC Planning – *departed at: 10:45am*

1. Events

March Break Camp Tiffin

Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance children's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

NVCA staff have been excited to plan some winter camp activities which will be full of outdoor adventures. Activities may include wilderness survival

skills, kick sledding, wildlife discovery and learning how maple syrup is made!

Date: March 16 – 20, 2026

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

[Register here](#)

Tiffin Nature School

Winter Session at Tiffin Nature School is now open! At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth. Our program offers a rich environment with a diverse range of activities tailored to inspire, educate, and challenge different age groups.

Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays from December 9, 2026 – March 10, 2026

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

[Register here](#)

2. Call To Order

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

3. Land Acknowledgement

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg people. The Anishnaabeg (*a-nish-i-na-beck*) include the Ojibwe (*o-jib-way*), Odawa (*o-dah-wa*), and Pottawatomi (*pot-a-wa-tom-ee*) nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. We are dedicated to honouring Indigenous history and culture and committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation and respect with all First Nation, Métis and Inuit people.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary and Conflict of Interest

5. Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Recommendation:

RES: 15-26

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #02-26-BOD date on February 27 2026 be amended to move agenda item #14.2.4 to after agenda item #10; and

FURTHER THAT: the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried;

6. Chair's Update

Chair Scott shared his updates.

7. CAO's Update

Jennifer Vincent, CAO shared her updates.

8. Announcements

There were no announcements at this time.

9. Presentations

Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services conducted a presentation regarding the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area.

Recommendation:

RES: 16-26

Moved by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: the presentation be received as presented.

Carried;

10. Deputations

Deputation regarding Request for Fee Reduction. A presentation was conducted by MHBC.

Staff Report 14.2.4 was discussed after the deputation as per the amended agenda.

Recommendation:

RES: 17-26

Moved by: Vice-Chair Gail Little

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors refer item 14.2.4 back to staff to bring back at March 2026 Board meeting.

Carried by Recorded Vote;

Name	Municipality/Township	Yay/Nay
Mayor Scott Anderson	Township of Adjala-Tosorontio	yay
Vice-Chair/Deputy Mayor Gail Little	Township of Amaranth	yay
Councillor Gary Harvey	City of Barrie	yay
Councillor June Porter	Town of the Blue Mountains	yay
Chair/Councillor Jonathan Scott	Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury	yay
Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren	Clearview Township	yay
Councillor Christopher Baines	Town of Collingwood	yay

Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink	Township of Essa	nay
Councillor Joel Loughead	Municipality of Grey Highlands	yay
Councillor Kevin Eisses	Town of Innisfil	absent
Mayor Darren White	Township of Melancthon	yay
Councillor Ralph Manktelow	Town of Mono	yay
Councillor Patricia Clark	Mulmur Township	yay
Councillor Nicole Cox	Town of New Tecumseth	nay
Councillor Richard Schell	Township of Oro-Medonte	yay
Councillor Kyle Fegan	Town of Shelburne	absent
Councillor Phil Fisher	Township of Springwater	absent
Councillor Joe Belanger	Town of Wasaga Beach	yay

11. Hearings

There were no hearings at this time.

12. Determination of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Board members are requested to identify items from the Consent List that they wish to have considered for separate discussion.

13. Adoption of Consent List and Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion

Recommendation:

RES: 18-26

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 14.2.4 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #14; and

FURTHER THAT: all Consent List Agenda Items not referred for separate discussion be adopted as submitted to the board and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same; and

FURTHER THAT: any items in the Consent List not referred for separate discussion, and for which conflict has been declared, are deemed not to have been voted on or discussed by the individual making the declaration.

Carried;

14. Consent List

14.1. Adoption of Minutes

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting 11-25-BOD and 01-26-BOD dated January 23, 2026 be approved.

14.2. Staff Reports

14.2.1. Staff Report No. 04-02-26-BOD from Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services Regarding Conservation Services Fees Review 2026

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Directors receive Staff Report 04-02-26-BOD regarding the requested follow up to Staff Report No. 40-10-25-BOD.

14.2.2. Staff Report No. 05-02-26-BOD from Don Little, Manager, Stewardship & Restoration Services Regarding Stewardship RFQ - RFQ1 2026

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: The following contractors be confirmed as "preferred contractors" based on price quotes and credentials submitted as part of NVCA RFQ 1/2026 including:

Heavy Machinery and Trucking Services – **Rumball Excavation and Haulage**

Stream Habitat Restoration Crew – **Rumball Excavation and Haulage**

Water Resource Engineer – **GSS Engineering Consulting Ltd.**

River Morphologist – **GEO Morphix Ltd.**

Supplier of soil anchors – **Nottawasaga Community Economic Development Corporation**

14.2.3. Staff Report No. 06-26-BOD from Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services Regarding Fire Plan 2026

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report 06-02-26-BOD regarding the updated NVCA Fire Plan be received and approved.

14.2.4. Staff Report No. 07-02-26-BOD from Tyler Mulhall, Senior Environmental Regulations Analyst & Michelle Schaeffe Manager, Development Planning and Permits Regarding Planning Services Fee Appeal

Motion is found under agenda item 10.

14.2.5. Staff Report No. 08-02-26-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist Regarding Communications Report

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 36-09-25-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – January 15, 2026 – February 10, 2026, be received.

14.3. Amendment Regarding Appointed Board of Director's to NVCA's Agriculture Advisory Committee

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

WHEREAS the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) maintains an Agriculture Advisory Committee to support and provide guidance on matters related to agricultural interests within the watershed; and

WHEREAS the Board meant to appoint the same members as 2025; **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Pieter Kiezebrink be appointed to the NVCA's Agriculture Advisory Committee, effective immediately, in place of Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren.

15. In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 19-26

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 02-26-BOD move into closed session at 10:52am to address matters pertaining to:

a). Legal matters

FURTHER THAT: only Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services and Kerry Jenkins, Corporate Services Clerk be in attendance.

Carried;

16. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 20-26

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Cllr. Rick Schell

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at 11:07am and report progress.

Carried;

17. Other Business

18. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 21-26

Moved by: Cllr. Ralph Manktelow

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 11:08am to meet again on March 27, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

X

Jonathan Scott
Chair

X

Jennifer Vincent
Chief Administrative Officer



NVCA February 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: March 27, 2026, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#)

Presentation on the Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area

NVCA's Director of Conservation Services, Kyra Howes, gave a presentation on Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area.

Director Howes shared information on the cultural and ecological significance of the conservation area, as well as on the partnership with the Bruce Trail Conservancy for maintaining the conservation area.

Deputation regarding fee request reduction

NVCA's Board of Directors received deputations from MHBC and a staff report regarding a request to reduce fees for a proposed development

The Board of Directors resolved to refer the item back to staff to bring it forward for discussion during the March 2026 board meeting.

Conservation Services Fees

As directed by the Board of Directors in the November 2026 board meeting, staff reviewed Conservation Services fees to determine whether fees could be differentiated between watershed and non-watershed residents, similar to the structure currently used for NVCA hunting permits.

As several Conservation Services programs are actively being developed or expanded, introducing watershed-based fee distinctions could unintentionally discourage participation or complicate outreach efforts, particularly for

programs intended to grow and attract a broader user base.

Staff recommended continuing to apply a differentiated fee structure based on watershed and non-watershed residency to hunting permits only.

Preferred Vendors

The NVCA Board of Directors approved the following contractors to be confirmed as preferred contractors based on price quotes and credentials submitted as part of NVCA RFO 1/2026, including:

- Heavy Machinery and Trucking Services – Rumball Excavation and Haulage
- Stream Habitat Restoration Crew – Rumball Excavation and Haulage
- Water Resource Engineer – GSS Engineering Consulting Ltd. River Morphologist – GEO Morphix Ltd.
- Supplier of soil anchors – Nottawasaga Community Economic Development Corporation

The recommendations for preferred contractor status were based on the best overall value to NVCA, which takes into consideration cost, and expertise.

Upcoming Events

Tiffin Nature School

At Tiffin Nature School, children aged 2.5 to 10 are invited to explore and connect with the natural world. We nurture their innate curiosity, offering immersive outdoor experiences that inspire discovery and growth.

Dates: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

[Register here](#)

March Break Camp Tiffin

Led by NVCA's environmental educators, Camp Tiffin is an outdoor camp designed to enhance your child's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world and our amazing planet.

Our staff have been excited to plan winter camp activities this March Break which will be full of outdoor adventures.

Dates: March 16 – 20, 2026

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival

Hosted in partnership with the Rotary Club of Barrie, the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival is a tradition spanning more than three decades.

Visitors will journey back in time to discover how maple syrup was made in the past, then return to the present to see how it's crafted today.

Complete your tour with a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup, followed by fun family-friendly activities!

Date: April 11 and 12, 2026

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 26, 2026, 9:00 am

Dufferin County Administration Office, Sutton Room

55 Zina Street, 2nd Floor

Orangeville ON L9W 1E5

Councillors Present: Warden Lisa Post (Orangeville)
 Councillor John Creelman (Mono)
 Councillor Guy Gardhouse (East Garafraxa)
 Councillor Chris Gerrits (Amaranth)
 Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)
 Councillor Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
 Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
 Councillor Gail Little (Amaranth)
 Councillor James McLean (Melancthon)
 Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne)
 Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)
 Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)
 Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)
 Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)
 Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
 Michelle Dunne, Clerk
 Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
 Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
 Chris Hasson, Procurement Manager
 Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer
 Rajbir Sian, Director of Development and Tourism
 Gary Staples, Chief Paramedic
 Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity
 Brenda Wagner, Director of Health and Human Services

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Post called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Warden Post announced that the meeting is being live streamed and publicly broadcast. The recording of this meeting will also be available on our website in the future.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Warden Post shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Warden Post confirmed with the Clerk that quorum was present.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT the agenda and any addendum distributed for the February 26, 2026 meeting of Council, be approved.

CARRIED

5. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT the minutes of the special meeting of Council on February 11, 2026, the Statutory Public meeting on February 12, 2026 and regular meeting of Council on February 12, 2026, be adopted.

7. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Amyloidosis Awareness Month - March 2026

Warden Post proclaimed the month of March 2026 to be Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the County of Dufferin. Keith Dares, Director, Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network, was in attendance to accept the proclamation.

Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley) joined the meeting at 9:04 am.

Councillor Darren White (Melancthon) joined the meeting at 9:07 am.

7.2 Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Health Team

Dave Pearson, Executive Director, Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, delegated to Council regarding Care Days in Dufferin County.

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The following agenda items were requested to be moved to Section 11 for discussion:

- Item 10.1 - 2025 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid
- Item 10.4 - Bill 72 – Buy Ontario Act, 2025
- Item 10.5 - Adoption of Town of Grand Valley Updated Official Plan
- Item 10.6 - Draft Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Item 10.7 - Community Paramedic Funding
- Item 10.8 - Master Plan and Service Delivery Review – Final Report
- Item 10.10 - Program Review Update 1

Councillor John Creelman (Mono) joined the meeting at 9:17 am.

10. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Moved by: Councillor Hall

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT Items 10.1 to 10.3 be received, and any recommendations set out below, be approved.

CARRIED

10.1 Review of Council Policies – Report #3

A report from the Clerk, dated February 26, 2026, to seek approval of three revised policies.

THAT the report from the Clerk, Report No. CAO-2026-005, Review of Council Policies – Report 3, dated February 26, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the following attached revised policies be approved:

- **Notice Provision Policy #1-02-03**
- **Accountability and Transparency Policy #1-02-07**
- **Council Staff Relationship Policy #1-02-10**

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.2 Joint Compliance Audit Committee

A report from the Clerk, dated February 26, 2026, to provide information regarding the Joint Compliance Audit Committee.

THAT the report from the Clerk, Report No. CAO-2026-008, Joint Compliance Audit Committee, dated February 26, 2026, be received.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.3 Monthly Update from Outside Boards

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 26, 2026, to provide an update on outside boards.

THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, Report No. CAO-2026-007, Monthly Update from Outside Boards, dated February 26, 2026, be received.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

11. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS SEPARATED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 2025 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated February 26, 2026, to summarize amounts paid to, or on behalf of, Members of County Council in 2025.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report No. CS-2026-005, 2025 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses Paid, dated February 26, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Bill 72 – Buy Ontario Act, 2025

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Procurement Manager, dated February 26, 2026, to recommend submitting comments regarding *Bill 72: Buy Ontario Act, 2025*.

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Procurement Manager, Report No. CS-2026-006, Bill 72 - Buy Ontario Act, 2025, dated February 26, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Dufferin County submit the attached submission letter regarding Bill 72 – Buy Ontario Act, 2025 to the Environmental Registry prior to the close of the review period.

CARRIED

11.3 Adoption of Town of Grand Valley Updated Official Plan

A report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, dated February 26, 2026, to recommend approval of the Town of Grand Valley Official Plan Amendment No. 8, subject to the implementation of modifications.

Moved by: Councillor Gerrits

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT the report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, Report No. PD-2026-004, Adoption of Town of Grand Valley Updated Official Plan, dated February 26, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council approve, subject to the implementation of 32 modifications, the Town of Grand Valley Official Plan Amendment No. 8, as adopted by By-law 2025-57.

CARRIED

11.4 Draft Anti-Discrimination Policy

A report from the Director of People and Equity, dated February 26, 2026, to seek approval of an Anti-Discrimination Policy.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT the report of the Director People and Equity, Report No. PE-2026-004, Draft Anti-Discrimination Policy, dated February 26, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the draft Anti-Discrimination Policy be approved.

CARRIED

11.5 Community Paramedic Funding

A report from the Chief Paramedic and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated February 26, 2026, regarding funding for the Community Paramedic Program and to seek approval to continue the program.

Moved by: Councillor Creelman

Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from Chief of Paramedic Services and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report No. PS-2026-004, Community Paramedic Funding, dated February 26, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the status quo be maintained for the program delivery;

AND THAT any Provincial funding shortfall be offset from the Paramedic Services Reserve;

AND THAT the County advocate for ongoing funding to support the program.

CARRIED

11.6 Master Plan and Service Delivery Review – Final Report

A report from the Chief Paramedic, dated February 26, 2026, to seek approval to draft a comprehensive commercial agreement for the delivery ambulance services with Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the report from the Chief of Paramedic Services, Report No. PS-2026-003, Master Plan and Service Delivery Review – Final Report, dated February 26, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the Chief of Paramedic Services and County staff draft a comprehensive commercial agreement for the delivery of Ambulance Services between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Headwaters Health Care Centre;

AND THAT the contract will be for a term of five (5) years with an option to extend for an additional two (2) years.

CARRIED

11.7 Program Review Update 1

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated February 26, 2026, to provide an update on the County program review.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, Report No. CAO-2026-006, Program Review Update 1, dated February 26, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Budget Planning and Financial Governance Reform

Moved by: Councillor McLean

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

WHEREAS County Council has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the long-term financial health, sustainability, and resilience of the County of Dufferin;

AND WHEREAS effective financial governance requires Council to have sufficient time and information to consider emerging budget pressures, strategic priorities, and long-term forecasts before formal budget adoption;

AND WHEREAS staff financial projections indicate that, absent structural changes, the County may face continued pressure from rising expenditures, significant tax increases, and potential depletion of capital reserves;

AND WHEREAS Council regularly considers in-year budget requests without a comprehensive view of their cumulative impact on the current budget, future tax rates, and long-term financial forecasts;

AND WHEREAS County Council has approved higher-than-historical tax increases in recent years, and Council recognizes that continued increases at this level are not sustainable for taxpayers over the long term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare a Budget Process Policy and associated procedures that support long-term financial sustainability, strengthen Council oversight and accountability, and establish a more structured, transparent, and forward-looking approach to budget planning and in-year financial decision-making;

AND THAT staff incorporate the feedback provided by Council during the discussion and report back with the proposed policy and procedures for consideration.

CARRIED

15. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Gerrits

Seconded by: Councillor Horner

THAT Council move into Closed Session at 10:30 am in accordance with the Municipal Act, Section 239 2(d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

CARRIED

15.1 Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) Negotiation Mandate (Municipal Act, Section 239(d) labour relations or employee negotiations)

16. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

While in Closed Session, Council received a report regarding labour relations.

Moved by: Councillor Mills
Seconded by: Councillor Hall

THAT Council return to open session (10:34 am).

CARRIED

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Moved by: Councillor Nix
Seconded by: Councillor Hall

THAT staff proceed as directed in Closed Session.

CARRIED

18. BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor Mills
Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT By-Law 2026-15, By-Law 2026-17 through to By-Law 2026-22, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

18.1 2026-15 Amend Traffic By-Law 2005-32 (Amend Speed on Dufferin Road 11 and Dufferin Road 124 - Schedules F and G)

A by-law to amend By-Law 2005-32, Schedule "F" and Schedule "G", to regulate traffic on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Dufferin.
Authorization: Council - February 12, 2026

18.2 2026-17 Estimates By-Law

A by-law to adopt the estimates for the sums required during the year 2026 for general purposes of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin.
Authorization: Council - February 11, 2026

18.3 2026-18 Tax Ratios By-Law

A by-law to set tax ratios, and to set tax rate reductions, for prescribed property subclasses, for County purposes and lower-tier municipal purposes, for the year 2026.

Authorization: Council - February 11, 2026

18.4 2026-19 Tax Rates By-Law

A by-law to establish property tax rates for upper-tier (County) purposes for the year 2026.

Authorization: Council - February 11, 2026

18.5 2026-20 Charities Rebate By-Law

A by-law to provide property tax rebates to eligible charities for the year 2026.

Authorization: Council - February 11, 2026

18.6 2026-21 Low Income Seniors Rebate By-Law

A by-law to provide tax relief to certain low-income seniors and low-income persons with disabilities, who are owners of real property in the County of Dufferin, for the year 2026.

Authorization: Council - February 11, 2026

18.7 2026-22 Upper Grand District School Board (Lease - Mel Lloyd Centre)

A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Upper Grand District School Board.

Authorization: Council - February 26, 2026

19. OTHER BUSINESS

20. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2026-23 Confirmatory By-Law - February 26, 2026

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on February 26, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT By-Law 2025-23 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

21. NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7 pm in the Sutton Room at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Moved by: Councillor Gerrits

Seconded by: Councillor Creelman

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Warden

Clerk



Council Highlights

County of Dufferin
55 Zina Street, Orangeville, Ontario

For Immediate Release: March 2, 2026

Dufferin County Council met on February 26, 2026 for a Council meeting. For the full Council meeting agenda and minutes, please see the County's [Meeting Agendas and Minutes page](#).

Here are the highlights of the February 26 meeting:

- [Dufferin County proclaims March Amyloidosis Awareness Month in Dufferin](#)
- [Dave Pearson, Executive Director, Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, delegated regarding Care Days](#)
- [County Council to submit comments regarding *Bill 72: Buy Ontario Act, 2025*](#)
- [County Council approves the Town of Grand Valley Official Plan Amendment No. 8 subject to the implementation of 32 modifications](#)
- [County Council approves Anti-Discrimination Policy](#)
- [County Council approve continuing the Dufferin County Community Paramedic Program and to advocate for ongoing funding to support the program](#)
- [County Council receives update on Municipal Service Review](#)

Dufferin County proclaims March Amyloidosis Awareness Month in Dufferin

Dufferin County Council proclaimed March Amyloidosis Awareness Month in Dufferin County. Keith Dares, Director, Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network, accepted the proclamation.

Amyloidosis Awareness Month is recognized in March to raise awareness, fund research, and support those living with amyloidosis.

Dave Pearson, Executive Director, Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, delegated regarding Care Days

Dave Pearson delegated to Dufferin County Council on Care Days. HOHC OHT aims to deliver an integrated approach to supporting vulnerable populations in Dufferin/Caledon by increasing access to health and social care in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment. Care Days are an opportunity for everyone in the Dufferin/Caledon community who may not have access to care providers to connect with a variety of health and social care organizations in one place.

The delegation highlighted upcoming Care Days and information on what's next for Care Days.

County Council to submit comments regarding *Bill 72: Buy Ontario Act, 2025*

Dufferin County expressed support for the Province's objective of strengthening Ontario's economy, supporting local businesses and enhancing supply chain resilience through public-sector procurement with Bill 72: Buy Ontario Act, 2025. The County indicated that it shares these goals and recognizes the important role that public purchasing can play in supporting Ontario-based suppliers and workers; however, as an upper-tier municipality responsible for a broad range of services and infrastructure delivery, the County also wishes to highlight several considerations to support effective, practical, and proportionate implementation of the Act at the municipal level.

Dufferin County indicated that it looks forward to continued collaboration with the Province as the Buy Ontario framework is implemented and would welcome the opportunity to provide further input as procurement directives are developed.

County Council approves the Town of Grand Valley Official Plan Amendment No. 8 subject to the implementation of 32 modifications

The Town of Grand Valley recently finalized the updating of their Official Plan, which was undertaken to ensure conformity with the County of Dufferin Official Plan.

County planning staff identified 32 modifications that are to be implemented upon the County's approval of the Town's Official Plan.

The Town of Grand Valley has indicated a desire to be provided exemption from County of Dufferin approval for all applications under section 17 of the Planning Act. County staff outlined steps that must be proceeded with prior to a request being circulated to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

County Council approves Anti-Discrimination Policy

County Council approved an Anti-Discrimination Policy that strengthens the County's commitment to fostering a safe, equitable, and inclusive environment for employees and the public. The Policy provides a clear organizational framework to prevent, address, and monitor discrimination, aligning with the County's strategic priorities and human-rights-centered values

County Council approve continuing the Dufferin County Community Paramedic Program and to advocate for ongoing funding to support the program

The Dufferin County Community Paramedic Program is an innovative approach to the delivery of health care services by paramedics that allows them to use their training and expertise in community-based, non-emergency care roles. It was created in the Fall of 2014 and is a non-emergency, community-based service with a focus on health promotion and injury prevention.

County Council approved that the status quo be maintained for the program delivery, that any Provincial funding shortfall be offset from the Paramedic Services Reserve and that the County advocate for ongoing funding support to support the Community Paramedic Program.

County Council receives update on Municipal Service Review

Dufferin County is currently conducting a Municipal Service Review to examine opportunities to improve operational effectiveness and identify cost savings. The County's CAO provided the first update on the Review to County Council.

Approximately 50 specific programs and processes have been identified as part of the initial three-month review period, and other programs have been identified as requiring a longer-term review.

Staff will provide further updates to Council throughout the review process with a final report expected in spring 2026.

About Dufferin County Council

Dufferin County Council consists of 15 members representing each of the eight municipalities in Dufferin. Council meeting processes are set out in the County's Procedural By-Law.

Dufferin County Council and Committee meetings can be watched live on the [County's website](#).

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DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 12, 2026, 7:00 pm

Dufferin County Administration Office, Sutton Room

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Orangeville ON L9W 1E5

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Staff Present: Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer
 Michelle Dunne, Clerk
 Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
 Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
 Melissa Kovacs-Reid, Manager of Waste Services
 Rajbir Sian, Director of Development and Tourism
 Gary Staples, Chief Paramedic
 Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity
 Brenda Wagner, Director of Health and Human Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Post called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Warden Post announced that the meeting is being live streamed and publicly broadcast. The recording of this meeting will also be available on our website in the future.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Warden Post shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. ROLL CALL

The Clerk verbally took a roll call of the Councillors in attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT the agenda and any addendum distributed for the March 12, 2026 meeting of Council, be approved.

CARRIED

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the open session and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of Council on February 26, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

7. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Regional Transit Study

Dennis Kar, Discipline Lead, Integrated Mobility Services, Dillon Consulting Ltd., presented the findings of the transit study survey. The consultant reviewed possible integrations with other services, inter-community corridor options, funding opportunities, and governance options. Next steps will include developing a service plan, a fare structure analysis, reviewing governance models, implementation steps, and additional public engagement.

Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur) joined the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne) joined the meeting at 7:38 pm.

7.1.1 Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, Wellington Regional Transit Study Update

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated March 12, 2026, to share early findings from the Regional Transit Study and seek Council's feedback.

Moved by: Councillor Little

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, Report No. CAO-2026-010, Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, Wellington Regional Transit Study Update, dated March 12, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

7.2 Long Term Waste Management Strategy

Lori Andrews, B.Eng., P.Eng., Project Manager, Associate, Dillon Consulting Ltd., presented an update on the Long Term Waste Management Strategy. The consultant reviewed the public engagement results and recommendation list of initiatives to continue implementing/reviewing, initiatives to maintain/monitor and initiatives to discontinue. Next steps

include refining the options recommended, further engagement including an open house and online survey, and a final Council presentation.

7.2.1 Dufferin County Long-Term Waste Management Strategy Update – Strategic Direction and Proposed Initiatives

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated March 12, 2026, to seek feedback and direction on the Long-Term Waste Management Strategy (LTWMS) Update.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Creelman

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Report No. PW-2025-011, Dufferin County Long-Term Waste Management Strategy – Strategic Direction and Proposed Initiatives, dated March 12, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council direct staff to consider the waste initiatives outlined in this report as part of the Long-Term Waste Management Strategy Update.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Matthew Smith, an Orangeville resident, asked if there are any plans to implement a permanent household and hazardous waste collection site within the County. The Director of Public Works/County Engineer noted staff have reviewed options including having a mobile depot to move around the County; however, it still requires a centralized location and there is a significant cost associated with this option. Currently, it is not in the list of short term priorities but it may be included in the Long Term Management Strategy update.

Ric Ugolini, an Orangeville resident, inquired if recycling will be switched to a bi-weekly pick up. The Director of Public Works/County Engineer noted the Circular Materials Ontario runs the recycling program within the County and no plans to change the pickup frequency of recycling have been communicated. If any changes are made, the County will assist to communicate the change with

residents. Mr. Ugolini asked if households can obtain a second large recycling cart, the Director noted currently there is no option to obtain a second bin at the moment. The Warden added Circular Materials has advised following the cart rollout, they will be providing more information on obtaining an additional cart or switching carts. The Director confirmed plastic film placed in the recycling bin must be clean.

9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The following agenda items were requested to be moved to Section 11 for discussion:

- Item 10.3 - Bill Hill Scholarship Selection Committee

10. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Moved by: Councillor McLean

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT Items 10.1 to 10.3 be received, and any recommendations set out below, be approved.

CARRIED

10.1 Museum of Dufferin Undocumented Property Policy

A report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, dated March 12, 2026, to seek approval of the Museum's Undocumented Property Policy.

THAT the report from Director of Community Development and Tourism, Report No. PD-2026-008, Museum of Dufferin Undocumented Property Policy, dated March 12, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the Museum of Dufferin Undocumented Property Policy be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.2 Adoption of Township of East Garafraxa Official Plan Amendment No. 11

A report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, dated March 12, 2026, to recommend approval of the Township of East Garafraxa Official Plan Amendment No. 11.

THAT the report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, Report No. PD-2026-013, Adoption of Township of East Garafraxa Official Plan Amendment No. 11, dated March 12, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council approve the Township of East Garafraxa Official Plan Amendment No. 11, as adopted through By-law 4-2026.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.3 Draft Non-Union Wage and Salary Administration Policy

A report from the Director of People and Equity, dated March 12, 2026, to seek approval of the Non-Union Wage and Salary Administration Policy.

THAT the report from the Director of People & Equity, Report No. PE-2026-0005, Draft Non-Union Wage and Salary Administration Guidelines, dated March 12, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the Draft Non-Union Wage and Salary Administration Policy be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

11. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS SEPARATED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Bill Hill Scholarship – Selection Committee

A report from the Clerk, dated March 12, 2026, to request a member of Council participate in the Bill Hill Scholarship Selection Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the report from the Clerk, Report No. CAO-2026-009, Bill Hill Scholarship – Selection Committee, dated March 12, 2026 be received;

AND THAT the Councillor Gerrits be appointed to the 2026 Bill Hill Scholarship Selection Committee.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13.1 Operational Performance Review of Highway 10

Councillor Creelman noted he intends to bring forward a Notice of Motion to ask the Ministry of Transportation to release the Operational Performance Review of Highway 10. Councillor McLean noted he intends to table a similar motion at the Township of Melancthon. Councillors Creelman and McLean will compose a notice of motion.

14. MOTIONS

15. CLOSED SESSION

16. BY-LAWS

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor White noted there have been two serious motor vehicle collisions in Melancthon recently. He would like Council to commit to advocating for increased policing and better safety initiatives for Highway 10, including a delegation at the upcoming AMO conference with the Ministry of Transportation and Solicitor General. Staff and the Dufferin OPP Detachment Commander will meet to discuss road safety in the County.

Councillor Nix asked if fire education should be done at the County level, or if it could be considered. The Warden suggested that it should be discussed amongst the Fire Chiefs.

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2026-24 Confirmatory By-Law - March 12, 2026

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on March 12, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor McLean

THAT By-Law 2026-24 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

19. NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 9 am in the Sutton Room at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Warden

Clerk



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

March 18, 2026

Present: Bill Neilson, Chair – Melancthon Township
Kim Lyon, Vice Chair – Mulmur Township
Earl Hawkins – Mulmur Township
Ralph Moore – Melancthon Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Jeff Merkley – Acting Deputy Fire Chief
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Moore Seconded by Hawkins

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Moore

That the minutes of January 21, 2026 be approved.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

6. Administration

6.1 Argo UTV

Members discussed the replacement of the 2000 Argo. A committee of 3 firefighters explored and obtained quotes for various options. Members reviewed the capital budget and discussed the sale of the current Argo to help offset the costs.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur–Melancthon Fire Board approve the purchase of the 2026 Argo Aurora 950 with a removable winter track system and authorize staff to place the order.

Carried.

6.2 Fire Boards General Discussion - None

6.3 General Fire Chief Update

Chief Waterfield updated Members on Department activities, noting:

- A total of 13 calls to date in 2026 with the majority being MVC's.
- Provincial Fire Service Grant materials have been delivered. Masks need to be fitted and tested. This will be completed internally.
- Generator repair ongoing

7. Information Items

7.1 Accounts

7.2 2026 Budget to Actual

Moved by Lyon Seconded by Moore

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board receive the information items as presented.

Carried.

8. Items for Future Meetings

8.1 Fire Chief Performance Review Policy

8.2 Deputy Chief/Captain Performance Review Policy

8.3 2025 Annual Report

10. Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Lyon

That we do now adjourn at 6:07 p.m. to meet again on May 13, 2026 at 5:30 pm, in person at the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Hall, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary



ROSEMONT DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEWSLETTER – SPRING/SUMMER 2026

ONTARIO'S NEW CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM REQUIREMENTS

Effective January 1, 2026, the Ontario Fire Code has expanded its carbon monoxide (CO) alarm requirements for all residential properties.

Here's what you need to know:

Homeowners must now install CO alarms on every level of your home – not just near sleeping areas. This applies if you have a gas appliance, a wood-burning fireplace, an attached garage, or an outdoor furnace.

Landlords are legally responsible for ensuring working CO alarms are installed in every required location before tenants move in. This applies to houses, townhouses, apartments, and condos.

Tenants must test alarms monthly and report any issues to your landlord right away. Where alarms must go: Adjacent to each sleeping area and on every storey of the home, including levels without bedrooms. Multi-unit buildings have additional requirements near garages and shared mechanical rooms.

Replacing your alarm: CO alarms should be replaced every 7–10 years. Look for models marked CSA-6.19 or UL 2034 to meet Ontario safety standards.



For full details, visit ontario.ca and search "carbon monoxide alarms," or contact the Rosemont District Fire Department for local guidance. See our contact information at the back of this newsletter.



FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Captain Jessica Little

I have been a proud member of the Rosemont District Fire Department for 16 years and currently serve as Captain. Being raised on a farm right here in Rosemont means this community isn't just where I serve — it's home. I grew up alongside so many of the people we now respond for, and that makes this role incredibly meaningful to me.

My passion for first response started as a lifeguard and continued through ski patrol and working in Ambulance Dispatch. Helping people in moments of need is really all I've ever known, and each experience has shaped me into the firefighter I am today.

Now, as a mom of three, I feel even more connected to this community. I truly believe in the importance of looking out for one another. Rosemont Fire isn't just a department — it's family — and it's an honour to serve the place and people I care so deeply about.



Featured in our last spotlight, Anthony Felice has earned a spot with the Toronto Fire Service! Congrats Anthony! We look forward to having you back at Rosemont after training!

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR ROSEMONT



Sylvia Jones, MPP and Chief Mike Blacklaws

Ontario's Fire Protection Grant has doubled this year from \$10 million to \$20 million provincially, and the Rosemont District Fire Department is a direct beneficiary.

"Our firefighters face new and evolving risks, and our government is committed to giving them the tools they need to stay safe," said Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon.

The grant will be used to offset the price of a Circul-Air Toro-Decon unit. This specialized system removes carcinogens from firefighting gear after a fire, directly reducing our firefighters' long-term cancer risk. The remainder of the cost will be split between the Rosemont District Fire Department and the Rosemont District Firefighters Association.

DID YOU KNOW?

KNOW BEFORE YOU BURN — RULES FOR OUR AREA

Burn rules differ depending on where you live. Check your local burn bylaws and permit requirements, or contact your local township office. All three can issue a total burn ban at any time.

- townofmono.com/forms-permits/fire-permits
- adjtos.ca/community/online-payments/burn-permits
- mulmur.ca/live/fire



WILDFIRE SEASON IS HERE

A Little Work Around Your Property Can Make a BIG Difference

Wildfires don't always reach your door to destroy your home. Most homes are actually ignited by embers — burning debris carried by wind up to 2 kilometres ahead of a fire — that land on roofs, decks, and in gutters. The good news: Some simple yard maintenance can dramatically improve your home's chances of surviving.

Know When Fire Spreads Fastest: Wildfires are most dangerous in the early-to-mid afternoon when temperatures peak, humidity drops, and vegetation has dried out from the morning dew. Wind is the other key factor — it carries embers far ahead of the fire front and feeds flames with oxygen. Hot, dry, and windy afternoons are when fires move fastest and change direction most unpredictably. In 2023, Canada saw 14.6 million hectares burn — four times the 10-year national average.

How Fire Travels Through Your Property: Fire moves in three ways: along the ground through dry grass and debris, up into treetops through "ladder fuels" (shrubs and low branches that bridge the gap between ground and canopy), and then crown to crown through treetops. Breaking these pathways on your property is the goal.

THREE THINGS YOU CAN DO THIS SEASON

- 1** Clear within 10 metres of your home. Remove dead plants, dry grass, woodpiles touching the house, and debris from gutters and roof edges — prime spots for embers to land and ignite.
- 2** Prune trees and break the ladder. Remove branches up to 2 metres from the ground on coniferous trees, and space shrubs so fire can't travel between them.
- 3** Space your tree crowns. Keep at least 3 metres between the outermost branches of neighbouring trees to prevent crown-to-crown fire spread.



WANT THE FULL GUIDE?

Download the free FireSmart™ Begins at Home Guide. It includes a property self-assessment. firesmartcanada.ca or scan the QR code





THANK YOU PANCAKE SUPPER & OPEN HOUSE!



Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$1,000 for the Rosemont District Firefighters Association. Funds that go directly toward critical equipment in your community.

Shout out to Maple Grove Farms, Sheldon Creek Dairy and Arthur Needles for their huge contributions. And thank you to YOU for making it such a successful and fun evening. See you next year!



From medical response and vehicle extrication to structure fires and technical rescues, our crew trains every week to make sure we're prepared when it matters.

Your continued support helps us stay ready to serve. Every donation, big or small, goes directly toward equipment for the Rosemont District Fire Department. If you'd like to contribute, every bit truly helps. Thank you.



To Donate:

- **E-Transfer:** rdffa@rosemontfire.ca
 - **Cheque:** Payable to **Rosemont District Firefighters Association**
- Mail to: 955716 7th Line EHS, Mono ON L9V 1C8**

Tax receipts are issued for amounts over \$25.



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INFORMATION REPORT

Campaign Cabinet

April 1, 2026

MyHoneywood Team met on March 16, 2026 with the following highlights:

- Corporate fundraising and Long Driveway conversations remain ongoing, with a goal of 3 commitments for 2026 and a subsequent meeting scheduled. One significant meeting occurred in March.
- The Recognition Wall deferred to September "Recognition Wall", to allow for a social media outreach in advance, and the use of the tvs in the interim. The committee accepted tree theme recognition levels. The committee accepted tree theme recognition levels, including Maple >50 or >25k, Oak >5k, Pine, Birch.
- Discussions occurred regarding various smaller capital projects available for sponsorship and fundraising efforts.
- Guidelines for naming rights were accepted. Approximate values were established to assist Council and the CAO.
- The kitchen project was supported, and continues to be a focus for 2026. Funds are to come from project specific donations opposed to a percentage basis. Additional discussions occurred and the need to update the mandate and promotional materials was discussed. A subsequent meeting is to occur regarding the design, followed by an additional pricing/sponsorship meeting.
- The Township has applied for an accessibility grant for the elevator/lift and kitchen renovations.
- Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2026 at 12:00pm

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



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INFORMATION

Schedule of User Fees and Charges

April 1, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposed changes to the Township's Schedule of User Fees and Charges by-law.

Key Changes:

The following changes are in line with 2025 inflation rate of 2.4%:

1. **Tax Registration – Fee Due at Time of Registration:** This fee would be due at the time of registration to cover all the time and costs incurred to the Township to put the property into registration. The fee would be \$250, and this is comparable to many municipalities throughout the province.
2. **Tax Registration-Conduct Property Sale:** This would be a \$1,000 fee to cover staff time and Township costs incurred to put a property into registration.
3. **Planning Letter:** This \$150 fee is similar to the Property Information Report and would cover staff time spent to research and prepare a letter for residents, such as providing planning data which is used by residents in relation to capital gains on vacant land.
4. **Ice Rental Rates:**
 - Increase minor hockey and figure skating rates from \$160 to \$166.76 per hour
 - Increase prime time from \$200 to \$204.80 per hour.
 - Increase prime-time non-resident rates from \$270 to \$276.48 per hour.
 - Increase non-prime time/last-minute ice from \$115 to \$117.76 per hour.
 - Increase non-prime time/last-minute non-resident from \$145 to \$148.48/hour.
 - Increase birthday party package from \$200 to \$204.80 and non-resident from \$250 to \$256.
 - Add a Sponsored Public Skate charge of \$200 for 2 hours of public skating time.

