



Council Agenda August 5, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Details

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

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- 7.0 **Public Question Period**
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Recommendation: That Council receive the committee minutes and reports.

11.0 Information Items

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- 256 **11.23 Municipality of Calvin: Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services**

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

13.0 Items for Future Meetings

- 13.1 Fill By-law**
- 13.2 Service Allocation Policy**
- 13.3 Open Air Burning By-law**
- 13.4 Mono-Mulmur Road Agreement**

14.0 Passing of By-Laws

- 262 **14.1 Confirmatory By-law**

Recommendation: That by-law 14.1 be approved.

15.0 Adjournment

Recommendation: That Council adjourns the meeting at _____ to meet again on September 2, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.



Council Minutes June 3, 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 9:00 a.m.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

June marks National Indigenous History Month — a time to honour and celebrate the rich cultures, histories and contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across Ontario and Turtle Island. We also mark the longest day of the year, known as the Summer Solstice, taking place concurrently with National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

We therefore 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 Clark

That Council approve the agenda.

Carried.

4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That the minutes of May 6, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None

6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

7.0 Presentations

7.1 Senior of the Year: David Jazwinski

Council recognized June as Seniors Month and welcomed David Jazwinski as Mulmur's 2026 Senior of the Year. Dave is one of the volunteer community leaders behind the development and operation of the outdoor rink at Thomson Trail Park in Mansfield.

Dave is passionate about providing a community space that can be enjoyed by all ages in the winter months, and has implemented countless improvements in the initial set-up and on-going maintenance of the outdoor rink. Whether it's working on the rink liner placement during start-up, after-hours flooding using his custom-made flooding tool or using his own snow blower to clear on-ice snow accumulation, he is constantly volunteering his support. Dave has been on the outdoor rink committee since the rink's first season and has advocated for the reuse of materials from the NDCC, end board enhancements and netting. Dave has spent upwards of 50 days per winter maintaining the ice for the local community and the many visitors to enjoy. His contribution to community building through sports and fitness is incredible. Thank you Dave, for all that you do to make our community better!

7.2 Upper Grand District School Board: Dilip Parmar and Ralf Mesenbrink

Council welcomed Dilip Parmar and Ralf Mesenbrink from the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB), who spoke to the Board's short-term and long-term accommodation plans, priority projects, and confirmed that the Province approved the construction of a 328-student school in Mansfield, which is scheduled to open in September 2028.

Council discussed capacity and enrollment pressures at Primrose Elementary School, green construction options, daycare spaces, and playground equipment. The UGDSB noted that a boundary review is still pending

Council thanked Dilip Parmar and Ralf Mesenbrink, Upper Grand District School Board, for the presentation and information.

7.3 Dufferin County Building Services: CBO Becky McNaughton

Council welcomed Dufferin County CBO Becky McNaughton, who presented on the services offered by the Dufferin County Building Department, enforcement measures, changes to the Ontario Building Code, and community efforts and collaborations.

Council congratulated Becky McNaughton and her team for their work and efforts.

Council recessed at 9:54 a.m. and returned at 10:02 a.m.

8.0 Public Question Period

Cheryl Russel commended Mayor Horner for her efforts at County Council to address concerns related to the County Road 19/County Road 17 intersection. Russel also congratulated staff on the creation of Mulmur Mondays.

Lou Acri inquired about garbage pickup accommodation. Mayor Horner recommended calling Dufferin County Waste Services to receive accommodation.

Lee Benson inquired if the donation of the multi-purpose recreational pad was contingent on being located in Terra Nova, expressing her opinion that the donation is degrading the surrounding properties. Benson also expressed concern about drainage on her property. Tracey Atkinson, CAO, confirmed the donation was contingent on being located in Terra Nova and confirmed that the Township has undergone studies and community conversations to determine the recreational needs of Mulmur as a whole.

9.0 Reports for Decision

9.1 Terra Nova Multi-Use Pad

Council reviewed the chronology of the decision-making process surrounding the donation of the multi-use recreational pad in the settlement area of Terra Nova, noise mitigation measures, and additional avenues for community input. Tracey Atkinson, CAO, confirmed an additional communitywide survey is scheduled to be circulated in July as part of the Recreation Master Plan Update.

Council reviewed the work completed by staff to address resident concerns, including but not limited to lighting, fencing, buffering, tree plantings, and noise mitigation.

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Hawkins.

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That Council direct staff to continue to work with contractors and residents to address concerns related to the donation of the multi-use recreational pad in Terra Nova.

	<u>Yay</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor Horner	Yay	
Deputy Mayor Hawkins	Yay	
Councillor Clark		Nay
Councillor Cunningham	Yay	
Councillor Lyon	Yay	

Carried.

9.2 NDCC Capital Expenditures

Council discussed renovations, fundraising, and proposed uses for the North Dufferin Community Centre, noting options for procurement, additional fundraising campaigns and potential collaboration with the Township of Melancthon for project-specific items.

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

Whereas staff have applied for grants and will continue to apply for grants for the upgrades and addition to the NDCC facility;

And whereas grant matching funds are required and can be collected through donations, fundraising, sponsorship, taxes, reserves, and Melancthon capital contributions;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council supports the Norduff Room Kitchen Refresh and Venting and Fire Suppression Upgrades, in principle;

And that Council direct the Treasurer to include the kitchen renovation projects as part of the 2027 budget considerations if grant funding is not approved in 2026;

And that Council direct staff to request the Township of Melancthon to consider contributing to the kitchen renovation projects as part of their 2027 budget;

And that the procurement of a 2027 budgeted kitchen renovation projects includes tendering that identifies options for donated/in-kind services or materials.

Carried.

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas staff have applied for grants and will continue to apply for grants for the upgrades and addition to the NDCC facility;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council supports the accessible upgrades to the NDCC, subject to grant approval or community partner funding;

And that Council direct staff to monitor grant decisions and liaise with community partners regarding support for the construction of an accessible viewing area.

Carried.

9.3 Mansfield Water System: Well 3 Improvements

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

That Council approve the Well 3A communications improvement project at a maximum cost of \$26,000 to be funded by the Water Capital Reserves.

Carried.

10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports

- 10.1 Economic Development Committee Minutes: May 5, 2026**
- 10.2 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board Minutes: May 13, 2026**
- 10.3 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 15, 2026**
- 10.4 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 23, 2026**
- 10.5 Dufferin County Council Minutes: April 30, 2026**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: May 14, 2026**
- 10.7 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes: April 24, 2026**
- 10.8 Shelburne Library Board Minutes: April 28, 2026**
- 10.9 Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting Notes: April 2026**
- 10.10 Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department 2025 Annual Report**

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Cunningham

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

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:00 p.m. and returned at 12:04 p.m.

A public disruption occurred during the Council meeting.

Council recessed at 12:14 p.m. and returned at 12:21 p.m.

Council directed staff to refrain from posting the Council meeting recording and to bring a report to the August Council meeting with respect to meeting recordings.

11.0 Information Items

- 11.1 Q1 Communications Report**
- 11.2 Delegation of Authority Policy Updates**
- 11.3 Strategic Plan Bi-Annual Review**
- 11.4 2026 Mulmur Post-Secondary Grant Awards**
- 11.5 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Illegal Truck Yards**
- 11.6 Ministry of the Solicitor General: Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026**
- 11.7 Dufferin County: Receipt of Mulmur Resolution**
- 11.8 Sylvia Jones, MPP: Police Records Check**
- 11.9 Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus: Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle**

- 11.10 Western Ontario Warden's Caucus: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform**
- 11.11 Town of Bruce Mines: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.12 Town of Shelburne: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.13 Prince Edward County: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.14 Township of Stone Mills: Opposition to Bill 97**
- 11.15 Township of Springwater: Opposition to Bill 100**

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council receives the information items as copied;

And that the following items be endorsed: 11.9, 11.10, 11.11, 11.12, 11.13, 11.14.

Carried.

Council recessed at 12:45 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

12.0 Public Meetings

12.1 Primrose Business Park Public Meeting

Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon

That Council recess the regular meeting at 1:31 p.m. to hold a public meeting pursuant to Section 34 and 51 of the Planning Act, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the Primrose Business Park Subdivision.

Carried.

Council welcomed Ray Duhamel, Jones Consulting Group, Planner for the applicant of the Primrose Business Park Development. Duhamel presented on the proposed subdivision, zoning, servicing and permitted uses.

Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner, spoke to the planning application process and confirmed staff are still in discussions to finalize the applications and expects another submission to be submitted later this month.

Public comments were received from Janine and Steve Bent, who expressed concern with the proximity and impacts to their home, including but not limited to dust from construction and impacts to their well. The Bent's noted representatives approached them to buy their land during COVID, but the offer was offensive and did not allow them to make a lateral move.

Cheryl Russel expressed the concern that permitted uses and businesses be restricted in the Primrose Business Park due to the proximity to residential dwellings and a school.

Council comments included:

- The creation of a block abutting the house and school for buffering and to remove the business park core zoning in this area.
- Concern with the responsibility of water issues in the future; and the
- Desire to work with residents for permitted uses abutting the residential lot

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourns the public meeting and returns to the regular meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Carried.

13.0 Closed Session

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourn to closed session at 12:22 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for:

- two (2) matters related to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board under section 239(2)(e)

Carried.

13.1 Closed Session Minutes: April 1, 2026

13.2 Q1 2026 By-law Enforcement Report

13.3 Q1 2026 Legal Claims

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins

That Council do rise out of closed session and into open session at 12:48 p.m. with the following motion:

That Council approve the closed session minutes of April 1, 2026;

And that Council direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session.

Carried.

14.0 Items for Future Meetings

14.1 Fill By-law

14.2 Service Allocation Policy

14.3 Fire Department By-law Consistency

14.4 Council Meeting Recordings

15.0 Passing of By-Laws

- 15.1 Building Services Agreement**
- 15.2 Delegation of Authority Amendment**
- 15.3 Confirmatory By-Law**

Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon

That by-laws 15.1 to 15.3 be approved.

Carried.

16.0 Adjournment

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark

That Council adjourns the meeting at 2:46 p.m. to meet again on August 5, 2026
or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Mayor

Clerk



Staff Report

To: Council
From: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk
Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Subject: Council Meeting Recordings

Purpose:

To provide Council with options regarding the recording, broadcasting, and archiving of Council meetings.

Background:

Mulmur currently conducts Council meetings using Zoom Workplace Pro, offering hybrid participation (in-person and virtual attendance). Meetings are recorded and posted online, with approximately three (3) months of recordings retained at any given time. There is no post-meeting editing of recordings, additional costs and minimal staff time associated with the current practice.

The current practice supports public accessibility and transparency, allows broader participation and efficiently uses our existing technology and staff capacity. Challenges are experienced and include but are not limited to internet access, administrative errors with manual recordings (forgetting to unmute or stop recording), staff being required to manually permit the public to join, the public are able to speak and share their video screen without consent.

Surrounding and neighbouring municipalities utilize the following for Council Meetings.

Municipality	Meeting Platform	IT Staff	Public Participation	Are Meetings Posted	Are Videos Edited	Recording Retention
Mono	GoToMeeting	Yes	Password Required.	YouTube	No	2 years
Melancthon	Zoom	No	Public are muted and chat is disabled.	Zoom link	No	No policy
Shelburne	Zoom	No	Must register in advance. View only capabilities	Escribe	No	No policy
Grand Valley	Zoom	No	View only capabilities	Escribe	No	No policy

Amaranth	Zoom	No	Chat disabled.	Yes	No	Recording removed when minutes are adopted
East Garafraxa	Zoom Webinar	No	View only capabilities	No	No	N/A
Orangeville	Zoom Webinar	No	View only capabilities	Escribe	No	No policy
Dufferin County	Zoom	Yes	Must register in advance.	Escribe	No	1 year

Analysis:

In-Person Meetings

Moving back to in-person meetings and ceasing hybrid participation could limit public participation and create barriers for delegations and presentations by third parties. Additional costs may also be incurred by the Township, County, agencies and others for consultant and staff travel time.

Webinar Format (view-only participation)

This option would discontinue general hybrid participation except for delegations/ presentations. The public would still be able to attend a live meeting with a view-only capacity (no microphone or camera access).

For the general public who wish to attend virtually, public questions would need to be submitted in advance and would be read aloud by the Clerk. In-person attendees would retain the ability to speak/live participate.

Considerations for moving to a webinar-based meeting format include:

- Controlled and structured virtual access
- Reduces risk of disruption during meetings
- Maintains accessibility while managing participation
- Reduces administrative burden during meetings
- May limit participation from residents unable to attend in person
- Additional staff time may be required to manage advanced public submissions
- Additional cost to upgrade Zoom plan of approximately \$1,250 annually.

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

Financial Impacts:

Upgrading our Zoom subscription to support webinar-based meetings would cost approximately \$1,250.00 per year.

Environmental Impacts:

Unlimited cloud storage carries significant hidden environmental costs. While the cloud is often thought of as intangible, it relies on massive physical facilities. Data centers consume immense amounts of energy, land, strain local freshwater resources for cooling, and generate substantial electronic and chemical waste.

In-person attendance at meetings may increase fuel consumption.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to move Council Meetings to a webinar-based platform and continue to maintain limited recording retention, removing recordings once the minutes are approved.

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



Staff Report

To: Council
From: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure
Meeting Date: August 5, 2026
Subject: Mansfield Water – Deficient hydrant replacement

Purpose:

To seek Council approval to amend the 2026 budget to repair a deficient hydrant for the Mansfield Water system.

Background and Analysis:

During the investigation of a private side water leak on Rogers Road, Public Works staff and the Township's water operating authority became aware of an old Century model hydrant near 5 Rogers Road, original to the old water system, that had no isolation valve. Further discussions with Rosemount Fire Chief Blacklaws confirmed that the hydrant partially buried due to grading and settlement, would be very difficult to connect a firehose should the hydrant be needed in case of an emergency. As a result, the hydrant no longer meets operational and accessibility requirements for emergency use and maintenance.

The condition presents concerns related to emergency response, hydrant visibility, accessibility, and winter operations. Immediate corrective measures are required to expose the hydrant to the proper elevation, inspect and repair associated valves and components, and complete any necessary repairs to ensure full operational functionality.

The proposed work will include excavation, hydrant removal, watermain shutdown, watermain connection, adjustment of grading, restoration of the hydrant to the required operating height, testing and disinfection, inspection of related infrastructure and restoration. Completing the work in 2026 will support fire protection services, meet regulatory requirements under and ensure continued reliability of the Mansfield Water System.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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Financial Impacts:

The estimated cost of completing the hydrant replacement project is \$24,000. If approved, the project would be funded by Water Capital Reserves. The current balance of the Water Capital Reserve is ~\$659,000.

Environmental Impacts:

The proposed repair work is not anticipated to result in any significant environmental impacts. The project involves localized excavation within an existing municipal right-of-way. Maintaining the hydrant in proper operating condition supports the long-term integrity and reliability of the municipal water system.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the hydrant replacement project at a maximum cost of \$24,000 to be funded by the Water Capital Reserves.

Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



05-26-BOD Agenda Minutes
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday May 22, 2026 9:00 AM

Attendance

Present:

Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Vice-Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City); Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township)

NVCA Staff:

Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Flanagan, Director, Corporate Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science; Sheri Steiging, Source Water Coordinator; Kerry Jenkins, Corporate Services Clerk/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township)

Guests:

Bill Thompson, Project Manager, South Georgian Bay
Peter Dance, Acting Chair, South Georgian Bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection

1. Events

Community Tree Plant in Essa along the Nottawasaga River

Join NVCA and Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy as we plant trees along the Nottawasaga River, near Angus.

Dates: May 23, 2026 at 9 am – 12 pm

Location: Foster Tract, Simcoe County Forests

2. Call To Order

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

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: 37-26

Moved by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #05-26-BOD dated on May 22, 2026 be approved.

Carried;

6. Chair's Update

Chair Scott verbally shared his updates in regards to the meeting in Owen Sound that CAO Vincent and himself will attend to meet with the other Chairs and CAO's of the new Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.

7. CAO's Update

CAO Vincent shared her updates.

8. Announcements

9. Presentations

There are no presentations at this time.

10. Deputations

There are no deputations at this time.

11. Hearings

There are 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: 38-26

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 14.3.4 were 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 04-26-BOD Minutes dated on April 24, 2026 be approved.

14.2. Correspondence

Correspondence dated on May 1, 2026 from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding *Minister's Direction Under Section 1.14 of the Conservation Authorities Act (re: Temporary Restrictions)*.

14.3. Staff Reports

14.3.1. Staff Report No. 19-05-26-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding Compensation for Transition Committee Work

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

Chair Scott and Vice-Chair Little abstained from voting

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve staff report #19-05-26-BOD; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board approve a temporary adjustment to the Chair's honorarium to recognize additional responsibilities associated with appointment to the provincially directed Transition Committee, consisting of double the standard annual Chair honorarium, to be applied only for the period during which Transition Committee duties are performed, including payment of the established NVCA per diem rate for each Transition Committee meeting attended; and

FURTHER THAT: the Vice-Chair, as the designated alternative representative, receive the same honorarium adjustment and per diem only for any period during which Transition Committee duties are undertaken; and

FURTHER THAT: these honorarium adjustments be non-precedent-setting, time-limited to the duration of the transition and administered with NVCA's existing honorarium policy framework.

14.3.2. Staff Report No. 20-25-26-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding Salary Administration Policy Update

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve staff report #20-05-26-BOD; and,

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve the updated Salary Administration Policy for inclusion in the employee handbook.

14.3.3. Staff Report No. 21-05-26-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding Human Resources Strategy 2026-2028

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve the NVCA's Human Resources Strategy.

14.3.4. Staff Report No. 22-05-26-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding Employee Expenses Policy Update

Recommendation:

Moved by: Cllr. Rick Schell

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Recommendation:

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve staff report #22-05-26-BOD; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve the updated Employee Expenses Policy for inclusion in the employee handbook.

Amendment

Recommendation:

RES: 39-26

Moved by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

Seconded by: Vice-Chair Gail Little

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors approve staff report #22-05-26-BOD, as amended to allow for \$35.00 for lunch and \$60.00 at dinner for a maximum of \$118.00 per day; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board of Directors approve the updated Employee Expenses Policy for inclusion in the employee handbook.

Carried;

14.3.5. Staff Report No. 23-05-26-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Customer Satisfaction Report 2025

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 23-05-26-BOD regarding NVCA's Customer Satisfaction Report 2025 be received by the Board of Directors.

14.3.6. Staff Report No. 24-05-26-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communications Report – April 11, 2026 – May 7, 2026

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 24-05-26-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – April 11, 2026 – May 7, 2026, be received.

15. Other Business

16. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 40-26

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 9:29am to meet again on June 26, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

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Jonathan Scott
Chair

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Jennifer Vincent
Chief Administrative Officer



NVCA May 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: June 26, 2026, held virtually

For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](https://www.nvca.on.ca).

2025 Customer Satisfaction Report

Each year, NVCA publishes a Customer Satisfaction Report that summarizes data collected through surveys and client reviews.

[Please visit NVCA's website to view the 2025 Customer Service Satisfaction Report.](https://www.nvca.on.ca)

Stewardship

NVCA's Stewardship Services include river restoration, tree planting, the Healthy Waters grant program, and other projects to protect and enhance our watershed.

Through working with funders, landowners, volunteers, and local partners, the stewardship and restoration services team planted over 10,500 trees and restored 10.5 km of rivers and streams!

Through correspondences, funders and landowners generally complement NVCA's stewardship staff for their expertise and results.

Lands

NVCA offers 11 conservation areas for watershed residents and visitors to explore.

Satisfaction for NVCA's conservation areas is measured through Google reviews. In 2025, the majority of the reviews submitted rated the conservation areas 4 or 5 stars.

The conservation areas that received the most reviews were Fort Willow Conservation Area, Tiffin Conservation Area and Nottawasaga Bluffs Conservation Area.

Education

NVCA's Environmental Education program provides hands-on, curriculum-aligned programs for JK to Grade 12 students. In 2025,

the program saw close to 13,000 participants, from toddlers to seniors.

Through feedback surveys, most teachers and families rated NVCA's education program as good or excellent, noting strong connections to the provincial curriculum, opportunities to appreciate and interact with nature, and outstanding customer service.

Events / Public Programming / Facility Rentals

NVCA's Lands department received excellent feedback for the 2026 Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival and wedding venue rentals.

Community organizations applauded the excellent customer service and reasonable prices for hosting events such as trail runs and musical hikes.

Permitting Process

Most survey responses regarding NVCA's permitting process indicated that regulations staff were knowledgeable, had good communication, and provided accurate information.

Through 2025, the Regulations and Planning department continued to focus on continuous improvement initiatives designed to enhance customer service, increase efficiency, and provide more transparent processes for applicants, including:

- Rolled out an e-permitting portal
- Updated specific permit exemptions in Implementation Guidelines to certain low risk activities
- Updated regulation mapping, resulting in a reduction of regulated areas

- Established a risk-based approach to permit fees and application review to foster more transparency, and for lower risk items to be addressed quickly
- Developed guides and checklists for permit applicants to ensure resubmissions are complete and reviews can be faster

The Permits and Regulations customer satisfaction survey and information collection methods will be updated in 2026 to ensure the information collected is value-added to improve processes.

Employee handbook update

The Board of Directors approved updates to the Salary Administration Policy and Employee Expenses Policy in NVCA's Employee Handbook.

The newly approved Salary Administration Policy introduces defined steps within NVCA's salary grids. This adjustment aligns with sector norms, supports workforce stability, and better positions the organization for a smooth and equitable amalgamation process.

NVCA staff are provided meal allowances while attending meetings, conferences, workshops, etc. The policy was updated to align with current standards and prices.

Human Resources Strategy

The Board has approved NVCA's three-year HR strategy. This guidance document will help the organization navigate the upcoming amalgamation, ensuring NVCA has the leadership, skills, capacity, and organizational culture to fulfill its legislated responsibilities, manage people-related risks, and sustainably deliver environmental conservation and public safety outcomes.

The strategy also supports NVCA's goal of being an employer of choice by strengthening employee experience and attracting and retaining talent.

CA Transition Committee

As part of the conservation authorities' amalgamation initiative, a Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority (LHRCA) Transition Committee will be established to oversee and guide the implementation of the amalgamation process.

The transition is currently legislated to occur on February 1, 2027.

NVCA's Board of Directors has appointed the CAO and Chair as representatives to the Transition Committee, with the Vice-Chair appointed as the alternate.

The Board approved a temporary adjustment to the Chair's honorarium to recognize additional responsibilities on the provincially directed Transition Committee.

As the designated alternate, the Vice Chair will also receive the same adjustment if Transition Committee duties are undertaken.

Upcoming Events

PA Day Camp Tiffin

This special edition of Camp Tiffin, fueled by student interest, encourages outdoor exploration and guided excursions in the forest.

Date: June 5, 2026, from 9 am – 4 pm

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

[Register here](#)

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](#)



06-26-BOD Agenda Minutes (**Draft**)
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority
Friday June 26, 2026 11:00 AM

Attendance

Present:

Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Vice-Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City) - *arrived at 9:08am*; Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township)

NVCA Staff:

Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist; Kerry Jenkins, Corporate Services Clerk/Recorder

Absent:

Cllr. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town)

1. Events

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.

Dates: July 6 – September 4, 2026

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation

2. Call To Order

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 11:38am.

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: 45-26

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

RESOLVED THAT: the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #06-26-BOD dated on June 26, 2026 be approved.

Carried;

6. Chair's Update

Chair Scott did not provide an update as CAO, Jennifer Vincent covered all his updates.

7. CAO's Update

Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer shared her updates.

8. Announcements

9. Presentations

10. Deputations

11. Hearings

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: 46-26

Moved by: Cllr. Joel Loughhead

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

RESOLVED THAT: agenda item number(s), 14.3.1, 14.3.2, were 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 05-26-BOD Minutes dated on May 22 2026 be approved.

14.2. Correspondence

Correspondence from Township of Adjala-Tosorontio regarding Support for the Sheldon Centre for Outdoor Education.

14.3. Staff Reports

14.3.1. Staff Report No. 25-06-26-BOD from Jennifer Vincent, CAO & Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding 2027 Draft Levy for Budget

Recommendation:

RES: 47-26

Moved by: Vice-Chair Gail Little

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 25-06-26-BOD regarding the NVCA's 2027 Draft Levy increase of \$129,055.12 for the Budget be approved; and

FURTHER THAT: staff be directed to finalize the 2027 budget and business plan and return for approval at the September 2026 Board meeting; and

FURTHER THAT: staff be directed to distribute the 2027 Draft Levy to municipalities for the consultation period.
Carried;

14.3.2. Staff Report No. 26-06-26-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding NVCA Asset Management Plan – 2027 Update

Recommendation:

RES: 48-26

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: the updated NVCA Asset Management Plan be approved

Carried;

Recommendation:

RES: 49-26

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: the Board approve \$612,870 as the category 1 asset levy for 2027.

Carried;

Recommendation:

RES: 50-26

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

RESOLVED THAT: the Board approve \$35,405 as the category 3 asset levy for 2027.

Carried;

14.3.3. Staff Report No. 27-06-26-BOD from Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services regarding 2026 Boundary Adjustment and Apportionment for Levy

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 27-06-26-BOD regarding the NVCA's 2026 apportionment for operational and asset levy charges be received; and

FURTHER THAT: the Board approve the revised apportionment calculation to be used to calculate the 2026 operational and asset levy charges to the Township of Springwater, the Township of Oro-Medonte, and the City of Barrie, reflecting the municipal boundary adjustment effective January 1, 2026, which was not factored into the apportionment calculations received by the NVCA from the province.

14.3.4. Staff Report No. 28-06-26-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communications Report – May 8, 2026 – June 10, 2026

Recommendation:

Approved by Consent

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 28-06-26-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – May 8, 2026 – June 10, be received.

15. In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 51-26

Moved by: Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting of the Board of Directors No. 06-26-BOD move into closed session at 11:58am, to address matters pertaining to:

a). A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the NVCA.

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

Carried;

16. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 52-26

Moved by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors rise from in-camera at 12:00pm and report progress.

Carried;

16.1. Out of In-Camera

Recommendation:

RES: 53-26

Moved by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

Seconded by: Cllr. Gary Harvey

RESOLVED THAT: the Board of Directors authorize NVCA staff to negotiate property acquisitions with landowners and funding partners for the potential acquisition of three properties located within the Nottawasaga Watershed, for the purpose of flood mitigation, erosion control, water quality improvement, natural heritage protection, and strategic business expansion opportunities; and

FURTHER THAT: should negotiations be successful and all acquisition costs fall within approved budget allocations and available funding sources, staff be authorized to complete the acquisitions in accordance with applicable NVCA policies and procedures; and

FURTHER THAT: staff be authorized to seek all necessary approvals from the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) and any other regulatory bodies required to complete the transactions.

Carried;

17. Other Business

18. Adjourn

Recommendation:

RES: 54-26

Moved by: Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Seconded by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

RESOLVED THAT: this meeting adjourn at 12:00pm to meet again on September 25, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried;

X

Jonathan Scott
Chair

X

Jennifer Vincent
Chief Administrative Officer



NVCA June 2026 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: September 25, 2026, held in person

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2027 Draft Levy for Budget

In a typical election year, budget and business plan approval occurs after the new Board has been appointed following the municipal election.

With the upcoming conservation authority amalgamation, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks directed current conservation authority boards to pass the 2027 budget before February 1, 2027.

As a result, conservation authorities are adjusting their processes to accommodate the anticipated direction and the timing of the October municipal election.

NVCA's Board of Directors approved a draft levy increase of \$129,055.12, and directed staff to finalize the 2027 budget and business plan for approval at the September 2026 Board meeting.

NVCA Asset Management Plan – 2027 Update

The Board of Directors approved the 2027 Updated Asset Management Plan, \$612,870 as the Category 1 asset levy, and \$35,405 as the Category 3 for 2027.

2026 Boundary Adjustment and Apportionment for Levy

The Board approved adjustments to NVCA's operational and asset levy apportionments to reflect municipal boundary changes between Barrie, Springwater, and Oro-Medonte that took effect on January 1, 2026.

As MPAC assessment data currently reflects pre-boundary adjustment municipal limits, manual changes are required to ensure levy costs are fairly allocated among the affected

municipalities. These adjustments will continue through the 2027 budget cycle.

Upcoming Events

Hop in and Help Stabilize the River Banks on the Nottawasaga River

Help restore the Nottawasaga River as we stabilize banks and create habitat for native fish and future streamside forests.

Date: July 14, 2026, from 9 am – 12 pm

Location: 8642 20th Sideroad, Adjala, Adjala-Tosorontio

[Register here](#)

Hop in and Help Stabilize Stream Banks on Sheldon Creek

Help restore the Nottawasaga River as we stabilize banks and create habitat for native fish and future streamside forests.

Date: July 21, 2026, from 9 am – 12 pm

Location: 8062 Adjala Sideroad 25, Rosemont LON 1R0

[Register here](#)

Hop in and Help Stabilize Stream Banks on Sheldon Creek

Help restore the Nottawasaga River as we stabilize banks and create habitat for native fish and future streamside forests.

Date: July 22, 2026, from 9 am – 12 pm

Location: 4222 Concession Rd 5, Adjala-Tosorontio

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Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Mulmur Township
758070 2nd Line East
Mulmur, ON L9V 0G8

July 13, 2026

Subject: 2027 Budget Timeline Adjustment and Draft Operational Levy Communication

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), I am writing to advise of an adjustment to the Authority's 2027 budget timeline and to provide information regarding the draft levy for your consideration.

The timeline for NVCA's 2027 budget and business plan development is proceeding differently than previously due to recent Ministerial direction (attached) and the timing of the 2026 municipal election. Typically, in an election year the NVCA budget and business plan approval is delayed from November to April following the election. The direction received from the Minister requires NVCA's 2027 budget to be approved no later than February 1, 2027. Given these realities, the Authority's final 2027 Budget and Business Plan will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval on September 25, 2026.

On June 24, 2026, the Board passed the following resolution:

RESOLVED THAT: Staff Report No. 25-06-26-BOD regarding the NVCA's 2027 Draft Levy increase of \$129,055.12 for the Budget be approved; and
FURTHER THAT: staff be directed to finalize the 2027 budget and business plan and return for approval at the September 2026 Board meeting; and
FURTHER THAT: staff be directed to distribute the 2027 Draft Levy to municipalities for the consultation period.

In accordance with this direction, we are formally advising that the NVCA is requesting an increase of \$129,055.12 to the operational levy for 2027, for a total of \$3,815,644 total operational levy. Below is how it is broken down between Category 1 and Category 3:

Category 1 – increase of \$93,707, total of \$3,536,864

Category 3 - increase of \$35,348, total of \$278,780

We recognize the importance of municipal input in the budget process. Accordingly, the distribution of the draft levy is intended to support the required consultation period with our partner municipalities. A detailed breakdown of the 2027 Budget and Business Plan, including the partner municipalities apportionments, will be provided as part of the final approval process and shared as part of the Board's September meeting.

The 2027 NVCA budget is intended to maintain status quo service levels in recognition of the uncertainties related to conservation authority amalgamation. The 2027 levy increase is driven by staffing-related cost commitments, representing approximately 80% of the NVCA budget, and increased insurance premiums. Increased employment costs are due to increases to CPP, pension, employee benefit program, and planned salary progression.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the draft levy further during the consultation period, please do not hesitate to request a deputation to your Council or contact me at jvincent@nvca.on.ca.

This 2027 investment allows NVCA to continue to meet legislative obligations, address local environmental priorities, and uphold municipal and public service standards during transition.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Vincent
Chief Administration Officer

Attachment: Direction letter from Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy

Copies: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk
 Councillor Patricia Clark, NVCA Board Member
 Heather Boston, CPA, CA, CGA, Treasurer Finance



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357-2026-1745

June 26, 2026

TO: Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities

SUBJECT: Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* with respect to budget and apportionment matters

I am writing with regards to the transition of Ontario's conservation authority system to a consolidated regional model. Pursuant to my authority under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), I am issuing a direction ("Direction") to conservation authorities on budget and apportionment matters leading up to the transition date – please see attached Direction.

The purpose of this Direction, effective from June 26, 2026 to the transition date under the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations), is to require conservation authorities to complete the budgetary process for the 2027 calendar year budget before the transition date, and in accordance with the CAA and applicable budget and apportionment regulations.

This Direction establishes deadlines for key budget process milestones, including the holding of meetings to approve apportionment amounts and final budgets, and the sending of notices of apportionment to participating municipalities. Conservation authorities are also required to notify the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) as certain steps of the budget process are completed. This Direction applies to all conservation authorities listed in Appendix A, with additional guidance set out in Appendix B of the attachment.

The Direction is intended to ensure that the transition to consolidation is successful with minimal disruptions to conservation authorities' governance, programs and services.

If you have any questions regarding this Direction, please contact the Conservation Authorities Section of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at ca.office@ontario.ca.

Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosures

c: The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

ATTACHMENT A

Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (this "Direction")

Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) provides the Minister with the authority to issue a direction to a conservation authority in relation to various matters for the purpose of facilitating the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities. The types of directions that can be issued by the Minister are set out in clauses 1.14(1)(a) to (d):

- (a) prohibiting the authority from making a decision in relation to its exercise of any of its powers under this Act or any other Act in the circumstances specified in the direction and subject to any specified conditions;
- (b) requiring the authority to give notice, in accordance with the direction, of a decision that it has made;
- (c) requiring the authority to send notices under subsection 25 (2), 27 (3) or 27.2 (3) by the date specified in the direction;
- (d) governing budgetary and apportionment matters relating to the authority that are otherwise addressed in a regulation made under clause 40 (1) (c), (e) or (f) or clause 40 (3) (k).

Section 1.14 further provides that an authority that receives such a direction shall comply with the direction within the time specified in the direction.

Pursuant to the authority of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under clauses 1.14(1)(c) and (d), the conservation authorities set out under Appendix "A" of this Direction (the "**authorities**" or each, an "**authority**") are hereby directed as follows:

1. Each authority shall take all necessary steps to develop and approve its budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with the CAA, to ensure that the authority complies with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Direction.
2. No later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Hold a meeting to approve apportionment amounts for its participating and specified municipalities as required by section 16 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Hold a meeting to approve a final budget as required by section 22 of O. Reg. 402/22.
3. Prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Provide a copy of its final budget to the Minister and each of its participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 24 of O. Reg. 402/22, and in addition, provide a copy of the approved final budget to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).
 - ii. Send notices to the authority's participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25(2) (notices of apportionment of capital

costs), 27(3) (notices of apportionment of operating expenses) and 27.2(3) (notices of amounts owed by specified municipalities) of the CAA.

4. Upon completion of each of the following steps, each authority shall provide written notice of the completion of the step to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks and the OPCA:
 - i. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes in accordance with section 14 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Approval of apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 18 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iii. Approval of a final budget in accordance with section 23 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iv. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25 (2), 27(3) and 27.2(3) of the CAA.

General

5. This Direction applies to the authorities listed in Appendix “A” to this Direction.
6. This Direction is effective from the date of its issuance to the transition date, within the meaning of the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations).
7. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.



Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
[June 26, 2026]

APPENDIX A

LIST OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THE DIRECTION APPLIES

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

APPENDIX B

Guidance document for the Minister's Direction issued under section 1.14 of the CAA with respect to budget and apportionment matters

The Minister's Direction issued June 26, 2026 under s.1.14 of the CAA aims to preserve operational and budget process continuity through the transition to a regional governance model for conservation authorities.

While Ontario Regulation 402/22 (Budget and Apportionment) does not set out specific dates or deadlines for the completion of the various phases of the budget and apportionment process, this Direction sets the following timing requirements and additional notification requirements:

Item/Task	Deadline
i. Holding of meeting to approve apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities (s. 16 of O. Reg. 402/22)	No later than 30 calendar days before the transition date
ii. Holding of meeting to approve final budget (s. 22 of O. Reg. 402/22)	
i. Providing copies of the approved final budget (s. 24 of O. Reg. 402/22)	Prior to the transition date
ii. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities (s. 25(2), 27(3), and 27.2(3) of the CAA)	
i. Providing a notice to the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) when each of the following steps is completed: a. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes b. Approval of apportionment amounts c. Approval of the final budget d. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities	Upon completion of each step

With respect to any documents and notice required to be given to the MECP and OPCA (e.g., approved final budget and notice of completion of various steps), please send those documents and notices to MECP at ca.office@ontario.ca and OPCA at CCEO@ontario.ca.

2027 Annual Budget

Conservation authorities will carry out the 2027 calendar year budget process in accordance with Ministers Directions, the CAA and its regulations. The determination of revenue, expenses and costs under Section 5 of O. Reg. 402/22 and determination of reduced amounts to be apportioned under Section 6 of O. Reg. 402/22 should reflect continuity of normal operations of an authority according to current organization's

governance, financial structures, and programs and services. Any anticipated impacts from regional consolidation should not be considered or incorporated into the preparation of the budget for the 2027 calendar year under this direction.

Municipal Consultation

Current participating and specified municipalities are to be consulted on the draft budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with existing legislative/regulatory requirements.

Voting

Budget-related votes are conducted using current authority membership and existing governance rules and in accordance with regulations, where that is set out.

Final Approval and Posting

Authorities approve, post, and provide copies of the final budget for the 2027 calendar year in accordance with existing requirements and the Minister's Direction.

Municipal Apportionment

The approach to municipal apportionment will not change for 2027 calendar year budgets and will follow the existing methods set out in O. Reg. 402/22 and O. Reg. 401/22 (Determination of Amounts Under Subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act) and apply to the current participating and specified municipalities of each authority per the apportionment percentages distributed by the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks.

Once apportioned amounts are determined and approved by authorities, notices of apportionment are sent to each participating municipality and notices setting out amounts owing are sent to each specified municipality. Each municipality shall be required to pay the amount apportioned to it even after the transition date under the CAA, at which point the payment will be due to the regional conservation authority.

Future Annual Budget

Budget alignment across regional conservation authorities will occur following the transition date.

The ministry will assess whether any changes need to be made to the budgeting process as set out in the budget and apportionment regulations as a result of the regional consolidation of authorities and will consider amendments to those regulations in Fall 2026, where appropriate.



Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

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July 22, 2026

Subject: 2027 Asset Management Levy Increase

Dear Mayor and Council,

At its June 26, 2026 meeting, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Board of Directors approved the 2027 Asset Management Plan and the associated asset management levies required to support the long-term maintenance, repair, and replacement of NVCA infrastructure and assets. This decision reflects the Board's commitment to proactive asset stewardship, risk-informed planning, and ensuring that critical infrastructure remains safe and reliable over the long term.

NVCA has maintained a comprehensive Asset Management Plan since 2017 to support responsible asset stewardship, financial sustainability, and long-term infrastructure planning. The plan identifies the Authority's existing assets, assesses their condition, evaluates risks, and forecasts future capital requirements to ensure that critical infrastructure remains safe, reliable, and operational.

The increase in the Category 1 Asset Levy is primarily driven by findings from recent flood infrastructure safety reviews. These technical assessments identified significant repair and rehabilitation requirements that were not fully reflected in previous asset management plans. Over the next 10 years, NVCA anticipates more than \$4 million in flood infrastructure-related repairs and rehabilitation work. Deferring this investment could increase public safety, environmental, operational, and financial risks and result in higher costs over time.

The Board carefully considered alternative funding approaches however, it determined that increasing the Asset Levy is the most responsible long-term solution, as using other reserves would compromise their intended purposes and reduce the Authority's overall financial resilience.

As part of this approval, the Board approved a 2027 Category 1 Asset Levy of \$612,870, an increase from \$194,290 in 2026, and a 2027 Category 3 Asset Levy of \$35,405, a small decrease from \$39,715 in 2026. Your municipality's share for 2027 is as follows:

Category 1: \$9,656.92

Category 3: \$552.14

Staff recognize the financial pressures facing municipalities and remain committed to minimizing impacts wherever possible. NVCA will continue to prioritize projects based on risk, urgency, and available funding opportunities and will actively pursue grants and other external funding sources to reduce costs borne by member municipalities.

Should Council require additional information regarding the Asset Management Plan, levy calculations, or capital infrastructure requirements, please do not hesitate to contact me at jvincent@nvca.on.ca.

Thank you for your continued support of NVCA's programs, services, and infrastructure stewardship responsibilities. NVCA remains committed to managing levy dollars responsibly by aligning asset management needs with long-term financial planning, prioritizing investments based on risk and service needs, and pursuing other available sources of funds wherever possible to support infrastructure maintenance and reduce pressure on member municipalities.

Sincerely,
**Jennifer
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Asset Management Plan

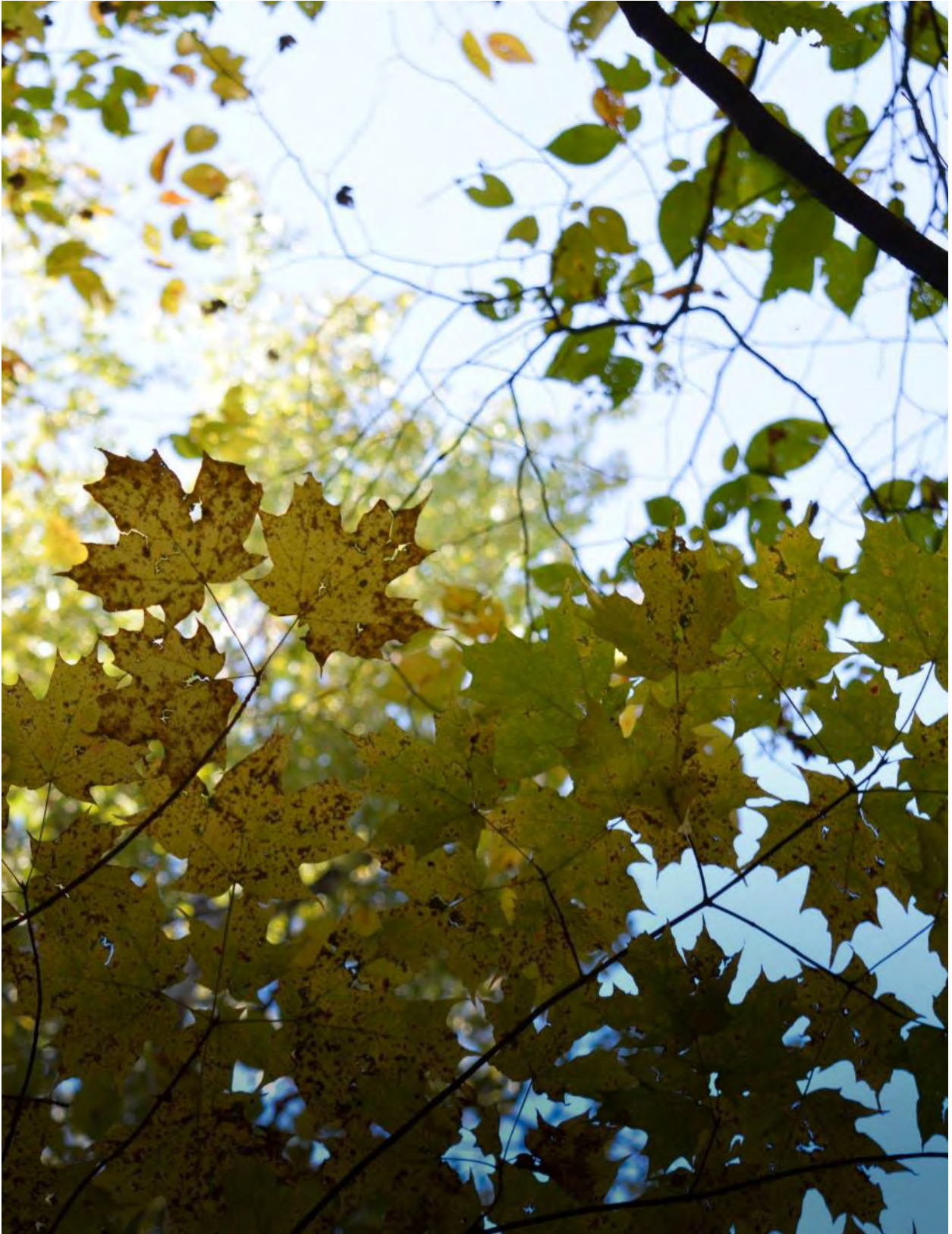
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Introduction

Conservation Authorities are watershed-based, non-profit organizations, that are often located across multiple Municipalities. In Ontario there are 36 Conservation Authorities all of whom adhere to the *Conservation Authorities Act*. This includes the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) who manages natural hazards through planning comments, development permits, and flood forecasting as well as the management of natural resources that are essential to sustaining water quality and quantity through watershed planning, stewardship, environmental monitoring and research, and the management of conservation and natural areas.

The NVCA owns a variety of infrastructure assets that are used to support the services delivered. The development of an asset management plan (AMP) is an essential part of NVCA's ongoing liability and fiscal responsibility framework, guiding the purchase, use, maintenance, and disposal of every asset NVCA required to conduct business and reduce the NVCA's liability. The goal of the capital asset management plan is to define the use of assets in order to streamline productivity and delivery with minimal loss of capital.

With the development of this AMP, NVCA has met the requirements of Section 21.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the supporting O. Reg. 402/22 Budget and Apportionment. While not legislatively required for the NVCA, this AMP also meets, to the greatest extent reasonably possible, the reporting requirements of O. Reg. 588/17 Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure, Ontario's most rigorous legislative reporting requirement for Asset Management Planning and Reporting. By working to meet such requirements, the NVCA's asset management program aligns with best practices.

Background - Asset Management at NVCA

NVCA's infrastructure is aging while demand for better public services is growing in response to higher standards of safety, health, environmental protection, and growth.

Due to changes to **Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB)** standards that came into effect in 2009, Conservation Authorities are required to report on their tangible capital assets in their audited Financial Statements.

Under these standards, the full cost of acquisition or construction of an asset is no longer recognized as expenditure in the year in which it occurs. Instead, the cost of the asset is spread over the asset's estimated useful life as an amortization expense.

The information required to be PSAB compliant considers historical costs (or a reasonable estimate where necessary), annual amortization, accumulated amortization, and the resultant current netbook value of assets. As a result of the review, an excel spreadsheet tracked over 600 current assets. In 2019, an online database was added, improving NVCA's asset management practices.

The Asset Management Plan (AMP) identifies liability situations and supports NVCA's budgeting, planning, and forecasting processes. This continues to bring efficiencies in the budgeting process, improve collaboration between user groups, and enhance data quality and reliability. The Plan identifies NVCA assets, what condition they

are in, and what the anticipated needs are to maintain infrastructure going forward. It also estimates future needs both from the perspective of preserving existing infrastructure and anticipated future new asset acquisitions and capacity enhancements.

The Asset Management Plan is coordinated with the departments of the Authority as each department is accountable for the assets it controls.

A register of current assets is given to each department in June of each year. A determination was made of which assets need to be managed and/or replaced based on a 10-year cycle.

The Plan is then divided into subsections for each type of asset held. Financial implications for the next 10 years to maintain, repair and/or replace the current assets are summarized at the end of each section. The Plan does not address the need for new assets or the financial implications of new assets.

An Overview of Asset Management

Many of the services provided by Conservation Authorities are supported by an underlying infrastructure. To deliver these services, the infrastructure used must be effectively managed and maintained, including identification of near- and short-term capital costs, asset risks, and asset performance. The goal of asset management is to minimize the lifecycle costs of delivering infrastructure services, manage the associated risks, while maximizing the value received from the asset portfolio.

Typically, the acquisition of capital assets accounts for only about 10-20% of their total cost of ownership. The remaining 80-90% derives from operations and maintenance. This AMP focuses its analysis on the capital costs only to maintain, rehabilitate, and replace existing assets under ownership.



These costs can span decades, requiring planning and foresight to ensure financial responsibility is spread equitably across generations. An AMP is critical to this planning, and an essential element of broader asset management program.

Key Concepts in Asset Management

Effective asset management integrates several key components, including lifecycle management, risk management, and levels of service. These concepts are applied throughout this AMP and are described below in greater detail.

The condition or performance of most assets will deteriorate over time. This process is affected by a range of factors including an asset's characteristics, location, utilization, maintenance history, and environment. Asset deterioration has a negative effect on the ability of an asset to fulfill its intended function, and may be characterized by increased cost, risk, and even service disruption.

To ensure that conservation authority assets are performing as expected and meeting the needs of customers, it is important to establish a lifecycle management strategy to proactively manage asset deterioration.

There are several field intervention activities that are available to extend the life of an asset. These activities can be generally placed into one of three categories: maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement. The following table provides a description of each type of activity and the general difference in cost.

Lifecycle Activity (Typical Funding Source)	Description	Example (Large Equipment)	Cost
Maintenance (Operating)	Activities that prevent defects or deteriorations from occurring	Oil Change	\$
Rehabilitation/ Renewal (Capital)	Activities that rectify defects or deficiencies that are already present and may be affecting asset performance	Engine Rebuild	\$\$
Replacement/ Reconstruction (Capital)	Asset end-of-life activities that often involve the complete replacement of assets	Full Replacement	\$\$\$

NVCA's approach to lifecycle management is described within each asset category outlined in this AMP. Developing and implementing a proactive lifecycle strategy will help staff to determine what and when activities are required to maximize the useful life at the lowest total cost of ownership.

Expenses greater than \$1,000 are typically classified as a capital asset expense. classification. Routine maintenance activities are generally funded through operational budgets. For example, regular maintenance of vehicles, such as oil changes, tire changes, etc., is managed through operational dollars. Items such as roof replacement or building siding refinishing are considered significant expenditures and are funded through the Asset Management Plan, ensuring long-term sustainability and financial planning.

Tangible Capital Assets as of December 31, 2025



Amortization	Land	Buildings	Large Equipment/ Vehicles	Small Equipment	Structures	Furniture/ Fixtures	Computers	Utility	Total
Cost	\$6,547,257	\$1,955,434	\$569,879	\$436,257	\$3,050,263	\$274,381	\$265,869	\$665,205	\$13,764,545
Accumulated Amortization		\$1,017,146	\$463,489	\$303,477	\$2,466,415	\$260,244	\$164,620	\$607,706	\$5,283,097
Net Book Value	\$6,547,257	\$938,288	\$106,390	\$132,780	\$583,848	\$14,137	\$101,249	\$57,499	\$8,481,448
Amortized %		52%	81%	70%	81%	95%	62%	91%	

Tangible Capital Assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization.

Cost includes all costs directly attributable to acquisition or construction of tangible capital assets.

Contributed tangible assets are recorded at fair value at the time of the donation, with a corresponding amount recorded as revenue.

Amortization is recorded on a straight-line or percentage declining basis over the estimated life of the tangible capital asset as follows:

Buildings: 50-year straight-line

Large Equipment / Vehicles: 25% declining

Computers: 5-year straight-line

Small Equipment: 20% declining

Utility: 15-year straight-line

Furniture / Fixture: 10-year straight-line

Structures: 50-year straight-line

Capitalization Threshold

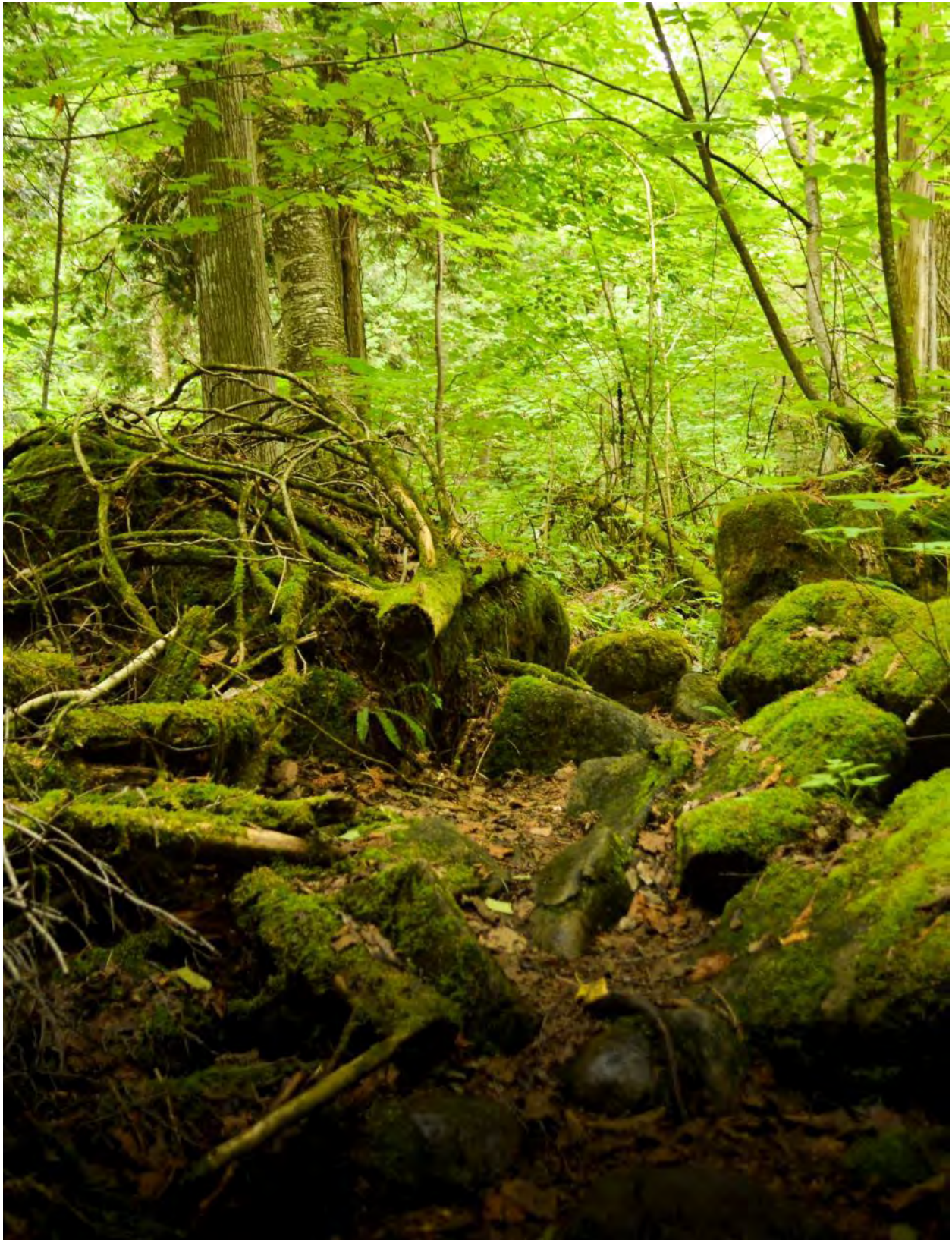
Theoretically, any item that meets the \$1,000 capital threshold would be accounted for as a tangible capital asset. In practical terms, NVCA has established capitalization thresholds or minimum amounts that expenditures must exceed before they are capitalized. Items not meeting that threshold are recorded as expenses in that period.

The AMP will identify liability situations and support NVCA's budgeting, planning, and forecasting processes which brings benefits in the budgeting process, improving collaboration between user groups, and enhancing data quality and reliability.

This plan identifies what NVCA has, what condition it is in, and what the anticipated needs are to maintain infrastructure moving forward. It also discusses estimates regarding future needs both from the perspective of preserving existing infrastructure and anticipating future new asset acquisitions and capacity enhancements.

The AMP was coordinated with departments of the Authority. Each department is accountable for the assets it controls. Using a register of current assets, each department determined which assets need to be managed and/or replaced based on a 10-year cycle.

The NVCA has also categorized assets in either category 1, 2 or 3 as per the *Conservation Authorities Act* and are reflected as part of the included information.



NVCA Lands

Since 1960, NVCA has secured over 13,000 acres of land including: environmentally significant areas (wetlands, woodlands), flood susceptible lands and day use park lands for passive recreation and outdoor education.

The mandate of the NVCA under Section 20 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* is “to establish and undertake, in the area under which it has jurisdiction, a program designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals”.

The risks associated with not maintaining NVCA lands include:

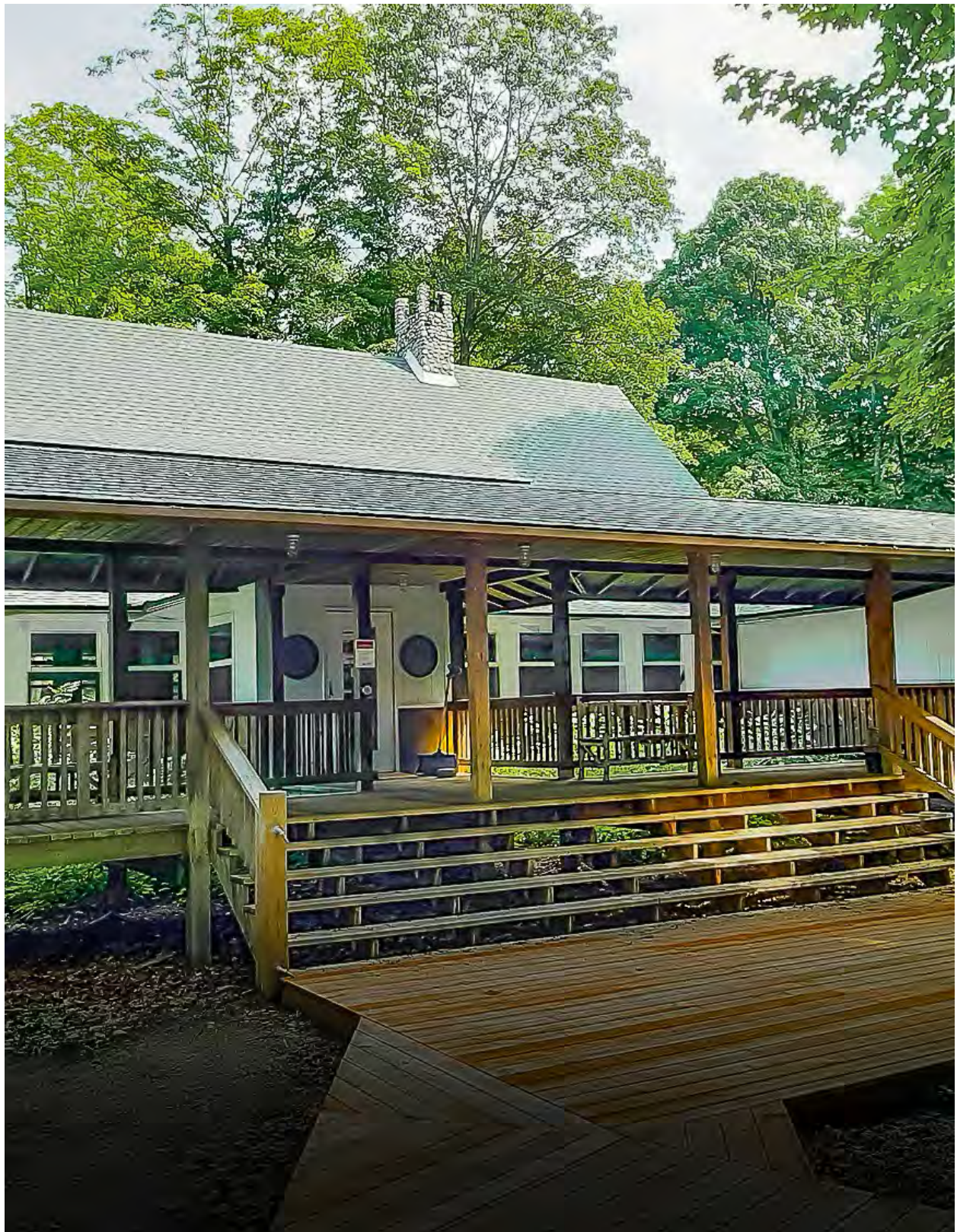
- Disruption of services
- Increased maintenance and repair costs
- Health and safety concern for staff and public
- Liability concern

All lands are a category 1 asset.

Financial Implications

Through PSAB standards, land is not eligible to be amortized as the value of the land does not decrease in value with use. Therefore, the purchase price (or value of land on day of donation) is the current day value in accounting standards.

Despite this, land ownership carries a high risk if safety related repairs are not addressed. This includes such items as signs, parking lots, trails, hazard tree maintenance, etc. This can generally be done through operational budgets.



Buildings

NVCA buildings are 52% amortized, which shows that they are relatively newer and do not require major replacement in the next 10 years, however, some maintenance and rehabilitation will be required.

The risks associated with not upgrading the offices include:

- Disruption of services
- Increased maintenance and repair costs

- Health and safety concern for staff and public

Most of the buildings are a category 1 asset but there are a few category 3 items, such as buildings utilized only for category 3 operations (ex. Maple Syrup Shack) resulting in an unequal investment profile over the 10 years within category 3.

Financial Implications

Category 1

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$ -	\$53,000	\$5,500	\$26,000	\$16,000

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$3,000	\$ -	\$118,500

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$11,850 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.

Category 3

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,000

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$500 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Large Equipment & Vehicles

The NVCA owns and maintains a small fleet of vehicles to enable our work programs.

Ten vehicles (cars & trucks) are provided for staff to use to attend meetings, carry out site inspections and/or investigations and field work including monitoring surface water, groundwater, land work.

During and post pandemic, vehicles noticed a large decline in use causing staff to be able to delay purchases from the average 10-year replacement to upwards of 12-13 years. This has created a situation where 6 vehicles need to be replaced within 2 years (2027 and 2028).

Also, the NVCA has several large equipment including but not limited to tractors, trailers, wood splitter, mower, snowmobile, snow blower/plow and a gator utility vehicle. This equipment is important in the maintenance and upkeep of our lands, specifically the Tiffin Centre where most of our programs take place.

With the management of twelve public Conservation Areas, NVCA makes steady use of large equipment in its inventory for everyday maintenance work.

Our extensive trail systems are maintained with the same equipment as well as utility vehicles and chainsaws for our staff to complete trail maintenance and hazard tree work.

Our hazard trees are cut and split into firewood to fuel our woodstoves/fireplaces within the Tiffin Centre and the maple syrup evaporator.

The risks associated with not replacing large equipment/vehicles include:

- High maintenance and repair costs
- Health and safety concern for staff and public
- Liability concern
- Disruption of service to not only staff but residents and visitors
- Disruption of work/contract to staff and contractors; increased costs

Category 3 has few assets as vehicles and most large equipment is category 1. That results in a extremely small investment over 10 years as shown below.

The NVCA's fleet of vehicles and large equipment is aging and considered to be in fair to poor condition and 81% amortized. Therefore, may be subject to higher maintenance and rehabilitation costs as they get closer to replacement.

Most of the equipment is a category 1 asset but there are a few items used only for category 3 operations, resulting in an unequal investment profile over the 10 years within category 3. .

Financial Implications

Category 1

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$115,000	\$377,000	\$72,000	\$16,000	\$ 9,000

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$6,500	\$ -	\$100,000	\$69,000	\$150,000	\$914,500

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$91,450 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.

Category 3

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$ -	\$8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$8,000

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$800 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Information Technology Infrastructure

The NVCA has a heavy operational dependency on Information Technology (IT), including Wide and Local Area Networks (WAN's and LAN's), database servers, intranet, internet and e-mail. The potential loss of operational control of essential services and impact upon stakeholders (e.g., clients or personnel – any person or organization with a *stake* in NVCA), that may occur in the event of an interruption in information technology services necessitates the need for continued preparation, implementation and maintenance.

NVCA's IT suite of software tools (including Virtual Machines, Veeam, and Security platforms) maintains the high availability IT network for its day-to-day operations. NVCA currently has 13 virtual servers running the following applications: NVCA IIS

Applications, MS Exchange, MS SQL Server, Data Centre File Servers, Veeam Backup and Replication, Active Directory, Domain Controllers, Sage 300 ERP. All these servers are critical to host the applications for the day-to-day operations of the Authority and play a vital role in key program areas such as flood forecasting and warning, the planning/development review process, and administration.

The Authority's core servers and storage area network are in good condition while the remainder of its network infrastructure is in fair condition and is at 62% amortized.

All Information Management Infrastructure items are a category 1 asset.

Network Infrastructure Replacement Initiative

In order to maintain the high availability of NVCA's infrastructure, critical components must be replaced within the predicted lifespan of the hardware. The initiative reviews the network infrastructure annually and sets a maintenance schedule to ensure the Authority is on pace to meet the needs of its users and clients. The schedule of replacement ensures a continually sustainable work environment that is free from disruption and failure.

The risks associated with not renewing workstations include:

- Unplanned downtime leading to disruption of Authority business;
- Unplanned expenses related to unexpected server, switch and storage renewal;
- Loss of data;
- Increased negative perception of technology due to aging infrastructure.

Server Room Maintenance Initiative

To maintain the business continuity of our network infrastructure and communication systems the maintenance and repairs of the server room and on-site back-up location are reviewed on an annual basis. The maintenance and repairs include the following:

- Cooling system renewal for server room in main office (through the main HVAC system)
- Backup power systems renewal for both server room and the Jose Building

When server rooms are not maintained correctly, they present risks related to:

- Early failure of equipment due to inadequate cooling
- Disruption of service or loss of data due to power failures for power conditioning

The maintenance of these systems ensures the longevity of the hardware and ensures sustainability and high tolerance

Workstation Replacement Initiative

The Authority has recognized a need to budget for the replacement of workstations to maintain business continuity. The initiative actively plans and executes renewal of workstations on an annual basis. The schedule of renewal ensures a continually sustainable work environment that is free from disruption and failure. The risks associated with not renewing workstations include:

- Unplanned for downtime leading to disruption of Authority business;
- Unplanned expenses related to unexpected computer renewal;
- Loss of data;
- Increased negative perception of technology due to aging infrastructure.

Workstations are budgeted for a five-year replacement cycle.

The workstations required by users at the Authority are dictated by their software and hardware requirements. Several resource intensive client-side

applications in use at the Authority are as follows: ESRI ArcGIS Suite of Software, Graphic software and Adobe InDesign. Users whose primary job function is the intensive use of the above-mentioned products are referred to as “Technical Workstation Usage”. Staff members who use the software on a periodic basis are referred to as “Business Standard Usage”. The remaining staff is “Structure Task Usage” and do not use resource intensive client-side applications and predominately rely on server-based applications.

Tiered System based on Software requirements (with examples of staff types)

- Technical Workstation Usage
 - o ArcGIS Power Users
 - o Graphic Design Users
 - o Database and Application developer
- Business Standard Usage
 - o ArcView Users

- o Database/Spreadsheet
- Structure Task Usage
 - o Remaining staff

Technical Workstation Usage Replacement: Users receive workstations that are extended core machines, those which have additional CPU's, RAM and dedicated graphic memory.

Business Standard Usage Replacement: Users receive

workstations that are extended core machines, those which have additional CPU's and RAM.

Structure Task Usage Replacement: Users will receive Thin Client machines managed on the Server.

Workstations retired from full-time staff use are set aside for students or employment programs.

Financial Implications

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$15,600	\$90,550	\$96,100	\$77,400	\$37,400

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$18,400	\$66,500	\$47,200	\$53,700	\$6,000	\$508,850

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$50,885 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Small Equipment

NVCA equipment inventory includes but is not limited to, picnic tables, wood stoves and appliances used for the operation of our buildings and conservation areas as well as specific monitoring and flood program equipment.

The amortization rate for NVCA's inventory of machinery and equipment is at 70% and NVCA's inventory of equipment is in fair condition.

Small equipment is a mix of Category 1 and 3.

The risks associated with not replacing equipment include:

- High maintenance and repair costs;
- Health and safety concern for staff and public;
- Liability concern;
- Disruption of service to residents and visitors;
- Disruption of work/contract to staff and contractors; increased costs

Monitoring Equipment

NVCA's monitoring programs examine the biological components of the watershed and include fisheries, wildlife, wetland, and terrestrial monitoring. The monitoring program provides important information used by the NVCA and many watershed stakeholders including municipalities and other government agencies, developers, consultants, academia, ENGO's and residents.

Overall watershed health data and information collected provides point-in-time information and identifies trends and changes over time in watershed health. The work not only informs the NVCA decision but also informs federal and provincial programs. Some of the information collected is submitted to provincial and federal databases in accordance with agreements, collection permits and licenses.

To carry out the various monitoring programs, a variety of equipment is necessary, including highly specialized items.

There are many risks associated with a discontinuous monitoring program created by breaks in monitoring including:

- Inability to fulfill agreements associated with federal and provincial monitoring programs,
- Seriously disrupt continuous monitoring program which enables trend analysis to be conducted,
- Inability to assess relationship of change to land use and climate change impacts,
- Create gap in data, impacting system analysis and reliability of data to make decisions,
- Fragment data contributing to NVCA programs including watershed planning and plan review,
- Impact consistency, reliability and knowledge that is very important in maintaining and improving upon the NVCA's expertise regarding the health and management of our watersheds.

Flood Monitoring Equipment

The current network monitors all aspects of the hydrologic system and environmental parameters including surface water levels and flow in creeks, base flow measurements, precipitation, barometric pressure, air temperature, water temperature and snow accumulation.

NVCA operates 8 stream gauge stations located across our watershed. These gauges provide current information on flood conditions, low flow, and base flows. The actual type of measuring & recording equipment varies between stations but all record water level (stage) and convert to flow (discharge) using rating curves.

NVCA operates 13 weather and stream gauges located across our watershed. Many of these stations provide real-time information on the amount of precipitation (rain and/or snow) falling during an event. The majority of the gauges are tipping bucket rain gauges that accurately record rainfall between April and November. To measure total precipitation (including snow) we operate a weighing type gauge (Geonor).

To complement the rain and stream water level and flow data, NVCA monitors temperature at some of the weather and stream gauges.

The focus of the flood monitoring network has been to monitor and record high flow events as they pass through the NVCA's watershed. This information assists with flood forecasting and warning operations.

Hydrologic information can be used to generate an understanding of low flow and drought conditions, groundwater budgets, aquatic studies, and climate change.

The risks associated with not replacing equipment include:

- Unreliable or lost data
- Disruption of service
- Increased maintenance and repair costs
- Health and safety concern for staff and public
- Liability concern

Financial Implications

Category 1

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$70,200	\$52,150	\$3,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$95,000	\$2,000	\$3,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$245,850

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$24,585 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.

Category 3

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$ -	\$133,500	\$35,400	\$7,250	\$23,400

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$7,000	\$72,900	\$17,500	\$22,600	\$ -	\$319,550

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$31,955 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Utilities

The NVCA utilities are the utilities related to the buildings and lands that we own. These include items like the septic systems, security system, generator backup, parking lots, lighting, campgrounds, etc.

The NVCA's utilities are in fair to poor condition at 91% amortized.

The risks associated with not replacing equipment include:

- High maintenance/repair costs

- Liability concern
- Health and safety concern for staff and public
- Disruption of service to residents and visitors

Most of the utility assets are Category 1 assets; however, a few are Category 3 related to our campgrounds, resulting in an unequal investment profile over the 10 years within category 3.

Financial Implications

Category 1

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$10,000	\$48,000	\$19,000	\$39,500	\$15,000

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$57,000	\$ -	\$198,500

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$19,850 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.

Category 3

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$ -

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$9,000

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$900 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Furniture & Fixtures

The NVCA's furniture and fixtures are considered to be in fair to poor condition and are currently amortized at 95%. The NVCA has a small budget in the operational budget to replace a few furniture items yearly so that is not reflected in the numbers below.

The risks associated with not repairing/replacing furniture & fixtures include:

- High maintenance and repair costs
- Liability concern

- Health and safety concern for staff and public
- Disruption of service to residents and visitors

Most of the furniture assets are Category 1 assets; however, a few are Category 3 related to our events and education, resulting in an unequal investment profile over the 10 years within category 3.

Financial Implications

Category 1

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$ -	\$24,500	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$ -

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$15,000	\$7,100	\$6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$56,100

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$5,610 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.

Category 3

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$ -	\$7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$12,500

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$1,250 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Structures

The NVCA owns and/or maintains 8 flood control structures/dams and 28 groundwater monitoring wells.

The dams are a part of the flood management program as they help to control the flow of water. Each dam ranges in replacement cost from just over \$900,000 to over \$1,100,000. Therefore, it is crucial to perform regular maintenance to ensure that the dams stay useful over the course of their 50–75-year life.

The groundwater monitoring wells (not drinking water wells) that the NVCA owns have a very long life with little to no maintenance costs. They are not scheduled to have a budgetary impact until 2064.

The NVCA's structures are in fair to poor condition and at 81% amortized. Recent required safety reviews have identified significant capital investments that are required to keep them at a fair condition. These amounts were not previously planned for given we did not have the results of the reviews, and the maintenance schedule with the below financial implications are considered high risk if not completed.

The risks associated with not maintaining the structures include:

- High maintenance and repair costs
- Health and safety concern for staff and public
- Liability concern
- Disruption of service to residents and visitors

All Structures items are a Category 1 asset.

Financial Implication

The financial implications (estimated cost per year for the strategy described) are as follows:

2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
\$305,000	\$1,195,000	\$1,220,000	\$450,000	\$460,000

2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	Total
\$250,000	\$100,000	\$ -	\$150,000	\$20,000	\$4,150,000

The average capital replacement costs amount to \$415,000 per year over the next 10 years excluding inflation.



Conclusion

The development of this plan was an essential part of NVCA's ongoing liability and fiscal responsibility. Timely maintenance, repair and replacement of assets is necessary to ensure our liability and costs are reduced.

It is recognized that this AMP is a "high level" document and has been completed without the benefit of a qualified asset management staff or consultant. In addition, the assessment of risks outlined in Appendix 1 has been completed without the benefit of an operational risk expert.

Category 1

To adequately maintain Category 1 infrastructure over the next ten years, a total investment of \$6,192,300 is required, which equates to \$619,230 per year.

Staff have assessed the capacity to support these costs through operational fund contributions and determined that \$63,600 or \$6,360 per year can be contributed from operational dollars over the ten-year period

The annual funding requirement is \$612,870 and is the amount of the 2027 category 1 asset levy. This reflects an increase from the 2026 value of \$194,290. This increase is attributable to two key factors: inflation and poor condition of the dams.

Continuing from 2025 and for the next 5-10 years, there are increased asset maintenance costs, due to major dam repair work that needs to be completed. Staff are exploring all options including grants and decommissioning; however, this is the

minimum cost should no grants be available.

Category 3

To adequately maintain Category 3 infrastructure over the next 10 years, a total investment of \$354,050 is required which equates to \$35,405 per year and is the amount of the 2027 category 3 asset levy.

This revised annual funding requirement is a decrease from 2026 (\$39,715).

Certain asset replacements will be at higher costs than previously purchased due to inflation and some equipment that can only be acquired in the USA. Staff continue to find efficiency with capital assets and extend their life, along with the ability to find savings wherever possible.

Appendix 1

Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic	
No Injuries/First Aid No Environmental Damage <\$1,000 damage	Some First Aid required Low Environmental Damage <\$10,000 damage	External Medical Medium Environmental Damage < \$100,000 damage	Extensive injuries High Environmental Damage < <\$1,000,000	Death or Major Injuries Toxic Environmental Damage >\$1,000,000	Rate Each as: Low Risk Moderate Risk High Risk Critical Risk
Furniture/Fixtures		Lands			Rare Only in exceptional circumstances (0.01%)
Computers					Unlikely/Occasional Might occur at some time (1-9%)
	Large Equipment/Vehicles Small Equipment				Moderate (10%)
		Utilities			Likely (20%)
			Buildings		Probable (50%)
				Structures	Almost Certain Expected in normal circumstances (100%)



Minutes of Shelburne Public Library Board

Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 7 p.m.

KTH Room, 201 Owen Sound St, Shelburne, ON L9V 3L2

Members Present: G. Dunlop
T. Field
J. Hodder
Councillor L. Wegener (Shelburne)
Councillor P. Clark (Mulmur)
Councillor V. Paan (Amaranth)
Councillor R. Plowright (Melancthon)

Members Absent: Councillor M. Davie (Mono)

Staff Present: S. McGrady, CEO
D. Lange, Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Chair G. Dunlop called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

2. Disclosures of (Direct or Indirect) Pecuniary Interest

None.

3. Land Acknowledgment

The Chair acknowledged 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.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 37-26

Moved by Councillor V. Paan

Seconded by J. Hodder

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda for the May 26, 2026, meeting.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 38-26

Moved by J. Hodder

Seconded by T. Field

Be it resolved that we approve the amended minutes of the Board meeting dated April 28, 2026.

Carried

6. Information Item – CEO Report

Motion 39-26

Moved by T. Field

Seconded by Councillor R. Plowright

That the Board receive the CEO Report dated May 26, 2026.

Carried

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Financial Report

Motion 40-26

Moved by Councillor R. Plowright

Seconded by Councillor P. Clark

Be it resolved that the Financial Report of April, 2026, be received; and,

Be it resolved the Profit and Loss Statement for April, 2026 be approved as amended.

Carried

Motion 41-26

Moved by Councillor P. Clark

Seconded by Councillor V. Paan

Be it resolved that the Audited Draft Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2025, be approved as amended.

Carried

7.2 Policy Review - Circulation

Motion 42-26

Moved by J. Hodder

Seconded by T. Field

That the Report – Circulation Policy be received; and,

That the Board establish a non-resident fee; and,

That the Board approve the Circulation Policy (OP-12) as presented.

Carried

7.2 Town of Shelburne Request for Audit 2027

Motion 43-26

Moved by T. Field

Seconded by Councillor R. Plowright

That the Report – Town of Shelburne Request for Audit 2027, be received.

Carried

8. Correspondence

9. Announcements

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026

11. Adjournment

Motion: 44-26

Moved by Councillor R. Plowright

Seconded by Councillor P. Clark

That we now adjourn at 9:07 p.m. to meet again on June 23, 2026, at 7 p.m. or at call of the Chair.

Carried



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

June 30, 2026

Present: Bill Neilson, Chair – Melancthon Township
Earl Hawkins – Mulumur Township
Janet Horner – Mulumur Township
Darren White – Melancthon Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 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 Horner Seconded by Hawkins
That the agenda be approved.
Carried.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Neilson
That the minutes of May 13, 2026 be approved.
Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

6. Administration

6.1 2025 Financial Statements

The Board welcomed Matthew Betik, KPMG, who presented the 2025 Financial Statements for the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department. Betik noted the review engagement and provided assurance on the financial information, and noted the annual surplus of approximately 160,000 was in line with what it should be.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Horner

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board approve the 2025 financial statements as presented by Matthew Betik, KPMG.

Carried.

6.2 Generator Purchase

Chief Waterfield presented the quotes and recommendation for the generator replacement at the Fire Hall. Members discussed alternative locations for the new generator, references for the companies who quoted, and possible emergency shelter use of the hall in the future. Chief Waterfield advised that he will be applying for a grant with the County to assist with costs as well.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Neilson

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board amend the 2026 Capital Budget to approve the purchase and installation of a generator, to a maximum cost of \$60,000 to be funded from the capital reserves.

Carried.

6.3 General Fire Chief Update

Chief Waterfield updated Members on department activities, noting:

- 27 calls for service in 2026, down significantly due to the drop in medical calls.
- ARGO is in the last stages of setup before being put into service.
- 3 new recruits have now completed training and are awaiting final marks. Another 3 recruits are scheduled to complete training in 2027.

7. Closed Session

Moved by Horner and Seconded by Hawkins

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board adjourn to closed session at 3:40 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matter related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees under section 239(2)(b).

Carried.

7.1 Staffing Updates

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Neilson

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board do rise into open session at 3:55 p.m. with the following motion:

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board approve the MMFB Closed Session Minutes of May 13, 2026;

And that Kyle McGee be appointed as Captain, effective July 1, 2026.

Carried.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Horner

That we do now adjourn at 3:59 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary



Economic Development Committee Minutes June 29, 2026 – 9:30 AM

Present: Daryl Stansfield, Chair
Lisa Thomson
Savannah Rogers
Diana Morris
Roseann Knechtel, Secretary

Regrets: Kim Lyon

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2.0 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Thomson and Seconded by Morris

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Rogers and Seconded by Thomson

That the minutes of May 5, 2026 are approved.

Carried.

4.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None

5.0 Administration

5.1 Mulmur 175

- a) Spring Market Recap:** Approximately 60 vendors participated and staff anticipate anywhere between 500-1,000 people were in attendance. A feedback survey was circulated and included suggestions such as porta-poties and a kids' activity.
- b) Mulmur 175 Celebration BBQ:** Members discussed the upcoming event noting the following actions:
 - Town Crier – Diana to provide contact information

- Primrose Elementary School – O Canada: Savannah to reach out and confirm in September as per school's request.
- Donaldson Donation Recognition – Staff to confirm attendance
- Food: Members would like the food to be catered. Direction given to staff to secure a local caterer.
- Back up location: Thomson Trail Park
- Commemorative Plaque for Tree at Township Office – staff to source.

6.0 Items for Future Meetings

6.1 Dufferin County EDC: item to be removed pending County Service Delivery Review.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by Stansfield and Seconded by Thomson

That the Economic Development Committee adjourns the meeting at 10:06 a.m. to meet again on August 6, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.



SHELburne & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

May 5, 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 Co-Chair, Gail Little, called meeting to order at 7:17 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

None.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

3.1 **Resolution # 1**

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by J. Horner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

4. **Approval of Minutes**

4.1 **Resolution # 2**

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management adopt the minutes under the dates of April 7, 2026, as circulated.

Carried

5. **Pecuniary Interest**

5.1 No pecuniary interest declared.

6. **Public Question Period**

6.1 No public present.

7. **Delegations / Deputations**

7.1 No delegations.

8. Unfinished Business:

8.1 Billing for Structure Fires within the Town of Mono

The Board briefly discussed the Town of Mono's request for the Fire Chief to provide information regarding fires in the Town of Mono for the purpose invoicing insurance companies for cost recovery.

Resolution # 3

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by J. Horner

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management directs the Fire Chief to complete the forms provided by the Town of Mono as requested.

Carried

8.2 Financial Statements

The Board discussed and requested that the Secretary-Treasurer invite RLB back to our next Board meeting to discuss the notes attached to the letter for clarification.

9. New Business

9.1 E & R Draft By-Law Report

Resolution # 4

Moved by J. Horner – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Fire Chief's Establishing & Regulating a Fire Department Board Report;

AND THAT the Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management direct the Fire Chief to contact each municipality to present an updated E&R By-Law to the local Municipal Councils for consideration and approval;

IN ADDITION, the Fire Chief will follow up with open burning By-Law with other fire services and municipalities.

Carried

9.2 Volunteer Public Educator Report

Resolution # 5

Moved by F. Nix – Seconded by M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the Fire Chief's Volunteer Public Educators report as information;

AND THAT the Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management approve the inclusion of Volunteer Public Educators (10) to the department staffing compliment.

Carried

9.3 Town of Shelburne Resolution and Council Report dated April 13, 2026

Resolution # 6

Moved by B. Neilson – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Shelburne & District Fire Board of Management receives the request.

Carried

10. **Chief's Report**

10.1 Dufferin County Fire Chief's Meeting Minutes

10.3 Update from Fire Chief

The Chief advised the Board that we have completed the promotional process for Captain/Lieutenant.

The Board took a moment to recognize the Firefighter Appreciation Dinner and thanked the Chief for organizing.

11. **Future Business:**

11.1 Nothing at this time.

12. **Accounts & Payroll – February 2026**

12.1 **Resolution # 7**

Moved by E. Hawkins – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The bills and accounts in the amount of \$142,529.04 for the period of April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026 as presented and attached be approved for payment.

Carried

13. **Closed Session**

Resolution # 8

Moved by E. Hawkins – Seconded by M. Davie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

Resolution # 9

Moved by M. Davie – Seconded by F. Nix

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

We do now rise and report progress at 8:31 pm

14. **Confirming and Adjournment**

14.1 **Resolution # 10**

Moved by E. Hawkins – 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

14.2 Resolution # 11

Moved by G. Little – Seconded by B. Neilson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Management do now adjourn at 8:32 pm to meet again on June 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved:

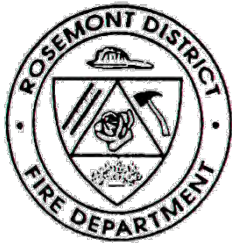
Nicole Hill
Secretary-Treasurer

Gail Little
Co-Chairperson

SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE BOARD MEMBERS

Meeting Attendance Record Under Date of May 5, 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	



Minutes

**Rosemont District Fire Board
Friday, October 31, 2025 at 9:00 am**

Present: Julius Lachs – Chair-Adjala-Tosorontio Melinda Davie – Vice Chair-Town of Mono
Patricia Clark – Township of Mulmur Elaine Capes – Town of Mono
Earl Hawkins - Township of Mulmur Miklos Borsos – Adjala-Tosorontio
Mike Blacklaws - Fire Chief Chris Armstrong - Deputy Fire Chief
Heather Boston - Secretary-Treasurer

Absent:

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

2. **Land Acknowledgement**

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Anishinaabe, and Petun 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: Capes/Hawkins

That the October 31, 2025 agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Moved by: Davie/Miklos

That the minutes of September 26, 2025, be approved as amended to remove Chris Armstrong as attending and remove the "s" from Davies.

Carried.

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Lachs stated that if any member of the Board has a pecuniary interest, they may declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

6. Public Question Period

7. Deputations and Presentations

8. Notice of Motion

Moved by: Capes/Davie

That the Board approve the conversion of the radios to a digital system;

and that the cost of \$30,000 be included in the 2025 budget to be funded from capital reserves.

Carried.

9. Treasury

9.1 Draft 2026 Budget, Pay Grid & Capital Forecast

Moved by: Capes/Clark

That the Board approve the 2026 Budget as amended with the following amendments:

1. Transfer in \$15,000 from training reserves.
2. Increase Breathing Apparatus Maintenance by \$2,500.
3. Increase Training by \$5,000.
4. Decrease Miscellaneous by \$100.
5. Decrease Hydro by \$500.
6. Decrease Propane by \$1,900.
7. Remove \$30,000 in Capital Radios & Pagers account as expense was added to the 2025 budget.

Carried.

10. Administration

10.1 Fire Chief General Update (Verbal)

- Had some firefighters retire and recruited seven new firefighters
- Association has committed to donating \$12,000 towards the equipment decontamination unit.

- The department is going to open up the decontamination unit to other fire departments to help them out and charge back any costs incurred to operate it.
- Firefighter Hawkins is in Chili competing in a technical rescue competition.

11. Information

11.1 Purchases

Moved by: Capes/Davie

That the Board receive the accounts payable listing in the amount of \$19,571.50 that were paid in accordance with the budgets.

Carried.

11.2 YTD Comparative Income Statement

11. Items For Future Meetings

- **Report on Technical Rescue Training – Dan Hawkins**

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Hawkins/Clark

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:27 am to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer



Minutes

**Rosemont District Fire Board
Friday, June 5, 2026 at 9:00 am**

Present: Julius Lachs – Chair-Adjala-Tosorontio Melinda Davie – Vice Chair-Town of Mono
Miklos Borsos – Adjala-Tosorontio Patricia Clark – Township of Mulmur
Elaine Capes – Town of Mono Earl Hawkins - Township of Mulmur
Mike Blacklaws - Fire Chief Chris Armstrong - Deputy Fire Chief
Heather Boston - Secretary-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Lachs called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Anishinaabe, and Petun 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. Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair

Moved by: Hawkins/Capes

That Julius Lachs be appointed as Chair, Melinda Davie be appointed as Vice Chair and that Heather Boston be appointed as the Secretary/ Treasurer for the Board.

Carried.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Capes/Borsos

That the June 5, 2026 agenda be approved.

Carried.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by: Capes/Davie

Recommendation: THAT the minutes of October 31, 2025, be approved.

Carried.

6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Lachs stated that if any member of the Board has a pecuniary interest, they may declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

7. Public Question Period

- Andy Kennedy asked if firefighters will continue to be paid on a quarterly basis and would like a copy of the schedule.
- Andrew Cunningham spoke on behalf of the association to explore the idea of making the fire hall a warming station for the area.
- There was discussion about making it a cooling station also and the Chief noted that cooling stations are normally in urban areas.
- Board members commented that they were impressed with the association for their forward thinking on how they can better serve the community.

Moved by: Capes/Davie

That the Board approves the association exploring the idea of making the fire hall a warming centre and bring back a report at the next meeting.

Carried.

Secretary Boston took over taking minutes for the meeting.

8. Deputations and Presentations

8.1 Draft 2025 Financial Statements – Presented by Matthew Betik

Moved by: Clark/Capes

That the Board approve the 2025 Financial Statements as amended to correct Note 5.

Carried

9. Administration

9.1 Request for Response Times – Twp of Melancthon

- Melancthon said to disregard

9.2 Medical Oversight (OFM Newsletter)

- Completed final requirements for medical oversight.
- Hamilton Health Sciences is providing medical oversight.

9.3 Fire Chief General Update (Verbal)

- The five recruits have finished their training and will start going out on calls soon.

10. Information

10.1 Fire Chief's Year-End Report 2025 (On Desk)

Moved by: Capes/Clark

That the Board receive the Fire Chief's Year-End 2025 Report as information.

Carried.

10.2 YTD 2026 Incident Call Summary

10.3 Purchases

Moved by: Capes/Hawkins

That the Board receive the accounts payable listings in the amount of \$87,168.42 for 2025 and \$144,567.22 for 2026 that were paid in accordance with the budgets.

Carried.

10.4 YTD Comparative Income Statement

10.5 County-Wide Fire Chief's Minutes

10.5.1 Dated February 13, 2026

10.5.2 Dated March 13, 2026

10.5.3 Dated April 29, 2026

11. Items For Future Meetings

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Capes/Clark

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:42 am to meet again on September 18, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Approved by:

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

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ROSEMONT DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

2025

YEAR END REPORT



Photo courtesy of Fire Chief M. Blacklaws.

Rosemont District Fire Department

Mission Statement

The Rosemont District Fire Department is committed to the enhancement of the quality of life through the protection and preservation of life and property within the jurisdiction of the Townships of Adjala/Tosorontio, Mulmur and the Town of Mono from the effects of fire or other emergencies.

Our mission will be accomplished through the delivery of fire prevention, public education programs and professional emergency response to all who work, live and play within our community. We will work to educate people in fire safety in order that they may protect themselves and their families.

We will strive to minimize any adverse effects on individuals, families and businesses as a result of these emergencies and work to safeguard the environment.

Through this effort we will protect our lifestyle and the general economic welfare of the community.





Rosemont District Fire Department

**955716 7th Line, Town of Mono, Ontario Canada L9V 1C8
(705) 435-3417**

January 16, 2026

Mister Chair and members of the Rosemont District Fire Board,

2025 saw an increase in the number of emergency responses for the Rosemont District Fire Department (RDFD) for a total of 136 with the largest increase being fire related incidents. By percentage, the number of responses to The Town of Mono increased by 10% and decreased by 10% to the Township of Mulmur. The percentage of responses to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio remained relatively unchanged.

In 2025, we received a Fire Protection Grant of \$8,200.00. The purpose of this grant is to help reduce the causes of cancer in the Ontario Fire Service. The money we received was used to purchase an automated personal protective gear dryer. The total cost of the dryer was just under \$12,000.00 and the Rosemont District Firefighters Association (RDFFA), assisted with the purchase by providing funds to cover 50% of the difference.

Public Education continues to be a major initiative of the RDFD. This year we took a different approach in educating our residents through the production and distribution of our first RDFD/RDFFA Newsletter. We partnered with local businesses and municipal offices to help with distribution, we also utilized social media more this past year to try and reach a wider audience. We received a lot of positive feedback regarding the newsletter, and a dedicated team is in the process of putting together our spring/summer edition.

A recruitment drive at the end of 2025 helped us recruit 5 new members. Three of those new recruits are currently in training along with members of the Shelburne and District Fire Department and the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Department. We, as a group, have obtained the services of the Southwest Fire Academy for the required training and certification of these new members. One of the five already has provincial certification and is training with the rest of the department on our regular training night to get familiar with RDFD equipment and tactics. The remaining new recruit is seeking certification by his own means.

The RDFFA continues to be a major supporter of the RDFD. In 2025, the RDFFA donated just under \$6,500.00 to helped us purchase the protective gear dryer and other equipment. Of course, none of this would be possible without the generous support of the community.

Members of the RDFD were also active in raising money for other charitable organizations in 2025, \$1,800.00 raised for Muscular Dystrophy through the annual Boot Drive and \$1,300.00 from our annual car wash in support of Matthews House Hospice Foundation.

The accompanying charts and graphs were prepared with the upmost care for clarity and accuracy. If you have any questions or require an explanation on any of this reports content, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Fire Chief
Michael Blacklaws,
Rosemont District Fire Department



Rosemont District Fire Department

**955716 7th Line, Town of Mono, Ontario Canada L9V 1C8
(705) 435-3417**

Dear Members of the Rosemont District Fireboard,

Over the past year, RDFD members have once again demonstrated their dedication and commitment through ongoing training—developing new skills while strengthening core competencies. In collaboration with neighboring departments, RDFD utilized the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) Mobile Live Fire Training Unit (MLFTU) at the Shelburne Fire Department during the summer of 2025. RDFD conducted both morning and afternoon training sessions. The MLFTU allowed members to practice fire suppression and search-and-rescue techniques, with a focused emphasis on basement fire tactics. This valuable training opportunity provided realistic live-fire experience without requiring crews and apparatus to travel significant distances outside our response area.

Like many volunteer departments, RDFD continues to face challenges in recruiting and retaining firefighters. New provincial regulations in Ontario now require all firefighters to be certified. While this is a positive advancement for the fire service, it also brings increased time and financial commitments for both the department and its members. In response, RDFD implemented a structured intake program for prospective firefighters designed to provide transparency and assess suitability before significant investments are made. The process includes:

1. An information meeting outlining the time commitment, training expectations, and call requirements.
2. Attendance at several regular training nights to observe and participate in activities.
3. Completion of a formal interview process.
4. Successful completion of a written general aptitude test and firefighter physical assessment.
5. Participation in an in-house First Aid course, which allows us to evaluate teamwork, commitment, and willingness to learn.

This approach represents a cost-effective method of assessing candidates prior to enrolling them in more extensive and costly certification programs. Even when a candidate does not continue with the department, the community benefits from having an additional First Aid–trained individual. Successful candidates are then enrolled in the Southwest Fire Academy boot camp to obtain the certifications required to serve as firefighters in Ontario. Additionally, RDFD will now adopt a more flexible recruitment approach by engaging interested individuals as they come forward, rather than delaying intake until a larger group is assembled. This will help prevent the loss of motivated candidates due to extended waiting periods.

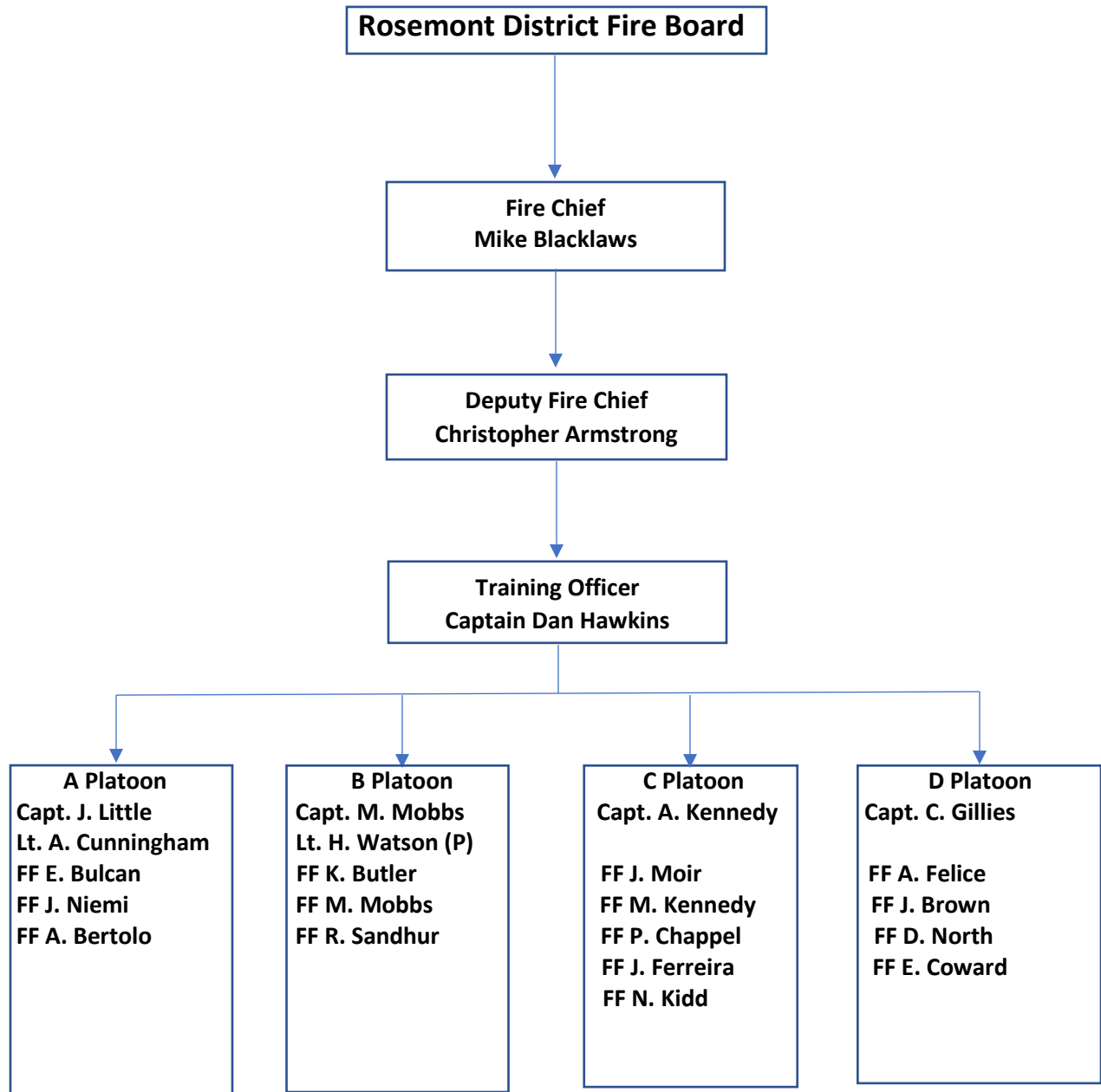
With the new Ontario regulations taking effect on July 1, 2026, RDFD is in good standing, as all firefighters and officers currently hold the certifications required for their respective positions. The next challenge will involve working collaboratively with the Board to conduct a district risk assessment and determine the appropriate level of Technical Rescue services required ahead of the July 1, 2028 certification deadline.

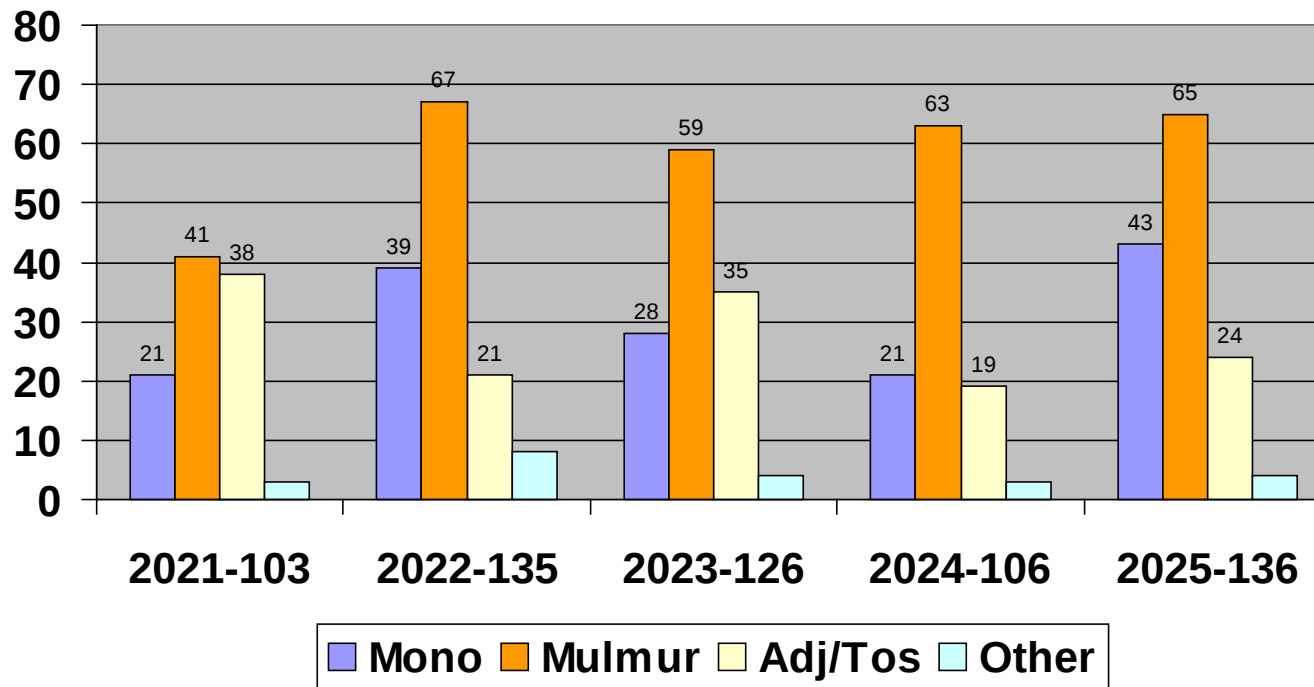
RDFD remains committed to providing residents and visitors with the exceptional service they deserve while continuing to build strength through community partnership.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hawkins Training Officer

Rosemont District Fire Department
Organizational Chart 2025





5 year comparison of number of responses by Town /Township

2025 EMERGENCY RESPONSES

Emergency responses for 2025 totaled 136. Shown below are the percentages and nature of these incidents.

Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC's) – 31 (23%)

These responses are for motor vehicle accidents where our assistance is required to extricate victims from motor vehicles, assist ambulance in stabilizing and preparing the patients for transport to hospital and assisting police with scene control and clean up.

Medical Responses – 45 (33%)

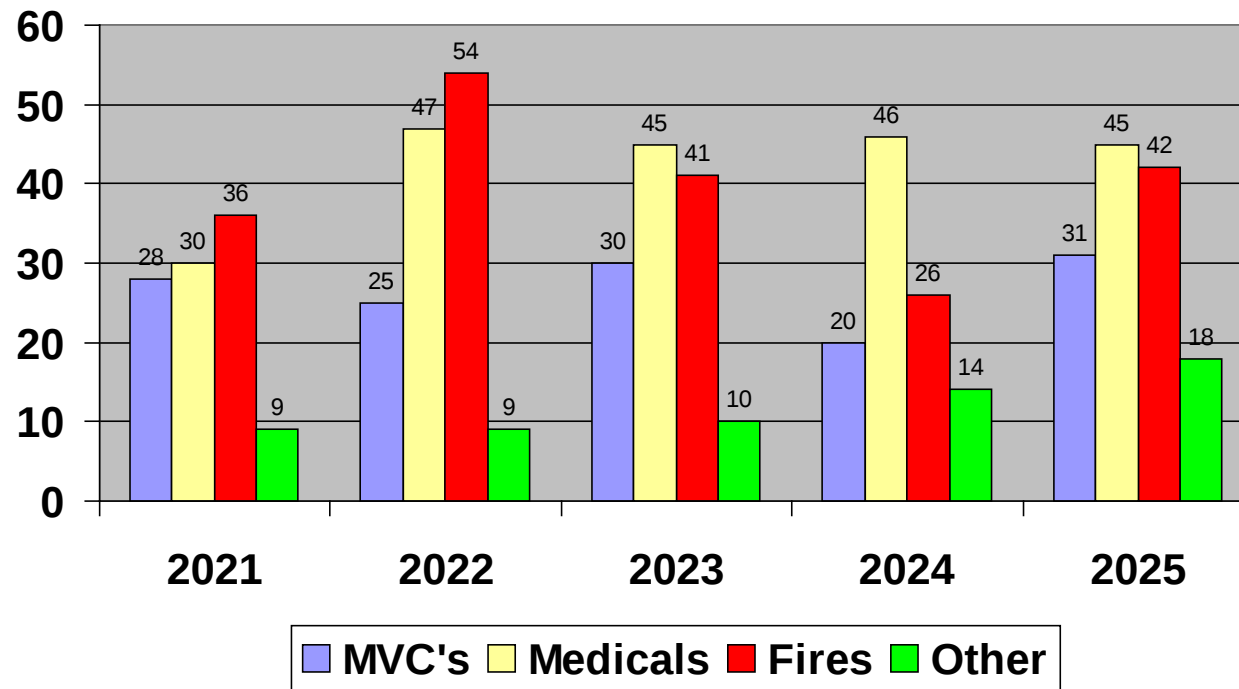
These are responses where we are required to attend because the patient usually presents conditions such as trouble breathing, possible heart attack or other life-threatening injury including home, farm or industrial accidents.

Fires – 42 (31%)

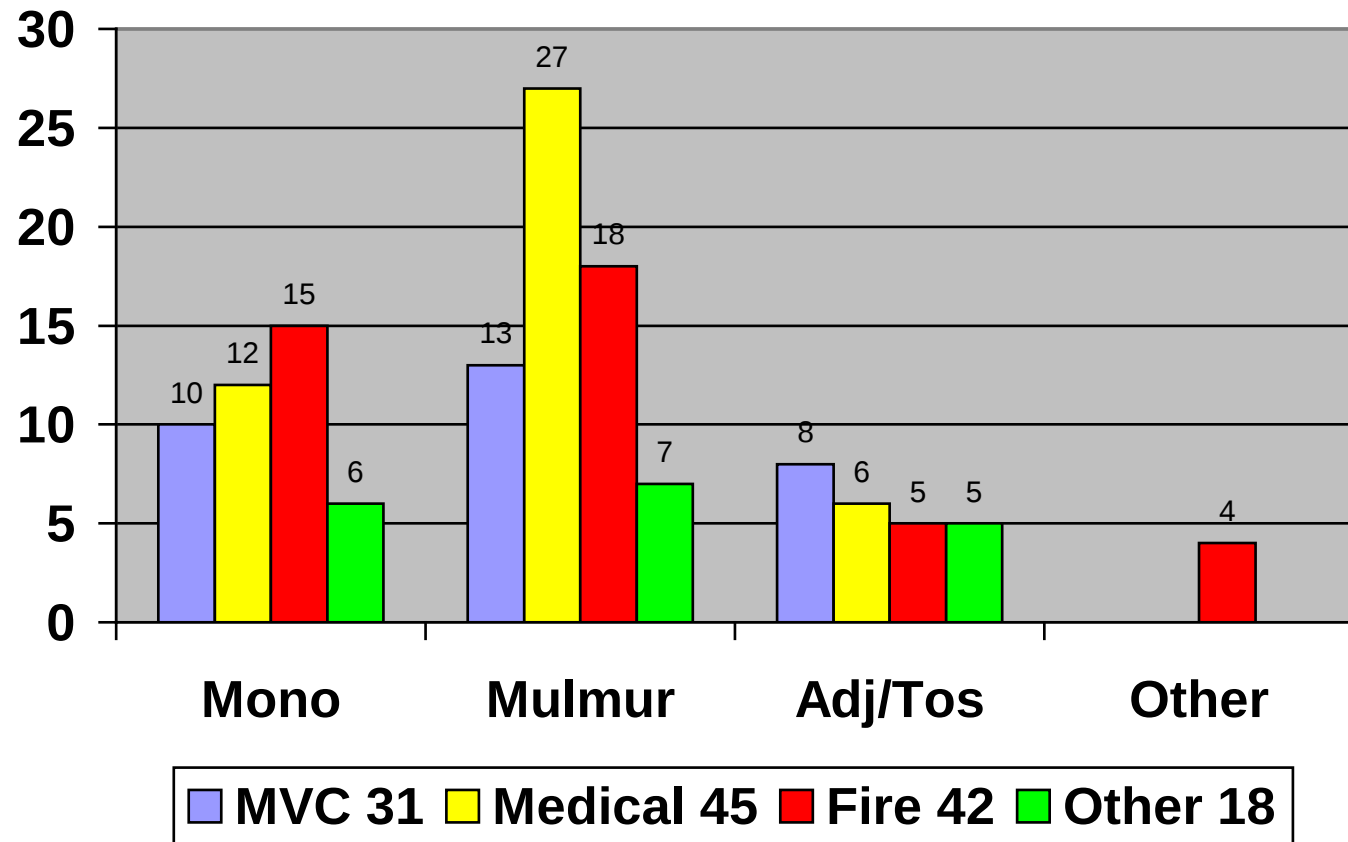
These responses are for fires or perceived situations that necessitated the response of all apparatus and available personnel to extinguish a fire that has or may result in property damage and/or threaten lives. These responses also include fire alarm activations and mutual aid/assist responses where Rosemont vehicles and manpower responded to the request for assistance from other fire departments in Adjala/Tosorontio, Mulmur, Mono and beyond.

