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AMO Policy Update – Property Tax Reassessment, National Housing Strategy Renewal, Provincial Data Centre Playbook

Top Insights

- AMO calls on the province to restart property tax reassessment
- AMO set out municipal sector priorities for the province to inform its renewal and renegotiation of the Canada-Ontario National Housing Strategy agreement beyond 2028
- The province is consulting on a new framework to guide decision-making on data centres, and prioritize projects that deliver meaningful local benefits
- AMO Conference key messages and priorities

Property Tax Reassessment

AMO sent a [letter to Premier Ford](#) to reinforce our long-standing call for the province to establish a clear and timely path back to regular property assessment cycles. A well-functioning and up-to-date assessment system makes Ontario an attractive place to invest, provides municipalities with a stable and predictable source of revenue, and stability and predictability for property taxpayers.

Public support and understanding of the benefits of re-assessment will also be key to resuming a regular reassessment cycle. AMO has offered to partner with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation and the Province to ensure effective communication and implementation of the transition back to regular assessments.

Ontario is the only province in Canada that has not resumed property reassessments post COVID-19 pandemic, with the last assessment taking place in 2016.

National Housing Strategy Renewal – Municipal Priorities

The National Housing Strategy (NHS) is set to expire in 2028. AMO is pleased that both the provincial and federal governments have committed to working together on a renewed agreement. The homelessness crisis continues to worsen in communities across Ontario. The continuation of NHS funding is crucial. To ensure that municipal perspectives are considered as part of the renegotiation, AMO [issued a letter](#) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing identifying and providing input about Ontario's municipal core priorities for the renegotiation of the strategy and a new Canada-Ontario bilateral agreement. These include:

- Provide long-term predictable funding through a renewed bilateral agreement.
- Focus investments on households experiencing the greatest housing need.
- Renew and expand the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit.
- Increase investment in non-market housing and preservation of existing affordable housing stock.
- Expand supportive and transitional housing.
- Make Reaching Home a permanent and expanded program.
- Advance Indigenous-led housing and homelessness solutions.

- Strengthen housing system capacity and delivery.

AMO is hopeful that this initial input will serve as a launch pad for more conversation and collaboration with both the provincial and federal governments.

Provincial Consultation on Data Centre Playbook

The provincial government [has announced](#) a framework for data centres to guide decisions on new data centres. Under the proposed [Data Centre Playbook](#), data centres would be required to pay for the full cost of electricity, and be assessed based on three priorities:

- **Economic Development:** Creating high-quality jobs, attracting investments, creating new tax revenue, and supporting domestic supply chains
- **Digital Sovereignty:** Protecting Canadian data and security, and prioritizing Canadian companies
- **Community Investment:** Delivering significant benefits to host communities and earning public trust, and minimizing impacts on host communities

This Playbook responds to AMO's data centre advocacy. AMO [has called](#) for the development of a provincial framework that ensures data centres do not limit municipal ability to meet other priorities like housing and job creation. We have also called for priority to be given to projects that provide clear benefits to host communities.

The proposed Data Centre Playbook is [open for public consultation](#) until September 12. AMO will continue providing advice to the province on how data centre development can balance local needs and infrastructure demands while supporting Ontario's economy.

AMO Conference Key Messages and Priorities

The AMO Conference, the biggest event in the municipal calendar, kicks off in Ottawa on August 17, and key messages of our policy priorities can be found on the [AMO Website](#). See you in Ottawa!

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



The 2026 AMO Conference brought together more than 3,600 municipal leaders, provincial and federal representatives, sector partners and stakeholders representing 444 municipalities across Ontario.

Over four days, municipal leaders advanced local priorities through over 750 delegation meetings, policy discussions and conversations with government and sector partners. Several significant announcements and developments also emerged from the conference.



Infrastructure funding for growth and renewal

The conference opened with a joint federal-provincial [announcement](#) of \$1 billion in combined funding through a new Canada–Ontario Partnership to Build funding stream.

The program is intended to support municipalities that do not levy development charges, often rural, small and northern communities, with funding available for both growth-related housing infrastructure and asset renewal. AMO and the Ministry of Infrastructure will be co-hosting webinars to answer your questions, and additional details will be provided in next week's policy update.

Municipalities that applied for the [Development Charge Reduction Program](#) (DCRP) have started to hear back from the provincial government. Some municipalities are receiving responses to their applications and will need to assess next steps. AMO's position continues to be that if a municipality receives less funding than it requested, it should have the flexibility to reduce the size of its development charge reduction.

Questions about the interaction between the DCRP and the Non-Development Charge Municipalities Stream funding, including if a municipality can be eligible under both, should be directed to the province.

Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund

The province [announced](#) that applications are now open for the next round of the \$500-million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF). The fund is intended to support the development and renewal of local sport and recreation infrastructure across Ontario. The Ministry is hosting a [webinar](#) on August 26 at 11 a.m. to learn about the fund and application process.

Municipal Accountability Act consultations

The province also launched consultations on [proposed regulations](#) to implement the new municipal code of conduct legislation passed earlier this year. The proposed regulatory framework includes:

- potential elements of a standard municipal code of conduct
- processes for municipal Integrity Commissioners
- and education and training requirements for municipal officials and Integrity Commissioners.

AMO will provide formal comments and create additional channels for you to have your say. Stay tuned for more to come.

Housing, homelessness and local democracy

Housing affordability, homelessness and supportive housing remained key issues throughout the conference. Discussions focused on the need for

stronger coordination among governments, health and housing providers, and the non-profit, co-operative and private sectors to address growing pressures in communities. All three levels of government acting now to address the waitlist for voluntary treatment, wraparound supports, and supportive housing would make real progress on this important issue.

Delegates also examined local democracy and governance, including how municipalities can navigate changes while maintaining transparent, accountable decision-making and strong local voices.

New AMO leadership

AMO members elected Riley Brockington as President for the 2026–2028 term, alongside a [new Board of Directors](#). The incoming Board will continue AMO's advocacy on the issues affecting municipalities and the sustainability of local government.

Advancing reconciliation

AMO and the Anishinabek Nation signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a framework to identify shared priorities, exchange perspectives and work together to advance common goals through advocacy and sector leadership. The MOU is one of the commitments identified in AMO's [Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan](#).

The conference reinforced the scale and complexity of the pressures facing municipalities. AMO will continue working with members and government partners to advance solutions that support strong, sustainable and resilient communities.

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AMO Policy Update – MHIP Non-DC Stream, AMO Responds to new Tariffs, Provincial Rideshare Consultation, Support for Ontario’s Forestry Sector

Top Insights

- Municipalities that do not levy development charges will be able to apply to a new \$1 billion infrastructure funding stream for projects that preserve or grow housing supply.
- AMO has written to Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford to express support for their leadership responding to the challenging trade environment, and outlining the importance of municipalities in supporting our economy.
- MTO is consulting on proposed enhancements and the expansion of the Provincial Rideshare Framework to all municipalities.
- AMO has written to the province in support of efforts to protect and grow Ontario’s forestry industry, recognizing that the sector supports jobs and housing construction.

Infrastructure Funding for Non-Development Charges Levying Municipalities

The governments of Ontario and Canada announced \$1 billion in infrastructure funding for municipalities that do not levy development

charges at the AMO conference. The funding supports the construction, rehabilitation and expansion of infrastructure that preserves or grows housing supply, including roads, bridges, drinking water, wastewater and stormwater assets. The maximum total eligible costs for a project is \$20 million. AMO welcomes this new Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program funding stream (Non-DC Stream) as we continue to advocate for long-term, predictable and sustainable infrastructure funding for the sector.

Applications for the program will open on October 29 and close on December 2, 2026. Additional intakes under the Non-DC Stream will be available in the future. [Program guidelines](#) and [FAQs](#) are now available online. Questions about the program can be directed to mhip@ontario.ca.

To support the sector with their applications, AMO will jointly host two webinars with the Ministry of Infrastructure for municipal CAOs and treasurers. The first webinar is scheduled for September 16 before the program launches, with a second webinar taking place in November before the application window closes. Registration information will be shared shortly.

Building Canada Strong Through Economic Uncertainty

AMO [has written to](#) Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford to express support for their leadership in responding to an increasingly uncertain and challenging trade environment and to outline the importance of municipalities in supporting Canada's economy. As a sector, municipalities invest \$68 billion annually in the infrastructure and services our communities rely on. They know the importance of building strong, resilient communities that can adapt to changing economic conditions.

AMO and its members are prepared to work with the province and federal government to build a stronger, more competitive, and more prosperous future.

Provincial Rideshare Framework Consultations

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is exploring future enhancements and expansion of the [Provincial Rideshare Framework](#) currently in effect along the Northlander train corridor. Under this expansion, the province would upload the regulation of rideshare services across Ontario. MTO is seeking municipal feedback on its proposal with a [survey open until September 30](#) and invites municipalities to [register for a municipal consultation session](#).

AMO [has called for](#) clarity on how the province will provide oversight and enforcement of rideshare services, and to coordinate with municipalities to ensure the framework does not undermine the viability of existing transportation options like public transit and local taxi businesses in favour of US-based rideshare companies.

AMO Supports Provincial Action to Protect Ontario's Forestry Sector

AMO [has written to](#) the province in support of efforts to protect Ontario's forestry sector from challenges caused by trade uncertainty and tariffs on key exports like softwood lumber. Municipalities recognize that the forestry sector contributes to our economy by creating jobs across the province, while supporting manufacturing and housing construction. We encourage the province to continue working closely with municipalities on the important work of protecting and growing Ontario's economic potential.

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August 10, 2026

Advocacy Update:

Proposed Changes to Charitable Gaming

Regulatory Framework

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) has launched a consultation on proposed charitable gaming policy changes. Specifically, the organization is requesting feedback on prize boards for municipally-issued charitable gaming licenses, licensing thresholds for raffles, bingo events, and the Bingo Revenue Model (BRM).

We are interested in hearing from members who manage charitable gaming to help inform feedback we may provide to the AGCO separately. As per our Legislation & Regulation advocacy pillar within our Issue Profile, we want to ensure the legislative and regulatory environment supports and enables the work of public servants. Municipal administrators require legislation that is responsive to current governance, administrative, and operational needs, and that is focused on outcomes. Moreover, our Service

and Administration advocacy pillar aims to modernize municipal services provided on behalf of the province, while also ensuring that administrative and operational burdens are minimal.

The proposed charitable gaming policy changes are:

1. To increase the maximum prize board for municipally-issued bingo licences from \$5,500 to \$10,000.
2. To increase the maximum prize board for municipally-issued raffle licences from \$50,000 to \$100,000.
3. To adjust the BRM from 55/45 (55% to operators and 45% to charities) to 60/40 (60% to operators and 40% to charities).

If you have any comments or feedback on these changes, please [let us know](#) by next Monday, August 17. Your feedback is important and may be included as part of a submission.

Further details are available on the [Connect AGCO website](#). The deadline to complete the consultation survey is **Friday, August 21**.

[COMPLETE THE AGCO CONSULTATION SURVEY](#)

Changes to the Break Open Ticket Licensing Framework

Separate but related, the AGCO has also announced updates to the Break Open Tickets (BOTs) licensing framework. Municipalities are authorized by the AGCO to license lottery events, including BOT lotteries, conducted by eligible charitable and not-for-profit organizations.

BOTs are made of cardboard and have perforated cover window tabs behind which are symbols revealed by tearing open the cover tab. The winning combination of symbols is specified on the back of the ticket. BOTs are also known as 'Nevada tickets' or 'pull tabs'. The new framework permits licensing of new \$0.50 tickets and \$1.00 tickets with counts of more than 5,000, effective July 29, 2026. Also effective as of the end of July, gaming-related suppliers have additional flexibility for ticket graphics approval.

As of September 30, 2026, all BOT licensing will be transitioned to the split revenue model (formerly section B of the Schedule of Approved Break Open Ticket Types and Associated Expense Maximums).

See further details and information in the [AGCO's Information Bulletin](#).

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August 19, 2026

Advocacy Update: Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act* Regulation Consultations Announced at AMO Conference

Yesterday, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack announced during his address at the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference that consultations on Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act* regulations are open.

The [proposed Minister's and Lieutenant Governor in Council \(LGIC\) regulations](#) would:

- Establish a single, standardized municipal code of conduct that would apply to all members of council and certain local boards.
- Create standardized inquiry processes to be followed by municipal integrity commissioners.

- Establish roles and requirements related to education and training for the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario (ICO), municipal integrity commissioners, and members of councils and certain local boards.

The consultation includes a document that outlines these proposals in more detail.

The Province is seeking public comments until October 2, 2026, and it is proposed that the regulations, once finalized, would take effect on November 15, 2026, the inauguration day of newly elected municipal councils and school boards.

As we noted in [previous updates](#), Bill 9 is a step forward towards improvements to the accountability framework. However, we remain concerned about gaps in the legislation where more can be done to address the safety and well-being of municipal professionals, especially as regional chairs will be appointed with 'strong chair' powers.

The timing of the consultations and the anticipated effective date is unfortunate as municipal staff are managing multiple concurrent priorities including running the municipal and school board elections and implementing new *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) requirements on top of other statutory day-to-day duties. Moreover, municipal administrators will be busy during this time preparing for council orientation and onboarding, which often include elements of the local accountability framework – something that may require changes pending the finalized regulations.

Next Steps

We are reviewing the proposed regulations and will provide further updates as we look to develop our submission to the consultation. Should you have any preliminary feedback or comments that may help inform our submission, [please reach out to our policy and government relations team](#).

As an Association, we are here to support you in ensuring the new framework is in place for the new term of council, while recognizing the important work you do as municipal administrators to navigate and implement ongoing legislative changes.



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August 21, 2026

AMCTO at the 2026 AMO Conference

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) held its annual general meeting and conference from August 16-19, 2026, in Ottawa, where we were proud to represent our members' interests in delegation meetings, attend plenary and concurrent sessions, and connect with municipal professionals and elected officials across the province, including at the conference tradeshow.

Delegations

AMCTO President Kyle Pratt advanced our advocacy interests in delegation meetings with the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, and Ontario's opposition parties. While our delegation requests with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and the Ministry of Education (EDU) were declined, we will follow up with the ministries directly about our advocacy interests.

Ministry of Finance

We met with MPP Michelle Cooper, Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Finance, to discuss opportunities to modernize the legislative framework governing municipal and school board elections. As part of our broader *Municipal Election Act* (MEA) review, we

highlighted changes needed at the intersection of the MEA, the *Education Act* and *Assessment Act*, particularly regarding school support designation and voter eligibility.

We advocated to the ministry for greater alignment between the legislation governing municipal and school board elections, including clearer rules for voters and candidates, and reforms that would allow school support information to be managed through Ontario's electoral system.

We also encouraged the ministry to work with the MMAH and EDU to review the framework ahead of the 2030 elections. The ministry noted that broader reforms are already underway, including planned changes that would have municipalities remit Education Property Tax directly to Ontario beginning in 2028. The ministry was receptive to our concerns and agreed that further discussion would be valuable as future election legislation is considered.

Ministry for Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

We met with Minister Stephen Crawford to discuss implementation of the new *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) requirements under Bill 97 and broader modernization of the Act.

While recognizing the significant progress made through Bill 97, we raised concerns about municipalities' ability to meet the January 1, 2027 implementation deadline for new privacy requirements, including mandatory Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs), privacy breach reporting, and privacy risk assessments. We requested that the compliance timeline be extended to July 1, 2028, to allow more time for municipalities to get organized, as many staff face ongoing capacity challenges, particularly those in smaller and rural communities who are managing competing priorities in a busy municipal election year.

The ministry did not commit to an extension, but acknowledged our concerns. Officials clarified that not every PIA will require the full consultation process; that level of rigour is intended for large, complex projects; smaller programs that don't involve significant personal information warrant a lighter-touch approach. The ministry is developing templates so municipalities can comply without needing outside consultants and confirmed that a guidance document is coming soon to provide clearer definitions of what's actually expected — consistent with the ministry's public commitment to respond to sustained operational pressure on municipalities managing increasing request volumes and complex electronic records.

Despite not receiving a commitment on the timeline extension, the conversation was constructive: the ministry understood our rationale, while signaling that an 18-month extension is a significant ask relative to what they had anticipated.

Opposition Parties

We met with all three opposition parties — the Ontario NDP, Liberal Party, and Green Party — to share our priorities for a review of the MEA and to preview our early thinking on *Municipal Act* modernization. All three indicated general support and found the asks straightforward.

Discussions also focused on findings from our [recent strong mayor powers scan](#). We shared observations regarding the blurred lines of authority, mayoral decisions and directions, the staffing and financial impacts associated with the use of strong mayor powers, and potential implications for municipal governance and administrative leadership.

Provincial Speeches and the Ministers' Forum

AMO Conference delegates heard from Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, the Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson, NDP Leader Marit Stiles, Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner and Liberal Party Interim Leader John Fraser.

Premier Ford's Speech

Premier Ford's remarks focused on Ontario's economic and housing agenda, including the Province's response to continued U.S. tariff uncertainty, its recently announced [Data Centre Playbook](#), and the \$8.8-billion [Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build](#). The Premier also announced that applications are now open for the next round of the \$500 million [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund](#), reiterated programs that reward municipalities for cutting their development charges, and expressed a desire for municipalities to get to a 50% reduction. The Premier thanked municipal leaders and first responders for their work supporting communities affected by wildfires in Northern Ontario.

Minister Flack's Speech

Minister Flack addressed delegates on the ongoing economic uncertainty from U.S. tariffs while reiterating existing Provincial investments meant to attract people and further investments. He also reiterated the announcement made ahead of the conference: the \$1-billion Canada-Ontario [Non-Development Charge Municipalities Stream](#), part of the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build, to help municipalities that do

not levy development charges build and renew critical infrastructure. The minister also announced the [launch of consultations](#) on regulations for model codes of conduct and integrity commissioner processes.

Ministers' Forum

Of particular interest to our members:

- Minister Bethlenfalvy was again asked about the return to a property tax assessment cycle, and reminded the audience that this tool is revenue-neutral. They continue to review the issue on the foundational principles of stability, fairness, competitiveness, as well as the impact on taxpayers.
- Minister Flack was asked about giving 'strong chair' powers to provincially appointed regional chairs and potential conflicts. He responded that regional chairs will be properly vetted, and asked delegates to give it time, mentioning that people may end up liking it.
- Minister McCarthy was asked about doubling the growth of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) beyond 2026 and reiterated that investments, including the Non-Development Charge Stream of funding, have been made by the Government.
- Minister Flack was also asked about StrategyCorp's CAO survey results that discussed the significant pace and scale of Government legislation and whether it will slow down to allow integration and implementation to occur. He responded that the Government has moved glacially and needs to move faster. He indicated that MMAH does not have legislation on the fall agenda.
- On OMERS governance, Minister Flack was asked when bylaws and regulations under the *OMERS Act* would be finalized. The minister spoke about consultations with stakeholders and said to expect them sooner rather than later.
- Minister Sakaria was asked about regulations for e-scooters, and he replied that after the consultation in the spring, he expects regulations to be forthcoming, including amendments to the *Highway Traffic Act* if necessary.
- Minister Sakaria was also asked whether he would look at a full review of the structures for fines related to speeding, which are the lowest in the country and do not cover the cost of administration. The minister said he would take this back for review along with strengthening enforcement and tougher penalties to ensure safety.

Opposition Speeches

Ontario NDP Leader Marit Stiles told delegates that municipalities are asking for “a partnership that works,” calling on the Province to pay its fair share for services that municipalities deliver on the front lines, such as roads, water and community health. Stiles was critical of the Province for downloading costs onto municipalities without matching funding and pledged that an NDP government would deliver a new deal for Ontario municipalities, including a Social and Economic Prosperity Review to modernize the Province’s fiscal framework.

Interim Liberal Leader John Fraser was also critical of the Province for downloading more responsibility and costs onto municipalities while shrinking their influence at Queen’s Park, arguing that local councils are left absorbing blame for decisions made without their input. Fraser rejected the Government’s framing of municipalities as “creatures of the province,” calling instead for real partnership and respect for local democracy.

Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner used his remarks to push back on the Province’s Data Centre Playbook. Schreiner said new data centres are being approved across the province without community consultation or safeguards to protect people and the environment, and raised concerns about who benefits from their construction.

Moving Forward

The AMO Conference is an important opportunity for our Association to connect with provincial and municipal leaders and bring the perspective and experience of municipal administrators across Ontario to the forefront. It is an opportunity to find ways to improve provincial legislation, policy, and processes to ensure more efficient and effective service delivery and a stronger municipal-provincial partnership.

For more information or details about how to get involved in our advocacy efforts, please [contact us](#).



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August 26, 2026

Advocacy Update:

Help Inform our Submission on Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act* Regulation Consultations

Last week, we provided an [update on the launch of a regulatory registry consultation](#) on model code of conduct and integrity commissioner processes and protocols. Building on our previous submissions related to Bill 9, *Municipal Accountability Act*, we intend to submit recommendations for improvement and want to hear your feedback.

We want to understand how the proposed new code and processes will impact municipal operations, existing procedures, and how we can strengthen what is being proposed to better protect municipal staff well-being.

Our team has put together the [following initial comments and analysis](#)* on the proposed regulations along with a survey to gather further input and perspective. Please take a few minutes to review our preliminary analysis, and **please submit any additional feedback you may have via the survey** no later than **5:00pm ET on Friday, September 4**.

**Note: This document contains preliminary comments on the proposed regulations and does not reflect any final version of what AMCTO will submit through the consultation process.*

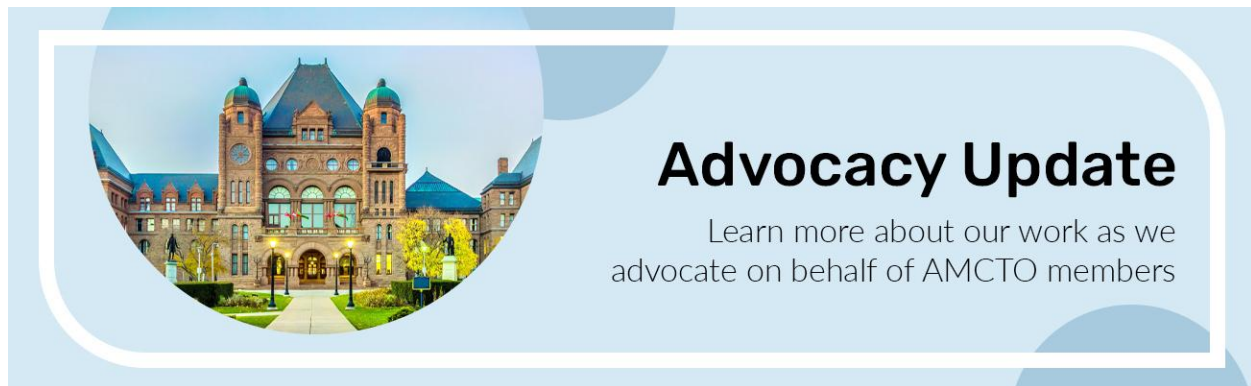
COMPLETE SURVEY

All survey responses will remain anonymous and will only be reviewed by AMCTO policy and government relations staff. The survey should take no longer than 11 minutes to complete. Please note that feedback obtained via this survey may be included in our Association's final submission on the proposed Bill 9 regulations.

For more information or questions about this survey, please [contact us](#). As a reminder, AMCTO is here to support you in ensuring the new framework has municipal staff's best interests in mind and is in place in time for the new term of council.



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September 2, 2026

Advocacy Update: Continued Support with Transitioning to New MFIPPA Requirements

We are proud to support members and municipal staff affected by changes to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA). On July 23, we held an initial webinar to review some of the recent changes, and on **September 9**, we are holding a second, [follow-up webinar](#) to go into more detail on MFIPPA privacy requirements.

We know that municipalities with limited capacity and resources are struggling to achieve compliance with new privacy measures in time for January 1, 2027. That is why, [at the recent AMO Conference](#), we asked for a timeline extension for privacy provisions in our delegation with Minister Crawford.

In the meantime, we are offering more support to members:

- A shared online resource centre for MFIPPA documents and recorded webinars (reports, templates, etc.) to facilitate information sharing.

- Facilitating a series of related drop-in meetings to provide a safe space for members and municipal staff to connect and discuss their concerns, ask questions, and share support tools and promising practices over the coming weeks.

Note: The information shared in these resources will be focused on municipalities. While the information may be transferable, the discussions will be centred around municipal organizations.

Please continue to share your documents and resources related to FOI and privacy with us, and we will upload them to the shared resource centre.

If your municipality is impacted and you would like to be part of the discussions, please complete the intake form below. Our team will review all submissions and add municipal staff to the resource centre and drop-in sessions on a first-come, first-served basis.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE ACCESS AND SUPPORT

For more information or questions, [please contact us](#).



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July 30, 2026

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Dear Mayor Boddy and Members of Council:

On behalf of Georgian College, please accept my heartfelt appreciation for Council's decision to provide \$100,000 in support of our Owen Sound Campus over four years, beginning in 2027.

We are deeply grateful for this meaningful investment, and for the partnership it reflects. Thank you to Mayor Boddy for bringing the motion forward and to Council for its thoughtful consideration and support of the campus and the community it serves.

Georgian has proudly served the Owen Sound community and surrounding region for nearly six decades. Today, the campus plays a vital role in preparing learners for in-demand careers, supporting employers in securing the workforce they need, and contributing to the region's social and economic vitality. Through a range of industry certifications, apprenticeship offerings, postsecondary credentials, continuing education and community-based programs and services, we create opportunities for learners while addressing local workforce priorities.

The Owen Sound Campus also serves as a hub for collaboration and innovation, bringing together learners, employers, community organizations and regional partners to address local challenges, strengthen rural capacity and support the adoption of new technologies in a rapidly changing world.

Council's investment demonstrates a shared commitment to ensuring that high-quality postsecondary education and workforce development opportunities remain accessible in Owen Sound and across the region.

We look forward to continuing to work together to create a more prosperous, healthy and inclusive community.

Thank you again for your confidence in Georgian College and your support of the Owen Sound Campus.

Kind regards,

A blue ink signature of Kevin Weaver, written in a cursive style.

Kevin Weaver
President and CEO



**Ontario Provincial
Conservation Agency**

**l'Agence ontarienne de
protection de la nature**

July 30, 2026

Dear Conservation Authority CAOs, General Managers, Board Chairs, Mayors and Heads of Council:

I am writing to announce the members of the transition committees that will support the implementation of regional conservation authority consolidation.

As you may recall, transition committees will provide advice and operational expertise to support transition activities, including the development of transition plans for each new regional conservation authority.

Committee membership includes the current CAO or General Manager and one board member from each existing conservation authority participating in a regional consolidation.

Each committee will be chaired by a dedicated project executive who will oversee transition activities and provide continuity by serving as the first Chief Administrative Officer of the new regional conservation authority for up to two years. Project executives were recently appointed.

Following a brief orientation period, project executives will convene their transition committees and begin transition planning activities in the coming weeks.

Please find below the membership of the transition committees for each of the eight new regional conservation authorities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership as we work together to establish strong, effective regional conservation authorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hassaan".

Hassaan Basit
CEO
Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

Regional Conservation Authority	Transition Committee Members
Central Lake Ontario Project Executive: Robert Baldwin	Dave Barton, Toronto and Region Conservation John MacKenzie, Toronto and Region Conservation Bob Chapman, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Chris Darling, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
Eastern Lake Ontario Project Executive: Alison McDonald	Brad McNevin, Quinte Conservation Kathryn Brown, Quinte Conservation Rhonda Bateman, Lower Trent Conservation Authority Sherry Hamilton, Lower Trent Conservation Authority Linda Laliberte, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Vicki Mink, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Mark Majchrowski, Kawartha Conservation Authority Pat Warren, Acting, Kawartha Conservation Authority David Ellingwood, Cataraqui Conservation Authority Paul Proderick, Cataraqui Conservation Authority Janette Loveys Smith, Otonabee Region, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Conservation Authority, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Michael Metcalf, Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
Western Lake Ontario Project Executive: Jacqueline Johnson	Lisa Burnside, Hamilton Conservation Authority Brad Clark, Hamilton Conservation Authority Leilani Lee-Yates, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Robert Foster, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Chandra Sharma, Conservation Halton Gerry Smallegange, Conservation Halton Terri LeRoux, Credit Valley Conservation Authority Michael Palleschi, Credit Valley Conservation Authority
Lake Huron	Jonathan Scott, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Project Executive: Don Goodyear	Jennifer Vincent, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Raymond Chartrand, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Nathan Schoelier, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Erik Downing, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Tom Hutchinson, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Phil Beard, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Ed McGugan, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Mark Critch, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Clare Riepma, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Tim Lanthier, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Jennifer Shaw, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
St. Lawrence River Project Executive: Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Sally McIntyre, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Roy Huet, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Glen McDonald, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Gary Waterfield, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Lisa Van de Ligit, Raisin Region Conservation Authority Andrew Guindon, Raisin Region Conservation Authority Carl Bickerdike, South Nation River Conservation Authority Isabelle Skalski, South Nation River Conservation Authority
Eastern Lake Erie Project Executive: Samantha Lawson	Judy Maxwell, Long Point Region Conservation Authority Doug Brunton, Long Point Region Conservation Authority Elizabeth VanHooren, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Sharron McMillan, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority John Challinor II, Grand River Conservation Authority Karen Armstrong, Grand River Conservation Authority

	Dusty Underhill, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Morgaine Griffin, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority
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The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: July 21, 2026

Resolution No. 185-2026

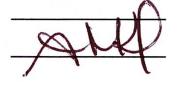
MOVED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
Councillor C. Shane



SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry
Deputy Mayor S. Densham
Councillor A. Bugelli
Councillor A. McDonald
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WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;
AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;
AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;
AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;
AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;
AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Executive Director of MFOA, Donna Herridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all municipalities in Ontario.



Via: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honorable Todd McCarthy

Subject: Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) undertake a review of the current regulatory framework governing one-pound single-use propane cylinders sold in Ontario.

Consumers purchasing these cylinders pay environmental stewardship or producer responsibility costs at the point of sale with the expectation that an appropriate end-of-life management system exists. In practice, however, accessible return and recycling opportunities for these cylinders are extremely limited across many parts of the province. Most retail locations that sell the cylinders do not accept them back, and consumers are often left with few or no practical disposal options.

As a result, municipalities have become the default managers of these products. Municipal waste facilities bear the responsibility, cost, and safety risks associated with collecting, storing, and managing these pressurized cylinders despite not being the producers or distributors of the product. Improper disposal also creates significant operational hazards at material recovery facilities, transfer stations, and landfills, including the risk of fires and equipment damage.

This situation appears inconsistent with the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which are intended to shift the financial and operational responsibility for post-consumer products from municipalities and taxpayers to producers. When consumers contribute to environmental handling costs at the time of purchase, there should be a convenient, accessible, and effective collection system available to ensure the product is managed responsibly at the end of its useful life.

I respectfully request that the Ministry and RPRA review the current requirements applicable to one-pound propane cylinders and consider the following:

- Assess whether the existing producer responsibility system provides sufficient and accessible return opportunities for consumers throughout Ontario.
- Evaluate whether the fees collected from consumers are being used to establish an effective province-wide collection and recycling network.





- Require producers and retailers to provide convenient and publicly accessible take-back locations wherever these products are sold.
- Review whether municipalities are being unfairly burdened with the costs and liabilities associated with managing these products.
- Consider regulatory amendments to strengthen producer accountability and ensure the objectives of Ontario's circular economy and waste diversion policies are being achieved.

Municipalities should not be left to absorb the financial costs, operational challenges, and public safety risks associated with products for which producers have collected environmental stewardship fees. A well-functioning producer responsibility system should ensure that consumers have practical disposal options and that municipalities are not forced to subsidize the end-of-life management of these products.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further or provide examples of the challenges municipalities continue to face regarding the management of one-pound propane cylinders.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carrol
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Tudor and Cashel Township

Cc: Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPR): registry@rpra.ca
Premier Doug Ford: Premier@ontario.ca
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July 30, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
 Prime Minister of Canada
 Office of the Prime Minister
 80 Wellington Street
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney,

Re: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick Haldimand passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2026, Municipal Planning/Regular Council Meeting:

RES:20260728-38

That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand participate in the “Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute”; and

That Council request the Province of Ontario continue to support initiatives that recognize, educate and preserve the history; and

That Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand respectfully urge the Government of Canada to issue a formal public apology to the British Home Children and Child Migrants and their families for Canada’s role in the British Child Migration Scheme; and





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That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister responsible for Canadian Heritage, the local Member of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, the local members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Regards,

Cassidy Sweet

Cassidy Sweet

Deputy Clerk

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Encl.

Cc Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition

Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture

Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

David Piccini, MPP Northumberland – Peterborough South

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British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association

CEO Ms. Lori Oschefski
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Press Release

Regarding: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants Sesquicentennial International Tribute

From 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children, known as the British Home Children (“BHC”) and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo’s, The Salvation Army, Quarrier’s and Fairbridge, to name a few. BHC are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada’s Nation Builders. Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten. Descendants of BHC, number in the millions in Canada alone!

The British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association (“BHCARA”) is a Canadian based not for profit organization dedicated to the story of Canada’s British Home Children (BHC). Founded in 2012 by Barrie, Ontario’s Lori Oschefski, the BHCARA now reaches thousands of people through their Facebook group of over 6,700 members and their mailing list of over 4,000 subscribers. Our website now has over 1 million hits and we have a high media presence. The mandate of the organization is to promote the story of the British Home Children, to advocate for those who no longer have a voice and to provide free research help to those seeking their family histories; often providing closure from painful pasts.

On November 8, 1869 the very first party of BHC arrived in Canada, making 2019 the 150th anniversary of this arrival. The date of September 28th has been chosen for a special international tribute as this date is commemorated nationally as British Home Child Day in Canada; a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon’s private member’s motion M-133 in the House of Commons, Feb. 7, 2018. This initiative for this tribute started when BHCARA member Kim Crowder approached MS. Oschefski for support in the illumination of the High Level Bridge in her city of Edmonton, Alberta. Since then, many members have become involved reaching out in their communities for support. BHCARA member Tracy Smithers contacted Her Majesty the Queen and received a prompt letter of support back from her!

The BHCARA is asking communities to participate in the “**Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute**” by illuminating memorials, monuments, buildings, City Halls or other areas with the colours of the BHCARA; red, white and blue. Cities and towns are also participating by proclaiming this day as “British Home Child Day” in their community. Some cities are sharing this message on their digital billboards.

The tribute is a symbolic gesture showing these children, in their sesquicentennial year, are not forgotten. Many Canadian and UK cities have agreed to participate with over sixty-five supporters to date, including the iconic Niagara Falls, Toronto’s CN Tower, The Northern Lights Display in Vancouver and St. Andrews House - Head Quarters of the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Town of Midland and Orillia are participating by proclaiming September 28th as BHC Day in their cities. A full listing of our supporters can be viewed at www.britishhomechildren.com.

The BHC are a critical part of our nation’s fabric, this country was built on the backs of these children. We would appreciate your support in sharing the news of this important and extraordinary tribute to Canada’s Nation Builders. A history of the British Home Children follows.

Very best regards
Lori Oschefski
CEO BHCARA
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The History of The British Home Children

By Roberta Horrox

The British Child Migration Scheme officially started in Canada, in 1869, when Maria Rye arrived with sixty-eight children from England. In Canada, the children from this scheme became known as British Home Children. Maria Rye's idea grew to over fifty organizations sending over 100,000 to Canada between 1869 and 1948. These children ranged from a few months to 18 years of age; being sent to Canada to work as indentured labourers and servants. The child migration scheme was supported by both British and Canadian governments which paid organizations for each child sent, additional bonus fees were paid for sending more children; however, no bonus was paid for children from workhouses. This scheme was viewed as a win-win situation, as Britain reduced the cost of caring for many poor destitute children; while Canada gained cheap labour for a country that was just starting to expand. While many believe the children were orphans this was not the case, as only 2% were true orphans; the majority were from single parent families, most often due to a parent dying or from families that were poor and destitute. Many factors led to Britain having so many poor, destitute people. These children through no fault of their own were caught up in this tragedy. As child migration to Canada came to a halt, it increased to Australia with approximately 7,000 children being sent there. Child migration to Australia ended in 1970s. The major difference was that children sent to Australia were most often institutionalized. New Zealand took in 549 child migrants, with fewer children being sent to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Cape of Good Hope Colony in South Africa.

In Canada, while some of the children were treated well, most were seen as nothing more than cheap labour, some suffered abuse; some cases of horrific abuse resulted in death. Whether these children were treated well or abused one thing in common is the feeling of loss; loss of family, friends, country and culture. Some were sent to homes that didn't speak English. Often told by sending agencies that they were unwanted, uncared for, or that their parents had died, while their parent(s) were told they were adopted by good British families. If siblings arrived in Canada together they were more often than not separated once they got here. Although checks were supposed to take place on a regular basis, things fell short due to vast number of children, lack of enforcement, shortage of inspectors, the immense distance, and difficulty traveling to remote places in order to perform the checks on the children. When inspectors did visit, the children didn't necessarily get to speak to, or even see, the inspector; and if they did it often occurred with the master present. Therefore the children would hide the truth for fear of being reprimanded or further abuse.

Many British Home Children were stigmatized by members of the communities they came to live in, often being told they were street rats, guttersnipes and a multitude of other derogatory terms. If a British Home Child lived in a community and something bad happened, usually a British Home Child was blamed. They had no one to turn too, no one to stick up for them, they suffered in silence. As a survival mechanism they shut down, blocking memories; they became silent of their trauma, silent of any abuse; silent and ashamed of their past, and their lives as British Home Children. Most carried this stigmatism throughout their lives, refusing to tell even their immediate family where they had come from. Some children had their names changed or spelling of names became corrupted, while some were too young to know their correct names, birthday dates, or the names of their parents. These children were not given the necessary documents to prove who they were; this became an issue when they became older wanted to travel, or needed proof of identity such as applying for pension. The children were promised an education, the vast majority did not receive the education promised. Silently and unwittingly aspects of their traumatic experiences were often passed down to their children. For instance, as a corruption of their BHC experience, when they became older with families of their own they were unable to show love or affection for their own children. During WWI nearly every eligible British Home Boy voluntarily signed up for the Canadian Expedition Force; 1,000 Home Boys paid the ultimate sacrifice. The most common date of death was April 9, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

In Nov 2009, then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, issued an apology for their role in the Child Migration Scheme; then in Feb 2010, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued an apology for Britain's role. In Canada, Canadian Parliament declared 2010 Year of the British Home Child. On Feb 16, 2017 the Canadian House of Commons issued an apology and on Feb 7, 2018 MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 was unanimously passed making Sept 28th, National British Home Child Day in Canada. To date our prime minister has not issued an official apology on behalf of the government.



On January 31, 2019, the Government of the United Kingdom issued a press release entitled “Ex-Gratia Payment Scheme for former British Child Migrants” to compensate former child migrants that were still alive on March 1, 2018, “in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic child migration policy”. In a background Statement, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Interim (UK) report stated, “The Government has long acknowledged and accepted, assessment at the time of the national apology in 2010 and went further, calling it a ‘shameful episode of history’ and this failure in the first duty of a nation, which is to protect its children”. For the Child Migrants sent to Canada this payment is much too late, as so few are still living.

BHC organizations in Canada, and Child Migrant organizations in Australia and the UK that have been formed to give voices to all British Child Migrants. These organizations were formed to help educate the public on The British Child Migration Scheme, as well as help descendants search and reconnect with lost family members. Of note, “The Guest Children” who were children sent to Canada by their parents for protection during the war are not part of the British Child Migration Scheme. The two are entirely different, but often misconstrued.

With this year being the 150th anniversary of British Home Children in Canada; work continues to give these children their voices.

The following website is an excellent resource: British Home Child Advocacy and Research (BHCARA) - CEO Lori Oschefski website <https://www.britishhomechildren.com> BHCARA also has a facebook group



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Date: August 11, 2026

Motion # 2026-236

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Township of Armour and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at \$13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour's contribution to library services has increased from \$14,097.99 in 2001 to \$98,722 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

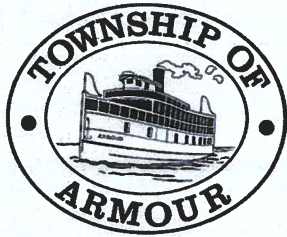
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☒
Ward, Rod ☐
Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
Brandt, Jerry ☒
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy ☐
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Carried / Defeated

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Date: **August 11, 2026**

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

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Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

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Whitwell, Wendy

For

☐☐☐☐☐

Opposed

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August 28, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office
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By Email: premier@ontario.ca



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Re: Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF)

At its meeting of August 20, 2026, Council considered the Notice of Motion from Councillor Giddings regarding the Elimination of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) and passed the following motion:

Motion No. THC-260820-21

Moved by Councillor Daniel Giddings
Seconded by Councillor Gene Brahaney

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) eliminated the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF), effective June 16, 2026, ending a long-standing cost relief program that assisted employers where pre-existing conditions contributed to the cost or duration of workplace injury claims; and

Whereas municipalities are significant employers of workers performing physically demanding duties and may experience increased WSIB costs as a result of the elimination of SIEF; and

Whereas the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund was established to provide cost relief to employers when pre-existing conditions significantly contributed to workplace injury claims, thereby encouraging employers to hire and retain workers with disabilities and pre-existing medical conditions; and

Whereas the Workplace Safety and Insurance system was established to provide a fair and balanced insurance system that protects both workers and employers; and

Whereas increased workplace insurance costs have the potential to place additional financial pressures on municipal operating budgets and property taxpayers;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board review the impacts of eliminating the Second Injury and Enhancement Fund (SIEF) consult with employers, municipalities, labour representatives and other stakeholders, and consider modernizing or revising the program rather than eliminating employer cost relief altogether, including by modernizing, revising or replacing the current program with an improved cost-relief mechanism that continues to fairly recognize the impact of pre-existing conditions.

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills;
- Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South;
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- All Members of Provincial Parliament in Ontario;
- the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC);
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce;
- Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB);
- Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA);
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA);
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM);
- Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO);
- Local Members of Parliament (for awareness);
- Local Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce;
- Northumberland County; and
- all Ontario municipalities, requesting their consideration and support.

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Polley', written in a cursive style.

Jessica Polley
Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 –

DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: September 1, 2026

Councillor **G. ASHFORD**
Councillor **J. BELESKEY**
Councillor **P. BORNEMAN**
Councillor **B. KEITH**
Councillor **D. McCANN**
Councillor **C. McDONALD**
Mayor **J. McGARVEY**

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

CARRIED: ✓ **DEFEATED:** _____ **Postponed to:** _____

WHEREAS electric kick-style scooters (e-scooters) have become an increasingly popular and affordable form of transportation in Parry Sound and across Ontario; and

WHEREAS e-scooters can provide an accessible, low-emission transportation option and help address transportation needs in communities such as Parry Sound that do not have conventional public transit; and

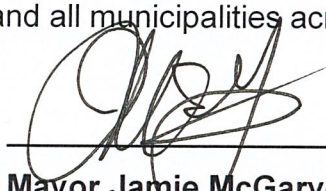
WHEREAS Ontario's current e-scooter pilot program places responsibility on individual municipalities to determine how e-scooters may operate locally, creating administrative and enforcement challenges, particularly for smaller municipalities with limited resources; and

WHEREAS the continued use of a pilot framework has resulted in uncertainty and inconsistent approaches to e-scooter regulation across the Province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound requests that the Province of Ontario establish a province-wide regulatory framework for e-scooters that recognizes their unique operating characteristics, maintains appropriate safety standards, and provides municipalities with authority to address local needs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Parry Sound requests the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) in advocating for a framework that reduces unnecessary administrative and enforcement burdens on local municipalities; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith, and all municipalities across Ontario.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



NOTICE OF A HEARING

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to dispose of the balances of certain deferral and variance accounts

Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) has applied to dispose of the balances in certain deferral and variance accounts, including accounts related to earnings sharing, pensions and other post-employment benefits, taxes, disposition of property, the Low-income Energy Assistance Program Emergency Financial Assistance, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) cost assessment and Integrated Resource Planning system pruning. For a complete list, refer to the application.

If the application is approved as filed, a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Enbridge Gas would see the following billing adjustments, effective July 1, 2027:

EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. customers)

- **Residential Rate 1 Sales Service and Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing credit of \$18.94

Union Rate Zones (former Union Gas Limited customers)

- **Union South Residential Rate M1 Sales Service** customers will see a one-time billing charge of \$7.76
- **Union South Residential Rate M1 Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing charge of \$0.42
- **Union North-West Residential Rate 01 Sales Service and Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing credit of \$22.10
- **Union North-East Residential Rate 01 Sales Service and Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing credit of \$7.28

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for a written hearing. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why. During this hearing, we will question the applicant about its case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve this application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process.

Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2026-0108** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **September 8, 2026** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

LEARN MORE

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