Next Steps:

A by-law is provided in the By-law section of the agenda package for consideration by Council.

Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer
Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Schedule A: User Fees and Charges



INFORMATION

Signs on Municipal Highways By-law Update

April 1, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposed changes to the Township's Sign By-law.

Background:

As part of the Township's ongoing by-law and policy review for the 2026 Municipal Election, staff have completed a review of the Sign By-law and are proposing changes and updates in the form of a new by-law.

In 2022, Council approved the Sign By-law that regulates signage and advertising devices on municipal highways. While the core principles of the original by-law remain unchanged, the proposed 2026 By-law is more comprehensive and provides enhanced definitions, detailed procedures and administration.

Key Changes:

- Harmonizing and adding definitions with other Township by-laws and current legislation including Candidate, Election Sign, Highway, Officer, Registered Third Party, and Wayfinding Signs.
- Included a maximum size for private signs on municipal highways to 0.56 m² (6 sq ft) which is generally consistent with standard Real Estate Sign sizing.
- Consolidated community signage (public auctions, garage sales, special events) into a single Special Event Sign definition and category for consistency.
- Included Wayfinding Signs as a permitted sign.
- Provide authority for the Township to dispose of signage if not removed within the allotted time periods, or if illegally placed.
- Strengthened prohibitions regarding illumination, traffic hazards and misleading signage.
- Adjusted provisions for the timing of election sign placement to reflect relevant 2025 case law (Charles Frederick Armstrong v. Township of Russell).
- Delegated authority to the Clerk for election sign matters and the Director of Infrastructure for general sign matters on municipal lands.
- General administrative updates for grammar, numbering, and organization.

Next Steps:

A by-law is provided later in the meeting for consideration.

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Schedule A – Tracked Changed 2022 Sign By-law



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-Law No. - 2026

Being a by-law to regulate signs and advertising devices on municipal lands and highways within the Township of Mulmur

Whereas Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, confers broad authority on a municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

And whereas Section 9 of the Municipal Act, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purposes of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

And whereas under Section 11 of the Municipal Act, the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur, as a lower tier municipality, has non-exclusive authority to pass by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction relating to highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

And whereas the Municipal Act provides that a Council may pass a by-law to prohibit or regulate structures, including signs and other advertising devices;

And whereas Section 99 of the Municipal Act, sets out rules which apply to a by-law of a municipality respecting advertising devices, including signs;

And whereas Council has determined that there is a need to enact a by-law prohibiting and regulating signs and advertising devices on highways and within road allowances, to preserve the rural character, reduce roadside visual clutter and ensure the safety of the public while travelling highways in the municipality;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 Definitions

Abandoned Sign means a sign which no longer correctly directs or advertises a bona-fide business, lessor, service, owner, product or activity and/or for which no legal owner can be found.

~~**Agricultural Sign** means a sign accessory to the permitted agricultural use.~~

Commented [RK1]: Covered under the zoning by-law

Advertising Device means any device or object designed and intended to be erected or located as to attract public attention and includes flags, banners, pennants, lights or any object intended for advertising purposes, and shall include a Sign.

Alter means any change to a sign structure, size and/or location but shall not include the replacement of a sign face or panel, painting, repainting, cleaning or normal maintenance and repair.

Candidate means a person who has been nominated or registered to run in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act, or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Clerk means the Clerk of the Township of Mulmur, and shall also include the Deputy Clerk, duly appointed under the Municipal Act.

Council means the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur.

Election Sign means any Sign no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area promoting, supporting, opposing or taking a position with respect to; ~~including a poster sign or rigid ground mounted sign, advertising support or opposition for a candidate, a political party, or a “yes” or “no” answer to a question on the ballot in a municipal, school board, provincial or federal election”;~~

- a) ~~A question, law or by-law submitted to the electors under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or any other legislation;~~
- b) ~~An issue associated with a person or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; or~~
- c) ~~A Candidate or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.~~

Commented [RK2]: Amended to match legislation

Highway means a common or public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place under the jurisdiction of the Township of Mulmur and includes any bridge, trestle, viaduct or other structure forming part of the highway and includes any area between the lateral property lines of the highway.

Commented [RK3]: Consistent definition with other by-laws

Illuminated Sign means any Sign, which is digital or lit by a direct, indirect, internal or external light source.

~~**Occupant** means the person in physical possession of the premises and includes all persons who have the responsibility for the control over the condition of the premises or the activities there carried on notwithstanding that there may be more than one occupant of the same premises.~~

Commented [RK4]: Included in Owner

Owner means

- a) ~~The registered owner of a lot, including a person managing or receiving rent from the lot, whether on their own account or as an agent or trustee;~~
- b) ~~A tenant, lessee, occupant of the lot;~~
- c) ~~A person who owns, erects, places, displays, authorizes, or has care custody or control of a Sign;~~
- d) ~~The Candidate or Registered Third Party to whom the Sign relates having a legal or equitable title to the land, building or structure upon which a sign is located and includes all persons having a legal right to obtain physical possession of the premises.~~

Person means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, trust, corporation, or an individual in their capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative.

Real Estate Sign mean a temporary Sign, no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area, advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, sale or lease.

Registered Third Party means any person or entity, including but not limited to a corporation or trade union, who is not a registered Candidate, political party, or constituency association, who incurs expenses with respect to:

- a) ~~A question, law or by-law submitted to the electors under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or any other legislation;~~
- b) ~~An issue associated with a person or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; or~~

c) A Candidate or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Sign means any visual medium, including its structure and other component parts, no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area, which is used or capable of being used to attract attention to a specific subject matter, other than itself, for identification, information, advertising, service, activity, person, business or product and shall include an Advertising Device, Election Sign, Real Estate Sign, Special Event Sign or Wayfinding Sign.

Special Event Sign means temporary street decorations, banners, paper signs, cloth signs, posters, handbills or any other temporary advertising devices that is no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area, installed for various community events such as civic celebrations, festivals, auctions and special events.

Township means the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur and the lands within the geographical limit of the Township as the context requires.

Wayfinding Signs means signs, landmarks, or other visual graphic communication that are part of a government sponsored and coordinated program for the purpose of directing pedestrian and vehicular traffic to local destinations. Typical wayfinding signs include gateways, vehicular and pedestrian directional, destination, parking lot identification and parking trailblazer.

2.0 Prohibitions

- 2.1 No person shall erect, display, alter, locate or place any Sign upon any Highway without the express permission of the Township.
- 2.2 Any Illuminated Sign.
- 2.3 Any Sign placed on or fastened to a Highway structure, including but not limited to any tree, utility pole or infrastructure, ~~municipal~~ light standard, or road sign.

2.4 Any Sign which creates a traffic hazard, including:

- a) illumination, flashing lights or rotating parts;
- b) is in disrepair or not maintained;
- c) simulates any traffic sign, traffic signal, any other Sign that directs the movement of traffic or any official Sign;
- d) uses words such as "stop", "look", "one way", "danger", "yield" or any similar phrases, symbols, lights or characters in such a manner that interferes with, misleads, or confuses the general public;
- e) contains any logo, crest, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, that is owned or licensed by the Township; or
- f) obstructs the visibility of any pedestrian or vehicle, or obstructs the visibility of any traffic sign or device, or interferes with vehicular traffic in any manner. ~~No sign shall be erected which reduces the effectiveness of any traffic signal on any roadway or otherwise interferes with traffic on any roadway including obstructing the view of motorists at any intersection of roadways; or access driveway; and/or a roadway within 6 metres of that intersection of the lot lines.~~

- 2.5 Any Sign that does not conform to any provision of this By-law and that falls into disrepair shall be considered an Abandoned Sign and shall be removed by the Owner, ~~Occupant~~ or permit holder and may not be re-erected. Such Signs that are not promptly removed ~~by the Owner~~ may be removed and

disposed of by the Township and the costs may be recovered pursuant to the provisions of this By-law.

3.0 Permitted Signs

3.1 A Real Estate Sign, located directly adjacent to and not more than 2.5 m. from the limit of the property for sale or lease and limited in number to three, plus one additional Sign for each additional, separate open Highway fronting the land for sale or lease, such Signs are to be erected only when the lands are under active listing until no later than ninety (90) days after the termination of the listing or the sale of the property;

3.2 A Special Event Sign, for a period not to exceed ~~fourteen (14)~~thirty (30) days prior to the event until two (2) days after the event.

~~4.1 A Sign which advertises a public auction, placed adjacent to the lot where the auction is to be held for a period of not more than fourteen (14) days prior to, until two (2) days following the auction event;~~

Commented [RK5]: Combined with section above

~~4.2 A sign advertising a garage or contents sale, for a period of seven (7) days prior to the sale to two (2) days following the sale;~~

3.3 A Sign erected by emergency services, including police, fire, or ambulance services, or as authorized under a municipal emergency, including any Sign erected to warn of a danger or safety hazard.

3.4 A Sign displaying an emergency number.

3.5 A Wayfinding Sign.

3.6 A Sign announcing and providing details of a public works project including ~~(funding sources, contractors, contact information, etc.)~~ for a period of not more than sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of construction to not more than thirty (30) days after the final completion of the project, and including a temporary Sign placed for the purpose of warning and/or directing traffic.

~~3.7~~ A Sign placed at the entrance to a neighbourhood identifying the name of the neighbourhood and/or the civic address, as approved by the Township.

~~3.7.3.8~~ A Sign approved by the Township under the Planning Act.

3.11 A Sign erected by the Township, the County of Dufferin, Province of Ontario, ~~or Government of Canada, or any other~~ government organization, such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission, a Conservation Authority or a related agency, such as the Bruce Trail Conservancy.

3.12 A Sign erected by a snowmobile club to mark the location of, or direct traffic on a snowmobile trail.

3.13 Any other Sign placed on a Highway specifically authorized by the Township.

4.0 Election Signs

4.1 Election Signs are permitted, in accordance the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

4.2 The erection and placement of Election Signs shall be restricted to:

a) The drop of the writ for a provincial or federal election or by-election;

b) ~~Nomination Day 28 days prior to election day~~ for a municipal election or by-election.

Commented [RK6]: 2025 Case Law Charles Fredrick Armstrong v. Township of Russell

4.3 The Candidate to whom the Election Sign relates shall be responsible for the erection, maintenance and display of the Election Sign, and shall ensure that all requirements of this By-law are met.

4.4 Registered Third Party advertisers are required to:

- a) Identify themselves on Election Signs so that it is clear who is responsible for each Election Sign;
- b) Shall comply with all provisions of this By-law; and
- c) Shall ensure that all election Signs contain the mandatory information as outlined in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

4.5 In addition to Section 2.0 Prohibitions and Section 3.0 Permitted Signs, Election Signs shall not be affixed, displayed or otherwise erected ~~on private property~~ within:

- a) 10 metres of a private driveway without the express consent of the owner and/or occupant;
- b) 10 metres of an intersection;
- c) 10 metres of another Election Sign;
- d) on Township lands containing municipal buildings, parks and/or facilities; or
- e) on any property used as a voting location, including the parking lot and Highway abutting the voting location property.

4.6 All Election Signs shall be removed by the Candidate within three (3) days after the election.

~~4.6.7~~ The Township may destroy any Election Sign that has been removed and not claimed and retrieved within fourteen (14) days after election day.

5.0 Application for Variance

5.1 Pursuant to s. 99 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council may authorize a variance to this By-law if in the opinion of Council, the general intent and purpose of this By-law are maintained.

5.2 The applicant shall provide the Clerk with the following documents:

- a) A duly executed application form;
- b) An application fee as outlined in the Township's User Fees and Charges By-law;
- c) A site plan showing the proposed location of the Sign(s) in relation to other structures on the Highway;
- d) Design and construction details of the proposed Sign(s); and
- e) The time period the Sign(s) is/are to be erected.

5.3 The Clerk may circulate the application and documents received with the application for comment by any official of the Township; Emergency Services; the County of Dufferin; the Ministry of Transportation and/or any other public agency which may have an interest in the application. Should any of the above officials or agencies recommend denial of the authorization with reasons deemed to be reasonable, the application shall be denied.

5.4 Council shall schedule a hearing within 45 days of the receipt of the variance application and shall determine the appropriateness of such application.

5.5 Any decision made by Council on an application for a variance to this By-law is final and binding.

8.0 Removal of Signs

8.1 Where any Sign not permitted by this By-law has been erected, the Township may pull down, demolish, remove, store, or dispose of the Sign at the expense of the Owner or Candidate, and shall not be liable to compensate the Owner or Candidate for any action taken in accordance with this By-law. All costs incurred by the Township in relation to the removal, storage, disposal, or legal proceedings may be recovered as a debt owed by the Owner of the Sign, including by any method available at law, such as collection through the property tax system or as a lien under the Repair and Storage Liens Act, 2006.

9.0 Enforcement

9.1 The provisions of this By-law shall be enforceable by an appointed Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or other such persons appointed by the municipality.

9.2 No person shall hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct any person who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.

9.3 Every person who contravenes this By-law is, upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, therefore guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a penalty as authorized by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.

10.0 Severability

10.1 If a court of tribunal or competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this By-law to be illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this By-law shall be considered to be severed from the balance of the By-law, which shall continue in full force and effect.

11.0 Indemnification

11.1 The Candidate, Owner, Person, or Third Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the Township from and against:

- a) All actions, claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suits or proceedings whatsoever which may be brought against or made upon the Township; and
- b) Against all losses, damages, liabilities, judgements, claims, suits, demands or expenses which the Township may sustain, suffer or be put to, resulting from or arising out of the issuance of the permit or the actions of the Candidate, Owner, Person, or Third Party.

12. Administration

12.1 This By-law shall be administered by the Clerk.

~~12.1~~12.2 The Clerk has the delegated authority to review any issues regarding an Election Sign and decide if any action is needed to uphold the general integrity of this By-law. The Clerk's decision shall be final.

12.3 The Director of Infrastructure, or their designate, is delegated authority to review any issues regarding a Sign on a Highway or municipal lands and decide if any action is needed to uphold the general integrity of this By-law.

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12.0 Force and Effect

12.1 This By-Law shall be known and cited as the Sign By-law”.

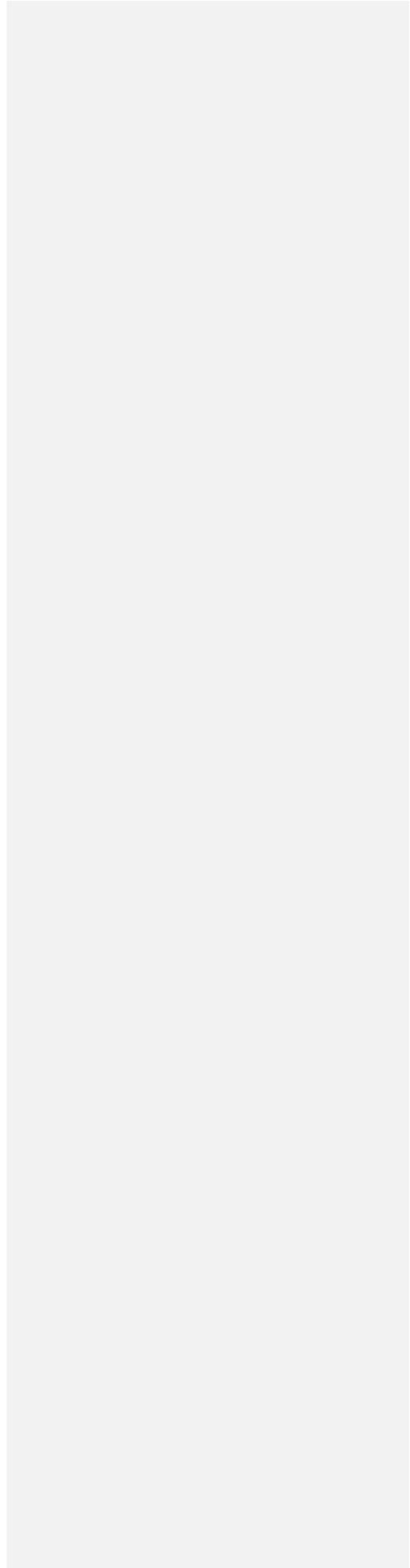
12.2 That By-Law No. 09-2022, and any amendments thereto, is hereby repealed.

12.3 That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of passage hereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 1st day of April, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk





INFORMATION

Emergency Management Appointment

April 1, 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to outline the proposed changes to the Township's appointment by-law for the Municipal Emergency Control Group, Emergency Information Officer and Emergency Management Program Committee.

Background:

The by-law governing appointments for emergency management is By-law 11-2019, as amended by by-law 58-2021.

The following is an excerpt from By-law 11-2019, as amended:

10. The persons from time to time holding the following positions in the municipality, or their designates, shall be members of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG):
 - a) Head of Council
 - b) CAO – Municipal Emergency Management Lead and Emergency Information Officer
 - c) Director of Public Works
 - d) Detachment Commander, Dufferin OPP
 - e) Fire Chief's – Rosemont District Fire Department, Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department, Shelburne District Fire Department
 - f) Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Provincial legislation requires every municipality to maintain a Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) composed of appointed members. MECG members are responsible for directing the municipal emergency response, implementing the emergency response plan, developing governing procedures, and conducting an annual practice exercise. In addition, MECG members must complete annual training as prescribed by Emergency Management Ontario.

To support this requirement, all MECG members, including those who may be considered alternates, must ensure they have received adequate training in the following areas:

- Familiarity with all components of the municipal Emergency Management Program, including the Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and the Critical Infrastructure list.
- Knowledge of the Municipal Emergency Plan, including individual roles and responsibilities, as well as those of partner agencies involved in response.
- Understanding of the activation and operational procedures under the Municipal Emergency Plan.
- Knowledge of the notification process used to contact MECG members when the plan is activated.
- Awareness of the location, communications systems, and technology within the Municipal Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

Key Changes:

Mulmur's current MECG include EMS professionals (OPP, Fire) which may be consulted and brought in during an emergency, and are generally included in larger training exercises. In an attempt to reduce duplication, ensure MECG members are adequately trained, and that Mulmur is in compliance with legislation, the draft by-law removes EMS professionals, (OPP, Fire) from the MECG, similar to many of the other municipalities in Dufferin.

Next Steps:

A by-law is provided later in the By-law section of the agenda package for consideration by Council.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO

Schedule A – Tracked Changed EMS Appointment By-law



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR

BY-LAW NO. 11-19

BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT A MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP, AN EMERGENCY INFORMATION OFFICER AND AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

WHEREAS under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 and Ontario Regulation 380/04, every municipality in the Province of Ontario is required to:

- Establish an emergency management program committee;
- Establish a municipal emergency control group; and,
- Designate an employee of the municipality as its emergency information officer;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

1. An Emergency Management Program for the municipality will be developed and reviewed annually by the Emergency Management Program Committee consistent with and in accordance with the Act and Regulations(s) and international best practices, including the five components of emergency management, namely: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, and such program shall include:
 - a) Training programs and exercises for employees of the municipality and other persons with respect to the provision of necessary services and the procedures to be followed in emergency response and recovery activities;
 - b) Public education on risks to public safety and on public preparedness for emergencies; and
 - c) Any other elements required by the standards for emergency management set under the Act of by Emergency Management Ontario;
2. The Emergency Management Program shall be consistent with the objectives of protecting public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

3. The Emergency Response Plan, which has been developed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation(s) and international best practices, and which is attached hereto as Schedule 2 is hereby adopted (the "Plan").