Other – 18 (13%)

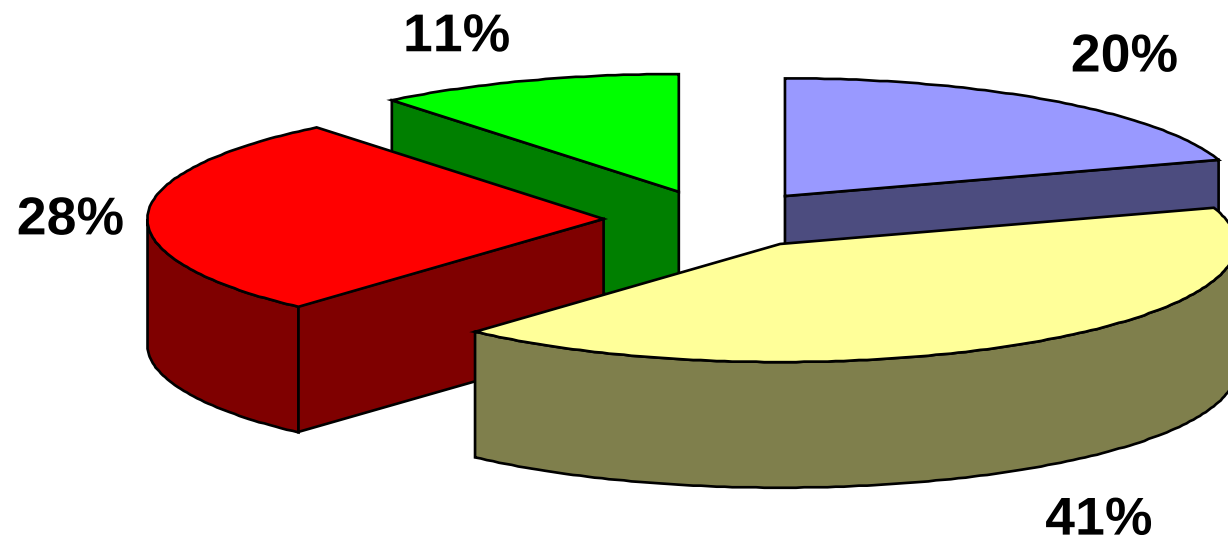
These will represent all calls that are not specifically listed above. These could include but not limited to, carbon monoxide investigations, burn complaints, public hazards (downed power lines), hazardous material incidents, search and rescue and mutual aid calls where we are requested to provide stand-by coverage in a neighbouring fire departments coverage area but not respond to the emergency scene itself. This category also includes assisting other agencies as required such as Police should the incident not be covered in one of the above categories.



5 year trend by nature of responses

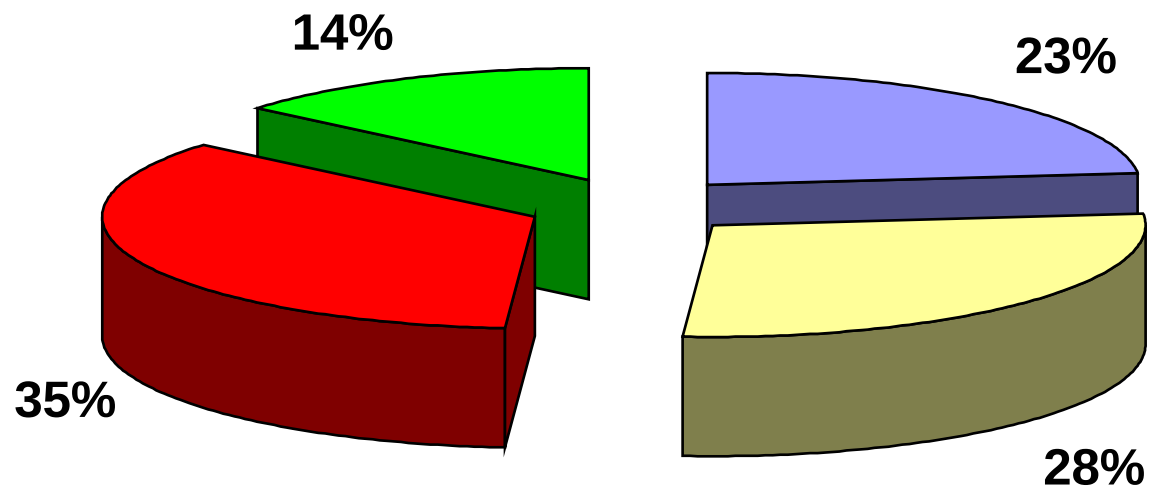


2025 Comparison of responses by type and Town/Township



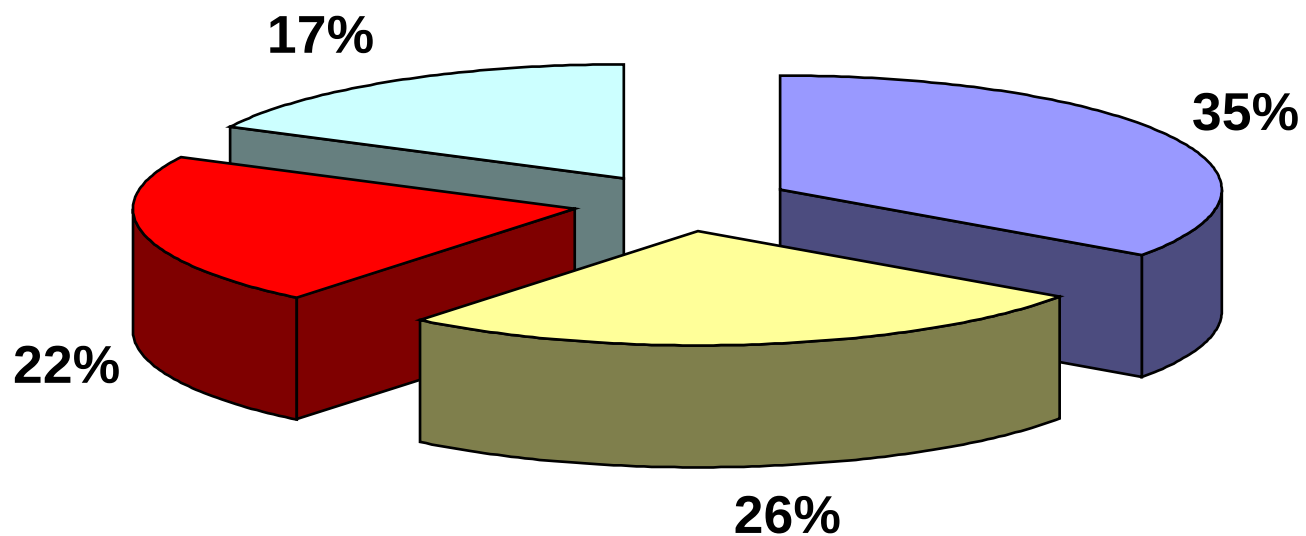
■ MVC's 13 ■ Medical 27 ■ Fires 18 ■ Other 7

2025 Responses for the Township of Mulmur Total 65



■ MVC's 10 ■ Medicals 12 ■ Fires 15 ■ Other 6

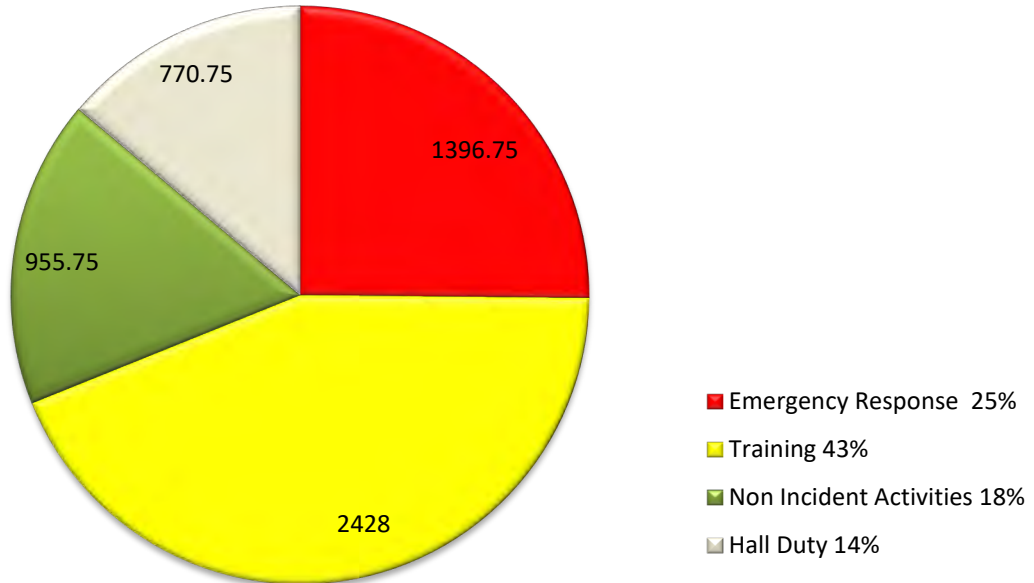
2025 Responses for Town of Mono Total 43



■ MVC's 8 ■ Medical 6 ■ Fires 5 ■ Other 5

2025 Responses for the Township of Adjala/Tosorontio Total 24

2025 Departmental Activity Report



Incident #	Date	RDFD Notif.	Municipality	Street / Road	Code	Nature	Disp. Notif.	On Scene	Resp. Time	Cleared Scene	Time on Scene	Closed Incid.	Total Time	Avail. FF's
2025-001	01/01/2025	4:32:06	MONO	30 SIDEROAD	62	MVC	4:31:00	4:51:22	0:19:16	4:56:19	0:04:57	5:30:00	0:57:54	9
2025-002	01/13/2025	10:32:54	MULMUR	AIRPORT RD	62	MVC	10:31:39	10:45:47	0:12:53	11:26:47	0:41:00	12:00:00	1:27:06	4
2025-003	01/15/2025	13:50:28	ADJ-TOS	MUL-TOS TL	76	Medical	13:49:06	14:00:17	0:09:49	14:31:08	0:30:51	14:55:00	1:04:32	5
2025-004	01/17/2025	12:13:49	MULMUR	AIRPORT RD	1	Fire	12:13:05	12:29:47	0:15:58	13:13:13	0:43:26	14:00:00	1:46:11	6
2025-005	01/21/2025	21:09:48	MONO	89 HY	3	Fire	21:08:58	21:23:18	0:13:30	21:45:41	0:22:23	22:30:00	1:20:12	13
2025-006	01/22/2025	16:14:16	ADJ-TOS	30 SIDEROAD	62	MVC	16:13:35	16:26:27	0:12:11	16:43:59	0:17:32	17:00:00	0:45:44	9
2025-007	01/29/2025	17:46:47	ADJ-TOS	89 HY	61	MVC	17:45:57	17:59:37	0:12:50	20:13:03	2:13:26	21:00:00	3:13:13	11
2025-008	01/30/2025	10:56:51	MONO	5TH LINE EHS	42	Gas Leak	10:55:53	11:14:43	0:17:52	12:01:19	0:46:36	12:30:00	1:33:09	4
2025-009	01/31/2025	11:14:19	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 4	53	CO Call	11:13:31	11:30:54	0:16:35	12:15:46	0:44:52	12:40:00	1:25:41	6
2025-010	01/31/2025	13:42:29	MULMUR	MUL-TOS TL	85	Medical	13:42:01	13:55:53	0:13:24	14:02:49	0:06:56	14:45:00	1:02:31	3
2025-011	02/02/2025	20:06:14	MULMUR	5TH LINE E	31	Fire Alarm	20:05:23	20:11:37	0:05:23	21:06:53	0:55:16	21:35:00	1:28:46	8
2025-012	02/03/2025	7:42:30	MONO	30 SIDEROAD	85	Medical	7:42:02	8:00:11	0:17:41	8:14:20	0:14:09	8:35:00	0:52:30	6
2025-013	02/03/2025	16:35:18	ADJ-TOS	25 SIDEROAD	62	MVC	16:34:56	16:55:00	0:19:42	17:20:48	0:25:48	18:00:00	1:24:42	10
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2025-026	03/14/2025	7:58:38	MULMUR	4TH LINE E	89	Medical	7:58:10	7:58:38	0:00:00	8:02:20	0:03:42	8:03:00	0:04:22	4
2025-027	03/14/2025	15:10:47	MONO	MONO-ADJ TL	23	Fire	15:09:41	15:17:43	0:06:56	16:54:53	1:37:10	17:45:00	2:34:13	6
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2025-030	03/29/2025	22:08:29	MONO	AIRPORT RD	50	Lines Down	22:07:55	22:21:07	0:12:38	22:35:18	0:14:11	23:00:00	0:51:31	10
2025-031	03/29/2025	23:01:17	MONO	2ND LINE EHS	910	Mutual Aid	23:00:22	23:18:00	0:16:43	23:25:03	0:07:03	23:25:00	0:23:43	10

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2025-033	03/29/2025	23:27:31	MULMUR	3RD LINE E	50	Lines Down	23:25:23	23:45:31	0:18:00	1:46:55	2:01:24	1:47:00	2:19:29	11
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2025-035	04/01/2025	11:21:03	MULMUR	4TH LINE E	53	CO Call	11:19:48	11:37:19	0:16:16	12:15:54	0:38:35	12:16:00	0:54:57	6
2025-036	04/01/2025	12:11:30	MONO	AIRPORT RD	3	Fire	12:10:29	12:24:36	0:13:06	14:02:50	1:38:14	15:00:00	2:48:30	8
2025-037	04/06/2025	13:10:00	MULMUR	3RD LINE E	1	Fire	13:09:17	13:27:59	0:17:59	16:12:19	2:44:20	17:30:00	4:20:00	12
2025-038	04/06/2025	15:29:55	MULMUR	MOUNTAINVIEW	88	Medical	15:28:30	15:31:29	0:01:34	15:48:10	0:16:41	16:25:00	0:55:05	9
2025-039	04/16/2025	15:37:03	ADJ-TOS	89 HY	62	MVC	15:36:25	15:52:41	0:15:38	16:48:25	0:55:44	17:15:00	1:37:57	4
2025-040	04/21/2025	10:14:13	ADJ-TOS	30 SIDEROAD	94	Pub. Assist	10:12:38	10:33:44	0:19:31	10:41:41	0:07:57	11:05:00	0:50:47	6
2025-041	04/23/2025	19:32:06	SHELBURNE	O'FLYNN ST	913	Mutual Aid	19:31:03	19:51:02	0:00:00	20:42:01	0:50:59	21:15:00	1:42:54	11
2025-042	04/27/2025	17:33:53	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 2	3	Fire	17:33:10	17:49:14	0:15:21	18:30:44	0:41:30	19:05:00	1:31:07	11
2025-043	05/03/2025	13:23:10	MULMUR	7TH LINE E	3	Fire	13:22:37	13:28:35	0:05:25	13:37:50	0:09:15	13:40:00	0:16:50	6
2025-044	05/10/2025	9:24:19	MULMUR	SOMERVILLE CR	89	Medical	9:23:43	9:33:46	0:09:27	9:40:53	0:07:07	10:15:00	0:50:41	8
2025-045	05/15/2025	10:41:17	MULMUR	7TH LINE E	38	CO Call	10:40:42	10:54:03	0:12:46	11:10:55	0:16:52	11:45:00	1:03:43	7
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2025-047	05/15/2025	18:41:56	MULMUR	AIRPORT RD	62	MVC	18:40:44	18:42:44	0:00:48	22:36:12	3:53:28	22:45:00	4:03:04	19
2025-048	05/23/2025	18:52:59	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 2	76	Medical	18:52:31	19:06:28	0:13:29	19:25:05	0:18:37	19:45:00	0:52:01	7
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2025-064	07/01/2025	11:05:19	MONO	89 HY	38	CO Call	11:04:21	11:12:13	0:06:54	11:30:31	0:18:18	12:00:00	0:54:41	11
2025-065	07/01/2025	19:20:58	MONO	89 HY	71	Medical	19:20:38	19:30:06	0:09:08	19:39:59	0:09:53	20:00:00	0:39:02	9
2025-066	07/04/2025	15:24:10	MONO	AIRPORT RD	62	MVC	15:23:24	15:33:11	0:09:01	15:49:58	0:16:47	16:15:00	0:50:50	6
2025-067	07/06/2025	11:19:12	MULMUR	SOMERVILLE CR	85	Medical	11:18:48	11:24:39	0:05:27	11:50:51	0:26:12	12:00:00	0:40:48	12
2025-068	07/06/2025	20:51:13	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 4	62	MVC	20:50:44	20:56:58	0:05:45	20:56:59	0:00:01	21:00:00	0:08:47	11
2025-069	07/07/2025	10:14:10	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 2	62	MVC	10:13:36	10:28:26	0:14:16	11:19:51	0:51:25	11:42:00	1:27:50	8
2025-070	07/13/2025	21:51:05	MULMUR	15 SIDEROAD	34	Fire Alarm	21:49:37	21:59:08	0:08:03	22:50:59	0:51:51	23:00:00	1:08:55	10
2025-071	07/14/2025	19:46:38	MONO	30 SIDEROAD	89	Medical	19:46:09	19:57:49	0:11:11	20:12:08	0:14:19	20:30:00	0:43:22	8
2025-072	07/18/2025	8:22:01	MONO	30 SIDEROAD	32	Fire Alarm	8:19:38	8:30:42	0:08:41	8:59:35	0:28:53	9:00:00	0:37:59	11
2025-073	07/19/2025	20:06:12	MULMUR	20 SIDEROAD	62	MVC	20:04:16	20:24:15	0:18:03	20:40:21	0:16:06	21:00:00	0:53:48	10
2025-074	07/20/2025	2:58:07	MULMUR	PINE RIVER CR	71	Medical	2:57:31	3:06:11	0:08:04	3:40:23	0:34:12	3:57:00	0:58:53	11
2025-075	07/20/2025	18:33:02	MONO	25 SIDEROAD	32	Fire Alarm	18:31:49	18:52:55	0:19:53	18:58:53	0:05:58	19:25:00	0:51:58	10
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2025-081	08/03/2025	14:15:44	ADJ-TOS	COUNTY ROAD 1	910	Mutual Aid	14:08:59	14:20:29	0:04:45	14:20:32	0:00:03	14:21:00	0:05:16	8
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2025-083	08/07/2025	15:42:51	MONO	1ST LINE EHS	910	Mutual Aid	15:42:17	16:14:48	0:31:57	18:25:21	2:10:33	18:45:00	3:02:09	8
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2025-087	08/14/2025	9:17:42	ADJ-TOS	25 SIDEROAD	32	Fire Alarm	9:16:58	9:27:12	0:09:30	9:38:13	0:11:01	10:00:00	0:42:18	7
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2025-091	08/24/2025	20:53:38	MONO	89 HY	88	Medical	20:51:20	21:04:51	0:11:13	21:13:37	0:08:46	21:20:00	0:26:22	9
2025-092	08/26/2025	17:47:29	MULMUR	9 SIDEROAD	3	Fire	17:46:15	17:53:57	0:06:28	18:14:25	0:20:28	18:45:00	0:57:31	9
2025-093	08/29/2025	9:35:15	MULMUR	7TH LINE E	31	Fire Alarm	9:34:42	9:47:47	0:12:32	10:11:08	0:23:21	10:30:00	0:54:45	7
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2025-094	08/29/2025	12:21:36	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 3	62	MVC	12:20:50	12:30:04	0:08:28	13:00:26	0:30:22	13:30:00	1:08:24	5
2025-095	08/31/2025	18:58:25	MULMUR	5TH LINE E	32	Fire Alarm	18:57:47	19:08:25	0:10:00	19:18:24	0:09:59	19:45:00	0:46:35	7
2025-096	08/31/2025	20:02:59	MULMUR	MAES CR	89	Medical	20:02:33	20:09:03	0:06:04	20:35:18	0:26:15	21:00:00	0:57:01	8
2025-097	09/05/2025	15:44:59	MULMUR	KINGSLAND AV	89	Medical	15:44:28	15:59:51	0:14:52	16:03:36	0:03:45	16:20:00	0:35:01	7
2025-098	09/17/2025	19:27:01	MULMUR	COUNTY RD 17	62	MVC	19:26:01	19:32:37	0:05:36	20:05:43	0:33:06	20:30:00	1:02:59	12
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2025-100	09/20/2025	13:48:43	SHELBURNE	RUSSEL CT	910	Mutual Aid	13:47:24	14:09:03	0:20:20	15:07:01	0:57:58	16:15:00	2:26:17	7
2025-101	09/23/2025	23:31:14	MULMUR	BIG TREE CL	89	Medical	23:30:51	23:40:52	0:09:38	0:04:01	0:24:09	0:35:00	1:03:46	9
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2025-104	10/02/2025	13:49:24	MULMUR	AIRPORT RD	3	Fire	13:49:05	13:53:20	0:03:56	14:13:46	0:20:26	14:35:00	0:45:36	6
2025-105	10/05/2025	12:44:38	MONO	MONO CENTR RD	62	MVC	12:44:18	13:01:18	0:16:40	13:20:24	0:19:06	13:30:00	0:45:22	7
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2025-114	11/04/2025	3:20:00	MONO	30 SIDEROAD	32	Fire Alarm	3:19:37	3:37:31	0:17:31	5:13:30	1:35:59	4:15:00	0:55:00	9
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2025-119	11/19/2025	11:17:32	MELANCTHON	MAIN ST	910	Mutual Aid	11:16:55	11:43:18	0:25:46	13:21:37	1:38:19	15:00:00	3:42:28	8
2025-120	11/20/2025	17:41:42	MULMUR	89 HY	85	Medical	17:41:11	17:51:37	0:09:55	18:19:05	0:27:28	18:35:00	0:53:18	9
2025-121	11/22/2025	10:44:11	MULMUR	5TH LINE E	89	Medical	10:43:33	10:51:28	0:07:17	11:20:01	0:28:33	11:30:00	0:45:49	10
2025-122	11/22/2025	21:49:33	MULMUR	9 SIDEROAD	71	Medical	21:48:57	21:57:00	0:07:27	22:10:01	0:13:01	22:25:00	0:35:27	6
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2025-124	11/27/2025	5:42:26	MONO	AIRPORT RD	50	Power Lines	5:40:38	5:59:20	0:16:54	6:19:56	0:20:36	6:50:00	1:07:34	9

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2025-126	11/29/2025	15:24:16	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 2	910	Mutual Aid	15:19:02	15:51:26	0:27:10	16:28:28	0:37:02	17:15:00	1:50:44	7
2025-127	11/30/2025	9:16:38	MONO	AIRPORT RD	62	MVC	9:16:05	9:32:58	0:16:20	10:25:38	0:52:40	10:50:00	1:33:22	12
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2025-131	12/15/2025	8:27:02	ADJ-TOS	CON. ROAD 2	42	Gas Leak	8:25:27	8:43:58	0:16:56	8:56:54	0:12:56	9:30:00	1:02:58	6
2025-132	12/20/2025	11:16:37	MULMUR	3RD LINE E	31	Fire Alarm	11:16:01	11:33:18	0:16:41	11:35:06	0:01:48	12:00:00	0:43:23	12
2025-133	12/23/2025	11:22:47	ADJ-TOS	JAMIESON DR	53	CO Call	11:21:52	11:35:02	0:12:15	12:10:35	0:35:33	12:25:00	1:02:13	7
2025-134	12/23/2025	13:43:34	MULMUR	5TH LINE E	89	Medical	13:41:50	13:52:16	0:08:42	14:22:07	0:29:51	14:45:00	1:01:26	9
2025-135	12/24/2025	8:13:55	MONO	7TH LINE EHS	910	Mutual Aid	8:12:04	8:30:59	0:17:04	8:57:46	0:26:47	9:35:00	1:21:05	9
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Legend

MVC

Motor Vehicle Collision

Mutual Aid Call Outside Our Primary Response Area

Average for the Year 2025

Adjusted Time With Mutual Aid Calls Removed

Response Times Exceeding NFPA Recommended 20 minutes that were in our first response area

DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 28, 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 Gail Little (Amaranth)
 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)

Councillors Absent: Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
 Councillor James McLean (Melancthon) (prior notice)

Staff Present: Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
 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

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT the agenda and any addendum distributed for the May 28, 2026 meeting of Council, be approved.

CARRIED

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

5.1 Councillor Taylor - 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations

Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in regard to agenda item 7.4 - 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations. He is a member of the Orangeville Curling Club.

5.2 Councillor Little - 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations

Councillor Little declared a pecuniary interest in regard to agenda item 7.4 - 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations. She is a volunteer with the Dufferin Farm Tour.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the open session and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of Council on May 14, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

7. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Pride Month - June 2026

Warden Post proclaimed the month of June 2026 to be Pride Month in the County of Dufferin.

7.2 Seniors Month - June 2026

Warden Post proclaimed the month of June 2026 to be Seniors Month in the County of Dufferin. Kurtis Krepps, Community Support Services Manager, and Diane Whitten-Franks, Administrator of Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home, accepted the proclamation.

7.3 Elizabeth Mangos

Elizabeth Mangos, an Orangeville resident, delegated to Council to request that the County allow memorial signage on Dufferin County Roads.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT staff investigate implementing a memorial signage policy and report back.

CARRIED

7.4 Headwaters Communities In Action

Jennifer Payne, Executive Director, Headwaters Communities In Action, presented to Council regarding the 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendation report. She noted some of the grant allocation

recommendations have been adjusted since her report, specifically for the following organizations:

- Lighthouse Counselling and Support Services
- Queer Village (Partnered with Orangeville Library)
- Food For You (Partnered with Trinity Primrose United Church)
- Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services
- Westminster United Church
- Orangeville and District Seniors Citizens' Centre
- Orangeville Music Theatre

7.4.1 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations

Councillor Taylor declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Taylor declared a pecuniary interest in regard to agenda item 7.4 - 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations. He is a member of the Orangeville Curling Club.)

Councillor Little declared a conflict on this item. (Councillor Little declared a pecuniary interest in regard to agenda item 7.4 - 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations. She is a volunteer with the Dufferin Farm Tour.)

A report from Headwaters Communities In Action, dated May 28, 2026, to recommend 2026 community grant fund allocations. Councillor Taylor did not vote on the motion for the Orangeville Curling Club grant allocation. Councillor Little did not vote on the motion for the Dufferin Farm Tour grant allocation.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the report from Headwaters Communities In Action, 2026 Community Grant Allocation Recommendations, dated May 28, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the 2026 community grant funds be allocated as follows:

Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County \$16,250
Bethell Hospice \$2,000
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Dufferin and District \$4,000
Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services \$3,000
Career Education Council Guelph Wellington Dufferin \$1,000
Community Living Dufferin \$12,500
Credit Meadows Elementary School \$2,500
Dufferin Arts Council \$4,100
Dufferin Film Festival \$3,750
Dufferin Fire Venturers and Rovers \$1,500
Food For You \$3,000
Grand Valley Public Library \$3,000
Headwaters Arts \$0
Home Brothers Group \$0
I Have Resolve Foundation \$0
Island Lake Public School-Snack Program \$2,150
Joyful Sound Gospel Choir \$665
Keeping Kids Fed at School: Glenbrook Elementary \$2,250
Lesson Up Inc. \$0
Lighthouse Counselling & Support Services \$0
Montgomery Village Public School Council \$1,400
Orangeville & District Senior Citizen's Centre \$1,500
Orangeville Music Theatre \$3,235
Orangeville Show Chorus \$1,500
Orton Community Association \$2,925
Primrose Elementary School \$1,600
Queer Village \$3,000
Rotary Club of Orangeville \$1,500
Rotary Club of Shelburne \$3,000

Shelburne Shocks Basketball \$3,000
South Asian Canadians Health and Social Services \$0
St Andrew Catholic Elementary School \$2,500
St Peter School \$1,800
St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School \$1,150
Theatre Orangeville \$4,600
Westminster United Church \$2,865

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse
Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT Orangeville Curling Club receive community grant funds in the amount of \$960.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Mills
Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT Dufferin Farm Tour receive community grant funds in the amount of \$1,850.

CARRIED

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:

- 10.3 Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter
- 10.4 Dufferin Oaks 2025 Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey

- 10.6 Bruce-Dufferin-Grey-Wellington Regional Transit Study Update and Interim Recommendation

10. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT Items 10.1 to 10.5 be received, and any recommendations set out below, be approved.

CARRIED

10.1 Integrity Commissioner Recruitment – 2027

A report from the Clerk, dated May 28, 2026, to request approval to proceed with recruitment for a new Integrity Commissioner.

THAT the report from the Clerk, Report No. CAO- 2026-15, Integrity Commissioner Recruitment – 2027, dated May 28, 2026, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with a recruitment process for a new Integrity Commissioner;

AND THAT the Clerk be authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with the preferred candidate, subject to Council approval.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.2 Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Fourth Quarter

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated May 28, 2026, to provide a quarterly activity report summarizes the work undertaken by the Community Services Department for the fourth quarter of 2025.

THAT the report from Director of Health and Human Services, Report No. HHS-2026-020, Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – Fourth Quarter 2025, dated May 28, 2026, be received.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.3 Community Support Services 2025 Declaration of Compliance

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated May 28, 2026, to seek approval to sign and submit the declaration of compliance for the Multi Sector Service Accountability Agreement (MSAA).

THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report No. HHS-2026-023, Community Support Services Declaration of Compliance, dated May 28, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council authorize the Warden to sign the Declaration on behalf of Council for submission to Ontario Health - Central Region.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.4 Capital Workplan Update

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated May 28, 2026, to recommend amending the 2026 capital workplan by \$3,278,000 to reflect projects that require carry forward from 2025, a new project, and one project with a budget increase.

THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report No. CS-2026-013, Capital Workplan Update, dated May 28, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the 2026 capital workplan be adjusted by \$3,278,000 per the list below, listed by project, funding source and 2026 workplan adjustment:

Paramedic Building Security, Paramedic Capital Asset Fund \$76,000

Paramedic Entrance Vestibule, Paramedic CAF \$10,000

Paramedic Foundation Repairs, Paramedic CAF \$70,000

Edelbrock Foundation Repairs, Edelbrock Centre CAF \$75,000

Courthouse Electrical, Facilities CAF \$25,000

EV Charging Stations, External funding and Reserves \$200,000

CSS Vehicles, Dufferin Oaks CAF \$240,000

Housekeeping Closets, Dufferin Oaks CAF \$12,000

Facilities Vehicles, Facilities CAF \$130,000

Operations Vehicles, Operations CAF \$60,000

Snow Plows, Operations CAF \$675,000

Housing Flooring, Housing CAF \$20,000

Housing Exterior Bricks, Housing CAF \$10,000

Nurse Call System, Dufferin Oaks CAF \$153,000

MBV Security, MBV CAF \$20,000

MLC Security, MLC CAF\$20,000

Primrose Electrical Upgrades, Operations CAF \$70,000

Walkers Creek Bridge (shared), Structures CAF \$1,200,000

Structures, Structures CAF \$37,000

Dufferin Road 25, Roads CAF \$50,000

Weather Equipment, Operations CAF \$20,000

Tub Room Flooring, Dufferin Oaks CAF \$30,000

MLC Roof, MLC CAF \$75,000

(CAF – Capital Asset Fund, EV – Electric Vehicle, CSS – Community Support Services, MBV – McKelvie Burnside Village, MLC – Mel Lloyd Centre)

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.5 Digital Modernization Update 2

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated May 28, 2026, to provide an update on three digital modernization initiatives:

expansion of the maintenance management system for Operations and Fleet, implementation of permitting software for Engineering, and rollout of a new online payment platform.

THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report No. CS-2026-014, Digital Modernization Update 2, dated May 28, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the additional implementation costs for Operations be funded from the Digital Modernization Reserve unless in year savings are found to offset the costs;

AND THAT the costs for the permitting software for Engineering be funded from the Digital Modernization Reserve unless in year savings are found to offset the costs;

AND THAT the costs to implement Access2Pay be funded from the Digital Modernization Reserve unless in year savings are found to offset the costs.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

11. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS SEPARATED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated May 28, 2026, to provide a quarterly activity report summarizing the work undertaken by the Community Services Department for the first quarter of 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report No. HHS-2026-022, Quarterly Community Services Activity Report – First Quarter 2026, dated May 28, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Dufferin Oaks 2025 Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated May 28, 2026, to share results of the 2025 Dufferin Oaks Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

That the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report No. HHS-2026-021, Dufferin Oaks 2025 Resident and Family Satisfaction Survey, dated May 28, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.3 Bruce-Dufferin-Grey-Wellington Regional Transit Study Update and Interim Recommendation

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated May 28, 2026, to provide Council with an update on the Bruce-Dufferin-Grey-Wellington Regional Transit Study and seeks approval to continue Grey Transit Route (GTR) 2 as an interim measure.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report No. HHS-2026-024, Bruce-Dufferin-Grey-Wellington Regional Transit Study Update and Interim Recommendation, dated May 28, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council endorse the continuation of Grey Transit Route (GTR) 2 to maintain transit connectivity for Dufferin residents pending a decision on a potential Unified Regional Transit Network;

AND THAT the service be funded within the approved 2026 County budget and supported by the Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF), subject to funding approval from the Province.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13.1 Traffic Circles

Moved by: Councillor Little

THAT Dufferin County include the construction of three traffic circles in its 2027 budget.

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Majority Vote

WHEREAS the County of Dufferin Procedural By-Law defines "Majority Vote" in Council as "an affirmative vote of more than one-half of the votes cast by those present, as determined pursuant to Section 4(1) of the *County of Dufferin Act, S.O. 1994, C. Pr. 13*;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT effective immediately Council of the County of Dufferin change the definition of "Majority Vote" in By-Law 2025-20 and By-Law 2026-39 as follows:

Majority Vote in Council means an affirmative vote of more than one half of the votes cast by those present, as determined pursuant to Section 4(1) of the *County of Dufferin Act, S.O. 1994, C. Pr. 13* and representing at least five area municipalities.

Moved by: Councillor Little

Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the motion be deferred to the next meeting of Council.

CARRIED

15. CLOSED SESSION

16. BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT By-Law 2026-45 through to By-Law 2026-46, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

16.1 2026-45 Council Remuneration (2026-2030 Term)

A by-law to provide for paying remuneration to members of Council and to repeal By-Law 2022-30.

Authorization: Council - May 14, 2026

16.2 2026-46 Geraldine McNulty and Jonathan Stuart Kreis (Property Purchase Agreement)

A by-law to ratify the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Geraldine McNulty and Jonathan Stuart Kreis.

Authorization: Council - May 14, 2026

17. OTHER BUSINESS

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2026-47 Confirmatory By-Law - May 28, 2026

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on May 28, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT By-Law 2026-47 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

19. NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 7 pm in the Sutton Room at 55 Zina St, Orangeville.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 am.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Warden

Clerk



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 11, 2026, 7:00 pm

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:

- Michelle Dunne, Clerk
- Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
- Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
- Melissa Kovacs-Reid, Manager of Waste Services
- Sara MacRae, Manager of Climate and Energy
- Steve Murphy, Manager of Preparedness, 911 & Corporate Projects
- Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer
- Rajbir Sian, Director of Development and Tourism
- Gary Staples, Chief Paramedic

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden Post called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

Following roll call, Warden Post acknowledged the passing of Dufferin OPP Provincial Constable Tarun Bali. Warden Post took a moment to recognize P.C. Bali for his service and thanked the community for their outpouring of support. She noted the County's thoughts are with the Dufferin OPP detachments and the OPP community as a whole. She also acknowledged the Toronto Police Constable killed in the line of duty.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Warden Post noted the agenda will be amended to discuss item 10.9 - County Appeal - Consent Application - 477350 3rd Line, Melancthon immediately following the delegation regarding the consent application. Correspondence regarding the Consent Application from the Dufferin Federation of Agriculture was circulated on desk and will be discussed at the same time.

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the agenda and addendum distributed for the June 11, 2026 meeting of Council, as amended, 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 Mills

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on May 28, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

7. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 Youth Climate Activation Circle

Councillor Creelman (Mono) joined the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Sara MacRae, Manager of Climate and Energy, introduced the Youth Climate Activation Circle. The Youth Climate Activation Circle representative and the program assistant, Emma Bolce, presented highlights from their climate action project and discussed their experience designing and planting Orangeville's first pollinator garden.

7.2 Dillon Consulting Ltd.

Councillor Creelman (Mono) left the meeting at 7:32 pm and rejoined at 7:39 pm.

Lori Andrews, Project Manager, Dillon Consulting Ltd., presented the options evaluated as part of the update of the Long-Term Waste Management Strategy and the results of the public engagement session. Recommendations for the draft strategy were shared. A final update will be presented at the July 9, 2026 Council meeting.

7.2.1 Long-Term Waste Management Strategy Update – Options Evaluation and Public Engagement Summary

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 11, 2026 to provide an update on the Long-Term Waste Management Strategy, including option evaluations and a public engagement summary.

Moved by: Councillor Hall

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Report No. PW-2026-014, Long-Term Waste Management Strategy Update – Options Evaluation and Public Engagement Summary, dated June 11, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

7.3 Wayne Nicholson

Wayne Nicholson delegated to Council regarding the consent application for 477450 3rd Line, Melancthon. He asked Council to support the Township of Melancthon Committee of Adjustment's decision to approve the application.

7.3.1 County Appeal – Consent Application – 477450 3rd Line, Melancthon

A report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, dated June 11, 2026, to seek approval to appeal a consent application for 477450 3rd Line, Melancthon.

Comments received from Dufferin Federation of Agriculture supporting the County's recommendation to appeal the approval of the consent application, were circulated on desk.

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, Report No. PD-2026-018, County Appeal – Consent Application – 477450 3rd Line, Melancthon, dated June 11, 2026, be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with submitting an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

For (12): Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Hall, Councillor Horner, Councillor Little, Councillor Mills, Councillor Nix, Councillor Rentsch, and Councillor Soloman

Against (21): Warden Post, Councillor Creelman, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor McLean, Councillor Taylor, and Councillor White

Absent (1): Councillor Gerrits

LOST (12 to 21)

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 10.3 - Request for Funding - Portable Radar Speed Signs
- Item 10.5 - Canada-Ontario Development Charges Program
- Item 10.7 - Next Generation 9-1-1 Update
- Item 10.8 - Land Ambulance Service Delivery Contract

10. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT Items 10.1 to 10.4 be received, and any recommendations set out below, be approved.

CARRIED

10.1 Access Dufferin Minutes - April 21, 2026 and May 26, 2026

Minutes from the meeting of Access Dufferin on April 21, 2026 and May 26, 2026.

THAT the minutes from the Access Dufferin meetings on April 21, 2026 and May 26, 2026, be received.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.2 Homelessness Task Force Minutes - May 28, 2026

Minutes from the meeting of the Homelessness Task Force on May 28, 2026.

THAT the minutes from the meeting of the Homelessness Task Force on May 28, 2026, be received.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.3 Roll-Off Snow Plow RFT – Award Recommendation

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 11, 2026, to seek approval to award a Request for Tender for a roll-off snow plow.

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Report No. PW-2026-015, Roll-Off Snow Plow RFT – Award Recommendation, dated June 11, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council approve funds to be drawn from the Public Works Capital Asset Fund to cover the overages for the procurement of the Roll-Off Snow Plow purchase.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

10.4 Draft Revised Police Reference Check Policy

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated June 11, 2026, to seek approval of the updated Police Reference Check Policy.

THAT the report from the Director of People and Equity, Report No. PE-2026-009, Draft Revised Police Reference Check Policy, dated June 11, 2026, be received;

AND THAT the draft revised Police Reference Check Policy be approved.

CARRIED BY CONSENT

11. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS SEPARATED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 Request for Funding – Portable Radar Speed Signs

Councillor Gerrits (Amaranth) joined the meeting at 8:28 pm.

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 11, 2026, to request approval to purchase two portable radar speed signs.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Report No. PW-2026-016, Request for Funding – Portable Radar Speed Signs, dated June 11, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council approve funds to be drawn from the Public Works Capital Asset Fund for the procurement of 2 Portable Radar Speed Signs.

CARRIED

11.2 Canada-Ontario Development Charges Program

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated June 11, 2026, to share details of the Canada-Ontario Development Charges Program.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report No. CS-2026-015, Canada-Ontario Development Charges Program, dated June 11, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.3 Next Generation 9-1-1 Update

A report from the Chief Paramedic and Manager of Preparedness, 911 and Corporate Projects, dated June 11, 2026, to provide an update on Next Generation 9-1-1.

Moved by: Councillor Little

Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the report from the Chief Paramedic and the Manager of Preparedness, 911 and Corporate Projects, Report No. PS-2026-011, Next Generation 9-1-1 Update, dated June 11, 2026, be received.

CARRIED

11.4 Land Ambulance Service Delivery Contract

A report from the Chief Paramedic, dated June 11, 2026, to seek approval to sign the Land Ambulance Service Delivery Contract.

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT the report from Chief Paramedic, Report No. PS-2026-010, Land Ambulance Service Delivery Contract, dated June 11, 2026, be received;

AND THAT Council authorize the extension of the current service delivery contract until August 31, 2026.

CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

**12.1 Credit Valley, Toronto and Regional, Central Lake Ontario (CTC)
Source Protection Committee**

Correspondence from the Credit Valley, Toronto and Regional, Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee, dated May 1, 2026, to request a joint nomination to the CTC Source Protection Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

THAT Councillor Gerrits be reappointed as the joint representative to the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Committee.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

14. MOTIONS

14.1 Majority Vote

The motion was tabled to allow Councillor Gerrits to consider scenarios where a double majority would be applicable.

Moved by: Councillor Gerrits

Seconded by: Councillor Little

WHEREAS the County of Dufferin Procedural By-Law defines "Majority Vote" in Council as "an affirmative vote of more than one-half of the votes cast by those present, as determined pursuant to Section 4(1) of the County of Dufferin Act, S.O. 1994, C. Pr. 13;

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Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT the motion be tabled until the July 9, 2026 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

14.2 Traffic Circles

Moved by: Councillor Little

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the 2027 draft budget include the cost of planning for the construction of future roundabouts.

CARRIED

15. CLOSED SESSION

16. BY-LAWS

17. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor White noted the Township of Melancthon will be asking the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry to suspend water taking permit for Strada Aggregates, as a result of a review of three compliance reports. Councillor White added Strada Aggregates is not monitoring all of the wells they are required to and he questions the validity of the aggregate operation's new application to take 5 million a day with the pit expansion. Councillor White requested support from County Council and the local municipal Councils in a call to suspend the aggregate license.

Councillor White also noted a public open house was held for Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd., as they are seeking to expand their pit. The Township of

Melancthon will be challenging the application and is asking for County and lower tier support for that as well.

Councillor White commended the Dufferin OPP for their work in apprehending multiple individuals in response to ongoing thefts in northern Dufferin County.

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2026-48 Confirmatory By-Law - June 11, 2026

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on June 11, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT By-Law 2026-48 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

19. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will a special meeting to discuss the Municipal Program Review be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 9 am in the Sutton Room at 55 Zina St, Orangeville.

Another special meeting to discuss the Municipal Program Review be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6 pm in the Sutton Room at 55 Zina St, Orangeville.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Little

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED



DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 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 Earl Hawkins (Mulmur)
 Councillor Janet Horner (Mulmur)
 Councillor Gail Little (Amaranth)
 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)

Councillors Absent: Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)
 Councillor James McLean (Melancthon) (prior notice)

Staff Present: Michelle Dunne, Clerk
 Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk
 Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer
 Steve Murphy, Manager of Preparedness, 911 & Corporate
 Projects
 Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer
 Rajbir Sian, Director of Development and Tourism
 Gary Staples, Chief Paramedic
 Rohan Thompson, Director of People & Equity

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

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley) joined the meeting at 9:02 am.

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the Agenda and any Addendum distributed for the June 25, 2026 special meeting of Council, be approved.

CARRIED

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Municipal Program Review

Aimee Raves, Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, presented an overview of the Municipal Program Review.

6.1.1 Operationally Feasible

Council discussed the list of programs and services that are low risk operational changes that can be incorporated into future budgets.

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the staff recommendations laid out in the Municipal Program Review, dated April 23, 2026, be approved, for the following programs and services:

- **Accounts Payable - Implement a phased paperless Accounts Payable module/workflow**
- **AI Supported Prosecution Process for Building Services - Implement AI-supported process (using Microsoft Copilot)**
- **Development Review – Hybrid Model for Engineering Services - Hybrid model for reviews (1 Staff Supported by External Consultants)**
- **Emergency Management Outreach Programs - Discontinue Alertable service**
- **Garbage Bag Tag Revenues - Increase bag fee from \$2 to \$3**
- **Guiderail Vegetation Management - Transition to annual contracted herbicide spraying**
- **Housing Unit Turnover - Outsource end-to-end unit turnover service under performance-based Service Level Agreements;**

AND THAT the Communications Process Review be discussed at the July 23, 2026 workshop.

CARRIED

6.1.2 Status Quo

Council discussed the list of programs and services recommended to maintain current service and funding levels.

Councillor Gerrits (Amaranth) joined the meeting at 9:51 am.

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the following programs and services be maintained at current levels as set out in the Municipal Program Review, dated April 23, 2026:

- **Human Resources Information System (HRIS) Implementation**
- **Maintenance Technician - Facilities**
- **Roadside Guiderail Repairs**
- **Rural Water Quality Program**
- **Seniors at Risk Coordinator Position**
- **Staff Recognition Events**
- **Working Foreperson - Facilities.**

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Rentsch

Seconded by: Warden Post

THAT the Compost Giveaway Days program be eliminated.

LOST

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the current service level be maintained for the Compost Giveaway Days program.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the program review for the County Forest Partial Delivery Model be deferred to the July 23, 2026 Municipal Program Review workshop.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the Leadership Development Series program be eliminated.

LOST

Moved by: Councillor Mills

Seconded by: Councillor Horner

THAT the Leadership Development Series be maintained at the current program level.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the Waste Services Outreach and Education Programs be changed to reduce staff attendance at community events and/or scale back displays and giveaways.

LOST

Moved by: Councillor Nix
Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the Waste Services Outreach and Education programs be maintained at the current program level.

CARRIED

6.1.3 Recess

Warden Post called a recess at 9:40 am. The meeting resumed at 9:51 am.

6.1.4 Program Review Discussion and Consideration

The following programs and services were reviewed and discussed:

- Bill Hill Scholarship Program
- Collections Condo Garbage Rebate Program
- Community Grant Program
- County Forest Revenues and Private Sponsorships
- Crack Sealing Program
- Experimental Acres Program
- Facilities Management – Procurement Strategies
- Hazardous Household Waste and Electronic Waste (HHW-E) days
- Hurricane Clip Rebate Program
- Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC & I) Recycling, Collections and Processing
- Nuisance Beaver Program
- Youth Climate Activation Circle

The Climate Community Facing Engagement program will be discussed at the July 23, 2026 workshop.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the Bill Hill Scholarship program administration be transferred to the Dufferin Community Foundation;

AND THAT staff negotiate an administration fee with Dufferin Community Foundation for administration of the program;

AND THAT the program criteria and budget be reviewed for the 2027 scholarship application.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Gerrits
Seconded by: Councillor Rentsch

THAT the Collections Condo Garbage Rebate Program be eliminated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Mills
Seconded by: Councillor Creelman

THAT the Community Grant Program continue to be administered by Headwaters Communities In Action;

AND THAT staff revisit the grant program eligibility criteria and report back to Council;

AND THAT staff compare the cost and administration of the grant program being administered by Headwaters Communities In Action compared to Dufferin Community Foundation.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Nix
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the County Forest Revenues and Private Sponsorships program be reviewed at the July 23, 2026 Municipal Program Review workshop.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor White
Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the crack sealing program be transitioned to a full in-house delivery model.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse
Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the Experimental Acres Program be maintained at the current service level.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the Facilities Management – Procurement Strategies be transitioned to a hybrid delivery model with targeted use of engineering consultants for independent review, system integration, and regulatory compliance.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Rentsch
Seconded by: Councillor Gardhouse

THAT the Hazardous Household Waste and Electronic Waste (HHW-E) Days program be maintained at current levels;

AND THAT staff investigate efficiencies in the program and report back.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Nix

Seconded by: Councillor Rentsch

THAT the Hurricane Clip Rebate Program be eliminated.

CARRIED

Moved by: Warden Post

Seconded by: Councillor Mills

THAT the dedicated Industrial, Commercial & Institutional (IC & I) Recycling, Collections and Processing Program continue at current service levels with a review of the program in 12 months;

AND THAT staff continue to advocate to the Province for producer responsibility for Industrial, Commercial & Institutional recycling.

For (25): Warden Post, Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Little, Councillor Mills, Councillor Nix, and Councillor Taylor

Against (6): Councillor Gerrits, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Horner, Councillor Rentsch, Councillor Soloman, and Councillor White

Absent (2): Councillor Hall, and Councillor McLean

CARRIED (25 to 6)

Moved by: Councillor Rentsch

Seconded by: Councillor Nix

THAT the Nuisance Beaver Program be changed to limited County involvement, covering incidents affecting County-owned infrastructure only and transition responsibility for municipal drains/local municipal infrastructure to the respective lower tier municipalities.

CARRIED

Moved by: Councillor Horner

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

THAT the Youth Climate Activation Circle continue as currently administered.

CARRIED

6.1.5 Other Programs

Councillor Rentsch requested the Food For Thought grant program be discussed at the July 23, 2026 Municipal Program Review workshop.

7. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

2026-49 Confirmatory By-Law

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on June 25, 2026.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor Gerrits

THAT By-Law 2026-49 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of Council will be on Thursday, July 9, 2026 at 7 pm in the Sutton Room at 55 Zina Street, Orangeville.

A Municipal Program Review workshop to discuss additional program reviews will take place on July 23, 2026 at 6 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Gardhouse

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Warden

Clerk

Information Report

Campaign Cabinet

June 29, 2026

MyHoneywood Team met on June 26, 2026 with the following highlights:

- Members shared their connections to the arena project and staff outlined their roles. Natalie Kotyck was welcomed as a project management resource to help bring structure, accountability, and momentum to the committee.
- The committee discussed the large donor strategy and current outreach approach. The committee acknowledged there is currently **no formal strategy** for major donor fundraising and that the fundraising strategy needs to be updated.
- The committee identified the need to create and maintain a master major donor list, and include contact history, target donation amounts, follow-ups and lead.
- The committee also needs to update the messaging and scripts.
- Action items include:
 - Creating a large donor strategy.
 - Update foundational messaging and key themes, taglines and
 - Developing a tracked donor list.
 - Update branding, donor messaging, website content and printed materials
 - Updated floor plans
 - Updated process for deadlines, action items, tracking progress and overall timelines deadlines
- Kitchen project was discussed regarding operations versus governance, Council approvals and budget authorities, and the recent Council decision. Ruth was selected as Lead with Sandra as support to assess costs and develop a plan with vendors and local donated services and product opportunities.
- An update was provided on the Legacy Wall outreach campaign, status of donations and deadlines to for donors to get on the wall this fall.
- Discussion ensued regarding the website and online presence. The website has since been optimized for search engines. Additional posts have been prepared. Documented branding standards are required for consistent implementation.
- The team discussed brand recognition and confusion with Not-for-profit groups.
- Staff are to contact Honeywood Minor Hockey to attend one of their regular meetings if invited and extend an invitation to the cabinet.
- Accessibility grants will be continued to be researched by staff and budgeted as available.
- An update was provided on the Garden Series. It was well received.

- The team discussed the wellness concept. This will be further reviewed as part of updating the strategy.
- The team has recessed for the summer to allow for the new project manager to review the fundraising strategy and further develop the foundational pieces.

Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO



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INFORMATION

2026 2nd Quarter Communications Report

August 5, 2026

Top 5 Most Popular Facebook Posts

Post	Number of Views	Number of Reactions, Comments and Shares
Half Load Restrictions Update	13,859	34
Mulmur Monday – Mulmur Corners	12,295	65
Coming Soon – Honeywood Arena Lacrosse Lines	11,288	66
Mulmur Monday - Randwick	9,063	56
Honeywood Baseball Diamond Grand Reopening	9,013	70
Total Number of Facebook Posts in Q2: 116 Total Number of Facebook Views in Q2: 197,509		

Top 5 Most Popular Instagram Posts

Post	Number of Views	Number of Interactions
Spring Market	952	24
Honeywood Baseball Diamond Grand Reopening	925	42
Thank You – Maple Madness	896	39
Coming Soon – Honeywood Arena Lacrosse Lines	744	15
Spring Water Restrictions	640	6
Total Number of Instagram Posts in Q2: 121 Total Number of Instagram Views in Q2: 30,642		

Monthly Newsletters

Month	Sends	Open Rate	Unsubscribes
April	1,155	70.5%	0
May	1,161	69.5%	0
June	1,161	69%	0

Website

Top 5 Most Visited Web Pages

Page	Number of Visits
Main Page	6,083
Employment	1,262
Elections	1,104
Search	695
Contacts	682
Average Engagement Time: 36s	

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk/Planning Coordinator

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner



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2026 2nd QTR Planning Report

Municipal Approvals / Building Permits

Roll #	Development Type
4 01970	Single Detached Dwelling
4 01970	Detached Garage
4 01970	Implement Shed
3 16150	Pool Enclosure
5 22405	Roof Mounted Solar Panels
1 28402	Demo Dwelling
1 08404	Roof Mounted Solar Panels
1 28465	Septic Tank Replacement
4 02000	Detached Garage
6 19850	Second Dwelling
1 22200	Deck Replacement
1 28402	NOC - Septic Replacement
Total 2026 Municipal Approvals: 25	

Zoning Amendments

File Number	Development Type	Status
Z01-2026	Rezoning to ER Exception to satisfy a Condition of Consent	Complete
Z02-2026	Rezoning to permit a motor vehicle dealership in the Business Park Gateway Zone	Complete
Z03-2026	Rezoning to permit childcare, fitness studios, tavern, grocery store and automotive detailing in the Business Park Gateway Zone	Ongoing
Z04-2026	Increase second dwelling size from 110m ² to 130 m ²	Ongoing
Z05-2026	Increase second dwelling setback to 50m	Ongoing
Z06-2026	Recognize existing legal non-conforming uses	Ongoing
Total 2026 Zoning Amendments: 6		

Consent Applications

File Number	Development Type	Status
B01-2026	Agricultural Irrigation Easement	Fulfilling Conditions
B02-2026	Boundary Adjustment	Ongoing
B03-2026	Surplus Farm Dwelling Severance	Ongoing
Total 2026 Consent Applications: 3		

Site Plan Agreements

File Number	Development Type	Status
SPA02-2021	Self Storage County Road 21	Ongoing
SPA05-2021	Self Storage Mansfield	Ongoing
Total 2026 Site Plan Agreements: 0		

Subdivisions

File Number	Development Type	Status
SUB01-2021	Primrose Employment subdivision	Ongoing
SUB02-2021	The Fields Residential subdivision	Ongoing
Total 2026 Subdivisions: 0		

Submitted by: Roseann Knechtel, Clerk/Planning Coordinator

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner

INFORMATION

2026 QTR Two Grant Report:

April 1, 2026, to July 1, 2026

Grant Name:	Application Date:	Project:	Grant Amount:	Status:
Ontario's 2026-27 Seniors Community Grant	12/18/2025	Monthly no-cost senior's days from June 2026 to March 2027 (10 sessions). Each session will have a different theme, including senior focused information sessions, senior- friendly physical activities, and social activities.	Provincial funding requested: \$8,776.19 (100%)	Application approved.
2026 Canada Post Community Grant	02/27/2026	Renovations and upgrades to the bring the kitchen in the Norduff Room to fire code.	Funding requested: \$25,000 (100%)	Decision pending.
Ontario Trillium Fund: 2026 Capital Fund	03/04/2026	Pavillion and washroom facilities at Thomson Trail Park.	Funding requested: \$200,000 (100%)	Application declined.
2026 Enabling Accessibility Fund	03/12/2026	Elevator, accessible upgrades to Norduff Room washrooms, accessible doors to ice surface, and two accessible parking spaces (including paving) at front of arena.	Provincial funding requested: \$606,004.10(100%)	Decision pending.
2026 Hydron One Community Grant	06/30/2026	Creation of a hazardous tree inventory cataloging hazardous trees on road allowances in order of severity/risk, to be used to guide arborist work in the future.	Funding requested: \$25,000 (100%)	Decision pending.

Submitted by: Daniella Waterfield, Procurement & Asset Management Coordinator

Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, Chief Administrative Officer



OPERATING FINANCIAL UPDATE 2026 (JAN - MAR)

	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget	Variance
<u>REVENUES</u>			
TAXATION	2,728,096	2,792,866	(64,770)
OPERATING (EXCLUDING WATER)	449,913	286,886	163,028
GRANTS ¹	170,197	151,962	18,235
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	157,423	80,783	76,640
TRANSFER FROM TAX RATE STABILIZATION	60,000	60,000	-
<u>TOTAL REVENUES TO GENERAL LEVY</u>	<u>3,566,368</u>	<u>3,458,496</u>	<u>107,872</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
OPERATING (EXCLUDING WATER)	2,700,159	2,658,943	41,215
TRANSFER TO RESERVES	1,396,372	1,278,859	117,513
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES FROM GENERAL LEVY</u>	<u>4,096,530</u>	<u>3,937,802</u>	<u>158,728</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>(530,162)</u>	<u>(479,306)</u>	

NOTES:

1 Grants received to date: OMPF \$142,200, Anti Theft \$22,016 for OPP, Prisoner Transport \$529 ASE Funding \$67,873. Waiting on final payment for MISA Ice storm grant of \$62,421.



OPERATING FINANCIAL UPDATE 2026 (JAN - MAR)

	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget	Variance
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Penalties & Interest Revenue	(96,931)	(85,000)	(11,931)
User Fees & Service Charges	(32,831)	(29,637)	(3,194)
Administration Building Solar Panel Revenue	(4,184)	(4,380)	196
	(133,945)	(119,017)	(14,928)
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Council	51,148	57,635	(6,487)
Administration Overhead ¹	405,767	489,959	(84,192)
Professional and Consulting Fees	10,365	29,300	(18,935)
IT Services and Supplies	26,071	24,165	1,906
Insurance	39,403	42,500	(3,097)
	532,754	643,559	(110,805)
<u>PROTECTIVE SERVICES</u>			
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Police Revenues	(9,900)	(11,000)	1,100
Protective Inspection & Control Revenue	(12,085)	(17,009)	4,924
	(21,986)	(28,009)	6,023
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Fire Services	358,125	359,484	(1,359)
Police Service Expenses ²	408,867	314,966	93,901
Conservation Authority Levy	30,625	30,626	(1)
Protective Inspection and Control Expenses	4,017	9,250	(5,233)
	801,633	714,326	87,308
<u>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES</u>			
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Public Works Fees & Service Charges	(8,758)	(4,000)	(4,758)
Aggregate Fees and Revenue	(560)	(281)	(279)
Public Works Solar Panel Revenue	(8,367)	(8,760)	393
	(17,685)	(13,041)	(4,644)
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Public Works Administration	284,326	285,095	(770)
Public Works Operating Expenses	381,548	392,249	(10,702)
Public Works Equipment Expenses ³	122,804	91,000	31,804
Winter Control Expenses	287,059	284,885	2,174
Street Lighting Operating Expenses	119	2,500	(2,381)
Aggregate Expenses	8,441	9,125	(684)
	1,106,666	1,086,545	20,121



OPERATING FINANCIAL UPDATE 2026 (JAN - MAR)

	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget	Variance
<u>RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES</u>			
<u>REVENUE</u>			
NDCC Revenues	(114,450)	(100,600)	(13,850)
NDCC Fundraising & Donation Revenue ⁴	(116,306)	(250)	(116,056)
Parks & Facility User Fees and Charges	(6,142)	(4,850)	(1,292)
Events and Cultural Services Revenue	(12,527)	(12,618)	91
	(249,424)	(118,318)	(131,106)
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
NDCC Administration Expense	61,194	60,732	461
NDCC Operating Expenses ⁵	78,278	58,238	20,040
NDCC Fundraising Expenses	9,987	-	9,987
Parks & Facilities Operating Expenses	20,336	16,700	3,636
Library Levies	62,323	59,843	2,480
Events and Cultural Services Expense	13,885	7,500	6,385
	246,003	203,014	42,989
<u>PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES</u>			
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Planning Application Fees ⁶	(26,873)	(8,500)	(18,373)
	(26,873)	(8,500)	(18,373)
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Planning and Zoning Expenses	8,431	5,250	3,181
Economic Development	2,859	3,750	(891)
	11,291	9,000	2,291
<u>TOTAL OPERATING</u>			
<u>REVENUES</u>	(449,913)	(286,886)	(163,028)
<u>EXPENSES</u>	2,700,159	2,658,943	41,215
<u>NET OPERATING DEFICIT</u>	2,250,245	2,372,058	

NOTES:

- 1 Admin salaries are under budget due to vacancies throughout the year.
- 2 Overage is due to OPP Anti-theft grant expenses which are covered by a grant but not budgeted for.
- 3 Incurred repairs on grader \$37K over budget.
- 4 Donations and fundraising revenues are not budgeted for.
- 5 Incurred extra repair costs to fix septic issue and cost to paint lines for lacross on floor surface (funded through a donation).
- 6 Planning applications have picked up this year.



USER-PAY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL UPDATE
2026 (JAN - MAR)

	2026 YTD Actual	2026 YTD Budget	Variance
<u>WATER</u>			
<u>REVENUE</u>			
Utility User Fees and Service Charges	(49,632)	(60,273)	10,640
Water Interest Revenue	(7,584)	(6,000)	(1,584)
	(57,216)	(66,273)	9,056
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Water Administration	3,788	7,750	(3,962)
Water Operating Expenses ¹	45,060	87,947	(42,887)
	48,848	95,698	(46,850)
<u>TRANSFER (TO)/FROM RESERVE FUNDS</u>	(8,369)	29,425	(37,794)

NOTES:

¹ Have only been billed up until April for water maintenance costs.

July 13, 2026

Mayor Janet Horner
Township of Mulmur
758070 2nd Line E,
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Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: County of Dufferin Request for Support for Official Plan Amendment No. Five (OPA No. 5) Public Engagement Events

The County of Dufferin is currently undertaking Official Plan Amendment No. Five (OPA No. 5), a review and update of the Dufferin County Official Plan.

The Official Plan establishes the long-term vision and policy framework that guides growth and development across Dufferin County and its member municipalities. Through OPA No. 5, the County is reviewing and updating its growth management strategy, population and employment projections, and natural heritage system mapping and policies to ensure the Plan reflects Dufferin's needs over the next twenty years and is aligned with current Provincial legislation and planning policies.

As part of this work, the County is undertaking several supporting studies, including a Land Needs Assessment and a Natural Heritage System Strategy. Together, these studies will help inform how Dufferin County accommodates future growth while protecting the natural environment and supporting complete, healthy, and sustainable communities.

Beyond the technical studies associated with this project, public and stakeholder engagement is also an important component of this process. Consultation activities have commenced and additional opportunities for residents, businesses, landowners, community organizations, and other interested parties to participate will be provided throughout the project. Given the importance of the Official Plan in shaping the future growth and development of Dufferin County, local municipal perspectives will be valuable as the project progresses.

I am writing this letter as a call to action to your municipality to help Dufferin County in promoting and sharing information regarding upcoming consultation opportunities through your existing communication channels, where appropriate. We also welcome



A community that grows together

assistance in identifying local stakeholder groups and community organizations that may have an interest in participating in the process.

Project information, consultation materials, and future engagement opportunities are available through the County's project website at the following [link](#). County staff and the project team will be reaching out to your staff in the near future to discuss the proposed OPA and to assist the County in identifying local stakeholders who may be interested in participating in the OPA process.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Should you have any questions regarding the project, please contact County planning staff at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Lisa Post

Lisa Post
Warden





Notice of Passing
Zoning By-law Amendment
By-law No. 23-2026

File #: Z04-2026 | 598702 2nd Line W

Date of Notice: July 31, 2026

Date of Decision: July 29, 2026

Last Day for Appeal: August 21, 2026

Please be advised that the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur passed By-law No. 23-2026 on the 29th day of July, 2026, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P 13, as amended.

And take notice that only individuals, corporation and public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by filing with the clerk of the municipality. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Notice of appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Township of Mulmur not later than the last day for appeal. The notice of appeal must set out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a cheque in the amount of \$300.00 made payable to the Minister of Finance.

Purpose and Effect of the Amendment:

The amendment provides relief from the maximum gross floor area restrictions for a second dwelling (110 m2) and permits a detached second dwelling that is 130 m2 in size.

Public Submissions:

No public comments were received.

Lands Affected:

ROLL NUMBER	221600000619850
STREET ADDRESS	598702 2 nd Line W
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CON 3 W E PT LOT 32 RP 7R3910 PART 2





Notice of Passing
Zoning By-law Amendment
By-law No. 22-2026

File #: Z05-2026 | 877113 5th Line
Date of Notice: July 31, 2026
Date of Decision: July 29, 2026
Last Day for Appeal: August 21, 2026

Please be advised that the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur passed By-law No. 22-2026 on the 29th day of July, 2026, pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P 13, as amended.

And take notice that only individuals, corporation and public bodies may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by filing with the clerk of the municipality. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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Purpose and Effect of the Amendment:

The amendment provides relief from the setback restrictions for a second dwelling (30 m) to permit a detached primary dwelling that is setback 50 m from the accessory detached dwelling.

Public Submissions:

No public comments were received.

Lands Affected:

ROLL NUMBER	221600000124700
STREET ADDRESS	877113 5 th Line
LEGA DESCRIPTION	CON 6 E W PT LOT 12 RP 7R1941 PARTS 1 AND 2



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 **August 24 at 10:00 a.m.** Visit www.mulmur.ca to obtain meeting details.

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT: To recognize the existing legal non-confirming agricultural uses and to permit expansion of the agricultural and agricultural-related uses in an Estate Residential Exception Zone. The amendment would also provide an exception to the Minimum Distance Separation to permit the existing livestock to be expanded from 4 stalls to 6 stalls.

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	2216000002-01700
STREET ADDRESS	836044 4 th Line E
LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CON 4 E E PT LOT 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.

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Municipal Affairs
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234-2026-2403

June 30, 2026

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing to provide an update that the government has amended a regulation under the *Planning Act* to support a new framework for developer-identified parkland dedication.

Specifically, amendments to the regulation prescribes requirements to support:

- The identification of land
- Notice to owners
- Record to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and
- Land suitability criteria

The changes affect the following regulation:

- O. Reg. 509/20: Community Benefits Charges and Parkland

The amending regulation supports the government's plan to support increased housing supply, job creation, and economic activity in Ontario.

Please see the links below to the amending regulation: [O. Reg. 207/26: Community Benefits Charges and Parkland](#)

Updates will also be noted on the ERO posting: [Proposed Changes to Support Standardizing of Parkland Requirements Under the Planning Act](#)

These changes were filed on June 26, 2026, and will come into force on July 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

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

Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer and/or Treasurer
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Communal drinking water and wastewater system municipal consent requirements.

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	026-0302
Notice type	Act
Posted by	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Notice stage	Decision
Decision posted	June 17, 2026
Comment period	March 30, 2026 - May 14, 2026 (45 days) Closed
Last updated	June 17, 2026

This consultation was open from:

**March 30, 2026
to May 14, 2026**

Decision summary

The *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026* received Royal Assent on June 2, 2026 and amends the *Municipal Act, 2001* and *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* to enable regulations to set out requirements for municipal consent of non-municipal communal systems and to require municipalities to consent if requirements are met.

Decision details

Introduction:

On March 30, 2026, the government introduced Bill 98, *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026* which received Royal Assent on June 2, 2026.

This legislation amended section 93 of *Municipal Act, 2001* and section 53 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* to enable regulations to set out requirements, conditions and criteria for municipal consent of non-municipal

communal drinking water and wastewater systems and to require municipalities to consent if these are met. Regulations will be developed at a later date.

Amendments to the *Municipal Act, 2001*

Section 93 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* is amended to require persons to apply for municipal consent to establish a public utility (non-municipal communal drinking water or wastewater systems are considered a “public utility” as water and sewage services are provided to / for the public as outlined in section 1 under the *Municipal Act, 2001*).

The amendments also create regulation-making authority to set conditions and criteria where, if the proposed non-municipal water or sewage public utility meets those conditions and criteria, a municipality would be required to give consent. More specifically, a municipality is required to provide consent for the proposed system if the municipality is of the opinion that:

- any prescribed criteria or conditions respecting the area in which the public utility would be located are met,
- any plans in respect of the public utility required by the regulations have been provided and meet the prescribed criteria or conditions and include the required content,
- any reserve funds or other financial assurances or instruments in respect of the public utility that are required by the regulations are or will be in place and the funds, assurances and instruments meet the prescribed requirements,
- the public utility, if constructed, maintained or operated in accordance with the application, would meet the relevant prescribed criteria and conditions, and
- the application and public utility satisfy any other requirements, conditions or criteria that may be prescribed.

In addition to the above, where municipalities are required to provide consent, municipalities would also be able to require certain conditions or limits to be met, as prescribed in regulations, including the requirement to enter into an agreement or impose limits if they are necessary to ensure the safe, sustainable operation of the utility.

These legislative amendments, together with future regulations, would allow an applicant to make an application for municipal consent for a non-municipal public utility with greater certainty, knowing that where prescribed criteria and conditions are satisfied, the applicant will receive the municipality's consent.

Amendments to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*

Section 53 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* (SDWA) is amended to provide that where municipal consent is required to be given under clause 93(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (where the requirements, conditions and criteria mentioned above have been met), municipal consent is deemed to be obtained under the SDWA.

This amendment has no impact to the regulated community until supporting regulations under the *Municipal Act, 2001* are established and in place.

Comments received

Through the
registry
54

By email
10

By mail
0

[View comments submitted through the registry \(/notice/026-0302/comments\)](/notice/026-0302/comments)

Effects of consultation

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks received 64 comments for this posting from various respondents, including from municipalities and the municipal sector, development sector, environmental, conservation and source protection groups, technical associations and utilities, representation on behalf of Indigenous communities, and the public.

What we heard:

There was general appreciation for the government's intent to enable housing development, with some recognition that communal system servicing can support housing development in appropriate situations.

The development sector supported proposed amendments as they should introduce greater clarity and consistency in municipal decision making related to municipal consent.

Aside from the development sector, some submissions (including those from municipalities, environmental, conservation and source protection groups) expressed concern for removing a municipality's discretion to consent to an application for a non-municipal water or wastewater system when prescribed criteria or conditions have been met. many comments also raised factors that should be considered during development of future regulations to ensure that municipal financial concerns are addressed, and to ensure that public health and the environment are considered and protected before a municipality must provide consent.

As the regulated requirements have not yet been determined, some respondents highlighted the need for greater clarity and detail regarding forthcoming regulations, as well as additional opportunities for input once more information is available.

How we responded:

No changes have been made to the proposed legislative amendments as a result of feedback received.

The changes will support housing development on communal systems by providing greater certainty that consent will be provided if requirements are met. The changes will enable the development of regulations that will clarify and scope the requirements and criteria by which a municipality could withhold consent.

Comments and recommendations received through this posting will continue to be considered by the government as it moves forward with implementation of the *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026*, including the development of future regulations under section 93 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Further engagement will be undertaken prior to the establishment of these regulations.

Supporting materials

Related links

[Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026](https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-98) (<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-98>)

[Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25#BK106) (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25#BK106>)

View materials in person

Some supporting materials may not be available online. If this is the case, you can request to view the materials in person.

Get in touch with the office listed below to find out if materials are available.

Intergovernmental Relations and Partnerships Branch
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Original proposal

ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) number	026-0302
Notice type	Act
Posted by	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Proposal posted	March 30, 2026
Comment period	March 30, 2026 - May 14, 2026 (45 days)

Proposal details

The government is seeking public feedback on proposed legislative changes under the proposed *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026* and related regulatory changes to further support

housing, economic, and infrastructure development, and advance key transportation and transit priorities.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) together with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is proposing legislative changes under the proposed the *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Act, 2026* to encourage greater adoption of non-municipal communal water and wastewater systems to support new housing development.

If passed, the legislative amendments would be made to section 93 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (MA), to require persons to apply for municipal consent to establish a non-municipal communal drinking water or wastewater system (public utility). The amendments would also create regulation-making authority to set conditions and criteria where, if the public utility meets those conditions and criteria, a municipality would be required to give consent. These future regulations would allow an applicant to make an application for municipal consent for a public utility with greater certainty, knowing that where prescribed criteria and conditions are satisfied, the applicant will receive the municipality's consent. More specifically, the proposed legislation would require a municipality to provide consent for the proposed system if the municipality is of the opinion that:

- any prescribed criteria or conditions respecting the area in which the public utility would be located are met,
- any plans in respect of the public utility required by the regulations have been provided and meet the prescribed criteria or conditions and include the required content,
- any reserve funds or other financial assurances or instruments in respect of the public utility that are required by the regulations are or will be in place and the funds, assurances and instruments meet the prescribed requirements,
- the public utility, if constructed, maintained or operated in accordance with the application, would meet the relevant prescribed criteria and conditions, and
- the application and public utility satisfy any other requirements, conditions or criteria that may be prescribed.

Where, under the proposed amendments, municipalities would be required to provide consent, municipalities would be able to require certain conditions or limits to be met, as prescribed in regulations, including the requirement to

enter into an agreement or impose limits if they are necessary to ensure the safe, sustainable operation of the utility.

Section 53 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* (SDWA) currently requires a person to obtain municipal consent to establish a non-municipal residential drinking water system. Section 53 of the SDWA (Safe Drinking Water Act) is proposed to be amended to provide that where municipal consent was required to be given under clause 93(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, it would be deemed to be consent under the SDWA (Safe Drinking Water Act).

If the proposed legislative amendments are passed, they would come into effect upon Royal Assent and regulations would be developed at a later date and will be made available for public feedback.

Analysis of Regulatory Impact:

The proposal outlines proposed legislative amendments to create regulation making authority, with potential for future regulations to be made. As a result, the associated costs to the proposal will be considered if regulations are developed.

Local impacts may vary among impacted municipalities as it is contingent on the development of communal systems in a municipality and their existing fiscal and operational capacity to support and/or take on these systems.

Supporting materials

Related links

[Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25#BK106)
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/01m25#BK106>)

[Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c. 32 | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/02s32)
(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/02s32>)

[Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026](https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-98) (<https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-98>)

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Updating and modernization of operational policies supporting the delivery of the provincial Aggregate Resources Act program

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Decision summary

Four policies (three updated and one new) have been developed to align with the requirements of the Aggregate Resources Act, O Reg 244/97 and the Aggregate Resources of Ontario: Technical Report and Information Standards (<https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-aggregates-combined-standards-en-2020-08-27.pdf>) (the Standards). There are also 28 policies being rescinded due to outdated guidance or that are no longer necessary.

Decision details

Three outdated policies were updated, and one new policy was developed in relation to aggregate licence/permit applications to support our government's vision to build Ontario. These updates will also reduce burdens to the aggregate industry by providing clarity, while managing community impacts and maintaining strong environmental protections.

The Maximum Predicted Water Table Report (MPWTR)

The MPWTR (Maximum Predicted Water Table Report) was introduced in 2021 as a new requirement for all new applications (i.e. licence, permits, wayside permits).

This new policy was developed to guide implementation of this new requirement. This policy defines key hydrogeological terms and lists requirements and best practices for determining and reporting the water table. It also contains links to information sources, prescribed requirements, and contacts within the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) related to water.

Updated Policies

The Water Report

The Water Report is an existing requirement for new applications proposing to extract below the water table and was previously known as the Hydrogeological Report. This policy lists requirements and best practices for reporting on potential impacts to water resources.

Cultural Heritage Report

The Cultural Heritage Report is required to document how potential impacts to cultural heritage resources have been assessed and/or will be mitigated. This policy provides guidance on how to prepare a cultural heritage report to support an aggregate application as well as guidance on implementation of a new provision (2021 Standards) – ‘avoidance and protection’ – at aggregate sites

Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence

Section 12 of the Act lists several matters which the minister and Ontario Land Tribunal must consider when deciding whether to issue an aggregate licence. This policy provides direction for how ministry staff will evaluate licence applications with respect to these matters, to recommend to the minister whether to issue the licence.

The following 28 aggregate policies have been rescinded:

1. A.R. 1.00.00 – Introduction / Acknowledgements
2. A.R. 1.00.01 – Table of Contents
3. A.R. 1.00.02 – Purpose of the Aggregate Resources Act
4. A.R. 1.00.04 – Delegation of Authority (DOA)
5. A.R. 1.00.05 – Delegation of Authority: Directors, Lands & Waters Branch

6. A.R. 1.00.06 – ~~DOA (Delegation of Authority): Manager, Aggregate & Petroleum Section~~
7. A.R. 1.00.07 – Designation of Inspectors
8. A.R. 1.00.08 – Delegation of Authority: MTO (2000)
9. A.R. 1.00.09 – Delegation of Authority: MTO (2002)
10. A.R. 1.00.10 – Designation of Inspectors: MTO
11. A.R. 2.01.03 – Expansion of a Licensed Area
12. A.R. 2.03.02 – Licence Site Plan Amendment to Extract Within Water Table
13. A.R. 2.07.00 – MNR Representation and Conduct at OMB Hearings
14. A.R. 4.00.04 – Category 14 for the Forest Industry
15. A.R. 4.00.07 – First Nations: Permit Issuance and Collection of Delinquent Fees/ Production Reports
16. A.R. 4.04.01 – Aggregate Permit Site Plan Amendment to Extract Within Water Table
17. A.R. 4.08.00 – Procedural Guidelines for Hearings before Mining & Lands Commissioner
18. A.R. 5.00.18 – The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC)
19. A.R. 5.00.19 – Management of Abandoned Aggregate Properties (MAAP)
20. A.R. 5.00.20 – Annual Statistical Reporting
21. A.R. 5.00.23 – Records Retention
22. A.R. 7.00.00 – Enforcement: General
23. A.R. 7.00.01 – Provincial Offences Act (POA) Charges
24. A.R. 8.00.02 – Schedule of Fees
25. A.R. 8.00.05 – The Goods and Services Tax (GST)
26. A.R. 8.00.06 – The Retail Sales Tax (RST) on Crown-Owned Aggregate Resources
27. Appendix B – ~~TOARC (The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation)~~ Memorandum of Understanding
28. Appendix C ~~TOARC (The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation)~~ Production Reporting Handbook

Note that versions of items 27 and 28 as they appeared in the aggregate policy manual are no longer current and have been removed from the manual. The current versions of these documents are not impacted by this change and are not being rescinded.

Comments received	Through the registry	By email	By mail
	53	39	0

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Effects of consultation

Proposed changes to three policies, the introduction of the new MPWTR (Maximum Predicted Water Table Report) policy, and the rescission of 28 outdated policies were posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for a 45-day consultation period from August 8 to September 26, 2025. Feedback was received from the public, municipalities, Indigenous communities, stakeholder organizations, industry, and government agencies.

While submissions reflected a range of perspectives, common themes emerged. Revisions were made where appropriate, primarily to improve clarity, consistency, and implementation, while comments outside the scope of the proposals did not result in changes.

For the MPWTR (Maximum Predicted Water Table Report) policy, most comments related to technical standards or monitoring requirements established in the Aggregate Resources of Ontario: Technical Reports and Information Standards and were therefore out of scope. Changes focused on administrative improvements and clarification of when Water Reports are required. The policy now also clarifies that potential surface water impacts may need to be assessed through a Natural Environment Report, even where extraction remains above the water table.

Revisions to the Cultural Heritage Report policy focused on improving guidance related to Indigenous engagement, checklist documentation, and clarity around areas to be assessed. The policy now emphasizes early Indigenous and municipal engagement, clearer eligibility criteria for Avoidance and Protection measures, and administrative improvements to enhance usability.

Updates to the Matters to Be Considered policy clarified terminology, regulatory roles, and thresholds for technical reports, reorganized agricultural considerations, and aligned language with the intent of the *Aggregate Resources Act*. The policy also confirms the ability to consider site-specific or unforeseen issues during application review.

Overall, the changes strengthen policy clarity and consistency while maintaining alignment with existing legislative and regulatory frameworks

Supporting materials

Related files

Maximum Predicted Water Table Report

(<https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2026-06/Appendix%20A-1-mnr-max-predicted-water-table-report-aggregates-policy-en-2026-01-28-v2.pdf>)

pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 1.97 MB

Water Report ([https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2026-](https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2026-06/Appendix%20B-1-mnr-water-report-aggregates-policy-en-2026-01-28-v2.pdf)

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Cultural Heritage Report ([https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2026-](https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2026-06/Appendix%20C-1-mnr-cultural-heritage-report-aggregates-policy-en-2026-01-28-v2.pdf)

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pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 912.26 KB

Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence

(<https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2026-06/Appendix%20D-1-mnr-matters-considered-in-the-issuance-of-licence-aggregates-policy-en-2026-01-28-v2.pdf>)

pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 873.64 KB

Related links

Aggregate Resources of Ontario: Technical Reports and Information Standards (<https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-aggregates-combined-standards-en-2020-08-27.pdf>)

Aggregate Resources Act (<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a08>)

Ontario Regulation 244/97

(<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/970244>)

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Proposal details

Proposal background: aggregate policy updates project

- Since 2009, several changes to the ~~ARA (Aggregate Resources Act)~~ policy framework (including amendments to the act and regulation (Ontario Regulation 244/97), and the standards have rendered aspects of these policies outdated, incorrect, or no longer applicable.
- Changes to other provincial statutory frameworks, government practices, processes, and priorities have also impacted the accuracy, currency, and relevance of some aggregate resources policies.
- We are proposing updates to three policies (replacing seven outdated policies), and one new policy, related to new aggregate applications. We are also proposing to rescind 28 outdated or inaccurate policies.

Policies being proposed for updating or development

- Three of the policies proposed provide information, direction, and guidance regarding the preparation of three specific technical reports which are required by the Aggregate Resources of Ontario: Technical Reports and Information Standards (August 2020) for new aggregate licence/permit applications – namely, Maximum Predicted Water Table Report, the Water Report, and the Cultural Heritage Report.
- Of these, the proposed Water Report and Cultural Heritage Report policy proposals are updates to existing policies whereas the Maximum Predicted Water Table Report policy proposal is a new policy based on a new (2020) requirement in the Aggregate Resources of Ontario: Technical Reports and Information Standards.
- The fourth proposed policy relates to Section 12 of the ~~ARA (Aggregate Resources Act)~~, which details the specific matters the Minister or the Ontario Land Tribunal must consider when deciding whether to issue or refuse an aggregate licence. This new policy will help applicants understand what the ministry considers when reviewing a licence application and will provide guidance to staff in their review of applications and when making recommendations to the Minister for licence applications.
- If approved, the three updated policies would replace the following aggregate policies:
 1. Updated Water Report policy:
 - *A.R. 2.01.06. Licence Applications: Hydrogeological Report Standards*

- *A.R. 3.01.04. Wayside Permit Applications: Hydrogeological Report Standards*
- *A.R. 4.01.05. Aggregate Permit Applications: Hydrogeological Report Standards (Categories 10 & 12)*
- 2. Updated Cultural Heritage report policy:
 - *A.R. 2.01.08. Licence Applications: Cultural Heritage Resource Report Standards*
 - *A.R. 3.01.06. Wayside Permit Applications: Cultural Heritage Report Standards*
 - *A.R. 4.01.07. Aggregate Permit Applications: Cultural Heritage Resource Report Standards (Categories 9-12)*
- 3. Updated Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence:
 - *A.R. 2.01.10. Matters to be Considered in Issuing / Refusing a Licence*

Policies being proposed for Rescinding

- We also propose that 28 policies (including two policy manual appendices), which have become outdated, redundant, or inaccurate, be rescinded (see Supporting materials, below).
- We expect that rescinding these policies and removing them from the aggregate resources policies webpage will reduce burden by providing greater certainty and clarity to industry and the public about current program requirements and processes.
- This, in turn, would contribute to the ongoing modernization and streamlining of aggregate resources policies, thus improving consistency and efficiency in Ontario's aggregates program delivery.

The environmental consequences of the policy proposals are anticipated to be neutral. The proposed policies reflect previously approved changes to the ~~ARA~~ (Aggregate Resources Act) framework (including amendments to the act and regulation, and development of the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Standards).

The anticipated social consequences of the proposal are neutral to positive. Regulatory standards remain in effect. The policy proposals are intended to provide information, direction/ guidance, and clarity, and remove outdated, redundant, or inaccurate policies.

Regulatory impact analysis

The proposed policy updates will provide the regulated community with greater certainty when completing mandatory reports, including knowing what matters the ministry considers when reviewing applications and making licensing decisions. Rescinding 28 policies would also clarify for the regulated community which policies no longer apply. Consultation with the regulated industry will help inform cost calculations to determine decreases in financial burden to industry.

Supporting materials

Related files

Cultural Heritage Report (https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2025-08/ARA_PolicyUpdates_2025_CulturalHeritageReport_FINAL_ENG_Acc.pdf)
pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 225.41 KB

Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a New Licence (https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2025-08/ARA_PolicyUpdates_2025_MattersToBeConsidered_FINAL_ENG_Acc.pdf)
pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 164.82 KB

Maximum Predicted Water Table Report (https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2025-08/ARA_PolicyUpdates_2025_MaxPredictedWaterTable_FINAL_ENG_Acc.pdf)
pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 1.08 MB

Proposed Rescinded Policies List (https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2025-08/ARA_PolicyUpdates_2025_RescindPoliciesLIST_FINAL_ENG_Acc.pdf)
pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 95.59 KB

Water Report (https://ero.ontario.ca/public/2025-08/ARA_PolicyUpdates_2025_WaterReport_FINAL_ENG_Acc.pdf)
pdf.(Portable Document Format file) 213.49 KB

Related ERO (Environmental Registry of Ontario) notices

[Proposed changes to the Aggregate Resources Act, Ontario Regulation 244/97 to expand self-filing activities and a new policy regarding amendments to existing aggregate approvals \(/notice/019-6767\)](#)

Related links

[Aggregate resources policies and procedures \(https://www.ontario.ca/page/aggregate-resources-policies-and-procedures\)](https://www.ontario.ca/page/aggregate-resources-policies-and-procedures)

[Aggregate Resources Act \(https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a08\)](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90a08)

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[Aggregate Resources of Ontario: Technical Reports and Information Standards \(https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-aggregate-resources-ontario-technical-reports-information-standards-2023-en-2023-09-08.pdf\)](https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf-aggregate-resources-ontario-technical-reports-information-standards-2023-en-2023-09-08.pdf)

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Roseann Knechtel

Subject: FW: Finalized updates to certain operational policies under the Aggregate Resource Act
- Mun 4

From: Aggregates (MNR) <Aggregates@ontario.ca>

Sent: June 15, 2026 3:38 PM

Subject: Finalized updates to certain operational policies under the Aggregate Resource Act - Mun 4

June 15, 2026

RE: Updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregates Resource Act*

Greetings,

Further to a letter from the ministry dated August 8th, 2025, I am writing to inform you that a decision notice has been posted regarding the updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ERO # [025-0216](#)).

These policies were updated as part of the ministry's initiative to modernize operational policies that support the effective delivery of Ontario's *Aggregate Resources Act* program. The updates are intended to clarify requirements and improve program efficiency.

Policies related to the following have been updated:

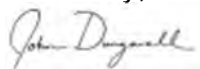
- Cultural Heritage Report
- Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence
- Water Report
- Maximum Predicted Water Table Report (New Policy)

These updates better align policy guidance with the requirements of the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Standards. Details of the decision and revised policies are available through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO #[025-0216](#)) and will be posted soon on the aggregates policies and procedures page.

In addition, the ministry has rescinded 28 policies that were outdated or no longer needed. Rescinding these policies is expected to provide greater certainty and clarity to industry and the public about current program requirements and processes.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact us by email at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



MEMO

To: Garry Hunter, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.

From: Hunter Folkes
Scott MacPhee, B.A.Sc., P.Eng.
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Date: June 5, 2026

File No.: 21-407

Subject: **Open AI Query on the Fisheries Significance to Georgian Bay of the Nottawasaga River and the Pine and Boyne Tributaries and Horning's Mills Lake**

Note: 1) For each question, the AI has been prompted to provide references.

1. Why is the Nottawasaga River and its tributaries, the Pine, Boyne, Mad and Noisy Rivers, important to the Georgian Bay / Lake Huron Recreation, Commercial and Indigenous Fishery and Protection of Species at Risk? What are these Species at Risk or Special Concern?

The Nottawasaga River and its major tributaries—the Pine, Boyne, Mad, and Noisy Rivers—comprise one of the most ecologically vital and hydrologically diverse river systems feeding into the Lake Huron basin (specifically Nottawasaga Bay within southern Georgian Bay). Spanning over 3,700 square kilometers, this watershed serves as a cornerstone for regional biodiversity, economic vitality, and cultural heritage.

1. Importance to Regional Fisheries

The physical geography of the watershed, which cuts through the Niagara Escarpment, creates a diverse range of aquatic habitats. Cool, high-gradient headwaters transition into warm, slow-moving lowland rivers, creating ideal conditions for three major categories of fisheries:

Recreational Fishery

The Nottawasaga system is widely considered a premier world-class destination for recreational angling in Ontario.

- **Migratory Salmonids:** The river acts as a primary staging and spawning highway for naturalized, anadromous (stream-spawning) species originating from Lake Huron, including **Rainbow Trout (Steelhead)** and **Chinook Salmon** (Ferguson, 2023).
- **Thermal Diversity:** The high-gradient tributaries—the Pine, Mad, and Noisy Rivers—are continuously fed by cold, clean groundwater bursting from the Niagara Escarpment. This maintains the stable, cold temperatures necessary to support resident populations of native **Brook Trout** and naturalized **Brown Trout** (Ferguson, 2023).

Commercial Fishery

While commercial gill-netting takes place within the open waters of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay rather than inside the river boundaries, the open-water commercial yields are highly dependent on riverine health. The Nottawasaga River provides essential spawning grounds and structural nursery habitats for offshore commercial target species, including **Walleye** (*Sander vitreus*) and **Lake Whitefish** (Chippewa, n.d.; Derosier, n.d.). Environmental degradation or sediment loading in the river directly undermines the recruitment and population stability of these offshore commercial stocks (Chippewa, n.d.).

Indigenous Fishery

For the Beausoleil First Nation, the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, the Chippewas of Rama First Nation (collectively part of the Williams Treaties First Nations), and the Métis Nation of Ontario, the Nottawasaga River is of profound cultural, spiritual, and subsistence significance.

- **Traditional Harvest:** The seasonal migration of fish, particularly the iconic **Lake Sturgeon** (*Acipenser fulvescens*), forms the bedrock of historical Indigenous food security and ceremonial practices.
- **The "Honour of the Crown":** Under Canadian constitutional law and treaties, federal and provincial jurisdictions are legally mandated to preserve the ecological integrity of these waters to protect Indigenous harvesting rights and ensure the long-term sustainability of these culturally vital fish communities.

2. Species at Risk and Special Concern

Because the Nottawasaga River connects pristine escarpment headwaters with Great Lakes coastal habitats, it shelters a disproportionately high number of aquatic species protected under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) and the provincial *Endangered Species Act* (ESA).

Lake Sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*)

- **Status:** Endangered (Provincial-ESA); Threatened / Under Consideration (Federal-SARA).
- **Significance in the Watershed:** Lake Sturgeon are living fossils that require large, fast-flowing river systems with clean gravel or cobblestone substrates to broadcast their eggs. The Nottawasaga River is historically recognized as **one of the very few remaining functional spawning rivers** for Lake Sturgeon populations along the entire southeastern coast of Lake Huron and southern Georgian Bay (Derosier, n.d.; Welsh et al., 2007).

Redside Dace (*Clinostomus elongatus*)

- **Status:** Endangered (Provincial & Federal).
- **Significance in the Watershed:** This small, colorful minnow relies heavily on cold, clear headwater streams flowing through pool-riffle sequences with overhanging bank vegetation, from which it leaps out of the water to catch terrestrial insects. The coldwater tributaries cascading off the Niagara Escarpment (such as segments of the Pine and Mad rivers) provide some of the last critical stronghold habitats for this highly sensitive species, which is rapidly disappearing elsewhere due to urban runoff and clay siltation (Jones & Schmidt, 2019; Area, 2016).

Northern Brook Lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon fossor*)

- **Status:** Special Concern (Federal-SARA).
- **Significance in the Watershed:** Unlike its destructive, invasive relative (the Sea Lamprey), the Northern Brook Lamprey is a non-parasitic, native jawless fish (Lamprey, 2018). Its blind larvae, known as ammocetes, spend up to seven years burrowed into the soft sand and organic debris of clean, unpolluted river bottoms, filtering out microscopic algae. They serve as an important indicator of excellent baseline water quality and sediment health within the mid-reaches of the Nottawasaga system (Lamprey, 2018).

Freshwater Mussels (Unionidae)

The Nottawasaga River features a remarkably diverse community of native freshwater mussels, which act as living biological filters for the entire river ecosystem (Minke-Martin et al., 2012). Several species of conservation concern rely on specific host fish in the river to complete their larval life cycle:

- **Rainbow Mussel** (*Villosa iris*): Threatened. It utilizes small warmwater and coolwater fish (like the greenside darter) to host its larvae.
- **Lilliput** (*Toxolasma parvum*): Endangered. Found in slow-moving coastal wetland areas where the river empties into Georgian Bay.

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2. What is the Hydroelectric Power Generation History of the Pine River and the role of James Barr and Thompson R. Huxtable?

The hydro-electric history of the Pine River is a classic example of early 20th-century private industrial adaptation in rural Ontario. Driven by the steep, high-gradient topography of the Niagara Escarpment, early pioneer mill operators transitioned from direct mechanical water power to regional electrical generation before eventually being eclipsed by the public grid.

The Hydro-Electric Evolution of the Pine River

1. Pioneer Milling Foundations (The Horning & Huxtable Era)

The power history of the Pine River began mechanically in 1832 when Lewis Horning settled near the headwaters in Dufferin County and established a sawmill and grist-mill. The village that grew around this site, **Horning's Mills**, owed its growth entirely to the river's high-velocity flow as it plunged over the Escarpment.

In 1876, James Huxtable purchased the original mill site from Horning's successors and converted it into a highly efficient flour mill. When James died in 1904, his son, **Thompson R. "T.R." Huxtable (1876–1959)**, took over the family operations. Recognizing that mechanical milling was evolving and that local infrastructure demanded modernization, T.R. Huxtable retrofitted the mill's water turbine systems to generate direct-current (DC) electricity, bringing the first electric lights to the immediate Horning's Mills community.

2. Scaling Up: The Pine River Light and Power Company

T.R. Huxtable realized the automobile and regional electricity were the futures of industrial commerce. Seeking to scale operations beyond a singular local mill-pond, Huxtable established the **Pine River Light and Power Company** (also operating contextually in municipal logs as the *Dufferin Light & Power Co.*) between 1908 and 1909.

To expand the generation footprint, operations were focused downstream at **Kilgorie**, located at the junction of Centre Road (Huronario Street) and the 15th Sideroad of Mulmur Township. At Kilgorie, the Pine River carves through a steep, narrow valley. Huxtable constructed a concrete dam, a pressure flume, and a powerhouse generating station to capture this hydraulic head.

By 1911–1915, the private utility had expanded its distribution lines westward out of the Escarpment valley to sell electricity commercially to the nearby growing towns of **Shelburne** and **Orangeville**.

3. The Role of James Barr

While T.R. Huxtable was the primary local entrepreneurial force and public face of the utility, **James Barr** served as a vital structural collaborator. In the early private hydro era of Ontario, local millers frequently partnered with experienced millwrights, engineers, or land investors to build out the high-risk concrete infrastructures required for hydroelectric plants.

Barr's involvement was tied directly to the construction mechanics, land rights, and contractual acquisitions necessary to secure the down-river rights near Kilgorie. The physical risks of the business were high; historical records note that the executive office of the Pine River Light and Power Company was even targeted by high-profile robberies due to the value of the municipal supply contracts held on-site by Huxtable and his associates.

4. Bankruptcy and the Rise of Ontario Hydro

The golden era of independent, private hydroelectric generation on the Pine River was short-lived. By the mid-1910s, Sir Adam Beck's publicly owned **Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario (later Ontario Hydro)** began building out its massive, provincial-scale transmission grid.

Small, localized private networks like Huxtable's Pine River Light and Power Company simply could not compete with the economy of scale, low rates, and standardized alternating current (AC) infrastructure provided by the provincial government. Facing insurmountable commercial competition and capital depletion, the Pine River Light and Power scheme went bankrupt and ceased power generation operations around 1915. Huxtable subsequently sold off the mill assets and transitioned his business ventures toward the burgeoning automotive sector in Barrie, Ontario.

Current Status of the Site

Today, the generation site is part of the **Pine River Provincial Fishing Area**. While the waters are no longer manipulated for electricity, the substantial concrete ruins of Huxtable's early 20th-century dam and powerhouse remain visible along the river trail, serving as a monument to the era of private water power.

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3. What is the fish hatchery and culture history of the Pine and Boyne Rivers and Horning's Mills Lake?

The fish culture and hatchery history of the Pine River, Boyne River, and Horning's Mills Lake represents a critical chapter in Ontario's environmental development. This history showcases the evolution from early 19th-century private "pisciculture" (the science of fish breeding and rearing) into extensive 20th-century government-led resource management meant to establish naturalized sport fisheries and protect native stocks across the southern Georgian Bay / Lake Huron basin.

1. Horning's Mills Lake & Headwaters: The Private Enterprise Era

Before the provincial government formalized natural resource management, the cold, oxygen-rich headwaters bursting from the Niagara Escarpment at Horning's Mills provided the perfect canvas for private fish breeding. Following the mid-19th-century breakthrough of pioneering Canadian pisciculturist Samuel Wilmot, who demonstrated the viability of artificial salmonid incubation, wealthy landowners and entrepreneurs looked to Escarpment streams to construct private trout preserves.

- **The Spring-Fed Infrastructure:** Horning's Mills Lake (created by early milling impoundments on the upper Pine River) and its feeding spring creeks were targeted due to their ultra-stable, year-round cold thermal regimes. The water emerged from the ground at temperatures ideal for incubating delicate trout eggs.
- **Early Private Hatcheries:** In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Huxtable family and associated local entrepreneurs utilized the mill ponds and diversion flumes at Horning's Mills to experiment with private fish culture. They constructed wooden raceways and holding troughs to raise native **Brook Trout** (*Salvelinus fontinalis*).
- **The Switch to Exotic Salmonids:** As native Brook Trout populations declined across Southern Ontario due to deforestation and agricultural siltation, these private ponds became early regional testbeds for acclimating non-native, imported species. Private operators purchased **Rainbow Trout** (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) eggs—originally imported into Michigan and Ontario from the Pacific coast's McCloud River in California—and reared them in the Horning's Mills systems. This early private success laid the foundation for the species to escape, adapt, and eventually establish the legendary wild, self-sustaining "Steelhead" runs that characterize the Nottawasaga River system today.

2. The Pine River: Transition to Public Management

As the demand for recreational angling intensified across Ontario, the provincial government recognized that small-scale private hatcheries could not keep up with the pressures of habitat degradation and overfishing. The Pine River watershed shifted from a hub of private milling and localized fish ponds into a major asset for public stocking initiatives.

- **The Government Takeover:** Mid-century resource agencies (precursors to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources) began looking for critical land acquisitions to establish public fishing areas and fish sanctuaries.
- **The Pine River Provincial Fishing Area:** Following the collapse and abandonment of private hydroelectric dams (such as T.R. Huxtable's Pine River Light and Power installation at Kilgorie),

the province acquired large swaths of the river corridor. The old concrete raceways, bypass channels, and mill ponds were repurposed or managed to encourage natural reproduction.

- **Fostering Wild Recruits:** Rather than relying permanently on artificial "put-and-take" stocking, the Pine River's high-gradient gravel beds were increasingly protected as critical, untampered spawning sanctuaries. This allowed the naturalized Rainbow Trout and imported European **Brown Trout** (*Salmo trutta*) to spawn effectively without constant human intervention, turning the Pine River into one of the most prolific natural recruitment engines for southern Georgian Bay.

3. The Boyne River: The Industrial Scale & Academic Nexus

While the upper Pine River history is characterized by private pioneer ponds, the neighboring Boyne River (another primary coldwater tributary of the Nottawasaga) became a primary geographic site for highly organized, large-scale public fish culture and ecological education.

- **The Ontario Forestry Station & Fish Culture Operations:** The cold, gravel-heavy upper reaches of the Boyne River near Alliston and Shelburne were integrated into early 20th-century provincial conservation schemes. The river's steady, escarpment-filtered flow was tapped to feed provincial stocking rearing stations.
- **The Boyne River Ecology Center & The Mono Tract:** The intersection of fish culture and environmental rehabilitation peaked in the mid-to-late 20th century within the upper Boyne valley. The province established extensive streamside conservation efforts here to combat the severe erosion caused by early logging. Large-scale plantings of yearling trout were conducted regularly in the Boyne to supplement Lake Huron's offshore commercial and recreational fisheries.
- **Atlantic Salmon Rehabilitation:** In more recent decades, the pristine water quality of the Boyne River made it a high-priority stream for experimental reintroduction programs. While initial 19th-century efforts to save native Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) failed due to downstream damming, modern conservation agencies have utilized the Boyne's protected headwaters to test the survivability of stocked salmon fry in the face of warming climate trends.

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4. What was the specific history of Horning's Mills and the Pine River headwaters hatcheries and fish culture ponds in establishing wild steelheads?

The establishment of wild, self-sustaining **Steelhead (anadromous Rainbow Trout, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*)** in the Nottawasaga River system and its high-gradient tributaries—the Pine and Boyne rivers—is one of the most successful examples of ecological naturalization in Canadian history.

This transformation occurred in distinct phases: pioneering 19th-century private aquaculture, the geographical advantage of Escarpment hydrology (centered around Horning's Mills Lake), and accidental or deliberate releases that matched an exotic species with its ideal surrogate habitat.

1. The Technological Catalyst: Samuel Wilmot & Private "Pisciculture"

Before Rainbow Trout were introduced to Ontario, the province's aquatic landscapes were severely degraded by European colonization. Intensive logging, agricultural clearing, and pioneer milling along the Niagara Escarpment had destroyed the shaded canopy of coldwater streams (Tiro, 2016). This caused water temperatures to spike and choked gravel beds with fine clay sediment, extirpating native Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) and devastating native Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) (Tiro, 2016).

In response to this ecological collapse, **Samuel Wilmot** established a private fish hatchery in Newcastle, Ontario, in 1866, developing revolutionary techniques for the artificial incubation and rearing of salmonids (Dann, n.d.; Tiro, 2016). Wilmot's success in "pisciculture" captured the attention of the Canadian government, leading to his appointment as the federal Superintendent of Fish Culture in 1876 (Dann, n.d.). His work catalyzed a massive wave of private and public interest in artificial fish breeding as a tool to replenish empty waters (Tiro, 2016).

2. Horning's Mills Lake: The Ideal Acclimatization Testing Ground

By the late 1870s and 1880s, wealthy landowners, millers, and fishing clubs across Southern Ontario began building private trout ponds and hatcheries modeled directly on Wilmot's infrastructure (Tiro, 2016). **Horning's Mills Lake**—an expansive impoundment created by early pioneer mills on the upper headwaters of the Pine River—became the geographic epicenter for this movement within the Dufferin and Simcoe regions.

The headwaters of the Pine and Boyne rivers possessed a rare geological asset: they were fed by a massive, continuous flow of cold, oxygen-saturated groundwater bursting directly from the fractured dolostone aquifers of the Niagara Escarpment.

- **Thermal Stability:** This groundwater emerged at a year-round temperature of roughly 4°C to 10°C.
- **The Hatchery Fit:** This thermal profile provided the exact micro-climate required to incubate delicate fish eggs through the winter without the water freezing solid or overheating in the summer.

Private hatchery operators at Horning's Mills constructed wooden gravity-fed raceways, diversion flumes, and stepped rearing ponds. Initially intended for native Brook Trout, these private ponds were soon adapted for a highly resilient exotic species: the Rainbow Trout.

3. The Introduction of Pacific Salmonids (1887)

Rainbow Trout are native to the Pacific coast of North America and were completely foreign to the Great Lakes basin (Borland, 2023). Aquaculture of the species began in California in 1870, utilizing wild ocean-going "Steelhead" strains from the McCloud River system (Borland, 2023).

[California: McCloud River Strains]

↓ (1870s Hatchery Export)

[Ontario Private Sector / Newcastle]

↓ (1887 First Culture)

[Horning's Mills / Pine River Headwaters]

↓ (Private Hatchery/Pond Rearing)

[Escarpment Floods & Structural Escapes]

↓ (Bypassing Mill Dams into the Nottawasaga)

[Southeastern Lake Huron Basin]

↓ (Adfluvial Naturalization)

[Established Wild Steelhead Runs]

Rainbow Trout were first officially cultured in Ontario in **1887** at a private hatchery near Newcastle (Borland, 2023). Almost immediately, fertile eggs and fingerlings from these stocks were purchased by private estate owners and regional fishing syndicates to stock the coldwater pond networks of the upper Pine and Boyne rivers.

4. Escapes, Adaptability, and Adfluvial Naturalization

The transformation of these pond-raised captive fish into a legendary *wild* fishery was largely unintended. Throughout the late 19th and early 20th centuries, seasonal spring freshets (flooding from rapid snowmelt) and structural failures of pioneer mill dams regularly washed thousands of juvenile and adult Rainbow Trout out of the private Horning's Mills enclosures and directly into the free-flowing main stems of the Pine and Boyne rivers.

Once inside the open river network, the Pacific strain encountered an environment perfectly suited to its complex, migratory life cycle:

- **The Spawning Highway:** The high-gradient, fast-flowing gravel riffles of the mid-to-upper Pine, Boyne, and Mad rivers perfectly mimicked the mountain streams of the Pacific Northwest, providing optimal conditions for adult spawning and egg survival.
- **The Great Lakes Surrogate:** As the juvenile trout grew into smolts, they migrated downstream out of the Nottawasaga River and into the vast, deep, food-rich waters of Nottawasaga Bay and greater Lake Huron.

This behavioral adaptation is known as an **adfluvial** life history strategy (Biette, 1981). Instead of migrating from freshwater to the saltwater ocean like Pacific Steelhead, these naturalized fish utilized the open waters of the Laurentian Great Lakes as their "ocean" surrogate to feed and mature, returning to the Escarpment tributaries years later as massive, silver sportfish (Biette, 1981).

5. Transition to Public Stewardship

Recognizing that the species had successfully naturalized and was generating a massive recreational economy, the provincial government officially stepped in to manage the resource. The Ontario government commenced formal public river stocking programs in **1912** to enhance these burgeoning lake and river sport fisheries (Borland, 2023).

By the mid-20th century, management philosophy shifted away from heavy artificial stocking and toward **habitat preservation**. Recognizing that the Pine and Boyne rivers were incredibly efficient "natural recruitment engines," the province established strict sanctuaries, removed blocking pioneer dams, and protected the escarpment headwaters. Today, the legendary Steelhead runs of the Nottawasaga River system are almost entirely self-sustaining, directly descended from those early strains that escaped the pioneer ponds of Horning's Mills.

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5. What is the recent history of the late ‘Doug Newell’ fish hatchery and culture ponds in a Pine headwater tributary (see enclosed Rob Uffen Horning’s Mills Trout Hatchery Pt 1, 2 and 3 videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HrwFNTwJ2s&t>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wgBiTkcm5Q&t>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvVIMZUghJ4>)?

The documentary video series filmed by Rob Uffen highlights the late **Doug Newell** and his custom-engineered trout hatchery, capturing an important era of private fish culture along the extreme headwaters of the Pine River in Horning’s Mills.

Newell’s facility stands as a testament to how meticulous, small-scale aquaculture can thrive by utilizing the pristine hydrogeology of the Niagara Escarpment. It also underscores how these operations safely interact with the broader Nottawasaga River watershed to nurture naturalized trout species like the Steelhead.

1. Geographic & Hydrological Footprint

The videos establish that Newell’s hatchery is situated on a western headwater tributary of the Pine River, located less than one kilometer from the stream's exact groundwater source.

- **The Sourcing:** The water emerges from the ground on the neighboring property (historically noted as the Dow/Highland Group property) and flows directly onto Newell's land.
- **Thermal Quality:** Because of its proximity to the subterranean aquifer, the water possesses exceptional clarity and a highly stable cold temperature regime. Newell notes that even on the hottest summer days, the water temperature fluctuates very little—changing by only about four degrees from the time it exits the indoor hatchery troughs to when it reaches the final settling ponds.

2. Infrastructure Design: The "Bypass" System

A critical piece of Newell’s operation is its design as a **gravity-fed bypass pond system**, which avoids the risks associated with mechanical pumps:

- **The Inlet:** Water is diverted via an underground pipe from the natural stream into an initial large holding pond.
- **Winter Resiliency:** Built by Newell and Harvey Fonn in 1980, this pond originally featured a depth of 16 feet. It is heavily fed by localized artesian springs that rise up naturally through the basin floor. To prevent total freezing during harsh Dufferin County winters, Newell installed automated aerators that keep a 10-foot radius of water open, ensuring constant oxygenation.
- **Flow Control:** Newell designed a remarkably simple, valve-free flow regulation system. By adjusting 4-foot vertical standpipes, he could manipulate water pressure and gravity-flow rates into the hatchery without needing mechanical pumps.

[Natural Pine River Headwater Stream]
 ↓ (Gravity Intake)
 [Main Holding Pond] → [Artesian Springs Supply]
 ↓ (Standpipe Flow Control)
 [Indoor Hatchery & Raceways] (Incubation & Yearlings)
 ↓ (Outdoor Rearing Troughs)
 [Settling & Sludge Pond] (Environmental Buffer)
 ↓ (Clean Discharge)
 [Main Stem of the Pine River / Nottawasaga System]

3. Fish Culture Operations & Species Profile

Newell utilized a multi-stage rearing strategy to raise distinct year-classes of salmonids, maintaining specific tanks for different growth stages:

- **Indoor Raceways:** The indoor concrete facility housed neat configurations of deep raceways. Here, Newell raised 9-to-10-inch yearling **Rainbow Trout** alongside native **Brook Trout** broodstock.
- **Exotic Rearing:** Newell successfully experimented with hybrid aquaculture, showcasing large, beautifully patterned **Tiger Trout** (a sterile cross between a female Brown Trout and a male Brook Trout).
- **Cycle Management:** The facility operated on a strict seasonal rotation. Yearlings were swept out of the smaller troughs via a 50-foot seine net into the deep outdoor ponds, clearing space in the indoor raceways for newly hatched fry arrivals every spring.

4. Environmental Stewardship & Watershed Protection

A crucial element of the Newell hatchery history is its compliance with modern environmental standards. To protect the wild Steelhead and resident Brook Trout populations downstream in the Pine River, the facility featured an isolated **settling basin**.

This basin collected the discharge from the indoor raceways, forcing the water to slow down so that fish waste, sludge, and organic detritus could settle out before the clean water was skimmed off the top and returned to the river. Newell noted that this design was implemented to meet strict provincial ministry standards, ensuring his private enterprise never compromised the baseline water quality or caused siltation in the downstream wild trout spawning grounds.

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6. What are the current upstream obstructions in the Pine and Boyne River for upstream salmonid migration?

The Pine River and Boyne River are two critical coldwater subwatersheds of the Nottawasaga River system in Ontario, managed by the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA). They serve as vital spawning and nursery habitats for migratory Great Lakes salmonids, including wild Rainbow Trout (Steelhead), Chinook Salmon, and Coho Salmon.

However, upstream migration from Georgian Bay into the high-quality headwaters of the Niagara Escarpment is physically restricted by several key structures.

1. Upstream Obstructions on the Boyne River

The main stem of the Boyne River features a high-gradient profile that provides excellent trout habitat, but upstream migration is closely managed or outright blocked by major structures.

- **The Earl Rowe Dam and Fishway (Near Alliston, ON):**

Located within Earl Rowe Provincial Park, this is the most prominent structure on the Boyne River. Built in 1961, the concrete dam creates Earl Rowe Lake (a seasonal recreational reservoir). Because the dam is a complete barrier to fish passage, a **pool-and-weir fish ladder** is operated at the site.

- *Migration Impact:* The fishway allows approximately 500 migratory Rainbow Trout upstream each spring, alongside fall salmon runs. However, the fishway can be mechanically blocked or closed by conservation authorities to manage the composition of species passing upstream or to restrict non-target or invasive species (such as Sea Lamprey).

- **Historical Milling and Headwater In-stream Structures:**

Further upstream toward the headwaters, historical mill ponds (such as the legacy footprint of Fletcher's Mill) and private earthen/online agricultural ponds present localized thermal and minor structural obstacles that limit the furthest extent of upper catchment migration.

2. Upstream Obstructions on the Pine River

Unlike rivers with massive hydroelectric blockades, the Pine River's main stem is relatively free-flowing through its middle reaches, but its upper limits face structural and environmental constraints.

- **Headwater Aquaculture Infrastructure & Historical Hatcheries:**

The extreme headwaters of the Pine River (near Horning's Mills and the absolute upper escarpment rim) feature historical fish culture ponds and private online dams. While migratory Great Lakes salmonids rarely reach these extreme upper limits due to natural steep gradients, these legacy structures act as absolute barriers to local fish movement and alter local hydrogeology.

- **Perched Culverts and Road-Stream Crossings:**

The primary physical obstructions throughout the middle and upper sections of the Pine River are anthropogenic road-stream crossings. Perched culverts—where the downstream end of a culvert pipe sits higher than the stream surface—create drop-offs that exceed the leaping capabilities of migrating salmonids, effectively fragmenting high-quality coldwater nursery habitats.

- **Environmental Obstructions (Thermal and Sediment Barriers):**

While not a concrete wall, the NVCA notes that excellent water quality begins to degrade significantly near **Airport Road in the Township of Mulmur**. Bank erosion and the lack of a riparian canopy act as environmental barriers; elevated water temperatures and fine clay sediment accumulation smother gravel beds, preventing successful spawning even if fish physically pass the lower reaches.

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7. How are the fish populations above the waterfalls at Horning's Mills self sustaining?

The fish populations trapped above the waterfalls and vertical escarpment gradients at Horning's Mills—predominantly resident **Brook Trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)** and naturalized **Brown Trout (*Salmo trutta*)**—remain completely self-sustaining despite being genetically isolated from the main stem of the Nottawasaga River and Georgian Bay.

Because fish cannot ascend the waterfalls to migrate, their long-term survival and reproduction rely on a highly specialized mix of localized hydrogeology, adapted behavior, and robust instream habitat.

1. Hydrogeological Thermal Buffering (The Escarpment Advantage)

The primary mechanism allowing these isolated fish populations to sustain themselves is the **constant influx of cold, clean groundwater** discharging directly from the fractured dolostone layers of the Niagara Escarpment.

- **The Sourcing:** The headwaters feeding Horning's Mills Lake and its immediate bypass streams emerge directly from deep subterranean aquifers.
- **Thermal Mitigation:** Salmonids are highly temperature-sensitive; brook trout experience physiological stress above 20°C and lethal limits near 24°C. The localized upwelling of groundwater maintains a year-round temperature corridor (typically 4°C to 12°C), preventing the shallow headwater ponds and narrow creeks from overheating during peak summer months or freezing solid during winter.

2. Microscale Habitat Diversity & Spawning Substrates

To be self-sustaining, an isolated trout population requires distinct habitats for all life stages—egg incubation, juvenile rearing, and adult holding. The geography above the falls provides this variety in a very short distance:

- **Clean Gravel Beds:** The high-gradient streams cascading through the escarpment valleys naturally flush out fine silt, leaving clean, sorted gravel and cobblestone riffles. This provides the exact substrate adult trout require to construct **redds** (gravel nests) to deposit and fertilize their eggs.
- **High Dissolved Oxygen:** The steep drops and turbulent flows over rocky steps above the falls mechanically aerate the water, ensuring it remains highly oxygen-saturated—a vital requirement for developing embryos buried in the gravel.
- **Instream Cover:** The surrounding cedar swamps provide a steady supply of large woody debris (fallen logs) and overhanging bank vegetation. This creates complex undercut banks and deep plunge pools that shield resident adult trout from avian and terrestrial predators.

3. Micro-Movement Adaptations (Adfluvial-Style Life History)

Because the waterfalls completely block access to the vast feeding grounds of Lake Huron, the isolated trout populations have adapted their behavior to treat **Horning's Mills Lake** as a miniature "ocean" or large lake surrogate.

This establishes a localized **adfluvial** or **potamodromous** migratory life history strategy entirely contained above the barrier:



By utilizing the lake to grow large and the cold upstream tributaries to spawn, the population replicates the open Great Lakes life cycle without ever needing to pass downstream of the waterfalls.

4. Genetic Drift and High Fecundity Selection

Because these populations have been cut off from downstream gene pools for decades, they are shaped by intense localized natural selection. They exhibit a high degree of **site fidelity** (returning to the exact same spring-fed gravel patches to spawn year after year).

While genetic isolation can occasionally present risks of inbreeding depression, the excellent carrying capacity, high baseline water quality, and lack of competition from larger invasive species (like migrating Sea Lamprey or massive Chinook Salmon, which are blocked below the falls) allow these small-bodied resident fish to maintain stable, highly resilient numbers.

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8. What is the Indigenous history of the Pine and Boyne Rivers and Horning's Mills Lake?

The Indigenous history of the Pine River, Boyne River, and the lands surrounding Horning's Mills Lake is deeply intertwined with the shifting geopolitical, cultural, and ecological landscapes of south-central Ontario.

Long before European settlers established mills and trout ponds, these escarpment headwaters and their connecting river arteries served as hunting grounds, fishing networks, and travel corridors for the **Huron-Wendat**, the **Tionontati (Petun)**, the **Anishinaabeg (Chippewa/Ojibwe)**, and the **Métis**.

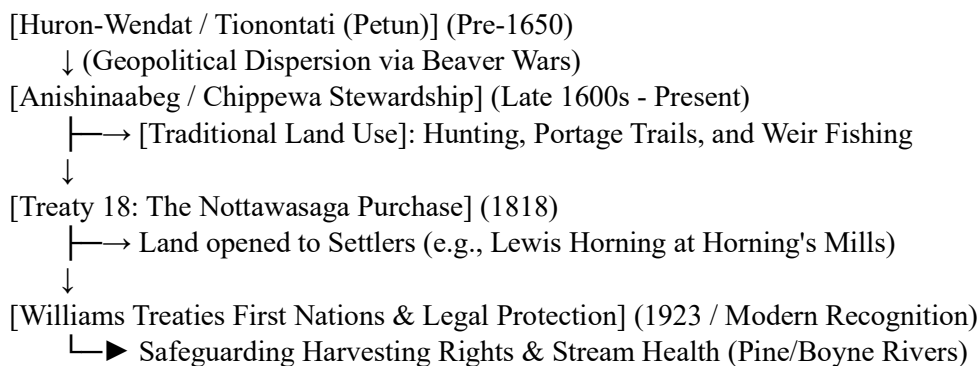
1. The Pre-Contact and Early Contact Eras: The Huron-Wendat and Tionontati (Petun)

Prior to the mid-17th century, the broader Nottawasaga River watershed, including its steep tributaries cutting through the Niagara Escarpment (the Pine and Boyne rivers), sat at the southern edge of **Huron** and **Petun Country** (Garrad, n.d.).

- **Escarpment Trails and Strategy:** The Tionontati (Petun) settled heavily along the northern and eastern slopes of the Niagara Escarpment, just north and west of the Pine River headwaters (Garrad, n.d.). The valleys carved by the Pine and Boyne rivers acted as natural high-ground pathways connecting the inland hunting terrains of the Dufferin/Simcoe highlands to the coastal fishing zones of Nottawasaga Bay (Garrad, n.d.).
- **Resource Utilization:** For these Iroquoian-speaking agricultural societies, the coldwater headwater creeks were vital sources of clean water, small game, and seasonal brook trout harvest. However, during the Beaver Wars of the 1640s and 1650s, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) incursions forced the dispersion of the Wendat and Tionontati populations from the region.

2. The Anishinaabeg (Chippewa) Era and the Williams Treaties

Following the departure of the Huron-Wendat and Petun, Algonquian-speaking Anishinaabeg peoples—specifically the **Chippewa (Ojibwe)**—moved into south-central Ontario from the northern Great Lakes. They established permanent stewardship over the Lake Simcoe and southern Georgian Bay regions.



- **The Spawning Harvest:** The Chippewa recognized the Nottawasaga River and its major arteries, like the Boyne and Pine, as critical biological engines. They utilized seasonal fish weirs to harvest migrating species at the river mouths and followed the inland tributaries up into the highlands during autumn hunting cycles.

- **Treaty 18 (The Nottawasaga Purchase):** On October 17, 1818, the British Crown and chiefs of the Chippewa Nation signed **Treaty 18**, which surrendered approximately 1.59 million acres of land, encompassing modern-day Dufferin and Simcoe counties (including Horning's Mills, the Pine, and the Boyne river catchments). Despite the land cession that allowed pioneer settlers like Lewis Horning to establish mills in 1832, the Anishinaabeg maintained deep ancestral connections to these waters.
- **The Williams Treaties (1923):** The descendants of these communities—including the Chippewas of Rama, Georgina Island, and Beausoleil First Nation—are part of the **Williams Treaties First Nations**. Following decades of legal battles over restricted hunting and fishing access, a landmark 2018 settlement reaffirmed their constitutionally protected rights to harvest fish and wildlife throughout their traditional treaty territories, which directly includes the Pine and Boyne river systems.

3. The Historic Métis Presence

The river corridors of the Nottawasaga basin also hold historic significance for the **Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)**.

During the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Métis fur traders, voyageurs, and commercial fishermen established a distinct cultural footprint along the shores of Georgian Bay, anchoring around communities like Penetanguishene (Marchand, 1989; Marchand, 2005). The interior rivers, including the Nottawasaga and its branching coldwater streams, were frequently traveled by Métis trappers seeking beaver, mink, and muskrat peltries along the escarpment swamps (Marchand, 2005). Today, the region falls within the traditional harvesting territory of the MNO's Georgian Bay Métis community.

4. Modern Ecological Guardianship and the "Honour of the Crown"

In contemporary environmental law, the Indigenous history of these rivers has transitioned into a powerful tool for habitat preservation. Because the Williams Treaties First Nations hold recognized harvesting rights within the watershed, federal and provincial jurisdictions are bound by the **Honour of the Crown**.

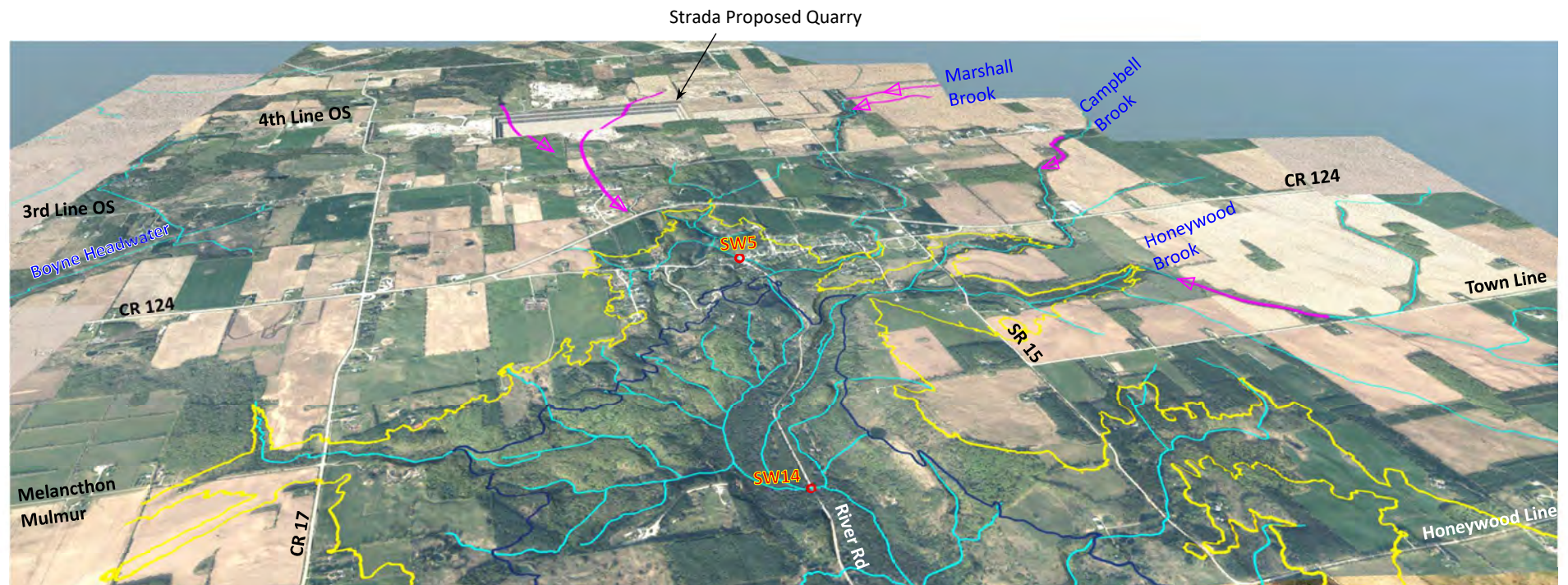
This legal doctrine mandates that any modern infrastructure projects, aggregate extraction pits (such as proposed quarries in Melancthon or Dufferin), or water-taking permits targeting the headwaters of the Pine or Boyne rivers must undergo rigorous consultation. This process ensures that the coldwater flows necessary to sustain fish populations—and by extension, Indigenous harvesting rights—are never irreversibly degraded.

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Pine River Niagara Escarpment Headwaters and Horning's Mills – Looking Upstream (West)



- Strada Continuous Stream Gauge (Undisclosed Flows)
- Base of Deep Aquifer (Gasport) / Top of Cabot Head Shale – 440m asl (CGVD2013), approx.
Mainly Aquifer Recharge above / Mainly Discharge below
- Base of Upper Aquifer (Guelph) – 470m asl (CGVD2013), approx.
- Underground Stream (Pre Quarry)
- Ontario Hydro Network (OHN) Water Course

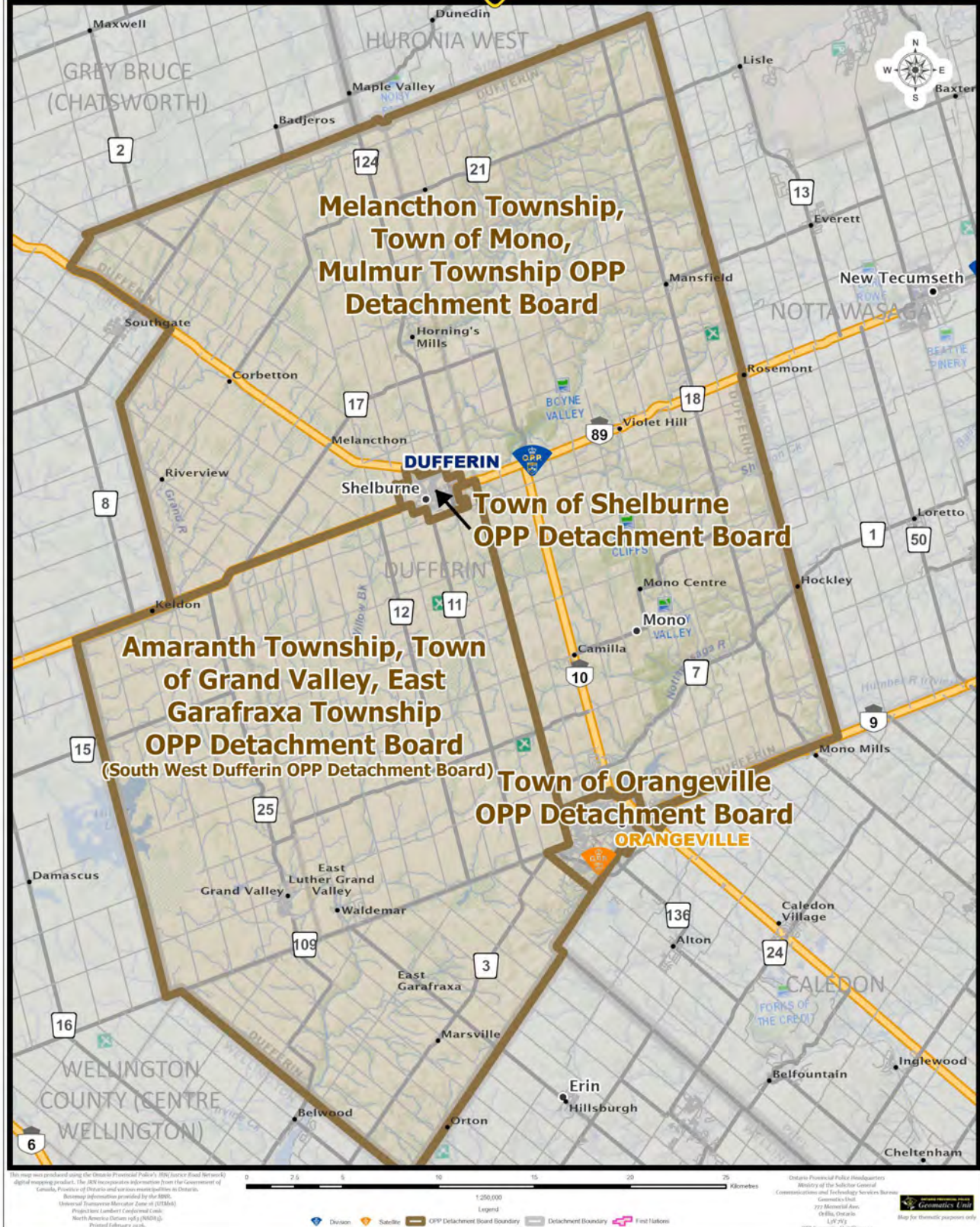
Data Source:

- 1) Orthophoto: May 25, 2023 (Dufferin County)
- 2) LiDAR DTM: 2022, LIO GeoHub, MNR
- 3) Ontario Hydro Network - Water Course: LIO GeoHub, MNR



DUFFERIN DETACHMENT

2025 DETACHMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT



2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Priorities and Commitments



PEOPLE

A healthy and resilient OPP

We will strive to support all members in achieving their professional and personal best.

WORK

A responsive and evolving OPP

We will empower our members to ensure the best possible policing services are delivered to Ontarians.

COMMUNITIES

A collaborative and progressive OPP

We will partner and build relationships with a shared vision for safety and well-being.

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Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the Dufferin Detachment - 2025 Detachment Board Annual Report. This report includes crime, traffic enforcement and community well-being data, and highlights initiatives and successes from the past year. 2025 was the last year of the 2023-2025 Dufferin Detachment Action Plan and this report will provide a final update and progress results from that plan. I am proud of the work undertaken by our detachment.



We continued to respond and collaborate with our communities by focusing on the reduction of harm and victimization. Our Domestic Abuse Issues Investigators (DAII) review all intimate partner violence (IPV) occurrences. We continued to fulfill our responsibility to respond competently to the immediate and long-term needs of victims while demonstrating to offenders that society does not tolerate violence.

We saw consistent trends in violent crime and a decrease in property and drug crime occurrences through proactive investigative policing-excellence. We continued to prioritize our Offender Management Apprehension Program (OMAP) and deterred criminal activities of high-risk, repeat offenders.

We were relentless in our efforts at modifying driving behaviours by focusing on engagement, education and enforcement of the “The Big Four” causal factors of collisions 24/7/365. We listened and responded to community concerns focusing on protecting vulnerable road users, commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety and security and illegally modified vehicles. We partnered with the Ministry of Transportation to conduct ongoing CMV safety and security initiatives throughout the year.

We leveraged technology, including body worn cameras, in-car cameras, Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR), speed detection devices, and alcohol and breath testing to support the collection of evidence, increase transparency and enhance public and officer safety.

We continued to collaborate with a diverse array of community-based organizations, such as Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, to better support victims by connecting them with local resources.

We also continued to actively engage with groups and organizations in Dufferin County to build relationships and promote community safety and well-being. We attended a variety of community events, celebrated dates of significance, and presented to our diverse community members about our people, work, and communities.

We are incredibly proud of the strong partnership that we continue to share with Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC). The work that we do together delivers an incredibly effective co-response model that enhances our ability to respond to mental health-related calls and support those who need help to improve outcomes and ensure public safety.

We invested in the development of our members and participated in ongoing training and professional development in areas such as mental health, wellness, investigative excellence, road safety, and more.

In 2026, we will release our new 2026-2029 Dufferin Detachment Action Plan. This is the first action plan developed under the *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA). We are working closely with our four detachment boards - Dufferin OPP Detachment Board-Melancthon Township, Town of Mono, Mulmur Township; Orangeville OPP Detachment Board; Dufferin OPP Detachment Board 2; and the Southwest Dufferin OPP Detachment Board and engaging with community members to ensure the needs of our communities are reflected in the commitments we make for the next four years.

Development of the 2026-2029 Dufferin Detachment Action Plan will coincide with the creation of the 2026-2029 OPP Strategic Plan creating organizational alignment.

As we look ahead to emerging challenges and new opportunities in policing and community safety, our detachment members remain committed to our mission to serve our communities, protect our citizens, uphold the law, and preserve public safety.

Inspector Michael Di Pasquale
Commander, Dufferin Detachment

Summary of Commitments

Through analysis and consultation, the following areas of focus were identified for the years 2023-2025.

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Community Well-Being
To address and prevent multijurisdictional violent crimes and crimes of opportunity including auto thefts and frauds. Address recidivism, repeat offenders with bail violations, and the number of wanted persons at large in our community. Address intimate partner violence (IPV). Reduce illicit drug activity.	To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the causal factors of motorized vehicle collisions.	Enhance the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and strengthen partnership with Headwaters Health Care Centre. Engage and educate youth, in partnership with local school boards and other community organizations. Increased OPP attendance at community events and festivals through the Auxiliary Unit. Protect vulnerable members of the community who may wander from cognitive impairments such as Alzheimer's or Autism by implementing Project Lifesaver.

2025 Crime Progress Results

Commitment	Progress Results
To address and prevent multijurisdictional violent crimes and crimes of opportunity including auto thefts and frauds.	Dufferin OPP continued to utilize resources available through Project Clasp to address and prevent auto thefts. This year marked the final year of Project Clasp funding. Project Clasp continued to prove itself successful as a collaborative approach to addressing auto thefts in Central Ontario through four key strategies: enforcement, training, intelligence and public awareness. Led by our Community Response Unit (CRU) and auxiliary officers, Dufferin OPP participated in regular crime prevention education activities, town halls and presentations to educate and engage with members of the public about public safety priorities, including our vulnerable communities, road safety, youth/children, local businesses and financial institutions. We provided our officers with internal and external developmental and training opportunities to become more effective and competent criminal investigators. This allowed us to build capacity and promote succession planning to support our Major Crime Unit and Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) and other growth and development opportunities. Officers continued to enhance our community's sense of safety through strategic patrols relying upon ongoing data analysis and information garnered from community concerns. A mixture of vehicle, foot and bicycle patrols were leveraged, including the deployment of e-bikes.
Address recidivism, repeat offenders with bail violations, and the number of wanted persons at large in our community.	Dufferin OPP continued to prioritize our OMAP efforts by ensuring that persons on release orders or bail remained in compliance with their release conditions. Our officers continued to utilize the very effective Provincial Bail Compliance Dashboard as a situational awareness and investigative tool. Our detachment continued to work diligently to hold wanted members accountable. We saw a decrease in the number of wanted persons in our community.

Address intimate partner violence (IPV).	In 2024, Dufferin County declared IPV an epidemic. We continued to utilize our two DAII positions to review all IPV occurrences to support victims of crime and ensure continued investigative excellence. DAII's ensured that referrals to local support agencies were made and there was ongoing communication with victims and witnesses throughout the court processes. DAII's continued to collaborate with community agencies (i.e., Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services, Family Transition Place, local shelters, etc.) to provide outreach and resources.
Reduce illicit drug activity.	Dufferin OPP's CSCU continued to collaborate with specialized police units to effectively deter, detect and investigate property and drug crimes across the county. Approximately 148 criminal charges were laid, and multiple search and arrest warrants were executed. Through their efforts, Dufferin OPP's CSCU saw a reduction in property and drug crimes and increased feelings of safety in our communities.

2025 Roadways, Waterways and Trails Progress Results

Commitment	Progress Results
To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the causal factors of motorized vehicle collisions.	Dufferin OPP continued to collaborate with road safety partners to prioritize this area of concern for our communities. On an ongoing basis, we relied upon data and complaint-driven areas to identify hot spot areas to focus our enforcement and visibility efforts. Officers utilized this information to ensure that they were strategically deployed at the right time to the right places to effectively prevent and respond to road safety issues, while being flexible to changing demands and community expectations. Our officers prioritized “The Big Four” 24/7/365. The detachment led the region in 12 provincial traffic safety campaigns throughout 2025. Our officers conducted regular CMV safety and security initiatives in partnership with local detachments and law enforcement agencies/MTO throughout the year. We effectively responded to community concerns by developing localized traffic safety campaigns that supported vulnerable road users (pedestrians, cyclists, etc.) and illegally modified vehicles. We did so in collaboration with municipal governments and community groups with the aim of improving road safety outcomes. Our officers are provided with the right tools and training to effectively promote road safety across the county. We are proud of their hard work, and we continue to rely upon our community members to drive responsibly and prioritize road safety.

2025 Community Well-Being Progress Results

Commitment	Progress Results
Enhance the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) and strengthen partnership with Headwaters Health Care Centre.	Dufferin OPP's MCRT continued to proactively engage with vulnerable persons in our communities, including the unhoused, to ensure that they were kept safe and to connect them with resources for those who were willing to accept. We are very proud and thankful for our continued collaborative partnership with HHCC. We are proud to have finalized a Transfer of Care Protocol that reduced police wait times at hospital. We continued to provide officers with mental health training to assist them in their daily responsibilities. This training allowed our officers to more effectively and safely interact with the community, in particular, persons in crisis. Our officers helped promote improved outcomes by providing persons in crisis with referrals to community partners who are better positioned to support their individualized longer-term needs. Our collaborative partnerships continued to have a positive impact in diverting persons away from hospital unnecessarily; thus, improving outcomes for the entire community.
Engage and educate youth, in partnership with local school boards and other community organizations. Increased OPP attendance at community events and festivals through the Auxiliary unit.	Led by our CRU and auxiliary unit, Dufferin OPP conducted presentations to schools and community partners about issues that impacted their safety and well-being. We utilized traditional and social media to communicate targeted messaging focused on educating and engaging with youth, marginalized groups and parents/guardians who support them. We augmented our auxiliary unit with additional members. This allowed the unit to better represent the detachment at community events and festivals alongside our officers. These outstanding volunteers conducted presentations on topics impacting crime and traffic priorities in our community and supported community patrol initiatives.
Protect vulnerable members of the community who may wander from cognitive impairments such as Alzheimer's or Autism by implementing Project Lifesaver.	We continued to leverage Project Lifesaver as an effective tool to locate persons who may wander due to cognitive impairments and to safely reunite them with their families.

Other Community Updates

- Dufferin OPP utilized data analytics to develop “focused patrols” to target community concerns, including collisions, thefts at LCBO’s and retail stores across Dufferin County, auto thefts and mischiefs to parks. Our efforts reduced crime and traffic occurrences and future calls for service by placing officers at pre-determined locations, including dates/times and focus to curtail unlawful activity.
- As an example of the above, based on concerns from the LCBO and community members, Dufferin Detachment increased community patrol at a specific LCBO location which had seen a noticeable upward trend of liquor thefts. A two-week focused patrol was conducted. During this time, 25 dedicated patrols were conducted. There were six reported theft occurrences, three of which resulted in immediate arrests. This led to a 70% decrease in thefts compared to the same time the year prior.
- Dufferin OPP continued to engage with diverse groups and organizations in our area to build relationships and promote community safety and well-being. In 2025, we celebrated events and flag raisings with multi-cultural events across the county including Black History Month with the Dufferin County Canadian Black Association.
- Building and strengthening relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities remain priorities for the OPP and Dufferin Detachment. In 2025, we participated in a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony in Orangeville with The Brave Canoe.
- Dufferin Detachment routinely seeks and receives feedback from community members related to their expectations and levels of satisfaction with the policing services provided in their community. Dufferin Detachment members attended several town halls in municipalities across the county. This provided the detachment with an opportunity to hear firsthand from the community about their concerns, to share an understanding of the services provided by the detachment to keep communities safe, and to leverage opportunities to improve public safety through collaboration.
- Dufferin Detachment attended schools across the county, summer camps, and sports events to engage with youth. We received positive feedback from participants, teachers, administrators, and the community more broadly. Building relationships with youth and providing them with information about a variety of issues of importance to them are essential aspects of community safety and well-being.

Calls for Service

Table 1.1

All CAD Events*	Immediate Police Response Required**
34,073	10,027

* This represents all Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event types created for each detachment area. Not all CAD events are dispatched to a frontline OPP detachment officer. Some events may have been actioned by another OPP member, diverted to another unit, or deemed a non-OPP event. This does not include officer or detachment generated events that have not been reported through the PCC, or any online reporting events.

** This represents the total number of CAD events prioritized for an immediate police response, indicating the potential for extreme danger, catastrophic circumstances, injury, the threat of injury, death, and/or crime in progress.

Crime and Clearance

Violent Crimes

Table 2.1

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Homicide	0	3	1	100.00%
02 - Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	--
03 - Attempted Murder	1	0	0	--
04 - Sexual Offences	51	58	45	60.00%
05 - Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	219	239	277	90.25%
06 - Offences Resulting in the Deprivation of Freedom	5	2	4	100.00%
07 - Robbery	8	8	17	76.47%
08 - Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	145	184	152	55.92%
09 - Offences in Relation to Sexual Services	0	0	0	--
10 - Total Violent Crime	429	494	496	76.61%

Property Crimes

Table 2.2

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Arson	3	8	7	0.00%
02 - Break and Enter	108	68	67	13.43%
03 - Theft Over	140	120	128	9.38%
04 - Theft Under	505	498	488	20.08%
05 - Have Stolen Goods	9	16	12	91.67%
06 - Fraud	360	338	329	7.60%
07 - Mischief	237	218	176	13.64%
08 - Total Property Crime	1,362	1,266	1,207	14.83%

Other Criminal Code

Table 2.3

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Illegal Gaming and Betting	0	0	0	--
02 - Offensive Weapons - Careless use of firearms	27	25	21	57.14%
03 - Failure to Comply - Judicial Orders/Unlawfully at Large	119	153	200	88.50%
04 - Disturb the Peace	58	56	47	14.89%
05 - Child Pornography	1	4	1	100.00%
06 - Other Criminal Code (Ex. Traffic)	37	36	38	44.74%
07 - Total Other Criminal Code	242	274	307	69.71%

Drugs

Table 2.4

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - CDSA Possession	23	13	11	63.64%
02 - CDSA Trafficking	27	22	10	80.00%
03 - CDSA Importation & Production	0	0	0	--
04 - Cannabis Possession	0	2	0	--
05 - Cannabis Distribution	1	0	0	--
06 - Cannabis Sale	0	0	0	--
07 - Cannabis Importation & Exportation	0	0	0	--
08 - Cannabis Production	0	0	0	--
09 - Other Cannabis Violations	1	0	0	--
10 - Total Drugs	52	37	21	71.43%

Federal Statutes**Table 2.5**

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
Federal Statutes	3	18	2	50.00%

Traffic Violations**Table 2.6**

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Dangerous Operation	5	5	9	100.00%
02 - Flight from Peace Officer	22	12	8	0.00%
03 - Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	66	80	76	100.00%
04 - Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	7	9	1	100.00%
05 - Failure to Stop after Accident	4	4	2	0.00%
06 - Operation while Prohibited	9	5	5	100.00%
07 - Total	113	115	101	90.10%

Youth Crime**Table 2.7**

Disposition Type	2023	2024	2025
Bail	0	0	0
Conviction	7	6	11
Diversion	4	1	2
Non-Conviction	71	63	43
Not Accepted	0	0	3
POA Ticket	7	9	5
NULL	4	53	85
Total	93	132	149

Victim Referrals**Table 2.8**

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Sum of Offered	2035	2208	2193
Sum of Accepted	725	763	665
Sum of Total	2760	2971	2858
Sum of % Accepted	26.27%	25.68%	23.27%

Traffic and Road Safety

Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

(Includes roadway, off-road and motorized snow vehicle collisions)

Table 3.1

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Fatal Injury Collisions	7	8	3
Non-Fatal Injury Collisions	146	159	173
Property Damage Only Collisions	1,126	1,148	1,182
Alcohol-Related Collisions	47	46	36
Animal-Related Collisions	162	148	130
Speed-Related Collisions	141	152	210
Inattentive-Related Collisions	199	161	89
Persons Killed	8	8	3
Persons Injured	268	276	264

Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Table 3.2

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related	1	2	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related	0	2	0
Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor	0	3	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related	1	2	2
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related	0	1	0

Fatalities in Detachment Area

Table 3.3

Fatality Type	Category	2023	2024	2025
Roadway	Fatal Incidents	7	8	3
Roadway	Persons Killed	8	8	3
Roadway	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	2	0
Marine	Fatal Incidents	0	0	0
Marine	Persons Killed	0	0	0
Marine	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Persons Killed	0	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	0
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Persons Killed	0	0	0
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0

Big 4

Table 3.4

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Distracted (HTA 78.1)	154	69	49
Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15)	188	221	206
Seatbelt (HTA 106)	322	307	276
Speeding (HTA 128)	4,626	4,995	5,092

Charges**Table 3.5**

Offences	2023	2024	2025
HTA	9,607	8,715	7,988
Criminal Code Traffic	252	277	288
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	1,438	1,509	1,843
LLCA	136	147	172
Controlled Drug and Substance Act	122	115	64
Federal Cannabis Act	7	7	0
Provincial Cannabis Act	85	124	92
Other	912	1,075	856

Policing Hours

The OPP has developed a Service Delivery Model (SDM) in response to several reviews and audit recommendations. The SDM is designed to:

- Promote officer wellness through balanced workloads
- Determine adequate staffing levels at each detachment
- Ensure the continued delivery of adequate and effective policing services in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)*

To support SDM implementation, the OPP is undertaking a multi-year staffing strategy to address required increases in detachment personnel. This model supports the OPP’s ability to:

- Respond effectively to increasing calls for service
- Maintain safe communities through proactive patrols and community engagement
- Meet municipal expectations for police visibility

To monitor progress and guide detachment-level planning, the OPP has established time allocation targets for provincial constables (Figure 1). These targets reflect how time should ideally be distributed by the end of the SDM staffing strategy.

The targets are based on a provincial average, and variations are expected between detachments due to differences in geography, operational structure, recruitment and leave of absence rates.

Detachments may face challenges in achieving these targets, but progress is expected as scheduling, data quality and strategic deployment continue to improve.

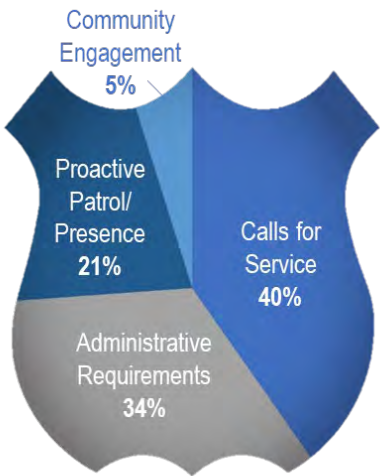


Figure 1: Service Delivery Model Provincial Target

Service Delivery Activity Allocations			Table 4.1
Calls for Service	Administrative Requirements	Proactive Patrol	Community Engagement
48.6%	31.6%	15.1%	4.7%

Hours (Field Personnel)		Table 4.2		
		2023	2024	2025
TOTAL FRONTLINE HOURS		127,907	142,042	139,493

Endnotes

Tables 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Statistics Canada's Uniform Crime Reporting Survey was designed to measure the incidence of crime in Canadian society and its characteristics.
- Reported, Unfounded, Actual, Not Cleared, Cleared by Charge and Cleared Otherwise counts (2023, 2024 and 2025) and Clearance Rate for 2025 included.
- Actual counts and Clearance Rate (2023, 2024 and 2025) included.
- The most serious violation methodology (MSV) is used, which is the same as Statistics Canada's methodology. The MSV counts only the first of up to four offences per incident that occurred in the specific time range.
- First Nation population is not included.
- UCR Statistics Canada Verified (green checkmark) only.

Table 2.1 Violent Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide

02 Criminal Negligence Causing Death, Other Related Offences Causing Death

03 Attempted Murder, Conspire to Commit Murder

04 Sexual offence which occurred prior to January 4, 1983, Sexual Assault, Level 3, Aggravated, Sexual Assault, Level 2, Weapon or Bodily Harm, Sexual Assault, Level 1, Sexual Interference, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Exploitation of a Person with a Disability, Incest, Corrupting Morals of a Child, Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to Children, Parent or Guardian Procuring Sexual Activity, Householder Permitting Sexual Activity, Luring a Child via Computer, Agreement or Arrangement - Sexual Offence Against a Child, Bestiality - Commits, Compels Another Person, Bestiality in, Presence of, or Incites, a Child, Voyeurism, Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images

05 Assault Level 3, Aggravated, Assault Level 2, Weapon/Bodily Harm, Assault Level 1, Unlawfully Causing Bodily Harm, Discharge Firearm with Intent, Using firearm/Imitation of Firearm in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm, Assault, Peace-Public Officer, Assault Against Peace Officer with a Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm, Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm, Trap Likely to or Causing Bodily Harm, Other Assaults

06 Kidnapping, Forcible Confinement, Hostage Taking, Trafficking in Persons, Abduction Under 14, Not Parent/Guardian, Abduction Under 16, Removal of Children from Canada, Abduction Under 14 Contravening a Custody Order, Abduction Under 15 by Parent/Guardian

07 Robbery, Robbery to Steal Firearm

08 Extortion, Intimidation of a Justice System Participant or a Journalist, Intimidation of a Non-justice System Participant, Criminal Harassment, Indecent/Harassing Communications, Utter Threats to Person, Explosives Causing Death/Bodily Harm, Arson - Disregard for Human Life, Other Violations Against the Person, Failure to Comply with Safeguards (MAID), Forging/Destruction of Documents (MAID)

09 Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration, Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration from Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Material Benefit from Sexual Services, Material Benefit from Sexual Services Provided by Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Procuring, Procuring a Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Advertising Sexual Services

Table 2.2 Property Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Arson

02 Break & Enter, Break & Enter to Steal a Firearm, Break & Enter a Motor Vehicle (Firearm)

03 Theft over \$5000, Theft over \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting over \$5000, Motor Vehicle Theft

04 Theft \$5000 or Under, Theft under \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting \$5000 or Under

05 Trafficking in Stolen Goods over \$5000, Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5000, Trafficking in Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under, Possession of Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under

06 Fraud, Identity Theft, Identity Fraud

07 Mischief, Mischief to Cultural Property, Hate-motivated mischief relating to property used by identifiable group, Mischief Relating to War Memorials, Altering/Destroying/Removing a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Table 2.3 Other Criminal Code

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Betting House, Gaming House, Other Violations Related to Gaming and Betting

02 Offensive Weapons: Explosives, Weapons Trafficking, Possession and Distribution of Computer Data (Firearm), Altering Cartridge Magazine, Weapons Possession Contrary to Order, Possession of Weapons, Unauthorized Importing/Exporting of Weapons, Firearms Documentation/Administration, Unsafe Storage of Firearms

03 Failure to Comply – Judicial Orders/Unlawfully at Large: bail violations, escape custody, fail to attend court, breach of probation

04 Disturb the Peace

05 Child Pornography: including making or distributing

06 Public Communications to Sell Sexual Services, Offences Related to Impeding Traffic to Buy or Sell Sexual Services, Counterfeiting, Indecent Acts, Voyeurism (Expired), Corrupting Morals, Lure child via Computer (Expired), Obstruct Public/Peace Officer, Trespass at Night, Threatening/Harassing Phone Calls (Expired), Utter Threats Against Property or Animals, Advocating Genocide, Public Incitement of Hatred, Promoting or Advertising Conversion Therapy, Unauthorized Recording of a Movie/Purpose of Sale, Rental, Commercial, Distribution, Offences Against Public Order (Part II CC), Property or Services for Terrorist Activities, Freezing of Property, Disclosure, Audit, Participate in Activity of Terrorist Group, Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Instruction/Commission of Act of Terrorism, Hoax – Terrorism, Advocating/Promoting Terrorism, Firearms and Other Offensive Weapons (Part III CC), Leave Canada to Participate in Activity of a Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Leave Canada to Commit Offence for Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Commit Offence that is Terrorist Activity, Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max = Life), Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max Does Not = Life), Harbour/Conceal Person Likely to Carry Out Terrorist Activity, Offences Against the Administration of Law and Justice (Part IV CC). Sexual Offences, Public Morals and Disorderly Conduct (Part V CC), Invasion of Privacy (Part VI CC), Failure to Comply with Regulations / Obligations for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), Other Offences Against the Person and Reputation, Offences Against the Rights of Property (Part IX CC), Fraudulent Transactions, Relating to Contracts and Trade (Part X CC), Offences Related to Currency, Proceeds of Crime (Part XII.2 CC), Attempts, Conspiracies, Accessories, Instruct Offence for Criminal Organization, Commit Offence for Criminal Organization, Participate in Activities of Criminal Organization, Recruitment of Members by a Criminal Organization, All Other Criminal Code (includes Part XII.1 CC)

Table 2.4 Drugs

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Possession – Heroin, Possession – Cocaine, Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Possession - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)

02 Trafficking – Heroin, Trafficking – Cocaine, Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Trafficking - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Trafficking - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Trafficking – Opioid (other than heroin)

03 Import / Export – Heroin, Import / Export – Cocaine, Import / Export - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Import / Export - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Import / Export - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Import/Export – Opioid (other than heroin), Production – Heroin, Production – Cocaine, Production - Other Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, Production - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Production - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Production – Opioid (other than heroin), Possession, sale, etc., for use in production of or trafficking in substance

04 Possession of illicit or over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by adult, Possession of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by youth, Possession of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Possession of cannabis by organization

05 Distribution of illicit, over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by adult, Distribution of cannabis to youth, by adult, Distribution of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by youth, Distribution of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Distribution of cannabis by organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of distributing

06 Sale of cannabis to adult, Sale of cannabis to youth, Sale of cannabis to an organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of selling

07 Importation and exportation of cannabis, Possession of cannabis for purpose of exportation

08 Obtain, offer to obtain, alter or offer to alter cannabis, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by adult, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by youth or organization

09 Possess, produce, sell, distribute or import anything for use in production or distribution of illicit cannabis, Use of young person in the commission of a cannabis offence, Other Cannabis Act

Table 2.5 Federal Statutes

Corresponding Violation Description

Bankruptcy Act, Income Tax Act, Canada Shipping Act, Canada Health Act, Customs Act , Competition Act, Excise Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, Human Trafficking (involving the use of abduction, fraud, deception or use of threat), Human Smuggling fewer than 10 persons, Human Smuggling 10 persons or more, Firearms Act, National Defence Act, Emergencies Act, Quarantine Act, Other Federal Statutes

Table 2.6 Traffic Violations

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Dangerous Operation Causing Death, Dangerous Operation Causing Bodily Harm, Dangerous Operation

02 Flight from Peace Officer

03 Operation - low blood drug concentration, Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (unspecified), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (unspecified), Operation while impaired (alcohol), Operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired (drugs), Operation while impaired (unspecified)

04 Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (drugs), Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (unspecified)

05 Failure to stop after accident resulting in death, Failure to stop after accident resulting in bodily harm, Failure to stop after accident, Operation while prohibited

06 Operation while Prohibited

Table 2.7 Youth Crime

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2026/03/06)

Note:

- Youth Charges by Disposition Type
- Only charges that have had a disposition type recorded in the OPP Niche RMS application are included.
- Youth charges without a disposition type are not included which may result in under stating the actual youth charges.
- "NULL" represents blanks, or where officers did not indicate the Disposition Type, however charges were applied.

Table 2.8 Victim Referrals

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2026/03/06)

Note:

- Number of Referrals to Victim Service Agencies

Table 3.1 Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Total Motor Vehicle Collisions (Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only): Reportable Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only Collisions entered into the eCRS for All Motorized Vehicles (MVC-Roadway, MSV- Snowmobile and ORV-Off Road Report Type) regardless of completion/approval status.
- Alcohol/Drug Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
- Animal Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.
- Speed Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
- Inattentive Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
- Persons Killed or Injured: Number of Persons Injured or Killed in Reportable MVC collisions.

Table 3.2 Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
- Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor: Persons Killed in Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Victim is fatally injured AND a vehicle occupant AND where safety equipment reported to be not used but available.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.

Table 3.3 Fatalities in Detachment Area

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Fatal Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
- Persons Killed: Number of Involved Persons where Injury is fatal by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
- Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle) where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.

Table 3.4 Big 4

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Speeding (HTA 128): Charges are based on date charged. Speeding = HTA s.128 charges.
- Seatbelt (HTA 106): Charges are based on date charged. Seatbelt = HTA s.106 charges.
- Distracted (HTA 78.1): Charges are based on date charged. Distracted = HTA s.78.1 charges.
- Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15): Charges are based on date charged. Impaired = CCC s.320.14 & 320.15 charges.

Table 3.5 Charges

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2026/02/24)

Note:

- HTA: Charges are based on date charged. Highway Traffic Act Statute charges.
- Criminal Code Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. Criminal Code Traffic (CCC s320.13, 320.14, 320.15, 320.16, 320.17 & 320.18) charges.
- Criminal Code Non-Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. All CCC charges not included in the Criminal Code Traffic section above.
- LLCA: Charges are based on date charged. Liquor Licence and Control Act charges.
- Federal Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Act charges.
- Provincial Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Control Act charges.
- Controlled Drug and Substance Act: Charges are based on date charged. Controlled Drug and Substance Act charges.
- Other: Charges are based on date charged. "Other" charges is comprised of CAIA, Other Provincial & Federal Offences not already captured in sections above.

Table 4.1 Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: January 12, 2026

Note: Activity allocation percentages are based on the total reported hours of detachment provincial constables performing duties within their home detachment location.

Table 4.2 Hours (Field Personnel)

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: March 06, 2026

Note:

- Total reported hours, excluding paid duties.
- Includes Provincial Constable to Sergeant ranks only.
- Excludes First Nations badge numbers.
- Excludes administrative accounts and joint services accounts.
- Excludes incomplete DAR entries and those with errors.
- Excludes General Headquarters location codes.

CONTACT THE OPP

Know your location - be ready to describe the situation and your location. Look for addresses, landmarks and buildings that may help identify your location.

REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property
 - to stop or report a crime in progress
 - to report a fire
 - to report a life-threatening medical emergency
 - Don't hang up, stay on the line
- To report non-life-threatening incidents that require a police response, use the non-emergency line (1-888-310-1122) or go to opp.ca/reporting
- TTY 1-888-310-1133 or agent 511 for registered subscribers may be used for individuals in the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired (DHHSI) community to contact police
- For all administrative inquiries or to schedule an appointment, find contact information for your local detachment at opp.ca/detachments

PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.crimestoppers.ca

REPORT AN INCIDENT ONLINE

- The OPP offers online reporting for minor, non-emergency occurrences in areas of OPP jurisdiction. opp.ca/reporting allows you to submit a report without visiting or calling.
- Use the online reporting tool for:
 - Theft Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000, including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
 - Driving Complaints

If you are reporting an emergency, call 9-1-1.

#KNOWWHENTOCALL

9-1-1 is for emergencies only: If there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property.

- ✓ a crime in progress
- ✓ a fire
- ✓ a life-threatening medical emergency

Dialed 9-1-1 accidentally? #Be911Ready. Don't hang up, stay on the line and speak with an OPP Communicator to confirm there's no emergency.

The misuse of 911 ties up emergency lines, communicators and officers, which can result in a slower response to a real emergency and risks the safety of people who may need urgent help.

It is against the law to call 9-1-1 as a joke. Prank 9-1-1 calls can be dangerous and waste valuable emergency resources.

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July 14, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Sir:

Re: Declaration of Intimate Partner Violence as an Epidemic

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of July 13, 2026:

Whereas intimate partner violence (IPV) is a serious and pervasive public health and safety issue affecting individuals, pregnant women, families, and communities across Ontario and Canada;

And Whereas Statistics Canada reports that approximately 44% of Canadian women have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, while 33% of Canadian women have experienced sexual assault;

And Whereas Indigenous women, pregnant women and 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals experience disproportionately high rates of violence, with 61% of Indigenous women and 67% of 2SLGBTQIA+ women having experienced intimate partner violence;

And Whereas according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), 66% of female homicide victims in Canada were killed by an intimate partner;

And Whereas rural communities face an even greater impact, with victims experiencing a 75% higher risk of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas on September 22, 2015, the murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam in Renfrew County brought national attention to the devastating consequences of intimate partner violence;

And Whereas the 2022 Renfrew County Joint Inquest into these femicides resulted in 86 recommendations, with Recommendation #1 calling upon the Province of Ontario to formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas despite the findings and recommendations of the Coroner's Inquest, the Province of Ontario has not formally declared intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas police-reported intimate partner violence cases in Ontario increased from 4,450 incidents in 2022 to 5,988 incidents in 2024, representing an 18% increase according to the Ontario Provincial Police Data, Statistics & Analysis Unit;

And Whereas North Simcoe Victim Services reported a 64% increase in intimate partner violence calls between 2023 and 2025, rising from 255 calls to 417 calls;

And Whereas 2025 combined statistics from Violence Against Women agencies serving Orillia, Barrie, Alliston, Collingwood, and Midland recorded:

- 12,870 crisis calls;
- 335 women requiring in-shelter stays;
- 167 children requiring in-shelter stays;
- 1,039 referrals due to agencies reaching capacity limits;

And Whereas the Government of Canada formally recognized intimate partner violence as an epidemic in 2023, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario also declared intimate partner violence an epidemic in 2023;

And Whereas more than 115 municipalities across Ontario, representing over 70% of Ontario's population, have passed motions declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Whereas declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic:

- demonstrates leadership and commitment to addressing the crisis;
- raises public awareness;
- reduces stigma experienced by victims and survivors;
- helps individuals know support services are available;
- strengthens eligibility for provincial funding opportunities for community agencies;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of New Tecumseth formally declare intimate partner violence an epidemic;

And Further That Council call upon the Province of Ontario to formally recognize intimate partner violence as an epidemic across Ontario;

And Further That the Province be urged to implement the recommendations of the Renfrew County Joint Inquest, including Recommendation #1;

And Further That copies of this resolution be circulated to:

- The Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Solicitor General of Ontario;
- The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity;
- The Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The County of Simcoe;
- All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario;
- Local violence against women and victim support agencies within Simcoe County

Yours truly,

Pam Slowleigh

Pamela Slowleigh
Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Cc: Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister.SOLGEN@ontario.ca
Honourable Charmaine A. Williams, The Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, charmaine.williams@pc.ola.org
MPP Brian Saunderson (Simcoe–Grey), brian.saunderson@pc.ola.org
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), resolutions@amo.on.ca
The County of Simcoe, clerks@simcoe.ca
Local violence against women & victim support agencies within Simcoe County:
Victim Services of Simcoe County, ed@VictimServicesSimcoe.ca,
info@VictimServicesSimcoe.ca
My Sister's Place, pitmsp@mysistersplace.ca
Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie, info@barrieshelter.com
Regional Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Treatment Centre for Simcoe County and Muskoka, sadvtc@osmh.on.ca
Elizabeth Fry Society Simcoe Muskoka, meaghanc@elizabethfrysociety.com
North Simcoe Victim Services, exdir@ns-vs.com
Huronian Transition Homes, admin@rosewood.on.ca
Biminaawzogin Regional Aboriginal Women's Circle (BRAWC),
admin@brawc.com
All municipalities within Simcoe County and Ontario



Annette Groves
Mayor

July 2, 2026

Sent via E-Mail: sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org

Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier
Constituency Office
Suite A, 3rd Floor
180 Broadway Ave.
Orangeville, ON L9W 1K3

Dear Deputy Premier Jones,

RE: Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on June 23, 2026, Council adopted a motion regarding requesting support to combat tick borne diseases.

The resolution reads as follows:

Whereas the prevalence of ticks, including those known to carry Lyme disease, and other Vector borne diseases have increased across Ontario;

Whereas Lyme disease diagnoses have increased by 27% in 2024 to 2369 (Public Health Agency of Canada, PHAC);

Whereas residents across Caledon have registered growing concerns about public health risks associated with tick exposure in parks, trails and residential areas;

Whereas municipalities have limited jurisdiction and resources to effectively manage tick populations on a broad ecological scale;

Whereas the Government of Ontario is responsible for public health policy, environmental management and vector-borne disease prevention and detection;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Caledon Town Council formally requests that the Government of Ontario investigate and implement measures to reduce burgeoning tick populations and to mitigate their associated public health risks; and

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That such measures may include safe and effective tick control methods, public education campaigns and coordinated regional strategies; and

That the Province consider increased funding and support for local public health units to address tick-borne disease prevention; and

That a copy of this motion be sent to Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Kiernan Moore, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, Peel Public Health, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all 444 municipalities across Ontario.

For more information regarding this request, please contact the undersigned by email to mayor@caledon.ca or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4155.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

CC:

Chief Medical Officer of Health Kieran.Moore@ontario.ca

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Peel Public Health info@peelregion.ca

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) info@trca.ca

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June 5, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
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Region of Halton
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THE CORPORATION
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THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

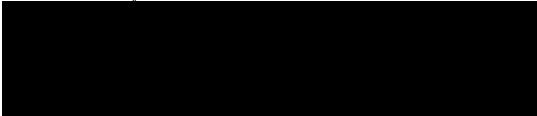
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor

July 16, 2026

Via email only

Re: Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters' Lists

Please be advised that during their Regular Council meeting held July 14, 2026, Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. **R2026-273**

Moved by Councillor Franzen

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Armstrong

That Council support the following resolution from the County of Peterborough regarding Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of the Municipal Voters' Lists:

Whereas the Province of Ontario shifted responsibility of the municipal election voters list from MPAC to Elections Ontario by amending the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, through the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020, effective after the 2022 municipal election; and

Whereas many of the eight lower-tier Township elector lists presented by Elections Ontario have discrepancies in voter counts from the 2022 municipal election, specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower than the 2022 numbers; and **Whereas** Elections Ontario has acknowledged the discrepancies and is planning to address them;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the County of Peterborough urges the Province of Ontario to immediately encourage prioritization of the review of data specifically related to non-resident property owners to ensure voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, AMO, ROMA, AMCTO, EOWC, FOCA, all Ontario municipalities and the eight lower-tier Township Clerks for support.

Carried.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 – 072

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: June 2, 2026

Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
Councillor **B. KEITH**
Councillor **D. McCANN**
Councillor **C. McDONALD**
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ☒ DEFEATED: ☐ Postponed to:

That the Council of the Corporation of Town of Parry Sound supports the request by the Durham District School Board regarding school board governance with the following requests:

1. That the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;
2. That the Province of Ontario ensures that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, The Near North District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.


Mayor Jamie McGarvey

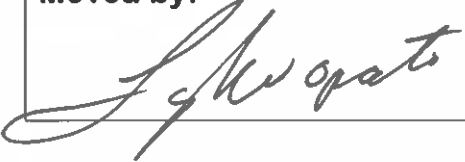
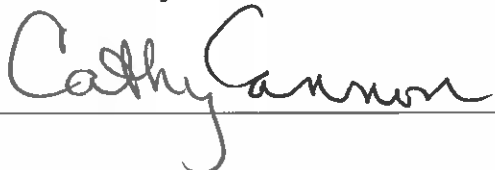


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Resolution # RC26104	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Durham District School Board has requested that a province-wide consultation process be undertaken prior to any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees; and

WHEREAS the potential elimination of elected school board trustees represents a significant and fundamental shift in Ontario's education governance structure; and

WHEREAS school board trustees serve as a longstanding and essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system, ensuring that community voices are reflected in decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS changes of this magnitude should not proceed without evidence-based research, transparency, and meaningful public engagement to fully understand potential impacts; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Wawa recognizes the importance of local representation in addressing the diverse and unique needs of communities, including rural, remote, and Northern municipalities; and

WHEREAS the removal of school board trustees may result in unintended consequences that could negatively impact community representation, accountability, and responsiveness within the education system; and

WHEREAS transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of any proposed governance changes is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa supports the call for an independent review by the Ombudsman's Office regarding the potential impacts of removing school board trustees, particularly with respect to fairness, openness, transparency, and accountability;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☐	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR - MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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May 22, 2026

The Honourable Heath MacDonald
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
1341 Baseline Road
Ottawa, ON
K1A 0C5

Sent by Email to: aaafc.minister-ministre.aac@agr.gc.ca

Re: National Agricultural Soil Health Strategy

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 20, 2026, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning the National Agricultural Soil Health Strategy and Bill S-230.

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: V. Paan

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth fully support the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Business announcement committing to advancing the National Agricultural Soil Health Strategy as well as Bill S-230 and urge the Government of Canada to recognize a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25 of the Critical Ground Report.

And further that this motion be circulated to the following parties:

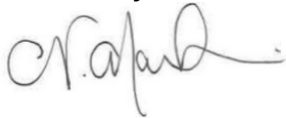
- All local municipalities within the County of Dufferin
- MPP Hon. Sylvia Jones
- Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
- MP Hon. Kyle Seebach
- Chief Hill, Six Nations of the Grand River
- Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change
- Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Dufferin Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture
- Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
- Premier Doug Ford
- Prime Minister of Canada

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

May 28, 2026

Hon. Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
14th Floor, 56 Wellesley St W
Toronto, ON M7A 2E7

Sent via email to: graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca

**Subject: Town of Orangeville resolution re: Request to the Province to Extend the
Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties**

Dear Minister McGregor,

The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Orangeville requests your consideration and support for the following resolution that was passed at the May 25, 2026 meeting of the Council of the Town of Orangeville.

Resolution Number: 2026-193

Moved by Councillor Sherwood

Seconded by Councillor Macintosh

Whereas amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

Whereas the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the *Home-owner Protection Act, 2024* to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

Whereas municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

Whereas the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

Whereas the Heritage Orangeville Committee comprises of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing 454 properties on or before the deadline of January 1, 2027; and

Whereas many municipalities, including the Town of Orangeville, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake the evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

Whereas Heritage Orangeville Committee, heritage consultants or staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

Whereas the above noted work involving 454 listed properties in the Town of Orangeville is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by January 1, 2027 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

Whereas the Heritage Orangeville Committee, at its meeting of March 19, 2026, discussed and supported advocating to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

Now therefore be it resolved that The Council of the Town of Orangeville respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on the municipal heritage non-designated register; and

That the Town Clerk be directed to send a copy of this motion to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Municipal Councils across the province, and the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association.

Carried

If you have any questions, please contact clerk@orangeville.ca.

Sincerely,
Ishita Soneji
Council Co-ordinator/Assistant Clerk
Corporate Services
Town of Orangeville

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, via email
Hon. Syliva Jones, Members of Provincial Parliament, via email
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), via email
Community Heritage Ontario, via email
All Ontario Municipalities, via email



Excerpt from Council Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2026

19. Notice of Motion – Deputy Mayor Hull – Affirming Outdoor Education as an Essential Part of Public Education in Ontario

Deputy Mayor Hull explained the importance of outdoor education and how this motion is in response to the closure of the Toronto District School Board outdoor education centre. He explained that he is asking for the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to be mindful of outdoor nature-related opportunities for citizens; he is not asking for a formal report.

Discussion included staff evaluation and making a change to the motion to recognize the work staff currently undertake regarding outdoor opportunities.

R-151-2026

It was **Moved** by C. Hull, **Seconded** by J. Kirkland and **Carried**

Whereas outdoor and experiential education provides students with critical opportunities to improve mental health, physical well-being, environmental literacy, teamwork, leadership, resilience, and academic engagement;

And whereas access to nature and outdoor learning opportunities should not depend on a family's income, geography, or ability to afford private camps, cottages, or outdoor recreation;

And whereas many students, especially those living in urban communities, rely on publicly funded school programs as their primary opportunity to experience forests, trails, waterways, dark skies, overnight camping, and land-based learning;

And whereas closures of Outdoor Education Centres risk creating long-term negative consequences for student wellness, environmental stewardship, and equitable access to experiential learning opportunities;

And whereas knowledgeable and experienced outdoor education staff are essential to delivering safe, inclusive, and curriculum-based learning experiences;

And whereas municipalities that benefit from tourism connected to parks, trails, and natural spaces depend on environmentally responsible stewardship by visitors.

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of South Bruce Peninsula requests the Province of Ontario to:

1. Recognize outdoor education as an essential educational service and commit to equitable access for all Ontario students, and
2. Halt the closure of outdoor education centres and restore stable funding for programming across Ontario;

And that the Town's Parks, Recreation and Culture Department continues to evaluate how it can increase nature-related educational opportunities for citizens of all ages and abilities;

And further that this motion be forwarded to the Bluewater District School Board Trustees, MPP Paul Vickers, the Ontario Minister of Education MPP Paul Calandra, AMO, ROMA, The Council of Outdoor Educators of Ontario, and all other municipalities across Ontario.



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: May 27, 2026

Request for Provincial Review of CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services

Resolution Number: 2026-173

Moved By: Mayor Gould

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

WHEREAS many provincially mandated services, shared municipal services, and board-imposed levies are apportioned among municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas; and

WHEREAS CVA-based apportionment formulas are intended to reflect municipal assessment capacity, but often do not adequately account for population, service access, geographic isolation, infrastructure constraints, or the differing realities of small and rural municipalities; and

WHEREAS municipalities with significant industrial assessment, utility corridors, resource infrastructure, protected lands, seasonal properties, or large geographic areas may experience disproportionately high per-resident levy impacts despite limited local services and lower resident incomes; and

WHEREAS some municipalities contribute substantially toward regional services such as long-term care, policing, conservation authorities, social services, and other provincially mandated boards and agencies, while residents may have limited local access to those services due to geography, travel distance, or service availability; and

WHEREAS increasing levy pressures are creating significant financial strain for small and rural municipalities and their residents;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Municipality of Calvin requests that the Province of Ontario, including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Minister of Finance, undertake a review of policies, legislation, and regulations governing the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment as the basis for apportioning provincially-mandated levies and shared municipal service costs;

AND THAT the Province consider developing fairer and more balanced apportionment models which may include:

- hybrid formulas incorporating both CVA and population;
- consideration of service access and service availability;
- household count or permanent population metrics;
- ability-to-pay considerations for small and rural municipalities;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors; and
- measures to limit disproportionate per-resident levy impacts on smaller municipalities; and

AND THAT the Province work with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), rural municipalities, municipal service boards, and regional service providers to develop best practices and model apportionment frameworks for shared municipal services and provincially mandated boards;

AND THAT this resolution with the mayor's report attached, be circulated to:

- the Premier of Ontario;
- the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- the Minister of Finance;
- The Minister of Rural Affairs
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- local Member of Provincial Parliament;
- all Ontario municipalities;
- and relevant municipal service boards and associations for consideration and support.

Result: Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2026-173 passed by the Council of
The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin
on the 26th day of May, 2026.



Trish Araujo
Deputy Clerk



Report to Council by: Mayor Richard Gould Date: May 26, 2026

Subject: Request for Provincial Review of, and Change to CVA-Based Apportionment

The purpose of this report is to provide background information and supporting rationale for the attached resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of Current Value Assessment (CVA) and weighted assessment formulas as the basis for apportioning costs for provincially-mandated services, regional boards, and shared municipal services.

The report focuses on the growing financial impacts that CVA-based apportionment can have on small and rural municipalities, particularly where assessment values do not accurately reflect resident income levels, service access, or local municipal capacity.

Many shared municipal services and provincially-mandated boards in Ontario allocate costs among participating municipalities using Current Value Assessment (CVA) or weighted assessment formulas.

Examples include: Long-Term Care facilities; District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSAB); policing costs; conservation authorities; health and social service boards; and School boards and other regional service arrangements.

Under these formulas, municipalities with higher assessment values contribute a larger percentage of overall costs.

The intent of the current CVA-based apportionment is only a reflection of the municipalities "ability to pay." However, in many rural municipalities, assessment values do not accurately represent:

- or the actual level of services available within the municipality
- resident income levels;
- local economic strength;
- access to services;
- population density;
- transportation challenges.

As a result, some rural municipalities experience disproportionately high levy impacts on a per-household or per-resident basis.

Rural and Northern Municipal Realities

Small rural municipalities often differ significantly from urban centres in both geography and service availability.

In many cases:

- residents must travel substantial distances to access healthcare and government services;
- municipalities may lack public transit;
- municipalities may not have local hospitals, long-term care homes, or other major services;
- populations may be older and more geographically dispersed;
- infrastructure costs may be high due to large geographic areas and low population density.

At the same time, rural municipalities may contain:

- pipelines;
- hydro corridors;
- industrial infrastructure;

- protected lands;
- provincial parks;
- seasonal properties;
- or large acreages.

These features can substantially increase municipal assessment values while providing little indication of the financial capacity of local residents. This creates a disconnect between the assessed property value; and actual household ability to absorb increasing levy costs.

The Municipality of Calvin is a small rural municipality with approximately 230 households.

A significant portion of municipal assessment is influenced by industrial infrastructure, including a major pipeline corridor. The municipality also contains multiple provincial parks and large acreages, much of which limits future residential or commercial development opportunities.

Many residents live on inherited rural properties and have fixed or modest incomes. While assessment values may appear significant on paper, they do not necessarily reflect disposable household income or enhanced municipal service levels.

The Township has no hospital, no long-term care facility, no public transit, and limited local health and social service infrastructure.

Despite these limitations, the Township contributes toward many regional services through CVA-based apportionment formulas.

Cassellholme Capital Cost Example

The attached Appendix "A" illustrates the distribution of Cassellholme redevelopment capital costs among participating municipalities using:

- the current CVA formula;
- a household-based formula; and
- a hybrid formula combining CVA and household count.

The analysis demonstrates substantial differences in per-household impacts between municipalities.

Under the current CVA model:

- Calvin households contribute approximately \$393.89 per household;
- South Algonquin contributes approximately \$377.48 per household;
- Mattawan contributes approximately \$283.74 per household.

By comparison:

- Mattawa contributes approximately \$94.50 per household;
- Chisholm contributes approximately \$193.18 per household;
- North Bay contributes approximately \$203.56 per household.

Under a purely household-based model, the contribution would be approximately \$209.09 per household across all municipalities.

The analysis suggests that CVA-based formulas can create substantial disparities in per-household costs between municipalities, particularly in smaller rural communities where industrial or resource-based assessment inflates municipal valuation figures.

Hybrid and Alternative Models

The report recommends that the province review whether the current reliance on CVA alone remains the most equitable method of apportionment in all circumstances.

Alternative approaches could include:

- hybrid formulas combining CVA and household count;
- formulas incorporating permanent population;
- service availability considerations;
- rurality and geographic isolation factors;
- ability-to-pay considerations;
- or mechanisms to limit disproportionate impacts on smaller municipalities.

The attached example demonstrates that even a partial hybrid approach can reduce extreme disparities while still recognizing assessment capacity.

Broader Provincial Relevance

This issue extends beyond the Municipality of Calvin.

Many rural Ontario municipalities face similar circumstances where; industrial assessment; utility corridors, hydro infrastructure, pipelines, resource lands, or protected lands, increase municipal assessment values without proportionally increasing local service access or household financial capacity.

As provincial and regional levy pressures continue to rise, concerns regarding the fairness and sustainability of existing apportionment models are likely to become increasingly significant for rural municipalities across Ontario.

Conclusion

The current use of CVA and weighted assessment formulas was developed to reflect municipal assessment capacity. However, the growing divergence between assessment values and the realities facing many rural municipalities suggests that a provincial review is warranted.

The Municipality of Calvin is requesting that the Province of Ontario review the use of CVA-based apportionment for provincially-mandated and shared municipal services and consider more balanced approaches that better reflect:

- household impacts;
- rural realities;
- service access;
- and municipal capacity.
- The attached resolution seeks to initiate that broader provincial discussion.
- Recommendation:

That Council adopt the attached resolution requesting a provincial review of Current Value Assessment (CVA)-based apportionment formulas for shared municipal and provincially-mandated services.

Appendix A:

Distribution of Capital cost for Cassellholme construction:

This chart shows the distribution of costs based on current CVA, Per Household, and a Hybrid of 75% per household and 25% CVA.

Current CVA				Per Household				Hybrid 75/25		
Municipality	Households	Current CVA Pct	Current CVA Annual	Per household	Household based PCT	Household Based Annual	by household only	Hybrid PCT	Hybrid Annual	hybrid by household
North Bay	23470	79.187%	\$4,777,615.40	\$203.56	81.34%	4,907,375.69	209.09	80.8000%	4,874,935.62	207.71
East Ferris	1890	7.742%	\$467,100.64	\$247.14	6.55%	395,182.79	209.09	6.8480%	413,162.25	218.60
South Algonquin	530	3.316%	\$200,065.32	\$377.48	1.84%	110,818.45	209.09	2.2066%	133,130.17	251.19
Bonfield	890	3.237%	\$195,298.99	\$219.44	3.08%	186,091.37	209.09	3.1225%	188,393.27	211.68
Papineau-Cameron	405	1.726%	\$104,135.33	\$257.12	1.40%	84,682.03	209.09	1.4842%	89,545.35	221.10
Chisholm	510	1.633%	\$98,524.33	\$193.18	1.77%	106,636.63	209.09	1.7338%	104,608.55	205.11
Calvin	227	1.482%	\$89,414.00	\$393.89	0.79%	47,463.75	209.09	0.9605%	57,951.31	255.29
Mattawa	860	1.347%	\$81,269.00	\$94.50	2.98%	179,818.62	209.09	2.5721%	155,181.22	180.44
Mattawan	70	0.329%	\$19,861.73	\$283.74	0.24%	\$14,636.40	209.09	0.2642%	15,942.73	227.75
TOTAL	28852		\$6,033,284.73		99.99%	\$6,032,705.73	209.09	1.00	6,032,850.48	
Totals	65693		\$6,033,284			\$6,033,333			\$6,033,333	

Total Capital rebuild cost is and estimate of \$121,000,000 plus \$110,000,000 interest, minus the \$50,000,000 arranged by the province to be divided in each of the first years of the loan. This is a Total of \$181,000,000. Divided over the next 30 years this equals \$6,033,333 per year.



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 August 5, 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 5th day of August 2026.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk