



## Council Agenda September 3, 2025 – 9:00 AM

### Meeting Details

**In-Person Meeting Location:** Mulmur Township Offices, located at 758070 2<sup>nd</sup> Line East

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**1.0 Call to Order**

**2.0 Land Acknowledgement**

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda**

Recommendation: That Council approve the agenda.

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**4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Recommendation: That the minutes of July 2, 2025 are approved.

**5.0 Discussion Arising out of the Minutes**

**6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests**

**7.0 Public Question Period**

**8.0 Public Meetings**

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**8.1 Official Plan Public Meeting (9:00 a.m.)**

**9.0 Reports for Decision**

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**9.1 Christ Church, Whitfield**

Recommendation: That Council direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada to include criteria and intentions to acquire the land and best-effort recovery of costs related to the possible sale of lands.

14           **9.2     Mansfield Water System Financial Plan**

Recommendation: That Council approve the 2025-2034 Financial Plan for the Mansfield Water System, as presented, in support of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence renewal.

51           **9.3     Ontario Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Grant (MISA)**

Recommendation: Whereas the Township of Mulmur has eligible costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm, the council of the Township of Mulmur hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program.

Further that Heather Boston, the Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer is hereby given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached application package.

53           **9.4     Gravel Road Conversion Policy**

Recommendation: That Council approves the Gravel Road Conversion Policy and direct staff to develop implementation procedures.

61           **9.5     Recreational Facilities at Terra Nova**

Recommendation: That Council direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to accept the generous donation and commence procurement.

63           **9.6     HR Policy Amendment**

Recommendation: That Council approve the amendments to the Human Resources Policy as presented.

**10.0    Committee Minutes and Reports**

65           **10.1   Shelburne Public Library Minutes: June 17, 2025**

68           **10.2   Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Minutes: June 27, 2025**

80           **10.3   Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Media Release**

82           **10.4   Ontario Climate Caucus June Meeting Notes**

86           **10.5   Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 26, 2025**

96           **10.6   Dufferin County Council Minutes: July 10, 2025**

Recommendation: That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

## **11.0 Information Items**

- 112 11.1 Kraft Hockeyville Survey Results
- 114 11.2 Assessment Analysis on Non-Assumed Roads
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- 119 11.4 Street Art Impacts and Results
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- 183 11.11 NVCA Information Report
  
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- 195 11.14 Township of Amaranth: County Road 109 Corridor Study
- 198 11.15 Norfolk County: Bill C-2
- 200 11.16 Town of Orangeville: H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign
- 202 11.17 Township of Armour: Standardized Family Health Teams
- 205 11.18 Northumberland County: Procurement and Trade Advocacy
- 210 11.19 City of Mississauga: Exotic Animals
- 212 11.20 Town of Goderich: Protection of Agricultural Land
- 214 11.21 Town of Kingsville: Bill 17

Recommendation: That Council receives the information items;  
And that the following items be endorsed: \_\_\_\_\_

## **12.0 Closed Session**

- 12.1 Committee Applications
- 12.2 Land Acquisition for EA Infrastructure
- 12.3 Fire Service Negotiations
- 12.4 CAO Performance Review

## **13.0 Items for Future Meetings**

- 13.1 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection
- 13.2 Procurement Policy Amendments (Q3 2025)
- 13.3 2025 Road Safety Budget
- 13.4 LIC Annual Reporting (Q3 2026)

**14.0 Passing of By-Laws**

- 216      **14.1 Administrative Penalties for Automated Speed Enforcement By-law**  
229      **14.2 Screening and Hearing Officer By-law**  
233      **14.3 Hearing Officer Appointment By-law**  
235      **14.4 Confirmatory By-Law**

Recommendation: That by-laws 14.1 to 14.4 be approved.

**15.0 Adjournment**

Recommendation: That Council adjourns the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ to meet again on October 1, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

Note: Committee of Adjustment to commence at 2:00 PM



## **Council Minutes July 2, 2025 – 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**

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

### **3.0 Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

That Council approve the agenda.

**Carried.**

### **4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That the minutes of June 4, 2025 are approved.

**Carried.**

### **5.0 Discussion Arising Out of the Minutes - None**

### **6.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests - None**

### **7.0 Public Question Period**

Pat Burns-Wendland expressed concern relating to signage for the River Road bridge construction. Director of Infrastructure, Chris Wolnik thanked residents for their feedback and spoke to the placement of additional signage.

## **8.0 Deputations and Presentations**

### **8.1 Senior of the Year: Sandra Gallagher**

Council recognized Sandra Gallagher as Mulmur's 2025 Senior of the Year for her contributions to the Shelburne BIA, Dufferin Chamber of Commerce, Shelburne Rotary Club, Shelburne Community Welcome Wagon, fundraising efforts and involvement with the Soup Kitchen. Council thanked Sandra for her lifelong commitment to creating and strengthening our community.

Council also recognized Gord Gallagher's achievements in receiving the 2024 Ontario Senior Achievement Award from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

### **8.2 Strada Aggregates: Township of Melancthon**

Council welcomed Melancthon Mayor Darren White and Councillors Bill Neilson and Ruth Plowright who presented on the Strada Aggregates ARA Application.

Council discussed concerns surrounding water, traffic, air quality, fish habitat and commenting periods. Additional information and documents can be found on the Township of Melancthon website.

Council thanked the Township of Melancthon for their presentation.

#### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

That Council receive the delegation from the Council of the Township of Melancthon regarding Strada Aggregates.

**Carried.**

### **8.3 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)**

Council welcomed Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Chair Jonathan Scott, CAO Jennifer Vincent, and Vice Chair Gail Little who presented on the history, goals and services and mandates of the NVCA. Vincent spoke to managing development while preserving the natural environment, while providing client focused service, strong partnerships and integrated and informed decision making.

Council discussed the potential impacts of the Strada Aggregates ARA Application on water systems in the NVCA speaking to the need for watershed security, being a healthy and resilient watershed that supports social wellbeing, economic vitality, and regional ecological integrity with the need for integrated, collaborative and complimentary land use and watershed planning.

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council receive the presentation from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority with Jennifer Vincent, Jonathan Scott and Gail Little.

**Carried.**

**9.0 Reports for Decision**

**9.1 Gravel Road Conversion Policy**

Council discussed processes for rating and prioritizing road networks, the lifespan of the Township gravel pit, alternative materials and supporting the desires of residents. Council directed staff to amend the policy to include the following topics:

- Connectivity
- Alternative surface types
- Resident engagement and input in decision making.

**9.2 HR Policy**

Council directed staff to amend the policy to include pay increases for coverage of all absences greater than 5 businesses days.

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Clark**

That Council approve the changes to the HR policy as amended to provide for a \$40 on-call rate and introduce a Lead Hand subsidy.

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 10:20 a.m. and returned at 10:31 a.m.

**9.3 2025 Asset Management Plan**

Council welcomed Nikki Pittman, PSD Citywide who presented the 2025 Asset Management Plan and highlighted infrastructure conditions, proposed levels of service, forecasted capital requirements, and recommendations on taxes and rates, debt, and inventory refinement.

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council approve the 2025 Asset Management Plan as presented.

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 12:03 p.m. and returned at 12:05 p.m.

#### **9.4 Christ Church Whitfield**

Council supported preservation of the Christ Church in Whitfield and directed staff to commence discussions on associated costs.

##### **Moved by Clark and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council direct staff to facilitate further discussions regarding assuming ownership and associated costs related to legal.

**Carried.**

Council recessed at 12:38 p.m. and returned at 1:31 p.m.

#### **9.5 Mulmur's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Council discussed staffing, attendance, and inclusion of additional events as they are identified.

##### **Moved by Clark and Seconded by Cunningham**

That Council approve the approach to celebrating Mulmur's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary through community led events throughout 2026, substantially in the form attached hereto.

**Carried.**

#### **10.0 Committee Minutes and Reports**

- 10.1 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: April 15, 2025**
- 10.2 Shelburne Public Library Minutes: May 27, 2025**
- 10.3 Shelburne Public Library Minutes Retirement Announcement**
- 10.4 Ontario Climate Caucus Notes: May 2025**
- 10.5 NVCA Media Release**
- 10.6 Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 4, 2025**
- 10.7 Dufferin County Council Minutes: June 12, 2025**
- 10.8 Rosemont District Fire Board Minutes: May 30, 2025**
- 10.9 Shelburne & District Fire Board Minutes: May 6, 2025**

##### **Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Hawkins**

That Council receives the committee minutes and reports.

**Carried.**

## **11.0 Information Items**

- 11.1 2024-2025 Programming Report**
- 11.2 Q2 Grant Report**
- 11.3 Q2 Planning Report**
- 11.4 Q2 Financial Report**
- 11.5 Official Plan Update Report**
- 11.6 Fore Honeywood Golf Classic**
- 11.7 OPP 2024 Detachment Board Annual Report**
- 11.8 Township of Melancthon: Notice of Public Meeting B1/25**
- 11.9 MMAH: Bill 17 / Building Code Act Correspondence**
- 11.10 Town of Grand Valley: Tax Bill Inserts**
- 11.11 Town of Caledon: Illegal Land Use**
- 11.12 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury: Income Support for Veterans**
- 11.13 City of Guelph: Special Economic Zones Act**
- 11.14 Town of Bracebridge: Road Salt Usage**
- 11.15 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association: Access and Education**
- 11.16 Prince Edward County: Disability Without Poverty**
- 11.17 City of Pickering: Ontario Works and Disability Support**
- 11.18 Township of Black River-Matheson: Firefighter Certification**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That Council receives the information items;

And further that the following item be endorsed: 11.11, 11.12, 11.14, 11.16, 11.17

**Carried.**

## **12.0 Items for Future Meetings**

- 12.1 Street Art Impacts / Results (Q3 2025)**
- 12.2 County Road 19 Speed Limits and Intersection**
- 12.3 Fire Service Delivery Review**
- 12.4 Assessment Analysis on Non-Assumed Roads**
- 12.5 Procurement Policy Amendments**
- 12.6 Traffic Calming Budget**
- 12.7 LIC Annual Reporting**

## **13.0 Passing of By-laws**

- 13.1 Confirmatory By-Law**

**Moved by Cunningham and Seconded by Lyon**

That By-law 13.1 be approved.

**Carried.**

**15.0 Adjournment**

**Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

That Council adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m. to meet again on September 3, 2025  
or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**

# OFFICIAL PLAN



**DRAFT: AUGUST 13, 2025**

**Due to the size of the New Draft Official Plan, please visit  
the link below to access the full document:**

**[https://mulmur.ca/build/current-proposals/official-  
plan-amendment](https://mulmur.ca/build/current-proposals/official-plan-amendment)**



## **Staff Report**

**To:** Council  
**From:** Tracey Atkinson, CAO/Planner  
**Meeting Date:** September 3, 2025  
**Subject:** Christ Church, Whitfield

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to provide additional information regarding assuming ownership of the Christ Church in Whitfield.

### **Background:**

A report was included in the July 2, 2025 agenda package.

### **Analysis:**

Staff have had further discussions with Mackenzie Moreau and Pamela Boisvert from the Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada. Preliminary discussions have commenced regarding:

- Ground penetrating radar (\$5-7000)
- Stage 2 Archeological Assessment (\$20,000)
- Well (15m buffer for drilled well)
- Septic (42-56m<sup>2</sup>)
- Heritage Act Registration
- Fence
- Entrance on 10<sup>th</sup> Sideroad
- Paper copy of Burial sites
- Trespass signage
- Care and Maintenance Budget

The Diocese is intending on commencing the archeological assessment work to determine the extent of occupied lands. Township staff have indicated that the forests edge and cleared land is the priority for Township purposes.

Further discussions related to costs and the opportunity to recover costs through a purchase and sale should the property be sold for residential purposes. A memorandum of understanding could be provided to set out the expectations of each party depending on the results of the archeological assessment.

Staff also discussed the presence of newer gravestones (2022, 2023) that are located north of the cluster of headstones. Both the Township and Diocese staff will be further exploring these.

### **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:**

Financial impacts should be further assessed once direction is provided.

**Environmental Impacts:**

Council may wish to discuss the environmental impacts associated with this report and recommendation. Should Council wish to explore additional uses for the cemetery, and the introduction of a drinking well additional studies would be required.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended,

That Council direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada to include criteria and intentions to acquire the land and best-effort recovery of costs related to the possible sale of lands.

**Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Heather Boston, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer  
**MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Mansfield Water System Financial Plan

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the Financial Plan for the Mansfield Water System for the period 2025–2034, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Township of Mulmur is required to renew its Municipal Drinking Water Licence (MDWL) every five years. As part of this renewal process, a Financial Plan must be submitted that complies with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 453/07. The regulation mandates that the Financial Plan must cover a minimum period of six years.

The Township's current MDWL will expire on November 30, 2025, and the existing Financial Plan concludes in 2029, which does not meet the six-year requirement. To ensure compliance, a new Financial Plan covering the period 2025–2034 has been completed.

In the spring of 2025, the Township engaged BMA Management Consulting Inc. to assist in preparing the Financial Plan. The Water Rate Study was undertaken concurrently, as the Financial Plan relies on the rate structure to project revenues and ensure sustainability. Although the plan spans ten years, BMA advised that it should be reviewed and updated every five years to reflect changing conditions and ensure continued financial sustainability.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The Financial Plan incorporates principles of financial sustainability, including affordability, revenue stability, and full-cost recovery. It addresses key challenges such as:

- A significant infrastructure replacement funding gap, with an annual shortfall of approximately \$145,000.
- Rising operating and capital costs.
- Limited commercial and industrial users, which increases the cost burden on residential customers.

The plan recommends a 5% annual increase in water rates and a gradual increase in capital reserve contributions to address the funding gap while maintaining affordability.

The Township's water system consists of approximately 8.8 km of water mains and assets valued at nearly \$13 million. Planned capital expenditures over the next ten years total \$495,700, funded entirely through reserves.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

- Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
- Growing a Supportive Mulmur: Providing local services to support the needs of Mulmur residents and businesses.
- Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long-term well-being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

The Financial Plan outlines projected operating and capital costs, revenue requirements, and funding strategies over a ten-year period. It identifies a significant annual funding gap of approximately \$145,000 in the water capital program, which will be addressed through gradual increases in reserve contributions and water rates. The plan recommends a 5% annual rate increase, with no anticipated growth in system connections or consumption. These financial impacts will be incorporated into future budgets and reviewed regularly to ensure long-term sustainability.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

The Financial Plan supports environmental sustainability by promoting water conservation through its rate structure, enabling timely infrastructure renewal to prevent water loss, and reducing energy use through efficient operations. It also enhances climate resilience and ensures continued compliance with environmental regulations.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approve the 2025-2034 Financial Plan for the Mansfield Water System, as presented, in support of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence renewal.

**Submitted by: Heather Boston, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer**

**Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**

Schedule A – Water Study and Financial Plan



# Water Study and Financial Plan



**Township of Mulmur**

June 2025

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## *Executive Summary*

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The Township of Mulmur engaged BMA Management Consulting Inc. to develop a Financial Plan for its water system, in compliance with Ontario Regulation 453/07 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002. The plan is essential for renewing the Township's Municipal Drinking Water Licence and ensuring long-term financial sustainability.

**Key Objectives & Regulatory Framework** - The plan incorporates principles of financial sustainability, ensuring affordability, revenue stability, and adherence to provincial regulations. It follows guidelines set by the Ministry of the Environment, emphasizing transparency, asset management, and full-cost recovery.

**Challenges & Risks** - Mulmur faces a significant infrastructure replacement funding gap, requiring annual capital reserve contributions to grow over time. Rising costs, regulatory requirements, and the absence of commercial and industrial users add to financial pressures. The plan recommends a gradual increase in reserve contributions to balance financial sustainability with affordability.

**Rate Structure & Financial Forecast** - Mulmur uses a fixed and volumetric water rate structure, aligning with industry standards. The plan recommends maintaining the existing balance to ensure revenue stability while keeping rates affordable. The forecasted water rates will increase by 5% annually, with no expected growth in system connections or consumption.

### **10-Year Financial Outlook**

- Operating Budget: Expected annual increases of 5% to cover rising costs and capital investments.
- Capital Budget: \$495,700 in planned expenditures funded through reserves.
- Reserve Funds: Continued contributions to stabilize future investments and mitigate financial risks.

The financial strategy supports the Township's ability to meet regulatory requirements while promoting long-term financial health. Regular updates to the plan are recommended to adapt to changing needs, ensuring sustainability and effective water service management.

## ***Introduction – Water Financial Plan***

### ***Purpose of Financial Plan***

BMA Management Consulting Inc. was engaged by the Township of Mulmur to assist in the preparation of a Financial Plan for its water system.

The development of a Water Financial Plan is a requirement of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA) to renew a Municipal Drinking Water Licence. Municipal Drinking Water licences must be renewed every five years. The Act requires that the Financial Plan be prepared in accordance with the prescribed requirements in the Financial Plans Regulation (O. Reg 453/07).

The purpose of this report is to propose a financially viable multi-year Financial Plan for the Water Operations as required by Regulation (O. Reg. 453/07).

### ***Review of Regulatory Requirements***

Financial Plan provisions set out in the Financial Plans Regulation that must be met include:

- Approved by Council resolution indicating that the drinking water system is financially viable.
- Detail regarding proposed or projected financial operations:
  - A statement that the financial impacts have been considered and apply for a minimum six-year period.
  - Financial Plans are to be made available to the public upon request and at no charge.
  - Notice of the availability of the Financial Plans is to be given to the public.
  - Must be given to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

### ***Principles of Financial Sustainability***

The Ministry of the Environment released a guideline (“Towards Financially Sustainable Drinking-Water Systems”) that provides possible approaches to achieving sustainability. The Province’s Principles of Financially Sustainable were used in the context the Water Financial Plan:

- **Principle #1:** Ongoing public engagement and transparency
- **Principle #2:** An integrated approach to planning among water systems is desirable given the inherent relationship among these services.
- **Principle #3:** Revenues collected for the provision of water should ultimately be used to meet the needs of those services.
- **Principle #4:** Life-cycle planning with mid-course corrections is preferable to planning over the short-term, or not planning at all.
- **Principle #5:** An asset management plan is a key input to the development of a financial plan.
- **Principle #6:** A sustainable level of revenue allows for reliable service that meets or exceeds environmental protection standards, while providing sufficient resources for future rehabilitation and replacement needs.
- **Principle #7:** Ensuring users pay for the services they are provided leads to equitable outcomes and can improve conservation.
- **Principle #8:** Financial plans are “living” documents that require continuous improvement. Comparing the accuracy of financial projections with actual results can lead to improved planning in the future.
- **Principle #9:** Financial plans benefit from the close collaboration of various groups, including engineers, accountants, auditors, utility staff, and municipal council.

As a best practice, The Ministry of the Environment document entitled “Toward Financial Sustainability” suggests that Financial Plans should be updated on an annual forward-looking basis. By doing so, continuous improvement will be fostered, and results can be considered as part of the annual budget process.

***Guiding Principles and General Approach***

### ***Guiding Principles***

The following guiding principles were used as the basis for the creation of the Water Financial Plan to meet the requirements of O.Reg. 453/07:

- Ensure reasonable degree of stability and predictability in the rate burden;
- A fair sharing in the distribution of resources between current and future ratepayers;
- Maintain programs and services at their desired levels; and
- Balance increased capital investment with affordability.

The Financial Plan will be instrumental in the Township's ability to meet the Provincial reporting requirements included in O.Reg. 453/07 for Water operations and has been developed in recognition of the above noted principles.

### ***General Approach to Preparing the Financial Plan***

The Financial Plan takes a full cost recovery approach to achieve long-term financial sustainability.

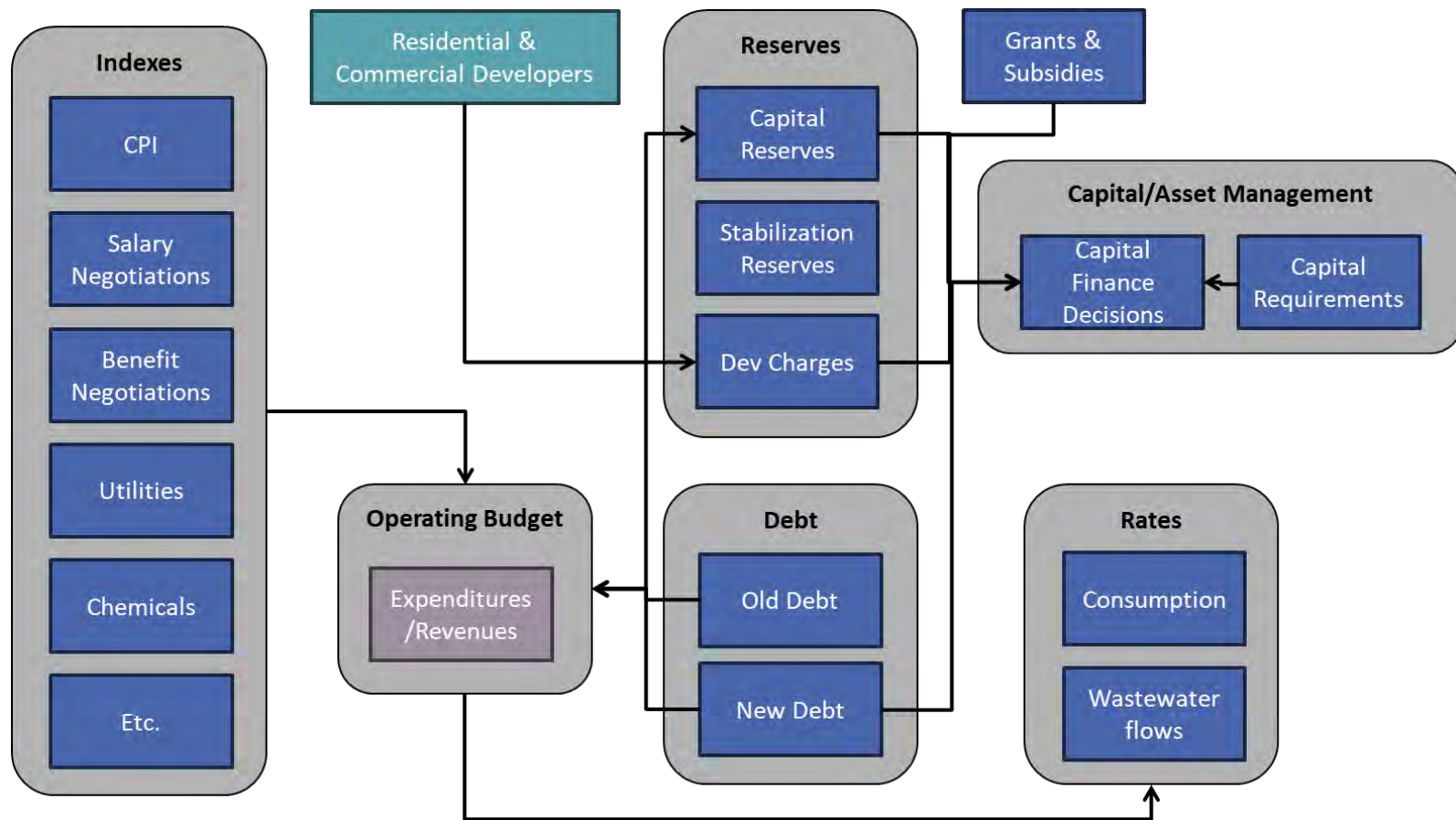
As part of full cost recovery, the following costs were considered:

- Expected operating and capital outlays for each year of the plan;
- Expected revenues for each year and their source; and
- Reserve contributions to enable assessment of the Financial Plan.



### Model Development

The Financial Plan was developed based on an analysis of all factors impacting the water capital and operating budgets. As shown below, due to the inter-relationship between all components of the plan, changes in any of the assumptions will potentially have an impact throughout the Financial Plan.



## *Challenges, Risks and Opportunities*

### ***Challenges, Risks and Opportunities***

The following summarizes the key challenges, risks and opportunities to long-term financial sustainability which have been addressed as part of the Financial Plan:

- **Asset Renewal/Replacement**—The Township has \$13 million of water capital assets and like most municipalities in Canada, the Township faces a continued struggle to fund the replacement of existing assets. As will be shown in the next section of the report, there is an asset replacement infrastructure gap and strategies have been brought forward to address this challenge.
- **Increasing Costs, Many of Which are Uncontrollable**—Several of the operating costs are increasing faster than inflation and there has been a rapid escalation of the cost of constructing infrastructure.
- **Regulatory and Legislative Environment**—Municipalities across Ontario have consistently identified legislative and regulatory changes and requirements as a major factor driving the cost of service. Statutes and associated regulations that dictate service levels include:
  - Municipal Act;
  - Clean Water Act;
  - Water Opportunities Act;
  - Ontario Water Resources Act;
  - Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA);
  - Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act;
  - PSAB 3150, Tangible Capital Assets Reporting;
  - Asset Management Regulation; and
  - Development Charges Act.

*Background Information Used to Prepare Water Financial Plan*

### *Water Distribution System Overview*

The Township is responsible for distributing water to local consumers through its own network of distribution pipes. The system consists of approximately 8.8 kilometers of water mains. The replacement cost of the Township's water assets is approximately \$13 million.

Asset Segment	Quantity	Replacement Cost
Hydrants	22	\$ 91,000
Municipal Wells	6	\$ 342,000
Valves & Fittings	385	\$ 2,059,000
Water Buildings	7	\$ 4,105,000
Water Equipment	3	\$ 186,000
Water Mains	8,785 m	\$ 6,159,000
Water Meters	154	\$ 54,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 12,996,000</b>

Source: Mulmur Asset Management Plan, 2024

### *Annual Funding Shortfall*

- The Asset Management Plan (AMP) determined the required average annual capital reserve contribution to meet projected needs over a 20-year period. The report identified that \$208,000 (inflated) is required annually in water. As illustrated below there is a significant annual funding gap.

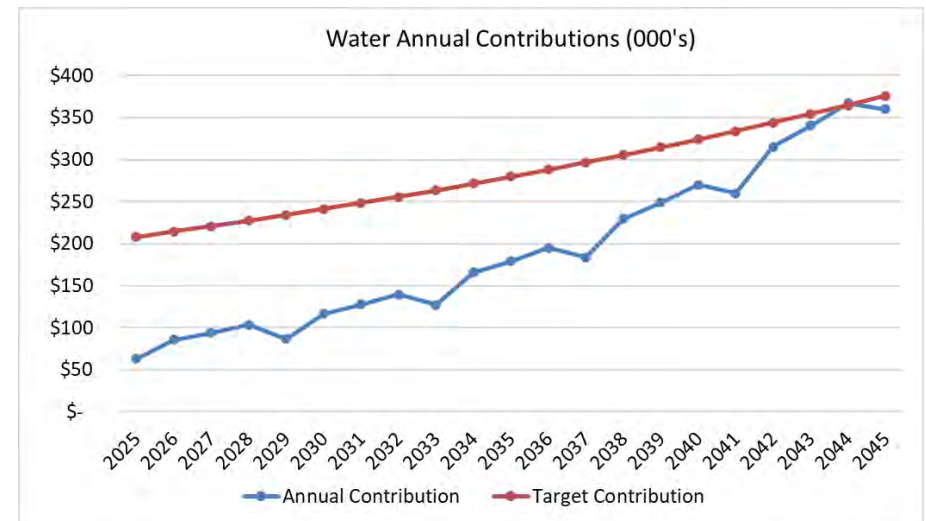
2025 Capital Contributions (000's)	Water
Current Capital Contribution for Asset Replacement	\$ 63
Recommended Annual Average Contribution (AMP)	\$ 208
Estimated Annual Funding Gap	\$ (145)

- There is an annual funding shortfall in the water capital program of approximately \$145,000.
- This shortfall will require an increase in the water revenues.
- The Financial Plan recommends a gradual phase-in of increased capital reserve contributions to capital to achieve the recommended target. This approach balances ratepayer affordability with financial sustainability.

### *Asset Replacement Strategies*

- The strategy in the Financial Plan is to increase contributions to the reserves over a 20-year period. This will provide a financially sustainable base upon which assets and infrastructure can be replaced on a timely basis while maintaining rate payer affordability.
- The graph reflects the increases necessary in capital contributions to move toward the recommended annual replacement funding requirements.
- By 2045, the annual contribution will be equal to the required annual contributions in water, as identified in the AMP (target has been inflated annually by 3%).
- This approach comes with risks as the recommended annual contribution to the Capital Reserve would not be met until 2045.

- The AMP provided several options that may be considered to help mitigate these risks including:
  - Maintaining existing assets versus installing new assets
  - External funding sources
  - Capital prioritization
  - Changes to levels of service



### ***Source of Data and Key Financial Assumptions***

- ***Operating Budget***—The 2025 Water Operating Budget. Expenditures yearly indexing set at 3%.
- ***Financial Information Return (FIRs) 2023***
- ***Asset Management Plan (AMP)*** – Township of Mulmur prepared report 2024.
- ***Historical Rates*** – A review was undertaken to gain perspective into the strategies that been deployed to support financial sustainability.
- ***Consumption and customer accounts by meter size***—Actual 2024 billing file provided by the Township, with an 0% increase from 2025 onwards. The total consumption in 2024 was approximately 28,000 m<sup>3</sup>. It is not anticipated that there will be any growth in the water system. As such, there is no forecast increase in connections or water consumption in the system over the forecast period.
- ***Water Capital Replacement and Rate Stabilization Reserve Funds*** - 2025 opening balances, with interest earnings at 2% per year.
- ***10-year Capital Plan (2025-2034)*** inflated and includes:
  - \$495,700 for water capital expenditures, which is recovered from rate revenues.
- ***Debt Outstanding*** – There is no existing rate-funded debt outstanding.
- ***Debt Issuance***—The plan does not include the issuance of new debt.

### *Historical Rates*

From 2021 to 2025 the Township increased their water rates annually to support financial sustainability to ensure that funds are available for the timely replacement of assets. The following table reflects the rates over the past 5 years:

		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Water</b>						
Volumetric Charges per cubic metre		\$ 4.630	\$ 4.860	\$ 5.110	\$ 5.360	\$ 5.630
Base Charges based on Meter Sizes each Quarter	5/8"	\$ 91.00	\$ 95.55	\$ 100.33	\$ 105.35	\$ 110.62
	3/4"	\$ 91.00	\$ 95.55	\$ 100.33	\$ 105.35	\$ 110.62
	1"	\$ 154.70	\$ 162.44	\$ 170.56	\$ 179.09	\$ 188.05
	1.5"	\$ 300.30	\$ 315.32	\$ 331.09	\$ 347.65	\$ 365.04
	2"	\$ 482.30	\$ 506.42	\$ 531.75	\$ 558.35	\$ 586.28
	3"	\$ 910.00	\$ 955.52	\$ 1,003.31	\$ 1,053.49	\$ 1,106.19
	4"	\$ 1,519.70	\$ 1,595.71	\$ 1,675.53	\$ 1,759.33	\$ 1,847.33
	6"	\$ 3,030.30	\$ 3,181.87	\$ 3,341.02	\$ 3,508.13	\$ 3,683.60
Volumetric Charges Change %			5.0%	5.1%	4.9%	5.0%
Base Charges Change %			5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

The Township has a fixed rate that is based on meter size and a uniform volumetric rate.

### *Water Cost of Service*

- An analysis of the 2025 water rates in Mulmur was undertaken against Dufferin and Simcoe Counties' municipalities.
- As shown in the table to the right, the customer cost of water services in Mulmur is approximately 106% higher than the peer average for a residential customer that consumes 180 m<sup>3</sup> per year. In Mulmur, a customer pays \$1,456 annually compared with the Dufferin & Simcoe average of \$706.
- Differences in rates are impacted by the overall age of the system, the condition of the infrastructure, the complexity of the system and the strategies used to address infrastructure gaps.
- With so few customers and the need for the infrastructure to provide the service, Mulmur is at a disadvantage in terms of the cost of service. In addition, there are limited commercial and industrial accounts which help to reduce the cost of service for residential customers.

Residential 180 m3 Annual 5/8" Water	
Adjala-Tosorontio	\$ 944
Amaranth	\$ 1,025
Barrie	\$ 556
Clearview	\$ 713
Collingwood	\$ 433
East Garafraxa	\$ 1,401
Grand Valley	\$ 395
Kawartha Lakes	\$ 967
Mono	\$ 620
Orangeville	\$ 537
Penetanguishene	\$ 444
Shelburne	\$ 540
Springwater	\$ 605
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 706</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>\$ 605</b>
<b>Mulmur</b>	<b>\$ 1,456</b>
Difference to Avg	106%

Source: 2025 Rate by-laws

### ***Rate Structure - Goals and Objectives***

The following provides a set of goals and objectives that were considered in developing the rate structure:

- ✓ ***Affordability***—The rate structure should incorporate policies that support affordable water services for all customers while at the same time ensuring that the full cost of service is being recovered. Further, the allocation of costs to different customer groups must be rationalized.
- ✓ ***Revenue Stability and Rate Predictability***—The rate structure should provide for a steady and predictable stream of revenues such that the Township is capable of meeting its current financial requirements. To the extent possible, cash flows should be matched with expenditures. Any rate setting practice employed by the Township will consider the impact on revenue stability and take the appropriate actions to maintain/improve revenue stability.
- ✓ ***Fairness and Equity***—The rate structure should ensure that customers are contributing equitably towards revenue requirements. Equity should be based on the user pay principle.
- ✓ ***Conservation***—The rate structure should encourage the efficient and justifiable uses of water as well as assist in managing system demand. Programs that promote efficient water usage may reduce operating costs and capital investment needs over time. The less water consumed and hence less sewage generated will result in deferral of plant expansions, thereby avoiding capital expenditures for all customers.
- ✓ ***Practical (Simple to Understand and Update)*** - The rate structure should support principles of fairness and equity but at the same time it should be simple to understand, rational and easy to update and administer.
- ✓ ***Economic Development*** - The rate structure should align with other economic development initiatives and should consider the competitive positioning of commercial and industrial properties in Mulmur and the Township's ability to attract new business to the community.

### *Rate Structure Options—Fixed Vs. Volumetric*

- As stated by the Canadian Waterworks Association (CWWA), at the heart of the methodology for setting water rates is the concept of a two-part rate structure; a volumetric charge and a fixed charge.
- Municipalities must determine whether to separately charge a fixed cost to its customers and to determine the types of costs that are to be recovered from a monthly charge. These decisions are made, as well, based on the overall objectives of the municipality.
- The extent to which the amount recovered from a fixed monthly fee varies considerably across Ontario based on underlying goals and principles.
- For example, a high allocation to the fixed charge is generally not practical since it results in a volumetric charge that is too low relative to the fixed charge. This is not recommended if water efficiency is an important objective in rate setting. While a high allocation of capital costs to volume will promote water efficiency, there is increased revenue risk brought about by the increased reliance on the volumetric charge to recover fixed costs.
- Consistent with the approach in Mulmur, approximately 90% of 110+ Ontario municipalities surveyed have a fixed and volumetric rate structure.

Water Rate Revenues	2025	
	Budget (\$)	% of Total
Fixed	\$ 151,526	32.2%
Volumetric	\$ 72,124	67.8%
Total	\$ 223,650	100%

Source: 2025 Water Operating Budget

- As shown in the table, approximately 32% of the water costs are recovered from the fixed monthly charge. Maintaining a mid to high-cost recovery from the fixed monthly fee to support revenue stability is appropriate.
- Any reduction in the fixed allocation would increase revenue instability and any increase in the fixed allocation would increase the cost of service to low volume customers.
- A comparison was made using a typical residential customer that consumes 180 m<sup>3</sup> annually. Across the Dufferin & Simcoe municipalities, the allocation of costs to be recovered from fixed ranges from a low of 25% in Adjala-Tosorontio and Clearview to a high of 100% in Amaranth, East Garafraxa with the average at 54%. On a typical residential customer consuming 180 m<sup>3</sup> annually, the amount of the bill that is fixed is 30% in the Township of Mulmur.

### ***Rate Structure Options—Volumetric Rates***

There are a number of different rate structures used by municipalities. The following summarizes the most common types of rate structures:

- Declining (Regressive) Block Rate Structure - In a declining block rate structure, the unit price of water decreases as the volume consumed increases. This structure charges low volume users the highest rate, which is often residential consumers. Declining rate structures are the second most common type of rate structure. This is used primarily in municipalities with large industries.
- Inclining (Progressive) Rate Structure - The main objective of an increasing block structure is to encourage conservation. The rates in an inclining (progressive) rate structure increase as consumption increases by establishing thresholds or blocks at which the rate would change. For inclining block rate structures, the block (quantity) shift points are generally based upon the unique demand characteristics of each user class and are focused on user demand points to enhance water usage awareness. Customer awareness, combined with price incentives, are critical elements in modifying consumption behavior.
- Humpback Rate Structure - A humpback rate structure uses a combination of increasing and decreasing block rates: rates first increase, then decrease in steps as consumption increases. This approach targets high volume users, and then provides lower cost for very high-volume users.
- Uniform Rate Structure - The most common rate structure is the uniform rate for water services. A uniform rate structure means that the price per unit remains constant despite consumption and despite the class of user. The cost is calculated by dividing the total cost of the service by the total volume used by customers.
  - This is the approach used in the Township of Mulmur and most Dufferin and Simcoe municipalities.

The recommended approach in setting the rates is to maintain the same rate proportion of fixed and volumetric charges. The existing allocation continues to support affordability objectives and with approximately 32% from the fixed monthly charges, there is an adequate level of revenue stability. As the average consumption in Mulmur is approximately 172 m<sup>3</sup> annually which is comparatively low, the uniform rate is appropriate.

***Water Financial Plan – 10 Year Forecast***

### *Summary of Water Operating Budget Forecast*

The Township's objective is to set rates that adequately cover current operating costs, maintain, rehabilitate and repair its existing asset base and replace assets where appropriate.

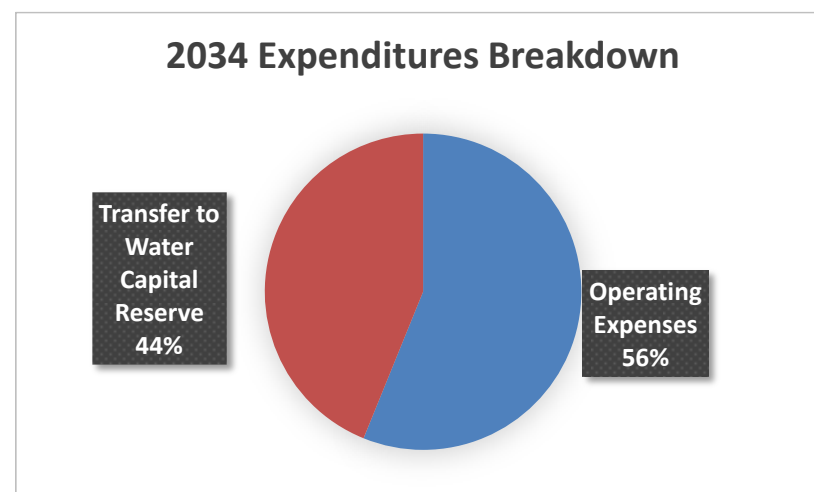
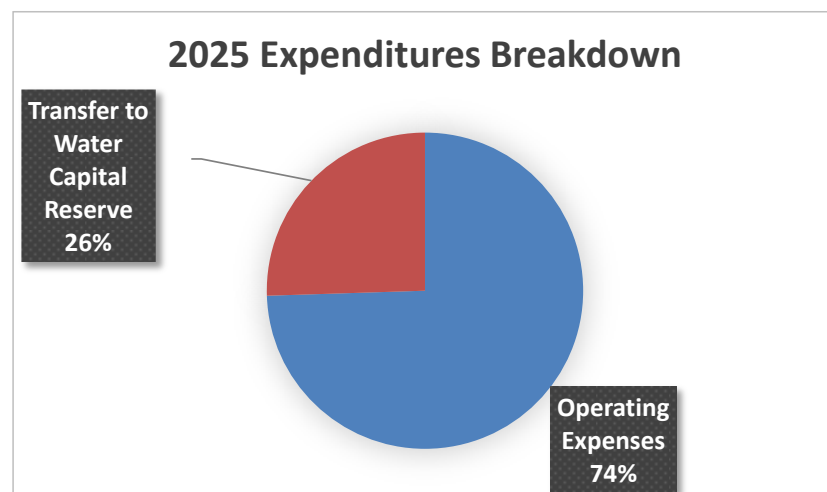
The following table reflects a summary of the 10-year Water Operating Budget forecast from 2025 to 2034.

Water	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Rate Revenues	\$ 223,650	\$ 234,833	\$ 246,574	\$ 258,903	\$ 271,848	\$ 285,440	\$ 299,712	\$ 314,698	\$ 330,433	\$ 346,955
Other Revenues	\$ 21,800	\$ 18,134	\$ 19,782	\$ 21,902	\$ 20,285	\$ 19,412	\$ 22,099	\$ 24,731	\$ 27,767	\$ 30,555
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 245,450</b>	<b>\$ 252,966</b>	<b>\$ 266,356</b>	<b>\$ 280,805</b>	<b>\$ 292,133</b>	<b>\$ 304,852</b>	<b>\$ 321,812</b>	<b>\$ 339,429</b>	<b>\$ 358,200</b>	<b>\$ 377,509</b>
Operating Expenses	\$ 182,840	\$ 167,401	\$ 172,408	\$ 177,565	\$ 205,388	\$ 188,349	\$ 193,984	\$ 199,789	\$ 231,103	\$ 211,925
Transfer to Water Capital Reserve	\$ 62,610	\$ 85,565	\$ 93,948	\$ 103,240	\$ 86,746	\$ 116,504	\$ 127,827	\$ 139,640	\$ 127,097	\$ 165,584
Debt Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 245,450</b>	<b>\$ 252,966</b>	<b>\$ 266,356</b>	<b>\$ 280,805</b>	<b>\$ 292,133</b>	<b>\$ 304,852</b>	<b>\$ 321,812</b>	<b>\$ 339,429</b>	<b>\$ 358,200</b>	<b>\$ 377,509</b>
Rate Revenues % Change	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

The increase in rate-revenue requirements is projected to be partially recovered from a 0% increase in annual consumption. The net impact on the ratepayers is approximately 5% annually. The water rate increases have been forecasted such that the rates have been sufficient to fund the long-term capital needs of the system.

### *Summary of Water Operating Budget Breakdown*

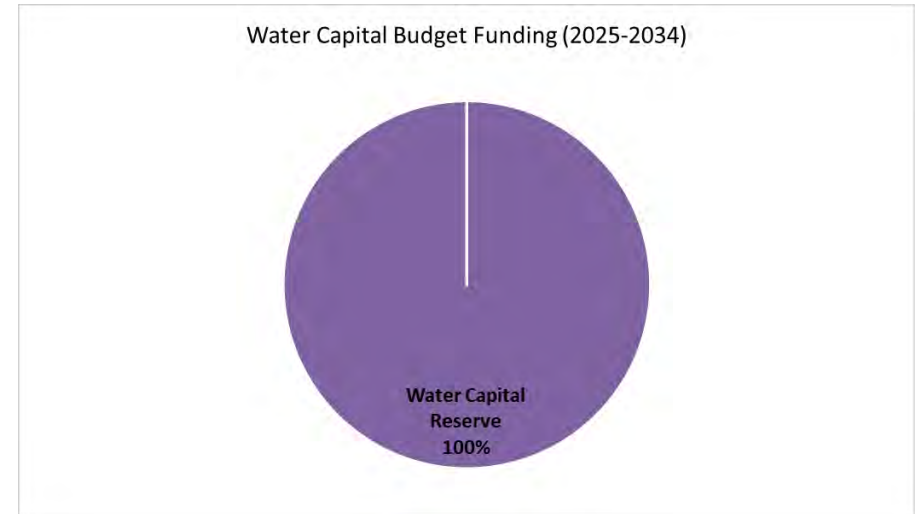
The following graph reflects the 10-year forecast for water operations, breaking down the costs into operating and maintenance costs, and the required capital financing contributions.



There is a shift in the allocation of costs between operating expenses and contributions to the Capital Reserve from 2025 to 2034 whereby 26% of the operating budget in 2025 was related to contributions to reserves compared with 44% in 2034.

### Summary of Water Capital Budget Forecast

To maintain the current levels of service, the Township planned the replacement and expansion requirements for the next 10 years. The total expenditure is \$495,700 which is to be fully funded from the water capital replacement reserve fund. This is based on the 2024 AMP, inflated annually by 3%.

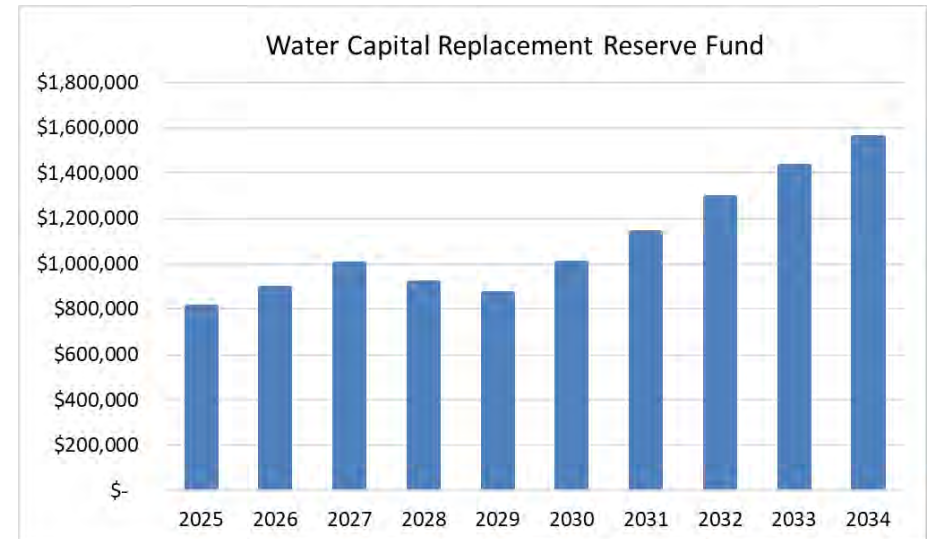


Water Capital Budget	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	Total
Capital Requirements per Asset	\$ -	\$ 20,157	\$ 6,556	\$ 204,843	\$ 149,546	\$ 418	\$ 17,218	\$ 11,401	\$ 14,353	\$ 71,228	\$ 495,720
Hydrants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Municipal Wells	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,130
Valves & Fittings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,218	\$ -	\$ 14,353	\$ -	\$ 31,571
Water Buildings	\$ -	\$ 20,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88,105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,401	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 119,663
Water Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,556	\$ 194,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,228	\$ 272,497
Water Mains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Water Meters	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,442	\$ 418	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,859
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20,157</b>	<b>\$ 6,556</b>	<b>\$ 204,843</b>	<b>\$ 149,546</b>	<b>\$ 418</b>	<b>\$ 17,218</b>	<b>\$ 11,401</b>	<b>\$ 14,353</b>	<b>\$ 71,228</b>	<b>\$ 495,720</b>

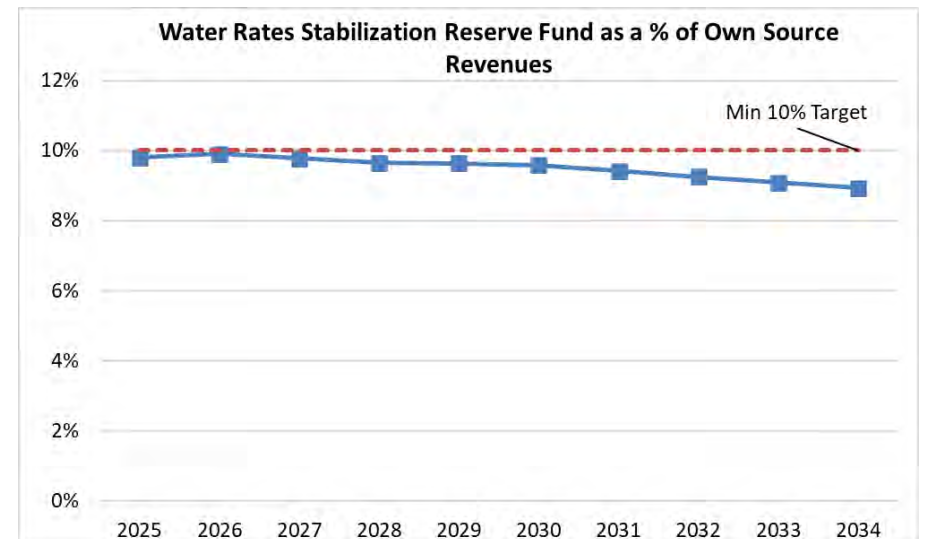
### Summary of Water Reserve Funds

There are two Reserve Funds.

The Capital Replacement Reserve Fund which is used to support the AMP. Note that there are significant future expenditures beyond the 10-year timeframe which is why the Reserve Fund is required to grow.



The Township also maintains a Stabilization Reserve Fund to address any unforeseen expenditures that may occur on an annual basis. A leading practice is for municipalities to maintain a minimum balance of 10% of Water Own Source Revenues.



**Rate Forecast**

		2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
<b>Water</b>											
Volumetric Charges per cubic metre		\$ 5.630	\$ 5.910	\$ 6.210	\$ 6.520	\$ 6.850	\$ 7.190	\$ 7.550	\$ 7.930	\$ 8.320	\$ 8.740
Base Charges based on Meter Sizes each Quarter	5/8"	\$ 110.62	\$ 116.15	\$ 121.96	\$ 128.06	\$ 134.46	\$ 141.18	\$ 148.24	\$ 155.65	\$ 163.43	\$ 171.60
	3/4"	\$ 110.62	\$ 116.15	\$ 121.96	\$ 128.06	\$ 134.46	\$ 141.18	\$ 148.24	\$ 155.65	\$ 163.43	\$ 171.60
	1"	\$ 188.05	\$ 197.45	\$ 207.32	\$ 217.69	\$ 228.57	\$ 240.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 264.60	\$ 277.83	\$ 291.72
	1.5"	\$ 365.04	\$ 383.29	\$ 402.45	\$ 422.57	\$ 443.70	\$ 465.89	\$ 489.18	\$ 513.64	\$ 539.32	\$ 566.29
	2"	\$ 586.28	\$ 615.59	\$ 646.37	\$ 678.69	\$ 712.62	\$ 748.25	\$ 785.66	\$ 824.94	\$ 866.19	\$ 909.50
	3"	\$ 1,106.19	\$ 1,161.50	\$ 1,219.58	\$ 1,280.56	\$ 1,344.59	\$ 1,411.82	\$ 1,482.41	\$ 1,556.53	\$ 1,634.36	\$ 1,716.08
	4"	\$ 1,847.33	\$ 1,939.70	\$ 2,036.69	\$ 2,138.52	\$ 2,245.45	\$ 2,357.72	\$ 2,475.61	\$ 2,599.39	\$ 2,729.36	\$ 2,865.83
	6"	\$ 3,683.60	\$ 3,867.78	\$ 4,061.17	\$ 4,264.23	\$ 4,477.44	\$ 4,701.31	\$ 4,936.38	\$ 5,183.20	\$ 5,442.36	\$ 5,714.48
Volumetric Charges Change %		5.0%	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%	5.1%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.9%	5.0%
Base Charges Change %		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%

The fixed and volumetric rates are forecast to increase by 5% annually. This balances ratepayer affordability and financial sustainability.

### *Projected Water Rates' Residential Impact*

Based on the assumptions in terms of the rate revenue requirement, consumption and growth, the following provides a summary of the forecast rates over the forecast period for a residential customer consuming 180 m<sup>3</sup> annually.

<b>180 m<sup>3</sup> residential impact - 3/4"</b>					
Year	Water		Cost of service		
	Fixed Quarterly	Volumetric	Total Water	Blended % Increase from Prior Year	Blended \$ Increase from Prior Year
2025	\$ 110.62	\$ 5.630	\$ 1,456		
2026	\$ 116.15	\$ 5.910	\$ 1,528	5.0%	\$ 73
2027	\$ 121.96	\$ 6.210	\$ 1,606	5.1%	\$ 77
2028	\$ 128.06	\$ 6.520	\$ 1,686	5.0%	\$ 80
2029	\$ 134.46	\$ 6.850	\$ 1,771	5.0%	\$ 85
2030	\$ 141.18	\$ 7.190	\$ 1,859	5.0%	\$ 88
2031	\$ 148.24	\$ 7.550	\$ 1,952	5.0%	\$ 93
2032	\$ 155.65	\$ 7.930	\$ 2,050	5.0%	\$ 98
2033	\$ 163.43	\$ 8.320	\$ 2,151	4.9%	\$ 101
2034	\$ 171.60	\$ 8.740	\$ 2,260	5.0%	\$ 108

On a blended average annual basis, the cost of water service for a typical customer is approximately 5% over the forecast period.

## *Summary*

The Water Financial Plan has been developed to provide the Township with a realistic and informed view of operating and capital expenditures needed over time to maintain the integrity and health of its physical infrastructure and accommodate growth. Although great effort has been made to present accurate financial projections, based upon the most recent data, the Financial Plan is a “living” document and should be updated and re-evaluated, on an ongoing basis. Comparing the accuracy of financial projections with actual results can lead to improved planning in the future.

Council priorities, planning policies, changes to service levels, consumption projections and infrastructure requirements, will certainly lead to changes and the Financial Plan should be adjusted to reflect these changes as they occur.

The Financial Plan has been prepared to meet the regulatory requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 and are not binding on Council, however, they provide a framework for guiding future operating and capital budgets.

It is well recognized that a Financial Plan is a *dynamic document* that should be updated and re-evaluated, on an *ongoing* basis to:

- Amend the assumptions, projections and strategies based on changes in the municipal environment;
- Continue building awareness of the results of projections of current operating and capital spending and funding levels;
- Assist the Township in determining the extent of its financial challenges;
- Reconfirm the key financial goals and strategies that should guide future planning; and
- Spur the development of actions in future business plans that would respond to the long-term strategies.

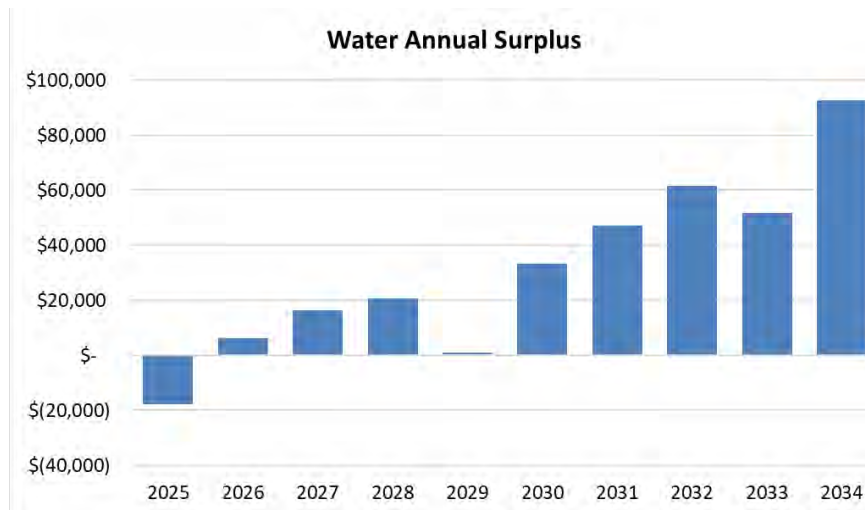
## ***Reporting Requirements***

O.Reg. 453/07

### ***Water Financial Plan—O.Reg. 453/07***

The Financial Plan has been prepared in accordance with the regulation (O.Reg. 453/07) made under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*. The Financial Plan regulation requires that the plans be updated every five years along with the request for the renewal of the drinking water licence. This ongoing update will assist in revisiting the assumptions made to develop the operating and funding plans as well as reassessing the needs for capital renewal and major maintenance expenses.

- ***Statement of Financial Operations*** - This statement summarizes the revenues and expenditures. The expenditure includes ongoing operating costs plus asset amortization. This statement indicates that the system and its asset base are projected to be maintained with funds being available each year for future capital renewal or major maintenance. As shown in

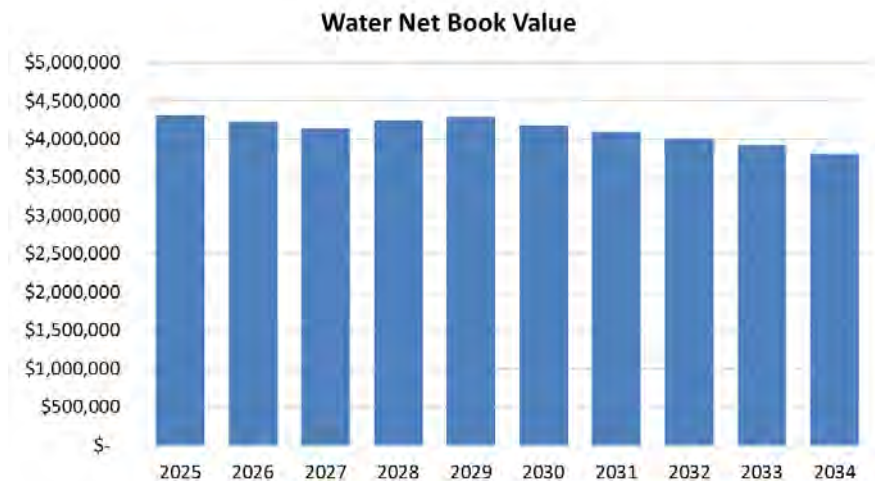


the statements of financial operations and the graph below, the Township is generating excess revenues over expenses including amortization for water from 2026 onwards.

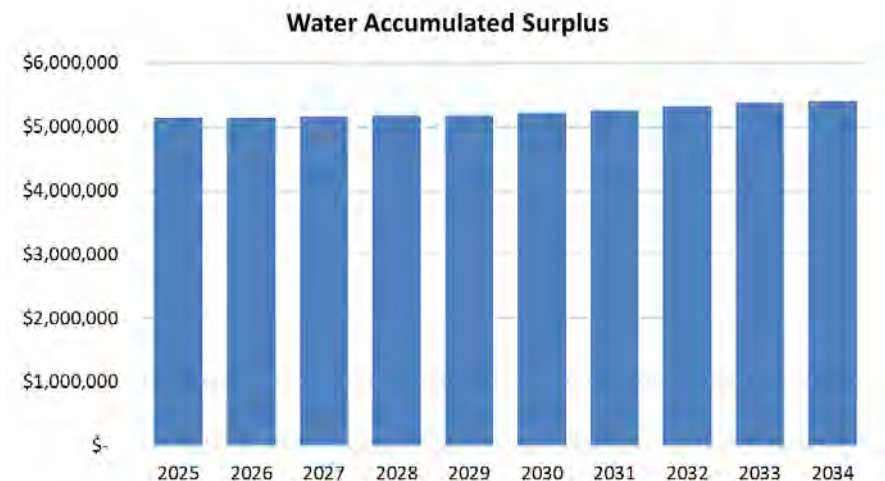
- ***Statement of Cash Flow/Cash Receipts*** - The cash flow statement summarizes how the water system is expected to generate and utilize cash resources. The transactions that generate and use cash include the projection of cash to be received from revenues, cash to be used for operating expenditures and financing charges, cash projected to be used to acquire capital assets and projected financial transactions that are the proceeds from debt or debt principal repayment. Cash balances are positive throughout the forecast period, as reflected in the Financial Statements.

- **Statement of Financial Position** – There are two financial important indicators to review in the Statement of Financial Position described as follows:

1. **Non-Financial Assets (Net Book Value)** - An increase in net book value of tangible capital assets is an indication that assets have been renewed faster than they were used. A decrease in net book value indicates that assets are being used, or amortized, faster than they are renewed. It is projected that in 2034 the cost of tangible capital assets is \$6.7 million while the Net Book Value (net costs of remaining useful life of those assets) is \$3.8 million.



2. **Accumulated Surplus**—A second financial indicator which is reflected in the financial position statement is the accumulated surplus. This indicator represents cash on hand plus the net book value of tangible capital assets less debt outstanding. The accumulated surplus is forecast to increase from \$5.1 million in 2026 to \$5.4 million in 2034. The increasing projected surpluses in water supply operations indicate that if the Region adheres to the financial plan, it will strengthen its combined cash and asset position.



**Statement of Financial Operations—Water**

Projected											
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	
Revenues											
User Fees	\$ 223,650	\$ 234,833	\$ 246,574	\$ 258,903	\$ 271,848	\$ 285,440	\$ 299,712	\$ 314,698	\$ 330,433	\$ 346,955	
Other Revenues	\$ 21,800	\$ 18,134	\$ 19,782	\$ 21,902	\$ 20,285	\$ 19,412	\$ 22,099	\$ 24,731	\$ 27,767	\$ 30,555	
Interest Earnings	\$ 16,331	\$ 17,976	\$ 20,093	\$ 18,473	\$ 17,596	\$ 20,280	\$ 22,908	\$ 25,941	\$ 28,724	\$ 31,196	
Total Revenues	\$ 261,781	\$ 270,942	\$ 286,449	\$ 299,278	\$ 309,729	\$ 325,132	\$ 344,719	\$ 365,369	\$ 386,924	\$ 408,705	
Operating Expenses											
Hydro	\$ 12,240	\$ 12,607	\$ 12,985	\$ 13,375	\$ 13,776	\$ 14,190	\$ 14,615	\$ 15,054	\$ 15,505	\$ 15,970	
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,300	\$ 10,609	\$ 10,927	\$ 11,255	\$ 11,593	\$ 11,941	\$ 12,299	\$ 12,668	\$ 13,048	
Monitoring	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,300	\$ 10,609	\$ 10,927	\$ 11,255	\$ 11,593	\$ 11,941	\$ 12,299	\$ 12,668	\$ 13,048	
Building & Ground Maintenance	\$ 119,000	\$ 122,570	\$ 126,247	\$ 130,035	\$ 133,936	\$ 137,954	\$ 142,092	\$ 146,355	\$ 150,746	\$ 155,268	
Other Expenses	\$ 30,800	\$ 11,124	\$ 11,458	\$ 11,801	\$ 34,666	\$ 12,520	\$ 12,896	\$ 13,283	\$ 39,017	\$ 14,092	
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 182,040	\$ 166,901	\$ 171,908	\$ 177,065	\$ 204,888	\$ 187,849	\$ 193,484	\$ 199,289	\$ 230,603	\$ 211,425	
Debt Charges											
Debt Charges - Interest Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Amortization Expense											
Amortization of tangible capital assets	\$ 97,598	\$ 97,934	\$ 98,043	\$ 101,457	\$ 103,950	\$ 103,957	\$ 104,244	\$ 104,434	\$ 104,673	\$ 104,673	
Total Expenses	\$ 279,638	\$ 264,835	\$ 269,951	\$ 278,523	\$ 308,837	\$ 291,805	\$ 297,728	\$ 303,722	\$ 335,276	\$ 316,098	
Annual Surplus/Deficit	\$ (17,857)	\$ 6,107	\$ 16,497	\$ 20,755	\$ 892	\$ 33,327	\$ 46,991	\$ 61,647	\$ 51,649	\$ 92,607	

**Statement of Cash Flow/Cash Receipts—Water**

Projected										
	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
Total Revenues	\$ 261,781	\$ 270,942	\$ 286,449	\$ 299,278	\$ 309,729	\$ 325,132	\$ 344,719	\$ 365,369	\$ 386,924	\$ 408,705
Cash Paid For										
Operating Costs	\$ 182,040	\$ 166,901	\$ 171,908	\$ 177,065	\$ 204,888	\$ 187,849	\$ 193,484	\$ 199,289	\$ 230,603	\$ 211,425
Debt Repayment - Debt Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cash Provided from Operating Transactions	\$ 79,741	\$ 104,041	\$ 114,540	\$ 122,212	\$ 104,842	\$ 137,283	\$ 151,235	\$ 166,080	\$ 156,321	\$ 197,280
Capital Transactions										
Acquisition of TCA	\$ -	\$ 20,157	\$ 6,556	\$ 204,843	\$ 149,546	\$ 418	\$ 17,218	\$ 11,401	\$ 14,353	\$ 71,228
Finance Transactions										
Proceeds from Grants and Subsidies										
Proceeds from Debt Issuance										
Proceeds from DCs										
Debt Principal Repayment										
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Equivalents	\$ 79,741	\$ 83,884	\$ 107,984	\$ (82,630)	\$ (44,705)	\$ 136,866	\$ 134,017	\$ 154,679	\$ 141,969	\$ 126,052
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning Balance	\$ 753,131	\$ 832,871	\$ 916,755	\$1,024,739	\$ 942,109	\$ 897,404	\$1,034,270	\$1,168,287	\$1,322,966	\$1,464,935
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Ending Balance	\$ 832,871	\$ 916,755	\$1,024,739	\$ 942,109	\$ 897,404	\$1,034,270	\$1,168,287	\$1,322,966	\$1,464,935	\$1,590,987

**Statement of Financial Position—Water**

		Projected								
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
<b>Financial Assets</b>										
Cash	\$ 832,871	\$ 916,755	\$ 1,024,739	\$ 942,109	\$ 897,404	\$ 1,034,270	\$ 1,168,287	\$ 1,322,966	\$ 1,464,935	\$ 1,590,987
<b>Liabilities</b>										
Debt - Principal Outstanding	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Net Financial Assets</b>	\$ 832,871	\$ 916,755	\$ 1,024,739	\$ 942,109	\$ 897,404	\$ 1,034,270	\$ 1,168,287	\$ 1,322,966	\$ 1,464,935	\$ 1,590,987
<b>Non-Financial Assets</b>										
Tangible Capital Assets	\$6,279,893	\$6,279,893	\$6,300,050	\$6,306,606	\$6,511,449	\$6,660,995	\$6,661,413	\$6,678,632	\$6,690,033	\$6,704,385
Additions to Tangible Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ 20,157	\$ 6,556	\$ 204,843	\$ 149,546	\$ 418	\$ 17,218	\$ 11,401	\$ 14,353	\$ -
Accumulated Amortization	\$1,970,562	\$2,068,496	\$2,166,539	\$2,267,996	\$2,371,946	\$2,475,903	\$2,580,146	\$2,684,580	\$2,789,253	\$2,893,926
<b>Total Non-Financial Assets</b>	\$4,309,331	\$4,231,554	\$4,140,067	\$4,243,453	\$4,289,049	\$4,185,511	\$4,098,485	\$4,005,452	\$3,915,132	\$3,810,459
Accumulated Surplus	\$5,142,202	\$5,148,309	\$5,164,807	\$5,185,562	\$5,186,454	\$5,219,780	\$5,266,772	\$5,328,418	\$5,380,067	\$5,401,446
Cash as a % of Non-Financial Assets	19.3%	21.7%	24.8%	22.2%	20.9%	24.7%	28.5%	33.0%	37.4%	41.8%
Debt as a % of Non-Financial Assets	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Daniella Waterfield, Procurement & Asset Management Coordinator  
**MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Ontario Municipal Ice Storm Assistance Grant (MISA)

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council for the Township's application to the 2025 Ontario Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program (MISA) for financial assistance with incremental costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In March 2025, the Township of Mulmur was impacted by a significant ice storm that caused extensive tree damage, blocked roadways, and prolonged power outages. The extent of the damage caused by the ice storm and the significant power outages led to the declaration of a state of emergency within our municipality on April 3, 2025.

In response to the ice storm and its extensive damage, the Township's Public Works staff worked extended hours to respond to emergencies, restore safe road conditions, and support cleanup operations. In addition, the Township relied heavily on contracted arborist services and assistance from neighbouring municipalities to manage the scale of debris removal. These response measures resulted in unanticipated costs outside of the Township's approved 2025 operating budget.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The Ontario Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program provides funding to municipalities for extraordinary and incremental costs incurred as a direct result of ice storm events. Eligible expenses under the program include contracted services, mutual aid assistance, and overtime costs for municipal staff—all of which were necessary in Mulmur's response to the 2025 ice storm.

By applying to the MISA program, the Township can seek to recover a portion of these incremental expenditures. Doing so ensures that taxpayers are not unduly burdened by the financial pressures created by this emergency event. An endorsement from a Municipality's Council is a mandatory requirement for submitting an application to the MISA program.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

The Township's unanticipated costs from the March 2025 ice storm are primarily related to:

- Contracted arborist services for tree clearing and debris management.
- Assistance provided by neighbouring municipalities.
- Overtime costs for Public Works staff responding to the emergency.

The total eligible costs to date are \$128,224.29. These costs were unplanned and exceeded the Township's normal operating budget. By applying to MISA, the Township has an opportunity to offset these expenses, reducing the need to draw on reserves or reallocate funds from other programs. If approved for financial support, the province will reimburse 75% of eligible expenses. Without financial support, the Township may face fiscal pressures that could impact the delivery of future services and planned capital projects.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

There are no known environmental impacts at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Whereas the Township of Mulmur has eligible costs directly linked to the March 2025 ice storm, the council of the Township of Mulmur hereby requests assistance under the Municipal Ice Storm Assistance program.

Further that Heather Boston, the Director of Corporate Services & Treasurer be delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached application package.

**Submitted by: Daniella Waterfield, Procurement & Asset Management Coordinator**

**Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, Chief Administrative Officer**



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure  
**MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Gravel Road Conversion Policy

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Gravel Road Conversion policy, following feedback received at the July 2, 2025 Council meeting.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The road network is a critical component of the provision of safe and efficient transportation service. The Township of Mulmur's Public Works team manages a network of 233 kilometres of road in the Township of which 68 kilometres are asphalt surface. The remaining 165 kilometres of road are unpaved. Currently, road conversion decisions are made on a case-by-case basis without a formal policy which may result in inconsistent service delivery and a lack of transparency.

Within the 2024 Township of Mulmur's Strategic Plan there is a goal to cultivate a wise investor mindset with an action to lead by example through efficiency and quality service. One of the 2025 activities under this goal area is to formalize the process of selecting gravel roads to be upgraded which has the potential to result in operating cost savings.

As noted in the 2023 Asset Management Plan, the condition of most assets, including the road network, 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.

Access to maintenance gravel is an important component of maintaining a gravel road network. The Township gravel pit has a lifespan of 14-20 years which may result in potentially higher operating costs in the future for gravel road maintenance.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The Gravel Road Conversion Policy is a systematic, consistent, data driven approach to determine which gravel roads should be considered for an upgrade to the traveling surface to drive continuous improvement within the road network. A small number of other municipalities including Town of New Tecumseth and Middlesex County with extensive gravel road networks use a similar approach.

Four factors including traffic, functional classification, maintenance and driveways are proposed to be used to determine which of the gravel roads within the network should be prioritized for upgrading. Points are assigned for each criterion that is met. Total points are noted and any total scores over a pre-established number are considered high priority for upgrading a gravel road.

All gravel roads within the Township should be reviewed and prioritized concurrently with available budget, capital construction cost and effort, and strategic connecting link. The Township should review the capital costs associated with improving gravel roads to a desired minimum surface width with appropriate drainage required to support conversion to hard surface. Roads segments subject to upgrade should be considered individually and subject to available funding and approval by Council.

In the process of evaluating road conversions, the Township should assess impacts on scenic topography to maintain the Township's rural character without compromising the safety of the road users.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. Growing a Prosperous Mulmur: Responsibly managing the fiscal resources of Mulmur and providing opportunities for success.
2. Growing a Supportive Mulmur: Providing local services to support the needs of Mulmur residents and businesses.
4. Growing a Sustainable Mulmur: Being Proactive in Sustainable Initiatives to ensure the long term well-being of Mulmur (includes Resources/Financial/People).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS:**

The proposed policy will enable better capital planning. The estimated cost of upgrading gravel to a paved road is approximately \$ 100,000/km based on the most recent gravel road update completed in 2024.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Gravel roads typically require more frequent and ongoing operating maintenance resulting in higher environmental emissions for maintenance vehicles, including graders, gravel haul trucks, water trucks and dust suppressant trucks. Asphalt surfaces are likely to have higher environmental emissions during the production of the asphalt and installation stage but few emissions thereafter. Recent scientific research notes that there is no evidence of reduced air pollution, particularly in nitrogen oxides and particulate matter, from speed reduction measures.<sup>1</sup> Some may speculate that asphalt surfaces will attract more vehicles traveling at higher speeds during the life cycle again, resulting in higher environmental impacts than gravel rods.

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<sup>1</sup> Folgero, I et al. (May 2020). Going Fast or Going Green- Evidence from Norway. [Science Direct- Transportation Research- Part D](#).

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council approves the Gravel Road Conversion Policy and direct staff to develop implementation procedures.

**Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure**

**Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**

Schedule A – Gravel Road Conversion Policy

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## Gravel Road Conversion Policy

### 1.0 Purpose

To provide Township staff a consistent process to determine which gravel roads should be considered to be converted to a paved, surface treated or alternative surface to ensure continuous improvement within road operations.

### 2.0 Scope

This policy applies to all gravel roads assumed and maintained by the Township of Mulmur.

### 3.0 Responsibility

**Director of Infrastructure** – make any required updates as well as ensuring the Policy is implemented.

**Public Works Foreperson** - collect any of the data required by the Policy and participate in the evaluation of the established parameters.

### 4.0 Definitions

**Alternative surface** means a durable surface material laid down on a road intended to sustain vehicular traffic.

**Average Annual Daily Traffic Count (AADT)** means the average 24-hour two-way traffic count taken over a minimum of a three-day period under normal conditions.

**Gravel Road(s)** means a road surface that is not paved or surface treated.

**Heavy truck** means a motor vehicle or combination having a registered gross weight, actual gross weight, or a manufacturer's gross weight greater than 4,500 kilograms.

**Highway Classification** means the class based on speed limit and average daily traffic counts in accordance with the Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways (O. Reg 239/02) as amended under the Municipal Act 2001, as amended

**Paved Surface(s)** means a surface with a wearing layer or layers of asphalt, concrete or asphalt emulsion.

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**Platform Surface Width** means the horizontal distance measured from the top of the ditch slope on one side of the road to the top of the ditch slope on the opposite side.

**Priority Index (PI)** means the classification determined by the considerations under Section 5.2

**Roadway** means the roadways defined in subsection 1 (1) of the Highway Traffic Act 1990.

**Surface treated road** means a pavement maintenance technique where a layer of asphalt emulsion or liquid bitumen is applied on an existing asphalt road or a fresh compacted granular surface, followed by a layer of cover aggregate.

**Traffic connectivity** refers to the density of road networks and the directness of routes. A well-connected network offers short paths, reducing travel distances and increasing route options.

## 5.0 Policy

### 5.1 Considerations

**5.1.1** The Township may convert the travelling surface of Gravel Roads to a surface treated road based on the following considerations:

- **Priority:** Where the Gravel Road has been allotted as high priority, as determined in accordance with Section 5.2 of this Policy.
- **Financial:** Where an analysis of the capital costs, operational costs and the life cycle costs indicates a savings to the Township or where there is a significant savings to the Township by combining/splitting the upgrading of adjacent Roadways.
- **Traffic:** Where the Gravel Road meets the minimum vehicular volume of 150 AADT and the functional Highway Classification of the Roadway based on its use and purpose.
- **Truck volume** – Where the Roadway is experiencing high truck volumes. (15 % of traffic) not related to seasonal work.

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- **Risk Management:** Where the non-standard condition of the Roadway is correctable by upgrading to a surface treated road or Paved Surface and upgrading is determined to reduce liability issues.
- **Operational Benefits:** Where there is a benefit by the reduction of operational and seasonal maintenance activities.
- Where the Roadway is included in a capital improvement plan.

## 5.2 Prioritization calculation

5.2.1. The following formula to calculate the Priority Index

$$PI = TF + FC + MF + DW$$

Where,

PI = Priority Index

TF = Traffic Factor

FC = Functional Classification Factor

MF= Maintenance Factor

DW = Driveway Factor

5.2.2. The Priority index determines the priority classification

Priority Index (PI)	
0-9	Low
10-19	Medium
20 and over	High

5.2.3 Traffic factor is determined by AADT

(add additional 2 points for improved traffic conductivity should the roadway under consideration for conversion join two roadways with AADT with 250 vehicles per day or higher)

Traffic Factor (TF) Ranges

AADT Range (vpd)	Traffic factor (TF)
0-60	2
61-100	4

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101-200	6
201-300	8
301-400	10

**5.2.4** The Function Classification Factor (FC) is determined by average number of trucks (add 2 additional points if a school route)

Classification	Average Heavy Truck Criteria	FC Points Rating
Heavy truck	10% of traffic volume	5
	7% of traffic volume	3
	5% of traffic volume	2
	3 % of traffic volume	1

#### 5.2.5 Maintenance factor


Each gravel road will be rated by the Director of Public Works and Infrastructure as requiring additional maintenance by giving an additional 5 points. Additional maintenance is any work that exceeds the following routine maintenance:

Routine Maintenance	Frequency	MF Points
Regrade & reshape roads	>twice every spring and every fall	5
Dust suppressant	>once a year	5
Winter maintenance grading	>once a season	5
New gravel addition	>once every two years	5

#### 5.2.6 Driveway factor

The Driveway Factor (DW) is determined by the number of commercial or residential driveways abutting the subject Roadway per kilometer.

Number of Driveways per Kilometer	Driveway Factor (DF)
0-3	0
4-6	2
7-9	4
10 and above	6

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### 5.3 Final selection

Despite being given a priority rating under this section of the Policy, not all Gravel Roads will be considered for conversion. All Gravel Roads within the Municipality shall be reviewed and prioritized concurrently with available budget, capital construction cost and effort, and strategic connecting links. Township staff will engage with the public, particularly property owners along the potential route to be potentially converted, to receive feedback on the potential gravel road conversion. The Municipality will review the capital costs associated with improving gravel roads to a desired minimum surface width with appropriate drainage required to support conversion to hard surface. Roads segments subject to upgrade will be considered individually and subject to available funding and approval by Council.

In the process of evaluating the conversion of a gravel road, the Township should assess impacts on scenic topography to maintain the Township's rural character. The Township will provide public notice, education or engagement where appropriate. With conversions of gravel roads it is important to note that there is the possibility of undesirable impacts arising from the conversion of gravel roads to hard surface such as;

- Increased vehicle speed
- Increased cut through traffic
- Increased level of service required due to Minimum Maintenance Standards for pothole sizes on paved surfaces
- Increase in heavy trucks

### 6.0 Related Documents

### 7.0 Revision History

Date	Revision #	Reason for Revision
1July-2025	0	Policy Issued



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** COUNCIL  
**FROM:** Tracey Atkinson CAO  
**MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Recreational Facilities at Terra Nova

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to seek direction from Council regarding recreational facility offerings in Terra Nova.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Township's Recreation Master Plan, February 2011 included recommendations to:

16. Expand the promotion of the community room at the Township Offices as a viable and affordable location for events and programming rentals.
17. Evaluate the potential for increased revenue opportunities through enhanced programming (municipal or non-municipal) that are suitable for the community room at the Township Offices.

The Master Plan also recommends multi-use courts for local use, including tennis, pickleball and basketball (in Mansfield and as developments occur).

A multi-use court was constructed in Mansfield in 2024 and is being well used, to the extent that residents have requested scheduling and rental options.

### **ANALYSIS:**

The Township has received a generous offer to finance the construction of a tennis court (multi-use court) at the Township property in Terra Nova.

There is sufficient land to construct a multi-use court similar to the one constructed at Thomson Trail Park. The facility could provide recreational opportunities for the Terra Nova area, which does not currently have any recreational facilities.

The rear parking lot and green space is occasionally used for informal recreation, such as biking, rest areas, dog walking, informal sport and walking.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

Strategic Focus Area: Live

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed donation is anticipated to cover all capital costs. There would be operational and maintenance costs following construction. There may be opportunities to increase revenue for rental, tournament play, increased basement rentals and fees to offset ongoing maintenance costs.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Council direct staff to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to accept the generous donation and commence procurement.

**Submitted by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**



## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Heather Boston, Treasurer and Tracey Atkinson, CAO  
**MEETING DATE:** September 3, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Human Resource Policy Update

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding proposed amendments to the Township's Human Resource Policy.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Human Resources Policy was approved by Council in 2021.

The Human Resources Policy is reviewed to ensure conformity with the Employment Standards Act and as necessary to address matters as they arise.

### **ANALYSIS:**

#### **Banking Overtime and Hours of Work**

The current banking of overtime hours policy restricts full-time hourly employees to bank a maximum of two weeks.

During budget season, specific projects, declared emergencies and unexpected leaves staff work overtime. Administrative staff are asked to shorten lunches from one hour to half an hour to meet deadlines.

Staff have expressed a desire to have the opportunity to shorten lunches to a half-hour to provide more flexibility for a better work-live balance while maintaining a 35-hour work week. The current policy allows for occasional shortening of the lunch period, but not on a regular basis.

#### **2.4 Hours of Work and Eating Periods**

3. d) Breaks are not to be combined or forfeited to shorten the workday or to accumulate overtime. Employees are generally expected to be at the office during regular office hours but may occasionally shorten a lunch period, as coordinated by the CAO, to provide occasional flexibility. Time made up either before or after regular hours for time taken for personal reasons is permitted with prior notification and approval of the Supervisor.

The proposed amendment to the policy would allow the shortening of lunches to allow better life-work balance, increased staff retention and morale, operational flexibility during high-demand periods without impacting the budget or service delivery.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

1. It's in our Nature: Work

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with this policy amendment.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Council approve the amendments to the Human Resources Policy as presented

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

*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 17, 2025*

**Present:** Geoff Dunlop-Shelburne, James Hodder-Shelburne,  
Patricia Clark-Mulmur Susan Graham-Amaranth  
Ruth Plowright-Melancthon

**Also Present:** Rose Dotten, CEO/Head Librarian

**Regrets:** L. Wegener-Shelburne, Mikal Archer-Shelburne, Tricia Field-Shelburne,  
Sharon Martin-Mono

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The Chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, June 17, 2025.

Reading of 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.

**Motion 23-25 J. Hodder, R. Plowright**

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda of the June 17, 2025, meeting.

**Carried**

**Motion 24-25 R. Plowright, P. Clark**

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting, dated May 27, 2025.

**Carried**

**Motion 25-25 P. Clark, S. Graham**

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for May 31, 2025, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$43,148.77.

**Carried**

CEO/ Head Librarian’s Report:

- **Statistics—including Social Media and e-resources**

Attached is a summary of the Monthly Statistics for May, 2025.

- **Programming-**

- **Children’s Programming continues:** Please see attached program schedules for June, July, and August, 2025. This includes all the programs for the TD Summer Program and also contains the Tween Programming such as “Booking It”, Bingo, Board games and Junior Librarians.

- **Adult Programming:**

- **Archivist on the Road**—Laura Camilleri, Archivist, from MOD, will continue to come in once a month during 2025. The event originally scheduled for June 17/25, entitled “Real or Robot? How Archives and Libraries are using AI”, was cancelled.

- **Rose's Book Club**—normally held the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month—The next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Tuesday, June 24/25
- **An Afternoon with Claire Cameron**—The author of *How to Survive a Bear Attack: a memoir!* will be at the library on Sunday June 22/25 at 1 pm.
- **Authors in the Hills of Mulmur**—This program entitled “History, Mystery and Mayhem!” is back on Sunday Aug 10/25, at 1 pm. Save the date!
- **“Get Crafty” sessions:** Crafters come to the library weekly to work on various crafts with other crafters every Tuesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. One of our volunteers, Anne Crowder, and Rose, coordinate this program, and the attendance has been high and continues to grow every week.
- **Tech Help**—The program “Seniors Helping Seniors”, involves volunteer seniors helping others. This program has been discontinued for the summer with a re-boot in the fall. Regular staff will be able to help seniors with tech issues throughout the summer. We have set up a new outreach program at Shelburne Residence and Leslie Prevost, our new volunteer, will be presenting that program for us.

## **Business**

- **New Treasurer appointment –**
  - We have completed the Interviews for Treasurer. We had a number of excellent candidates. We have hired Dave Lange for the position of Treasurer. Our current Treasurer, Gord Gallagher will be working with Dave over the next while and orienting him to our financials and protocol.
- **Correspondence-**
  - **Email from CAO, Town of Shelburne acknowledging letter regarding Facilities responsibilities**  
In response to the email from the CAO, Town of Shelburne, copy attached. This relates to our continuing request for a formalized Facilities responsibility agreement. The Library with due diligence has researched agreements (MOUs) that other Municipalities are using and submitted them to the Town CAO. We await a meeting and further discussion. Despite the fact that Rose will be retiring, this issue will still be foremost on her Agenda.
- **Update re: CEO hiring process**  
Rose has been in contact with Ward & Uptigrove regarding their assistance with the hiring process. We have renegotiated their initial proposal and established one where the Board will take on more aspects in order to reduce the costs. Geoff Dunlop, Chair, Patty Clark, Mulmur Township Board member, and Ruth Plowright, Melancthon Township Board member, will comprise the Board Hiring Committee. A staff member from Ward & Uptigrove will assist in developing questions and be part of the Board committee as needed. They also reviewed the job description and CEO ad that Rose had prepared to ensure consistency and protocol. The advertisement will be posted this coming week.
- The Board decided that we will hold a reception on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm. to recognize Gord's Retirement as Treasurer. It will also be for Sharon Martin, Town of Mono's Board on her retirement from the Board. The event will start at 5:30 prior to the Board meeting. Staff and Board members and a few other guests will be invited.

**Motion 26-25        S. Graham, P. Clark**

That we now adjourn at 8:05 p.m., to meet again July 15. 2025, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

**Carried**

**Please note: This meeting will commence at approximately 7 pm, following the small retirement party at 5:30 pm for Gord Gallagher's retirement as Treasurer, and for Sharon Martin's retirement as Board member.**



07-25-BOD Agenda Minutes **(Draft)**  
Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority  
Friday June 27, 2025 9:00 AM EST

**Attendance**

**Present:**

Cllr. Joe Belanger, Wasaga Beach (Town); Chair Jonathan Scott, Bradford West Gwillimbury (Town); Cllr. Joel Loughhead, Grey Highlands (Municipality); Cllr. Pieter Kiezebrink, Essa (Township); Cllr. Christopher Baines, Collingwood (Town); Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren Clearview (Township); Cllr. Ralph Manktelow, Mono (Town); Vice-Chair Gail Little, Amaranth (Township); Cllr. Kevin Eisses, Innisfil (Town); Cllr. June Porter, The Blue Mountains (Town); Cllr. Nicole Cox, New Tecumseth (Town); Cllr. Patricia Clark, Mulmur (Township); Cllr. Kyle Fegan, Shelburne (Town); Mayor Darren White, Melancthon (Township)

**NVCA Staff:**

Jennifer Vincent, Chief Administrative Officer; Sheryl Flannagan, Director, Corporate Services; Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services; Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services; Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist; Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits; Tyler Mulhall, Planner; Katelyn Wardlaw, Planner; Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science; Kerry Jenkins, Administrative Assistant/Recorder

**Absent:**

Cllr. Phil Fisher, Springwater (Township); Mayor Scott W. Anderson, Adjala-Tosorontio (Township); Cllr. Richard Schell, Oro-Medonte (Township); Cllr. Gary Harvey, Barrie (City);

**1. Events**

**River restoration and tree planting events**

The stewardship team will be hosting volunteer river restoration and tree planting events this summer. Dates and locations will be posted soon

**Date:** June, July, August

**Location:** Throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed

**2. Call to Order**

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

**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: 48-25*

Moved by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

**RESOLVED THAT:** the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting #07-25-BOD dated on June 27, 2025 be approved.

**Carried;**

**6. Chairs Update**

Chair Scott shared his updates.

**7. CAO's Updates**

CAO, Jennifer Vincent shared her updates.

**8. Announcements**

There were no announcements at this time.

**9. Deputations**

There were no deputations at this time.

**10. Hearings**

There were no hearings at this time.

**11. 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.

**12. Adoption of Consent List and Identification of Items Requiring Separate Discussion**

Recommendation:

*RES: 49-25*

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Joel Loughead

**RESOLVED THAT:** agenda item number(s), 13.4.1, 13.4.2, 13.4.4 and 13.4.6 was identified as requiring separate discussion, be referred for discussion under Agenda Item #13; 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;**

### **13. Consent List**

#### **13.1. Adoption of Minutes**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

**RESOLVED THAT:** the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings 06-25-BOD dated on May 23, 2025 be approved.

#### **13.2. Correspondence**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

**RESOLVED THAT:** the Board of Directors receives the correspondence from the Town of Shelburne.

Correspondence dated on May 14, 2025 from the Town of Shelburne regarding the passed resolution of Responsible Growth and Opposition to Element of Bill 5.

#### **13.3. Correspondence**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

**RESOLVED THAT:** the Board of Directors receives the correspondence from the Town of Georgina.

Correspondence from the Town of Georgina dated on April 2, 2025 regarding the carried resolution of amalgamation.

#### **13.4. Staff Reports**

##### **13.4.1. Staff Report No. 18-07-25-BOD from Katelyn Wardlow, Planner, & Tyler Mulhall, Planner regarding Permits**

***Board of Directors have directed staff to add clearance letter information summarizing the number of clearance letters issued.***

Recommendation:

*RES: 50-25*

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Patricia Clark

**RESOLVED THAT:** NVCA Board of Directors receive Staff Report No. 18-07-25-BOD that summarizes the permits issued by staff for the period of January 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025.

**Carried;**

**13.4.2. Staff Report No. 19-07-25-BOD from Ben Krul, Manager, Development Planning & Permits & Chris Hibberd, Director, Watershed Management Services regarding Regulations Mapping Update**

Recommendation:

*RES: 51-25*

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Paul Van Staveren

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

**RESOLVED THAT:** the Board of Directors approve Staff Report No. 19-07-25-BOD regarding the 2025 Updated Regulation Mapping and staff be directed to release the final updated mapping to NVCA watershed municipalities and stakeholders.

**Carried;**

**13.4.3. Staff Report No. 20-07-25-BOD from Paul Tripodo, Manager, Stewardship & Restoration Services & Kyra Howes, Director, Conservation Services regarding Administrative Review of Programs and Services.**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Directors receive and approve Staff Report No. 20-07-25-BOD, regarding a potential future administrative update to the categorization of services provided by the Stewardship and Restoration Program.

**13.4.4. Staff Report No. 21-07-25-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Customer Satisfaction Report 2024**

Recommendation:

*RES: 52-25*

Moved by: Cllr. Joe Belanger

Seconded by: Cllr. Christopher Baines

**RESOLVED THAT:** Staff Report No. 21-07-25-BOD regarding NVCA's Customer Satisfaction Report 2024 be received by Board of Directors.

**Carried;**

**13.4.5. Staff Report No. 22-07-25-BOD from Maria Leung, Senior Communications Specialist regarding Communication Report**

Recommendation:

*Approved by Consent*

**RESOLVED THAT:** Staff Report No. 22-07-25-BOD regarding NVCA Communications – May 9, 2025 – June 12, 2025, be received.

**13.4.6. Staff Report No. 24-07-25-BOD from Ian Ockenden, Manager, Watershed Science & Jennifer Vincent, CAO regarding Chloride Concentrations**

Recommendation:

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

**WHEREAS:** road salt is a designated toxic substance under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* due to its long-term harm to ecosystems, infrastructure and drinking water sources; and

**WHEREAS:** chloride levels in some local bodies of water have risen over 300% since the 1960s; and

**WHEREAS:** despite years of guidance and consultation efforts from conservation authorities, private road salt usage continues to rise, driven primarily by liability concerns faced by contractors and property owners; and

**WHEREAS:** businesses in the winter maintenance sector are seeing insurance and legal costs dramatically escalate to the point where many have failed, and some property owners have been unable to find winter maintenance contractors; and

**WHEREAS:** a liability-limiting framework can reduce salt use by up to 40% without compromising public safety and has broad support across municipalities, environmental groups and the winter maintenance industry, as proposed by the Ontario Road Salt Coalition and Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The NVCA urges the Province of Ontario to adopt legislation that limits liability for certified snow and ice contractors following provincially endorsed best practices; and
2. The NVCA supports the creation of a provincial advisory committee—including municipal, industry, commercial property owners, insurance industry and environmental representatives—to guide salt reduction strategies and protect Ontario's freshwater resources; and
3. That this resolution be shared with Conservation Ontario, local MPPs, the Ontario Road Salt Coalition, and Minister McCarthy, Attorney General Downey, and Premier Ford."

**Friendly Amendment:**

Recommendation:

RES: 53-25

Moved by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

Seconded by: Cllr. June Porter

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**WHEREAS:** a liability-limiting framework can reduce salt use by up to 40% without compromising public safety and has broad support across municipalities, environmental groups and the winter maintenance industry, as proposed by the Ontario Road Salt Coalition and Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The NVCA urges the Province of Ontario to adopt legislation that limits liability and significantly reduces the statute of limitations timeline for claims related to slip & fall and ice related claims for certified snow and ice contractors following provincially endorsed best practices; and

2. The NVCA supports the creation of a provincial advisory committee—including municipal, industry, commercial property owners, insurance industry and environmental representatives—to guide salt reduction strategies and protect Ontario's freshwater resources; and

3. That this resolution be shared with Conservation Ontario, local MPPs, the Ontario Road Salt Coalition, and Minister McCarthy, Attorney General Downey, and Premier Ford."

**Carried;**

**14. In-Camera**

***Board of Directors deemed it was unnecessary to go into closed session.***

**15. Out of In-Camera**

***Board of Directors deemed it was unnecessary to go into closed session.***

**15.1. Out of In Camera**

Recommendation:

*RES: 54-25*

Moved by: Cllr. Joel Loughhead

Seconded by: Cllr. Nicole Cox

**RESOLVED THAT:** The Board of Directors provide staff with approval to negotiate property acquisitions with landowners and funding partners for the potential acquisition of two properties located within the core of Minesing Wetlands for the purpose of flood, erosion, and water quality improvements,

**And further,** should negotiations be successful and fall within budgeted allocations, approve staff to pursue the acquisitions noted herein.

**Carried;**

**16. Other Business**

**17. Adjourn**

Recommendation:

*RES: 55-25*

Moved by: Cllr. June Porter

Seconded by: Cllr. Kevin Eisses

**RESOLVED THAT:** this meeting adjourn at 9:56am to meet again on September 26, 2025 or at the call of the Chair.

**Carried;**



## NVCA June 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

**Next Meeting: September 26, 2025, held in person at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation**

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

### Permits Approvals under the CA Act

NVCA reports permit application processing timelines against Conservation Ontario's Best Practices timelines, which recommend conservation authorities to follow these timelines:

- Major permits processed within 90 days
- Minor permits processed within 30 days
- Notify applicants of the status of their applications within 21 days.

Between January 1, 2025, and May 31, 2025, 211 permits were issued by NVCA

On average, NVCA issued minor and major permits within 18 days of a complete application.

Major permits were issued within 90 days 98% of the time, and Minor permits were issued 100% of the time. Applicants were notified about the status of their applications within 21 days, 91% of the time.

### Process improvements

In the Spring of 2024, NVCA staff began to pre-screen applications. Since then, staff have noticed a decrease in review timelines, as most applications did not require further technical information and are contenders for direct issuance.

This change in the permitting process has allowed NVCA's technical staff to focus efforts on more complex files.

### Regulations Mapping Update

As part of the update to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Ontario Regulation 41/24, conservation authorities must review regulation

mapping and determine if updates to the maps are required at least once each year.

Staff have been actively updating and developing draft mapping since late 2024 by using the best available information and collection techniques.

With higher resolution data and modelling advancements, NVCA staff decreased regulated lands by more than 32,000 ha; a reduction of approximately 18% of the total regulated area within NVCA's jurisdiction.

Below is a summary of changes:

- Wetlands: 5,852 wetland boundaries were updated
- Slopes: Updated using newly acquired LiDAR elevation data.
- Flood: 2,121 hectares of floodplain mapping were updated in the Upper Mad River subwatershed and the Lower Nottawasaga River reach.
- Shoreline: Updated 42 km of shoreline hazard mapping

Through the stakeholder engagement process, NVCA received 32 comments from municipalities and property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed.

### Administrative Review of Programs and Services

As per the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* in 2023, NVCA's programs and services are categorized under Categories 1, 2, and 3. Programs and services related to hazard management or mitigation are generally considered Categories 1 or 2.

NVCA's stewardship and restoration services programs were identified exclusively as 'Category 3' based solely on whether activities occur on NVCA or private lands.

Upon review, this categorization may not reflect the broader watershed-scale benefits of many projects, particularly those related to natural hazard mitigation, regardless of property ownership.

The Board of Directors approved NVCA staff to review these services and recommend any classification changes to better align with regulatory definitions and the multi-functional benefits of these services, particularly as they relate to flood, erosion, and hazard management.

## 2024 Customer Satisfaction Report

In 2013, NVCA adopted a Customer Service Charter and Strategy that sets out the authority's commitment to providing excellence in customer service. Continuous improvement is a key element of the charter.

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 2024 Customer Service Satisfaction Report.](#)

## Regulations

Of 523 permits issued in 2024, 30 individuals and organizations completed a client survey on the NVCA permit application process.

In general, 90% of the responses ranked NVCA's permitting process as good or excellent in 2024, signalling that respondents were more satisfied with NVCA's permitting process than in 2022 (68% satisfied) and 2023 (73% satisfied).

## Stewardship

NVCA's stewardship services include the Nottawasaga River Restoration Program, the Healthy Waters grant program, and other projects to protect and enhance our watershed.

Through working with funders, landowners, volunteers and local partners, over 16,000 trees and 7.6 km of rivers and streams were restored by the stewardship services team!

Comments received from funders and landowners generally applauded the expertise and results achieved by NVCA's stewardship staff.

## Lands

NVCA's conservation areas received 85 reviews on Google's business listings in 2024. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the reviews were 4-star or 5-star reviews.

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

## Education

NVCA's environmental education program provides hands-on, curriculum-aligned programs for JK to grade 12 students. In 2024, NVCA's Environmental Education program saw over 14,000 participants, from toddlers to seniors.

Both students and teachers were highly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the environmental education programming. Multiple teachers remarked on the unprecedented level of student interest in the programs. Students enjoyed exploring natural areas around their schools and comparing them to their urban environments, often discovering animal tracks and signs of wildlife.

## Events/Public Programming/Facility Rentals

NVCA hosted the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival and the Festival at Fort Willow in 2024.

Approximately 2,500 visitors came to the Spring Tonic Maple Syrup Festival to learn past and present methods of maple syrup production. They also interacted with exotic animals, took a tractor wagon ride, watched a dog agility demonstration and more!

Reenactor groups at the Festival at Fort Willow were thrilled to share the history of the local area.

Organizations that rented facilities at NVCA commented that NVCA staff provided excellent customer service and that the properties were well maintained.

## Weddings

In 2024, the Tiffin Centre for Conservation hosted 25 wedding celebrations. Eleven of these couples responded to a wedding feedback survey.

Of those responding, 100% rated NVCA's customer service as excellent, and 100% said they would recommend the Tiffin Centre as a wedding venue to others.

## Chloride concentrations and road salt issues in the Nottawasaga watershed

Despite years of guidance and consultation efforts from conservation authorities, private road salt usage continues to rise, driven primarily by liability concerns faced by contractors and property owners.

Data published by the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks in 2022 implicates road salting activities for winter safety as a primary contributor to elevated chloride concentrations, particularly in southern Ontario.

NVCA data shows a similar increasing trend in chloride concentrations.

Although chloride concentrations in NVCA watercourses are below the long-term concentration Canadian Water Quality Guideline of 120 mg/L, forecasting based on current trends suggests exceedances could become regular in the next decade.

NVCA's Board of Directors passed a resolution urging the Province of Ontario to adopt legislation to limit liability for certified snow and ice contractors following provincially endorsed best practices; and to create a provincial advisory committee to guide salt reduction strategies and protect Ontario's freshwater resources.

## Upcoming Events

### River restoration and tree planting events

The stewardship team will be hosting volunteer river restoration and tree planting events this summer. Dates and locations will be posted on NVCA's website as soon as they are available.

**Date:** June, July, August

**Location:** Throughout the Nottawasaga Watershed



**Nottawasaga Valley**  
Conservation Authority

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July 4, 2025

BY EMAIL

Hon. Todd McCarthy MPP  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Need for a Provincial Response to Rising Chloride Pollution in Ontario Watersheds

Dear Minister McCarthy,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) to express our concern regarding the rising chloride levels in our watershed and to present you the enclosed resolution passed by the NVCA Board of Directors.

Chloride pollution in our region is increasing at an alarming rate. Recent data indicates that concentrations have tripled—up over 300%—in several watercourses since the 1970s. Without a change in winter road maintenance approaches to reduce road salt use, these elevated levels will exceed federal water quality guidelines and pose serious risks to aquatic ecosystems, drinking water sources, agricultural water sources, and long-term watershed health.

Municipalities across our jurisdiction are taking action to reduce their own salt use through investments in technology, alternative mixtures and products, and improved winter maintenance protocols. However, as NVCA staff and others have reported, the continued increase in chloride concentrations is being driven largely by private salt use and this fact, in turn, arises from legal liability pressures placed on winter maintenance contractors and property owners. As more of the sector adopts salt-heavy practices out of fear of litigation, the challenge intensifies, despite the availability of safer, more sustainable alternatives.

Our Board supports calls for a provincial approach that offers clarity and protection for those following best practices. To that end, I respectfully request your Ministry consider:

- Introducing a liability-limiting framework for certified snow and ice contractors who adhere to provincially recognised salt management best practices; and
- Convening a provincial advisory committee that includes municipal, environmental, industry and insurance stakeholders to guide long-term strategies for chloride reduction and freshwater protection.

We know from examples in other jurisdictions, such as New Hampshire, that this kind of approach to offer a limited liability framework for owners and contractors following best practices and acting in good faith can meaningfully reduce salt use without compromising public safety, by as much as 40% in some areas.

NVCA is committed to supporting your Ministry in developing and promoting practical, evidence-based policies to protect our watersheds. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in any working groups or consultation processes related to this important issue.

Sincerely yours,

Jonathan Scott LLB MBA

Chair, Board of Directors

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

cc

Honourable Sylvia Jones

Honourable Andrea Khanjin

Honourable Jill Dunlop

Honourable Doug Downey

Honourable Caroline Mulroney

MPP Brian Saunderson

Conservation Ontario

Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio

Township of Amaranth

City of Barrie

Town of the Blue Mountains

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

Township of Clearview

Town of Collingwood

Township of Essa

Municipality of the Grey Highlands

Town of Innisfil

Township of Melancthon

Town of Mono

Township of Mulmur

Township of Oro-Medonte

Town of Shelburne

Township of Springwater

Town of New Tecumseth

Town of Wasaga Beach



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NVCA Calls on Province to Act with Pro-Business Reforms to Prevent Rising Salt Pollution Threatening Local Waterways**

UTOPIA, Ontario (July 4, 2025) – The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is calling on the Ontario government to take common-sense, pro-business action to address the rising threat of chloride pollution in local rivers and streams, which has increased by more than 300% in parts of the watershed since the 1970s.

In a formal letter (enclosed) sent this week to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, NVCA Board Chair Jonathan Scott asked the province to introduce limited-liability protections for certified snow and ice contractors who follow best practices, and to strike a provincial advisory committee to guide long-term salt reduction strategies.

"Local municipalities and conservation authorities have made significant investments in salt reduction," said Chair Scott. "For instance, my own municipality of Bradford West Gwillimbury is investing over \$2 million in a snow filtration facility to help remove contaminants before they enter our watershed. Nonetheless, we continue to see rising chloride levels, especially from private properties, due to fears around liability and a lack of consistent standards, which leads to oversalting parking lots. We need the province to step in and provide pro-business reforms to help solve this problem."

Excessive road salt in winter maintenance has become one of the fastest-growing pollutants in Ontario's urban watersheds. When salt dissolves, it breaks down into chloride, which can accumulate in groundwater, harm aquatic ecosystems and increase corrosion in infrastructure. In the Nottawasaga Watershed, without a change to reduce road salt use, these elevated levels will exceed federal water quality guidelines, and pose serious risks to aquatic ecosystems, drinking and agricultural water sources, and long-term watershed health.

At its most recent meeting, the NVCA Board unanimously passed a resolution highlighting this growing concern and encouraging a provincial response with a limited-liability framework.

"Salt reduction isn't about compromising safety; it's about smarter, more affordable, pro-business practices," said Scott. "Other jurisdictions like New Hampshire have proven that you can protect both the public and the environment, with their limited-liability approach reducing salt pollution by as much as 40%. Ontario can lead the way too."

NVCA is committed to working collaboratively with the province, municipalities, industry, and environmental partners to develop effective, evidence-based solutions that protect watershed health.

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

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## Roseann Knechtel

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**Subject:** FW: Meeting Notes from June Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting

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**From:** Gaby Kalapos  
**Sent:** July 9, 2025 9:30 AM  
**To:** Gaby Kalapos <[gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org](mailto:gkalapos@cleanairpartnership.org)>  
**Subject:** Meeting Notes from June Ontario Climate Caucus Meeting

Hi there Ontario Climate Caucus,

Please see below for the meeting notes from the June 18th, 2025 OCC meeting.

### Action Items

- Ontario Climate Caucus is seeking your input on the value of participation in the Ontario Climate Caucus. Please, please pretty please can you take 5 minutes (honestly it's a super short survey) to provide us with input. <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/jSansC>
- Please let Gaby @ CAP know if you could use some help re advancing a Bill 17 conversation in council. We are also tracking any Bill 17 resolutions and tracking them here: <https://guides.co/g/ontario-climate-caucus-hub/545494>
- There is a sample resolution should that be of value: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_4gE6RvTi28G\\_jczG10MshHuWyVdWT5F4enBqVc72BQ/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_4gE6RvTi28G_jczG10MshHuWyVdWT5F4enBqVc72BQ/edit?tab=t.0)
- Municipal Carbon Offset Guide is available here: <https://www.cleanairpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Carbon-credits-guide.pdf>
- There will be an in-person Ontario Climate Caucus networking event taking place in Ottawa during the AMO conference on August 18, 2025 from 5:30-9:00 PM. It will take place at Grey's Social Eatery @ 2 Byward Market Square, Ottawa, ON K1N 9B8. We are seeking help on sharing invitations to the networking event with your peers during the AMO conference and have digital and paper postcards to promote the event. If you would be willing to share post card to inform others on the Sunday and Monday of the AMO event that would be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to help please send an email to Lauren at [lpatterson@cleanairpartnership.org](mailto:lpatterson@cleanairpartnership.org) CAP will be sending out a separate email just for the Ontario Climate Caucus networking event that you can forward to others.

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### Updates and Discussion RE: Bill 17 and Municipal Green Standards

- Discussion regarding municipal interpretations of green standards continues to occur. CAP is tracking municipal input on Bill 17 and GDS implications and is supporting municipal resolutions calling for the protection of mandatory green standard authorities to be retained.
- CAP is also tracking municipal resolutions in support of protecting municipal green standards authorities to province in response to Bill 17 risks.
- Information and Resolutions related to Bill 17 and Bill 5 are being tracked here: <https://guides.co/g/ontario-climate-caucus-hub/545494>

- There is a sample resolution available for municipal use:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_4gE6RvTi28G\\_jczG10MshHuWyVdWT5F4enBqVc72BQ/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_4gE6RvTi28G_jczG10MshHuWyVdWT5F4enBqVc72BQ/edit?tab=t.0)
- While Bill 17 has passed (it was passed prior to the end of the consultation deadline), the legislation for how Bill 17 will be enacted has not been developed. Municipal resolutions in support of municipal green standard authorities will be critical in reducing the risks Bill 17 poses to green standards.
- It is helpful to make the link between green standards and other priorities municipalities have such as making sure transit investments are supported, operational savings, electricity generation and distribution investments reductions resulting from energy efficiency improvements, resilience benefits.
- It makes no sense to stop energy efficiency improvements at the time of construction, which is the most cost-effective time for advancing those opportunities only to have to create the need for future retrofits and not considering operational saving benefits to the property owner.
- There is also the importance of considering the stranded asset risks of the rate base subsidizing fossil fuel infrastructure to new developments. It takes 40 years of delivery fees to pay the rate base back for that subsidy. That customer is unlikely to be on the fossil fuel system for 40 years. However, the rate base will still have to pay for their fossil fuel infrastructure.
- It is also interesting that a lot of the new developments advancing higher energy efficiency and electrification are in buildings where the developer is owning over the longer term. Green standards are helping to ensure that all developments are advancing efficiency and electrification to avoid future operational savings and retrofit costs. Not just those where ownership is retained by the developers.

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**Presentation:** [Leading Practices for Municipal Carbon Offset Policy](#), Gaby Kalapos

- [PDF of Presentation](#)
- [Recording of Presentation](#)

### **Why Bother with a Municipal Carbon Offset Policy?**

- Improve transparency and accountability
- Ensure that all are aware of any carbon offsets that are sold across municipal departments
- That sale of municipal carbon credits do not undermine municipal GHG reduction targets
- Identify leading practices related to the purchase of carbon offsets re municipal GHG reduction targets
- Support municipalities to advance leading practices re their participation in carbon markets – either via selling or purchasing.

### **Leading Practices Guide for Developing a Municipal Carbon Offset Policy**

- Criteria for Selling Offsets: Establishing guidelines on when and how municipalities could sell GHG reductions, ensuring it does not compromise their ability to meet their own climate targets.
- Criteria for Purchasing Offsets: Ensuring that purchased offsets meet stringent verification and additionality requirements, prioritizing projects that actively remove carbon from the atmosphere.

- Leading Examples: A case study from the Cities of Toronto will illustrate how municipalities are structuring their offset policies to balance accountability towards their climate commitments and greenhouse gas reduction targets and securing the necessary resources to advance GHG reduction actions.

### **What is a Carbon Market?**

- Carbon cycle doesn't care where reductions are achieved
- Helps to secure the most cost effective GHG reductions
- Not our first rodeo – this has been used for air pollution and CFCs
- Critical goals to build a robust and transparent carbon market
- Cost effective reductions: ex in the acid rain program SO<sub>2</sub> was reduced by 50% at a lower cost than anticipated showing the value of markets
- Critical to have a clear and declining cap – requires a well defined and gradual declining cap
- Need to ensure a robust monitoring and compliance process

### **What's the Difference Between Credits and Offsets?**

- Credits are sometimes called carbon allowances – identify the amount of GHGs an entity is allowed to release. Those with excess reductions beyond their required reductions can sell their reductions to others to meet their regulatory requirements.
- Credits are used more in regulatory markets
- Offsets are trading between two entities, often as part of a voluntary market.
- Critical to understand that if the credit or offset is sold to another entity it is not available to the seller for their reductions (there are some exceptions to this that we will speak to)

### **What is Additionality and Why is it Important?**

- In the carbon market, additionality refers to the principle used to assess whether a carbon reduction project results in genuine, additional greenhouse gas emission reductions or removals that would not have occurred without the project. For a project to be considered "additional," it must demonstrate that:
- The reductions would not have occurred without the revenue from carbon offsets. The emission reductions are beyond what would have taken place under a "business-as usual" scenario. The project should be financially or technically dependent on the sale of carbon credits to be additional rather than viable.
- The reductions exceed regulatory requirements or common practices: The project's actions must exceed legal mandates and standard practices within its sector or region.
- The reductions deliver real climate benefits: Additionality ensures that the offsets sold in the carbon market represent actual, verifiable emissions reductions that contribute to the overall climate goals, and ensures that there is no double counting of reductions.

### **How are Municipal GHG Reduction Targets Impacted When Offsets are Sold?**

- If a municipality sells its carbon reductions via an offset to an entity within its municipal geography, the municipality cannot count those offsets through their corporate reduction targets BUT can apply them to their community GHG reduction target.

- If a municipality sells their offsets to an entity outside the municipality's geography, those reductions can no longer be counted toward either corporate or community GHG reduction targets.
- Exception: ex. Clean Fuel Standard. Because the federal government is aggregating reductions and retiring them it appears that reductions under the Clean Fuel Standard can receive funding, but those reductions can be applied to municipal GHG reduction targets.

### **Carbon Market Transactional Costs**

- Often can only secure GHG reduction at 50%, the other 50% often go to transactional costs.
- Reputational risks of double counting
- Carbon offsets are time allocated (often for one year time period)
- Annual reduction commitments need to be secured annually via an offset route.
- Business models: Commission (often 50%) or fee for service

### **Questions to Ask to See if Your Municipality May Need a Carbon Offset Policy?**

- Does your municipality have a GHG reduction target?
- Has it identified its principles related to achievement of target (advancing all local opportunities as a priority to secure co-benefits)
- Has your municipality purchased offsets?
- Has your municipality sold offsets?
- Don't assume the answer is no, sometimes departments have sold reductions without coming to council.
- Waste is the department most likely to have possibly sold carbon offsets.
- <https://www.cleanairpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Carbon-credits-guide.pdf>

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### **OCC In person gathering at AMO Conference in Ottawa on Monday August 18th at 5 PM**

- There will be an in-person Ontario Climate Caucus networking event taking place in Ottawa during the AMO conference on August 18, 2025 from 5:30-9:00 PM
- It will take place at Grey's Social Eatery @ 2 Byward Market Square, Ottawa, ON K1N 9B8
- We are seeking help on sharing invitations to the networking event with your peers during the AMO conference and have digital and paper postcards to promote the event. If you would be willing to share post card to inform others on the Sunday and Monday of the AMO event that would be greatly appreciated. If you are willing to help please send an email to Lauren at [lpatterson@cleanairpartnership.org](mailto:lpatterson@cleanairpartnership.org)
- CAP will be sending out a separate email just for the Ontario Climate Caucus networking event that you can forward to others.

## **DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**June 26, 2025, 9:00 am**

**W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville**

Councillors Present:     Warden Janet Horner (Mulmur)  
                                 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 James McLean (Melancthon)  
                                 Councillor Fred Nix (Mono)  
                                 Councillor Lisa Post (Orangeville)  
                                 Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley)  
                                 Councillor Steve Soloman (Grand Valley)  
                                 Councillor Todd Taylor (Orangeville)  
                                 Councillor Darren White (Melancthon)

Councillors Absent:     Councillor Wade Mills (Shelburne) (prior notice)

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Horner called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Warden Horner 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 Horner shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gerrits

**Seconded by:** Councillor Little

**THAT the agenda and any addendum distributed for the June 26, 2025 meeting of Council, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Taylor

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gardhouse

**THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of Council on May 22, 2025, and the special Council meeting on June 4, 2025, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**7.1 Youth Climate Activation Circle**

The Youth Climate Activation Circle delegated regarding their project, a native plant garden at The Door Youth Centre.

Councillor Philip Rentsch (Grand Valley) joined the meeting at 9:07 am.

## **7.2 Charles Hooker and MH Braun**

Charles Hooker and Margaret Braun delegated to Council regarding the Partners for Climate Protection program that the County joined through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in 2018. Mr. Hooker and Ms. Braun urged the Council to review its participation in this program.

Councillor John Creelman (Mono) left the meeting at 9:21 am.

Councillor John Creelman (Mono) joined the meeting at 9:24 am.

## **7.3 Township of Melancthon**

Mayor Darren White and Councillor Bill Neilson from the Township of Melancthon delegated regarding the proposed quarry in Melancthon Township. The Township will be releasing the complete quarry application once it is received. They encourage all local municipalities to send feedback once the commenting period opens.

## **8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Charles Hooker, an East Garafraxa resident, noted he is concerned about the Melancthon gravel pit going below the water table as the *Municipal Act* states gravel pits must be reconstituted to their original form once they are depleted unless they penetrate the water table. His concern is with the garbage and pollution from the gravel pit operations going into the water supply and he inquired if the *Municipal Act* remains the same. Warden Horner noted the *Municipal Act* has not changed. Councillor McLean noted the Township of Melancthon is awaiting the complete application from Strada Aggregates and it will be made public upon receipt. He noted Melancthon will advise the public of the commenting period for the application at that time.

Graciela Cardenas-Mustapha, an Orangeville resident, requested a commitment from Council to revisit the 2018 resolution to participate in the sustainability program that Charles Hooker and Margaret Braun spoke to. Warden Horner

noted as per the discussion during the delegation, Council is willing to review its the Partners for Climate Protection program.

Bob Weirmeir, Vice-President of the Ontario Land Owners Association, encouraged Council to consider withdrawing from the Partners for Climate Protection program and look at local initiatives instead.

Phillip Ottman, a Wellington County resident, asked Council if they are aware of the number of programs and specific costs of the Partners for Climate Protection program initiatives. The Director of Public Works/County Engineer noted updates are brought forward to Council and program funds are approved through the budget. He advised the native plant garden project completed by the Youth Climate Action Circle cost approximately \$9,000. Councillor White added there are a number of different local initiatives being undertaken under the climate action umbrella, all of which are discussed at Council along with the cost.

**9. RECESS**

Warden Horner called a recess at 10:17 am. The meeting resumed at 10:24 am.

**10. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

The following items were requested to be moved to Section 12 for discussion:

- Point-in-Time Count Results Report (Agenda Item #10.4)
- 2024 Dufferin Oaks Annual Quality Report (Agenda Item #10.5)
- Residential Recycling Transition - Blue Cart Containers (Agenda Item #10.6)

**11. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gerrits

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hall

**THAT Items 11.1 to 11.3 be received, and any recommendations set out below, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**11.1 Monthly Update from Outside Boards**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 26, 2025, to provide an update on outside boards.

**THAT the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, Report # CAO-2025-002, Monthly Update from Outside Boards, dated June 26, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **11.2 Building Services Annual Report 2024**

A report from the Director of Community Development and Tourism, dated June 26, 2025, to provide the 2024 Building Services Annual Report.

**THAT the report from Director of Community Development and Tourism, Report #2025-042, Building Services Annual Report 2024, dated June 26, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **11.3 Homelessness Task Force Minutes - May 22, 2025**

Minutes from the Homelessness Task Force meeting on May 22, 2025.

**THAT the minutes from the May 22, 2025 meeting of the Homelessness Task Force, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

### **12. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS SEPARATED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **12.1 2024 Point-in-Time Count Results Report**

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated June 26, 2025, to provide the final version of the Dufferin County 2024 Point-in-Time Count Results report.

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor Post

**THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report #2025-003, titled Point-in-Time Count Results Report, dated June 26, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **12.2 2024 Dufferin Oaks Annual Quality Report**

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated June 26, 2025, to share the 2024 Dufferin Oaks Annual Quality Report.

**Moved by:** Councillor White

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gardhouse

**THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report #Health and Human Services-2025-016, 2024 Dufferin Oaks Annual Quality Report, dated June 26, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **12.3 Residential Recycling Transition – Blue Cart Containers**

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated June 26, 2025, to advise of a change to the blue box program provided by Circular Materials.

**Moved by:** Councillor Post

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gerrits

**THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Report #PW-2025-002, Residential Recycling Transition - Blue Cart Containers, dated June 26, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **12.4 2025 Asset Management Plan**

A presentation from Eric Goforth, Senior Associate, Advisory Services, SLBC Inc., to share the Dufferin County Asset Management Plan.

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated June 26, 2026, to seek approval of the Asset Management Plan.

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor Post

**THAT the report from Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report # CS 2025-001, 2025 Asset Management Plan, dated June 26, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT Asset Management Plan be approved.**

For (26): Warden Horner, Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Gerrits, Councillor Hall, Councillor Nix, Councillor Post, and Councillor Taylor

Against (6): Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Little, Councillor McLean, Councillor Rentsch, Councillor Soloman, and Councillor White

Absent (1): Councillor Mills

**CARRIED (26 to 6)**

### **13. STRATEGIC PLAN**

#### **13.1 Strategic Plan Update 2025-02**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated June 26, 2026, to provide an update on the Strategic Plan priorities.

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor Hall

**THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, Report #CAO-2025-001, Strategic Plan Update 2025-02, dated June 26, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **14. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **14.1 Township of Melancthon**

A resolution from the Township of Melancthon, dated May 20, 2025, to support the end of Daylight Savings Time in Ontario.

**Moved by:** Councillor White

**Seconded by:** Councillor McLean

**THAT the resolution from the Township of Melancthon, dated May 20, 2025, to support the end of Daylight Savings Time in Ontario, be endorsed and supported.**

**LOST**

#### **15. MOTIONS**

##### **15.1 Partners for Climate Protection Program**

**Moved by:** Councillor Taylor

**Seconded by:** Councillor Nix

**THAT Council review the County's participation in Partners for Climate Protection program through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at a future meeting.**

**CARRIED**

#### **16. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

##### **16.1 Public Question Period**

**Moved by:** Councillor Taylor

**THAT the Procedural By-law be amended to state that only residents, taxpayers, service providers or members speaking on behalf of an association or organization that serves the County of Dufferin are permitted to ask a question during Public Question Period.**

#### **17. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **18. BY-LAWS**

**Moved by:** Councillor Hawkins

**Seconded by:** Councillor Little

**THAT By-Law 2025-34 through to By-Law 2025-36, inclusive, be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**CARRIED**

**18.1 2025-34 Corporation of the County of Grey (Mutual Assistance Agreement)**

A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and the Corporation of the County of Grey.

Authorization: General Government Services - January 23, 2025

**18.2 2025-35 Dufferin Community Foundation (Endowment Fund Agreement)**

A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Dufferin Community Foundation.

Authorization: Council - May 22, 2025

**18.3 2025-36 Headwaters Health Care Centre (Seniors At Risk Systems Coordinator)**

A by-law to ratify the actions of the Warden and the Clerk for executing an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Headwaters Health Care Centre.

Authorization: Council - May 22, 2025

**19. OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden Horner invited Council members to attend the Bill Hill Scholarship Reception on July 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Edelbrock Centre.

**20. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**2025-37 Confirmatory By-Law - June 26, 2025**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on June 26, 2025.

**Moved by:** Councillor Hall

**Seconded by:** Councillor Taylor

**THAT By-Law 2025-37 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**CARRIED**

**21. NEXT MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 7 pm in the Dufferin Room at 30 Centre St, Orangeville.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 am.

**Moved by:** Councillor Post

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gardhouse

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**CARRIED**

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## **DUFFERIN COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**July 10, 2025, 7:00 pm**

**W & M Edelbrock Centre, 30 Centre Street, Orangeville**

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

Councillors Absent:     Councillor Shane Hall (Shelburne)

Staff Present:             Sonya Pritchard, Chief Administrative Officer  
                                 Michelle Dunne, Clerk  
                                 Rebecca Whelan, Deputy Clerk  
                                 Scott Burns, Director of Public Works/County Engineer  
                                 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 Horner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Warden Horner 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 Horner shared the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor McLean

**THAT the agenda and any addendum distributed for the July 10, 2025 meeting of Council, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

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

**Moved by:** Councillor Little

**Seconded by:** Councillor Post

**THAT the minutes of the closed session meeting of Council on May 22, 2025 and the regular meeting of Council on June 26, 2025, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**7. PROCLAMATIONS, DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

## **7.1 Provincial Update**

Councillor Hawkins (Mulmur) joined the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP, provided an update on provincial affairs, highlighting the following Dufferin items:

- the new MRI at Headwaters Health Care Centre, 49 MRIs will be installed across the Province this year
- Dufferin County successful application for a Homeless Addiction Recovery Team (HART) Hub
- an expanded Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant program
- 5 year pilot project for Dufferin County with Grey County and Bruce County to expand transit in the area
- the Environmental Assessment for the Shelburne By-pass proposed route has begun

Honourable Jones stressed the importance of presenting a partnered solution when approaching the Province with any asks.

## **8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

## **9. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

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

- Remote Work Policy Review and Update (agenda item #10.2)
- Community Services Annual Review 2024 (agenda item #10.4)
- Choices Shelter Request for Funding (agenda item #10.7)
- Supportive Housing Developments (agenda item #10.10)
- Road Network Rationalization Plan Update - July 2025 (agenda item #10.11)

## **10. PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS**

**Moved by:** Councillor White

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mills

**THAT Items 10.1 to 10.7 be received, and any recommendations set out below, be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**10.1 Access Dufferin Minutes - June 18, 2025**

Minutes from the Access Dufferin meeting on June 18, 2025.

**THAT the minutes from the Access Dufferin meeting on June 18, 2025, be adopted.**

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

**10.2 Second Quarter Procurement Report**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer and the Procurement Manager, dated July 10, 2025, to present the second quarter of 2025 procurement results.

**THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer and the Procurement Manager, Report #CS-2025-002, titled Second Quarter Procurement Report, dated July 10, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

**10.3 Dufferin County Community Support Services Declaration of Compliance**

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated July 10, 2025, to seek approval to sign the Multi Sector Service Accountability Agreement Declaration of Compliance.

**THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report #HHS-2025-002, Dufferin County Community Support Services Declaration of Compliance, dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

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

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

#### **10.4 Paramedic Contract Extension**

A report from the Chief Paramedic and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated July 10, 2025, to recommend extending the Agreement for Provision of Paramedic Services for an additional six months, ending June 30, 2025.

**THAT the report from the Chief Paramedic and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report #HHS-2025-005 Paramedic Contract Extension, dated July 10, 2025 be received;**

**AND THAT the Agreement for Provision of Paramedic Services with Headwaters Healthcare Centre be extended for a period of six months, ending June 30, 2026.**

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

#### **10.5 Health and Human Services Hub Update 2**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 10, 2025, to provide an update on the Health and Human Services Hub.

**THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, Report #CAO-2025-003, Health and Human Services Hub Update 2, dated July 10, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

#### **10.6 Capital Workplan Update**

A report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, dated July 10, 2025, to seek approval for adjustments to the 2025 capital workplan.

**THAT the report from the Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report #CS-2025-03, Capital Workplan Update, dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT the 2025 capital workplan be adjusted by \$1,795,000 as per the list below, listed by project, funding source and amount of 2025 workplan adjustment:**

**Courtroom 2024, External Funding, \$325,000**

**Mel Lloyd Centre/McKelvie Burnside Village Roof, MLC/MBV Capital Asset Fund, \$650,000**

**Crack Sealing, Roads Capital Asset Fund, \$120,000**

**Dufferin Road 124, Roads Capital Asset Fund, \$120,000**

**Museum Security, Museum Capital Asset Fund, \$75,000**

**Attic Access Upgrades, Courthouse Capital Asset Fund, \$75,000**

**Museum Greenhouse, External Funding, \$80,000**

**Bladder Scanner, External Funding, \$13,000**

**Dufferin Oaks Elevator, Dufferin Oaks Capital Asset Fund, \$25,000**

**Communication Towers, IT Reserve and Operating, \$30,000**

**Primrose Holding Tank, Operations Capital Asset Fund, \$42,000**

**Exhibition Furniture, Museum Trust, \$30,000**

**Customer Service Desk, Museum Trust and Fundraising, \$25,000**

**Church Interior Renovations, Museum Trust, \$15,000**

**Courthouse Building Automation System, Courthouse Capital Asset Fund, \$110,000**

**Command Vehicle, Paramedics Capital Asset Fund, \$30,000**

**Tractor Mower, Equipment Capital Asset Fund, \$30,000**

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

## **10.7 Paramedics Foundation Repairs**

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated July 10, 2025, to seek approval to complete foundation repairs at the Orangeville Paramedics Station.

**THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Report PW-2-25-004, Paramedics Foundation Repairs, dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT the 2025 Capital Workplan for Paramedics Foundation Repairs be increased to \$325,000, and that the additional costs be funded from the Paramedics Capital Asset Fund.**

**CARRIED BY CONSENT**

## **11. DISCUSSION OF REPORTS SEPARATED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **11.1 Remote Work Policy Review and Update**

A report from the Director of People and Equity, dated July 10, 2025, to share an update to the Remote Work Policy.

**Moved by:** Councillor Mills

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gerrits

**THAT the report of the Director People & Equity, Report #PE-2025-001, titled Remote Work Policy Review and Update, dated July 10, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **11.2 Community Services Annual Review 2024**

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated July 10, 2025, to provide the 2024 Community Services Annual Review.

**Moved by:** Councillor Post

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gerrits

**THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report #HHS-2025-003, Community Services Annual Review 2024, dated July 10, 2025, be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **11.3 Choices Shelter Request for Funding**

A report from the Director of Health and Human Services, dated July 10, 2025, to provide an update on Choices Shelter.

**Moved by:** Councillor Post

**Seconded by:** Councillor McLean

**THAT the report from the Director of Health and Human Services, Report #HHS-2025-004, Choices Shelter Update, dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT staff report back on potential funding options for the shelter at the August 28, 2025 Council meeting;**

**AND THAT Council approve funding, based on actual expenses, up to \$44,000 in the interim from the Rate Stabilization Reserve.**

**CARRIED**

### **11.4 Supportive Housing Developments**

A report from the Chief Administrative Officer, dated July 10, 2025, to seek approval to work with Services and Housing in the Province to develop supportive housing developments.

**Moved by:** Councillor Little

**Seconded by:** Councillor Rentsch

**THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, Report #CAO-2025-005, Supportive Housing Development in Partnership with Services and Housing in the Province (SHIP), dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT the Letter of Intent be approved;**

**AND THAT staff be directed to work with Services and Housing the Province (SHIP) to create a detailed development and funding plan for supportive housing at the following locations:**

- **22 Third Avenue, Orangeville**
- **35 Elizabeth Street, Orangeville**
- **301 First Avenue, Shelburne.**

For (29): Warden Horner, Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Little, Councillor McLean, Councillor Mills, Councillor Nix, Councillor Post, Councillor Soloman, and Councillor Taylor

Against (3): Councillor Gerrits, Councillor Rentsch, and Councillor White

Absent (1): Councillor Hall

**CARRIED (29 to 3)**

### **11.5 Recess**

Warden Horner called a recess at 8:31 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:40 pm.

### **11.6 Road Network Rationalization Plan Update – July 2025**

A report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer, dated July 10, 2025, to seek approval to proceed with the next steps for the Road Network Rationalization Plan.

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor White

**THAT the motion to tabled until the October 2025 meeting of Council.**

For (10): Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Gerrits, Councillor Little, Councillor McLean, and Councillor Nix

Against (22): Warden Horner, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Mills, Councillor Post, Councillor Rentsch, Councillor Soloman, Councillor Taylor, and Councillor White

Absent (1): Councillor Hall

**LOST (10 to 22)**

**Moved by:** Councillor Rentsch

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gerrits

**THAT "with a 10% reduction, and modified with a 20% reduction to reflect that a county standard of maintenance and construction will not be required following infrastructure transfers" be removed from the motion.**

For (7): Warden Horner, Councillor Gerrits, Councillor Little, Councillor McLean, Councillor Rentsch, Councillor Soloman, and Councillor White

Against (25): Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Mills, Councillor Nix, Councillor Post, and Councillor Taylor

Absent (1): Councillor Hall

**LOST (7 to 25)**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor White

**THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report #PW-2025-001, Road Network Rationalization Plan Update – July 2025, dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT following adoption of any required road agreements, all roads and bridges/large culverts (including those on transferring County roads and those on non-county roads) identified for transfer be transferred. These agreements include the following:**

- **Short-Term Agreements** – to be used only in situations where a municipality does not currently have the resources to maintain a transferred road and requires the necessary time to obtain them.
- **Long-Term Agreements** – applies only to the Town of Orangeville where shared responsibilities will be required in perpetuity to distinguish local municipal responsibilities including trails, pedestrian facilities, some sewers, etc. from upper tier responsibilities directly related to the roadway;

**AND THAT concession amounts be based on the estimated cost of planned County road and bridge/large structure work included in the 10-year capital plan, adjusted in line with the Asset Management Plan with a 10% reduction, and modified with a 20% reduction to reflect that a county standard of maintenance and construction will not be required following infrastructure transfers. The resulting total amount is \$10,501,150.**

- **Total concession amounts:**
  - **Township of Amaranth \$6,685,960**
  - **Township of East Garafraxa \$136,200**
  - **Town of Grand Valley \$1,381,380**
  - **Township of Melancthon \$169,880**
  - **Town of Mono \$1,889,200**
  - **Township of Mulmur \$102,330**
  - **Town of Orangeville \$136,200**
  - **Town of Shelburne \$0;**

**AND THAT concessions be paid in even installments over a 10-year period, adjusted by the construction price index annually, following transfer of all infrastructure;**

- **Annual 10-year payment amounts:**

- **Township of Amaranth \$668,596**
- **Township of East Garafraxa \$13,620**
- **Town of Grand Valley \$138,138**
- **Township of Melancthon \$16,988**
- **Town of Mono \$188,920**
- **Township of Mulmur \$10,233**
- **Town of Orangeville \$13,620**
- **Town of Shelburne \$0.**

For (22): Warden Horner, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Little, Councillor Mills, Councillor Post, and Councillor Taylor

Against (10): Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gerrits, Councillor McLean, Councillor Nix, Councillor Rentsch, Councillor Soloman, and Councillor White

Absent (1): Councillor Hall

**CARRIED (22 to 10)**

## **12. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

There was no strategic plan update this month.

## **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **13.1 Bonnie Parisien**

Correspondence from Bonnie Parisien, dated June 1, 2025, regarding a request for road safety improvements at the intersection of County Road 109 and 9th Line, Amaranth.

**Moved by:** Councillor Gerrits

**Seconded by:** Councillor Taylor

**THAT the correspondence from Bonnie Parisien, dated June 1, 2025, regarding a request for road safety improvements at the intersection of County Road 109 and 9th Line Amaranth, be received.**

**CARRIED**

### **13.2 Township of Amaranth**

A resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated July 8, 2025, to request Dufferin County engage with the Ministry of Transportation regarding a full corridor review of County Road 109 and to reclassify it as a provincial highway.

**Moved by:** Councillor Post

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gerrits

**THAT the resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated July 8, 2025, to request Dufferin County engage with the Ministry of Transportation regarding a full corridor review of County Road 109 and to reclassify it as a provincial highway, be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **14.1 Uploading Roads to the County**

Moved by: Councillor Nix

**THAT any lower tier municipality uploading a road to the County through the Road Network Rationalization Study, provide the County concessions based on estimated current road maintenance costs.**

## **15. MOTIONS**

### **15.1 Public Question Period**

**Moved by:** Councillor Taylor

**Seconded by:** Councillor Post

**THAT the Procedural By-law be amended to state that only residents, taxpayers, service providers or members speaking on behalf of an association or organization that serves the County of Dufferin are permitted to ask a question during Public Question Period.**

For (16): Councillor Post, Councillor Soloman, and Councillor Taylor

Against (16): Warden Horner, Councillor Creelman, Councillor Gardhouse, Councillor Gerrits, Councillor Hawkins, Councillor Little, Councillor McLean, Councillor Mills, Councillor Nix, Councillor Rentsch, and Councillor White

Absent (1): Councillor Hall

**LOST (16 to 16)**

**16. CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved by:** Councillor Taylor

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gardhouse

**THAT Council move into Closed Session (9:44 pm) in accordance Municipal Act, Section 239 (2)(c) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.**

**CARRIED**

**16.1 Council Minutes - Closed Session - May 22, 2025 (Municipal Act, Section 239 (2)(c) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality)**

**16.2 New Operations Centre Project – Update 5 (Municipal Act, Section 239 (2)(c) proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality)**

**17. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gardhouse

**THAT Council return to open session (9:53 pm).**

**CARRIED**

**18. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

While in closed session, Council received a report regarding the purchase of land for the Southern Operations Centre project.

**Moved by:** Councillor Post

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mills

**THAT the report from the Director of Public Works/County Engineer and Manager of Corporate Finance, Treasurer, Report #PW-2025-003, New Operations Centre Project – Update 5, dated July 10, 2025, be received;**

**AND THAT the Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Site B, located at Pt. Lt 1 County Road 11, Amaranth ON be approved;**

**AND THAT the purchase be funded with \$4.5 million from Development Charges and \$3.024 million from debt.**

**CARRIED**

**19. BY-LAWS**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gerrits

**Seconded by:** Councillor Rentsch

**THAT By-Law 2025-38 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**CARRIED**

**19.1 2025-38 Credit Valley Conservation Authority (Easement Agreement)**

A by-law to authorize the Warden and the Clerk to execute an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Dufferin and Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Authorization: Infrastructure and Environmental Services - October 24, 2024

**20. OTHER BUSINESS**

Warden Horner advised the Radha Soami Satsang Beas have extended the invitation for Council to attend the Master's Satsang Program Event on July 26 and 27, 2025.

**21. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**2025-39 Confirmatory By-Law - July 10, 2025**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Dufferin at its meeting held on July 10, 2025.

**Moved by:** Councillor Nix

**Seconded by:** Councillor Soloman

**THAT By-Law 2025-39 be read a first, second and third time and enacted.**

**CARRIED**

**22. NEXT MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 26, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Dufferin Room at 30 Centre St, Orangeville.

**23. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

**Moved by:** Councillor Gardhouse

**Seconded by:** Councillor Gerrits

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**CARRIED**

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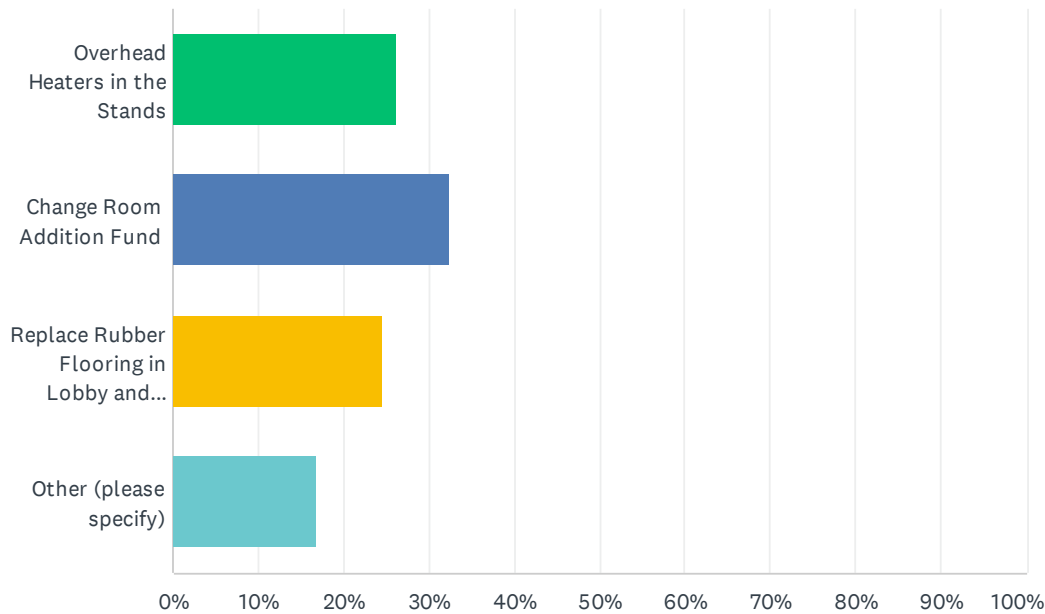
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Clerk

## Q1 \$25,000 for Our Arena – How Should We Spend It?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Overhead Heaters in the Stands	26.15%	17
Change Room Addition Fund	32.31%	21
Replace Rubber Flooring in Lobby and Changerooms	24.62%	16
Other (please specify)	16.92%	11
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>65</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Working bathrooms	6/20/2025 9:02 PM
2	Put towards the new arena	6/17/2025 9:12 PM
3	New facade	6/17/2025 6:51 AM
4	See comments	6/16/2025 10:52 PM
5	Make the woman's washroom functional, water bottle filling station	6/16/2025 9:13 PM
6	Generator to save the ice	6/16/2025 5:46 PM
7	Mini hockey nets. Two sets. (Total of 4) Put them at the back of the rink. On both sides of where the zamboni door is. They should be metal nets so they last longer. Plastic won't last. One side can be for big kids. The other side can be for little kids.	6/16/2025 4:45 PM
8	girls change room, update washrooms, make upstairs accessible	6/16/2025 10:47 AM
9	Bathrooms (fund?)	6/12/2025 9:58 PM
10	Ice plant or in ground piping replacement reserve.	6/12/2025 9:18 PM

## What should we do with our \$25K Kraft Hockeyville Prize Money?

11	Water fountain,new toilets,sinks,taps for all dressing rooms. New emergency exit doors that are energy efficient. Small tables for lobby so can place drink,food down and chat.	6/12/2025 7:34 PM
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## Q2 Comments

Answered: 16 Skipped: 49

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Girls change room, then replacing & updating the north Dufferin community centre sign.	7/12/2025 10:09 PM
2	Working bathrooms is much more needed then change room addition. I feel like no one has actually asked the girls what they want. I know all of the U 13 girls on our team last year liked being in the same change room as the boys. Everyone is dressed and that time is important for team bonding. There are just as many girls in the teams as boys so it's not like one girl and 10 boys. And the bius are respectful of the girls and vise versa.	6/20/2025 9:02 PM
3	Since Honeywood Arena is known as one of the coldest, overhead heaters in the stands would have a huge impact on spectators comfort.	6/17/2025 12:24 PM
4	New front entrance to make more inviting	6/17/2025 6:51 AM
5	I would have a look at the upstairs of the Dundalk arena - they put in basketball nets, open area for mini sticks, rock climbing wall - we have been to many kids birthday parties there. It's really useful and could probably do it for 25k. It's something you can see and the community can actually use it right away.	6/16/2025 10:52 PM
6	Maybe also fix wherever the rats are coming in	6/16/2025 9:13 PM
7	My daughter played in Honeywood for 15 years and had to change in a closet as a change room, with the other team! Honeywood girls deserve their own change rooms!!!	6/16/2025 7:54 PM
8	Mini hockey nets. Two sets. (Total of 4) Put them at the back of the rink. Two on easy side. By the Zamboni door. One set for little kids. One for big kids. Give our many children who visit the rink a safe place to play. Many rinks even have signs up saying no running or playing. And no mini hockey. It's all they want to do. So let's give them a safe place to do it.	6/16/2025 4:45 PM
9	You won the money from Kraftville saying you wanted to make a change room for girls hockey; update washrooms. The upstairs needs to be accessible. Heaters ... are you kidding me?? We have sat through that cold for 60 years. Dress for the occasion!!	6/16/2025 10:47 AM
10	I am sure that the revitalization project will include new washrooms at some point on the main level of the arena. That being said there can be repairs made to the current bathrooms that will go a long way to making the space we have currently a little more inviting and user friendly. For example, some updates to the plumbing would ensure all the toilets are in working order, replacing the stall walls and doors to ensure privacy, and maybe a fresh coat of paint to brighten things up. Heaters are a fantastic idea but if you've been around the arena for long enough, you come prepared for the cold! I would love to see the washrooms fully functional and user friendly.	6/12/2025 9:58 PM
11	Great job on Kraft to those that assembled it.	6/12/2025 9:18 PM
12	I don't think we need overhead heaters. Lots of money & everyone knows to dress for Honeywood arena.	6/12/2025 7:34 PM
13	It's cold out there	6/12/2025 5:43 PM
14	Heaters are a great idea but are going to be a continually high cost to run	6/12/2025 5:09 PM
15	Please look at lowering the coat hooks in the current dressing rooms for the kids, They are to high!	6/12/2025 3:57 PM
16	Congratulations again to all the township staff and volunteers and everyone who helped organize the Kraft Hockeyville campaign and day! It was incredible to see our Mulmur community rally around such a great cause!	6/12/2025 3:53 PM



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# INFORMATION

## Assessment and Taxes on Unassumed Roads

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### Purpose:

To provide Council with information regarding the property tax and assessment values of residential properties located on unassumed roads within the Township, and whether these properties pay less in taxes due to potential lower market values.

### Background:

The Township has received inquiries regarding whether property owners living on unassumed roads pay less in municipal taxes. The concern stems from the belief that private road maintenance and snow removal could reduce property values and therefore result in lower MPAC assessments and taxes.

To address these concerns, staff contacted the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for clarification on how unassumed roads impact property assessments.

### Discussion:

MPAC has confirmed that property assessments are established based on the value of the property under Section 19(1) of the Assessment Act. The assessed value considers a number of property attributes, including:

- Location
- Lot dimensions
- Building characteristics (e.g. year built, size, type)
- Access and surrounding land use
- Sale prices of comparable properties

If a property's location on an unassumed road materially detracts from its market value, MPAC states this would be reflected in its assessed value. However, in practice, this is not always the case.

For example, MPAC reviewed properties within the Township on an unassumed road, specifically in Spring Water Lakes, and concluded that:

- The sale prices of these properties did not indicate any consistent market discount attributable to the lack of road maintenance.
- Therefore, no assessment adjustments were made due to the unassumed road status.

MPAC also noted that this issue arises frequently across Ontario — especially in larger municipalities — where homeowners must arrange and pay privately for snow removal and road maintenance. Despite this, MPAC has consistently found that unless the market clearly reflects a lower sale value, there is no basis for adjusting assessments solely on the road's unassumed status.

Properties on unassumed roads are assessed and taxed the same way as other residential properties, unless a demonstrable market impact exists. As such, there is no reduction or discount in property taxes simply due to the lack of municipal road maintenance, unless the assessment itself is lower.

### **Conclusion:**

While it may be reasonable to expect that properties on unassumed roads would have lower assessed values due to concerns about access and maintenance, MPAC assessments are based on actual market activity. Unless sales data supports a reduced market value, MPAC will not apply any downward adjustment to assessment values for such properties.

Residents may appeal their property assessment through the MPAC Request for Reconsideration process if they believe their property's assessed value does not accurately reflect its market value, including if they feel that being on an unassumed road is not adequately reflected.

**Submitted by: Heather Boston, Treasurer**

**Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**



# Information Report

## Strada Aggregates Development Project

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The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on potential comments that could be provided on the proposed aggregate development project by Strada Aggregates located in the area of 4th Line and County Rd. 17, in the Township of Melancthon.

### **Background:**

Strada Aggregates initially brought forward a presentation to Melancthon Council in October of 2021, which noted their intention to apply for a proposed quarry. The Strada Aggregates quarry was proposed to be constructed in an existing gravel pit and designed to extract 2 million tonnes of aggregate while extending below the water table.

The Township of Melancthon presented their concerns with the proposed aggregate development at the July 3, 2025, Township of Mulmur Council meeting. Council discussed concerns surrounding water, traffic, air quality, fish habitat and commenting periods.

### **Analysis:**

The following comments may be appropriate to provide to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources once the consultation period on the Strada Aggregates development project opens:

- **Increased impact on traffic volumes.** Two of the major truck routes travelling east and then south, through the Township of Mulmur may experience increased truck traffic should the aggregate development proceed. Has the proponent completed any traffic impact studies? Are any of haul routes proposed to go through the road network in the Township of Mulmur.
- **Negative impact on groundwater and surface waters.** The proposed area for the aggregate development project is the headwaters of the Township of Mulmur's main rivers, the Pine River and Boyne River, and their corresponding creeks. Any surface run-off from the aggregate development project has the potential to increase the temperature of these water bodies negatively impacting cold water fish habitat. The Nottawasaga Conservation Authority (NVCA) does monitor temperature at 14 temperature monitoring locations throughout Mulmur. Has the proponent undertaken any studies or proposed any plans to monitor the impact of the surface run-off on area water bodies?

- **Mitigation measures undertaken should quarry runoff contribute to deteriorating water quality in the Pine River sub watershed.** In the Pine River sub watershed, there are eight municipal wells providing drinking water to residents, including those in Mulmur. Results from existing Provincial Groundwater Monitoring, which are well monitored by the NVCA and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, currently indicate that Ontario Drinking Quality Standards are being met<sup>1</sup>. The municipal wells could be adversely impacted. Similarly, private wells for residential and agricultural use could be adversely impacted as well. Should it be determined that the proponent is contributing to poor water quality, what mitigation measures are they prepared to undertake.
- **Noise impacts.** With the proposed aggregate development situated near the southwest corner of the Township of Mulmur, it would be expected that the volume of on-site equipment activity and truck traffic would increase significantly. Has the proponent conducted or is required to undertake any noise impact studies and will any noise mitigation measures be implemented.
- **Air quality impacts.** Increased traffic levels on unpaved roads near the proposed aggregate development project could result in additional road dust resulting in increased levels of particulate matter. Various studies<sup>2</sup> note the health effects of road dust. Will the proponent implement measures to monitor, control and mitigate road dust should the aggregate development move forward?

### **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

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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:**

There likely will be a variety of financial impacts including, but not limited to, increased road infrastructure usage leading to potentially increased maintenance costs. There

<sup>1</sup> [Pine River Subwatershed- Health Check-2023](#), Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority. Accessed, August 5, 2025

<sup>2</sup> [Road dust and its effect on human health: a literature review](#), Khan. R and Strand M, Epidemiol Health, April 2018. Accessed August 19, 2025

could be potentially higher monitoring costs for water quality, noise and air quality should those not covered by the proponent.

**Environmental Impacts:**

The potential ground water, surface water and fish habitat impact that were discussed in the Analysis section are the most prominent environmental impacts.

**Next Steps:**

The proposed next step is to provide comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources once the comment period on the proposed aggregate development project opens.

**Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure**

**Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**



# Information Report

## Street Art Impacts and Results

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The purpose of this report is to provide Council information on street art impacts and results.

### **Background:**

In October 2023, Council approved a report outlining a phased approach for traffic calming and road safety measures. The first phase, a street art project, was facilitated with the assistance of a Provincial grant and involved painting art on the road surface at three locations along River Road/20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad in the late Summer and Fall of 2024. Two additional locations on River Road at the Pine River fishing area and Mulmur-Melancthon Townline were completed in August 2025. Street art as a road safety measure provides greater flexibility, has no adverse effects on noise, public works maintenance or emergency services, and provides flexibility to meet future directions of the Township. The street art initiative could potentially slow vehicle speed but it also adds to Township beautification and contributes to Mulmur's goal of developing into a garden township.

Pine River Institute (PRI) completed the first street art installation on River Road west of Prince of Wales at the foot of their driveway entrance on August 27, 2024. PRI's art teacher supported six students who completed the installation of large trees and moonlight stairs in approximately four hours. A local artist, Heidi Roeder, with the support of four family members completed the art installation of two colourful trillium flowers on 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad just west of Airport Rd on September 11, 2024. Another local artist, Dorothee Cossack, completed the art installation of spiralized white animal tracks on River Road in Kilgorie between Bruce Trail entrances. Both Dorothee and Heidi have completed an additional street art installation at the Pine River Fishing area and the Mulmur-Melancthon Townline respectively. All five street art installations are documented in Schedule A. Public Works staff provided traffic control and supported paint preparation for each art installation which were completed within an average of 3.5 hours.

Throughout the later part of September and early October 2024, traffic monitoring was completed in both directions at three locations along River Road. Data collected indicated the average speed was 60.1 km/hr coming into the village of Terra Nova. Average speeds were 64.6 km/hr on the western portion of River Road and 72.5 km/hr NE of the bridge in Kilgorie. The posted speed at all locations is 50 km/hr.

## **Analysis:**

The root cause of traffic safety issues is primarily speeding which is attributable to driver behaviour. Strong traffic safety laws and their enforcement are the most effective ways to change driver behavior, but they are not always possible. Organizations that have limited resources for programs that change driver behavior are always looking for innovative roadway infrastructure improvements that enhance driver safety<sup>1</sup>. The intent of the street art project is for the driver to notice the art on the roadway and slow down to observe it in greater detail.

From the short monitoring period following the installation of all three 2024 street art installations on River Road and 20<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, there has not been any measurable decrease in speed in the vicinity of the art installations. In one example post street art installation in the Kilgorie area, traffic monitoring conducted in Oct 2024 and May 2025 saw an increase of 0.6 % in average traffic speeds in the later date. With limited traffic monitoring equipment, the Township did not have the capacity to monitor individual vehicle speeds pre and post art installations. Anecdotal visual monitoring confirmed that most vehicles pre and post art installation don't slow down. No traffic monitoring has been conducted for the street art installations completed in August 2025.

The three art installations from 2024 have held up well through the first winter maintenance season. No additional paint has been required to touch-up the artwork. Should that trend continue, there should not be any significant cost to maintain the street art installations.

From a street beautification perspective, the street art installations are artistic, colourful and well done. They do brighten the roadway and contribute to the Township beautification.

## **Strategic Plan Alignment:**

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<sup>1</sup> Sprattler, K, (Jan 2021). [Changing driver Behavior: A Holistic approach to Safer Roadways](#)

**Financial Impacts:**

The financial costs of the street art installations were \$4231.63 with the Rural Economic Development Fund contributing 30 % of the eligible costs. The paint costs were 71 % of the total project costs.

**Environmental Impacts:**

The street art paint list methyl methacrylate, crystalline silica and titanium dioxide as the main ingredients by weight. The cured paint product will persist in the environment and slowly degrade into a polymeric dust. There is no evidence to suggest that the product is biodegradable in either soil or water<sup>2</sup>.

**Next Steps:**

The proposed next steps are to complete the final report to the Rural Economic Development Fund and continue to monitor future impacts of the street art on the motoring public.

**Submitted by: Chris Wolnik, Director of Infrastructure**



**Approved by: Tracey Atkinson, CAO**


Schedule A – Street art installations

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<sup>2</sup> Safety Data Sheet. Permamark 2000 white, Road services International

Schedule A – Street art installations

Location	Installation
20 <sup>th</sup> Sideroad ( W of Airport)	 A photograph of a street art installation on asphalt. The artwork features several large, stylized flowers. One prominent flower in the center has five white petals and a yellow center. Another flower below it has many yellow petals and a green center. There are also green leaves and smaller yellow flowers scattered around. In the background, the legs of people walking are visible.
River Rd. ( W of Prince of Wales)	 A photograph of a street art installation on asphalt. The artwork includes two large green trees with jagged tops, a white crescent moon, and a white bird in flight. In the background, there are orange traffic cones and a person in a safety vest.

Location	Installation
<p>River Rd, Kilgorie ( W of Centre Rd)</p>	
<p>River Rd. Pine River Fishing area</p>	

Location	Installation
River Rd, Mulmur- Melancth on Townline	 <p>The photograph shows a road intersection with a green and yellow painted chevron pattern on the asphalt. A yellow circle is painted on the road surface. A yellow diamond-shaped sign is visible on the right side of the road. The background shows a dense line of trees.</p>

# INFORMATION

## Automated Speed Enforcement By-laws

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### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of three by-laws presented later in the meeting for consideration. These by-laws were provided by our partnering agencies and are necessary to implement and administer an Administrative Penalty System (APS) for Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) contraventions.

The three by-laws are presented later in the meeting agenda for Council consideration.

### SUMMARY

#### **By-law 14.1 – To Implement Administrative Penalties for ASE Contraventions**

This by-law establishes the framework for the Township's Administrative Penalty System (APS) in accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act* and O. Reg. 355/22. It outlines the process for issuing penalty orders for speed-related offences detected by ASE cameras, and provides for reviews and appeals through Screening and Hearing Officers. The by-law also sets out penalty amounts, administrative fees, and procedures for service, payment, and enforcement.

#### **By-law 14.2 – Delegation of Powers to Screening & Hearing Officers**

This by-law formally delegates the authority to Screening and Hearing Officers to adjudicate reviews and appeals under the APS. It defines the roles, responsibilities, and limitations of these officers, and ensures compliance with the *Municipal Act* and O. Reg. 355/22. It also outlines eligibility criteria for appointments and safeguards the integrity of the decision-making process.

#### **By-law 14.3 – To Appoint Hearing Officers**

This by-law appoints specific individuals as Hearing Officers under the APS. These appointments are necessary to ensure that appeals of Screening Officer decisions can be heard in a timely and impartial manner. The individuals appointed are listed in Schedule "A" of the by-law.



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RE: July 9, 2025 9:30am meeting  
Honeywood Community Facility – Connecting More People to Care

To support Dr. J Philpott's Primary Care Action Team to connect every person in the province to primary care by 2029, Dufferin County is in the early stages of developing a Community Health Hub model to develop healthcare and social services, with the hub at the Edlebrock Centre in Orangeville and spokes, or satellite clinics throughout the County.

The Hub will be located in Orangeville, in Southern Dufferin and aimed to include a variety of healthcare and social services: Services in Housing in the Province (SHIP), Dufferin Child & Family Services (DCAFS), Dufferin Area Family Health Teams (DAFHT), and the Youth Wellness Hub in addition to others.

The North Dufferin Community Centre (Honeywood Arena) is currently the focus of a recreational funding campaign to create accessible and modernized changerooms and expand the usability of the facility. This project would be ideal for the creation of clinic and office space within the recreational complex that could support the Community Health Hub model.

Mulmur has been participating in the Physician Recruitment efforts and advanced discussions with local substance addiction facilities and farmers to determine shortfalls and identify vulnerable groups without a family physician and health services. The following needs would be met by supporting a satellite clinic in Honeywood:

- Pine River Institute in Mulmur helps adolescents struggling with addictive behaviors and other mental health issues. The facility needs a consistent team to support their RNs, and contracted physician and mental health experts currently coming from Barrie. Students generally have a family physician where their family lives, but not while they are at Pine River Institute.

- The Salvation Army Glencairn Hope Acres Rehabilitation Centre in Mulmur treats men who have drug additions or concurrent disorders. The clients at this facility need primary health care and psychotherapy. Most clients do not have a family physician and are not included in Mulmur Households.
- The Mennonite population in Northern Dufferin (Melancthon) rely primary on equine transportation and would be better served by a Rural community health hub model.
- Transient and international farm workers within the farming community of Northern Dufferin typically do not have a family physician in proximity to the farm. New resources have recently been made to support the mental health of farmers through the Farmer Wellness Initiative through free counselling. Additional medical support would be the next step in supporting North Dufferin's agricultural community.

We look forward to working with you and your team to advance the Dufferin Community Health Hub and hope you will be able to support the development of Honeywood satellite clinic in due time.

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Horner". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Mayor, Township of Mulmur  
Warden, County of Dufferin



# Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police

## Townships of Melancthon, Mono, and Mulmur

### Detachment Board Report 2025

#### Detachment Commander's Report

It is my pleasure to provide this report to the Townships of Melancthon, Mono and Mulmur Detachment Board. The Detachment Personnel are committed to providing a professional policing service that addresses identified community needs and concerns.

## THE PROMISE OF THE OPP

**OPP Vision** Safe Communities . . . A Secure Ontario.

### **OPP Mission**

Policing excellence through our people, our work and our relationships.

### **OPP Strategic Objectives**

**Our People** Attract, develop, support and retain a professional work force and leadership that reflects OPP Values and Ethics.

**Our Work** Provide for safe communities and a secure Ontario through high performance policing.

**Our Relationships** Engage in and strengthen our relationships and trust with the people we serve, our Justice sector partners and our stakeholders.

**Our Infrastructure** Support service delivery through technology, equipment, facilities, business processes, and communications.

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**Report Data Source Information:**

**Data Sources Utilized**

- Niche RMS – CTSB Data Feed
- Collision Reporting System (eCRS)
- POIB File Manager
- Daily Activity Reporting System

**Niche RMS**

RMS data presented in this report is dynamic in nature and any numbers may change over time as the OPP continue to investigate and solve crime.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP Niche RMS – CTSB Data Feed

- Complaints (Public Complaints Section Only)
- Charges
- Warnings
- Violent Crime
- Property Crime
- Drug Crime
- Clearance Rate
- Unfounded
- Other Crime
- Youth Charges
- MHA – Mental Health Act
- Overdose
- Victim Services

**Collision Reporting System (eCRS)**

Traffic related data for Collisions and Fatalities are collected from the OPP eCRS application.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP eCRS (Collision Reporting System)

- Collisions
- Fatalities

**DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)**

Patrol hours are collected from the OPP DAR application.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)

- Complaints (Patrol Hours Section Only)

Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report  
DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tp

Max Date Loaded Jul 09, 2025

Billing Category	2025				2024			
	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
<i>(Billing categories below do not match traditional crime groupings)</i>								
Violent Criminal Code		3	14.80	44.40	1	8	13	192.40
Property Crime Violations	17	31	6.20	192.20	2	13	31	192.20
Other Criminal Code Violations (Excluding traffic)	3	4	7.10	28.40	3	1	4	28.40
Operational	56	106	3.90	413.40	6	49	118	460.20
Operational2	8	24	1.70	40.80	7	24	47	79.90
Statutes & Acts	3	10	3.50	35.00	8	15	30	105.00
Traffic	14	53	3.80	201.40	9	21	57	216.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>231</b>		<b>955.60</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>300</b>		<b>1,274.70</b>

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- The content of each report is to be shared by the Detachment Commander only with the municipality for which it was generated. The municipality may treat this as a public document and distribute it as they wish.
- All data is sourced from the Niche RMS application. Included are 'reported' occurrences (actuals and unfounded occurrences) for 'billable' occurrences ONLY. Data is refreshed on a weekly basis.
- The Traffic category includes motor vehicle collision (MVC) occurrences entered into Niche (UCR code 8521). MVCs are NOT sourced from the eCRS application for this report.
- Only the primary violation is counted within an occurrence.
- Time standards displayed are for the 2025 billing period.

Note to Municipalities:

- Data contained within this report is dynamic in nature and numbers will change over time as the Ontario Provincial Police continues to investigate and solve crime.
- This report is NOT to be used for crime trend analysis as not all occurrences are included.
- Data groupings within this report do not match traditional crime groupings seen in other public reports such as the OPP Detachment Board reports or Statistics Canada reporting.

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Max Date Loaded Jul 09, 2025

Billing Category: Violent Criminal Code		2025				2024			
Offence		April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
Aggravated Assault - Level 3				14.80		1	1	14.80	14.80
Assault - Level 1			1	14.80	14.80	2	4	14.80	59.20
Criminal Harassment				14.80			3	14.80	44.40
Indecent/Harassing Communications			1	14.80	14.80	1	1	14.80	14.80
Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images				14.80		1	1	14.80	14.80
Utter Threats to Person			1	14.80	14.80	2	2	14.80	29.60
Utter Threats-Master code				14.80		1	1	14.80	14.80
Total			3		44.40	8	13		192.40

Detailed Report View - Expanded view of the report listing the counts by actual offence within each billable work group.

## Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

Max Date Loaded Jul 09, 2025

Billing Category: Property Crime Violations

DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tn  
2025

Offence	2025				2024			
	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
Break & Enter	2	5	6.20	31.00	1	5	6.20	31.00
Fraud - False Pretence Under \$5,000			6.20		1	1	6.20	6.20
Fraud - Master Code		1	6.20	6.20	1	2	6.20	12.40
Fraud - Money/property/security Over \$5,000		1	6.20	6.20	1	1	6.20	6.20
Fraud - Money/property/security Under \$5,000		1	6.20	6.20	1	3	6.20	18.60
Fraud - Other	1	1	6.20	6.20		2	6.20	12.40
Fraud - Steal/Forge/Poss./Use Credit Card		2	6.20	12.40		1	6.20	6.20
Mischief	1	1	6.20	6.20	1	2	6.20	12.40
Possession of Stolen Goods under \$5,000	1	1	6.20	6.20			6.20	
Property Damage			6.20		1	3	6.20	18.60
Theft FROM Motor Vehicles Under \$5,000	1	1	6.20	6.20			6.20	
Theft of - All Terrain Vehicles	1	1	6.20	6.20			6.20	
Theft of - Farm Vehicles	1	1	6.20	6.20			6.20	
Theft of Motor Vehicle			6.20			1	6.20	6.20
Theft Over \$5,000 - Farm Equipment			6.20			1	6.20	6.20
Theft Over \$5,000 - Other Theft	2	3	6.20	18.60			6.20	
Theft Under \$5,000 - Gasoline Drive-off	2	5	6.20	31.00	3	3	6.20	18.60
Theft Under \$5,000 - Master Code	2	2	6.20	12.40	1	1	6.20	6.20
Theft Under \$5,000 - Other Theft	2	4	6.20	24.80	2	2	6.20	12.40
Theft Under \$5,000 - Trailers	1	1	6.20	6.20			6.20	
Theft Under \$5,000 SHOPLIFTING			6.20			3	6.20	18.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>192.20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>192.20</b>

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Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

Max Date Loaded Jul 09, 2025

Billing Category: Other Criminal Code Violations (Excluding traffic)

DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tj  
2025

2024

Offence	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
Bail Violations - Fail To Comply	2	3	7.10	21.30	3		7.10	
Breach of Probation			7.10		1	1	7.10	7.10
Disturb the Peace	1	1	7.10	7.10			7.10	7.10
Obstruct Public Peace Officer			7.10			1	7.10	7.10
Offensive Weapons - Possession of Weapons			7.10			1	7.10	7.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>28.40</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>28.40</b>

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Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

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Billing Category: Drug Possession		DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tn				2025				2024			
Offence		April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs				

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Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

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Billing Category: Drugs		DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tn				2025				2024			
Offence		April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs				

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## Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

Max Date Loaded Jul 09, 2025

Billing Category: Other Criminal Code Violations (Excluding traffic)

DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tn

2025

2024

Offence	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
ACCIDENT - NON-MVC - Master Code		1	3.90	3.90	1	1	3.90	3.90
Animal - Master Code			3.90		2	2	3.90	7.80
Animal - Other	2	2	3.90	7.80			3.90	
Animal Bite			3.90		1	2	3.90	7.80
Animal Injured	1	3	3.90	11.70	1	2	3.90	7.80
Animal Stray	3	5	3.90	19.50	3	6	3.90	23.40
Assist Fire Department			3.90		1	1	3.90	3.90
Assist Public	7	21	3.90	81.90	5	13	3.90	50.70
Dogs By-Law		1	3.90	3.90			3.90	
Domestic Disturbance	8	10	3.90	39.00	7	19	3.90	74.10
FAMILY DISPUTE	2	6	3.90	23.40	1	4	3.90	15.60
Fire - Building	1	1	3.90	3.90	1	3	3.90	11.70
Fire - Other			3.90		1	1	3.90	3.90
Fire - Vehicle	3	4	3.90	15.60	2	2	3.90	7.80
Found - Others			3.90		2	3	3.90	11.70
Found - Personal Accessories			3.90		1	1	3.90	3.90
Found Property - Master Code	2	5	3.90	19.50	2	3	3.90	11.70
Insecure Condition - Master Code			3.90			1	3.90	3.90
Lost - License Plate			3.90			1	3.90	3.90
Lost - Others			3.90		1	1	3.90	3.90
Lost Property - Master Code	1	1	3.90	3.90		2	3.90	7.80
Missing Person 12 & older	1	1	3.90	3.90			3.90	
Missing Person Located 12 & older		2	3.90	7.80		1	3.90	3.90
Neighbour Dispute	1	2	3.90	7.80		2	3.90	7.80
Noise Complaint - Master Code	2	3	3.90	11.70		1	3.90	3.90
Noise Complaint - Others			3.90			2	3.90	7.80
Other Municipal By-Laws		1	3.90	3.90	3	6	3.90	23.40
Phone - Master Code			3.90			1	3.90	3.90
Phone - Nuisance - No Charges Laid			3.90			1	3.90	3.90
Sudden Death - Natural Causes		1	3.90	3.90		2	3.90	7.80
Sudden Death - Others		1	3.90	3.90			3.90	
Suspicious Person	10	12	3.90	46.80	4	14	3.90	54.60
Suspicious vehicle	8	13	3.90	50.70	6	9	3.90	35.10
Trouble with Youth	3	3	3.90	11.70	3	5	3.90	19.50
Unwanted Persons	1	5	3.90	19.50		1	3.90	3.90
Vehicle Recovered - Automobile		1	3.90	3.90	3	5	3.90	19.50
Vehicle Recovered - Trucks		1	3.90	3.90			3.90	
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>106</b>		<b>413.40</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>118</b>		<b>460.20</b>

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Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

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Billing Category, Operationaliz		2025				2024			
Offence		April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
911 call - Dropped Cell			1	1.70	1.70	2	2	1.70	3.40
911 call / 911 hang up			1	1.70	1.70	2	8	1.70	13.60
False Alarm - Others		6	14	1.70	23.80	16	27	1.70	45.90
False Holdup Alarm - Accidental Trip		1	2	1.70	3.40	1	1	1.70	1.70
Keep the Peace		1	6	1.70	10.20	3	9	1.70	15.30
Total		8	24		40.80	24	47		79.90

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Calls For Service (CFS) Billing Summary Report - Detail

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Billing Category, Statutes & Acts		2025				2024			
Offence		April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
Landlord / Tenant				3.50	0	3	5	3.50	17.50
Mental Health Act		2	4	3.50	14.00	4	11	3.50	38.50
Mental Health Act - Apprehension			1	3.50	3.50	2	3	3.50	10.50
Mental Health Act - No Contact with Police			1	3.50	3.50			3.50	
Mental Health Act - Placed on Form			1	3.50	3.50			3.50	
Mental Health Act - Threat of Suicide			1	3.50	3.50	1	3	3.50	10.50
Mental Health Act - Voluntary Transport				3.50	0	1	2	3.50	7.00
Trespass To Property Act		1	2	3.50	7.00	4	6	3.50	21.00
Total		3	10		35.00	15	30		105.00

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Billing Category: Traffic

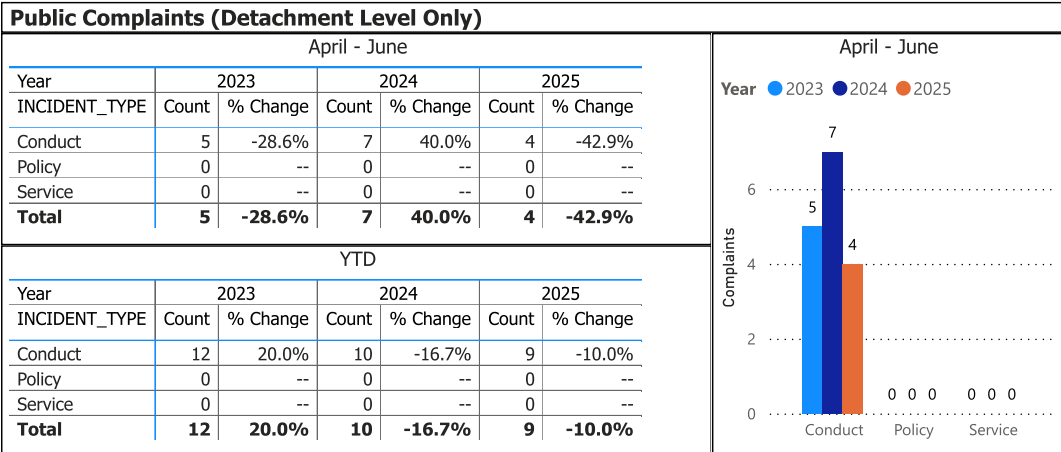
DUFFERIN Co. - Mulmur Tia  
2025

2024

Offence	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs	April to June	Year to Date	Time Std	YTD Weighted Hrs
MVC - OTHERS (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)		1	3.80	3.80			3.80	
MVC - PERS. INJ. FAILED TO REMAIN (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)			3.80		1	1	3.80	3.80
MVC - PERSONAL INJURY (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	2	2	3.80	7.60	1	4	3.80	15.20
MVC - PROP. DAM. FAILED TO REM (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	2	2	3.80	7.60			3.80	
MVC - PROP. DAM. NON REPORTABLE (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	2	12	3.80	45.60	2	10	3.80	38.00
MVC - PROP. DAM. REPORTABLE (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION)	8	35	3.80	133.00	17	39	3.80	148.20
MVC (MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION) - Master Code		1	3.80	3.80		3	3.80	11.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>201.40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>57</b>		<b>216.60</b>

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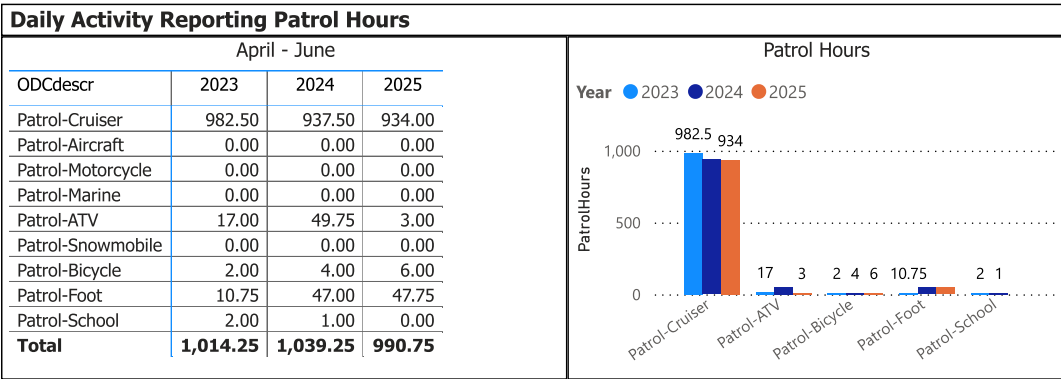
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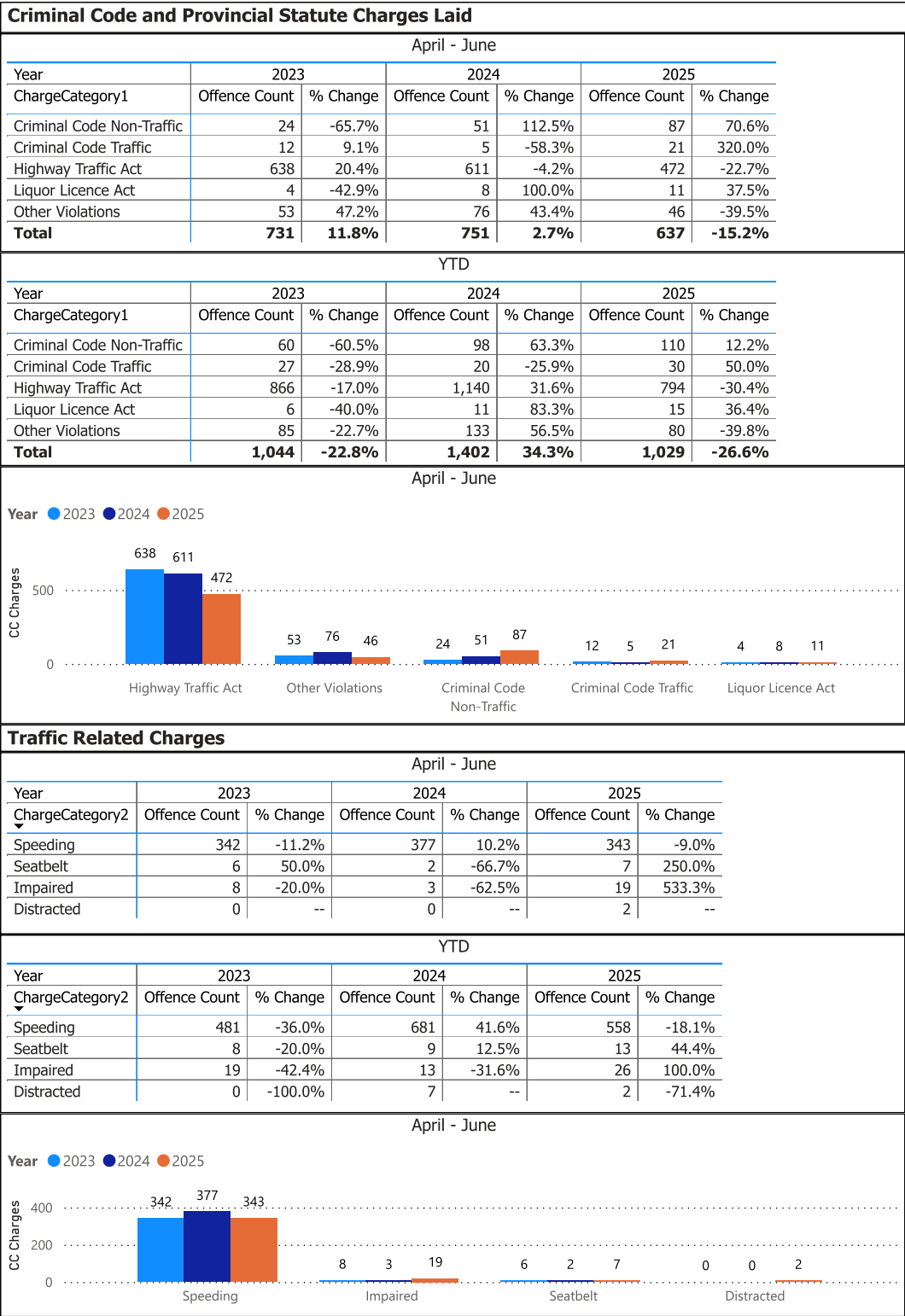
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### eTicketing Warnings

April - June

Year	2024		2025	
Type	Total	% Change	Total	% Change
Warning	61	-37.1%	87	42.6%

YTD

Year	2024		2025	
Type	Total	% Change	Total	% Change
Warning	126	-22.2%	128	1.6%

April - June

Type ● Warning

Year	Total Warnings
2024	61
2025	87

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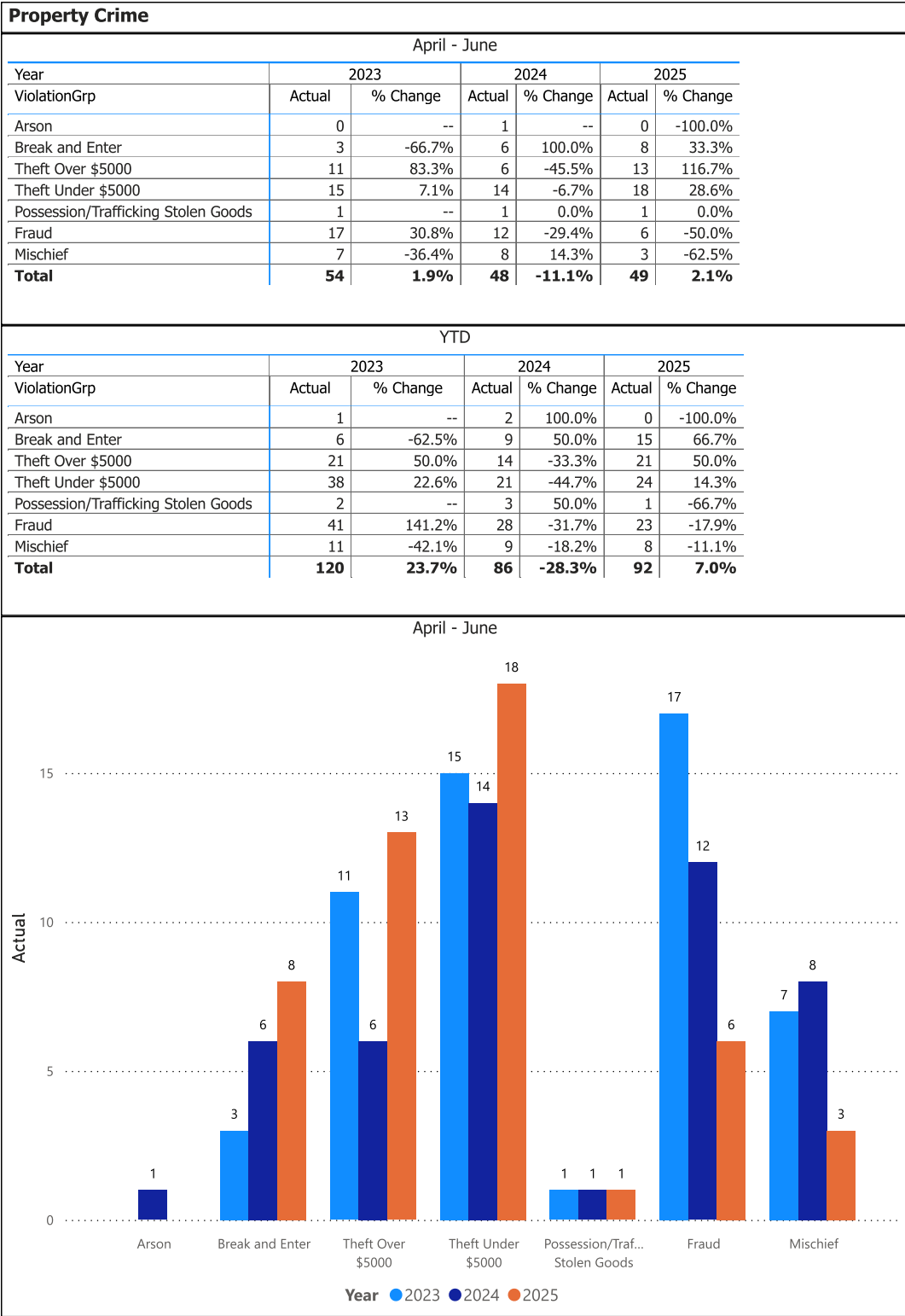
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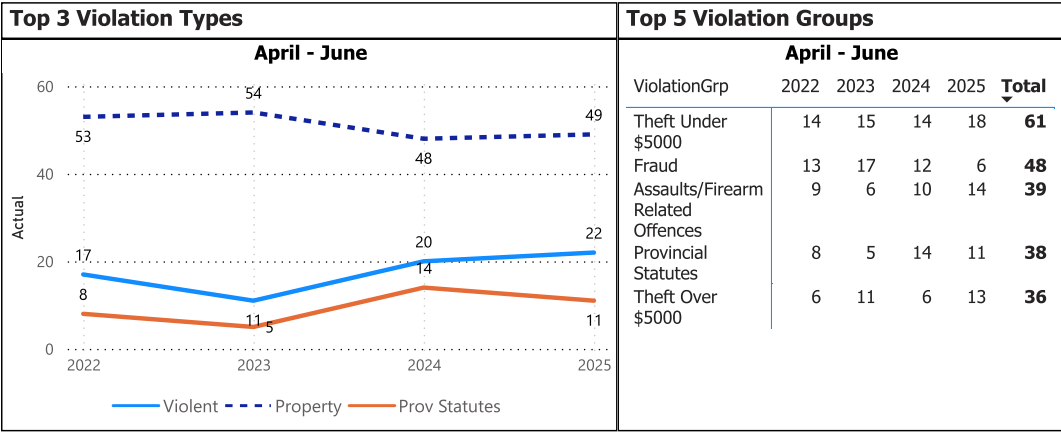
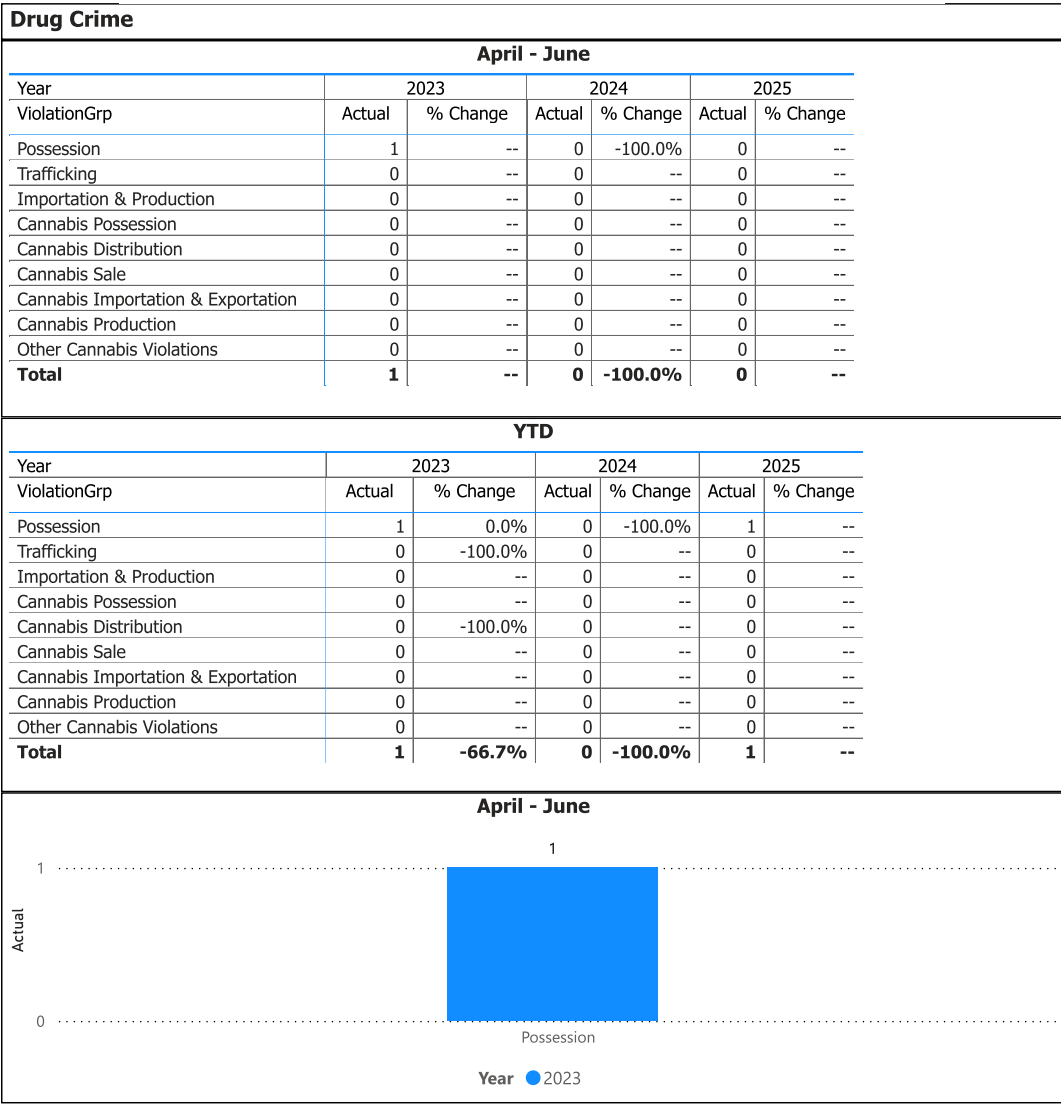


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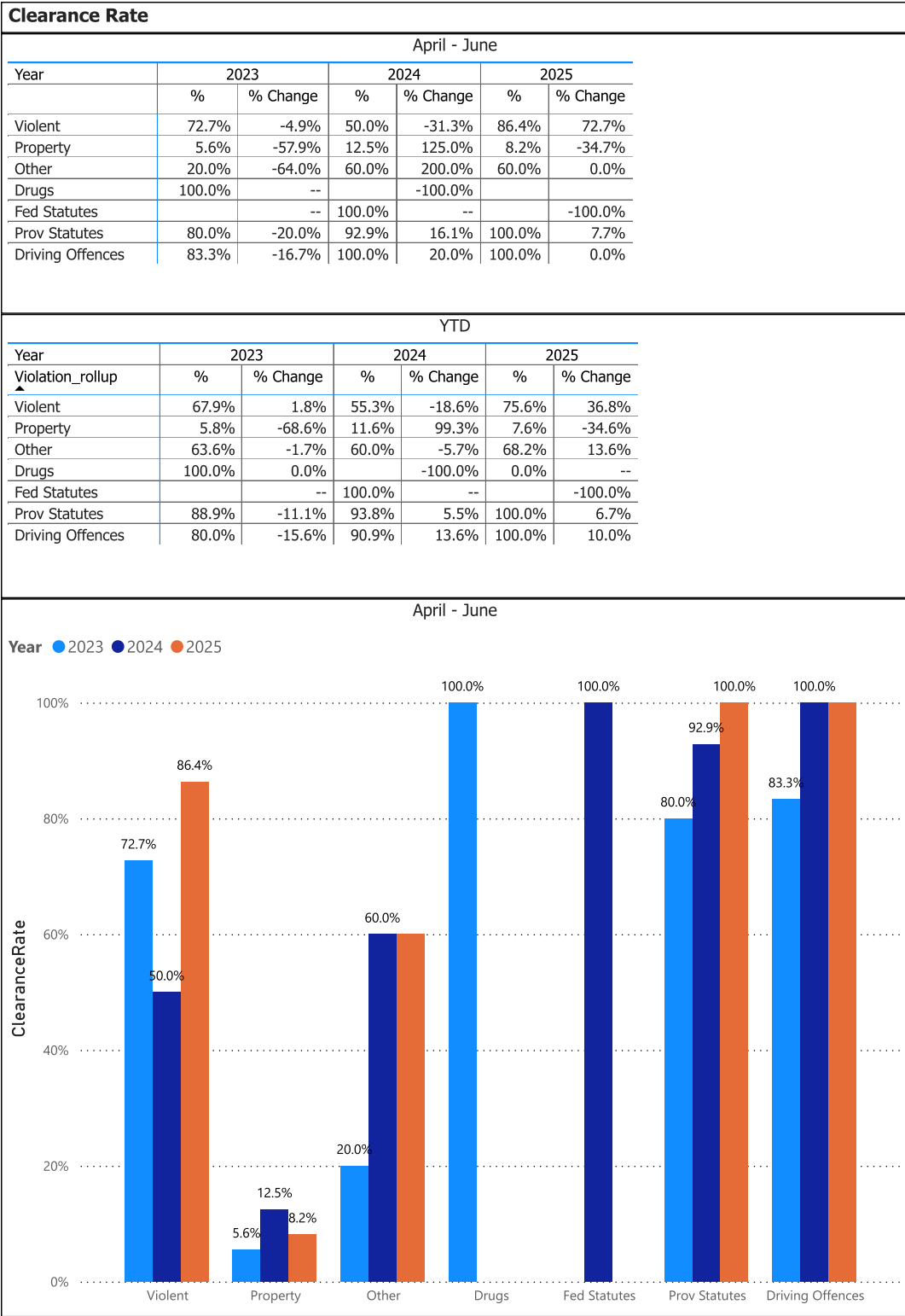


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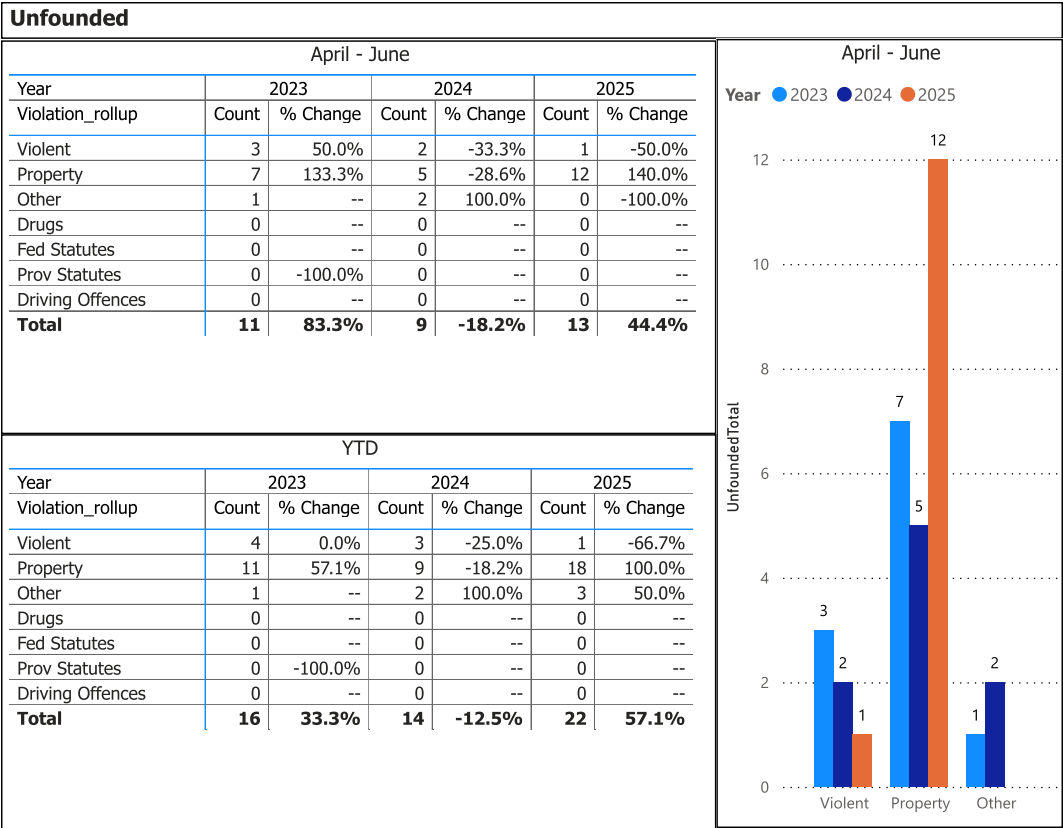


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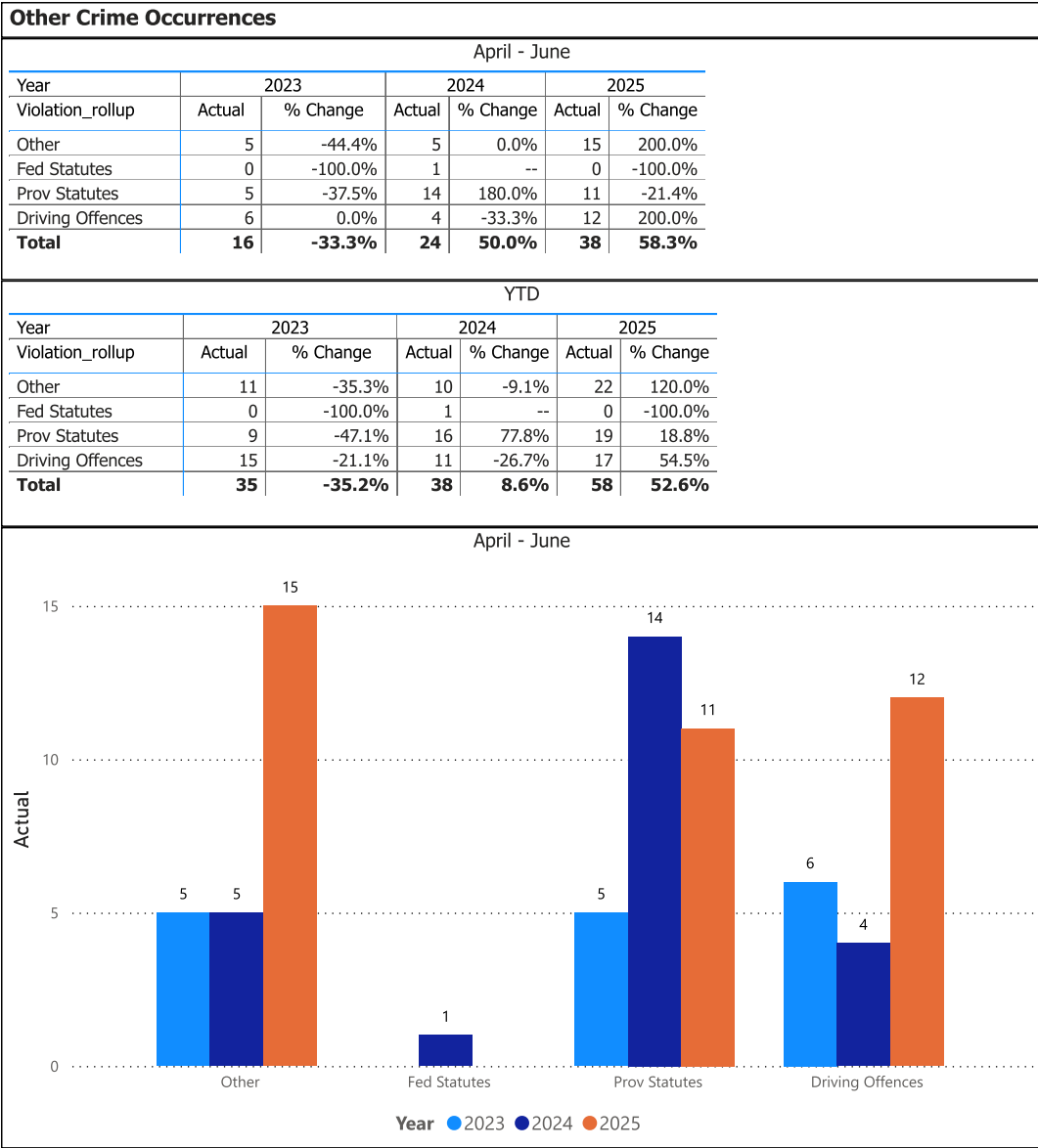


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Youth Charges by Disposition Type				
April - June				April - June
Disposition_Type	2023	2024	2025	
Bail	0	0	0	
Conference	0	0	0	
Conviction	0	0	0	
Diversion	0	0	0	
NonConviction	0	0	0	
NotAccepted	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	
YTD				
Disposition_Type	2023	2024	2025	
Bail	0	0	0	
Conference	0	0	0	
Conviction	0	0	0	
Diversion	0	0	0	
NonConviction	0	4	0	
NotAccepted	0	0	0	
Total	0	4	0	

Youth Charges by Disposition and Occurrence Type			
April - June			
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OccType			
Total		0	

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OccType			
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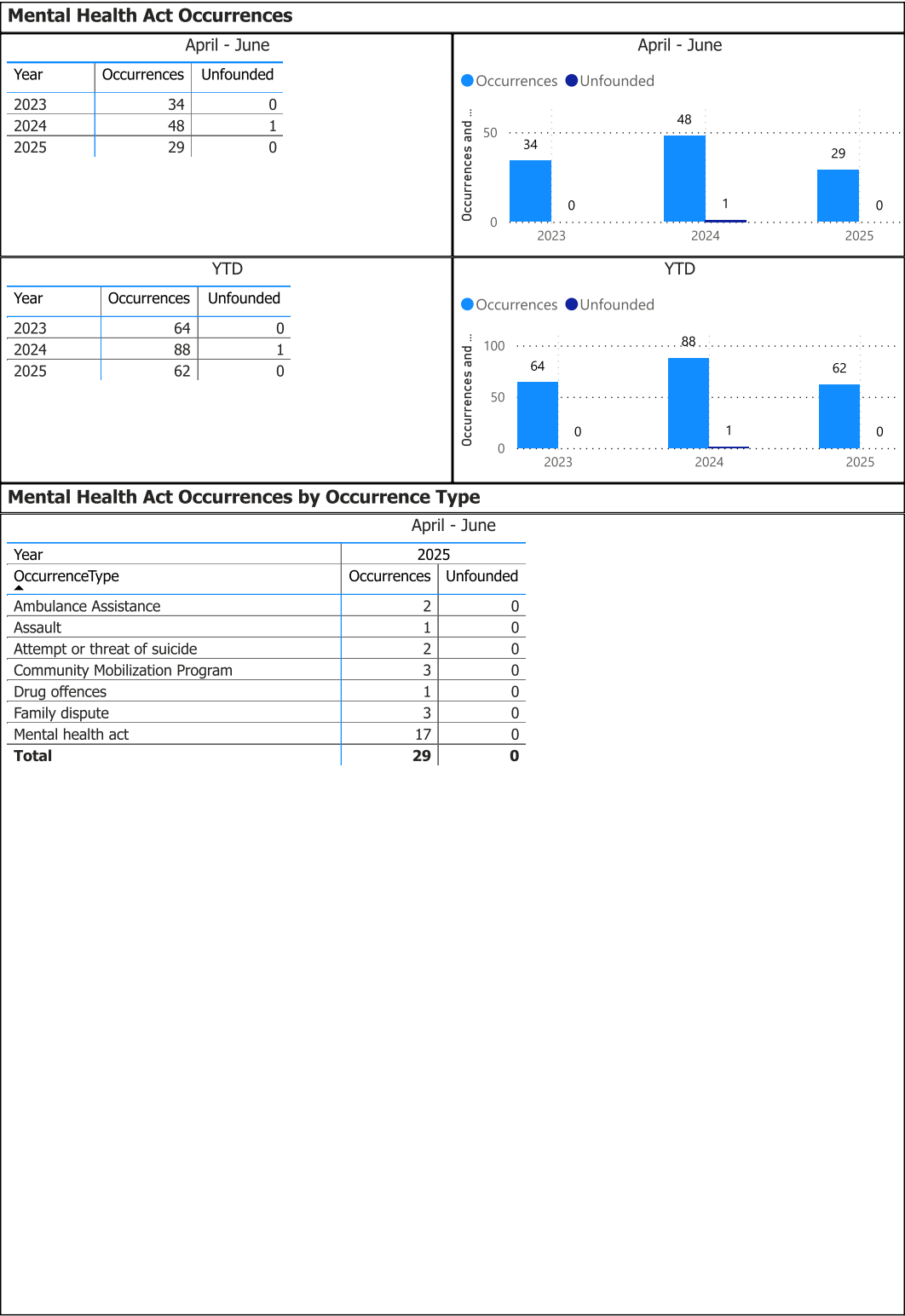
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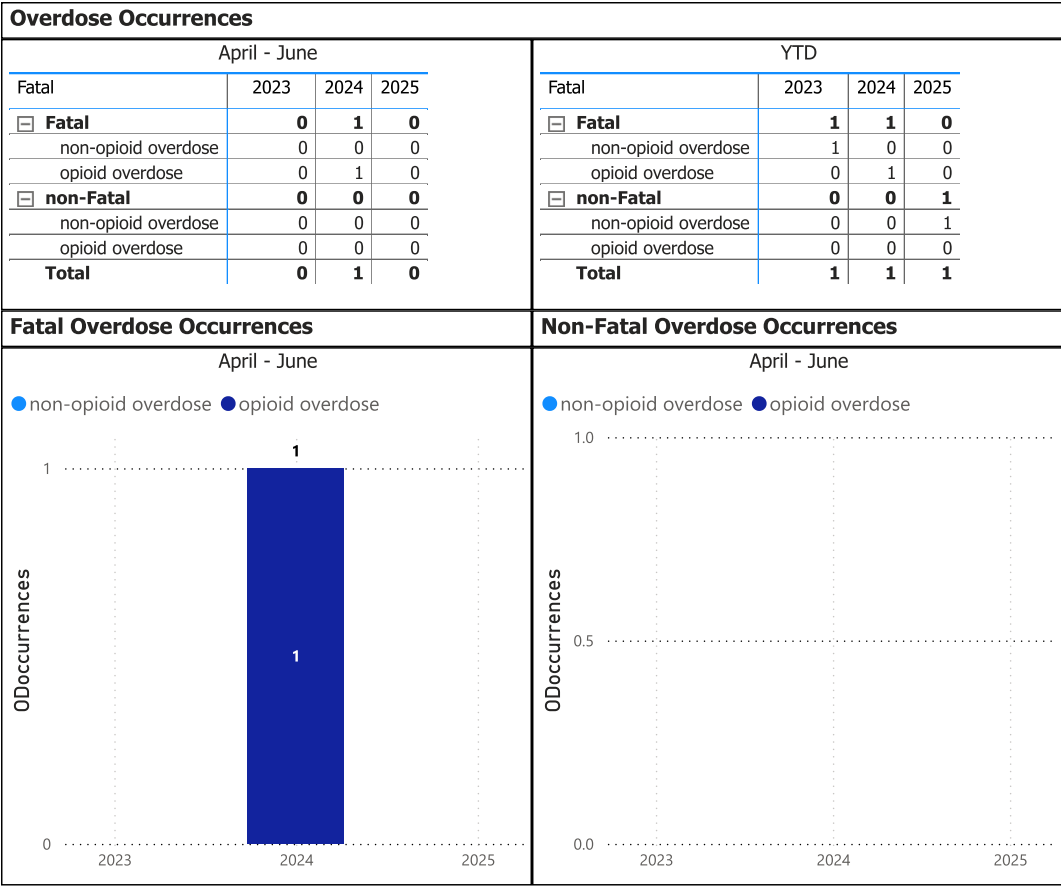


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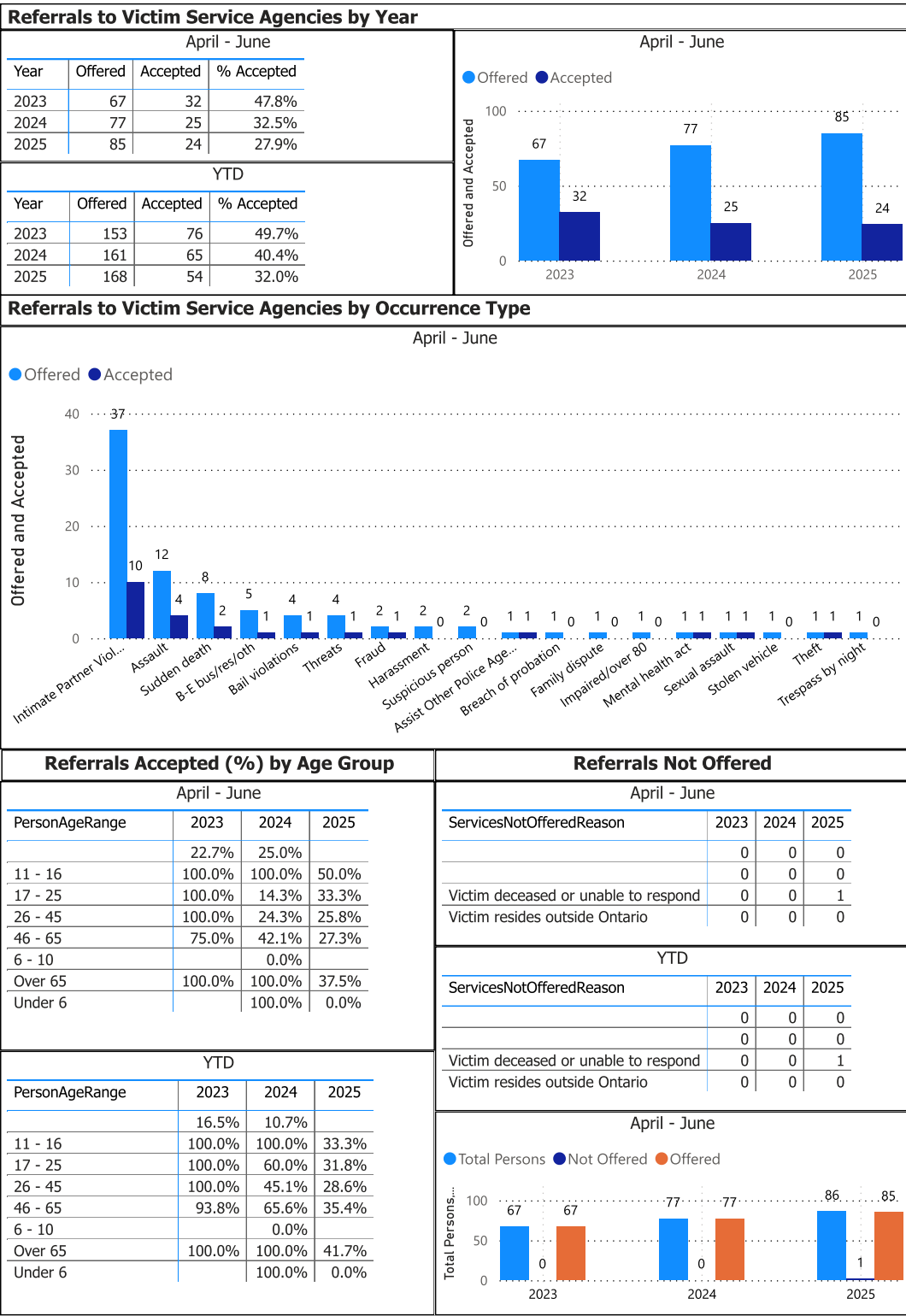


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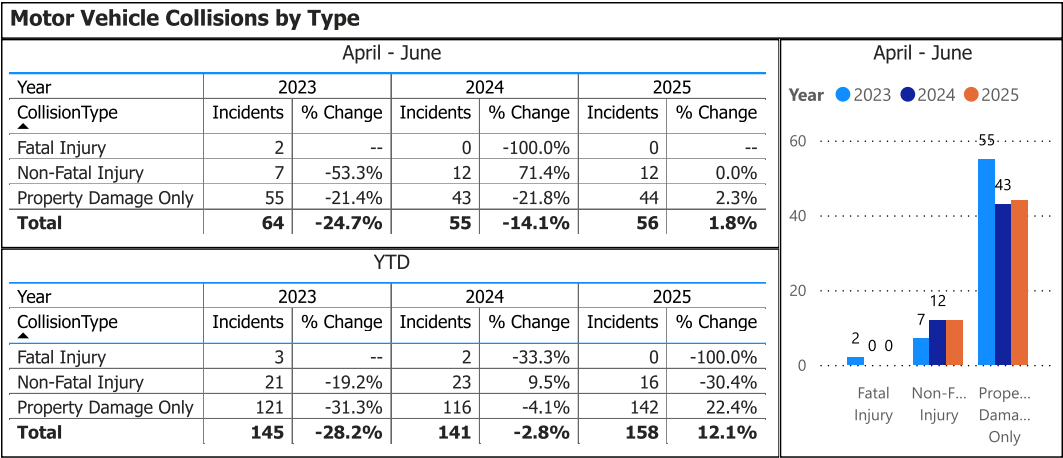
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# Motor Vehicle Collisions Town of Mulmur

## April - June 2025

Incident Date	Incident Time	Self-Reported	Location	Jurisdiction	RdHwy Intersection	Incident Type	Primary Cause	Report Type
08-Apr-25	12:30	Yes	89 10&89	MULMUR TWP		Property Damage Only	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle
10-Apr-25	9:30	Yes	10 SIDEROAD	MULMUR TWP	5TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Debris on roadway	Motor Vehicle
17-Apr-25	22:16	No	COUNTY ROAD 21	MULMUR TWP	CTY RD 124	Non-Fatal Injury	Speed -- excessive	Motor Vehicle
15-May-25	12:30	No	89 89	MULMUR TWP	COUNTY ROAD 18	Non-Fatal Injury	Failed to yield right of way	Motor Vehicle
18-Apr-25	19:30	No	RIVER	MULMUR TWP	MULMUR-MELANCTHON	Property Damage Only	Unknown	Motor Vehicle
17-May-25	19:51	No	COUNTY ROAD 21	MULMUR TWP	PRINCE OF WALES	Property Damage Only	Unknown	Motor Vehicle
18-May-25	14:06	No	COUNTY ROAD 17	MULMUR TWP	COUNTY ROAD 19	Property Damage Only	Failed to yield right of way	Motor Vehicle
20-May-25	17:06	No	RIVER	MULMUR TWP	PRINCE OF WALES	Non-Fatal Injury	Speed -- excessive	Motor Vehicle
21-May-25	8:30	Yes	89 89	MULMUR TWP	COUNTY ROAD 18	Property Damage Only	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle
15-May-25	18:39	No	COUNTY ROAD 18	MULMUR TWP	south of side road 9	Non-Fatal Injury	Speed -- excessive	Motor Vehicle
30-May-25	11:40	Yes	3RD LINE	MULMUR TWP		Property Damage Only	Improper turn	Motor Vehicle
01-Jun-25	9:27	No	10 SIDEROAD	MULMUR TWP	cty rd 19	Property Damage Only	Failed to yield right of way	Motor Vehicle
07-Jun-25	21:00	No	2ND LINE	MULMUR TWP	89	Property Damage Only	Animal - Wild or Domestic	Motor Vehicle
15-Jun-25	17:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 19	MULMUR TWP		Property Damage Only	Improper turn	Motor Vehicle
18-Jun-25	1:30	Yes	89 89	MULMUR TWP	4TH LINE	Property Damage Only	Animal - Wild or Domestic	Motor Vehicle
19-Jun-25	7:49	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 19	MULMUR TWP		Property Damage Only	Lost control	Motor Vehicle
15-Jun-25	1:53	No	COUNTY ROAD 18	MULMUR TWP	COUNTY ROAD 17	Property Damage Only	Ability Impaired - Alcohol	Motor Vehicle
23-Jun-25	15:48	No	COUNTY ROAD 18	MULMUR TWP	89	Property Damage Only	Medical/Physical Disability for Driver	Motor Vehicle
29-Jun-25	15:00	Yes	COUNTY ROAD 18	MULMUR TWP	20 SIDEROAD	Property Damage Only	Following too closely	Motor Vehicle

OPP Detachment Board Report  
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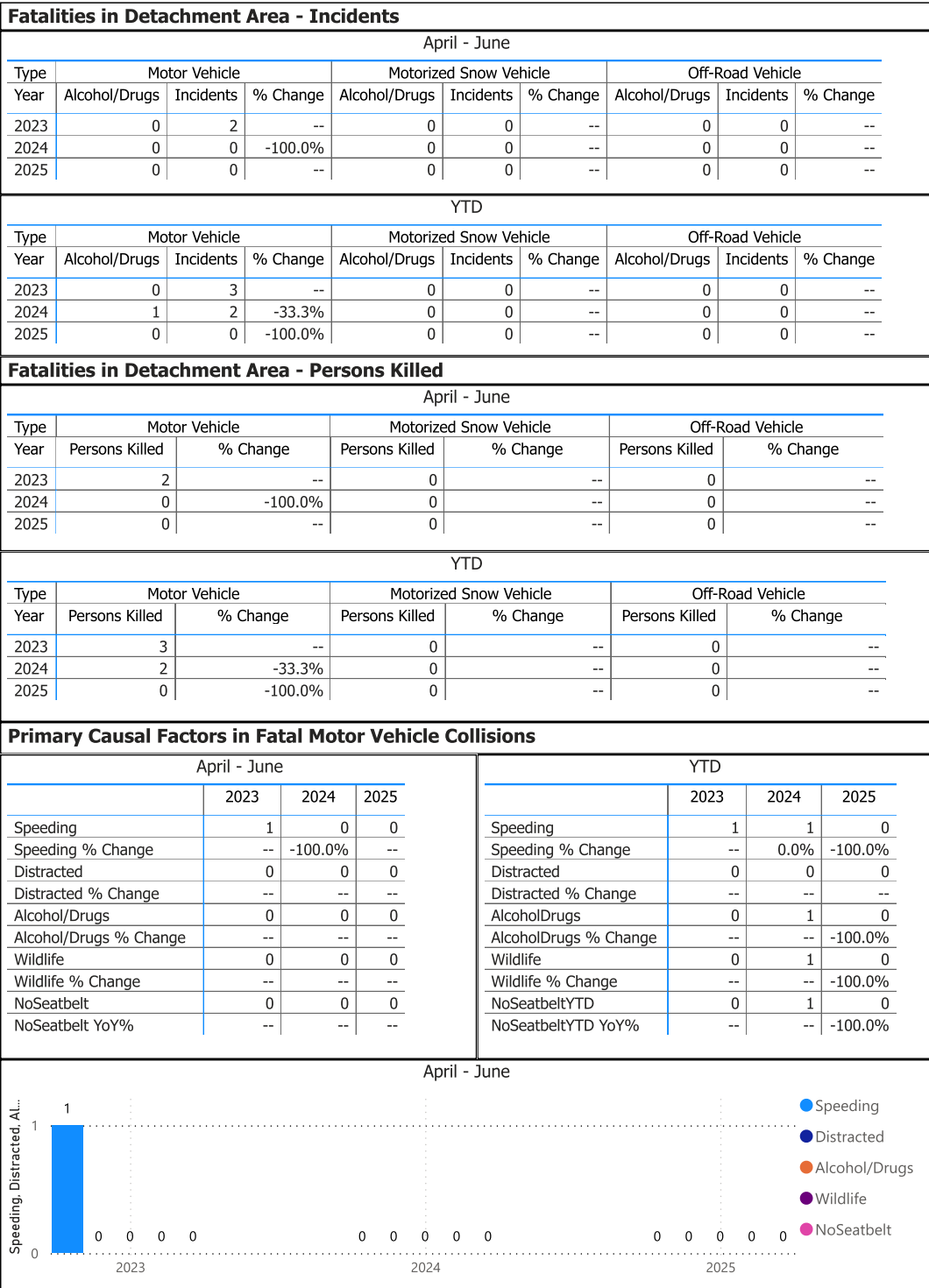
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## **ACTION PLAN: Township of Mulmur**

### **R.I.D.E. Hours**

**2025 – YTD: 30**  
Apr: 02  
May: 03  
Jun: 07

### **Foot Patrol Hours**

**2025 – YTD: 22**  
Apr: 07  
May: 04  
Jun: 03

### **Trouble with Youth Occurrences**

**2025 – YTD: 3**  
Apr: 00  
May: 01  
Jun: 02

### **Mental Health Occurrences**

**2025 – YTD: 14**  
Apr: 04  
May: 01  
Jun: 02

### **Arrests – Impaired by Alcohol**

**2025 – YTD: 3**  
Apr: 00  
May: 01  
Jun: 02

### **Arrests – Impaired by Drug**

**2025– YTD: 0**  
Apr: 00  
May: 00  
Jun: 00

### **Distracted Driving Charges**

**2025 – YTD: 0**  
Apr: 00  
May: 00  
Jun: 00

### **R.I.D.E. Grant Vehicles Checked**

<b>2025 – YTD:</b>	<b>00</b>
Apr:	00
May:	00
Jun:	00

### **ROADWAYS , WATERWAYS AND TRAILS:**

Traffic safety will continue to be a priority for Dufferin Detachment in 2025-2026. Ongoing traffic initiatives targeting the big four: speeding, seat belt use, distracting driving and impaired driving.

### **Traffic Initiatives**

Motorized Snowmobile Week	Feb 10-17, 2025
Easter Long Weekend, Seatbelts campaign	Apr 18-21, 2025
Motorcycle Safety Awareness Week	May 01-07, 2025
Canada Road Safety Week	May 13-19, 2025
ATV Safety Awareness Week	May 30-Jun 08, 2025
Canada Day Week	Jun 27-Jul 06, 2025
Operation Safe Driver	Jul 13-19, 2025
Civic Day Long Weekend	Aug 01-04, 2025
Labor Day Long Weekend	Aug 29-Sep 01, 2025
Thanksgiving Long Weekend	Oct 10-13, 2025
Festive R.I.D.E.	Nov 20-Jan 01, 2025

### **AUXILIARY UNIT:**

<b><u>Unit Hours</u></b>	<b><u>April</u></b>	<b><u>May</u></b>	<b><u>June</u></b>
Administration	22.8	14.25	21.3
Training	45	17	49
Special Detail	00	00	27
Cruiser Patrol	12.5	00	00
Bike Patrol	00	00	6
Community Policing	50	25	55.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>56.25</b>	<b>158.8</b>



Honeywood Arena participating in the Kraft Hockeyville competition.



Dufferin OPP removes cocaine, psilocybin and brass knuckles from the streets.

Come hang out with the **Dufferin OPP** over a cup of coffee and some good conversation!

No agenda—just a chance to connect, ask questions, and get to know the officers in your community. See you there!

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**  
**9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**  
**Tim Hortons, 46 Broadway, Orangeville**



Coffee with a cop.



Threats made towards ODSS school active investigation into the threats.



28 May 2025 Bike Patrol training

**DUFFERIN DETACHMENT OF THE OPP CONGRATULATES HONEYWOOD FOR THEIR REMARKABLE EFFORTS DURING THE KRAFT HOCKEYVILLE COMPETITION**

**(DUFFERIN COUNTY)** - Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to extend their heartfelt congratulations to the community of Honeywood for their hard work, outstanding efforts, and unwavering spirit during the recent Kraft Hockeyville competition. Although they did not win the grand prize, their dedication and community pride were truly remarkable.

Honeywood's participation in the competition not only showcased incredible community pride but also demonstrated resilience and unity in the face of adversity. Despite a devastating ice storm that impacted our local community, the people of Honeywood continued to rise above the challenges, embracing the spirit of togetherness that defines Dufferin County.

A special mention must also be made to the Town of Shelburne, who in true Dufferin County fashion, stepped up in a major way to ensure the festivities continued. Shelburne opened the doors of their arena, allowing the event to go on, ensuring that the community could still come together to celebrate the spirit of hockey and the power of community.

While the outcome of the competition may not have been what we had hoped for, the remarkable efforts and dedication of the residents of Dufferin County have shown the Country what we already know the strength, pride, and resilience of our community are second to none.

The Dufferin OPP is incredibly proud to serve such a committed and passionate community. Together, we continue to demonstrate the true meaning of community spirit, even in the face of adversity.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you suspect someone is driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol call 9-1-1. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or [www.crimestopperssdm.com](http://www.crimestopperssdm.com).

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PC Andrew Fines

**FROM/DE:** Dufferin Detachment

**DATE:** April 14, 2025

**DUFFERIN OPP REMOVES COCAINE, PSILOCYBIN, BRASS NUCKLES ALONG WITH MORE ILLEGAL ITEMS FROM THE STREETS OF ORANGEVILLE**

**(ORANGEVILLE, ON)** - Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) executed a search warrant at a residence in Orangeville. During the operation, they seized a quantity of drugs, including cocaine, psilocybin along with other illegal items. Two individuals were arrested in connection with the incident.

In the spring of 2025, the Dufferin OPP launched a drug trafficking investigation in the Town of Orangeville in response to numerous public complaints. On April 9, 2025, members of the Dufferin OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the Collingwood CSCU and Dufferin A Platoon, executed a search warrant. The operation resulted in the arrest of two men and the seizure of the following items:

As a result, Kyle Mackenzie, 38-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance- Cocaine
- Poss of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Cocaine
- Poss of a Schedule III Substance
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon
- Unauthorized Possession of Weapon

As a result, Burim GAJTANI, 41-year-old, from Grand Valley has been charged with:

- Poss of a Schedule I Substance- Cocaine

The following items were seized during the investigation:

- 16 grams Cocaine
- 14 grams psilocybin
- Canadian currency
- metal homemade nun chuck
- brass knuckles

- three blade punching device

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Dufferin OPP.

Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to ensuring public safety through proactive and innovative policing in partnership with the community. If you have any information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or visit [www.crimestopperssdm.com](http://www.crimestopperssdm.com).

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**DUFFERIN OPP INVITES OUR COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR "COFFEE WITH A COP"**

**(DUFFERIN COUNTY)** - Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) invite residents of Dufferin County to join them for a cup of coffee and casual conversation in a relaxed setting.

On April 17, 2025, Dufferin OPP officers will be at Tim Hortons, 46 Broadway, Orangeville, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

This "Coffee with a Cop" event is a great opportunity to connect with local officers, ask questions, share concerns about your neighbourhood, and get to know the people behind the badge. These informal gatherings are all about building relationships and strengthening the connection between police and the community.

We hope to see you there!

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## **DUFFERIN COUNTY COPPER THEFTS ARE ON THE RISE**

**(Dufferin County)** - Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating two recent thefts involving significant amounts of stolen copper wire.

On May 7, 2025, Dufferin OPP responded to a break and enter at a property near County Road 21 and 4th Line in the Township of Mulmur. Suspect(s) had cut down utility poles and stolen approximately 300 meters of copper wire.

A second incident occurred on May 10, 2025, in the same area. Again, suspect(s) cut down poles and removed approximately 150 meters of copper wire.

The total estimated value of the stolen copper and related damage is approximately \$180,000.

The Dufferin OPP are asking for the public's assistance in preventing these types of thefts, which can disrupt essential services and impact local residents. Please report any suspicious activity, especially vehicles parked along rural roads late at night near utility infrastructure.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation or any other criminal activity is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at <https://ontariocrimestoppers.ca/>.

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**OPP INVESTIGATING TWO HOME INVASIONS IN MONO, ONE SUSPECT IN CUSTODY**

**(DUFFERIN COUNTY)** - Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating two home invasions that occurred in the Town of Mono on Shady Glen Lane.

The first incident took place on May 23, 2025, shortly before 9:00 p.m. Police were dispatched to a residence for a reported home invasion in progress. Prior to their arrival, the suspect fled the scene. A preliminary investigation revealed that an unknown suspect forcibly entered the home, displayed a firearm, and demanded valuables from the victim. Shots were fired at this scene.

The second incident occurred just a few hours later, on May 24, 2025, shortly after 12:00 a.m., at another residence on the same street. Again, a lone suspect forced entry into the home, displayed a firearm, and demanded valuables. A struggle ensued between the suspect and the victim, during which gunshots were reported. Police arrived shortly afterward and took the suspect into custody at the scene.

A 24-year-old male, from Mono has been charged with:

- Failure to comply with release order - other than to attend court X 3
- Careless Use of Firearm, Weapon, Prohibited device or Ammunition
- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose
- Pointing a Firearm
- Unauthorized Poss of a Firearm
- Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammo
- Mischief - destroys or damages property X 2
- Break, Enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence
- Assault Causing Bodily Harm
- Assault with A Weapon
- Assault a Peace Officer X 2

- Obstruct Peace Officer X 2
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Weapon
- Knowledge of Unauthorized Possession of Firearm

The investigation is ongoing by the Dufferin OPP with the assistance from the Dufferin OPP Major Crime Unit and the OPP Forensic Identification Unit (FIS). If you have any information in relation to this incident, please contact the Dufferin Major Crime Unit at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

The effects of crime can be emotionally and physically devastating. If you or someone you know need support, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

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**FROM/DE:** Dufferin Detachment

**DATE:** June 9, 2025

## **WALKING IN DUFFERIN COUNTY-STAY SAFE, STAY SMART**

**(DUFFERIN COUNTY)** -The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding all residents and visitors to prioritize their safety while walking, whether in town or the countryside. As the weather improves and more people enjoy outdoor activities, it is important to follow some simple safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

### **Key Safety Tips from Dufferin OPP:**

- **Always Walk with a Friend:** Walking with a companion not only makes your walk more enjoyable but also provides extra safety, especially in less populated or rural areas.
- **Stay Visible:** Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially during dawn, dusk, or nighttime walks, to ensure drivers and others can see you clearly.
- **Use Sidewalks and Trails:** Whenever possible, walk on designated sidewalks, paths, or trails. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing oncoming traffic.
- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings:** Avoid distractions such as using your phone or wearing headphones at high volumes. Staying alert helps you notice potential hazards or approaching vehicles.
- **Carry a Cell Phone:** Bring your phone in case of emergencies but keep it handy and accessible.
- **Inform Someone of Your Route:** Let a family member or friend know where you will be walking and your expected return time.
- **Follow Traffic Signals:** Obey pedestrian signals and crosswalks when walking in town to reduce the risk of accidents.

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**DATE:** June 24, 2025

## **DUFFERIN OPP HIGHLIGHTS GROWING DEEFAKE VIDEO THREAT**

**(DUFFERIN COUNTY)** - The Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), in collaboration with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), is reminding local residents to stay alert to evolving fraud tactics, particularly those involving the use of deepfake technology.

The CAFC has seen a notable increase in reports where fraudsters are using deepfake videos to impersonate well-known public figures, including politicians, celebrities, and news anchors. These videos are being used to promote fraudulent investment opportunities, merchandise, or applications.

Deepfake technology uses advanced artificial intelligence to create realistic-looking audio and video footage, making it appear as though a trusted individual is endorsing a product or service. These manipulated videos are often very convincing and difficult to detect, frequently circulating on social media platforms and, in some cases, being used to commit fraud and spread misinformation.

### **Protect Yourself - Warning Signs and Tips:**

- Be skeptical of videos featuring public figures endorsing investments or merchandise. Always verify the legitimacy before taking any action.
- Watch for unusual or out-of-character statements from public figures-deepfakes often use sensational content to deceive viewers.
- Look closely for signs of video manipulation, such as odd facial movements, mismatched audio, or inconsistent lighting.
- Cross-check the information with reliable sources before believing or sharing the content.
- Be cautious of unsolicited messages from individuals claiming to represent legitimate companies. Always verify email addresses, phone numbers, URLs, and physical addresses.
- Use the **National Registration Search Tool** ([www.aretheyregistered.ca](http://www.aretheyregistered.ca)) to confirm whether an investment company is registered in Canada.
- Stay informed with the latest tips on protecting yourself from online fraud.

If you suspect you've been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, please report it to the Dufferin OPP and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre through their online reporting system or by calling 1-888-495-8501. Even if you haven't been defrauded, reporting suspicious activity helps authorities track, investigate, and prevent future scams.

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August 08, 2025

**Subject: Proposed updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resource Act***

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Hello,

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. At this time, MNR is proposing updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

Over the last six years, changes to the Act, regulation, and the development of the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Standards, have left several aggregate resources policies outdated and/or inaccurate. New requirements and provisions introduced through these changes also need to be supported with new policy direction.

In a continued effort to clarify requirements and improve efficiencies, three policies are proposed to be updated (replacing seven outdated policies) related to new aggregate licence/permit applications addressing Water Report, Cultural Heritage Report, and Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence. One new policy based on the 2020 requirements in the Standards, Maximum Predicted Water Table Report is being proposed. In addition, the government is focused on reducing burden to businesses; this is why we are proposing to rescind 28 policies that are outdated or unnecessary.

Updated policies are an important step in modernizing the Ministry's aggregate program, ensuring transparency and consistency in program delivery, and providing certainty to industry and the public about the Ministry's expectations.

A complete summary of the proposed policy changes can be found on the [Environmental Registry](#) (search for notice: 025-0216) for a 48-day commenting period ending September 25, 2025.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)

2. By email to [aggregates@ontario.ca](mailto:aggregates@ontario.ca), or
3. By mail to:

Resources Development Section  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South  
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

For questions, contact Sheena Tower at [aggregates@ontario.ca](mailto:aggregates@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keyes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Keyes

Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

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August 13, 2025

Subject: Proposed regulations to support the implementation of the proposed  
*Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025*, if passed by the Legislature

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Hello,

Over the past three years, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Carbon storage involves injecting captured carbon dioxide into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

As you may be aware, the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025* was introduced into the Ontario legislature on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as part of [Bill 27, Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025](#). The Bill has now reached second reading in the Legislature, and debate of the Bill will continue after the legislature resumes on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The status of the Bill in the legislative process can be viewed on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario [website](#).

The proposed Act, if passed by the Legislature, would require the development of supporting regulations that would cover the detailed regulatory requirements for the authorization of research and evaluation activities, and carbon storage activities, before the Act could be proclaimed and brought into force.

We are writing to notify you that the MNR is seeking feedback on the general content of proposed regulations that are being considered under the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*, 2025, if it is passed by the Legislature.

More details on the general content of the proposed regulations can be viewed in a proposal notice on the Regulatory Registry, posting # [25-MNRF006](#). Feedback on the proposal can be provided directly to MNR through the email address provided below.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: [Resources.Development@ontario.ca](mailto:Resources.Development@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Keyes". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Jennifer Keyes  
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

# DRAFT MEMO

<b>To:</b>	Mayor Darren White and Council, Township of Melancthon Denise Holmes, CAO
<b>Cc:</b>	Undisclosed
<b>From:</b>	Garry T. Hunter, M.A.Sc., P.Eng.
<b>Date:</b>	July 8, 2025
<b>File:</b>	21-407
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Strada Proposed Quarry</b> <b>Response to NDACT Arbitration Review June 24, 2025</b>

This memo responds to the Hydrogeology Arbitration Review – Peer Review of Six Key Hydrogeology Issues related to the proposed Strada Aggregates Melancthon Quarry as released by NDACT on June 24, 2005.

## Proposed Major Quarry issues

These Six Key Hydrogeology Issues were identified by Hunter on January 10, 2025 and characterized as a Proposed Quarry Major Issues List. Hunter, subsequently to January 10, submitted additional communications related to both these major and additional minor issues. The January 10, 2025 list and justification was not static and stand-alone apparently as assumed by NDACT and Strada. A selected list of my Peer Review communications is enclosed.

## Harden (Mr. Stan Denhoed)

My understanding is that the initial author of this NDACT June 24 document was Mr. Stan Denhoed (Harden) who released his report on June 3, 2025. Mr. Denhoed is a long time Pit and Quarry Hydrogeology consultant to the James Dick Group of companies. His work includes the Rockwood Hidden Quarry (Township of Guelph / Eramosa) where underwater extraction is proposed for the locally 30+ m thick Gasport Formation and the Reid Road Reservoir Quarry (Milton) where he is (or was) on the Consultant Team with Earthfx for a proposal to extract the much thinner Gasport under a former pit.

## Hunter Ongoing Peer Review Communications

Mr. Denhoed contacted me on May 14, 2025 for preliminary discussions. I subsequently forwarded him selected related communications including my March 7 and 10 responses to the March 6 meeting with

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July 8, 2025

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Earthfx and WSP. There was no further contact. However I have not seen references anywhere in the Harden June 3 or NDACT June 24, 2025 document that these communications especially my December 10, January 10 (4), 27, February 7 (3), March 7, March 10 (4), May 14, May 30, and June 5 (3) communications have been considered.

These communications contained alternative quarry footprints, alternative phasing, adaptive management plan components, off-site groundwater and streamflow sentry monitoring, a suite of proposed independent performance criteria and other relevant Site Plan application criteria. (See also enclosed my Quarry Adaptive Operational Principals, February 7, 2025). I must assume these ongoing communications have been ignored by Strada consultants, WSP and Harden.

I expect to consolidate these comments in due course at the appropriate time.

### **Harden Unresolved and Resolved Issues**

I understand that Mr. Denhoed on June 4, 2025 concluded that nine (9) of Hunter's Major Issue items were 'Unresolved'. I have questions on a number of other Harden items reported (second hand) as 'Resolved' in the NDACT June 24 document. On a positive note, the Harden Report did focus on the very important omission of 'performance criteria' on the Strada Site Plans.

However NDACT has not released the Harden June 3 Report. In fairness, I cannot further comment until I have access to the Harden Report for detailed review. Furthermore, the NDACT June 24 document again references Strada consultant's field data that I have previously requested on a number of occasions, but has never been disclosed.

The Harden observations are helpful and further discussion with Mr. Denhoed are likely to lead towards further shared conclusions. In contrast, the WSP conclusions just appear to repeat Earthfx oral statements at meetings and are not very helpful.

### **Strada Arbitrary Proposal of Site Plan Notes**

My understanding is that Strada and its consultants proposed Site Plan notes in response to Harden's 'Unresolved' items and subsequently arbitrarily pronounced my January 10, 2025 Major Issues as 'Resolved'. In other words, Strada is inappropriately setting its own performance criteria (fox in the hen house analogy).

Furthermore, Site Plan notes originating from Tatham primarily propose monitoring as a solution to issues and do not reflect the precautionary principle.

Modification of the January 31, 2025 Site Plan footprints, infiltration locations and phasing is required to protect the neighbours from adverse quarry environmental impacts, not just new Site Plan monitoring notes.

## **NDACT Endorsement**

My understanding is that NDACT then further clarified and endorsed Strada's unilateral declaration of the January 10, 2025 Major Issues as Resolved and also endorsed the Strada proposed Performance Criteria without further input from Mr. Denhoed or Hunter.

## **Community Trusted Peer Reviewer**

Without the Community Trusted Peer Reviewer (Hunter) involvement as designated in the Community Engagement Agreement of June 16, 2023, the NDACT/Strada process is arbitrary, no matter how well intended, and cannot pass reasonable objectivity criteria as a fair and equitable mediation process.

## **New Content NDACT June 24, 2025 Document**

I do not intend to repeat the content of my prior communications but I do offer some specific clarifying comments on new content in the NDACT June 24, 2025 document.

- This Peer Reviewer places little weight on ad hoc discussions and promises made in consultant meetings as referenced by WSP in the NDACT June 24, 2025 document.
- Strada (Earthfx) have continued to 'stonewall' all requests (Hunter, WSP and Harden) for audit of the fundamental May 2024 groundwater model calibration input data. The model is opaque. What is Strada hiding?
- The Strada (Earthfx) Groundwater Model has not been recalibrated since May 2024 after repurposing the prior Shelburne Wellhead Protection Groundwater Model.
- This May 2024 groundwater model, although it may calibrate regionally to Everett, is poorly calibrated to the local Pine River groundwater dependent headwater streams and the important dry weather groundwater flows.
- Strada (page 21 of 25 June 24 NDACT document) now propose to update (recalibrate) the groundwater model during the later stages of Phase 1 extraction. This update is required now to inform the Site Plans and Notes.
- The reference to 'tens of model runs' (pg 14 of 25 of June 24 NDACT document) is understood to be in reference to the original May 2024 regional calibration and a Strada mandated inflexible quarry foot print and phasing as described on the successive Site Plans and more clearly articulated in the Noise Report.
- These model runs are non-documented except for an early run which raised the water table levels in the Duivnenvoorden Pit expansion area and northwestern farm fields.
- These model runs are understood to have focused on minimizing groundwater flow into the Strada mandated quarry footprint with infiltration at default sub-optimal sites outside the Strada mandated quarry footprint area.

- The model process is based on the Strada/Earthfx aggregate industry value system, not a community environmental protection value system.
- These model-runs did not include: no mitigation, sudden Lift 2 quarry floor rupture with contingency disposal of flood waters and immediate post quarry closure conditions.
- The Hunter revised alternative modified Site Plan with an Adaptive Management eastern infiltration corridor, the Hunter alternative Gasport Aquifer pressure relief or a possible alternative underwater extraction model for the 10 m thick on site Gasport Formation were apparently not considered in Strada's modelling efforts.
- Reference to a legacy fish hatchery (Earthfx, WSP and now Harden) and effects on the groundwater model is a 'red herring'. This Main Street fish hatchery was abandoned in the 1950s long before the model simulation period.
- This reference to a 'fish hatchery' simply demonstrates that the Strada/NDACT 'technical stranger's from away' are still not familiar with the 2 km quarry site and downstream influence area.
- This Peer Reviewer previously requested that all Applications including Site Plan elevations be standardized in a common Canadian Geodetic Vertical Datum preferably (CGVD2013) to match the available LiDAR data (pg 6 of 25 June 24, 2025 NDACT document). My understanding is that Strada's land surveyors converted all borehole elevations to CGVD2013.
- Strada consultants in this NDACT June 24, 2025 document do not seem to even understand that the North American Datum (NAD83) is a horizontal not a vertical datum.
- Both NRSI and Earthfx formally report flow reductions of up to 50%, not 37% at Horning's Mills (see Hunter June 5, 2025 NRSI and Earthfx Report Extracts).
- The Tatham additional Site Plan notes (on pg 13 of 25 June 24, 2025 NDACT document) include at least four (4) dry wells (see enclosed Hunter Amended Earthfx Table 2, June 5, 2025). Other 'long term' monitor wells are within the quarry extraction footprint. This June 24, 2025 proposal varies from the Earthfx April 14, 2025 monitoring proposal.
- The monitoring wells in amended Earthfx Table 2, useful for quarry purposes, are mostly Layer 3/4 which are more or less hydraulically equivalent and Layer 6 which are hydraulically independent from Layer 3/4. Most Layer 1 and 2 monitors will likely be 'dry' once overburden extraction is completed. Therefore, there are currently 17 Active Monitor Wells in Layer 3/4 and 7 Active Monitor Wells in Layer 6. Not all wells are suitable as long-term monitors. Layer 6 has 'sparse' coverage.

### **Unacceptable Conclusions**

Under the circumstances, due to the non-disclosure of fundamental information, as the designated Community Trusted Peer Reviewer in the Community Engagement Agreement (Schedule B), I do not accept the conclusions of NDACT and Strada that the January 10, 2025 identified Major Issues and other

Issues identified in subsequent Hunter communications to June 5, 2025 have been adequately and reasonably resolved in the favour of the Horning's Mills community.

## **Summary**

The Site Plans and Conditions are the operational legal instruments that are intended to protect the community, to the greatest extent possible, from the adverse effects and impacts of Quarrying.

The Strada submissions and Peer Reviews are now going into a ridiculous duplicit and expensive 6<sup>th</sup> cycle. Data disclosure, new field work and new modelling efforts are still required. This will not be solved by a Strada/ NDACT driven single-sided unilateral mediation process.

By comparison the CBM Caledon Quarry Site Plan application is only now at its third cycle and each cycle update contains considerable new relevant information. This CBM third cycle has already included a model recalibration.

This Peer Reviewer continues to have little confidence in Strada's current May 2024 regionally 'calibrated' ground water model, the January 31, 2025 Site Plans and Condition Notes or the proposed Site Plan addenda notes in the NDACT June 24, 2025 document to protect the Horning's Mills residential community, farm lands and headwater tributary streams.

Further objective dialogue between this Peer Reviewer and Harden may be productive in further resolution of the outstanding issues.

I seriously question whether any of Strada's consultants understand the totality of their assembled data and Site Plan community impact implications.

We look forward to expediently receiving the non-disclosed modelling, site data and reports for audit.

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Civil Engineer, Hydrogeologist and Environmental Systems Planner  
Hunter and Associates

Enclosures: 1) Index of Peer Review Technical Submissions to June 5, 2025  
2) Quarry Adaptive Operational Principles, February 7, 2025  
3) Peer Review Amended Earthfx Table 2 - Groundwater Monitoring June 3, 2025

# **STRADA**

## **Proposed Melancthon Quarry**

### **Peer Review**

### **Technical Submissions**

### **(Selected)**

**April 25, 2024 to June 5, 2025**

**2024:**

Apr 25	(Email + 4 Figures)	Email to A. Kimberley (Tatham Engineering) re: Groundwater Quality - Nitrates and Sodium 2019 to 2023
Oct 4	(Memo + Fig H.29)	Proposed Strada Quarry - Deep Gasport Aquifer Water Quality Sampling - Sept 11, 2024
Dec 10	(Memo)	Strada Peer Review Supplemental Hydrogeological Information Requests
Dec 20	(Email)	Email C. Cosack and N. Kotyck re: Options to deal with Strada's refusal to respond to G. Hunter's requests for supplemental information

**January 2025:**

Jan 10	(Email + Issues List)	Strada Proposed Quarry Major Issues List
Jan 10	(Email + Memo)	Strada - Level 1 and Level 2 Hydrogeological Assessment Summary including Appendices A to E
Jan 10	(Memo)	Strada October 2024 Proposed Quarry Site Plans and Impact Assessment
Jan 10	(Email + Draft Letter)	Strada 4 <sup>th</sup> Release Peer Review - Overview Summary January 10, 2025
Jan 21	(Email + Memo + Photos)	Dec 10, 2024 Strada Peer Review Supplemental Hydrogeological Information Request
Jan 22	(Email + Fig H.3 + Memo)	Preliminary Phasing Extraction Plan - Possible Alternative for Consideration
Jan 23	(Email Chain)	Potential Presentation - DRAFT3 - up to 50% flow reduction
Jan 27	(Memo)	Strada January 24, 2025 Meeting - Continuing Discussion

**February 2025:**

Feb 7	(Email + Draft Memo + 7 Figures)	Strada Proposed Quarry Alternative Site Plan / Water Management Concept and Supporting Figures
Feb 7	(Email)	CBM Quarry - Blast Impact Assessment Report (revised July 2023)
Feb 7	(Email Chain)	Strada Proposed Quarry Site Plan Concept - Support Figures

**March 2025:**

Mar 7	(Email + Attachments)	Pine River Baseflows - Meeting Follow-up
Mar 10	(Email + 2 Memos)	CBM Quarry - FOI - MECF /MNRF Memos - with NDACT Peer Reviewer Annotations
Mar 10	(Email + Memo + 4 Figs)	Proposed Strada Model Calibration Improvements
Mar 10	(Email)	Model Layer 4 and 6 High Quality Hydraulic Surfaces (Potentials) and Subtraction - Offset Model Inferred Zones of Increased Flow
Mar 10	(Email)	Pine River - Headwater Streams Aquitard Support

**May 2025:**

May 14	(Email)	Request to Strada for clarifications
May 30	(Email)	Vulnerable Water Wells with less than 10 m drawdown

**June 2025:**

June 5	(Email + Memo)	Strada Proposed Quarry Fifth Cycle Peer Review January 13 to April 17, 2025
June 5	(Email + Memo)	Strada Proposed Quarry ARA Site Plans January 31, 2025
June 5	(Emails + Memo)	Strada Proposed Quarry Related Exhibits to May 30 and June 3, 2025 communications

June 5, 2025

**February 7, 2025**  
**QUARRY ADAPTIVE OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES**  
**(Preliminary - Evolving)**

The following Mandatory and Adaptive Discretionary Quarry operation principles are proposed.

**Mandatory Principles**

The Mandatory Operational Principles are:

1. Implementation of an Adaptive Management Plan.
2. Performance Criteria to protect Horning's Mills Community and Pine River headwaters from water quantity and quality degradation.
3. No diversion of surface or groundwater flows from the Pine River headwaters to the Boyne River headwaters.
4. No raising of water tables on Duivenwoorden Pit lands or in NAT-01 Wetland.
5. No root zone flooding of agricultural fields.
6. Removal of Deep (Gasport) Aquifer Hydraulic Barriers prior to closure.
7. Termination of quarry and / or groundwater extraction if Performance Criteria are breached by Quarry operations.

**Operational Discretionary – Design Principles**

The following discretionary solutions may be implemented based on operational experience for conditions 'as found' or reasonably anticipated and as determined by Strada to be necessary to meet Performance criteria. Typical Design Details to be shown on the Site Plans.

8. Provision for separation (or merging) of Upper Aquifer (Guelph), Deep Aquifer Non- Contact Water and Quarry Sump Contact Water based on operating conditions as found or as anticipated.
9. Ground Water Extraction and Infiltration Infrastructure and transmission components to be implemented when there are excess quantity and/or adverse quality inflows into the Quarry excavation or as anticipated.
10. Implementation of Pressure Relief Wells as required to facilitate Lift 2 / Lift 3 extraction and construct Lift 3 Hydraulic Barriers if deemed necessary.
11. Implementation of vertical Hydraulic Barrier Walls for Lift 1 or Lift 3 (High or Low Pressure) if deemed necessary.
12. Provision of stormwater quality treatment (denitrification) riparian wetland storage pond for Quarry contact water and contaminated Upper Aquifer non-contact water as may be required.
13. Provision of surface pond and/or aquifer storage to support continuous 24/7/365 groundwater infiltration to Pine River headwaters.
14. Implementation of pathogenic treatment of surface water discharge to Infiltration media as required.
15. Implementation of SCADA and hydraulic controls for water management and maintenance of downgradient dry weather flows to the Pine River headwaters and Horning's Mills community.

Amended Earthfx Table 2  
Strada Aggregate Proposed Melancthon Pit/Quarry  
**Proposed Site Monitors**

Model Layer	Monitor ID	Active	Dry	Inactive	Destroyed	Source
Layer 1 Overburden Shallow	OW6-A	OW6-A				Fig 6
	OW7-A	OW7-A				Fig 6
	OW8-A	OW8-A				Fig 6
	OW11-A				OW11-A	Fig 6
	OW15-A				OW15-A	Fig 6
	OW14-A		OW14-A			Fig 6
	OW21-A		OW21-A			Fig 6
Layer 2 Glacial Till	OW3B-08	OW3B-08				Fig 6
	OW4B-08	OW4B-08				Fig 6
	OW5B-08	OW5B-08				Fig 6
	OW9B-08	OW9B-08				Fig 6
	OW10B-08	OW10B-08				Fig 6
	OW12B-08	OW12B-08				Fig 6
	OW13-A	OW13-A				Fig 6
	OW18-A	OW18-A				Fig 6
	OW19-A	OW19-A				Fig 6
	OW2B-08				OW2B-08	Fig 6
	OW17B-08				OW17B-08	Fig 6
	OW20-A		OW20-A			Fig 6
	OW22-A		OW22-A			Fig 6
	OW23-A		OW23-A			Fig 6
Layer 3 Weathered Bedrock (Epikarst)	OW29-A	OW29-A				Fig 7
	OW3C-07	OW3C-07				Fig 7
	OW4C-07	OW4C-07				Fig 7
	OW5-C	OW5-C				Fig 7
	OW13-C	OW13-C				Fig 7
	OW14-C	OW14-C				Fig 7
	OW18-C	OW18-C				Fig 7
	OW19-C	OW19-C				Fig 7
	OW20-C	OW20-C				Fig 7
	OW22-C	OW22-C				Fig 7
	OW24-A	OW24-A				Fig 7
	OW11-C				OW11-C	Fig 7
	OW15-C				OW15-C	Fig 7
	OW17-C				OW17-C	Fig 7
Layer 4 Guelph Formation	OW7-C	OW7-C				Fig 7
	OW16-C	OW16-C				Fig 7
	OW23-C	OW23-C				Fig 7
	OW25-A	OW25-A				Fig 7
	OW26-A	OW26-A				Fig 7
	OW28-A	OW28-A				Fig 7
Layer 6 Gasport Formation	OW24-C	OW24-C				Fig 8
	OW25-C	OW25-C				Fig 8
	OW26-C	OW26-C				Fig 8
	OW27-C	OW27-C				Fig 8
	OW28-C	OW28-C				Fig 8
	OW29-C	OW29-C				Fig 8
	OW30-C	OW30-C				Fig 8
	OW2C-07				OW2C-07	Fig 8
	OW1			OW1		Fig 8
	PW1			PW1		Fig 8
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	

## Data Sources:

Response to Mediation Questions, Proposed Shelburne Pit/Quarry, by Earthfx Inc. April 14, 2025

Fig 6 Site Monitors Layer 1 Shallow Overburden and Layer 2 Till

Fig 7 Site Monitors Layer 3 Weathered Bedrock and Layer 4 Guelph

Fig 8 Site Monitors: Layer 6 Gasport

Table 2 Monitoring Network including Hydrostratigraphic Layers and Units

*This information provided by NVCA to the Township of Mulmur is in response to questions to the NVCA delegation at the Township Council on July 2, 2025.*

*For any additional questions or discussion please contact Jennifer Vincent, CAO NVCA at [jvincent@nvca.on.ca](mailto:jvincent@nvca.on.ca) or at 705-424-1479 x225*

## **Brook Trout**

Brook trout are a sensitive coldwater fish and the only native salmonid living in the Nottawasaga River watershed. There is concern about brook trout in Ontario because of declines in population due to habitat destruction, a warming climate and competition with introduced species like rainbow and brown trout. Brook trout need cold, clear water free from pollution, but they also need food sources (aquatic insects), cover to hide, no rainbow or brown trout, and long uninterrupted stretches free from barriers like dams, perched culverts, and ponds both ornamental and stormwater.

In Mulmur, brook trout can still be found in many of the small and mid-sized creeks and streams, but far fewer than 50 years ago. Their status in the main river systems (Boyne and Pine) are unknown. The large figure at the end of this report shows known distribution of brook trout in the NVCA region.

## **NVCA Monitoring in the Township of Mulmur**

The NVCA monitoring program is small in resources and staff and cannot conduct extensive monitoring of the entire 3,700 km<sup>2</sup> watershed, with that in mind the monitoring program uses anchor and rotating stations. The anchor stations of which there are two per subwatershed are sampled every year while the rotating stations move through each subwatershed doing 2 per year over a 5-year cycle. The monitoring program samples for 5 aquatic attributes to assess stream health: 2 biological attributes (fish population & aquatic insects) and 3 physical attributes (water chemistry, stream temperature, and fluvial geomorphology). Not all 5 attributes can be sampled at each station, but at least 3 are (1 biological 2 physical). More information can be found in our Watershed Monitoring Strategy document which can be retrieved by email Ian Ockenden Manager Watershed Science [iockenden@nvca.on.ca](mailto:iockenden@nvca.on.ca)

Our last summary of stream health was released in the 2023 Watershed Health Check (<https://www.nvca.on.ca/our-watershed/watershed-health-checks>), of which the Boyne River, Pine River, and a portion of the Mad River are all in Mulmur. The Health Checks provide a summarized look at monitoring results and stream health. Monitoring stations are shown in the Health Checks but those specific to Mulmur are shown on this map (Figure 1) with colour-coded stream health (green – unimpaired, yellow – below potential, red – impaired). Unevaluated creeks and rivers are not shown. In Mulmur, there were 4 stations on the Boyne River, 5 stations on the Pine River and 1 on the Mad River. However, through the implementation of the Monitoring Strategy document, station locations are being more strategically located to answer our watershed-wide stream health and environmental condition questions (Figure 2). Moving forward, 4 stations will be on the Boyne River, 5 on the Pine River and no Mad River stations. Should funds become available, the NVCA can increase the number of stations monitored in any of its watersheds.

Water chemistry sampling is conducted in partnership with the Province through the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network (PWQMN). There are 18 stations in the Nottawasaga River watershed, but

none are in Mulmur. The PWQMN stations are located at the ends of rivers before they discharge into another river or lake, for example, the Boyne River station is east of Alliston just before it joins the Nottawasaga River. The Pine River station is in Angus and the Mad River station is near Base Borden. Because of these locations it is difficult to assess what is going on chemically in Mulmur, other than to make general assumptions.



Figure 1: Mulmur most recent sampling and stream health.

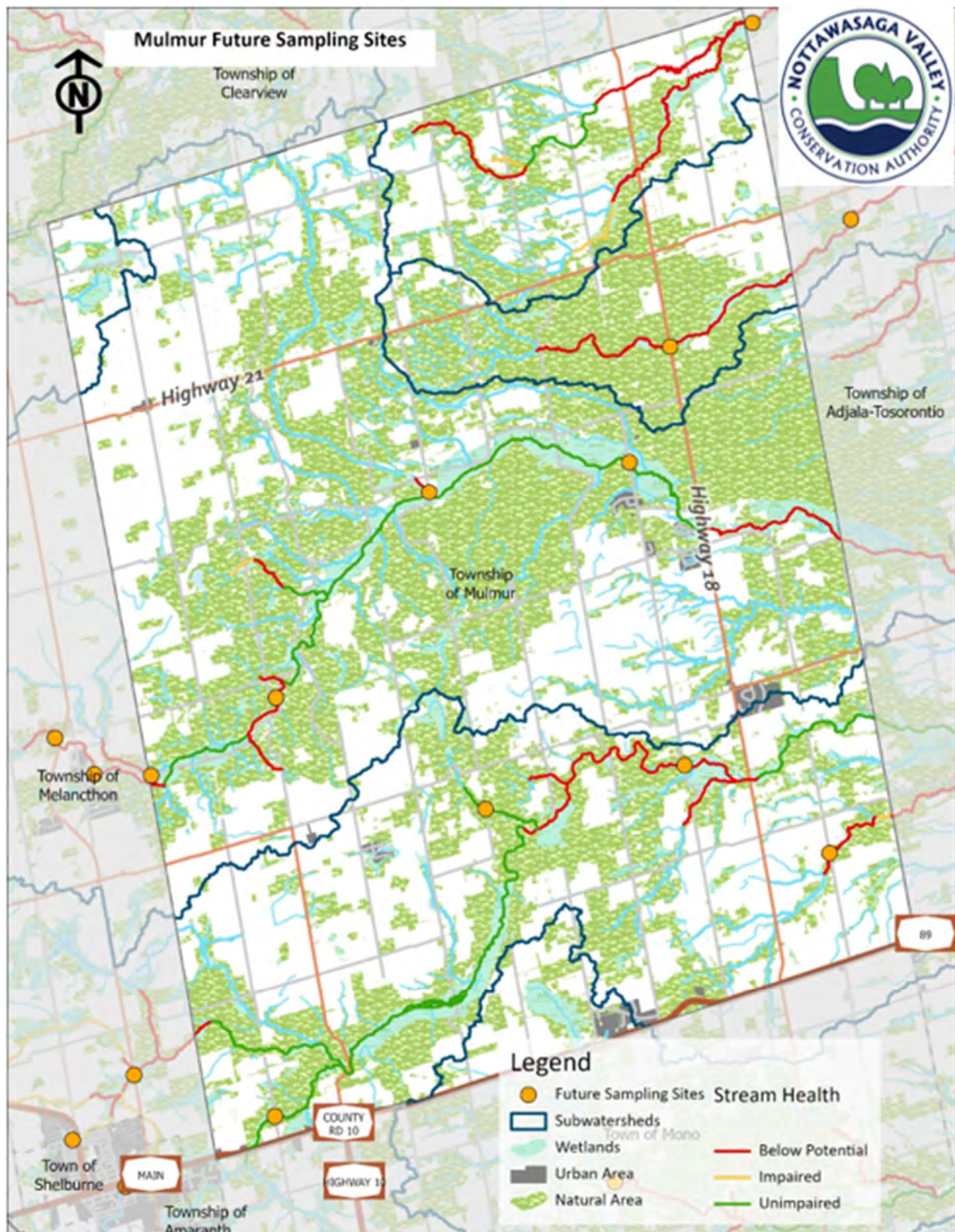


Figure 2: Mulmur future sampling regime starting in 2025 and stream health

**Specific chemical parameters raised at the NVCA presentation to Council**

**Chloride** – this is not currently a problem ion in our watershed and especially in the Township of Mulmur’s rural creeks and rivers. Concentrations are low, below provincial standards, but they are rising due to road salt application and water softener use. In the greater watershed, we anticipate starting to see chloride concentrations regularly surpassing the provincial standard in the next 5-10 years. Without a very extensive or targeted chemistry sampling program, it is impossible to assess the impacts of road salt on all the small creeks in Mulmur. NVCA expert staff suggest that while chloride wouldn’t be a Mulmur issue in the 5-10 year future, there may be small pockets of concern in the Township due to local conditions.

**Total dissolved (TDS) & suspended (TSS) solids** – TDS are not measured in the PWQMN program, but total suspended solids are. TSS are a measure of the turbidity or cloudiness of the water, where TDS are a measure of the ionic constituents in the water. It is difficult but not impossible to make inferences about TDS concentrations from chloride concentrations and conductivity values, but we have not conducted this analysis. NVCA’s staff experts believe that TDS would not be a problem in Mulmur, again apart from maybe in isolated locations. TSS or cloudiness also should not be a problem unless erosion and runoff become uncontrolled at construction sites, in areas of exposed soil like unplanted agricultural fields or cleared vegetation, or due to events like landslides.

**Temperature** – Figure 3 is a stream temperature map showing NVCA’s distribution of temperature monitoring locations, there are 14 in Mulmur. The map shows coldwater (dark blue), coolwater (grey), and warm water (red). Unevaluated creeks and rivers are in light blue. Stream temperatures have been slowly increasing across the watershed due to the removal of natural areas (forests, wetlands), increasing hardened surfaces (pavement, roofs), and reduction in groundwater levels. At this point, the impacts of climate on stream temperature are less than impacts from clearing and development.

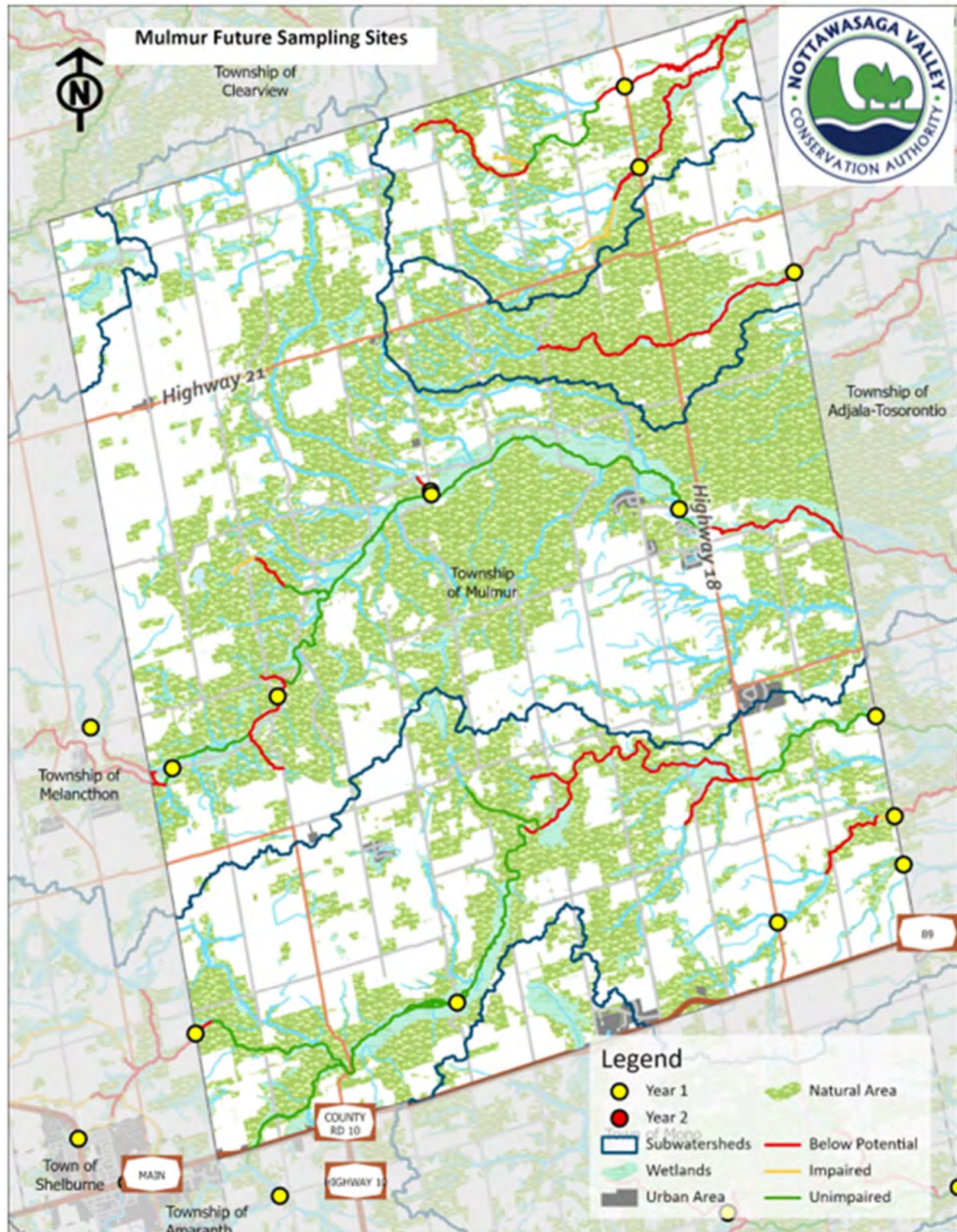


Figure 3: Mulmur stream temperature monitoring stations.

There are many small creeks in Mulmur that are not measured for stream health, chemistry, or temperature due to the limitations of the size of NVCA's monitoring program and simply not being able to measure everywhere. Many of these are the anticipated home of brook trout in the municipality.

### **Preserving Coldwater Streams and Brook Trout Habitats in the Township of Mulmur**

The best measure to ensure the long-term survival of brook trout is to find and protect the coldwater creeks in Mulmur, especially those where brook trout already live. Protection means keeping or restoring the creeks and their riparian areas in a natural state. Streamside vegetation (riparian areas) is maintained at usually 100-150 metres wide but variable to each creek, these protect the creek from pollution-rich runoff. Riparian areas also provide shading for temperature regulation, organic inputs (leaves, etc.) that insects feed on, and cover to provide insect homes and fish hiding spots. We care about insects in rivers because they are fish food, but they are also excellent indicators of stream health, hence why the NVCA monitoring program samples aquatic insects.

Municipal actions to protect brook trout outside of placing conditions on development for creek and riparian protection/preservation could include replacing perched culverts and strategically reducing road salt application.

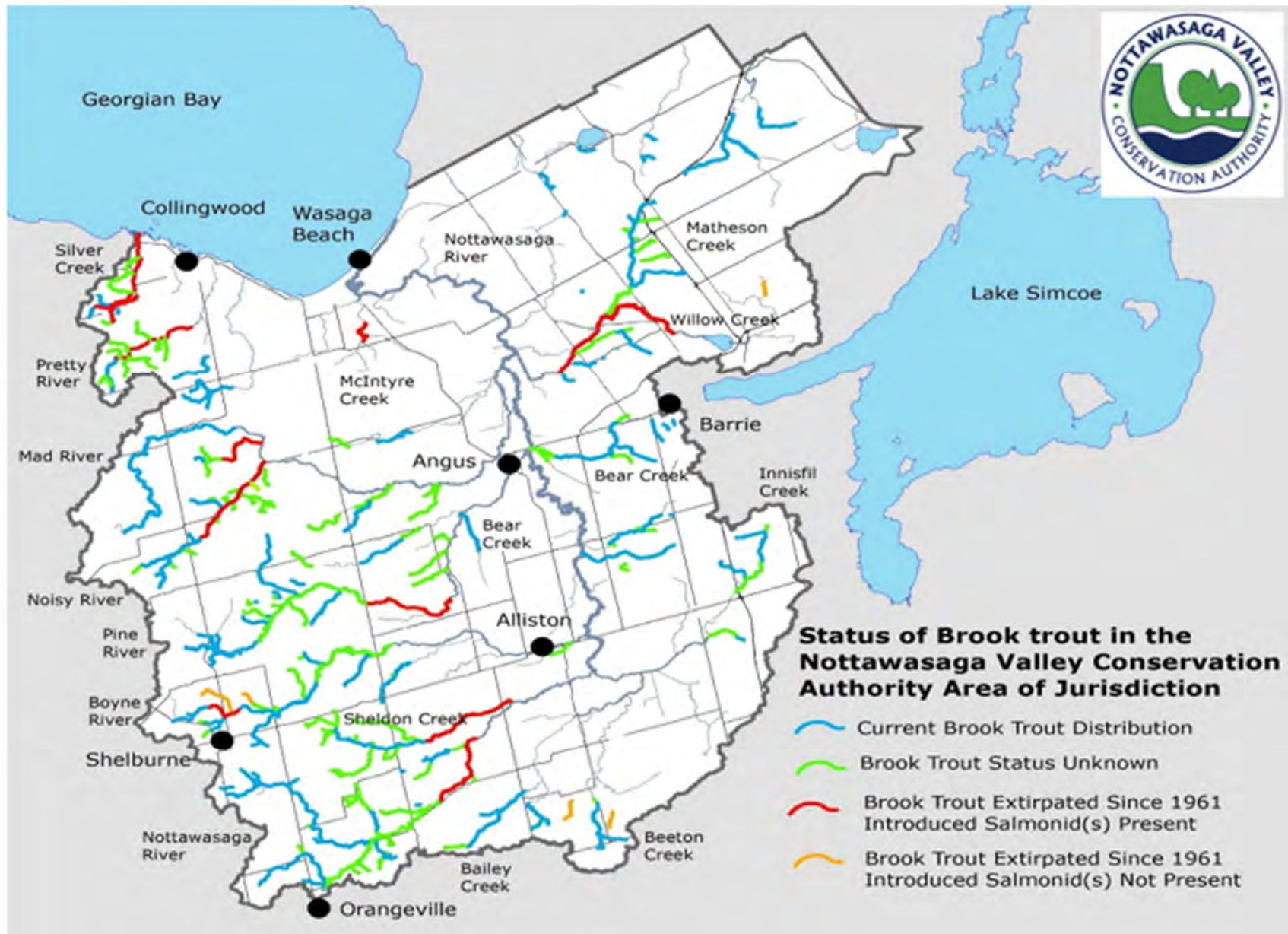
### **NVCA Stewardship Program and Category 3 Funding**

The NVCA's stewardship program develops and implements projects with partners to restore or naturalize degraded stretches of river, removing or bypassing ponds, and planting or restoring riparian areas. These are all activities that will enhance and protect coldwater streams and brook trout habitat.

The NVCA's monitoring program could work with the Township to develop and implement an enhanced monitoring program to characterize and evaluate unmonitored streams in the Township of Mulmur. This new information would increase knowledge of the richness and expanse of these resources in the Township, allowing for more informed land use decisions by both the Township and the NVCA.

The monitoring program and the stewardship activities are all Conservation Authority Category 3 activities. As Category 3 activities, NVCA's member municipalities choose to participate or not in these programs at an assessed levy identified annually through NVCA's budget process. In 2025, the Township of Mulmur chose to not participate in the NVCA's Category 3 program; the Township has participated in previous years.

The NVCA is currently developing its 2026 workplan and budget. We would be pleased to work with the Township over the summer and into the early fall to develop stewardship, monitoring, and other Category 3 services in support of the Township's interests and requirements.





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Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board  
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July 17, 2025

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**Re: Appeal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for Reinstatement of  
Provincial Funding**

Dear Premier and Minister,

Please be advised that at its June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board Meeting, the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution:

OPP2025-023

Moved By: Member Carol Reaney

Seconded By: Member Monic Singh Soares

Approved

Whereas under the former Police Services Act, 1990, municipalities received provincial grant funding to offset the costs associated with the appointment of provincial representatives to local police services boards;

And whereas the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024, consolidating multiple individual police services boards into regional OPP Detachment Boards, thereby streamlining governance across jurisdictions;

And whereas the establishment of Detachment Boards under the CSPA has resulted in a reduction in the number of provincial appointees required in OPP-policed municipalities, yielding cost savings for the Province of Ontario;

And whereas the CSPA was designed to enhance community engagement and local governance in policing, yet the withdrawal of provincial funding undermines this intent by shifting the financial burden entirely onto municipalities and local taxpayers;

And whereas during the development of both the 2024 and 2025 Board budgets, it was understood that provincial funding would be provided in support of Detachment Board operations;

And whereas it has since been confirmed that the Province will not be providing the anticipated contribution of \$6,600, a figure previously expected as part of ongoing provincial support;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That a formal request be submitted to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, respectfully requesting the reinstatement of the annual \$6,600 in funding to support the ongoing operations and governance of the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board; and
2. That a copy of the letter be circulated to all participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area, all Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards throughout Ontario, as well as to the Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Grey Bruce—Owen Sound.

Sincerely,

*Jodi Ward*

**Jodi Ward**

Board Administrator

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CC: All participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area  
All Ontario Municipal Councils  
All Police Services Boards throughout Ontario via OAPSB distribution



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July 16, 2025

The Honourable Doug Downey  
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**Re: Appeal to The Ministry of the Solicitor General for Review and Reform  
of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Minister,

Please be advised that at its June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board Meeting, the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution:

OPP2025-022

Moved By: Member Scott Mackey

Seconded By: Member Robert Uhrig

Approved

Whereas the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board serves as a civilian governance and oversight body, mandated to guide local policing priorities, promote transparency and accountability, and support the development and monitoring of community safety initiatives;

And whereas the Board has become aware of the recent withdrawal of a substantial number of Provincial Offences Act (POA) charges in our region, which undermines the principles of accountability, deterrence, and public confidence in the justice system;

And whereas municipalities are responsible for the administration of fine collection of POA matters on behalf of the province and rely on fine revenue not only to recoup associated costs but to support local justice infrastructure and community safety initiatives;

And whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), supported by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), has called for a third-party review of the POA system to address long-standing concerns, including judicial resource shortages, growing court case backlogs, difficulty collecting outstanding fines, outdated legislative frameworks, and an overly burdensome administrative structure;

And whereas AMCTO President, Paul Shipway and staff, recently met with Attorney General, Doug Downey, and Parliamentary Assistant, Monica Ciriello, to advocate for urgent reforms to improve efficiency, enhance fine collection, and reinforce the integrity of the POA system in Ontario;

Therefore be it resolved that the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board formally express its deep concern and displeasure at the unexplained and substantial withdrawal of POA charges in our region, and the negative impact this action has on community safety, public trust, and municipal cost recovery;

Be it further resolved that the Board endorse AMO's and AMCTO's call for a third-party review of the Provincial Offences Act system and support efforts to modernize POA legislation to better reflect current enforcement and judicial needs;

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Attorney General, AMCTO, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards, OAPSB and local Members of Provincial Parliament, and that the Board request a formal response from the Ministry explaining the rationale behind the withdrawal of POA charges and what steps are being taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Sincerely,

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July 3, 2025

County of Dufferin  
30 Centre Street  
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Sent By Email: Sonya Pritchard, [spritchard@dufferincounty.ca](mailto:spritchard@dufferincounty.ca)  
Dufferin County Planning Department, [planner@dufferincounty.ca](mailto:planner@dufferincounty.ca)

**Re: County Road 109 Corridor Study**

At its regular meeting of Council held on June 18, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution:

**Resolution #: 7**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Council of the Township of Amaranth

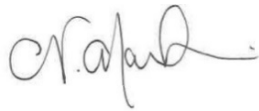
1. Formally petition the Province of Ontario to reclassify County Road 109 as a provincial highway, restoring its designation as Highway 9, under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO);
2. Request that MTO undertake a full corridor review of County Road 109 to assess its current and projected transportation capacity, infrastructure condition, and regional significance;
3. Urge the Province to commit to funding and undertaking necessary upgrades to bring the corridor to modern provincial highway standards, including safety enhancements, road widening, improved intersections, and support for multi-modal infrastructure as appropriate;
4. Request Dufferin County staff to initiate formal engagement with the MTO and relevant provincial ministries, and to coordinate with member municipalities in compiling data and advocacy materials in support of the reclassification;
5. Request Dufferin County Council provide regular updates and a proposed strategy for joint municipal and provincial collaboration.

Further That This resolution be circulated to all Dufferin County municipalities, Dufferin–Caledon MPP, County of Wellington and the Minister of Transportation of Ontario for their awareness and support.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

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

## Roseann Knechtel

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**From:** Donna Tremblay <dtremblay@townofgrandvalley.ca>  
**Sent:** August 5, 2025 1:39 PM  
**To:** nmartin@amaranth.ca; mdunne@dufferincounty.ca; jkennedy@eastgarafraxa.ca; fred.simpson@townofmono.com; dholmes@melancthontownship.ca; Roseann Knechtel; rmartell@orangeville.ca; jwilloughby@shelburne.ca; admin@puslinch.ca; jennifera@wellington.ca; township@wellington-north.com; general@get.on.ca; clerks@erin.ca; reception@mapleton.ca; annilene@town.minto.on.ca; kokane@centrewellington.ca  
**Cc:** Donna Tremblay  
**Subject:** Resolution - Town of Grand Valley - County Road 109 Corridor Study  
**Attachments:** Township of Amaranth - Resolution - County Road 109 Corridor Study.pdf

Good day:

At the meeting of Council held on July 22, 2025, the following motion was introduced and passed:

**Resolution Number: 2025-07-23**

**Moved by: P. Latam/Seconded by: L. Dart**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Town of Grand Valley Council supports a 109 Corridor Study and asks Wellington County and Dufferin County to also support this initiative.

**AND FURTHER THAT** staff forward this motion to all Wellington and Dufferin Counties municipalities.

Regards,



Donna Tremblay, Dipl. M.M. | Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator

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July 31, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

**Re: Norfolk County Council – Letter of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, Council passed the following resolution on July 22, 2025, regular council meeting:

**Resolution No. C-154**

**Moved By:** Councillor Van Paassen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Masschaele

That Council directs staff to send a letter of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding Bill C-2.

**Carried.**

In addition, Council endorsed the following resolution made by the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

WHEREAS Bill C-2 proposes to amend the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act by adding section 77.5 (1), making it a criminal offense for any business, profession, or charitable entity to accept cash payments, donations, or deposits of \$10,000 or more in a single transaction or related transactions, regardless of their lawful nature;

WHEREAS this blanket ban criminalizes legitimate business transactions using legal tender, punishing businesses and law-abiding citizens solely for choosing to use cash, a fundamental right in Canada;

WHEREAS small businesses, charities, and individuals in Otonabee-South Monaghan and across Canada, including farmers, car dealers, and community organizations, rely on cash for lawful high-value transactions, and this restriction will impose unnecessary hardship, stifle economic activity, and deter charitable giving;

WHEREAS the \$10,000 threshold is arbitrarily low, capturing routine legal transactions while creating compliance burdens that disproportionately harm small businesses, rural communities, and those without digital banking access;

WHEREAS municipalities must stand up for the economic freedom and financial inclusion of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

- Condemns Bill C-2, section 77.5, as an unacceptable overreach that criminalizes lawful cash transactions and undermines the use of Canadians' right to use legal tender;
- Demands the federal government to withdraw this amendment and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, businesses, and charities to develop targeted anti-crime policies that do not penalize legitimate cash transactions;
- Instructs the Municipal Clerk to send this resolution to all Canadian municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister of Finance, Leslyn Lewis, our local MP, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and First Nations, calling for unified opposition;
- Urges other municipalities to pass similar resolutions to protect the rights of their residents and businesses

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: [Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca).

Sincerely,

*T. Rodrigues*

Tracey Rodrigues  
Deputy County Clerk  
[Tracey.Rodrigues@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:Tracey.Rodrigues@norfolkcounty.ca)



## Council Resolution

**Council Meeting Date:** July 14, 2025

**Letter of Support for H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign**

**Council Resolution:** 2025-140

**Moved:** Mayor Post

**Seconded:** Councillor Andrews

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Orangeville Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

AND THAT Orangeville Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at [www.electrespect.ca](http://www.electrespect.ca).

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

**Result:** Carried Unanimously



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## DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND

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### ***Mayor's Report – Governance of Family Health Teams***

To: Members of Council  
From: Rod Ward, Mayor  
Date: August 12, 2025

#### **Subject: Support for Standardized Governance Models for Family Health Teams**

Family Health Teams are a vital part of Ontario's healthcare system, particularly in rural and underserved communities like ours. These teams provide collaborative, team-based care that improves patient outcomes and relieves pressure on hospitals and emergency services.

Our municipality, like many others across the province, continues to invest local taxpayer dollars to support healthcare delivery — through physician recruitment efforts, infrastructure, and other community health initiatives. However, despite this investment and our community's reliance on these services, municipal and community voices are often underrepresented on the boards that govern Family Health Teams.

Currently, there is no mandatory governance framework for these boards, which has led to inconsistent representation and, in some cases, governance structures that do not reflect the communities they serve. This can lead to decisions being made without sufficient local input, oversight, or accountability.

The attached resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to implement a standardized and mandatory governance model for Family Health Teams, requiring that at least 50% of board members be community representatives. This would help ensure local interests are considered in decision-making, and strengthen transparency and trust in our healthcare system.

I recommend Council's support for this resolution and the forwarding of it to the appropriate provincial bodies and municipal partners.

Sincerely,

*Rod Ward*

Rod Ward  
Mayor



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

## RESOLUTION

**Date:** August 12, 2025

**Motion #** 248

WHEREAS Ontario's Family Health Teams provide team-based healthcare which is critical to our communities;

AND WHEREAS healthcare in Ontario is publicly funded;

AND WHEREAS municipalities invest significant additional public/taxpayer money in support of Family Health Teams and other healthcare-related organizations, including supports for primary care recruitment, healthcare facilities, and additional community healthcare needs;

AND WHEREAS the governance models for Family Health Teams in Ontario do not follow mandatory standards;

AND WHEREAS governance models are designed to ensure appropriate representation, transparency, and guardrails with respect to potential conflicts of interest for the organizations they represent;

AND WHEREAS many boards of Family Health Teams are not balanced in terms of representation from the communities and municipalities that they cover;

AND WHEREAS the lack of a standard and balanced governance model means that the needs of the local communities are not necessarily fully represented;

AND WHEREAS the province is directing the Primary Care Action Team (PCAT), through Dr. Jane Philpott, to ensure connected and convenient healthcare across the province;

AND WHEREAS Family Health Teams are crucial in the delivery of the mandate of PCAT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Township of Armour urges the Province of Ontario to implement a standard and mandatory governance model for the boards of Family Health Teams across the province, which ensures that community members make up 50% of the overall board membership to ensure appropriate representation for the communities which use and support healthcare in their local area;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the Primary Care Action Team; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO); and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Moved by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Seconded by:**

Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:**  
**Recorded vote requested by:**

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod	For	Opposed
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Sincerely,

*Rod Ward*

Rod Ward  
Mayor



# Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**June 25, 2025**

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)  
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)  
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities  
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur  
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor John Logel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

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Moved By J. Logel (SL)  
Seconded By S. Dibb (SS)

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote  
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

## Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

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Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

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"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

## **Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions**

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At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



RESOLUTION 0171-2025  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on July 30, 2025

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0171-2025 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor J. Kovac

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Mississauga hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario’s citizens and the non-native (“exotic”) wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca), Ontario Solicitor General (michael.kerzner@ontario.ca), Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry (graydon.smith@ontario.ca) and the MPPs’ for Mississauga, AMO (amo@amo.on.ca), AMCTO (advocacy@amcto.com), and MLEAO ([mleo@mleoa.ca](mailto:mleo@mleoa.ca)).

<b>Recorded Vote</b>	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Honourable Robert Black, Senator  
Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry  
The Senate of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1J 0A4

SENT VIA EMAIL: [robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca](mailto:robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca)

RE: Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

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Dear Honourable Robert Black,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, August 11, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Thompson

Seconded By: Councilor Petrie

Whereas the agricultural sector of Huron County depends on the health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas soil erosion poses a very significant threat to the long-term health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich owns some agricultural land which is an asset for the Town;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to protecting the assets of the Town from preventable harm;

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty-five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions;"

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

**CARRIED**

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org)  
Todd McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks [todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org](mailto:todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org)  
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All local Municipalities within Huron County



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July 17, 2025

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Via Email: [rob.flack@ontario.ca](mailto:rob.flack@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack,

**Re: Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025**

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Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, July 14th, 2025, the Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

**122-07142025**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor DeYong

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gaffan

**Whereas** on May 12, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "Province"), enacted Bill 17, also known as the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (hereafter, the "Act"), which will defer Development Charge (hereafter, "DC" or "DCs") revenues and increase collection efforts and costs;

**And whereas** the DCs collected from developers are necessary to help municipalities fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new housing;

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

- Requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with clarity on how they should fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new growth, given the impacts to overall DC revenue;
- Wishes it to be known that the constant change to the Province's planning and development framework is creating uncertainty and is ultimately reducing the construction of housing; and,
- Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor

Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Toole". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" and last name "Toole" clearly legible.

Angela Toole, Acting Manager of Municipal Governance/Clerk  
Email: [atoole@kingsville.ca](mailto:atoole@kingsville.ca)  
Phone: 519-733-2305 ext. 223

cc. Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex  
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent - Leamington  
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West  
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All Ontario Municipalities



## **The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur**

### **By-law No. XX - 2025**

#### **Being a by-law to establish and implement an Administrative Penalty System (APS) for Contraventions Detected Using Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras**

Whereas Section 11 of the *Municipal Act*, R.S.O. 2001, c.25, authorizes municipalities to enact by-laws respecting matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of highways, including traffic on highways, in conjunction with the *Highway Traffic Act*;

And whereas Section 128 of the *Highway Traffic Act* ("HTA"), R.S.O. 1990, c.H.8 as amended, establishes that the council of a municipality may, for motor vehicles driven on a highway or portion of a highway under its jurisdiction, by by-law prescribe a rate of speed that is not greater than 100 kilometres per hour and may prescribe different rates of speed for different times of day;

And whereas O. Reg. 355/22 under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.8, as amended, authorizes the use of Administrative Penalties for vehicle-based contraventions captured by Automated Speed Enforcement Systems;

And whereas Section 21.1 of the HTA and O. Reg. 355/22, authorize the municipalities to establish an administrative penalty system to promote compliance with the HTA and its Regulations, and impose an administrative penalty within a prescribed time period on a prescribed class of persons that have contravened or failed to comply with prescribed provisions of the HTA and its Regulations;

And whereas the purpose of the Administrative Penalty System as established by this municipality is to assist with promoting compliance of its Speed Limit, Community Safety Zone and School Zone By-laws;

And whereas sections 23.2, 23.3 and 23.5 of the *Municipal Act* authorizes municipalities to delegate its administrative and hearing powers;

And whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur considers it desirable to provide for a system of administrative penalties and administrative fees for the designated Sections of the HTA, or portions of the designated HTA Sections set out herein;

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

## **1.0 TITLE**

- 1.1 This By-law shall be known and cited as the "Administrative Penalty By-law for Contraventions Detected Using Camera Systems".

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 Where words and phrases used in this By-law are not defined herein but are defined in the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 8, as amended from time to time or any successor thereof (the HTA), the definitions in the HTA shall apply.
- 2.2 In this By-law:

**Administrative Fee** – means any fee specified in this By-law or set out in Ontario Regulation 355/22 made under the *Highway Traffic Act*;

**Administrative Penalty** - means any monetary penalty as set out and calculated in accordance with Section 6 of O. Reg 355/22 made under the *Highway Traffic Act*;

**A.P.S.** – means Administrative Penalty System;

**Designated Section** - means a section or portions of sections of the HTA to which this APS By-law applies, as designated under this By-law;

**Clerk** – means the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur and/or their designate;

**Hearing Decision** - means a notice which contains the decision of a Hearing Officer, as set out in Section 6.10 of this By-law;

**Hearing Officer** - means a person who is appointed by Council to perform the duties of the Hearing Officer as set out in section 6 of this By-law, and meeting the requirements that a Hearing Officer cannot be a member of Council or an employee of the municipality. The Hearing Officer shall have knowledge of and experience in administrative law; such as a lawyer, retired lawyer, paralegal, retired paralegal, retired police officer, retired municipal clerk or retired municipal deputy clerk;

**Holiday** - means a Saturday, Sunday and any statutory holiday in the province of Ontario, or any day on which the offices of the Township of Mulmur are officially closed for business;

**Officer (Provincial Offences Officer)** – means a person employed by the Township of Essa's Data Processing Centre that is designated by the Minister of

Transportation pursuant to subsection 1(3) of the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter P.33 as amended, for the purposes of the *Provincial Offences Act* and Regulations thereunder, and for the purposes of Part XIV.1 of the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, chapter H.8 as amended and the Regulations thereunder and for the purposes of enforcement of section 128 of the Highway Traffic Act.

**Owner** - means the person whose name appears on the permit for the vehicle as provided by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, and if the vehicle permit consists of a vehicle portion and a plate portion and different persons are named on each portion, the person whose names appears on the plate portion;

**Penalty Order** - means an order made under Subsection 21.1(2) of the HTA;

**Penalty Order Date** - means the date of the contravention specified on the Penalty Order;

**Penalty Order Number** - means the reference number specified on the Penalty Order that is unique to that Penalty Order;

**Person** - includes an individual, a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or an authorized representative thereof.

**Regulation** - means O. Reg. 355/22, made under the *HTA*, as amended from time to time, or any successor thereof;

**Request for Review by Hearing Officer** - means the request which may be made in accordance with section 6 of this By-law for the review of a Screening Decision;

**Request for Review by Screening Officer** - means the request made in accordance with section 5 of this By-law for the review of a Penalty Order;

**Review by Hearing Officer and Hearing** - means the process set out in section 6 of this By-law;

**Review by Screening Officer and Screening Review** - means the process set out in section 5 of this By-law;

**Screening Decision** - means a notice which contains the decision of a Screening Officer, delivered in accordance with Section 5.7 of this By-law;

**Screening Officer** - means a person employed by the Township of Mulmur pursuant to this By-law, who performs the duties of Screening Officer as set out in section 5 of this By-law and meeting the requirements that a Screening Officer cannot be a Member of Council;

**Township** - means The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur.

### **3.0 APPLICATION OF THIS BY-LAW**

3.1 In accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act* (“HTA”), or portions of the HTA, the following sections shall be designated sections for the purposes of Section 21.1(2) of the HTA:

- a) Subsection 128(1)

3.2 Schedule “A” of this By-law sets out Administrative Penalty Amounts for contraventions of the designated sections or portions of the designated sections of the HTA, as in accordance with section 6 of O. Regulation 355/22. Where a discrepancy in the Administrative Penalty Amount occurs, the penalties outlined in section 6 of O. Regulation 355/22 shall prevail.

### **4.0 PENALTY ORDER**

4.1 An Officer who has reason to believe that a person has contravened a designated section or portions of designated sections may issue a Penalty Order in accordance with this By-law set out in one or more of the following parts of the HTA:

- a) Part XIV.1 “Automated Speed Enforcement”.

4.2 The Penalty Order shall include the following information:

- a) A unique file number.
- b) The provision contravened.
- c) The date and location of the contravention.
- d) An identification of the motor vehicle that is involved in the contravention.
- e) The amount of the administrative penalty determined under section 6 of O. Regulation 355/22.
- f) A statement that the owner of the motor vehicle must, no later than 30 days after the day the order is served on them, pay the administrative penalty unless they commence an appeal in accordance with O. Regulation 355/22.
- g) A statement that the owner of the motor vehicle may, no later than 30 days after the day the order is served on them, commence an appeal in accordance with O. Regulation 355/22.
- h) Information regarding the appeal process including the manner in which to commence an appeal.

- i) A copy of a photograph or image of the motor vehicle involved in the contravention may be included in the penalty order.
- j) The penalty order will include statements by the authorized person that are certified to be true in respect of the contravention or in respect of the service of the penalty order.
- k) The penalty order shall be in the form specified by the municipality that employs the authorized person.

## **5.0 REVIEW BY SCREENING OFFICER**

- 5.1 A person who is served a Penalty Order may, within 30 calendar days after the Effective Date of Service, request that the Administrative Penalty be reviewed by a Screening Officer.
- 5.2 A request for a review, or for an extension of time to request a review, shall be in the form and manner as determined by the Clerk from time to time, and shall include the Penalty Order Number and the person's contact information. Where a request is made by a person who is not the Owner, the person shall submit with the request an authorized agent/representative form, in the form as determined by the Clerk from time to time. Incomplete forms or forms not submitted in the form and manner as determined by the Clerk may not be accepted or processed, at the discretion of the Clerk.
- 5.3 The Screening Officer may only extend the time to request a review of the Administrative Penalty when the person requesting the extension demonstrates, on a balance of probabilities, extenuating circumstances that warrant the extension of time. The Screening Officer will consider the request for extension before reviewing the Administrative Penalty.
- 5.4 Where an extension of time to request a review is not granted by the Screening Officer, the Administrative Penalty and any applicable Administrative Fees shall be deemed to be affirmed and shall not be subject to review.
- 5.5 Where neither a review nor an extension of time for review are requested in accordance with this By-law, or where the person fails to request a review within any extended period of time granted by the Screening Officer:
  - a) The person shall be deemed to have waived the right to a screening and a hearing;
  - b) The Administrative Penalty, and any applicable Administrative Fees, shall be deemed to be affirmed; and
  - c) The Administrative Penalty, and any applicable Administrative Fees, shall not be subject to review.

- 5.6 Upon review of an Administrative Penalty, the Screening Officer may affirm the Administrative Penalty including any applicable Administrative Fees, or the Screening Officer may cancel or reduce the Administrative Penalty or extend the time for payment of the Administrative Penalty, including any applicable Administrative Fees, on the following grounds:
- a) Where the Screening Officer is satisfied, on a balance of probabilities, that a contravention of section 128 of the *Highway Traffic Act*, was not proven as set out in the Penalty Order; or
  - b) Where the Screening Officer is satisfied, on a balance of probabilities, that the cancellation, reduction or extension of the time for payment of the Administrative Penalty, including any applicable Administrative Fees, is necessary to reduce any undue hardship.
- 5.7 Every person who has been granted a review by the Screening Officer shall be sent a copy of the Screening Decision as soon as is practical after the decision has been made, in accordance with Section 7.3 of this By-law.

## **6.0 REVIEW BY HEARING OFFICER**

- 6.1 Any person to whom a Screening Decision is issued may request a review of the Screening Decision by a Hearing Officer within 30 calendar days after the date on which the Screening Decision was issued.
- 6.2 A request for a review by the Hearing Officer, or for an extension of time to request a review before the Hearing Officer, shall be in the form and manner as determined by the Clerk from time to time, and shall include the Penalty Order Number and the person's contact information. Where a request is made by a person who is not the Owner, the person shall submit with the request an authorized agent/representative form, in the form as determined by the Clerk from time to time. Incomplete forms or forms not submitted in accordance with the form and manner as determined by the Clerk may not be accepted or processed, at the discretion of the Clerk.
- 6.3 The Hearing Officer may only extend the time to request a review of the Screening Decision where the person requesting the extension demonstrates, on a balance of probabilities, extenuating circumstances that warrant the extension of time. The Hearing Officer will consider the request for extension before reviewing the Screening Decision.
- 6.4 Where an extension of time for a hearing review is not granted by the Hearing Officer, the Screening Decision shall be deemed to be affirmed, and shall not be subject to review.
- 6.5 Where neither a hearing review nor an extension of time for a hearing review are requested in accordance with this By-law, or where the person fails to request a hearing review within any extended period of time granted by the Hearing Officer:

- a) The person shall be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing review;
  - b) The Screening Decision shall be deemed to be affirmed; and
  - c) The Screening Decision shall not be subject to review.
- 6.6 Upon review of the Screening Decision, the Hearing Officer may affirm the Screening Decision, or the Hearing Officer may cancel, reduce or extend the time for payment of the Administrative Penalty, including any applicable Administrative Fees, on the following grounds:
  - a) Where the Hearing Officer is satisfied, on a balance of probabilities, that a contravention of section 128 of the *Highway Traffic Act* was not proven as set out in the Penalty Order; or
  - b) Where the Hearing Officer is satisfied, on a balance of probabilities, that the cancellation, reduction or extension of the time for payment of the Administrative Penalty, including any Administrative Fees, is necessary to reduce any undue hardship.
- 6.7 A Hearing Officer shall not make any decision respecting a review of the Screening Decision unless the Hearing Officer has given the person and the Township an opportunity to be heard.
- 6.8 In making a determination, the Hearing Officer may consider and rely on documentation as outlined in s.13(3) of O. Regulation 355/22. Those items being photographs or images taken by the camera system; certified statements of the Officer that imposed the penalty order; certified documents setting out the name/address of the person who is subject to the penalty order; a description of the permit and the number plate of the motor vehicle; statements made by the appellant (either in writing or in the manner in which the appeal is conducted); statements by or on behalf of the municipality in which the contravention that is the subject of the penalty order occurred, made in the manner in which the appeal is conducted; any other information, materials or submissions that the Hearing Officer considers to be credible or trustworthy in the circumstances.
- 6.9 The person requesting the hearing shall be served with a copy of the Hearing Decision as soon as practicable after the review is complete.
- 6.10 The decision of a Hearing Officer is final.
- 6.11 Where notice has been given in accordance with this By-law, and the person fails to appear at the time and place scheduled for a review by the Hearing Officer:
  - a) The person shall be deemed to have abandoned the hearing; and

- b) The Screening Decision shall be deemed to be affirmed.

## **7.0 SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS**

### **7.1 Service of a Penalty Order in any of the following ways is deemed effective by:**

- a) A penalty order may be served on the person who is subject to the order by sending the order by mail to the most recent address that appears on the Ministry of Transportation records in respect of the holder of the plate portion of the permit for the motor vehicle involved in the contravention.
- b) If the authorized person who imposed the penalty order believes that the person who is subject to the order resides outside Ontario or, in the case of a corporation has its principal place of business outside Ontario, the penalty order may be served on the person by sending the order by mail or by courier to the address outside Ontario at which the authorized person believes the person resides or has its principal place of business.
- c) The address mentioned in subsection (b) may be determined from a document obtained from the government of any province or territory of Canada or from the government of a state of the United States of America, or from a person or entity authorized by any such government to keep records of vehicle permits, number plates or other evidence of vehicle ownership in that jurisdiction.
- d) Service of a penalty order mailed or couriered in accordance with this section is deemed to be served on the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day following the day on which it was mailed or couriered.

### **7.2 For purposes of this By-law, the last known address of the Owner shall be the address as set out on the vehicle ownership or, where an updated address has been provided in writing by the Owner to the Enforcement Services offices of the Township at the time of service, such updated address.**

### **7.3 Any Penalty Order or document sent in writing to the Owner by regular mail, as set out in this By-law, is deemed to have been served on the seventh calendar day after the date of mailing.**

### **7.4 Service of any document or notice (other than a Penalty Order) on an authorized representative of the Owner shall be deemed service on the Owner.**

## **8.0 ADMINISTRATION**

### **8.1 The Clerk shall administer this By-law.**

### **8.2 The Clerk may:**

- a) Designate the location within the Township for conducting reviews and hearings under this By-law, as well as setting the time(s) for such reviews and hearings; and
  - b) Prescribe all forms, notices, including the Penalty Order, guidelines, processes, policies and procedures, necessary to implement the By-law and the administrative penalty system, and to amend such forms, notices, guidelines, procedures and processes from time to time as the Clerk deems necessary; and
- 8.3 Any Administrative Fee(s) prescribed within Schedule "A" of this By-law shall be added to, and deemed to be, part of the Administrative Penalty amount unless otherwise rescinded by the Hearing Officer.
- 8.4 In accordance with s. 14 of O. Regulation 355/22, if the appellant fails to attend any stage of an appeal, the amount of the penalty shall be increased by \$60.00.

## **9.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 9.1 A Penalty Order that is paid prior to a screening review shall be deemed as final and will not be subject to screening, unless there is an error on the face of the Penalty Order as determined by the Clerk may cancel the Penalty Order and direct a refund of all amounts paid.
- 9.2 Unless otherwise stated in this By-law, an Administrative Penalty is due and payable within 30 calendar days following the Effective Date of Service.
- 9.3 Where an Administrative Penalty, including any Administrative Fees, is affirmed or reduced by a Screening Officer or a Hearing Officer, the Administrative Penalty and any Administrative Fees shall be due and payable on the date specified in the Screening Decision or Hearing Decision, as the case may be.
- 9.4 Where an Administrative Penalty, including any Administrative Fees, is not paid within 30 calendar days after it has become due and payable, the Township may notify the Ministry of Transportation of the default. Plate denial is at the discretion of the Ministry of Transportation. If the Ministry of Transportation does deny a plate renewal, they would be responsible to charge and collect the associated fee.
- 9.5 All amounts due and payable to the Township pursuant to this By-law constitute a debt to the Township.
- 9.6 Where a person makes a request for an extension of time for payment, and the request is granted, the date on which the Administrative Penalty is due and payable shall be the date established in accordance with the extension of time, and:

- a) the Penalty Order will not be subject to the Late Payment Fee, until the time for payment has expired, and then in accordance with the provisions herein; and
  - b) the enforcement mechanisms available to the Township shall be suspended until the extension of time has expired and then shall apply in accordance with the provisions herein.
- 9.7 Where a person has paid an Administrative Penalty or an Administrative Fee that is cancelled or reduced by a Screening Officer or Hearing Officer, the Township shall refund the amount cancelled or reduced.
- 9.8 No Officer may accept payment in respect of an Administrative Penalty or Administrative Fee.
- 9.9 Payments of an Administrative Penalty or Administrative Fee must be received by the date on which they are due and payable, or any extended due date in accordance with this By-law and will not be credited until received by the Township.
- 9.10 Any time limit that would otherwise expire on a Holiday is extended to the next day that is not a Holiday.
- 9.11 An authorized representative is permitted to appear on behalf of a person at a Screening Review or a Hearing Review or to communicate with the Township on behalf of a person where a written Authorization to Act as an Agent form has been provided.
- 9.12 Any person claiming financial hardship under this By-law shall provide documented proof of the financial hardship to the Screening Officer or Hearing Officer, as applicable.
- 9.13 All Administrative Penalties associated with automated speed enforcement are administered and calculated in accordance with O. Reg 355/22 made under the *Highway Traffic Act*.

## **10.0 SEVERABILITY**

- 10.1 Should any provision, or any part of a provision, of this By-law, be declared invalid, or to be of no force and effect, by a court of competent jurisdiction, it is the intent of Council that such a provision, or part of a provision, shall be severed from this By-law, and every other provision of this By-law shall be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the extent possible according to law.

## **11.0 OFFENCES**

- 11.1 Any person who:

- a) Makes a false, misleading or fraudulent statement in relation to a Penalty Order, or on any form submitted to the Township in relation to a Penalty Order; or
- b) Obstructs an Officer exercising any authority under this By-law;

is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is subject to a penalty in accordance with s.128(1) of the *Highway Traffic Act* section 128(1), O. Reg 355/22 and 398/19.

- 11.2 No person shall attempt, directly or indirectly, to communicate with a Screening Officer or Hearing Officer for the purpose of influencing or interfering, financially, politically or otherwise with the Screening Officer or Hearing Officer respecting a Penalty Order and/or respecting a Power of Decision in a proceeding that is or will be pending before a Screening Officer or Hearing Officer:

## **12.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 12.1 This By-law shall come into force and effect upon the date it is finally passed.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

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Mayor

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Clerk

## **SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW XX - 2025**

### **Administrative Penalty Amounts for Automated Speed Enforcement**

#### ***Excerpts from O. Reg. 355/22***

6. (1) The amount of the administrative penalty shall be the sum of the following amounts:

1. In respect of a contravention of subsection 128 (1) of the Act, the amount determined in accordance with the following formula,

$$A \times B$$

in which,

“A” is the number of kilometres per hour by which the person driving the motor vehicle exceeds the speed limit set out in subsection 128 (1) of the Act, and

“B” is the penalty rate set out in Column 2 of Table 1 that is opposite the value of “A” described in Column 1 of Table 1.

5. \$8.25, to reflect costs incurred by the authorized person to access the name and most recent address of the person who is subject to the penalty order.
  6. The amount determined under subsections (2) to (4) as applicable, to be credited to the victims' justice fund account in accordance with O. Reg 355/22 section 19.
- (2) For a contravention of subsection 128 (1) of the Act, the amount mentioned in paragraph 6 of subsection (1) is,
- (a) if the amount determined under paragraph 1 of subsection (1) is \$1000 or less, the amount set out in Column 2 of Table 2 that is opposite the amount determined under paragraph 1 of subsection (1) described in Column 1 of Table 2; or
  - (b) if the amount determined under paragraph 1 of subsection (1) is greater than \$1000, the amount that is 25 per cent of that amount.

**TABLE 1**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit</b>	<b>Column 2 Penalty rate in community safety zone or school zone</b>
<b>1.</b>	1 to 19 kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit	\$5.00 per kilometre
<b>2.</b>	20 to 29 kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit	\$7.50 per kilometre
<b>3.</b>	30 to 49 kilometres per hour over the maximum speed limit	\$12.00 per kilometre
<b>4.</b>	50 kilometres per hour or more over the maximum speed limit	\$19.50 per kilometre

**TABLE 2**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Column 1 Amount determined under paragraph 1 of subsection (1) of this section</b>	<b>Column 2 Amount mentioned in paragraph 6 of subsection (1) of this section</b>
<b>1.</b>	\$0 - \$50	\$10
<b>2.</b>	\$51 - \$75	\$15
<b>3.</b>	\$76 - \$100	\$20
<b>4.</b>	\$101 - \$150	\$25
<b>5.</b>	\$151 - \$200	\$35
<b>6.</b>	\$201 - \$250	\$50
<b>7.</b>	\$251 - \$300	\$60
<b>8.</b>	\$301 - \$350	\$75
<b>9.</b>	\$351 - \$400	\$85
<b>10.</b>	\$401 - \$450	\$95
<b>11.</b>	\$451 - \$500	\$110
<b>12.</b>	\$501 - \$1000	\$125

**Decision**

14(3) If the appellant failed to attend any stage of an appeal, in accordance with subsection 12(2), the amount of the penalty shall be increase by \$60.



## **The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur**

### **By-law No. XX - 2025**

#### **Being a by-law to delegate administrative and hearing powers to Screening and Hearing Officers, for adjudication of reviews and appeals for Administrative Penalties.**

Whereas Section 4 of O. Regulation 355/22 made under the *Highway Traffic Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.9 as amended (the "HTA"), prescribes persons authorized to impose an administrative penalty for contraventions detected using camera systems, with such persons meeting the criteria as designated in this section;

And whereas Section 21.1 of the HTA and O. Reg. 355/22, authorizes a municipality to establish an administrative penalty system to promote compliance with the HTA and its Regulations, and impose administrative penalties within a prescribed time period on a prescribed class of persons that have contravened or failed to comply with prescribed provisions of the HTA and its Regulations;

And whereas Section 434.1 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c.25, permits the Township of Mulmur to require a person, subject to such conditions as the municipality considers appropriate, to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has failed to comply with a By-law of the municipality;

And whereas sections 23.2, 23.3 and 23.5 of the *Municipal Act* authorize the Township of Mulmur to delegate its administrative and hearing powers;

And whereas the Province adopted the Administrative Penalties Regulation, O. Reg 355/22, pursuant to the HTA which applies to administrative penalties in respect of contraventions detected using camera systems;

And whereas under the Administrative Penalties Regulation a person who receives a Penalty Notice shall have the right to request a review of the administrative penalty by a Screening Officer appointed by the municipality;

And whereas under the Administrative Penalties Regulation a person who receives notice of a decision from a Screening Officer shall have the right to a review of the Screening Officer's decision by a Hearing Officer appointed by the municipality; and

And whereas the Township of Mulmur considers it desirable and necessary to establish the position of a Screening Officer and a Hearing Officer which are required for the

operation of the Township's Administrative Penalty By-law;

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

## **1.0 TITLE**

1.1 This By-law may be referred to as the "Screening and Hearing Officer By-law".

## **2.0 DEFINITIONS**

2.1 For the purposes of this By-law:

**Administrative Penalty** - means a monetary penalty as set out and calculated in accordance with Section 6 of O. Reg 355/22;

**CAO** - means the Chief Administrative Officer, or his or her delegate(s);

**Council** - means the elected Council of the Township of Mulmur;

**Power of Decision** - means a power or right, conferred by or under this By-law and the Administrative Penalty By-law, to make a decision deciding or prescribing, the legal rights, powers, privileges, immunities, duties or liabilities of any Person:

- a) in the case of a Screening Officer, in respect of a request to review an Administrative Penalty, and
- b) in the case of a Hearing Officer, in respect of an appeal from a Screening Decision.

**Hearing Officer** - means a person from time to time appointed by Council pursuant to this By-law;

**Parent** - means a person who has demonstrated a settled intention to treat a child as a member of her or his family whether or not that person is the natural parent of the child; and

**Person** - includes an individual and a corporation;

**Regulation** - means the Administrative Penalties Regulation for Contraventions Detected Using Camera Systems, O. Reg 355/22;

**Relative** includes any of the following persons:

- a) Spouse, common-law partner, or any person with whom the person is living as a spouse outside of marriage;
- b) Parent;
- c) Child, including a step child and grandchild;
- d) Siblings and children of siblings;
- e) Aunt, uncle, niece and nephew;

- f) In laws, including mother, father, sister, brother, daughter and son; or
- g) Any person who lives with the person on a permanent basis;
- h) "Screening Decision" means a notice which contains the decision of a Screening Officer;

**Screening Officer** - means a person from time to time appointed by Council pursuant to this By-law.

**Spouse** - means a person to whom the person is married or with whom the person is living in a conjugal relationship outside marriage.

**Township** - means The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur.

### **3.0 SCREENING OFFICER**

- 3.1 The position of Screening Officer is established for the purpose of exercising the Power of Decision in the review of an Administrative Penalty as set out in the Township's Administrative Penalty By-law.
- 3.2 The Screening Officer shall have all of the powers of review as set out in the Township's Administrative Penalty By-law and the Regulation.
- 3.3 A Screening Officer shall be appointed by Council in accordance with Ontario Regulation 355/22.

### **4.0 HEARING OFFICER**

- 4.1 The position of Hearing Officer is established for the purpose of exercising the Power of Decision in the appeal of a Screening Decision as set out in the Township's Administrative Penalty By-law.
- 4.2 The Hearing Officer shall have all of the powers of review as set out in the Township's Administrative Penalty By-law and the Regulation.
- 4.3 A Hearing Officer shall be appointed by Council in accordance with Ontario Regulation 355/22.

### **5.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 5.1 The following persons are not eligible for appointment as a Screening Officer or a Hearing Officer:
  - 1. A member of Council;
  - 2. The Relative of a person referenced in subsection 5.1 (1); or
  - 3. A person indebted to the Township other than
    - a) in respect of current real property taxes; or
    - b) pursuant to an agreement with the municipality the terms with which the person is in compliance.

- 5.2 No Person shall attempt, directly or indirectly, to communicate with or influence a Screening Officer or a Hearing Officer respecting the determination of an issue respecting a Delegated Power of Decision in a proceeding that is or will be pending before the Screening Officer or Hearing Officer except a person who is entitled to be heard in the proceeding or the person's lawyer or licensed representative and only by that person or the person's lawyer or licensed representative during the hearing of the proceeding in which the issue arises.
- 5.3 Section 5.2 does not prevent a Screening Officer or a Hearing Officer from seeking and receiving legal advice.
- 5.4 Any Person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a maximum fine as established pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33, as amended.
- 5.5 A Screening Officer or a Hearing Officer shall have no authority to further delegate his/her powers or duties.
- 5.6 Neither a Screening Officer or a Hearing Officer has the jurisdiction to consider questions relating to the validity of a statute, regulation or By-law or the constitutional applicability or operability of any statute, regulation or By-law.

## **6.0 EFFECTIVE DATE AND VALIDITY**

- 6.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision, or any part of a provision, of this By-law to be invalid, or to be of no force and effect, it is the intention of the Council in enacting this By-law, that each and every other provision of this By-law authorized by law, be applied and enforced in accordance with its terms to the extent possible according to law.
- 6.2 This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date it is finally passed.

Read and first, second and third time and finally passed on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

Ther Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

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Mayor

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## **The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur**

### **By-law No. XX - 2025**

#### **Being a by-law to appoint Hearing Officers for the adjudication of Reviews and Appeals of Administrative Penalties.**

Whereas Section 21.1 of the *Highway Traffic Act* ("HTA") and O. Reg. 355/22, authorize the Township of Mulmur to establish an administrative monetary penalty system to promote compliance with the HTA and its Regulations, and impose an administrative penalty within a prescribed time period on a prescribed class of persons that have contravened or failed to comply with prescribed provisions of the HTA and its Regulations;

And whereas Council of the Township of Mulmur ("Council") passed the Administrative Penalty System By-law XX-2025 for Contraventions Detected using Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras at its meeting held on September 3, 2025;

And whereas Council wishes to appoint certain persons as Hearing Officers pursuant to By-law XX-2025, a By-law of which delegates administrative and hearing powers to Screening and Hearing Officers for the adjudication of reviews and appeals under its Administrative Monetary Penalty System;

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

1. The person(s) listed in Schedule "A" are hereby appointed as Hearing Officers pursuant By-law XX-2025 which delegates administrative and hearing powers for the adjudication of reviews and appeals under its Administrative Monetary Penalty System.
2. That Schedule "A" forms part of this By-law.
3. This By-law shall come into force and effect upon the date it is finally passed.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2025.

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Mayor

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Clerk

**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW XX – 2025**

**HEARING OFFICERS**

<b>HEARING OFFICERS NAME</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT DATE</b>
Kayla Stephenson	September 3, 2025
Ashifa Alibhai	September 3, 2025



## The Corporation of the Township of Mulmur

### By-law No. - 2025

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Mulmur for September 3, 2025

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025.

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Janet Horner, Mayor

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Roseann Knechtel, Clerk