4. The Plan shall be reviewed annually by the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and the municipality's Emergency Management Program Committee. The CEMC is authorized to make such administrative changes to the Plan as appropriate to keep the Plan current, such as ancillary plans to address emerging risks, personnel changes, organizational and contact information updates. Any significant revision to the copy of the Plan shall be presented to Council for approval.
5. When an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist, municipal employees and/or the Emergency Control Group may take such action under the Plan as may be required to protect property and the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

6. Pursuant to the shared services agreement, attached hereto as Schedule 1, the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for the County of Dufferin is hereby appointed as the municipality's primary CEMC. The CEMC shall be responsible for the emergency management program for the municipality including maintenance of the Plan, training, exercises, public education and such other duties and responsibilities as outlined in the Act and Regulation(s).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

7. The persons from time to time holding the following positions in the municipality, or their designates, shall be members of the Emergency Management Program Committee:
 - a) CEMC
 - b) Chief Administrative Officer
 - c) Director of Public Works
8. The CEMC is hereby appointed as chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee.
9. The Emergency Management Program Committee shall meet annually and shall advise Council on the development and implementation of the municipality's Emergency Management Program and shall review the program annually.

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP

10. The persons from time to time holding the following positions in the municipality, or their designates, shall be members of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG):
 - a) Head of Council
 - b) CAO – Municipal Emergency Management Lead and Emergency Information Officer
 - c) Director of Public Works
 - ~~d) Detachment Commander, Dufferin OPP~~
 - ~~e) Fire Chiefs – Rosemont District Fire Department, Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department, Shelburne District Fire Department~~
 - f)d) _____ Community Emergency Management Coordinator

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

11. A primary and an alternate Emergency Operations Centre have been established for use by the MECG in an emergency and with the appropriate technological and telecommunications systems to ensure effective

communication in an emergency. The locations of the Emergency Operations Centres are identified in an annex to the Plan.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION OFFICER

12. The CAO is hereby appointed as the Emergency Information Officer for the municipality to act as the primary media and public contact for the municipality in an emergency.

ADMINISTRATION

13. The Plan shall be made available to the public for inspection and copying at the Township Office, 758070 2nd Line East, Mulmur, ON L9V 0G8 during regular business hours.
14. The Plan, or any amendments to the Plan, shall be submitted to the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario identified in the Act.
15. The Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Township, to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the County of Dufferin substantially in the format attached as Schedule 1.
16. By-law 02-2014 is hereby repealed.
17. This by-law is effective January 01, 2019.

READ A FIRST, SECOND and THIRD TIME, and passed this 8th day of DECEMBER, 2022.

MAYOR

CLERK



INFORMATION

CIRCULAR MATERIAL GARBAGE CARTS

April 1, 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide background information regarding the new Circular Materials garbage carts and identify options for future consideration for storage and structures..

Background:

Starting April 1, 2026, Mulmur residents are required to use a new recycling cart for recycling collection. In March, each household should have received a standard-issued 360-litre wheeled, lidded recycling cart designed to accommodate a broad range of accepted materials on a weekly basis.

Residents also had the option to pre-order a smaller 240-litre recycling cart by January 2026. After receiving a 360-litre cart in March, Circular Materials recommend residents use the new recycling cart for at least 90 days to evaluate. Residents can contact customer (service@circularmaterials.ca) to express interest in exchanging for a smaller 240-litre cart size in the future.

Anyone experiencing a permanent or temporary physical disability that restricts their ability to set out their recycling cart at the curbside may be eligible for assisted collection service. Please note, a **physician's note is required** to apply for this assisted service.

Historically, some rural properties in Mulmur have used custom garbage boxes near the front lot line, often paired with a flag system. These systems provided benefits related to wildlife deterrence, week-day garbage collection scheduling, wind and snow protection, and visual screening. However, they are incompatible with automated collection vehicles.

A copy of general information regarding carts and previous correspondence from Dufferin County on garbage boxes is attached.

Building Permits: Buildings and structures less than 15m² (161 sq ft) do not require a building permit.

Zoning: The Comprehensive Zoning By-law permits personal storage sheds and garden sheds in all zones except the Environmental Protection (EP) Zone. However, they are only permitted in the front yard in the Countryside, Rural Residential and Open Space zones, and must meet the minimum front yard setback.

Property Maintenance Standards: The Township's Property Maintenance Standards By-law requires sufficient receptacles to be stored outside of a building. The By-law also provides for clean yard and for sites to be clear of garbage and structures.

Public Works (road maintenance): There are currently a number of locations where garbage boxes have been constructed on the municipal right-of-way. These existing garbage boxes should be relocated to private property, and should comply with any zoning provisions. Garbage carts should be stored on private property and not the municipal right-of-way. Any future consideration for boxes/structures should be behind the front lot line or front fence.

Authority: While Circular Materials is responsible for collection services, the Township retains authority over land use, setbacks, and property maintenance standards through its By-laws.

Future Options:

Following the 90-day trial period a variety of options, the Township may consider a variety of approaches to addressing possible concerns, including but not limited to:

1. **Status Quo with Clarification:** Maintain current by-laws while issuing a formal interpretation outlining acceptable cart storage practices and enforcement expectations.
2. **Performance-Based Standards:** Amend the Property Maintenance Standards By-law to regulate outcomes such as neatness, sanitation, wildlife resistance, and obstruction avoidance, rather than specific structure types.
3. **Low-Profile or Pre-Fabricated Enclosures:** Allow posts, fencing, trellises, pre-fabricated garbage cart structures or landscaping screens that allow easy cart movement and reduce visual impact due to massing.
4. **Maximum Size and Height Limits in the Zoning By-law:** Permit outdoor enclosures that meet defined size and height limits and are used only for waste and recycling carts.
5. **Area-Specific Regulations:** Apply different standards for villages, hamlets and rural areas to reflect character and sensitivity.
6. **Design Guidelines:** Develop Township-issued best-practice guidelines illustrating preferred storage locations and screening options.
7. **Grandparenting Existing Structures:** Allow existing garbage boxes to remain and be enhanced/modified/relocated subject to maintenance and safety standards, while prohibiting new installations.

Next Steps:

Staff will provide clarification on acceptable cart storage and share information received from Circular Materials and County of Dufferin.

Staff will monitor the roll-out of carts, public comments, visual impacts and behaviour within the right-of-way over the next 90 days.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, BES, MCIP, RPP, Dipl.M.M.

Roseann Knechtel

From: ca.office (MECP) <ca.office@ontario.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2026 3:29 PM
Cc: ca.office (MECP)
Subject: Decision Notice on the Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

Dear Municipal Partners and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),

We are writing to inform you that a decision notice has been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) regarding the proposal notice posting #025-1257 on the "Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities."

The proposal initially consulted on by the government proposed boundaries that would have resulted in seven regional conservation authorities. As a result of the feedback received during consultation, the province adjusted the boundaries to accommodate areas with distinct geographies and development contexts, to better balance differing priorities across rural, urban and northern areas and improve alignment with watersheds and with source protection regions. The government is now planning to move forward with consolidation to create nine optimized regional CAs. A map showing the planned boundaries and the nine new CAs is available at [Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca).

In the coming weeks, the government plans to introduce amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act (CAA) that would implement the consolidation and set out a smooth path to consolidation to ensure service continuity for communities. Consolidation is targeted to take effect in early 2027 to allow transition planning to occur over the next year. The government's plan would ensure a clear, coordinated and successful transition led by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA), that would minimize disruptions to CA staffing, services, permitting processes and with all existing partnerships and obligations carried forward to maintain service stability. A summary of the consolidation plan, and details on transition, are included in the decision notice [Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities | Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

The government's plans to consolidate CAs build on recent progress Ontario has made to improve the CA system, including establishing OPCA to provide centralized leadership and oversight for Ontario's CAs. Under these plans, the important work that conservation authorities do to protect people and property from the risks of flooding and other natural hazards would not change. The nine new regional CAs would continue to operate as independent, municipally governed organizations and to fulfill their provincially mandated programs such as managing flooding and other natural hazards, drinking water source protection under the Clean Water Act, watershed management programs, and the management of their lands and recreational trails, ensuring public access to local natural areas and outdoor activities.

We recognize the important role that municipalities have in the governance of conservation authorities. We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the transition and ensuring that the relationships, programs and services that CAs provide to municipalities continue.

The province is committed to working closely with municipal partners and AMO throughout this process and ensuring local knowledge informs next steps. In the coming weeks you will be invited to technical briefings to provide further information on the next steps in the planned transition process.

For questions regarding the plans for consolidation, please contact CCEO@ontario.ca. If you have questions about the planned legislative amendments and day-to-day CA business, please reach out to MECP staff via ca.office@ontario.ca.

We thank you for taking the time to share with us your perspectives during the consultations that helped to shape this plan and look forward to working closely with you and your municipal/association colleagues over the next year.

Sincerely,

Chloe Stuart
ADM, Land and Water Division
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hassaan Basit
Chief Conservation Executive
Office of the Chief Conservation Executive

TECHNICAL BRIEFING

Improving Ontario's Conservation Authority System



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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

March 10, 2026

Ontario 

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1. Overview: Ontario's conservation authority system

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) administers the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) and is responsible for overseeing Ontario's 36 existing conservation authorities (CAs).

CAs play a vital role in **watershed management** and protecting communities from **natural hazards** like floods. They also deliver programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, and management of natural resources.

CAs issue **permits** to builders, municipalities, and property owners for development activities such as housing developments and installation of sewage systems in areas affected by risks of natural hazards such as floodplains, shorelines, river and stream valleys, and wetlands. Permitting helps to ensure that development does not happen in unsafe areas and that it does not worsen the impacts of flooding or erosion in surrounding areas.

What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall into a common outlet, such as a lake, bay or river.

2. The need for action

The Ontario government is taking action to protect Ontario's economy, workers, and communities by making the province the best place in the G7 to invest, create jobs, and do business. To achieve this, the government is making investments to build local infrastructure and taking action to bring more consistency and transparency to the cost and timelines of building homes.

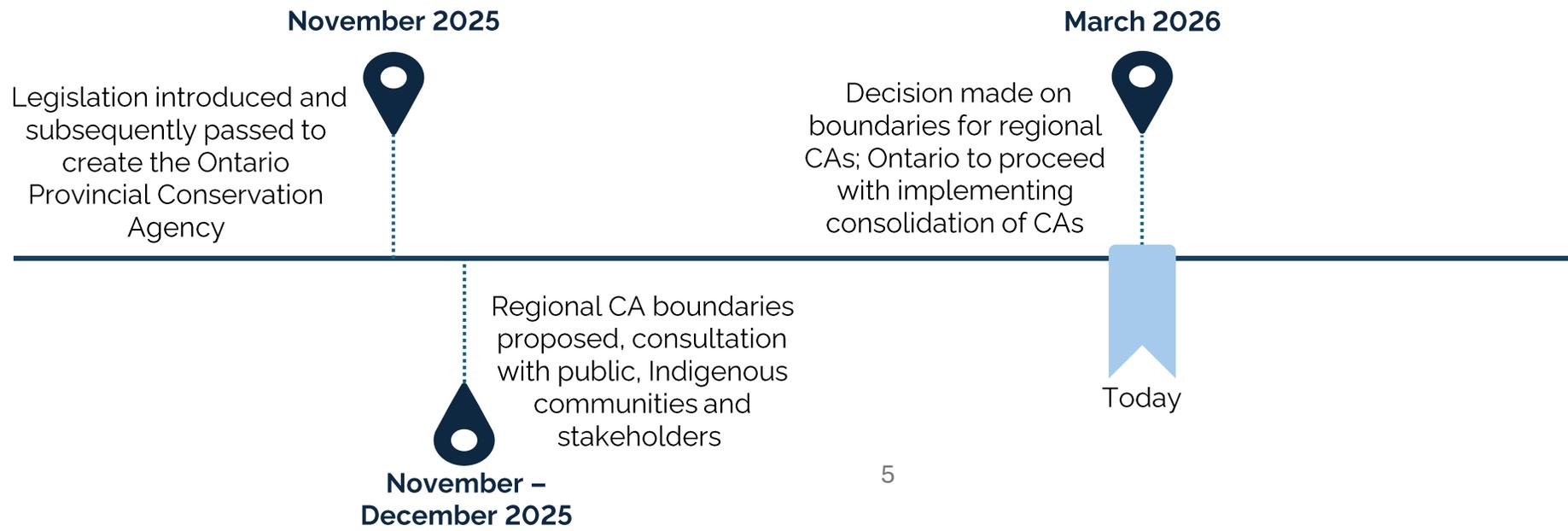
CAs are independent, local public sector organizations with significant variation in capacity, governance, transparency, and reliance on municipal funding. Over time, this has created a fragmented system with inconsistent standards and timelines.

Key challenges under the current framework that this proposal seeks to address include:

- **A patchwork of standards, service delivery:** Each CA has different policies, customer service standards, fees, processes and staffing, and technical capacity leading to unpredictable and inconsistent turnaround times for approvals across all CAs. This can result in uncertainty and delays for builders, landowners, and farmers seeking permits.
- **Outdated and fragmented data systems:** Lack of resources has led to discrepancies in the tools and technology that CAs use, leading to varying types and quality of technology and data management. This can compromise effective provincewide flood risk management and evidence-based decision making.
- **Administrative duplication:** Under the current framework, municipalities are forced to fund duplicate corporate functions (e.g., procurement, communications), diverting costs away from front-line conservation and service delivery.
- **Need for more accountability and transparency:** Lack of transparent asset management and inconsistent performance monitoring and reporting.

2. Actions to date

- Ontario is making progress on its commitment to enhance the effectiveness of conservation authorities, creating more consistency and modern standards and ensuring CAs remain strong, effective and ready to meet today's challenges. Since announcing our plan in fall 2025, we have passed legislation to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) to provide centralized leadership and oversight of regional CAs, including coordinating a smooth and organized consolidation and key initiatives to improve the CA system, and we consulted extensively on the proposed regional CA boundaries.
- Consultations included virtual sessions with CAs, municipalities, stakeholders, and Indigenous communities, and regional workshops with CA and municipal leadership led by the Chief Conservation Executive and the Minister. More than 500 people participated, and 14,000+ comments were submitted on the proposed boundaries. We listened and used this feedback to strengthen the plan.
- The government is now moving forward with a framework for the regional consolidation of Ontario's 36 CAs into 9 optimized regional CAs that would deliver more consistent, more efficient, and more cost-effective outcomes for the communities that they serve. In the coming weeks, the government plans to introduce amendments to the CAA that would set out and enable the framework for consolidation of Ontario's CAs.



3. Why consolidation

Under the current system, more than half of all municipalities in areas served by CAs fall within the jurisdiction of two or more CAs, resulting in unnecessary duplication that diverts resources from front line conservation work and service delivery. Individual CAs have significant disparities in size and resources, with some lacking access to the latest tools and technology that support flood risk management and evidence-based decision making.

Consolidation would enable more consistent service delivery and more efficient resource and information sharing, making CAs more responsive to the needs of the communities they serve.

What these changes would mean:

- More resources for front-line services
- Improved flood management and erosion prevention
- Strong environmental protections maintained
- Faster permit approvals
- Modern service delivery
- Consistent standards and use of modern technology

What's not changing:

- Where CAs operate (areas currently served by CAs will continue to be served by CAs)
- The programs and services CAs provide, including the responsibility for source water protection, natural hazard and watershed management
- CA management of their lands and trails, providing access to green spaces, recreation and education programs
- Where and how CAs receive funding
- CA relationships with municipalities, developers, landowners
- Each CA being an independent, municipally-governed organization

4. Guiding principles

- The following principles informed the actions the province is taking to improve CAs, in addition to feedback heard during consultation:
 - **Retain local influence** – ensure local knowledge, expertise and interests inform the watershed management and conservation work of CAs
 - **Maintain CA watershed-based jurisdictions** – align with natural hydrological boundaries to support flood/water management. Align with drinking water source protection regions
 - **Reduce administrative overlap and duplication** – streamline requirements and processes for municipalities and conservation authorities
 - **Strengthen CA capacity** – improve and standardize the level of expertise and resources across CAs. Seek to balance the needs and interests of urban, rural, northern and southern watersheds
 - **Continuity of services** – minimize disruptions to CA operations and staffing, ensuring uninterrupted delivery of key programs such as permits, watershed management and trails and recreation for public use
 - **Improve customer service** – enhance consistency and clarity in process and timelines

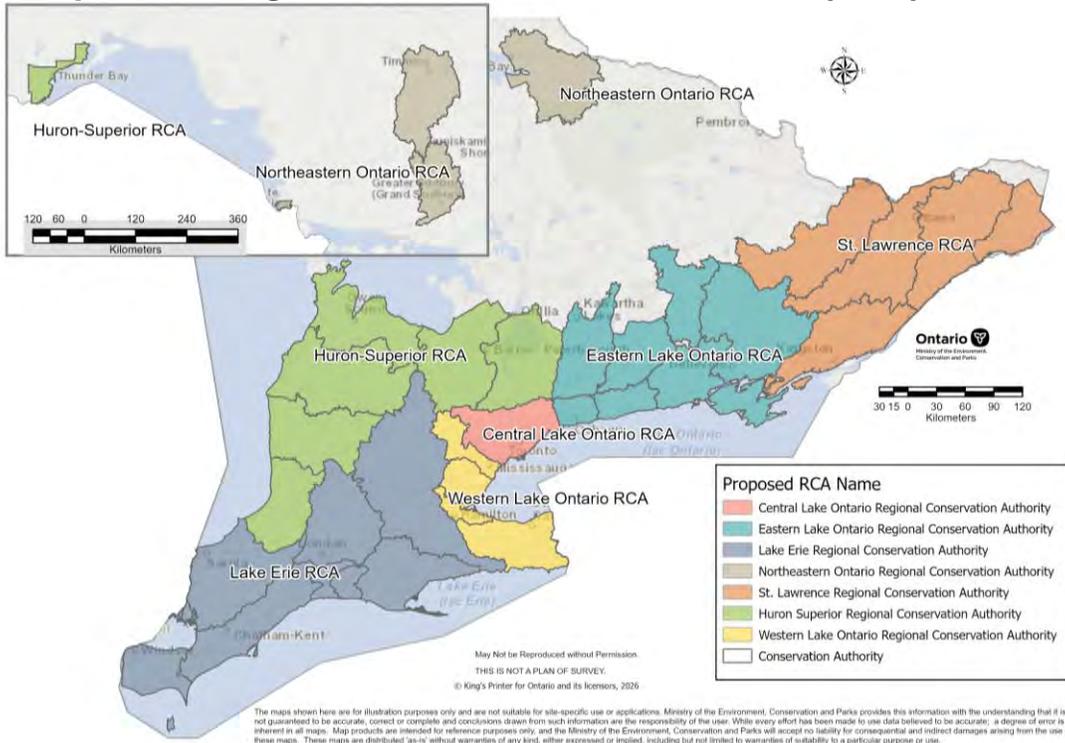
5. Our plan: Improving Ontario's CA system

- The government plans to introduce amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) that would set out the consolidation of Ontario's CAs in accordance with the framework described in this presentation.
- The plan is for CA consolidation to take effect early 2027, allowing for transition planning to occur throughout 2026. Over time, OPCA will further transform Ontario's CA system, including by developing a single digital permitting platform to provide a faster, more predictable approvals process and improved customer service
- To support regional CAs throughout the transition, the province is providing annual funding to OPCA in the amount of \$3 million, beginning in 2026. This funding will be used by OPCA to support regional CAs as needed during transition. Post-transition, this annual funding will support OPCA to help regional CAs achieve improvements and program standards set by OPCA.

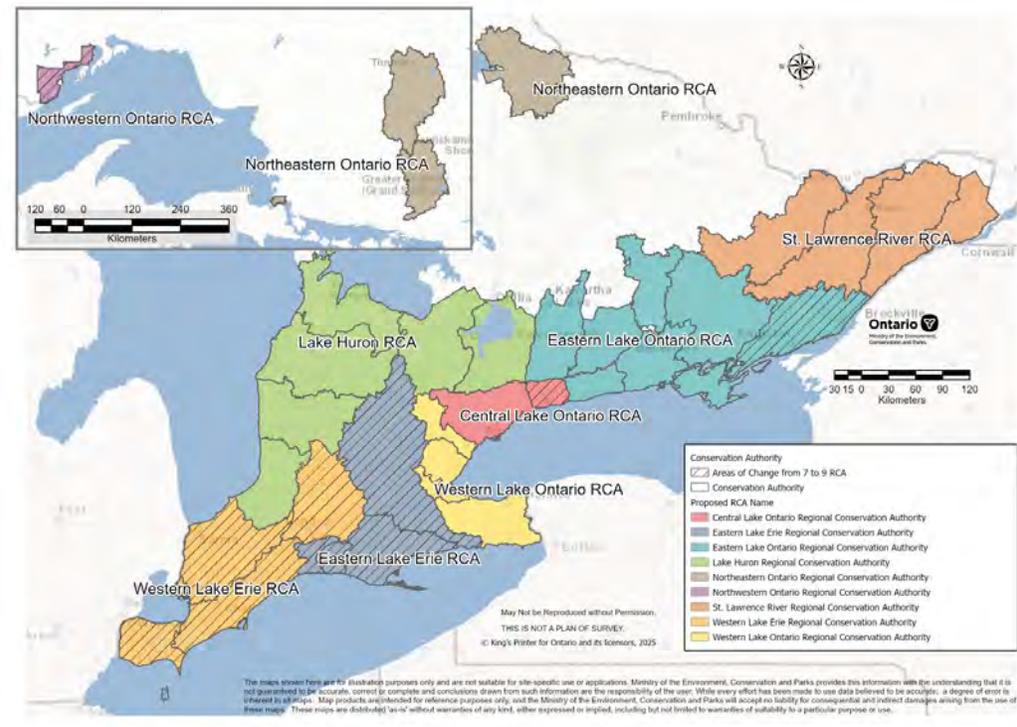
6. Regional CA boundaries

- The regional CA boundaries have been adjusted and refined (from 7 to 9). The feedback received during consultation directly informed the adjustments made to the final regional CA boundaries, which have been optimized to:
 - Accommodate areas with distinct geographies and development contexts
 - Balance differing priorities across rural, urban and northern areas
 - Better align with watersheds and with source protection regions

Proposed 7 Regional Conservation Authorities (RCA)



Final Optimized 9 Regional Conservation Authorities (RCA)



6. Regional CA boundaries: current corresponding CAs

Proposed Regional CAs	List of predecessor (i.e., existing) CAs being consolidated	
Central Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Central Lake Ontario CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toronto and Region CA
Eastern Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catfish Creek CA Grand River CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kettle Creek CA Long Point Region CA
Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cataraqui Region CA Crowe Valley CA Ganaraska Region CA Kawartha Region CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Trent RegionCA Otonabee Region CA Quinte Region CA
Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ausable Bayfield CA Grey Sauble CA Lake Simcoe Region CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maitland Valley CA Nottawasaga Valley CA Saugeen Valley CA
Northeastern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mattagami Region CA Nickel District CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Bay Mattawa CA Sault Ste. Marie Region CA
Northwestern Ontario Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakehead Region CA 	
St. Lawrence River Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mississippi Valley CA Raisin Region CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rideau Valley CA South Nation River CA
Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essex Region CA Lower Thames Valley CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Clair Region CA Upper Thames River CA
Western Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Credit Valley CA Halton Region CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hamilton Region CA Niagara Peninsula CA

7. Regional CA Governance

- Consistent with previous commitments and feedback heard, regional CAs will continue to be municipally governed organizations.
- Under our plan, participating municipalities that are responsible for appointing members (i.e. “the board”) and for paying CA levies would be at the upper-tier (i.e., regional municipalities and counties) and single-tier levels (e.g. cities, towns etc.) This change would mean that lower-tier municipalities (e.g. towns and townships, etc.) within a county would no longer be participating municipalities, as is currently the case where there is a county as the upper-tier municipality.
- Rules for how members are to be selected would be set out in regulation based on each participating municipality’s percentage of the population in the regional CA’s jurisdiction . Small municipalities are ensured representation by requiring that each participating municipality appoint at least one member. Rules for the number of members may also include:
 - Capping the total number of members on a CA board.
 - Limiting any one municipality’s number of members (e.g., to 5) to ensure balanced representation.
- Following the municipal elections on October 26, 2026, newly-elected upper tier municipal councils would select the first members (i.e., “board”) for the new regional CAs prior to the targeted amalgamation date.

7. Regional CA Governance: CAs and municipalities

Regional consolidation of CAs would result in a reduction in the number of municipalities that belong to multiple CAs. This would empower Ontario's CAs in delivering more consistent, more efficient, and more cost-effective outcomes for the communities they serve.

	Current State Regions, single-tier, lower-tier	Consolidated Regions, counties, single-tier	% Change
Number of CAs	36	9	75.0%
Municipalities part of 1 CA	126	57	54.8%
Municipalities part of ≥ 2 CAs	60	16	73.3%
Municipalities part of ≥ 3 CAs	19	4	78.9%
Municipalities part of ≥ 4 CAs	3	1	66.7%
Municipalities part of ≥ 5 CAs	2	0	100%

- Note: Municipalities and associated numbers represent 'participating municipalities' for CAs both in the current state and once consolidated. There is no change in the total number of municipalities that are within a CA's jurisdiction.

7. Regional CA Governance: Watershed Councils

Watershed Councils

- In response to feedback that emphasized the need for regional CAs to continue to rely on the deep local expertise, knowledge, and relationships built, the province plans to mandate that regional CAs create one or more local Watershed Councils to ensure watershed management continues to be informed by local knowledge and input.
- Watershed Councils would assist the CA in identifying local priorities for programs and services to ensure that local interests are considered as part the board's decision-making process.
- Specific requirements for membership composition of Watershed Councils may be set out in regulation (e.g., Indigenous representatives to enable considering Indigenous knowledge, as well as agriculture and development representation to consider other local watershed perspectives),

8. Transition process

Statutory Amalgamation

- With the proposed statutory amalgamation that would create the regional CAs, on the transition date, the former CAs would be amalgamated creating the regional CA ,and legal continuation is provided for:
 - All assets and liabilities of the predecessor CAs
 - All rights and obligations of the predecessor CAs
 - All partnerships, agreements and funding obligations of the predecessor CAs
 - Employees of the predecessor CAs (all rights, duties and liabilities)
 - Permit applications made before the transition date
 - Any hearings underway or hearing requests
- In other words, after the consolidation date, the new Regional CAs would replace the former CAs as legal entities. This approach is intended to avoid disruptions to existing partnerships and agreements with municipalities, Indigenous communities, or others.
- The amalgamation of the predecessor CAs in the new regional CAs would be governed by the *Public Sector Labour Relations Transition Act*, which sets out a clear, structured and neutral framework for dealing with labour relations issues following restructuring of public sector organizations (e.g. the need to rationalize bargaining units).



8. Transition process

To ensure service continuity and limit disruptions, and as informed by consultation feedback, under our plan OPCA will coordinate consolidation by establishing a transition committee and providing resources, tools and guidance to support transition efforts for each regional CA being consolidated.

Transition committees

- Transition committees for each regional CA would prepare for the amalgamation of the predecessor CAs into the new regional CA. Each predecessor CA will appoint one municipally elected member and its CAO or GM (or an alternate if they are not available) to the Transition Committee.
- OPCA will appoint a Project Executive to chair each Transition Committee and who would become the inaugural Chief Administrative Officer of the regional CA for up to 24 months.
- Committees would be dissolved following regional consolidation.

Transition plans

- With guidance from OPCA—including a transition playbook with templates and best practices—Transition Committees would develop and implement transition plans to guide each new regional CA through an orderly, step-by-step integration of its predecessor CAs across key functions such as HR, finance, assets, and IT.

8. Transition process

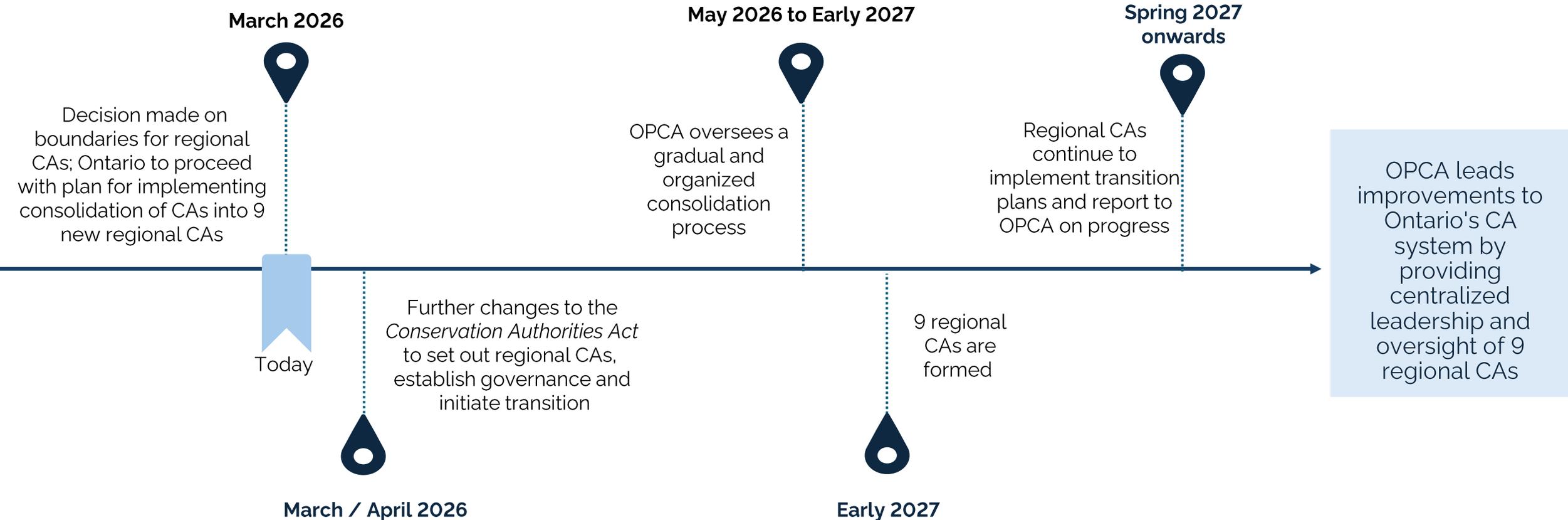
Temporary guardrails

- Our plan includes that temporary guardrails would be applied to extraordinary financial, asset, or employment decisions to mitigate risk and ensure a stable transition to the new regional structure and mitigate risk
- The Minister would be enabled to issue temporary directions to support an orderly CA consolidation. This is not intended to disrupt regular CA business and operations.
- For example, this power could be used to temporarily halt activities such as major land dispositions, significant procurements or material changes to management or organizational structures without review and authorization by the Agency or the Transition Committee.

2027 CA Budgets

- The minister would also be able to issue directions to manage the 2027 budget process for the 36 predecessor CAs, which could be used to provide clarity around timelines (e.g., direct that CA budgeting be completed by December 31, 2026 and levies be issued to the current participating municipalities).

8. Transition process: Timeline



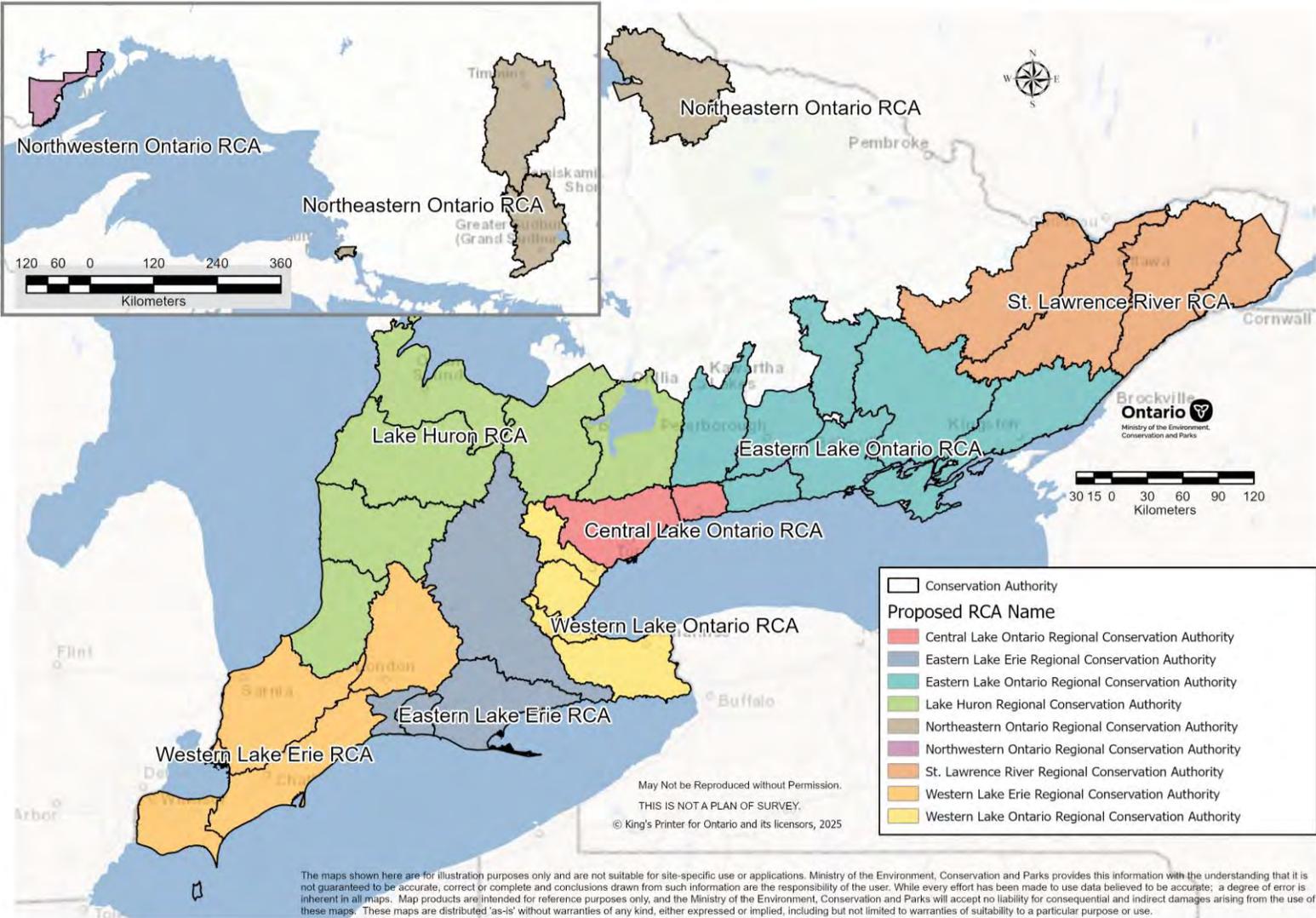
9. Next Steps

- In the coming weeks and months, the provincial government plans to:
 - Propose further amendments to the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) that, if passed, sets out the provincially led amalgamation of the 36 existing conservation authorities to create 9 regional CAs, including transitional governance and activities to be coordinated by the OPCA .
 - Invite you to technical briefings to provide further information on the next steps in the planned transition process.
 - Engage with CAs, municipalities, Indigenous communities and other interested partners to provide updates about the government's plans and consolidation.
 - Support the OPCA to coordinate transition planning for consolidation to take effect early 2027, with minimal disruptions/interruptions to CAs' services and staffing.
- The Office of the Chief Conservation Executive would lead CA transition activities as OPCA becomes fully operational. For questions regarding the plans for consolidation, please contact CCEO@ontario.ca.
- If you have questions about the planned legislative amendments and day-to-day CA business, please reach out to MECP staff via ca.office@ontario.ca.

10. Summary

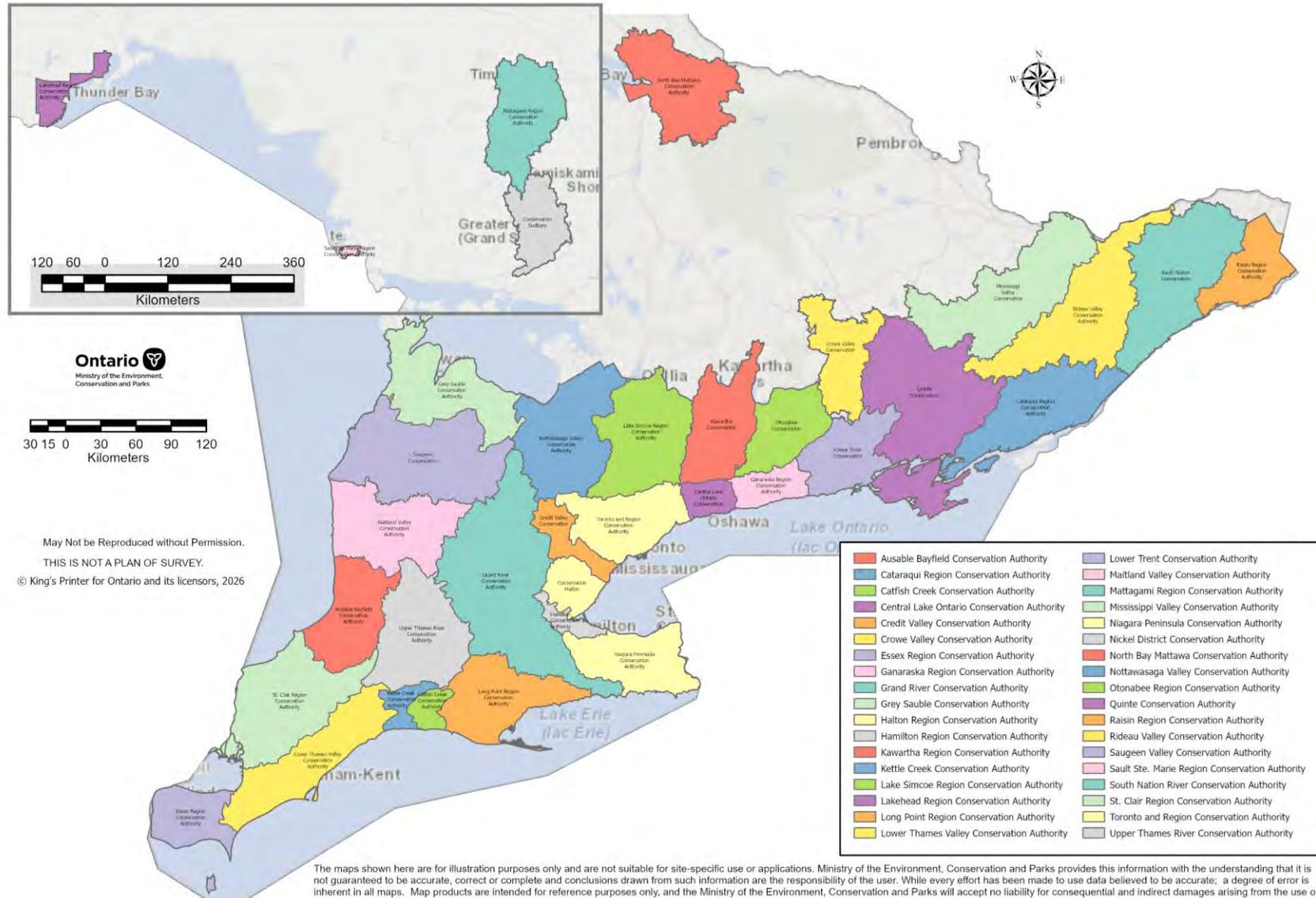
- Ontario's current CA system is fragmented, with inconsistent standards and timelines across 36 individual CAs that can slow down development approvals and risks hampering CAs' abilities to protect their communities from floods and other natural hazards.
- Since announcing our plan in fall 2025, we have consulted extensively. We listened and used this feedback to strengthen our plan, and we are now ready to move forward with plans to introduce amendments to the CAA that would set out and enable the consolidation of Ontario's 36 CAs to create 9 consolidation of Ontario's 36 CAs to create 9 new regional CAs, targeted to take effect in early 2027.
- With centralized leadership and independent oversight of CAs by the new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, Ontario's CA system will provide streamlined, consistent, and improved service delivery without any reduction in environmental standards. These changes will better position CAs to support needed housing and infrastructure projects more efficiently while continuing to protect communities from flooding and other natural hazards, fulfilling provincially mandated programs such as drinking water source protection under the *Clean Water Act*, and managing CA-owned lands and recreational trails so that Ontarians have access to local natural areas and outdoor activities.

Appendix: Boundaries for Ontario's 9 new regional CAs*



*Plan is for this to take effect in early 2027, subject to amendments being proposed to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

Appendix: Ontario's Current 36 CAs



Ontario
Ministry of the Environment,
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- Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority
- Catfish Creek Conservation Authority
- Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
- Credit Valley Conservation Authority
- Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
- Essex Region Conservation Authority
- Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority
- Grand River Conservation Authority
- Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
- Halton Region Conservation Authority
- Hamilton Region Conservation Authority
- Kawartha Region Conservation Authority
- Kettle Creek Conservation Authority
- Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority
- Lakehead Region Conservation Authority
- Long Point Region Conservation Authority
- Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
- Lower Trent Conservation Authority
- Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
- Mattagami Region Conservation Authority
- Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority
- Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority
- Nickel District Conservation Authority
- North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority
- Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
- Otonabee Region Conservation Authority
- Quinte Conservation Authority
- Raisin Region Conservation Authority
- Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
- Sauguen Valley Conservation Authority
- Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority
- South Nation River Conservation Authority
- St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority

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Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Bridge and flooding on 5th Line East

From: Chris Wolnik <cwolnik@mulmur.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2026 9:57 AM

To: XXXXX@gmail.com <XXXXX@gmail.com>

Cc: Earl Hawkins <ehawkins@mulmur.ca>; Kim Lyon <KLyon@mulmur.ca>; Patty Clark <pclark@mulmur.ca>; Andrew Cunningham <acunningham@mulmur.ca>; Bruce Crawford <bcrawford@mulmur.ca>; Janet Horner <jhorner@mulmur.ca>; Tracey Atkinson <tatkinson@mulmur.ca>

Subject: RE: Bridge and flooding on 5th Line East

Monica:

Thanks for raising your concerns on bridge and road flooding on 5th Line East.

We do share your concern about the flooding of the Upper Boyne River. Council approved \$ 24,500 in the 2026 budget to support a joint project with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) to undertake an Upper Boyne Flood study project. The project involves updating and refining flood hazard mapping of the Upper Boyne River in the area of 5th Line E. The work would include developing a hydrologic model for the Upper Boyne and assessing the outputs and commenting on the outcomes from a flooding perspective. The work plan will be expanded to address erosion hazards and include recommended measures to reduce the impact of flooding on municipal infrastructure and contribute to the protection of life safety and property. Currently, we are waiting a decision to determine if our contribution will be matched by federal funding through the Federal Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program (FHIMP). Once approved we anticipate the project to be completed by the end of this year. The findings of the project will be made public, and I am happy to share them with you once they become available.

As for Bridge 18, it was built in 2009. Biannual bridge inspections that are mandated by the province have Bridge 18's replacement in 40 years. The Upper Boyne Flood study project will help identify opportunities to review natural channel flow and address downstream obstructions that impact Bridge 18.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you at any time.

Chris Wolnik, CET, EP, BSc., MA | Director of Infrastructure

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From: monica watson <XXXXX@gmail.com>

Date: March 9, 2026 at 1:07:46 AM EDT

To: Janet Horner <jhorner@mulmur.ca>, Kim Lyon <KLyon@mulmur.ca>, Patty Clark <pclark@mulmur.ca>, Andrew Cunningham <acunningham@mulmur.ca>

Subject: Bridge and flooding on 5th Line East

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Hi, I am writing to express my thoughts about the bridge, road destruction and flooding issues on my property, which are extensive, that have occurred for many years due to the construction of the bridge being far too low and over a large rock.

This morning I woke to see the river diverted into the middle of a space that doesn't usually flood so badly and I have never seen the river (the Boyne) completely covered in ice and snow to the point that the river itself was covered, the entire river on the West side covered over at the bridge, and the river running a new course.

Over the years I have spoken with urgency to the Roads Department lead about getting the debris out from under the bridge and was told they couldn't touch it. Branches and trees get caught under it and block the flow of water and when snow and ice build up, there is nowhere to go when the ice breaks and bungs up against the bridge. The river floods around it onto my property, and has caused excessive erosion to the river bank and I have lost big trees and large portion of my backyard in the last ten years.

Prior to this bridge, there was a wooden one I have been told by long time residents and it was much higher. There is a road block sign from Mulmur in my forest about 600 metres from the road, just so you know the force of the water. I have found old tractor buckets on my land, carried by the ice and water.

This year, the flood has damaged my teepee, even though I had taken great pains to put in weeping tile and shore up the sides with berms. I thought it was spared but it wasn't when I saw it this morning but up close, it has taken a hit and is full of muck.

The water has taken out about 10 ft of my backyard since 2015 and I haven't seen the extent of further erosion yet this year.

If the quarry gets approved and the Boyne rises, my home is going to be in danger. Right now, the water comes just to the edge of the hill that my home rests on, to the base of my steps to the backyard area and the river. The trees and grasses that held the bank have been taken away by the ice over the last few years.

A former resident on my road described how the builders of the bridge had been spoken to by residents because they knew it was not being built correctly for the height of the river and spring thaw. They were ignored. So every year the road needs to be repaired.

After I spoke to the roads department several years in a row about clearing the debris under the bridge, their solution was to make a large path around the bridge for water to go and flood my land easier, which I do not think was acceptable but of course I am not an "expert." However, I do live by the river and know it extremely well, and I know the bridge was built with major errors in judgement. So do the previous residents, and neighbours in

I know the trees in this area and the water very well, and the extent of the destruction of the tree line by plows on the hill on fifth line east going up to 9th sideroad has caused trees

to fall that were the only barrier to cars falling down the hill. The roads department, in all their expertise does not listen to warnings and insisted on widening the road. The trees caught a garbage truck from falling over the side of the hill in 2016 or 17 I think it was, but those trees are no longer there.

Devastating flooding of my property with inept bridge construction, that is ordered by someone making plans in an office someplace without knowing this river and how she transforms through the seasons is wrong, and extremely expensive for the township, as the road needs repairs annually.

I was not informed of the spring flooding before I bought my property, and watching this yearly ice break is like watching the Louisiana flood. I was terrified the first year.

I have taken several videos and I hope this will bring some light to what happens here, I have records of past ice breaks when the ice was built up to about 12 feet above the river at the bridge.

I have videos and pictures from prior years when ice was massive, it looked like the arctic icebergs had covered my property.

I will not stand by and watch anyone build a low bridge over a huge rock again, that will not accommodate the space required for this river, nor watch a huge aggregate conglomerate create havoc raising the Boyne so it destroys my home and this wetland.

The hydrologist whom NDACT fired said the Boyne would rise and that would make the flooding worse.

I am including 2 links where I managed to upload videos and pictures I took today, I was too saddened by the mess in my teepee, about three feet of snow and ice the same as outside the teepee, which is for community and ceremonial purposes, so I forgot to take a video.

It was risky getting over the river safely, so I did not return for more videos inside the teepee today. The snow and ice is deep, I still go down up to my thigh. There was a dead snake caught in the ice and snow, a beautiful big garter. We have a porcupine I see regularly in the forest. I really hope it is ok, the floods affect the wildlife here too.

Please let me know if the links do not open. I am new to youtube uploads.

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<https://youtu.be/JglF8yJHDrU?si=XU7eVFIJY-dqu5Ow>

In sum, I am tired of being talked down to by the roads department, I gave up calling years ago, it was just too frustrating. They would not take out the debris under the bridge and refused to listen to suggestions. The debris appeared to be cleared out a couple years ago, likely the people who came to check which bridges were blocked since trout were not able to get through. So there was no major destructive flooding. But it was clogged again this year.

You can't make a large amount of water flow in a tiny gully around a bridge just to flood my land, like the roads department intended.

When the Township decides to repair the bridge, or replace it, I would like to be consulted.

I have been told in past that I have grounds to sue the Township but there is more at play here than just a bridge and it was built before I came. This is Mother Nature and the water is a living entity that flows where she wants to go.

The crews designing and building any bridge have to acknowledge HER, the LIVING WATER, and the township and Strada MUST take heed and not build or blast into something that goes against her seasonal cycle. Every woman knows that you cannot mess with the feminine cycle without a consequence.

Monica Watson
(Aka Monica Sparking River)



996035 Mulmur Tos Townline,
Rosemont, Ontario.
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March 17, 2026

Mulmur Township Office,
758070 2nd Line E.,
Mulmur Ont. L9V0G8

Dear Mayor Horner and Council Members:-

When my wife and I built our house back in 1996, the builder turned on my water to the maximum and the well water gushed forth for a full day without the well running dry.

About 1 month ago, I had to replace my well pump and the installer turned on my water to the maximum to clean out any impurities and the well ran dry after 20 minutes.

We have had houses built on our street over the years, and the last 2 years have been dry. As a result our wells are not as replete with water as they used to be.

In our house, we have had to learn to be careful in our use of this valuable resource, so that means not running too many taps at the same time and not watering indiscriminately.

Some people in our community, perhaps not having lived in the country before, may not realize that our water is limited and that we all share in the same aquifer. As a result they water their lawns in summertime to keep the grass green. It would be a tragedy to have a green lawn and an empty well!

It is not my place to encourage people not to water their lawns, nor do I have that authority. However, would you council members be willing to send out a letter to the Mulmur side of this road and ask the residents to not water their lawns in summer as the water table is quite low and we will all suffer the consequences of a dry aquifer?

I realize that this road is called Mulmur Tosorontio Townline, and that it encompasses not only 2 townships but also two counties.

It is my intention to send a similar letter to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio to ask them if they would kindly do the same.

Thanks very much for your valued consideration

Yours in faith Rev. Robert Graham 705 331-0649 Cell 705 435-3689 Home

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TO: All Escarpment municipalities
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Conservation Authorities

Ontario Craft Wineries
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Grape Growers of Ontario
Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario
Beef Farmers of Ontario
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association
Dairy Farmers of Ontario
Chicken Farmers of Ontario
Bruce Trail Conservancy
Interested Parties

FROM: Sandy Dobbyn
Niagara Escarpment Commission

**RE: Approval of NIAGARA ESCARPMENT PLAN AMENDMENT PC 225 22 –
Agricultural Policies amendment**

Please be advised that Pursuant to Section 10 (11) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, the Minister of Natural Resources approved Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PC 225 22, on March 11, 2026. A copy of the amendment is attached.

Note that an updated office consolidation of the [Niagara Escarpment Plan](#) can be downloaded from the NEC website.

For additional information about the Proposed Amendment, please contact the undersigned by telephone at (226) 668-2781 or by email to sandy.dobbyn@ontario.ca.

Yours truly,

Sandy Dobbyn,
Senior Strategic Advisor

Enclosure

Decision of the Minister
Under the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*
Respecting Amendment PC 225 22 to the Niagara Escarpment Plan

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 6.1(2) of the *Niagara Escarpment Planning and Development Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter N.2 (the “Act”), the Niagara Escarpment Commission is requesting the following amendment to the Niagara Escarpment Plan:

1) That NEP Part 1.3.3.15 be added as follows:

1.3.3.15. As part of maple sugar harvesting, the tapping of trees, the collection of sap, the placement of minor ancillary equipment or structures (e.g., collection tanks, vacuum systems), and the establishment of minor trails (i.e., without the addition of aggregate material or pavement) to facilitate the collection of sap. For greater certainty, this does not include maple syrup production or sale, or the construction of buildings or structures related to the processing of sap for maple syrup production or sale.

2) That NEP Part 1.4.3.2 be amended by removing the words “in prime agricultural areas” to read as follows:

1.4.3.2. Agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses.

3) That NEP Part 2.7.2 f) be added as follows:

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5) That the following new definition be added to Appendix 2 of the NEP.

Earth Science Value: values that relate to the geological, soil, and landform features of the environment.

AND WHEREAS the requirements of clauses 10(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Act pertaining to notification of, or consultation with municipalities, the public, and an advisory committee established under subsection 4(1) of the Act were carried out respecting the proposed amendment;

AND WHEREAS comments supporting the proposal, modification requests and written objections to the proposed amendment were received by the Niagara Escarpment Commission before the expiration of the time for making comments;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 10(9) of the Act, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, after giving consideration to comments received under section 10 of the Act, submitted to me its recommendations on the proposed amendment by a letter dated July 18, 2025;

AND WHEREAS I have received and considered the recommendations of the Niagara Escarpment Commission and the objectives and purpose of the Niagara Escarpment Plan and the Act in relation to the proposed amendment;

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Dated this 11 day of March 2026

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Honourable Mike Harris
Minister of Natural Resources

Ontario Permitting “Bring-Your-Own” Alcoholic Beverages at Outdoor Public Events

Province supporting local festivals, small businesses and tourism

March 17, 2026

[Attorney General](#)

TORONTO — To help support local tourism and drive economic growth, the Ontario government is expanding “bring-your-own” (formerly tailgate) event permits for municipally designated cultural or community outdoor public events, including farmer’s markets, movie screenings, art exhibits and neighbourhood festivals. The expanded permit will allow people who attend these events to bring their own alcohol for consumption in designated areas.

“Starting this spring, Ontario is giving communities more flexibility to safely and responsibly enjoy cultural and outdoor events,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “The ‘bring-your-own’ event permits will help save attendees money, lower overhead costs for event organizers and contribute to local economies.”

Municipalities will be required to pass a bylaw authorizing the use of alcohol in public, if they do not already have one in place, and establish a local process that would determine whether an event qualifies as community or cultural. Starting April 30, 2026, event organizers in participating municipalities will be able to apply for bring-your-own permits through the [Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario \(AGCO\)](#).

“Our government is always working to find new ways to empower local communities, boost economic activity and increase tourism,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “By giving Ontario municipalities the choice to make use of this new initiative, our government is directly contributing to their economic well-being while ensuring adults can continue to safely and responsibly enjoy their favourite products.”

The “bring-your-own” permit change will be enabled by an amendment to a regulation under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act*, giving community and cultural organizations greater flexibility ahead of the spring and summer event season.

Quick Facts

- Previously, only organizers of live sporting events were able to obtain this type of permit.
 - Only individuals 19 years of age and older will be allowed to bring alcohol to events holding a “bring-your-own” event permit.
 - The province will continue working closely with the AGCO to uphold existing rigorous standards for licensing, regulation and social responsibility, ensuring events are safe and reflect community priorities.
 - The bring-your-own initiative builds on the recent amendment to the *Liquor Licence and Control Act* [to allow alcohol sale and consumption on pedal pubs](#).
 - In 2024, Ontario’s tourism industry supported more than 300,000 jobs and nearly 104,000 tourism-related businesses. That same year, the sector contributed \$34 billion to Ontario’s GDP.
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Quotes

"Allowing safe and responsible alcohol consumption at outdoor public events helps support local festivals, small businesses and tourism, while giving people more opportunities to come together. By modernizing outdated rules and keeping public safety front and centre, our government is protecting Ontario’s hospitality and tourism sectors, and giving communities the flexibility they need to host high-quality events that residents and visitors can enjoy."

- Stan Cho
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming

"These permitting changes represent a meaningful step forward—bringing communities together and supporting the growth of tourism-related businesses across the province. I’m proud to support this common-sense measure."

- Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

"Across Ontario, local events showcase the pride, culture and entrepreneurial spirit that define our communities. By modernizing these rules, our government continues to make responsible, innovative changes that help boost tourism and contribute to local economies."

- Monica Ciriello
Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General

Additional Resources

- [Permits Regulation](#)
- [All Ontario Grocery and Big-Box Stores Now Able to Sell Alcoholic Beverages](#)
- [Ontario Cutting Wholesale Alcohol Prices to Support Restaurants and Bars](#)

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NOTICE OF STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
File No. Z26-02

RECEIPT OF COMPLETE APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Melancthon has received a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment for the lands legally described as Part of Lots 7 and 8, Concession 1 OS, and municipally referred to as 556408 Mulmur-Melancthon Townline.

AND PURSUANT to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.P.13 as amended, the application file is available for review at the Municipal Office. Please contact the Clerk to arrange to review this file.

PUBLIC MEETING: The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon will be holding a public meeting described below under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.P.13 as amended, to allow the public to comment on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date and Time Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
Location Council Chambers – 157101 Highway 10 or Virtual via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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THE PURPOSE of the application is to seek a site-specific amendment to Zoning By-law 12-1979, as amended, to permit an existing additional residential unit on the subject lands.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND MAP OF LAND SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION

A key map has been appended (see *Appendix A*) that identifies the lands that are subject to the Zoning By-law Amendment application.

Additional information and materials regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application are available for review by contacting the Township office by telephone at 519-925-5525, by email to the Clerk at dholmes@melancthontownship.ca, or by visiting the Township office located at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, ON during regular business hours Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (the Office is closed between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.).

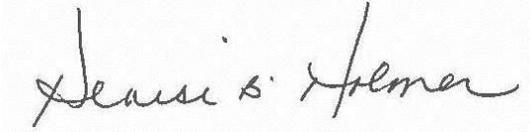
IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6, email - dholmes@melancthontownship.ca.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are approved, the person or public

body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are approved, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Mailing Date of this Notice: March 19, 2026



Denise B. Holmes, AMCT
CAO/Clerk
Township of Melancthon

Appendix A – Lands Subject to Zoning By-law Amendment



Subject Lands



Area of Focus for Zoning By-law Amendment



Jeffrey J. Wilker
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SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

February 27, 2026

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Town of Shelburne
203 Main Street East,
Shelburne ON
L9V 3K7

**Shelburne & District Fire Board re the Provision of Fire Services
Our File Nos. 501103 & 501141**

We are writing to provide notice that our clients, the Township of Amaranth and the Town of Mono are commencing proceedings against the Town of Shelburne to determine the matters in dispute between them and other participating municipalities. The proceedings are being commenced pursuant to section 16 of the dispute resolution clause of the binding and enforceable 1991 Fire Protection Service Agreement. In the alternative, and without prejudice to their position that the 2019 Fire Protection Services Agreement as amended and executed in 2025 by the Town of Shelburne is null, void, and unenforceable, pursuant to section 17 being the dispute resolution clause of said Agreement.

Amongst other matters, the disputes to be adjudicated are the determination of the governing agreement for the affairs of the Shelburne & District Fire Board and the Fire Department, and a determination that the Fire Board and Fire Department shall remain in occupancy of the Fire Hall. Other relief shall be sought as outlined in the legal proceedings to be subsequently served in due course upon the Town and the remaining participating municipalities.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jeff Wilker'.

Jeffrey J. Wilker
Jeffrey J. Wilker Law Professional Corporation
JJW/pf

Thomson Rogers LLP

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cc: Councils for Amaranth and Mono
cc: Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Township of Amaranth
cc: Mike Dunmore, CAO, Town of Mono
cc: Fred Simpson, Clerk, Town of Mono
cc: Denyse Morrissey, CAO, Town of Shelburne
cc: Denise Holmes, CAO/Clerk, Township of Melancthon
cc: Tracey Atkinson, CAO, Township of Mulmur
cc: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk, Township of Mulmur
cc: Nicole Hill, Secretary, Shelburne & District Fire Board
cc: Stan Floras, Thomson Rogers LLP

The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Sections 34 of the Planning Act (1990) to consider an amendment to the Zoning By-law. The public meeting will be held in person and electronically at Mulmur Township Offices, 758070 2nd Line East on **April 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.** Visit www.mulmur.ca to obtain meeting details.

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To rezone lands from Business Park Gateway to a site-specific Business Park Gateway Exemption 1 (BP-G-1) to permit a motor vehicle dealership and recognize the existing side yard setback.

LANDS AFFECTED: The Zoning By-law Amendment affects the lands described in the table and identified in the blue outline on the key map below.

ROLL NUMBER	221600000210510
OWNER	2167595 Ontario Inc
STREET ADDRESS	506193 Highway 89
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CON 2 W W PT LOT 1 RP 7R2940 PART 1 PART 2 RP 7R2651 PART 1



A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review at the municipal office during regular office hours. Anyone wishing to address the Township with respect to the proposal may do so at the public meeting. Persons unable to attend the public meeting may provide written comments up until the time of the public meeting. If you wish to be notified of the decision on the proposed application, you must make an oral or written request to the Township of Mulmur. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to Mulmur Township before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). Furthermore, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the OLT unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

March 6, 2026

Sent via email: LCGB@ontario.ca (Governance – Operations & Board Supports, Education Equity Secretariat)

Dear Ministry of Education:

Re: Municipal Elections 2026
Trustee Determination and Distribution
Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) #18

Please be advised that at its meeting held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, the Upper Grand District School Board approved the following resolutions:

- 1. That the Upper Grand District School Board approve the determination of 10 trustee positions for the board, the same number who were elected to the board at the previous regular elections.***
- 2. That the Status Quo trustee distribution, as outlined in Appendix “B” of the report be approved and submitted, no later than April 3, 2026, to the Ministry of Education, the election clerk for all municipalities within the board’s jurisdiction; and the secretary of every other board that is wholly or partially within the board’s area of jurisdiction.***
- 3. That the Board approve that no areas in the jurisdiction of the Upper Grand District School Board be designated as low population areas.***

The complete report can be found at the following link [UGDSB Trustee Determination and Distribution Board Report with Appendices](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 519-822-4420 x 720, or by email at peter.sovran@ugdsb.on.ca.

Sincerely,



Peter Sovran
Director of Education and CEO

cc: Ralf Mesenbrink, Board Chair
Brent McDonald, Associate Director and COO
Ruchika Angrish, Manager of Planning
Michael Glazier, Director of Education, Wellington Catholic District School Board
Marianne Mazzorato, Director of Education, Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board
Sébastien Fontaine, Director of Education, Conseil scolaire Viamonde
Nicole Mollot, Director of Education, CSC MonAvenir

Upper Grand District School Board

• Ralf Mesenbrink; Chair	• Jen Edwards	• Irene Hanenberg	• Martha MacNeil	• Kyle Reaburn
• Alethia O'Hara Stephenson; Vice Chair	• Robin Ross	• Luke Weiler	• Laurie Whyte	• Lynn Topping



Board Office: 500 Victoria Road N. Guelph, ON N1E 6K2
Tel: 519-822-4420 ext. 720 or Toll Free: 1-800-321-4025

Election Clerks for: Town of Mono
Town of Amaranth
Town of Grand Valley
Town of Shelburne
Township of Melancthon
Township of Mulmur
Town of Orangeville
Township of Centre Wellington
City of Guelph
Township of Puslinch
Township of Guelph/Eramosa
Township of East Garafraxa
Town of Erin
Township of Wellington North
Township of Mapleton
Town of Minto

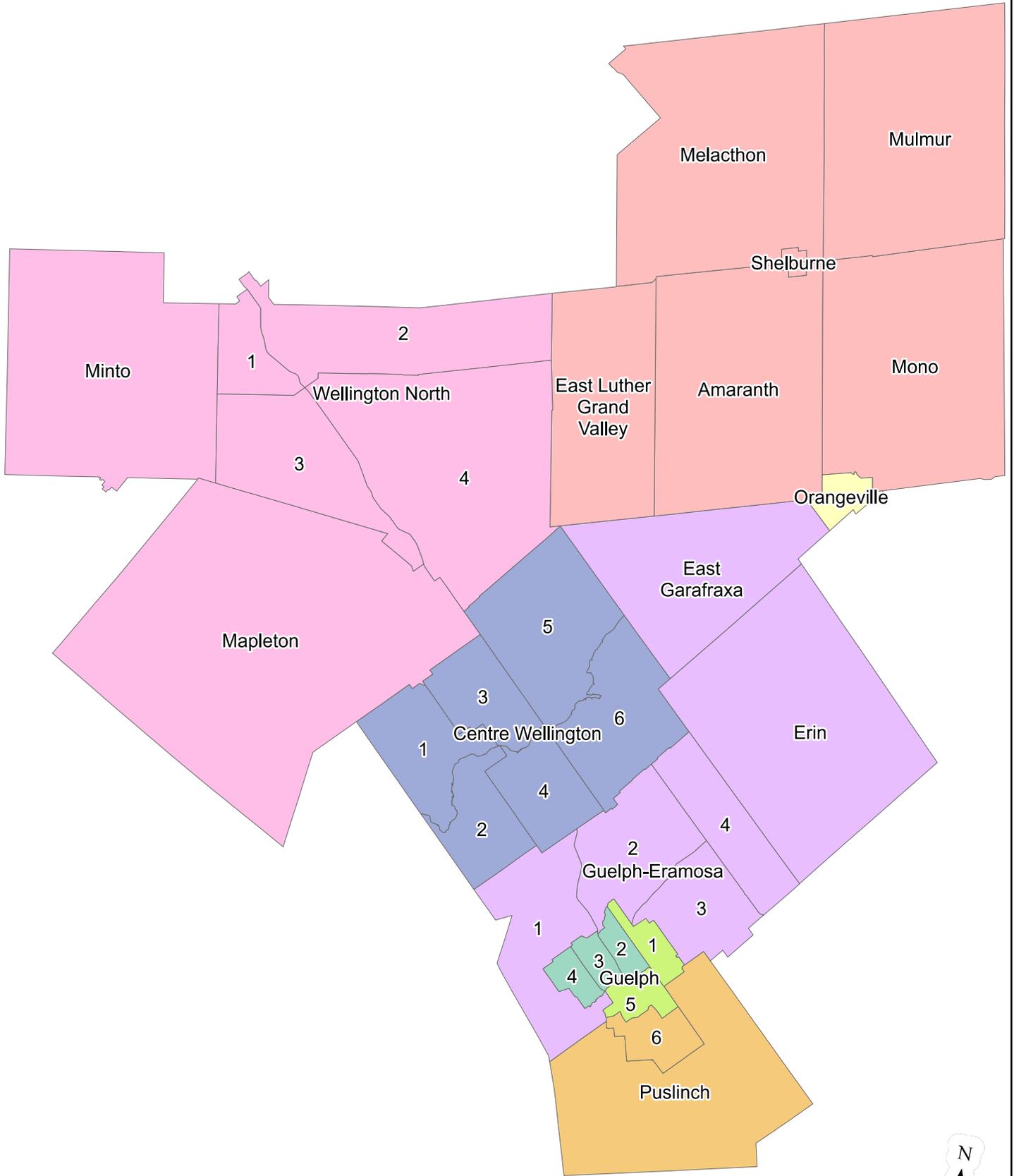
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Trustee Determination and Distribution for the Upper Grand DSB

Option A - Status Quo with new Guelph Ward Boundaries					
Name of Municipality/Ward	Population	Lead Municipality/Population	Electoral Quotient	Total of Electoral Quotient	Number of Trustees
Town of Amaranth	2,977	Town of Mono - 22,940	0.142	1.096	1
Town of Grand Valley	2,851		0.136		
Township Melancthon	2,148		0.103		
Town of Mono	6,152		0.294		
Township of Mulmur	2,762		0.132		
Town of Shelburne	6,050		0.289		
Total	22,940				
Town Orangeville	19,056	Town of Orangeville - 19,056	0.911	0.911	1
Total	19,056				
Township of Centre Wellington (Ward 1)	4,057	Township of Centre Wellington - 22,707	0.194	1.086	1
Township of Centre Wellington (Ward 2)	2,693		0.129		
Township of Centre Wellington (Ward 3)	5,482		0.262		
Township of Centre Wellington (Ward 4)	4,102		0.196		
Township of Centre Wellington (Ward 5)	3,640		0.174		
Township of Centre Wellington (Ward 6)	2,733		0.131		
Total	22,707				
City of Guelph (Ward 1)	13,709	City of Guelph - 30,486	0.655	1.457	2
City of Guelph (Ward 5)	16,777		0.802		
Total	30,486				
City of Guelph (Ward 2)	18,845	City of Guelph - 49,033	0.901	2.344	2
City of Guelph (Ward 3)	16,530		0.790		
City of Guelph (Ward 4)	13,658		0.653		
Total	49,033				
City of Guelph (Ward 6)	17,028	City of Guelph - 22,667	0.814	1.084	1
Township of Puslinch	5,639		0.27		
Total	22,667				
Town of Erin	9,495	Township of Guelph/Eramosa - 20,349	0.454	0.973	1
Township of East Garafraxa	1,949		0.093		
Township of Guelph/Eramosa (Ward 1)	1,601		0.077		
Township of Guelph/Eramosa (Ward 2)	1,386		0.066		
Township of Guelph/Eramosa (Ward 3)	2,967		0.142		
Guelph/Eramosa (Ward 4)	2,951		0.141		
Total	20,349				
Township of Mapleton	7,349	Township of Wellington North - 21,918	0.351	1.047	1
Town Minto	6,425		0.307		
Township of Wellington North (Ward 1)	1,703		0.081		
Township of Wellington North (Ward 2)	2,375		0.114		
Township of Wellington North (Ward 3)	1,213		0.058		
Township of Wellington North (Ward 4)	2,853		0.136		
Total	21,918			9.998	
Grand Total	209,156				10

Status Quo Ward Boundaries 2026



2026 Candidate information sessions

Considering running for council?

Get the information you need to make informed decisions about running for municipal office.

Virtual

Hosted by Dufferin County's lower-tier municipalities and facilitated by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
Registration: orangeville.ca/CandidateSession

In person

Hosted by Dufferin County's lower-tier municipalities and facilitated by Clerks on Call. Attend either date. Stay after the session to connect with the trainers and ask questions.

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7 p.m.
Monora Park Pavilion,
500 Monora Park Pavilion Road, Mono, ON L9W 0E1

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 10 a.m.
Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex,
200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, ON L0N 1S0



Notice of Nomination Period for Interested Candidates

Are you thinking of running for office
in the next municipal election?



The nomination period for candidates begins on **May 1, 2026** and ends on Nomination Day, **August 21, 2026**. Nomination forms may be filed in person by the candidate or by their agent during normal office hours. On Nomination Day, nominations forms may only be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The 2026 Municipal and School Board Election will take place on **October 26, 2026**. The deadline to file the required Nomination Forms for the offices of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor and School Board Member is Nomination Day, August 21, 2026.

For more information, please contact your local municipal office at:

Township of Amaranth: amaranth.ca

Township of East Garafraxa: eastgarafraxa.ca

Town of Grand Valley: townofgrandvalley.ca

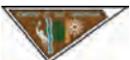
Township of Melancthon: melancthontownship.ca

Town of Mono: townofmono.com

Township of Mulmur: mulmur.ca

Town of Orangeville: elections.orangeville.ca

Town of Shelburne: shelburne.ca



Roseann Knechtel

From: Clerk
Subject: FW: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario

From: Regional.Clerk <regional.clerk@york.ca>
Sent: March 6, 2026 8:13 AM
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario

You don't often get email from regional.clerk@york.ca. [Learn why this is important](#)

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street | Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

O: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71300 | christopher.raynor@york.ca | york.ca

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Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	_____	
	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: _____
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

March 13, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Request for a Comprehensive Review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that at its meeting held on March 9, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 41-26:

Whereas current provincial–municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining the Town of Whitby’s economic prosperity and the quality of life of its residents;
Whereas nearly one third of all municipal spending in Ontario is directed toward services in areas of provincial responsibility, with expenditures outpacing provincial contributions by approximately \$4 billion annually;

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has emphasized that the ongoing requirement for municipalities to fund provincial responsibilities—such as social housing, health related capital obligations, and social services—results in at least \$1.5 billion annually in net municipal expenditures for social housing alone, a problem unique to Ontario;

Whereas municipalities are further required to contribute 10% of capital funding for new provincial hospitals, diverting local revenue away from essential municipal infrastructure;

Whereas municipal revenue sources, primarily property taxes, do not grow at the same rate as the economy or inflation, yet municipalities—including the Town of Whitby—are responsible for managing major growth related infrastructure such as roads, transit, water, sewer, fire, and parks;

Whereas only 34 cents of every residential property tax dollar collected in Whitby remains with the Town, while 55 cents flows to the Region of Durham and 11 cents to school boards;

Whereas AMO has highlighted that provincial housing related revenues—including \$5.8 billion in Land Transfer Tax revenues in 2021/22, which exceeded the provincial budget plan by \$2 billion, as well as billions in HST revenue from new home construction—are not currently shared with municipalities, despite being generated by housing activity that requires significant local infrastructure investment;

Whereas AMO has stated that allocating a portion of these housing related provincial revenues to municipalities would provide a predictable, growth linked revenue stream necessary to support housing targets and the expansion of critical public infrastructure;

Whereas AMO has cautioned that proposals to reduce or limit development charges shift costs away from growth and onto existing property taxpayers, threatening the ability of municipalities to finance essential infrastructure, given that most municipal reserves are already allocated to specific projects or required for responsible asset management practices; and,

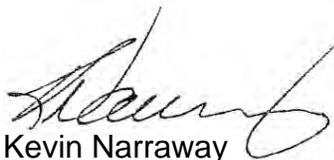
Whereas municipal staff have already identified \$2.5 million in expenditure reductions for 2026 and continue to identify efficiencies through the ongoing 2026 Core Services Review.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Town of Whitby once again calls upon the Province of Ontario to work collaboratively with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM) to undertake a comprehensive Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize and realign the provincial–municipal fiscal framework, ensuring that municipal revenues are aligned with the actual costs of today’s service delivery and growth;
2. The Town of Whitby requests that this review specifically address the \$4 billion annual gap where municipal property taxes are currently used to fund provincial responsibilities, including social housing, health, and transit, and further evaluate:
 - the \$1.5 billion annual municipal burden created by the provincial download of social housing costs;
 - the requirement for municipalities to fund 10% of provincial hospital capital projects; and,
 - the opportunity to allocate a portion of provincial Land Transfer Tax and HST revenues generated by housing activity to municipal infrastructure supporting growth.

3. The Province be urged to establish a predictable, housing linked revenue stream for municipalities that reflects the economic, social, and infrastructure demands associated with growth, including addressing the financial impacts of changes to development charges; and,
4. A copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
 - The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance;
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure;
 - The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
 - Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby);
 - The Region of Durham;
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and,
 - All Ontario Municipalities.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905.430.4300.



Kevin Narraway
Sr. Manager of Legislative Services/Deputy Clerk
clerk@whitby.ca

Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer - wongf@whitby.ca

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health -
Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance - minister.fin@ontario.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
minister.mah@ontario.ca

The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure -
Minister.MOI@ontario.ca

The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social
Services - MinisterMCCSS@ontario.ca

Lorne Coe, MPP (Whitby) - lorne.coe@pc.ola.org

Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of Durham -
clerks@durham.ca

Lindsay Jones, Executive Director, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO) - ljones@amo.on.ca

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – info@fcm.ca
All Ontario Municipalities



—The TOWNSHIP of—
NORTH DUMFRIES

106 Earl Thompson Road, 3rd Floor
PO Box 1060
Ayr, ON N0B 1E0

March 11, 2026

Sent via Email:

Premier of Ontario, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised, at the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2026 the Township of North Dumfries Council considered the enclosed resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

“THAT the Resolution received from the Township of Southgate regarding Support for Bill 21, Protect our Food Act, 2025 be received;

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario’s farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Dumfries support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Brian Riddell, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.”

Township of Southgate
Administration Office
185667 Grey County Road 9, RR 1
Dundalk, ON N0C 1B0



Phone: 519-923-2110
Toll Free: 1-888-560-6607
Fax: 519-923-9262
Web: www.southgate.ca

February 20, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate – Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Please be advised that at the February 18, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-073

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Paul Vickers, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

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

Sincerely,

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

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture Food and Agribusiness
Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
MPP Paul Vickers – Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound
Senator Rob Black
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Municipalities in Ontario



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-Law No. - 2026

Being a by-law to amend fees or charges for services or activities provided for or done on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

Whereas on March 5, 2025 the Council of the Township of Mulmur passed By-law 07-2025, being a by-law to establish fees and charges for services or activities provided for or done on behalf of the Township of Mulmur (User Fees and Charges By-law);

And whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur deems it desirable to amend certain Schedules to update departmental fees;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Schedule A - Administration, Schedule D – Planning and Schedule F – Recreation be deleted in their entirety and replaced with Schedules A, D and F attached hereto form part of this By-law.
2. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this 1st day of April 2026.

.....
Janet Horner, Mayor

.....
Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



USER FEES & CHARGES 2026
SCHEDULE A - ADMINISTRATION

<u>Administration</u>	<u>Fees</u>
AV Equipment Rental onsite (per day)	\$25*
Commissioner of Oaths (non-resident)	\$20
Commissioner of Oaths Travel Letter	\$30
Fax (per page)	\$2*
GIS Photos and Maps per image	\$10*
Late Payments Penalty	1.25%
Lottery Licensing Fee	3% of Prize Value
NSF Returned Cheques	\$40
Ownership Changes	\$35
Photocopying in Black & White, per page	\$1*
Photocopying in Colour, per page	\$2*
Refreshment Vehicles/Stands Annual Fee	\$500
Search of Records or Admin work required (per quarter hour)	\$15*
Sign Variance	\$500
Tax Arrears Notice (by mail)	\$10
Tax Statements	\$10
Tax Certificates	\$80
Tax Registration Final Warning Letter	\$40
Tax Registration Payment Plan Agreement	\$250
Tax Registration-Fee due at Time of Registration	\$250
Tax Registration-Conduct Property Sale	\$1,000
Township Basement Hall Rental - Non Resident or Commercial Use	\$100/day*
Township Basement Hall Rental - Non Resident or Commercial Use	\$25/hr*
Township Basement Hall Rental - Resident	\$60/day*
Township Basement Hall Rental Hourly Rate - Resident	\$15/hr*
Township Hats	\$15
Township Mugs	\$15
Township Pins	\$3
Transfer unpaid accounts to taxes	\$20

<u>Off Site Rentals</u>	
AV Equipment Rental (per day)	\$50*
Tent Rentals (per day)	\$50*
Tables (per item / per day)	\$10*
Chairs (per item / per day)	\$2*
Coffee Urns (per item / per day)	\$15*

* Plus HST

** No administrative fees will be charged related to name changes and revision of official documents for residential school survivors as per Council Motion related to the TRC Calls to Action on December 8, 2021



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SCHEDULE D - PLANNING

<u>Application & Agreement Fees</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Consent Application (includes boundary adjustment and easement)	\$3,500
Consent Condition Amendment	\$1,000
Lot Grading/Drainage Plan Review	\$500
Minor Variance (as part of Zoning By-Law amendment process)	\$2,500
Official Plan Amendment	\$5,000
Part Lot Control	\$3,500
Posting Sign	\$100
Security Deposit for Planning Act Applications (for peer review and consultant review if required)	\$2,500
Pre Consultation Fee	\$500
Removal of Holding By-Law	\$1,000
Security for new structure without proof of demolition of previous structure	\$20,000
Agreements (Site Plan, Development, Encroachment, etc.)	\$3,000
Site Plan Deposit	\$3,500 minimum
Zoning By-Law Amendment	\$2,500
<u>Subdivision Fees</u>	
Plan of Subdivision/Condominium	\$20,000
Subdivision Applications Deposit	\$10,000 minimum
Draft Plan Extension (no changes)	\$2,000
Redline Revision - alteration to lotting/blocking or condition amendment	\$3,000
Plan of Condominium Exemption Processing Fee	\$3,500
Final Approval Processing Fee	\$4,000
Validation of Title	\$800

* Plus HST

<u>Planning Fees</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Minimum Distance Setback Calculation	\$200
Municipal Approval	\$200
Municipal Approval after construction has commenced	\$500
Paper Copy of the Official Plan	\$75
Paper Copy of the Zoning By-Law	\$40
Planning Act Appeal	\$500
Planning Letter	\$150
Property Information Report, Zoning/Subdivision Compliance Letter	\$150
Risk Management Plan Application/Source Protection Plan Agreement, RMO and amendments thereto	\$300
Special Events Permit	\$250
Special Occasions Permit Letter	\$50

Planning deposits will be collected as required and as estimated by staff.



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SCHEDULE F - RECREATION

<u>Arena Advertising</u>	<u>Fees*</u>
Arena Sign 4 ft x 4 ft Annually	\$300
Arena Sign 4 ft x 8 ft Annually	\$500
Logo on Ice Surface Annually	\$2,000
Rink Board Annually	\$800
Roadside Sign when renting facility per week	\$50
Roadside Sign when NOT renting facility per week	\$100
Roadside Sign per additional week	\$25
Zamboni Advertising Annually	\$2,000
Time Clock Advertising Annually	\$2,000

<u>Arena Facility Rentals</u>	<u>Fees*</u>
Norduff Hall (Full Day = > 6 hrs Licensed)***	\$500.00
Norduff Hall (Per Hour < 6 hrs Licensed)	\$80.00
Norduff Hall (Full Day = > 6 hrs Non-Licensed)*	\$375.00
Norduff Hall (Per Hour < 6 hrs Non-Licensed)	\$60.00
Chair Rentals Off-Site, Per Item	\$2.00
Table Rentals Off-Site, Per Item	\$10.00
***Deposit of \$200 for all hall rentals is refundable if no clean up required or damages incurred.	
All hall rentals commence at the time the hall is required (including set up time) until the time it is vacated.	

<u>Mansfield Park Rates</u>	<u>Fees*</u>
Community rate per hour	\$16.90* (2025)
Adult Baseball per hour	\$13.75* (2025)
Minor Baseball per hour	\$8.50* (2025)
Mansfield Pavilion Rental (includes use of washrooms, ball diamond, children's playground, picnic tables and garbage cans). Half a day is 4 hours or less.	\$50/half day* \$100/full day*
Pickleball/Tennis Court Reservation, per hour, per court	\$15*
Baseball Sign Sponsorship (sign 40 inches x 40 inches), annually	\$300*

*Plus HST

<u>Ice & Floor Rentals</u>	<u>Fees*</u>
Honeywood Minor Hockey & Figure Skating	\$166.76
Prime Time Ice	\$204.80
Prime Time Ice (non-resident)	\$276.48
Non-Prime/Last Minute Ice	\$117.76
Non-Prime/Last Minute Ice (non-resident)	\$148.48
Birthday Party Packages	\$204.80
Birthday Party Packages (non-resident)	\$256.00
Sponsored Public Skating	\$200.00
Summer Arena Floor (per hour)	\$75.00
Summer Arena Floor & Booth (per hour)	\$100.00
Summer Arena Floor per day (dances/non-sporting)	\$950.00
Shinny or Sticks & Pucks	\$4.42
Public Skating	\$1.76
Prime Time is Mon. - Fri. after 5:00 pm and all day Sat. & Sun.	
<p>Insurance: All users of the arena must provide proof of insurance or purchase insurance through the Township's insurance provider if they do not provide proof of insurance.</p>	
<p>Birthday Party Package: Includes 2 hours of room rental overlapped with 1 hour of ice rental</p>	
Note: Rates for programmed events and activities will be set by staff.	



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-Law No. - 2026

Being a by-law to regulate signs and advertising devices on municipal lands and highways within the Township of Mulmur

Whereas Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, confers broad authority on a municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

And whereas Section 9 of the Municipal Act, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purposes of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

And whereas under Section 11 of the Municipal Act, the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur, as a lower tier municipality, has non-exclusive authority to pass by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction relating to highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

And whereas the Municipal Act provides that a Council may pass a by-law to prohibit or regulate structures, including signs and other advertising devices;

And whereas Section 99 of the Municipal Act, sets out rules which apply to a by-law of a municipality respecting advertising devices, including signs;

And whereas Council has determined that there is a need to enact a by-law prohibiting and regulating signs and advertising devices on highways and within road allowances, to preserve the rural character, reduce roadside visual clutter and ensure the safety of the public while travelling highways in the municipality;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 Definitions

Abandoned Sign means a sign which no longer correctly directs or advertises a bona-fide business, lessor, service, owner, product or activity and/or for which no legal owner can be found.

Advertising Device means any device or object designed and intended to be erected or located as to attract public attention and includes flags, banners, pennants, lights or any object intended for advertising purposes, and shall include a Sign.

Alter means any change to a sign structure, size and/or location but shall not include the replacement of a sign face or panel, painting, repainting, cleaning or normal maintenance and repair.

Candidate means a person who has been nominated or registered to run in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act, or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Clerk means the Clerk of the Township of Mulmur, and shall also include the Deputy Clerk, duly appointed under the Municipal Act.

Council means the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur.

Election Sign means any Sign no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area promoting, supporting, opposing or taking a position with respect to:

- a) A question, law or by-law submitted to the electors under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or any other legislation;
- b) An issue associated with a person or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; or
- c) A Candidate or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Highway means a common or public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place under the jurisdiction of the Township of Mulmur and includes any bridge, trestle, viaduct or other structure forming part of the highway and includes any area between the lateral property lines of the highway.

Illuminated Sign means any Sign, which is digital or lit by a direct, indirect, internal or external light source.

Officer means a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed by the Township for the purpose of municipal law enforcement, including but not limited to a Police Officer, Building Inspector, By-law Enforcement Officer or a person assigned and authorized by Council with the responsibility for enforcement.

Owner means:

- a) The registered owner of a lot, including a person managing or receiving rent from the lot, whether on their own account or as an agent or trustee;
- b) A tenant, lessee, occupant of the lot;
- c) A person who owns, erects, places, displays, authorizes, or has care custody or control of a Sign;
- d) The Candidate or Registered Third Party to whom the Sign relates.

Person means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, trust, corporation, or an individual in their capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative.

Real Estate Sign mean a temporary Sign, no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area, advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, sale or lease.

Registered Third Party means any person or entity, including but not limited to a corporation or trade union, who is not a registered Candidate, political party, or constituency association, who incurs expenses with respect to:

- a) A question, law or by-law submitted to the electors under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 or any other legislation;
- b) An issue associated with a person or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; or
- c) A Candidate or political party participating in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

Sign means any visual medium, including its structure and other component parts, no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area, which is used or capable of being used to attract attention to a specific subject matter, other than itself,

for identification, information, advertising, service, activity, person, business or product and shall include an Advertising Device, Election Sign, Real Estate Sign, Special Event Sign or Wayfinding Sign.

Special Event Sign means temporary street decorations, banners, paper signs, cloth signs, posters, handbills or any other temporary advertising devices that is no more than 0.56 sq. m. in surface area, installed for various community events such as civic celebrations, festivals, auctions and special events.

Township means the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur and the lands within the geographical limit of the Township as the context requires.

Wayfinding Signs means signs, landmarks, or other visual graphic communication that are part of a government sponsored and coordinated program for the purpose of directing pedestrian and vehicular traffic to local destinations. Typical wayfinding signs include gateways, vehicular and pedestrian directional, destination, parking lot identification and parking trailblazer.

2.0 Prohibitions

- 2.1 No person shall erect, display, alter, locate or place any Sign upon any Highway without the express permission of the Township.
- 2.2 Any Illuminated Sign.
- 2.3 Any Sign placed on or fastened to a Highway structure, including but not limited to any tree, utility pole or infrastructure, light standard, or road sign.
- 2.4 Any Sign which creates a traffic hazard, including:
 - a) illumination, flashing lights or rotating parts;
 - b) is in disrepair or not maintained;
 - c) simulates any traffic sign, traffic signal, any other Sign that directs the movement of traffic or any official Sign;
 - d) uses words such as “stop”, “look”, “one way”, “danger”, “yield” or any similar phrases, symbols, lights or characters in such a manner that interferes with, misleads, or confuses the general public;
 - e) contains any logo, crest, trademark or official mark, in whole or in part, that is owned or licensed by the Township; or
 - f) obstructs the visibility of any pedestrian or vehicle, or obstructs the visibility of any traffic sign or device, or interferes with vehicular traffic in any manner.
- 2.5 Any Sign that does not conform to any provision of this By-law and that falls into disrepair shall be considered an Abandoned Sign and shall be removed by the Owner or permit holder and may not be re-erected. Such Signs that are not promptly removed may be removed and disposed of by the Township and the costs may be recovered pursuant to the provisions of this By-law.

3.0 Permitted Signs

- 3.1 A Real Estate Sign, located directly adjacent to and not more than 2.5 m. from the limit of the property for sale or lease and limited in number to three, plus one additional Sign for each additional, separate open Highway fronting the land for sale or lease, such Signs are to be erected only when the lands are under active listing until no later than ninety (90) days after the termination of the listing or the sale of the property;
- 3.2 A Special Event Sign, for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days prior to the event until two (2) days after the event.

- 3.3 A Sign erected by emergency services, including police, fire, or ambulance services, or as authorized under a municipal emergency, including any Sign erected to warn of a danger or safety hazard.
- 3.4 A Sign displaying an emergency number.
- 3.5 A Wayfinding Sign.
- 3.6 A Sign announcing and providing details of a public works project including funding, contractors, contact information and for the purpose of warning and/or directing traffic.
- 3.7 A Sign placed at the entrance to a neighbourhood identifying the name of the neighbourhood and/or the civic address, as approved by the Township.
- 3.8 A Sign approved by the Township under the Planning Act.
- 3.11 A Sign erected by the Township, the County of Dufferin, Province of Ontario, Government of Canada, or any other government organization, such as the Niagara Escarpment Commission, a Conservation Authority or a related agency, such as the Bruce Trail Conservancy.
- 3.12 A Sign erected by a snowmobile club to mark the location of, or direct traffic on a snowmobile trail.
- 3.13 Any other Sign placed on a Highway specifically authorized by the Township.

4.0 Election Signs

- 4.1 Election Signs are permitted, in accordance the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- 4.2 The erection and placement of Election Signs shall be restricted to:
 - a) The drop of the writ for a provincial or federal election or by-election;
 - b) Nomination Day for a municipal election or by-election.
- 4.3 The Candidate to whom the Election Sign relates shall be responsible for the erection, maintenance and display of the Election Sign, and shall ensure that all requirements of this By-law are met.
- 4.4 Registered Third Party advertisers are required to:
 - a) Identify themselves on Election Signs so that it is clear who is responsible for each Election Sign;
 - b) Shall comply with all provisions of this By-law; and
 - c) Shall ensure that all election Signs contain the mandatory information as outlined in the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- 4.5 In addition to Section 2.0 Prohibitions and Section 3.0 Permitted Signs, Election Signs shall not be affixed, displayed or otherwise erected within:
 - a) 7 metres of a private driveway without the express consent of the owner and/or occupant;
 - b) 10 metres of an intersection;
 - c) 10 metres of another Election Sign;
 - d) on Township lands containing municipal buildings, parks and/or facilities; or
 - e) on any property used as a voting location, including the parking lot and Highway.

- 4.6 All Election Signs shall be removed by the Candidate within three (3) days after the election.
- 4.7 The Township may destroy any Election Sign that has been removed and not claimed and retrieved within fourteen (14) days after election day.

5.0 Application for Variance

- 5.1 Pursuant to s. 99 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council may authorize a variance to this By-law if in the opinion of Council, the general intent and purpose of this By-law are maintained.
- 5.2 The applicant shall provide the Clerk with the following documents:
- a) A duly executed application form;
 - b) An application fee as outlined in the Township's User Fees and Charges By-law;
 - c) A site plan showing the proposed location of the Sign(s) in relation to other structures on the Highway;
 - d) Design and construction details of the proposed Sign(s); and
 - e) The time period the Sign(s) is/are to be erected.
- 5.3 The Clerk may circulate the application and documents received with the application for comment by any official of the Township; Emergency Services; the County of Dufferin; the Ministry of Transportation and/or any other public agency which may have an interest in the application. Should any of the above officials or agencies recommend denial of the authorization with reasons deemed to be reasonable, the application shall be denied.
- 5.4 Council shall schedule a hearing within 45 days of the receipt of the variance application and shall determine the appropriateness of such application.
- 5.5 Any decision made by Council on an application for a variance to this By-law is final and binding.

8.0 Removal of Signs

- 8.1 Where any Sign not permitted by this By-law has been erected, the Township or Officer may pull down, demolish, remove, store, or dispose of the Sign at the expense of the Owner or Candidate, and shall not be liable to compensate the Owner or Candidate for any action taken in accordance with this By-law. All costs incurred by the Township in relation to the removal, storage, disposal, or legal proceedings may be recovered as a debt owed by the Owner of the Sign, including by any method available at law, such as collection through the property tax system or as a lien under the Repair and Storage Liens Act, 2006.

9.0 Enforcement

- 9.1 The provisions of this By-law shall be enforceable by an Officer or other such persons appointed by the Township.
- 9.2 No person shall hinder or obstruct or attempt to hinder or obstruct any person who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
- 9.3 Every person who contravenes this By-law is, upon conviction in a court of competent jurisdiction, therefore guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a penalty as authorized by the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.

10.0 Severability

10.1 If a court of tribunal or competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this By-law to be illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this By-law shall be considered to be severed from the balance of the By-law, which shall continue in full force and effect.

11.0 Indemnification

11.1 The Candidate, Owner, Person, or Third Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the Township from and against:

- a) All actions, claims, demands, losses, costs, damages, suits or proceedings whatsoever which may be brought against or made upon the Township; and
- b) Against all losses, damages, liabilities, judgements, claims, suits, demands or expenses which the Township may sustain, suffer or be put to, resulting from or arising out of the issuance of the permit or the actions of the Candidate, Owner, Person, or Third Party.

12. Administration

12.1 This By-law shall be administered by the Clerk.

12.2 The Clerk has the delegated authority to review any issues regarding an Election Sign and decide if any action is needed to uphold the general integrity of this By-law. The Clerk’s decision shall be final.

12.3 The Director of Infrastructure, or their designate, is delegated authority to review any issues regarding a Sign on a Highway or municipal lands and decide if any action is needed to uphold the general integrity of this By-law.

12.0 Force and Effect

12.1 This By-Law shall be known and cited as the “Signs on Municipal Highways By-law”.

12.2 That By-Law No. 09-2022, and any amendments thereto, is hereby repealed.

12.3 That this By-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of passage hereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 1st day of April, 2026.

Mayor

Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-Law No. - 2026

Being a by-law to amend appointments to the Municipal Emergency Control Group for the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

Whereas on December 8, 2022 the Council of the Township of Mulmur passed By-law 11-2019, being a by-law to appoint a municipal emergency control group, an emergency information officer and an emergency management program committee;

And whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur deems it desirable to amend the appointments to the municipal emergency control group;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Section 10 be amended by deleting subsections:

- d) Detachment Commander, Dufferin OPP
- e) Fire Chief's Rosemont District Fire Department, Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department, Shelburne District Fire Department

And that the remainder of the section is renumbered.

2. That this By-law shall come into force and effect on the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this 1st day of April 2026.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

By-law No. - 2026

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for April 1, 2026

Whereas Section 5(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by Council;

And whereas Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that municipal powers shall be exercised by by-law;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur hereby enacts as follows:

1. All actions of the Council and Committees of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for the aforementioned date in respect to every report, motion, by-law or other action passed and taken by Council or Committees of Council, including the exercise of natural person powers, are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Township and the proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required and except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf.

Passed on this 1st day of April 2026.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk