



Township of Cramahe Council Information Package

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Location: For Information Only

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Township of Cramahe

Construction Report - 2025

Month of: April

B.P #	Type of Work	Date Issued	Lot & Concession	Civic Adress	Value of Construction	Permit Fee	Roll Number	Plumbing		Area Sq.Ft.
								Permit	Fee	
25-015	Single Family Dwelling	4/7/2025	Con 4 Pt Lot 16	197 Deelee Rd	\$400,000.00	\$3,486.02	1411 011 030 10744	25-030	\$564.00	2,437
25-024	Single Family Dwelling	4/8/2025	Eastfield Subdivision Lot 38	1 Merriman St	\$650,000.00	\$3,044.19	not yet assigned	25-031	\$602.00	2098
25-026	Townhouse	4/9/2025	Eastfiled Block 63	42 Willowbrook St	\$650,000.00	\$3,378.51	not yet assigned	25-032	\$602.00	2,362
25-027	Townhouse	4/9/2025	Eastfiled Block 64	40 Willowbrook St	\$650,000.00	\$3,378.51	not yet assigned	25-033	\$602.00	2362
25-028	Townhouse	4/9/2025	Eastfiled Block 65	46 Willowbrook St	\$650,000.00	\$3,378.51	not yet assigned	25-034	\$602.00	2,362
25-029	Townhouse	4/9/2025	Eastfiled Block 66	44 Willowbrook St	\$650,000.00	\$3,378.51	not yet assigned	25-035	\$602.00	2,362
25-030	Covered Deck	4/28/2025	Reid Plan Pt Lot 512	7 KING ST W	\$20,000.00	\$345.00	14 11 012 020 336 00	na	na	204
25-031	Front Porch	4/29/2025	CON 5 PT LOT 14 & 15	14336 COUNTY RD 21	\$2,000.00	\$345.00	14 11 011 030 155 00	na	na	64
Total:					\$3,672,000.00	\$20,734.25		Total:	\$3,574.00	

Single Dwellings	6
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Statistics to the end of April 2024

No. of Permits	21
Construction Value	\$5,990,000.00
Permit Fees	\$46,306.00
No. of Single Family Dwellings	9

Statistics to the end of April 2025

No. of Permits	48
Construction Value	\$24,406,000.00
Permit Fees	\$137,559.28
No. of Single Family Dwellings	39

From: [AMO Policy](#)
To: [Clerk](#)
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Proposed Legislation on Planning Approvals & Development Charges
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 4:40:10 PM

CAUTION: External E-Mail



Policy Update - Proposed Legislation on Planning Approvals & Development Charges

Province introduces *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act* to streamline development approvals

On May 12, the province introduced the [*Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act*](#) intended to streamline development approvals and modernize development charges (DCs). The government also announced its intent to consult with municipalities on high impact proposals.

AMO broadly supports provincial efforts to standardize and streamline development approvals to boost housing and economic growth, a shared priority for municipalities. DCs are a critical tool for ensuring that municipalities can fund the infrastructure necessary to support growth, but modernization is needed.

AMO is pleased the proposed legislation includes joint [*AMO and the Ontario Home Builders' Association \(OBHA\) recommendations for DC modernization*](#), in addition to other proposals that go beyond AMO recommendations. This legislation is a marked departure from Bill 23, which introduced significant across the board reductions and discounts to DCs. This new bill provides the framework changes and room to consult on how to best accomplish them in future regulations.

AMO welcomes an approach that includes further consultation on a number of key elements to inform the development of regulations. This provides municipalities with a valuable opportunity to provide expertise and shape effective on-the-ground implementation.

Specific bill proposals and announcements include:

- Changes to the DC framework that reflect joint recommendations from AMO and OHBA, including:
 - Standardizing some DC calculations like Benefits to Existing and the definition of local services
 - Improving the DC freeze model
 - Examining how land value is included in DC rate calculations
 - Enhancing flexibility across service categories
- Other DC changes not included in AMO recommendations include deferring payment of residential DCs to building occupancy, exempting long-term care homes from DCs, and requiring municipalities to spend or commit 60% of reserve funds for select service categories at the beginning of a given year
- Standardizing and streamlining planning, including:
 - Permitting as-of-right minor variances, four-story townhome units, and K-12 public schools on residential lands
 - Standardizing and limiting the number of land use designations in official plans
 - Restrictions to Inclusionary Zoning
 - Allowing the Minister to impose conditions that must be met before an Minister's Zoning Order (MZO) can come into effect
 - Providing guidance to aligning Official Plans with Ministry of Finance population projections
- Standardizing the application of the Ontario Building Code, removing municipalities'

ability to set higher green building standards and making it easier to use innovative construction and materials

- Expanding the definition of priority transit projects and transit-oriented communities to apply to a wider range of provincial projects, and making it easier for the province and municipalities to work together to advance provincial transit and infrastructure development
- Consultation on the expanded use of communal water and sewage systems, modular “off grid” water treatment facilities
- Consultation on the use of a public utility model for water and wastewater service delivery. AMO will continue to advocate for water/wastewater systems to remain public assets, with any shifts to public utility models undertaken voluntarily by municipalities

AMO will participate in the Bill’s Standing Committee process. At oral deputations and beyond, AMO will continue to advocate for predictable, sustainable and adequate funding for municipal infrastructure to support an unprecedented pace and scale of growth, address aging assets and increase resilience to climate change.

Should the Bill receive Royal Assent, AMO will continue to collaborate with our members, OHBA and the province to ensure Ontario’s development framework changes are responsive to local needs and can be effectively implemented.

An online version of this Policy Update is available on the [AMO Website](#).

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From: [AMO Policy Clerk](#)
To: [AMO Policy Clerk](#)
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Modelling Tool
Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 2:00:24 PM

CAUTION: External E-Mail



Policy Update - Modelling Tool

AMO is pleased to share a new [modelling tool](#), developed by Oxford Economics, to assist municipalities in estimating tariff costs on capital construction projects.

This tool was developed through close consultation with municipal public works department heads and treasurers, incorporating their valuable feedback.

When used alongside our recently released [report](#) on the impacts of tariffs on municipal construction costs, this tool will enable municipalities to:

- Better inform council decisions on capital projects;
- Understand and explain price fluctuations; and,
- Support procurement negotiations with vendors.

To support municipal use of the tool, Oxford Economics has developed a supplemental [guide](#) and a [video tutorial](#) to help your teams get started.

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Board of Directors refers to the General Membership as set out in the Lower Trent Conservation Administrative By-Law No. 2023-01

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEETING # 2025-03

DATE: April 10, 2025

TIME: 2:12 PM

LOCATION: Administration Office, 714 Murray Street, Trenton / Virtually

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

ON SITE		REMOTE SITE
Eugene (Gene) Brahaney (Chair)	Rick English	Lynda Reid
Sherry Hamilton (Vice-Chair)	Bob Mullin	Eric Sandford
Mike Ainsworth	Jeff Wheeldon	

ABSENT: Jim Alyea, Bobbi Wright

STAFF: Rhonda Bateman, Chitra Gowda, Gage Comeau, Anne Anderson, Chris McLeod, Massimo Narini

GUESTS: None

1. Meeting called to order by the Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brahaney at 2:12 p.m.

2. First Nations Acknowledgement

"This land is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) peoples. We acknowledge our shared responsibilities and obligations to preserve and protect the land, air and water. We are grateful to have the privilege to meet, explore, and connect here on these shared lands. In the spirit of friendship, peace and respect, we extend our thanks to all the generations that came before us and cared for these lands - for time immemorial."

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

4. Approval of the Agenda as amended

RES: G32/25

Moved by: Bob Mullin

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no delegations received for this meeting.

6. Public Input (3 minutes per speaker)

There was no public input at this meeting.

7. Adoption of the Minutes:

Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025 and March 17, 2025

RES: G33/25

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Mike Ainsworth

THAT the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025 be adopted; and
THAT the Hearing Board Meeting and Closed Session Hearing Board Meeting Minutes for application RP-25-022 to RP-25-024 from March 13, 2025 be adopted; and
THAT the Hearing Board Meetings and Closed Session Hearing Board Meetings Minutes for applications RP-24-232 and RP-25-002 from March 17, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

8. Business arising from these minutes

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

9. Correspondence

- a. Congratulatory letter to MPP Piccini
- b. Congratulatory letter to MPP Bresee
- c. Congratulatory letter to MPP Allsopp

RES: G34/25

Moved by: Sherry Hamilton

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the correspondence be received as information.

Carried

STAFF REPORTS

10. List of Monthly Payments Issued

RES: G35/25

Moved by: Bob Mullin

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the list of payments issued in the total amount of \$226,190.86 for the month of March 2025 be received as information.

Carried

11. 2024 Surplus Allocation

Rhonda Bateman explained the proposed use of surplus as outlined in the staff report. She added that Canada Summer Jobs federal funding was confirmed on that day for two positions including a Category 3 position that supports LTC education and communication activities.

RES: G36/25

Moved by: Bob Mullin

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the 2024 Category 1 operating surplus be allocated to the following Category 1 expenses:

\$35,500 be allocated for a six-month contract for the Conservation Lands Maintenance Assistant position; and

Funding be allocated for the organizational and salary review.

THAT the 2024 Category 2 operating surplus of \$16,493 remain with the source protection risk management and education and outreach for 2025.

THAT the 2024 Category 3 operating surplus of \$51,902 be allocated to the following Category 3 reserves and expenses:

\$13,382 to the Category 3 Community Stewardship Reserve; and

\$25,000 to the Category 3 Youth Education; and

\$13,520 be used for local monitoring.

Carried

12. Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Reports

Director Rick English noted the significantly lower number of permits compared to similar timeframes in previous years. Gage Comeau, Manager, Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations, explained that the winter season slowed down development activities; however staff continued to manage a large number of inquiries, inspections and enforcement activities.

Director Lynda Reid noted a concern about creek banks being dug out in the vicinity of 1538 Frankford Stirling Road for which a permit was issued. She noted a similar observation on the west side of Frankford Stirling Road. Gage Comeau replied that tiling is being done at 1538 Frankford Stirling Road. A house is being rebuilt at the other property. The drainage contractor had dug out the roadside ditch in that location in close proximity to the creek. He added that LTC is in contact with each of the property owners regarding the respective projects.

- a. Summary of Permits for Period March 1 – March 28, 2025
- b. Planning and Regulations
- c. Flood Forecasting and Warning (FFW) and Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR)

RES: G37/25

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Sherry Hamilton

THAT the Watershed Management, Planning and Regulations Reports be received as information.

Carried

13. Watershed Health Assessment and Brook Trout Monitoring Project

Massimo Narini, Watershed Services Specialist, presented on the project per the detailed staff report in the agenda package. Director Lynda Reid noted a minor edit to be made to the brook trout report. Director Mike Ainsworth asked for reasons for the decline in brook trout. Massimo Narini replied that there could be several factors such as competing salmon spawning, sea lamprey weirs, and sedimentation. Gage Comeau added that there is a wider variation in water temperature now than a decade ago. Higher than average water temperatures affect brook

trout. Director Mike Ainsworth asked if rainbow trout are prone to more diseases and Massimo Narini replied that overall, there are higher rates of diseases observed in fishes.

RES: G38/25

Moved by: Lynda Reid

Seconded by: Eric Sandford

THAT the Lower Trent Conservation's Watershed Health Assessment and Brook Trout Monitoring Pilot Project report and presentation be received as information.

Carried

14. Conservation Lands Report - March 31, 2025

RES: G39/25

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Lynda Reid

THAT the Conservation Lands Report for the period January 1 – March 31, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

15. Education and Outreach Activities Report – March 31, 2025

RES: G40/25

Moved by: Bob Mullin

Seconded by: Sherry Hamilton

THAT the Summary of Education and Outreach Activities Report for the period January 1 – March 31, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

16. Summary of Risk Management Official Activity Report – April 1, 2025

RES: G41/25

Moved by: Eric Sandford

Seconded by: Jeff Wheeldon

THAT the Risk Management Official Activity Report pursuant to Part IV of the *Clean Water Act* report for the period of January 1 to April 1, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

17. Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Program

a. March 2025 Newsletter

b. BQRAP Annual Report Year Ending March 31, 2025

RES: G42/25

Moved by: Mike Ainsworth

Seconded by: Sherry Hamilton

THAT the Bay of Quinte Remedial Action Plan Newsletter for March 2025; and
THAT the BQRAP Annual Report for year ending March 31, 2025 be received as information.

Carried

18. CAO's Report

Rhonda Bateman thanked all of the member municipalities for the allocation payments received for 2025.

RES: G43/25

Moved by: Rick English

Seconded by: Bob Mullin

THAT the CAO's Report be received as information.

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

19. Members Inquiries/Other Business

Director Jeff Wheeldon asked if Lower Trent received confirmation on the participants from

Brighton Council for the Proctor Park Pavilion committee. Rhonda Bateman replied that participants are confirmed.

As discussed at the March 13, 2025 LTC regular Board meeting, the Ontario Headwaters Institute discussion paper was circulated by Rhonda Bateman to member municipalities after the meeting. Director Sherry Hamilton provided an update to the members. She said that the Township of Cramahe reviewed the Ontario Headwaters Institute discussion paper at the March 25, 2025 Council meeting and passed a resolution stating "BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Cramahe commits to engaging in further dialogue and actions that support the protection and management of watersheds within our region".

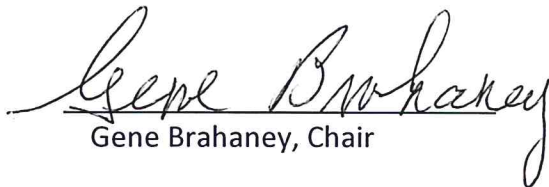
20. Adjournment


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RES: G44/25 Moved by: Sherry Hamilton Seconded by: Rick English
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

Time: 3:03 p.m.


Gene Brahaney, Chair


Rhonda Bateman, CAO/ST



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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May 5, 2025

RE: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on April 30, 2025, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

- Increase Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that have already been made and be indexed to inflation;
- Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association; and
All Ontario Municipalities

April 29, 2025

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington St
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Prime Minister Mark Carney:

Re: Support of Canadian Economy

This is to confirm that at the April 28, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

WHEREAS The Township of West Lincoln recognizes the economic challenges posed by the proposed U.S. tariffs on local and domestic businesses, workers and economic stability on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS at the Niagara borders, 9.1 million people crossed into the US from Canada, and 9.3 million people crossed from the US into Canada; and

WHEREAS a total of \$119.5 billion in goods transited the borders in Niagara: \$57.8 billion were exports to the US, and \$61.6 billion were imports to Canada; and

WHEREAS Niagara borders with the US accounted for 11.4% of total goods traded between Canada and the US; and

WHEREAS Premier Doug Ford has stated the proposed tariffs could cost Ontario 500,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS in 2023, 532 businesses in Niagara exported \$5.9 billion in goods to the US, and the US market accounts for 72% of total exports from Niagara; and

WHEREAS the implementation of a 25% tariff on Canadian goods threatens not only local businesses but also the broader supply chain that fuels economic activity across Ontario and the rest of Canada; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that all levels of government work together to address these challenges, ensuring that our procurement policies support domestic industries while maintaining competitive and sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, given the importance of trade and infrastructure investments in shaping the future of our communities, West Lincoln stands ready to take decisive action in collaboration with provincial and federal stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been restricted by Federal and Provincial trade agreements from giving preference to “Buy Canadian” initiatives; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on provincial and federal governments to remove any impediments to municipalities preferentially procuring from Canadian companies for capital projects and supplies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Township Council calls on the provincial and federal governments to continue to work together on a response that protects the Canadian economy through measures such as expanding export opportunities outside of the US market, removing inter-provincial trade barriers, continuing to push for exemptions and tariff reductions via diplomatic channels; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township of West Lincoln Council formally acknowledges the economic challenges posed by the proposed U.S. tariffs and commits to adopting strategies that will protect our local and domestic economy; and that subject to provincial and federal changes to legislation, adjustments will be made to our procurement policies that prioritize Canadian businesses, strengthen trade advocacy efforts, and promote interprovincial collaboration to mitigate the impact of tariffs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be sent to.

The Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)
Niagara Region Municipalities

Niagara Region MPPs
Niagara Region MPs

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



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cc. Premier Doug Ford
Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
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Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Chris Bittle, MP
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Fred Davies, MP
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May 13, 2025

RE: Support Resolution No. 2025-120 regarding Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 16, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-120:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.7 listed for APRIL 16, 2025 Council meeting be received for information; and

Whereas the Township supports the Municipality of Durham Council Motion to Amend prior Motion to Nazi Symbols of Hate and directs staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities, B'nai Brith Canada



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Legislative Services
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March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and


Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities."



Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities

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May 8, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
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Email: premier@ontario.ca

RE: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Quinte West

Dear Premier Ford:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on May 7, 2025 Council supported the following resolution:

THAT Council receive item 12.8 Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Letter
Re: Strong Mayor Powers as information;

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation on May 1, 2025, which would grant mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets, planning and operational decisions;

AND WHEREAS this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the proposed expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminish the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

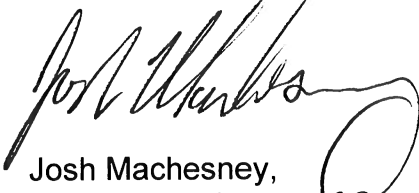
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Quinte West;

1. Does not support the proposed strong mayor powers as currently outlined;
2. Supports specific powers to mayors as it pertains to identifiable decisions regarding housing, development, infrastructure and transit to provide tools that reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure developments;
3. Strongly suggests that free reign of decision-making regarding hiring, firing, committees and so forth be removed from the proposed authority;
4. Strongly suggests that members of current Council were duly elected officials by citizens with the awareness of one vote per council member and majority votes are the democratic process;
5. Requests that the Provincial Strong Mayor Powers proposed to take effect on May 1, 2025, be deferred to allow for greater clarity and that the Province seek collaborative input from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
6. Directs staff to forward this resolution immediately to Premier Ford, Minister Flack, Tyler Allsopp, MPP Bay of Quinte, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario Municipalities.

We hope that you give consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST



Josh Machesney,
City Clerk | Director of Corporate Services

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – rob.flack@pc.ola.org
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Friday, May 9, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

SENT VIA EMAIL: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Re: Town of Goderich Opposition to Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Strong Mayor Powers

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Please be advised of the following motion that was passed at the April 28, 2025, Goderich Town Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Kelly
Seconded By: Councillor Petrie

WHEREAS on April 9, 2025, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced the expansion of Strong Mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities, including the Town of Goderich, as a Strong Mayor community granting enhanced powers to the Mayor, effective May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the 169 municipalities affected by the April 9 Strong Mayor powers letter supplied insufficient time for any meaningful feedback and coordinated response on O.Reg. 530/22 from Councils given the six (6) business day turnaround deadline for comments of April 16 - procedural notice provisions to call a special Council meeting and short notice scheduling conflicts of Council members;

AND WHEREAS the Strong Mayors powers has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, reduced accountability, alters the balance of governance at the municipal level by ultimately undermining the role of Council and decision-making by weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule, diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community, and the potential for the abuse of power;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council debate and shared decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers would have the effect of fundamentally altering the historic model of local governance, which has existed for almost two centuries;

AND WHEREAS the Province is undermining the local governance model and municipal independence by attempting to advance its priorities through municipalities, and downloading its responsibilities to the same;

AND WHEREAS municipal elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concerns regarding the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes if Mayors are granted the ability to by-pass Council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Goderich did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayors framework;

AND WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across the province of Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of a Strong Mayor system, and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Goderich formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor powers, in order to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

AND THAT the Council of the Town of Goderich request the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Goderich from the list of municipalities designated under Strong Mayors legislation;

AND THAT the Town of Goderich encourages advocacy for democratic principles and for municipal governance systems that prioritize collaboration, inclusivity, and democratic engagement;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and MPP for Elgin-Middlesex-London, The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, and MPP for Huron-Bruce, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) for their awareness and support.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc. Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, and MPP for Huron-Bruce,

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Honourable Premier Doug Ford
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Sent via electronic mail

May 8, 2025

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C195-2025 opposing Strong Mayor Powers.

Resolution C195-2025

Moved by: Cabral
Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the Ontario government has expanded the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities, which grants mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning decisions; and,

Whereas this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power; and,

Whereas the expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community; and,

Whereas concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are able to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Springwater opposes the Strong Mayor Powers; and

That the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's expansion of the Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability.

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Doug Downey, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Carried

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

Regards,



Cayla Reimer
Deputy Clerk,
Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. MPP Doug Downey
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May 8, 2025

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Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of North Perth

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on April 29, 2025:

Moved by Doug Kellum Seconded by Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth expresses its desires to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reverse the grant of Strong Mayor Powers to the Municipality of North Perth;

AND THAT: The letter be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, Association of Municipality of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth, please accept this letter as an official request to have strong mayor powers removed from the Municipality of North Perth.

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Enclosure

CC: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Matthew Rae, Perth Wellington MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



April 30, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton
bob.bailey@pc.ola.org

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming at its Regular Council meeting on April 30th, 2025, passed the following motion:

Motion #14

Moved by Kristen Rodrigues
Seconded by Alex Boughen

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario announced on April 9th, 2025, that it will extend “**Strong Mayor Powers**” to an additional 169 Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Province only accepted comments on the government’s intentions until April 16, 2025 with the new powers set to begin on May 1, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the timeline for feedback from municipal councils was unreasonably short, especially when considering many of the impacted councils generally only meet one to two times monthly, with the added staff time required to prepare reports and provide more detailed information on the impact of the provincial legislation;

AND WHEREAS the intent of the legislation is to build more homes faster, The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), which has been tracking the use of strong mayor powers since they were first introduced in Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, said there is no evidence

to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housings starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers;

AND WHEREAS the new powers include the ability to set budgets, veto bylaws, pass bylaws with just one-third of their council's support, appoint senior civil servants, and solely delegate and oversee the CAO position, which further erodes the lines of an elected official's position and impairs the ability of council to work as a whole on behalf of the community;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the council for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming fully supports the existing electoral process under which the residents duly elected all council members and value a collaborative and council-driven approach to decision making without impairment on any members of council;

AND FURTHER That Council respects the province's intent, but the imposition of Strong Mayor Powers results in an erosion of the democratic process and further deteriorates the promotion of diversity in municipal representation;

AND FURTHER The Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is formally opposed to the use of Strong Mayor Powers and requests that the province repeal the Strong Mayor Powers Legislation all together as a matter of upholding the democratic rights of all elected officials;

AND FURTHER, that in the absence of a repeal, the Town of Plympton-Wyoming Council requests that the province allows municipalities the option to formally decline as a matter of record with the province.

Carried.

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



Sincerely,
Dianne Gould-Brown
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Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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May 1, 2025

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford,

Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building

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Toronto, ON, M7A 1A4

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Resolution R2025-174 - Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the City of Stratford

At the April 28, 2025, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution in response to the Province's proposal to designate Stratford as a "Strong Mayor" municipality, effective May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the City of Stratford as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the City of Stratford has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision making; and,

WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the City of Stratford did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Stratford City Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the City of Stratford from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Member of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
City of Stratford

Cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament, Perth - Wellington
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario



THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

May 1, 2025

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Honourable Rob Flack
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Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 29, 2025, Council discussed their opposition to the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025. Council of the Town of Cobalt requests that the proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to expand Strong Mayor Powers and duties to additional municipalities not include the Town of Cobalt.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2025-057

MOVED BY: Councillor Lafleur
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt as a "Strong Mayor" community, granting enhanced powers to the Mayor effective May 1, 2025; and,

WHEREAS the Strong Mayor powers significantly alter the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making and weakening the fundamental democratic principle of majority rule; and,

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt has a long history of collaborative, transparent, and accountable local governance built upon a foundation of Council-debate and shared decision-making; and,

WHEREAS many municipally elected officials across the province and members of the public have expressed significant concern regarding the imposition of these powers; and,

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt did not formally request or express a desire to be designated under the Strong Mayor framework; and,

WHEREAS a growing number of municipalities and elected officials across Ontario are questioning the appropriateness of the Strong Mayor system and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

CARRIED

We trust you will find this satisfactory if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Kind Regards,



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Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
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cc:

John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

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CAUTION: External E-Mail

Good Morning

At the May 12, 2025, meeting of Shelburne Town Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Moved By: Councillor Lindsay Wegener
Seconded By: Councillor Len Guchardi

Whereas the Province announced expansion of Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, which includes the Town of Shelburne to take effect May 1st 2025; and

Whereas the purpose of Strong Mayor Powers is to accelerate the delivery of key provincial priorities, building 1.5 million new homes by December 31, 2031, constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including, transit, roads, utilities and servicing and reduce red tape; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario has identified that no research exists to support the impact of housing development within municipalities having been granted the strong mayor's power; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers blurs the political-administrative authority between the roles of Head of Council and Chief Administration Officer; and

Whereas the Strong Mayor Powers is an erosion to the democratic process historical to the very fabric of Canadian municipal governance;

Now Therefore the Council of the Town of Shelburne hereby respectively rejects the Strong Mayor Powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offers as an option and the ability for a municipality to opt out of the legislation; and

That a copy this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Sylvia Jones, AMO, and all other Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED; Mayor Wade Mills

Thank You

Jennifer Willoughby, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-092

Moved: Mayor Post

Seconded: Councillor Macintosh

Rescinding Strong Mayor Powers

Whereas the Province of Ontario initially introduced Strong Mayor Powers in 2022 with the stated intent of expediting housing development across municipalities; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario arbitrarily expanded the Strong Mayor Powers legislation to include an additional 169 municipalities in April 2025; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario have demonstrated a commitment to addressing the housing crisis through local planning approvals and community-led solutions; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers fundamentally alter local democratic governance by concentrating decision-making authority in a single individual, thereby weakening the role of elected Councils and disrupting the principles of collaboration and shared leadership; and

Whereas these powers can create uncertainty within municipal organizations, impact staff morale, and risk eroding the trust that underpins effective municipal governance; and

Whereas there are currently no provincial checks and balances or independent oversight mechanisms in place to ensure Strong Mayor Powers are being used appropriately and as intended, and the legislation itself has been described by some as “open to interpretation,” creating a fundamental flaw in the responsible application of these potentially dangerous powers; and

Whereas the primary barriers to housing construction are not rooted in municipal decision-making processes, but in broader market conditions, infrastructure constraints, and the lack of effective provincial and federal policy supports to stimulate affordable and attainable housing development;

Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Orangeville formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety; and

That should the legislation not be repealed, that the Province immediately remove the Town of Orangeville from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor Powers framework; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada for their information, support and consideration.

Result: Carried Unanimously

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
pm@pm.gc.ca

Sent via electronic mail

May 8, 2025

Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C196-2025 Redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Resolution C196-2025

Moved by: Cabral

Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That Township of Springwater calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney, the Right Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Doug Downey; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

Regards,



Cayla Reimer
Deputy Clerk,
Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. MP Doug Shipley
Hon. MPP Doug Downey
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Meeting Date: May 12, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-093

Moved: Councillor Prendergast

Seconded: Councillor Andrews

Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5

Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of “Special Economic Zones” that may override local planning authority; and

Whereas the Town of Orangeville supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes; and

Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario’s natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council for the Town of Orangeville:

- Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
- Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;
- Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin–Caledon
 - The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration.

Result: Carried Unanimously

May 13, 2025

To all Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

Re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested

As Mayor of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent, I am sharing this motion to bring to your attention the potential risks to your communities and ask for your support to oppose this approach. The following motion was approved yesterday, May 12, 2025:

“Whereas 29831 Irish School Road in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is a property approximately 800 metres from the Town of Dresden;

And Whereas the property contain small fill areas used for historic local landfill purposes, and the property has never been properly studied or zoned for any significant landfilling use;

And Whereas the current property owners are attempting to create a new recycling and landfill facility for millions of tonnes of waste, which would result in hundreds of trucks travelling through towns and communities in the area;

And Whereas this approach has been strongly opposed by Council, the Community, neighbouring Indigenous Nations and many other voices, due to impacts to the environment, our homes, the safety of our families and children, and the fabric of our communities;

And Whereas the Provincial government has proposed Bill 5, which includes a section removing the obligation for a full Environmental Assessment for this new landfill and recycling facility;

And Whereas if this limited, historic local landfill use on the edge of Dresden can be expanded into a massive landfill and recycling facility, then this can happen anywhere;

And Whereas there are likely hundreds of properties across the Province that may have had limited, historic waste uses, which could also face this threat;

And Whereas Bill 197 established a veto for Municipalities within 3.5 kms of a new landfill, which reflected the need for local government and community approval of landfill sites;

And Whereas the approach being taken for this property disregards the importance of our rural communities, and local voices, in determining appropriate landfill sites within their communities:

Cont'd...

Now Therefore to ensure that other Municipal Councils and communities know about what is happening in Dresden, and the potential risk to their community if this approach is taken by the Province, Council requests that the Mayor's Office write a letter to all other Ontario Municipalities, AMO, ROMA and FCM:

1. Advising them of this issue and the risks to their community if a similar approach is taken for other historic landfill properties; the possibility of the Ontario government setting a precedence and
2. Requesting their support in opposing this approach and ensuring that full Environmental Assessments are required for all landfills and that municipalities have a strong voice in determining appropriate locations for landfills in their communities."

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent