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Date: 05/02/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-007(CRE)**

To: Council

Circulated to: CLT and Council

Department: Corporate Enterprise

Division: Economic Development

From: Thomas Strongman, Economic Development Officer

Subject: Core Areas Transformation Fund – Update

Comments

The Core Areas Transformation Fund (CATF) was approved in July of 2019 by Council to establish programs and funding mechanisms to stimulate transformative investment to support city-building in Cambridge's three (3) urban core areas. This memo is intended to provide an update on the three (3) investment pillars that were approved through the Core Areas Transformation Fund Framework.

Staff have prepared an update for the Core Areas Transformation Fund and its individual categories as of December 31, 2024. The Core Areas Transformation Fund was constituted by re-stating \$20 million from the Economic Development Reserve to a new fund. As of the beginning of 2025, the current amount in the CATF Reserve Fund is \$13,622,635. In 2024, the following was committed to or already spent under the each of the three (3) pillars:

- \$755,823 in Private Sector Stimulus provided through the Core Areas Community Improvement Plan Grants under the Private Sector Stimulus Pillar. With \$418,015 spent on completed projects, and \$337,808 committed for projects finalizing in 2025.
- \$1 million per year for the next year to the Private Sector Stimulus Pillar (Core Areas Community Improvement Grants). To be reviewed in 2026.
- \$12,000 in Place-making & Experiences has been committed through CATF placemaking applications.
- \$480,251 in Capital project funding has been used, and \$956,000 has been committed for future Capital projects.
- A net total of commitments of \$3,410,838 of which \$711,511 has been transferred from CATF since the beginning of 2024.
- In the last year the remaining funds have also accrued \$604,793 in interest.

For Council's information, a further breakdown of this information is included in Appendix A.

Core Areas Transformation Fund Framework

The Core Areas Transformation Fund draft framework was completed and approved in Report 20-076(CRE) on July 23, 2020, and the following three (3) investment pillars currently serve as the basis for the Core Areas Transformation Fund:

A. Private Sector Stimulus - Core area projects benefit from additional stimulus to make projects a reality from a financing perspective. City Council approved a new suite of incentive programs on June 29, 2021. These new programs have led transformational change in our cores by leveraging private sector investment.

B. Strategic Land Acquisition/Disposition – To support the growth of the core area(s) population in terms of investment workforce and residential development, the city has an opportunity to take the lead on making future oriented strategic land acquisitions. Over time, the disposition of City holdings will spur development and revenue generation.

C. Place-making & Experiences – This funding pillar will be used to enhance capital projects or partnerships that encourage experiences and place-making.

Core Areas Transformation Fund – 2024 Update

Since the approval of the Core Areas Transformation Framework in July of 2020, multiple initiatives have been completed and are in progress under each of the three pillars. The following is a current update on each pillar.

A. Private Sector Stimulus

In June of 2021, the Core Areas Community Improvement Plan (CIP) was approved by council to help facilitate revitalization efforts in the three (3) core areas. The CIP provides the basis for financial incentive programs within the three (3) relevant designated CIP Project Areas in the City of Cambridge. These financial initiatives will facilitate the planning and financing of development activities that effectively use, reuse, and revitalize lands, buildings and infrastructure. They prioritize municipal investment and are intended to stimulate private sector investment, property maintenance and revitalization within the project areas.

The subject applications fall under the following grant programs:

- Commercial Property Improvement Grant (CPIG): The Commercial Property Improvement Grant Program is intended to provide financial assistance for commercial property owners & tenants who aim to improve upon the exterior appearance of commercial properties.

- Commercial Building Restoration, Renovation, and Improvement Grant (CBRRIG): The Commercial Building Restoration, Renovation and Improvement Grant works to leverage significant private sector investment in interior building renovations and improvements for commercial properties in need of renovation or vacant in the core areas.
- Mixed Use Conversion and Restoration Grant Program (MUCRG): The Mixed-Use Conversion and Restoration Grant Program is aimed at attracting new investment and interest in converting currently non-residential vacant or underutilized upper storey space to residential units and renovating the existing commercial space located below by providing a financial incentive that will be targeted at the costs of converting the space.
- Core Areas Waiver of Application Fees: Development application fees may be waived if applications are for properties that are located within the Community Core Areas as defined in the CIP. This waiver will only be applicable to mixed use, commercial and high-density housing, and will not be for single family/duplex homes. The fee waivers will be eligible for the following types of applications: Pre-consultations, Site Plan applications, Minor Variance, Sign Permits, Sign Variances and Building Permits.

Grant Process

Under these programs, grants are available to property owners and authorized tenants who typically have one year to complete the renovations. Upon review of an application and approval, City Staff issues an approval letter outlining the eligible scope of work and funding.

The next step in this process is for the owner or tenant to complete the work as specified in the application. City Staff will inspect the work to ensure it is complete and meets all necessary Municipal requirements. The applicant will then submit paid invoices for all work completed, which are matched to the work submitted in the application. If all submitted invoices comply with the program regulations, Staff (Economic Development and Finance) approve the issuance of payment for previously approved funding under the Core Areas CIP.

Since January 1, 2024, fourteen (14) CIP grants (including delayed 2023 projects, and efficiently completed 2024 projects) have been paid out totaling \$418,015, and twelve (12) more grants have been committed to, totaling \$337,808. Overall, the committed CIP program projects for 2024 are estimated to incentivize \$1,426,877 million in private sector spending on revitalization efforts. This makes the ratio of private sector spending for every public dollar granted roughly 4.2 to 1.

Program Modernization

In recent months, staff have made notable strides in improving the CIP application process. Staff have transitioned our CIP projects to the AMANDA environment, digitizing and streamlining internal review processes. Additionally, we have completed the development of

an online application portal on the Cambridge permits platform (permits.cambridge.ca), to process our applications digitally.

This has significantly decreased staff turnaround time on new CIP applications and has allowed involved staff to be automatically assigned the processes they need to complete, to approve an application. In addition, CIP program applicants can now add documentation to the created AMANDA file during its approval process, reducing unnecessary back and forth between applicants and staff if additional documentation is requested. Applicants are now also provided an option to be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) further reducing the time between project finalization, and grant distribution to CIP project applicants.

The team also ramped up marketing and promotion efforts for the CIP program in conjunction with the launch of the digital application portal to make the community aware of the transition. Marketing included visits to each of the core areas to promote the program to properties previously identified by staff to be ideal program participants.

All these improvements were implemented with the intention of delivering strong customer service and to help reduce overall CIP project timelines.

A list of newly approved projects and completed projects completed between July 1st and December 31, 2024, are listed in Appendix C and D of this memo.

Overall CIP Program Impact and Conclusion

The CIP program has made a substantial impact over the past 4 years. Each core area has undergone significant revitalization, attracting numerous businesses that have become key members of our community.

Over the past four years, the CIP has allocated \$1,977,945 in incentive funding to our Cores, which has prompted \$14,733,146 in private investment. This equates to a ratio of 7.45 private dollars for every public dollar invested.

As of December 31, 2025, the current iteration of the Core Area CIP program will conclude. Applications will be accepted until the end of the year and evaluated according to the current program framework amended in report 24-005-CRE. Maintaining strong Core areas is a corporate priority established through the Cambridge Connected Strategic Plan, and as such, staff is focused on the continuous improvement of tools to support these neighbourhoods. Future communication will be brought forward surrounding the evolution of CATF programming.

B. Strategic Land Acquisition/Disposition

The CATF was not used to acquire any properties throughout 2024.

C. Place-making & Experiences

As listed in Appendix A, the Core Areas Transformation Fund Place-making initiative received two (2) new applications in 2024. One application centered around the Cambridge Sculpture Garden was approved by Council in report 24-014-CRE, and upon successful installation of the project, will receive \$12,000 in funding.

In addition, on April 15, Council approved funding of up to \$25,000 to the Hespeler Village BIA for a placemaking project request centered around Jacobs Landing Park in Hespeler.

Attachments

IM25-007(CRE) Appendix A – List of Projects for Pillar and Financial Commitment

IM25-007(CRE) Appendix B – Overall CATF Fund Allocation

IM25-007(CRE) Appendix C – New CIP Applications Approved in Q3 and Q4

IM25-007(CRE) Appendix D – CIP Projects Completed and Funds Paid in Q3 and Q4

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor

☒ Deputy City Manager

☒ City Manager

Appendix A: List of Projects by Pillar and Financial Commitment in 2024

1. Private Sector Stimulus	Spent/Transfer	Committed
CIP Incentive Payments	(\$418,015)	(\$337,808)
Funding of \$1 million for final year of CACIP	Not applicable	(1,000,000)

2. Strategic Land Acquisition/Disposition	Aggregate Total
Property – Funds Committed *Capital Projects	(1,905,342)

3. Place-making & Experiences	Not applicable	Not applicable
Placemaking Project Installation	Not applicable	(\$12,000)

Appendix B: Overall CATF Fund Allocation

CATF Initial Funding	\$20,000,000
CATF Balance at the start of 2024	\$13,729,353
CATF Interest	\$604,793
CATF Spent or Transferred Funds for 2024	(\$711,511)
CATF Committed Funds for 2024	(\$2,699,328)
CATF Remaining Uncommitted Funds for 2025	\$10,923,307
CATF Private Sector Stimulus Pillar 2025 max commitment	\$1,000,000
CATF – Net estimated 2025 balance before earned interest	\$9,923,307

Appendix C – New CIP Applications Approved in Q3 and Q4

Property	Programs Utilized	Grant Amount	Private Sector Spend
50 Ainslie Street North	CPIG, CBRRIG	\$38,280	\$89,032
708 Duke Street	CPIG	\$14,443	\$28,885
75 Main Street	CPIG, MUCRG	\$111,960	\$401,556
Total	Not applicable	\$164,683	\$519,473

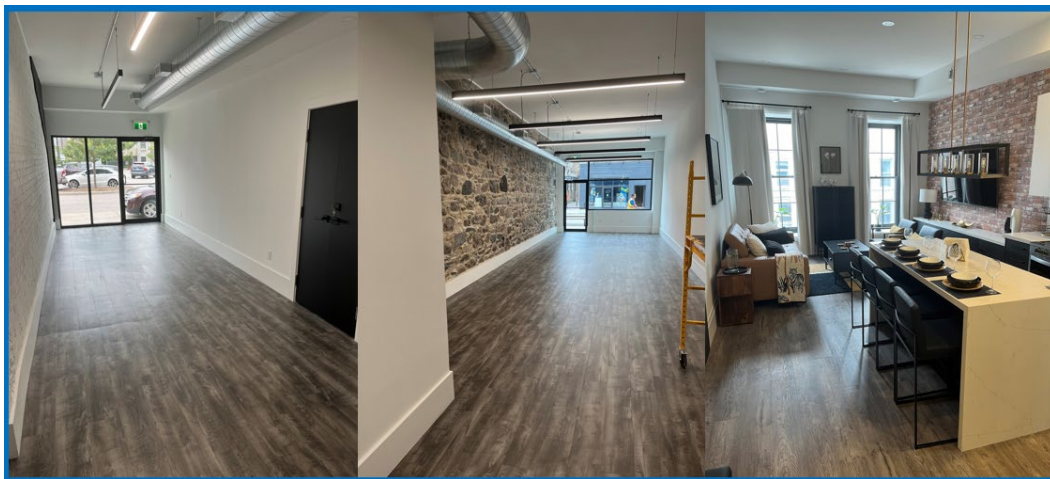
Appendix D – CIP Projects Completed and Funds Paid in Q3 and Q4

Property	Programs Used	Status	Grant Provided	Private Sector Spend
29 Main Street	MUCRG, CPIG	Completed	\$85,366	\$342,244
759 King Street East	CPIG, MUCRG	Completed	\$73,517	\$733,902
65 Dickson Street	CPIG	Completed	\$11,682	\$23,364
26-28 Main Street	MUCRG, CPIG	Completed	\$96,725	\$710,000
Total Grant Awarded	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	\$267,290	\$1,809,510

Highlights of Sites listed in Appendix D above:

29 Main Street:

29 Main Street has renovated and modernized a retail space in Downtown Cambridge. The property has also introduced 3 new residential units to the core. This property owner aims to have a long-term tenant commencing in 2025.



759 King Street East:

This property introduced four (4) residential units to the core, while, revitalizing the outside façade of the building for a more modern appearance.



26-28 Main Street:

26-28 Main Street renovated a retail space in Downtown Cambridge that now supports, Grand River Brazilian Ju Jitsu, a martial arts studio. This building also introduced 4 modernized residential units to the core.



MINUTES

Youth Advisory Committee of Council

Thursday February 27, 2025 – 6:00pm, WG Johnson Centre - Board Room

Statement of Goals/Objective

- To represent, engage and connect the youth of the City of Cambridge and to bring forth recommendations to staff and City Council pertaining to the enhancement of youth lives in Cambridge.

Attendance:

NAME	NAME	NAME
Jennifer Blanchard, Recreation Coordinator – Youth (Chair)	Stephanie Backes, Administrative Assistant	Carolynn Thompson, Supervisor of Recreation – Aquatics, Youth & Leisure
Brock Adshade, Member	Maanas Naik, Member	Morgan Vance, Member
Rehan Mazid, Member	Evelyne Lise, Member	

Regrets: O. White, C. Hamilton, A. Ireland

Guests: Jude

1. Presentations

C. Thompson introduced herself as the Supervisor of Recreation – Aquatics, Youth & Leisure at the City of Cambridge.

2. Action Items Follow Up

a) Upcoming Events

Spring and Summer activities are planned and published in the Spring/Summer 2025 Activities Guide. J. Blanchard discussed the upcoming youth events and offerings listed in the guide.

Fall and Winter activities to be planned after May's events are finished.

3. Standing Items

YACC meeting, February 27, 2025

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- a) Welcome – J. Blanchard welcomed the committee to their first meeting in 2025.
- b) Land Acknowledgement – The land acknowledgement was shared with the committee.
- c) Introduction of New Members

J. Blanchard introduced herself as the chair of the Youth Advisory Committee of Council. S. Backes was introduced as the committee's minute taker. Introductions of each committee member was made. An overview of the agenda layout was discussed. If quorum isn't received, the minutes will not be taken therefore votes cannot be taken. Quorum is currently 5 people. The cities Clerk's department will be providing training of committee to council meetings at the start of March's meeting.

C. Thompson left the meeting.

- d) Chair updates

Please connect with J. Blanchard for any food restrictions.

- e) Council Update – Councilor Hamilton

C. Hamilton was not in attendance to provide an update.

- f) Other Business – City of Cambridge Youth Appreciation Awards and Youth Month

Youth between the ages of 12-24 can be nominated. Last year's event had 175 youth in attendance with 85 nominations received. The role of the committee is to assist with the review of nominations as well as helping with various tasks the night of. It is asked that all members are to attend in order to meet members of council as well as Mayor Liggett. There will be 10 categories with no limit of nominations being submitted. This event will be invite only for those nominated and their families. Nominations can be accepted as early as March 1st with a closing date of April. The City of Kitchener currently offers 25 award categories. Food and refreshments will be provided. Online form for nominations can be found at www.cambridge.ca/youth

Youth Month – A month focused around youth. J. Blanchard is working alongside the aquatics team to offer Toonie Swims. J. Blanchard also reached out to GRT to assist with offering free transportation for Youth Month.

Youth Week is held on May 1 – 7, 2025.

Looking to bring back "Show Up Show Off" where youth submit various art pieces.

Trying to get more youth involved in art.

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Monday, May 5th – Cinco de Mayo (free youth event).

Game and Grub – 10-12 attendees participated in the past.

4. Dates to remember

- March 1, 2025 – City of Cambridge Youth Awards nomination form goes live
- March Break – Leader in Training Camp running for youth
- March 12, 2025 – Youth Trip to the KW Titans
- March 27, 2025 – In person YACC Meeting
- May 1, 2025 – City of Cambridge Youth Appreciation Awards

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.



MINUTES
Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
No. 03-25 Secord Room – Second floor
City Hall Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Brad McEwen, Kyle Priestley, Alix Voz, Rick Haldenby, Councilor Cooper, Jeff Donkersgoed, Christine Lippa.

Staff Members in Attendance: Stephen Lavigne, Cristina Hovey.

Public Attendee: Mare Appleby

Regrets: Christine Orton, Christina Thompson, Melani Nemeskovic, Samuel Daniels,

Meeting Called to Order

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) was held in person in the Secord Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall. The Chair welcomed everyone as present and called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Indigenous Territory Acknowledgment

Disclosure of Interest

None

Approval of February 20, 2025, Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (ACAC) Minutes.

Moved by: R. Haldenby

Seconded by: A. Voz

THAT the ACAC Minutes of February 20, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

Committee Minutes

a. Fashion History Museum Repurpose

The City of Cambridge has terminated the lease on the Fashion History Museum. The museum has until May 19th to remove all items from the building.

The Fashion History Museum is a cultural institution that is not run by the arts and culture division. All negotiations will go through the city's Realty department. The city has granted the museum an extension to leave the space by May 2025. Once the building becomes vacant, the city will determine if it becomes city property or if the building will be put up for sale. The city has put out a social media post that elaborates on the proceedings that the public can review. The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee will continue to review information as it is brought forward.

b. Public Art – Art Mural at Galt Arena, Langs Public Art Call, Civic Square Placemaking Project

The Galt Arena Mural – Galt Arena is awaiting approval from ACAC to commence the mural extension. It was mentioned that ACAC will need to decide in a timely manner so the artist can be granted permission to begin working on the project. City staff to follow up with the Cambridge Hall of Fame for more information regarding this extension.

Langs Public Art Call – The Region of Waterloo put out a call for public art for the new building on Langs Drive in Cambridge that was recently purchased. The Chair asked the members if anyone would be interested in sitting on the jury. The artwork will be part of the region's public art collection. The ACAC Liasson will reach out to the region for more clarification and report back at the next meeting. One ACAC member showed interest in volunteering to sit on the jury.

Civic Square Placemaking project – The report has not yet been forwarded to council. This project will fall under the public art policy. A decision will not be made until the proposal has been reviewed.

The Recreation Complex Public Art project – Three artists have been shortlisted and contacted. Currently, only one artist has replied with interest. The art piece selected by the artist has been displayed at the National Art Gallery of Canada. There are some budget concerns to be discussed before the proposal can be submitted. The other two artists have been contacted again to see if they are still interested and will have a month's time to submit their proposals. A jury will decide on the final artwork selected for installation. Since the project has a tight deadline, the terms of reference will be reviewed thoroughly to help the project move forward quickly.

Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area (CAFKA) – is a non-profit, artist-run center that presents a free exhibition of contemporary art in public spaces across Waterloo Region once every two years. They will be having a biannual exhibition in the spring that runs for a month in the City of Kitchener and possibly Waterloo and Cambridge. CAFKA will be receiving some funding from the City of Cambridge. They have a proposal for a project in both Riverside Park and the Cambridge Centre for the Arts. More information about this project will be shared at the next ACAC meeting.

c. 19 Cambridge St

City staff have consulted with the Building and Accessibility departments to give them a floor plan of the building space. Drawings will be forwarded to the Accessibility Advisory Committee in April for review before a final plan is completed and tendered.

The focus of the renovations will be on three main areas of the building: Front entrance, bathrooms, and the back of the building. Once the drawings are completed, they will be shared with the ACAC members. A sign will be put in front of the building in the next few weeks inviting the community to assist in naming the building. The renovations are expected to be completed by the end of the year with the print studio in place by 2026. The budget for this project is approximately \$200,000.

d. City Hall Mural

City staff have shown interest in having a mural painted on the wall of the former training room on the 4th floor of City Hall. More information will be shared with the ACAC members after a meeting with the Facilities department in two weeks.

e. Arts and Culture Action Plan Brainstorming

There will be a continuation with the Arts and Culture Action Plan initiative exercise. The ACAC group will work together with the special events team to streamline processes to create efficiencies. Pillar #4 - Connecting Artists and Promoting their Work, will be the focus of the exercise. Building more resources that includes a directory of artists/producers in the city will be the first step. There was discussion about bringing back the annual Art Social event that would encourage artists in the community to network face to face to build stronger connections. There was also mention of developing a subcommittee to begin working on a contact list of local artists. The list would provide details of all the artists that will be invited to the Art Gala. ACAC members were given the task of putting together a list of artists, committees and organizations to bring to the next meeting.

f. Suggestion for upcoming agenda items from members

Continuation of the Arts and Culture Action Plan Initiative exercise will be an on-going agenda item.

g. Roundtable Items

- Galt Gallery Hop on March 22 – Explore downtown Galt's art galleries from 12pm to 4pm. The event will wrap up at the Farm League Brewing from 4pm to 7pm – Free event and donations will go to the Youth Creativity fund.
- The Cambridge Centre for the Arts has a gallery exhibition by Carol Walter – “An Application Has Been Made” running from February 22 to March 22. For more information, visit:
[Cambridge art exhibit examines threat of development on nearby rural communities](#)
- The Waterloo School of Architecture will be featuring “Presence Roma XLV “. This is a collection of student work created during the Fall 2024 term in Rome. Opening Night Celebration takes place on Friday, May 9 and will run until May 13, from 7pm to 10pm at the Gaslight District in Cambridge. Exhibition is open from May 9th – 13th, weekdays, 1pm – 7pm and weekends, 11am - 8pm.

h. Other Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:00 p.m.

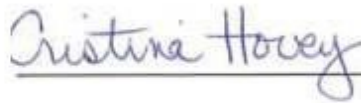
Moved by: B. McEwen

Seconded by: A. Voz

Next Meeting: April 17, 2025, in-person at 4:30 p.m. in the Secord Room, 2ND. floor of City Hall.

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Brad McEwen
Chair

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Cristina Hovey
Recording Secretary



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee
Meeting #3 - 25
March 20, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Susan Brown, Nelson Cecilia, Michelle Goodridge, Mark Melo, Mario Thomas, Meghan McKay, Rosemary Minnella, Meg Oldfield, and Councillor Corey Kimpson,

Regrets: Nancy Woodman

Staff in Attendance: Jeremy Parsons, Senior Planner Heritage, Maria Barrantes Barreto, Council Committee Services Coordinator, Jacqueline Hanneman, Senior Planner

Meeting Called to Order:

The meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was held in person in the Bowman Room, virtually via Microsoft Zoom and live streamed to the City of Cambridge YouTube channel. Susan Brown, MHAC Chairperson, welcomed everyone present, and she advised those present that, in its advisory role, MHAC makes recommendations that then go to Council for a decision. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes:

Moved By: Mario Thomas

Seconded By: Mark Melo

THAT the Minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be considered for errors and omissions and be adopted.

CARRIED

Reports:

1. 25-012 (MHAC) Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program – 63 Oak Street

Jeremy Parsons provided a presentation to request funding from the heritage property grant program for 63 Oak Street. Jeremy explained that the building itself was built in 1883 with gothic architectural features and requires repointing work. Jeremy presented images of the existing mortar joints and the deterioration that require repairs. Jeremy clarified that the work itself does not require a heritage permit since it is considered a repair of existing features. Cost estimate for the work from a mason was presented where the total of the work is \$4,633.00 and MHAC would cover half of that.

Moved By: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded By: Meg Oldfield

THAT Report 25-012 (MHAC) Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program – 63 Oak Street – be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee support the application for funding from the 2025 Operating Budget to be approved by the Deputy City Manager of Community Development for the designated property municipally known as 63 Oak Street to a maximum of \$2,316.50 for the repair of mortar in the exterior of the building as described in Report 25-012(MHAC);

AND THAT the work must be completed by November 1, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT the grant is conditional on the inspection of the completed work to the satisfaction of heritage planning staff.

CARRIED

2. 25-009 (MHAC) Recommendation to Designate 1370 Maple Grove Road

Jeremy Parsons provided a presentation on behalf of Scott Abbott on recommending 1370 Maple Grove Road to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Jeremy explained the historical and architectural significance of this property including its educational development.

Moved By: Meg Oldfield

Seconded By: Michelle Goodridge

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 1370 Maple Grove Road under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

CARRIED

3. 25-011 (MHAC) Recommendation to Designate 4 Veterans Way (Royal Canadian Legion Branch 121)

Jeremy explained that both properties being recommended to designate during this meeting are using the work that WSP did for the City through their evaluation forms. Jeremy provided a presentation on behalf of Scott Abbott on recommending to designate the property located on 4 Veterans Way. The property is also known as Royal Canadian Legion Branch 121. Jeremy presented aerial images of the location of the property and its location in the historic Galt area. Jeremy provided the history of this property and its architectural value. Jeremy explained that this property meets 6 out of 9 criteria for heritage designation.

Moved By: Mario Thomas

Seconded By: Meg Oldfield

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC) supports the recommendation to designate the property municipally known as 4 Veterans Way under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Mario Thomas asked Jeremy how it is decided to involve a third-party consultant in terms of designation. Mario also asked what determines the timing for when properties come to the MHAC agenda when other properties do not.

Jeremy answered that staff is currently doing a review of our register along with other municipalities in response to Bill 23 which is the Provincial government's housing bill. Currently, Cambridge has 650 listed properties which we have requested WSP to assist in conducting a high-level review of the properties one by one where they then provide us evaluation forms. Jeremy explained that we are receiving the forms on a rolling basis and as we get them in we bring them forth to the committee. Mario asked for clarification on what the criteria is to remove a property from the register when is not recommended. Jeremy answered that they use evaluation 9/06 which we also use on a regular basis which staff are also involved in for a collective decision. Jeremy explained that as of now they aren't prioritizing removing properties and only adding them to the register. Jeremy assured the committee will be presented with a batch of properties that are recommended to be removed in the future.

Sue Brown asked if the Legion is in support of the designation. Jeremy answered that Scott Abbott has reached out to owners of both properties but unsure if they have provided any concerns with the designation.

CARRIED

4. 25-013 (MHAC) 130 Guelph Avenue, Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment

Jeremy Parsons provided a presentation on the cultural heritage impact assessment for

130 Guelph Ave that was submitted by the property owner and their planner who joined us in the meeting. Jeremy explained the property is an industrial building located west of Speed River on Guelph Ave. Jeremy explained the property was built in 1953 and is included in the proposed Hespeler HCD. Jeremy clarified that the property is also adjacent to 152 Guelph Ave which is listed on the register. Jeremy explained that the applicants are proposing to redevelop the property by demolishing the industrial building and building a 6-storey multi-unit containing residential and commercial uses. Jeremy provided a background of Heritage Planning Staff's involvement in this property through a number of years. Jeremy also presented a rendering of the proposed building and its specifications. Jeremy then went on to list the Assessment's impacts and mitigation measures that will be set in place with a strong emphasis on an additional architectural articulation. Jeremy summarized staff's support of the proposed mitigation measures but also requested that focus and consideration be given to the design of the building for future Heritage Conservation District considerations. In addition, the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment must also be updated to address any staff comments and any feedback provided by MHAC.

Moved By: Michelle Goodridge

Seconded By: Nelson Cecilia

Chair Sue Brown explained that due to the delegate requesting to speak after the 12pm delegation deadline, vote from Clerks to MHAC is required to allow the delegate to speak during the meeting.

Motion to Permit Delegation

Moved By: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded By: Meg Oldfield

THAT the requirements of the Procedure By-law be waived to consider a delegation from Andrew Head of Dryden, Smith & Head Planning

CARRIED

Andrew Head of Dryden, Smith & Head Planning delegated on behalf of the Syed family that are the owners of 130 Guelph Ave. Andrew requests MHAC approve this project and move for recommendation to Council for approval. Andrew explained the proposed building is an affordable housing building which is adjacent to the Hespeler core area and is currently zoned as industrial. Andrew explained the owners are seeking a mixed-use zoning to allow for affordable housing units and ground floor commercial. Andrew pointed that the Official Plan does designate these lands as regeneration areas indicating that Council and staff have already determined that redevelopment is appropriate according to planning policies. Andrew summarized the history of this property that was built in 1953 and purchased by their client, Akthar Syed, in 1969. Andrew claimed that with over 55 years of ownership, this building has supported numerous businesses within the Hespeler

community but is currently closed to the public while being fenced due to demolition. Andrew points out that the subject lands are not designated nor listed as a Heritage property. Therefore, they believe the request for additional historical information and past studies are unnecessary. Andrew believes these additional studies will increase costs and delay the development process. Andrew also points that the owner is able to provide historical information if the committee feels necessary to require. Andrew understands that these lands are within the draft of the Hespeler Conservation District that indicates there are not any policies that exist which staff claim they must comply with. Andrew explained that their Heritage Impact study addressed the terms of reference as provided and further information should not be wanted. Andrew acknowledges that the adjacent property, 152 Guelph Ave, is listed but points that it is not designated as a heritage property. Andrew noted that staff have concerns about the bordering trees which will remain intact, and any new plantings will complement the existing trees. In conclusion, Andrew and their clients ask the committee to disregard staff's recommendations for expensive historical investigations and recognize the minimal impact it will have on the neighborhood's cultural heritage.

Michelle Goodridge asked the delegate what definition they use in terms of affordable housing. Andrew answered that they use the definition that is outlined by the Region of Waterloo's Official Plan along with the City of Cambridge's Official Plan.

Councillor Kimpson asked for clarification on the number of units that will be in the proposed building. Andrew explained that due to minor revisions to the site plan, number of units changed to 112. Councillor Kimpson followed up and asked if there would be any elevators and if any of the proposed units would be accessible. Andrew answered there will be elevators and that some of the units will be made accessible like larger doors and lower countertops.

Councillor Kimpson asked if the clients have gone through the pre-consultation process with the City of Cambridge and completed the currently required items. Andrew confirmed they did, and they are scheduled to be in front.

Sue Brown asked if there are any renderings available that show the scale of the project in comparison to the listed adjacent property. Andrew answered that at this time they do not have any renderings available but are willing to provide to the committee. Andrew did point out there will be an elevation change between the two properties due to the project being on a hill.

THAT Report 25-013 (MHAC) 130 Guelph Avenue, Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee support the recommendations provided by staff to ensure that the assessment is updated and revised.

Mario Thomas thanked Jeremy for the report and the reference to the forthcoming HCD. Mario comments that even though it is not approved by Council, when this building will go up that it is likely that the Heritage Conservation Plan will be in place. Mario comments

that this project must be examined closely with the view that the policies and guidelines of the HCD will apply. Mario points out that there are three issues with what has been presented and supports the recommendations that staff have created. Mario exclaims that the upcoming HCD will have two recent buildings that would not have passed for conservation district today if presented. Mario explains that the presented building will have a massive contemporary design that does not align with the architectural style of the existing heritage building. Mario also explains that the 6-storey building is quite high and will overshadow the existing buildings and everything else in the area. Mario also points that the pedestrian streetscape will also be negatively impacted. Therefore, for these reasons Mario strongly supports staff's recommendations.

Michelle Goodridge supports the concerns Mario has and points that the show studies that have been done do not include the impact on the adjacent heritage property. Michelle supports staff's recommendations for updates to the HIA and also asks to defer making a recommendation as a committee until those updates are completed. Michelle explains having more information on this project would provide the committee with confidence on making a recommendation of this project to Council. Michelle also points that if a deferral is not possible, then they would feel the need to vote against it.

Councillor Kimpson comments that there are fairly tight timelines that must be met as the public meeting is scheduled for April 8th and Council meeting is May 27th. Councillor Kimpson points that the timelines that are set out through the Planning Act must be met which Jeremy, as a Planner, can speak to. Councillor Kimpson also points that if the committee does defer then it may or may not change the outcome when this comes before Council. Jeremy Parsons expanded and explained that the timelines set on the Planning Act must be followed by the municipality. Jeremy recommends that the committee provide clearly its comments on this proposal as those comments would be reflected in the staff report and staff presentation to Council. Jeremy also pointed out that there is also a site plan process that would need to take place so any minor changes, such as with design, can be made before it goes to that step. Jeremy summarized to ensure that the City meets its deadlines, comments and feedback would be the best way forward.

Councillor Kimpson explains that she sent a link to the current development page so that members of the committee can view the entire package that came through. Councillor Kimpson comments that with the design on the submission, consideration has been given on using different materials to minimize impact to surrounding properties. However, Councillor Kimpson also points that given the comments received by MHAC, it is possible that as suggested they can use different materials that is more on par with what we already have to blend project with the surrounding areas.

Michelle Goodridge asked what the most impactful way for MHAC is to communicate their recommendation. Michelle suggested that the recommendation is good now but making amendments to the recommendation is the best way to communicate to Council. Jeremy asked Jacqueline Hanneman, Senior Planner, for her input as she would be the staff member to bring this report to Council in May. Jacqueline points that she joined tonight to understand how the committee feels about this project. Jacqueline also points that the

applicant has applied for an official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment. Jacqueline points that MHAC's feedback is incorporated into their reports to Council and their review of the application in terms of recommending approval or refusal. In this situation, Jacqueline explained that the review is still ongoing, and the Planning Act does state that from the completed application to when the item goes to Council should be 120 days. If item does not go to Council within 120 days, Jacqueline explains that it does open the applicant's appeal rights to which they can appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal on the basis of no decision. Jacqueline states that this project does have a lot of moving parts, and she is still currently waiting on a second submission, but it is important for MHAC to make a recommendation before the item goes to Council.

Mario asks Jeremy if the item was to be deferred, and can the timeline be met. Jeremy answered that given the report deadline that Jacqueline has, we have one go at submitting this and April Council meeting would not be feasible. Jeremy comments that his suggestion is to provide comments and feedback to the applicant, so those comments get communicated formally through staff. Jeremy also suggested that there is a public meeting that will occur which includes members of the committee in Hespeler to where they can convey their feedback. Jeremy elaborated that in response to the heritage report, since this is an impact assessment, they must bring all impact assessments to the heritage committee. However, when there is no application with a heritage permit or a demolition of a listed property, there is no trigger for staff to bring a report to Council for heritage. Therefore, heritage staff brought this impact assessment for comments but would not bring a separate report to Council from heritage.

Maria Barrantes Barreto clarified that if individuals from the committee can go and delegate to the public meeting but if they would like to represent the committee, it can only be done through a vote and only one person shall be allowed to speak. Usually, the Chair or Vice-Chair attend public meetings representing MHAC. Maria points out that as a concerned resident, they can go and attend as they wish. Maria also explained that in response to Michelle's comments on amending the recommendation, she did provide an additional recommendation as opposed to a referral.

Sue Brown asked if the committee supports staff recommendation and if the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment (CHIA) is updated, does the CHIA will come back to the committee with the updates. Jeremy answered that it does not due to the process set in place but if the applicant does want to come back, they can.

Motion to Amend Recommendation

Moved By: Michelle Goodridge

Seconded By: Sue Brown

AND THAT the submitted CHIA include a shadow study incorporating the impacts on the adjacent listed property;

Mario Thomas comments that this additional recommendation is good and is insufficient in

terms of the overall impact study related to the visual impact this project will have.

CARRIED

Maria explains that this amendment is now a part of the original recommendation. Maria called for a vote for the original recommendation with the added amendment.

THAT Report 25-013 (MHAC) 130 Guelph Avenue, Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment be received;

AND THAT the submitted CHIA include a shadow study incorporating the impacts on the adjacent listed property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee support the recommendations provided by staff to ensure that the assessment is updated and revised.

Nelson Cecilia asks if this item will come back to MHAC during site plan approval. Jeremy answered it will not due to the fact that there is no heritage permit and no trigger for the listed property to be demolished. Jeremy further elaborated that MHAC is involved in reviewing the Heritage Impact Assessment. Nelson Cecilia further asked if the upcoming HCD were to happen, so that this item can be revisited again. Jeremy answered yes it will. Jeremy further expanded that if the HCD does beat the approval of this planning application, then there will be a heritage permit that will be required for the new build. Therefore, it would come back to MHAC during the site plan stage and the committee will have more say.

CARRIED

Information Items:

a. Demolition Permit and Demolition Control Permit Applications

Sue Brown shared there were a few demolition permit and demolition control permit application submitted between February 10, 2025 to March 18, 2025.

Demolition Permit Application

191 Pinebush Road

Demolition Control Permit Applications

36 Elliot Street

4050 Fountain Street North

4070 Fountain Street North

35 Avenue Road

42 Rich Avenue

Sue Brown asked heritage staff if they have a set process when reviewing demolition control permit applications. Jeremy clarified that the demolition control permit applications are approved by the Chief Planner whereas demolition permit applications are approved by the Chief Building Official. Jeremy further explained that heritage staff do review all of them and provide comments to the ones that are on designated/listed properties or adjacent to. Sue asked if the demolition permit applications had already been demolished. Jeremy answered that each of the addresses are currently active and not demolished.

Chair's Comments

Sue Brown commented it is great to see more properties coming forward for designation and also grant applications.

Council Comments

Councillor Kimpson commented that there is not a lot to report as it's been a little quiet but will quickly pick up. Councillor Kimpson also commented that the last Council meeting did approve rebuilding the retaining wall with the recommendation that was put forward. Councillor Kimpson also shared that a site plan application was submitted for the property in Preston of the former Grand River Hotel and should be coming forward in the coming months.

Heritage Planning Staff

Jeremy commented that a conservation plan was submitted for the former Grand River Hotel which will be coming before MHAC around Spring. Jeremy also commented that the two items that were pulled from the agenda will be coming to MHAC soon.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Moved By: Meg Oldfield

Seconded By: Rosemary Minella

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting of March 20, 2025 be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday April 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Location: Virtual

via Zoom and in-person at City Hall

If you require any accommodations to participate in this meeting, please email
heritageinfo@cambridge.ca

Susan Brown

MHAC Chairperson

Arham Nadeem

Recording Secretary



MINUTES
Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee

March 24, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Devin Sisak (Left at 2:50 p.m.), Gary Racine, Alison Fitzpatrick, Shannon Adshade, Maryam Khan, Heather DeYoe, and Councillor Helen Shwery

Regrets: Michele Gilman, Tara Small, Sarah Dodds, CJ Janzen, and Barry Green.

Staff Members in Attendance: Michael Oliveri, Council Committee Services Coordinator; Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Danielle Manton, City Clerk; Elisabeth Slusarczyk, Manager of Municipal By-law Compliance; Cameron Lattanville, Supervisor of Municipal By-law Compliance; Shannon Noonan, Manager of Transportation Engineering; Leah Walter, Director of Engineering; Alana Russell, Director of Communications

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

Approval of February 24, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: Alison Fitzpatrick

Seconded by: Gary Racine

THAT the minutes of the February 24, 2025, Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

7.1 Accessible Parking Discussion

City staff and WRPS representatives introduced themselves and explained their roles. The City Clerk provided guidance around the structure of the discussion and encouraged committee members to ask questions.

- **Accessible parking Review:** Shannon Noonan, Manager of Transportation Engineering, addressed the committee's questions about on-site accessible parking and the city's review process. She discussed accessible parking audits and their frequency, clarifying her responses were from a municipal parking lot perspective. Shannon highlighted challenges in meeting specific requirements for accessible spaces.
- The committee also inquired about when the last accessible parking audit was completed. Staff shared that a review was conducted last year to assess the number and design of accessible parking spaces. The next step is to benchmark this data against the Facility Accessibility Design Standards (FADS) and implement improvements, though timeline challenges may arise from reconstruction needs. Staff confirmed regular inspections of parking lots and shared that they would like to keep it consistent with a monthly inspection, but staffing challenges persist.
- **Blue Parking Zones:** Councillor Kimpson spoke about San Diego, California's use of "Blue Parking Zones." These Zones provide accessible parking for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities who have a distinguishing license plate or placard on their vehicles. Blue zones are typically indicated by a sign and a stencilled blue curb and are operative twenty-four hours a day, every day, unless otherwise posted. Staff were encouraged to research this initiative.
- **Enforcement and Compliance:** Committee members inquired about the city's strategies for addressing chronic misuse of accessible parking spots. Elisabeth Slusarczyk, Manager of Municipal By-Law Compliance, provided insights and statistics on enforcement. She noted that bylaw officers issued over 400 tickets in 2024, and the fine for illegally parking in an accessible spot has increased from \$300 to \$400.
- WRPS staff also urged the committee and the public to report non-emergency issues or bylaw concerns to their non-emergency contact line.
- **Public Awareness Campaign:** Other committee members emphasized the need to change community mindsets regarding the importance of accessible spaces for individuals with disabilities. The City Clerk indicated that the committee could propose recommendations for an awareness and enforcement campaign.
- Alana, Director of Communications, summarized what she heard from the discussion to confirm the committee's request. She noted that it was clear the committee desires a social media awareness and enforcement campaign, perhaps using tactics such as personal stories from residents to communicate the importance of educating the public about accessible parking.
- **Next Steps:** Staff will collaborate with the communications team to develop an awareness and enforcement campaign focused on improving accessible parking and compliance.

7.2 Parks Master Plan Presentation

- Mike Hausser and Paul Willms presented a brief overview of the City's Parks Master Plan and sought feedback from the AAC. The plan's key objectives include addressing significant changes such as population growth, incorporating the Planning Act, increasing park usage due to COVID-19, promoting stewardship in natural areas, and enhancing accessibility and inclusion through universal design for all ages and abilities.
- Paul shared that key topics frequently mentioned in consultations include equity in parkland and amenities across the city, playground quality, safety, and the availability and quality of washrooms. Residents also request more amenities to ensure accessibility. One goal is to expand parks beyond just playgrounds and open fields, offering amenities that cater to broader interests, new amenity requests, and equity.

- A key feature of the Parks Master Plan they shared is an Atlas, which provides information on each park's amenities and assets. It will also include discussions on upcoming capital budget projects, service levels, tree canopy, potential sponsorship projects, climate change impacts, and a public consultation summary for each park.
- Some committee members raised questions about winter maintenance for trails. Staff noted that generally if there are paved trails, they aim to maintain them and will review the budget for this.
- Staff collected suggestions from the committee regarding communication. What would be the best way to convey the level of accessibility? Staff shared that they are working on a guide, and including this suggestion about winter options is a good idea.

NOTE: Quorum was lost at 2:50 p.m., no decisions were made after 2:50 p.m. and the committee listened to the presentation and offered comments

Subcommittee Update: Gary Racine, CAAC Vice Chair, City of Cambridge

- None

Staff Liaison Update: Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility and Farshid Sadatsharifi, Accessibility Coordinator

- Staff provided an update on the planning for National AccessAbility Week. Ongoing planning continues, and staff will share updates in the coming weeks.

Council Representative Update: Councillor Helen Shwery, City of Cambridge

- None

Chair's Report: Devin Sisak, Accessibility Advisory Committee Chair

- None

Other Business

- None

Adjournment

Due to lack of quorum, an adjournment vote was not held.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 28th, 2025, 1:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

If any accommodations are required to participate in this meeting, please email accessibility@cambridge.ca.

Chair
Devin Sisak

Council Committee Services Coordinator
Michael Oliveri

MINUTES

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee

No. 3-25

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

City Hall, Secord Room, 2nd Floor

Committee Members in Attendance: Aisha Lewis, Cynthia Brown, Danielle Lindamood, Derek Roy, Ken Bell, Linda Foster, Lisa Grbinicek, Nichole Daniels, Ryleigh McDermid and Councillor Hamilton

Regrets: Alison Fraser, David Campbell, Jonas Duarte, Nelson Cecilia

Staff in Attendance: Kathy Padgett, Senior Planner – Environment, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) was held in the Secord Room, 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge, Ontario. Kathy Padgett welcomed everyone to the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

New members Aisha Lewis and Ken Bell were introduced.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

Jason Leach, Senior Civil Engineering Technologist II, City of Cambridge provided a presentation on the projects of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee (CCTAC). Jason provided details of active transportation projects including the renewal of existing trails, designs for new trails, rebuilding pedestrian bridges, and creating accessible sidewalk and trail connections. Project examples included Dunbar Road multi-use trail, Mill Race Park pedestrian bridges, Northview Heights trail renewal and Black Bridge Road reconstruction.

Jason responded to questions of the Committee noting that most new trails in the City are within new developments, however, they are always looking to expand and improve the existing network. Alternate materials for trails was discussed, including the use of permeable materials. Jason advised that typically stone dust is used for trails in open space areas.

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Cynthia Brown

Seconded by: Lisa Grbinicek

THAT the decisions contained in the February 26, 2025 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee

Nichole Daniels reviewed the meeting notes for the Committee. She noted 400 packets of native seeds were distributed at the Bee City Seedy Saturday event at *rare* on March 8. In addition to the seed packets, supplies were distributed for the upcoming Community Clean Up event taking place on April 26. Work on the Victoria Park Forest Management Plan will continue with City Green volunteers visiting the forest edge wildflower area once a week from April through October to photograph flowering species, to document which invasive species to remove, and to identify potential planting areas. A site walk is planned for the June City Green meeting as well as a site walk with Forestry staff in October.

Moved by: Aisha Lewis

Seconded by: Derek Roy

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) receives the meeting notes from the March 3, 2025 meeting of City Green;

AND FURTHER THAT they be appended to the March 26, 2025 CEAC minutes for distribution.

CARRIED

Correspondence

NIL

Information Items

NIL

Other Business

The Committee discussed incorporating a Land Acknowledgement into the meeting and decided that it should be done with thought and reflection as opposed to the same statement made each meeting. Dani agreed to share a land acknowledgement for the April meeting.

Kathy advised that any work on the potential Dark Sky project should be based upon urban examples to ensure commonality. Lisa noted that public education on the subject might be a good place to start.

The Committee further discussed alternative surface options for the active transportation network and agreed to create a subcommittee to explore options for a potential future pilot project.

Moved by: Nichole Daniels

Seconded by: Ken Bell

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) appoints the following members to the Trails - Alternative Materials Research Subcommittee:

Aisha Lewis, Cynthia Brown, Dani Lindamood and Linda Foster

CARRIED

Next Meeting

The next meeting of CEAC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Second Room.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Nichole Daniels

Seconded by: Aisha Lewis

THAT the CEAC meeting does now adjourn at 8:31 p.m.

CARRIED

Danielle Lindamood
Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary



CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CEAC)

Cambridge CITY GREEN Meeting Notes

Monday April 7, 2025 6:30- 8 p.m.

Attendance: Paul Willms, Linda Simpson, Mary McGrath, Diane Day, Moira Gilderson, Sandy Forsyth, Nichole Daniels, Zenen Treadwell, Karen Ballard, Claire Sweeney

Regrets: Kelly Pritchard

Roundtable welcome to any Guests or New Members: Claire Sweeney

Review of Meeting Notes and Action Items

The CG group reviewed the Meeting Notes and carried forward Action Items.

City Green in the Community

1. Cambridge Bee City Team

Background:

The Cambridge Bee City Team meets 3 times a year (February 6, June 5, November 6, 10-11:30 a.m.); City Green members are welcome to attend. [Click here to join the next meeting.](#) Project information is available online at the Bee City Canada [website.](#)

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

The Bee City Seedy Saturday event took place March 8th and City Green volunteers Linda and Moira worked the City Green booth. Linda and Moira distributed approximately 300-400 native seed packs (5 varieties of wildflower – red bergamot, black eyed susan, blazing star, lupine, and coreopsis). Diane and Nichole also attended. It was very cold in the unheated slit barn venue. The attendance was excellent (i.e. ~250 people). The shuttle was useful (Langs bus to the venue and back from Blair bus station / parking lot). It was the first time in the history of Seedy Saturday that they ran out of seeds. Shuttle and venue to be discussed – is a venue change needed given parking, heat, space, etc. issues? Could Hespeler Arena room (used for large 400-person events like Active Living Fair) be used instead?... It was suggested that vendors park somewhere else and get a shuttle back or go to a larger venue (Diane mentioned that parking was full at 10:20 when she arrived, 20 minutes into the event) and although parking was very well organized with people directing traffic, the shuttle bus and a large busload of Kinbridge folks, it is still very limited for the amount of people that attend. More seeds are needed – next year perhaps have 5 varieties but make more envelopes. Advertising how the seed exchange works as it seemed many didn't know how the event worked (perhaps instructions on the door as

a poster, or even the season before so that folks collect and store seeds for the event). The litter clean up supplies were taken by kids as “freebies” which wasn’t the intent – next year only posters and info and not supplies. A kids activity either by City Green or by the event organizers should be offered next year (e.g. planting a seed in a pot or seedballs, etc.)

ACTION ITEM:

- **Paul to relay City Green event comments to the June Bee City Team meeting.**

2. Mill Creek Project and Jane’s Walks

Mill Creek Subcommittee: Kelly, Linda, Diane, Moira.

Jane’s Walk Subcommittees:

- **Victoria Park Woodlot:** Linda, Zenen, Danesh, Karen, Kelly [Victoria Park Forest Management Plan](#). The group met March 10th and 31st and divided up the tour presentation “stops” among the subcommittee: 1- Linda, 2- Linda, 3- Denesh, 4- Zenen, 5- Karen, 6- Zenen, 7-Linda, 8- Karen, 9- Denesh, 10- Linda, 11- Kelly. Each person will send Linda their edits for their stops so that she can assemble them all into one document; she will also print off relevant QR codes and pictures to show participants during the walk; she will post the walks on the Jane’s Walk site and wondered if the City could boost the event notices through their channels, social media, etc.? Zenen will post the Jane’s Walks on his site too.

ACTION ITEM:

- **Victoria Park Woodlot subcommittee will meet at the forest on Thursday, Thursday, April 24th at 10am to go through a practice run of the walk presentation and anyone who is available can come (meet at the parking lot by the playground across from the school). The actual walk event will be given on Sunday, May 4th at 1pm (same meeting place).**

Background: Jane Jacobs was an urbanist and author who was interested in building community. An event was created in her honour and it occurs the first weekend in May (“Jane’s Walk”). Walks are planned and delivered all over the world on a variety of subjects and hosted by residents. In the past, Cambridge City Green members have developed and hosted walks on Mill Creek and Victoria Park. Following the Mill Creek walk, the group wanted to create a self-directed permanent walk with interpretive signage and online resources and perhaps even an “augmented reality app” version. All files for the project are available [here at this Sharepoint site](#) (permission is required to access the site, contact PW for permission).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

Karen mentioned that she was very impressed with Kelly's work outlining the Victoria Park walk. Moira mentioned that the Mill Creek walk was hosted last year but it has been difficult to get the subcommittee together to practice but would also suggest that we only offer the Victoria Park walk and not repeat the Mill Creek this year; it was suggested that the walks be rotated each year. The group decided to only go with the Victoria Park walk this year.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **Mill Creek Subcommittee** - complete text and photos...Continue to refine and finish the project content (i.e. the "stops" and complete the "low-tech version" in the same format as the [Historic Downtown Walking tour](#) (i.e. some text and a photo of each "stop"). When finished, let PW know, and Paul to review and submit GIS request for online version in StoryMap.

3. Trees

TREEmendous Cambridge:

Background: [TREEmendous Cambridge](#) The tool (at the link) can be used to look up information on ~500 large trees on public properties with a diameter above 1 metre as well as ~63,000+ street trees. One can also view tree canopy coverage (in %) for schools, private properties, parks, etc. The information includes the species, diameter, Google Street View picture of the tree, address, and a statement about what the tree contributes in terms of "ecosystem services". In the past, Cambridge City Green hosted "urban street tree walks" across the city with walking routes maximizing the amount of large TREEmendous trees along the way and as a venue to introduce this "app" to people.

[Victoria Park Forest Management Plan](#) Implementation:

Background: The group outlined three projects, and initially discussed with City Forestry, based on the community engagement recommendations in the Victoria Park Forest Management Plan:

- A. Fence an area (10m x 10m), especially where oak canopy leaf density is sparse, a lot of Norway Maple saplings are present, and lily of the valley or similar species is the invasive groundcover (e.g. the site near the Blenheim Rd. which City Green visited in June 2024). Volunteers remove invasives mechanically; signs noting "Forest Regeneration in Progress" on fence plus any info for the public on the work involved; replant native oak seedlings at very high densities, go in each year and weed out invasives; each "plot" may take 5 years before the fencing is removed, seedlings are above browse heights (~2.5 m) and invasives are gone. Then repeat in other location(s)

with similar groundcover and Norway maple invasives issues and lessons learned.

- B. Forest edge/prairie wildflower area – visit once a month this year and document and map flowering. Remove walnut saplings and any other woody species (need City Forestry assistance with tree felling) and open up the canopy for the wildflowers. Create a 15ft. diameter planting site by laying down thick cardboard and covering with 30cm of woodchips in October or November for a May 2026 planting event by 6-10 City Green volunteers establishing 30 one litre native wildflowers.
- C. Educational projects – City Green volunteers Jane’s Walk (May 4th) or City Forestry or Reep arborist led walk and review the issues. For “A” above a chloroplast sign could be developed to explain the work.

Forest Restoration project (“A”) is on hold until direction, support, and training and a fenced off area can be created by Forestry. Also need Forestry assistance to remove the encroaching trees in the wildflower meadow area (project “B”).

Aspects Discussed During This Meeting:

Not discussed this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **June 2nd City Green meeting the group as a whole will look at the wildflower site as well as take a forest walk to look at potential restoration/invasive species sites.**
- **PW request Operations remove (invasive) trees that are impacting/shading the wildflower planting area.**
- **PW to follow up with Forestry for a staff member to lead a forest walk in October.**

4. Cambridge Community Clean-Up

Background:

- This year, a tote of supplies will be provided to each library branch so that they can answer requests for litter clean up supplies from “early birds”.
- Mobile signs have been ordered and will be placed 2 weeks before the event and 1 week after (with the “*thanks for all your hard work...*” message). The event will also be promoted through regular channels (e.g. CG site, City Social media and Facebook ads, City facilities screens, posters in libraries and other locations, etc.)

- The “app” for identifying locations of litter bags (www.Cambridge.ca/CleanUpRequest) has been reduced to only reporting needles. For litter bag pick up volunteers are to email ServiceCambridge@Cambridge.ca

Aspects Discussed this meeting:

- Claire noted she could help on the day – Claire to help at Clemens Mill location
- PW distributed the poster to CG members by email and to Sandy (paper copies) and noted if anyone else would like to post paper copies to let him know
- Waiver sign up sheet was reviewed
- ServiceCambridge@Cambridge.ca for litter bag pickups; litter@Cambridge.ca for groups to obtain supplies; www.Cambridge.ca/CleanUpRequest for needles
- Sandy mentioned putting bags out with garbage – Paul noted that it cannot be done but that he would like to pursue it
- Linda suggested that they tell people to take a picture of the ServiceCambridge@Cambridge.ca. Sandy noted she would print a few on business cards.

Volunteers for the 4 Cambridge Public Library locations:

- Queen’s Square- Nichole, Karen, Zenen
- Hespeler: Sandy, John, John, Matt
- Preston: Diane and Moira
- Clemens Mill: Claire, Mary, Laura
- Paul will travel to each of the locations during the duration of the event and collect the totes from the libraries. Supplies can be dropped off at Dickson Arena at the end of the event.

April 25th Supplies Pick Up Times at Dickson Arena:

- 12:30 pm – Diane
- 1 pm - Sandy
- 4:30 pm – Nichole
- 5pm – Paul will set up the Clemens Mill site

CG volunteers who are picking up supplies should arrive at their library locations at 5 pm to set up before they close at 5:30 pm.

ACTION ITEMS:

- **PW to ask about litter bag pick up in household waste with the Region (e.g. for the month of April or perhaps pilot it for the week after Earth Day?)**

5. Other Business / Information Items

City Green Meetup Membership: 816 members as of February 26, 2025 and 853 as of April 7, 2025

Next Meeting: Monday May 5, 2025

City Green Calendar: Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.; if there is a statutory holiday, we meet the following Monday. There are no City Green meetings in July/August.

- Bee City Seedy Saturday, Saturday, March 8, 2025, 10 am – 12 noon
- Monday, April 7th, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- April – October – City Green members visit the Victoria Park Native Wildflower planting site and photograph and map any native plants of interest that should be preserved going forward.
- Cambridge Community Clean Up:
 - Pick up supplies from Dickson Arena and set up Friday, April 25th, 2025 (5-5:30 Library)
 - Saturday, April 26, 2025 9:30-12 noon
- [Jane's Walk](#) subcommittees:
 - meeting on site to go through a dry run of the walk and script April 24th
 - Victoria Park Forest, Sunday, May 4th 1pm
- Monday, May 5th, 2025, 6:30 – 8 pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Monday, June 2nd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, **in-person City Green meeting**, Victoria Park to visit the wildflower planting site
- Monday, September 8th, 2025, 6:30-8 pm, virtual City Green meeting
- **Monday, October 6th, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting / BUT could be an in-person meeting to prep the Victoria Park site**
- Monday, November 3rd, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting
- Monday, December 1st, 2025, 6:30-8pm, virtual City Green meeting



MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge

Cambridge Cultural Awards Advisory Committee

Meeting Number: 04-02

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Cambridge Ontario

April 2, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Evelina Turney, Bill Ashwell, Sarah Loat, David Campbell, Fawzia Khan,

Member Regrets: Kellea Corriveau

Absent Regret: Ashlyn Gladman

Staff Members in Attendance: Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary, Matt Cuthbert, Manager of Special Events, Nancy Movrin, Recreation Coordinator-Arts

Meeting Called to Order: The meeting of the Cultural Awards Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held . Evelina Turney, Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 5.56 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Bill Ashwell

THAT the meeting agenda items be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Approval of Cultural Awards Committee Minutes – Wednesday February 19, 2025

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Tracey Babineau

THAT the minutes of the Cultural Awards Committee of Wednesday February 19, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Treasurer's Report

The current treasurer's trust fund amount is \$76 931.51

Bursary and Scholarships

There are two Bursary applicants -

Bursary applicant St. Margaret Catholic Elementary School

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Bill Ashwell

THAT the Trustees accept the bursary request and a cheque of \$500.00 be awarded from the Bernice Adams Trust Fund to the successful recipient St. Margaret Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

Staff liaison to inform the successful applicant and request the funds from the Trust Fund.

Bursary applicant Christ the King Catholic Elementary School

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Tracey Babineau

THAT the Trustees re-issue the bursary request and cheque of \$500.00 be awarded from the Bernice Adams Trust Fund to Christ the King Catholic Elementary School.

CARRIED

Staff liaison to request the funds from the Trust Fund.

Scholarships

Received 7 scholarship applicants -

Scholarship Submissions

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Fawzia Khan

THAT the Trustees accept the following Scholarship Submissions and a cheque of \$200.00 be awarded from the Bernice Adams Trust Fund to each of the following successful recipients:

M. Habush, A. Brown, T. Taillon, S. Butler, R. Westlake, B. Leal, and A. Renner

CARRIED

Staff liaison to inform the successful recipients and request the funds from the Trust Fund.

Business Arising from Minutes

This meeting was called to review some outstanding items, the venue, awards and applications received

The event is running as planned per past award nights

18 finalists, down a little this year

The MC for the night is Mike Farewell, this is confirmed by email, no monetary cost (will receive a swag bag)

CJ Jazen will be singing the national anthem, this is confirmed, no monetary cost (will receive a swag bag)

Kyle Logue is confirmed, she will be playing the harp for reception, intermission and event exit, she will receive an honorarium of \$100.00

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra is confirmed, no monetary fee

Kat Looby awards discussed at the last meeting have been selected and are confirmed. No more than \$500.00 is the budget for the awards

Décor and decorating by Urban Jungle have been confirmed. The flower bouquets for the recipients are donated

Audio visual equipment is usually supplied by the committee and will be discussed (Long & McQuade was used in the past) cost depends on the needs of the instruments, microphones etc.

The printing of the program is done in-house, the cost is around \$50.00, only the cover is printed in colour and other posters as needed.

Sponsorship money David Campbell and Fawzia Khan will follow up and confirm amounts

Waiting for a reply from Roseville if speaker or microphone is supplied

\$100.00 for supplies for purchasing swag bags, tissue paper and cellophane wrap

For the ticket sales, received permission to use the mayor's application, tech services have received all the information for the tickets

Tickets to set aside:

Along with event volunteers and other event role holders, all last year's winners are invited to present the award for this year's winners, all finalists and plus one, all scholarship students plus two"

Not limiting ticket sales, venue can handle 200

Approx. 90 free tickets, including sponsors

Bill Ashwell will reach out to Joe Lethbridge for any cost of the photography

Bill Ashwell will be in the studio, for an interview with Mike Farewell on Monday, April 7

Nancy Movrin will follow up with sponsorships received when in office, 2 are confirmed

Tracey will follow up with Toyota sponsorship

The remaining items left for payment are any Tec support and honorarium for Joe Lethbridge the photographer

All SEO's have been migrated to the city website

Motion

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Tracey Babineau

THAT, Harpist Kyle Logue receives an honorarium of \$100.00 for playing 3 performances at the event: the reception, intermission, and exit.

CARRIED

Motion

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Tracey Babineau

THAT, the committee spend up to \$500.00 on the individual awards to be paid to Artist Kat Looby

CARRIED

The photoshoot is almost complete, two dates remaining:

Saturday April 5 from 9am-10am

Wednesday April 9 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Mayor's office has approved to use their ticket application

Nancy Movrin meeting with Tech services, they have received all ticket information

Scholarship names have been forwarded to Awards Unlimited

Nancy Movrin will follow up with the person who is interested in doing the Audio visual for event night

Motion

Moved by: Tracey Babineau

Seconded by: Paige Corriveau

THAT, the event revenue is no longer held in trust, and ticket sales be redirected from the trust fund account to operating for the 2025 event.

CARRIED

New Business

Tracey Babineau shared a suggestion to do a live auction at the event. A donation for free pizza for a year was received from Domino's Pizza. Every month the pizza would be paired with an activity. If anyone has any ideas, send them to Tracey Babineau, she will be reaching out to more organizations to fill 12 months with pizza and an activity.

Reminder - please follow up with auction items

City Updates

Cambridge Celebration for the Arts

Applications are now open for the Cambridge Celebration for the Arts on Friday June 13th from 5-10 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street.

The deadline to apply is April 18 www.cambridge.ca/cca

Looking for volunteers

2025 Cambridge Art Attic

Annual Art Attic at the Cambridge Centre for the Arts on the following dates:

Thursday, June 12, 9am-8pm

Friday, June 13, 9am-9pm

Saturday, June 14, 9am -1pm

Now accepting donations of art <https://www.cambridgecentreforthearts.ca/en/events/art-attic-silent-auction.aspx>

Other Business

Motion

Moved by: Tracey Babineau

Seconded by: Paige Corriveau

THAT, the regular Cultural Awards meeting of Wednesday May 21, 2025, be changed to Wednesday May 14, 2025, at the regular time of 7-9 pm. Meeting invite will be sent when room is confirmed.

CARRIED

Next meeting:

Wednesday April 16, 2025

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Paige Corriveau

Seconded by: Sarah Loat

THAT the Cultural Awards Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 7:33pm

CARRIED

Chairperson-Evelina Turney



Recording Secretary-Zita Tavares





GEORGINA

Legislative Services Department/Clerk's Division

April 7, 2025

Via email; premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
TORONTO, Ontario M7A 1A1

The Honourable Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution regarding Salt Management

Please be advised that Town Council adopted the following motion concerning Salt Management;

RESOLUTION NO. C-2025-0077

Moved By Councillor Neeson

Seconded By Regional Councillor Davison

WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious and irreversible environmental and public health concerns associated with road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is our closest freshwater lake and is the 4th largest inland lake within Ontario, host to a number of functions including a biodiverse habitat for over 56 species of fish, the source water for municipal drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents within the watershed, including 41,000 here in the Town of Georgina, and the many other recreational and commercial functions it serves; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe's salinity concentrations have increased over 500% since monitoring began over the past 50 years, with the primary contributor being runoff from the use of salt for winter maintenance; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

WHEREAS increased numbers of slip and fall claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available; and

WHEREAS The Town of Georgina shares fifty-two (52) kilometers of beautiful Lake Simcoe shoreline and all 288 square kilometers of the Town of Georgina are encompassed by sub-watersheds that drain into Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS road authorities that use salt, such as the Town of Georgina, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina has demonstrated great initiative in salt mitigation efforts including committing to the use of rock salt alternatives, installation of electronic spreader controllers on all material spreading units, reduced application rates when appropriate, use of pre-wet and brine when appropriate, and an updated salt management plan that outlines salt best management practices specific to the Corporation of the Town of Georgina's winter maintenance operations

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management; and

2. That the Town of Georgina urges the Province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and

3. That the Town of Georgina continues to commit to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while meeting local service levels and maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to all municipalities in York Region, all Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities; all municipalities in Ontario; The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority requesting their endorsement; The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); all Lake Simcoe Watershed MPPs; Conservation Ontario; The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP); Attorney General Doug Downey, and The Honourable Premier Doug Ford.

Accordingly, we respectfully request your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,



Carolyn Lance
Council Services Coordinator

cc: Minister Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks; todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney-General; doug.downey@pc.ola.org
York Region municipalities
Ontario municipalities
Lake Simcoe Watershed municipalities
Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority; r.baldwin@LSRCA.on.ca
The Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation; sylvia.mccue@georginaisland.com
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; resolutions@amo.on.ca
Lake Simcoe Watershed MPP's
Conservation Ontario; info@conservationontario.ca
Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition; dani@waterwatchers.ca
The Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition; rescuelakesimcoecoalition@gmail.com

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 7.2.
Resolution Number 2025-104
Title: Resolution Stemming from March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting - Item 8.1 - Correspondence #19
Date: April 16, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution 15 passed on March 3, 2025 by the Corporation of the City of Sarnia, regarding the Carbon Tax;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Mark Carney; his Cabinet, Leaders of Opposition; our local Member of Parliament (MP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

March 6, 2025

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Re: Carbon Tax

Dear Prime Minister,

At the meeting of Sarnia City Council held on March 3, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

That given the advent of the US tariffs and the economic impact on Canadians it is even more critical at this time to petition our own Federal liberal government to put a stop the 20 percent increase to the carbon tax scheduled to be implemented April 1, 2025. The vast majority of Canadians do not support the carbon tax, and the timing could not be worse for the impact to our citizens; and

That the resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister, his Cabinet, Leaders of Opposition, our MP, and All Ontario Municipalities.

Your consideration of this matter is respectfully requested.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Burkhart
City Clerk

Cc: Cabinet Ministers
The Honourable Pierre Poilievre, M.P.
The Honourable Marilyn Gladu, M.P.
All Ontario Municipalities

Township of Champlain

Resolution
Regular Council Meeting

Agenda Number: 11.1.
Resolution Number 2025-120
Title: Councillor Gerry Miner - Surveillance and Monitoring of Heavy Vehicles in Ontario
Date: April 24, 2025

Moved By: Gérard Miner
Seconded By: Paul Burroughs

Whereas the Council of the Township of Champlain is of the opinion that additional surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario is required to ensure the safety of other motorists, property owners, and pedestrians.

Be it resolved that the Township of Champlain calls upon the Government of Ontario to: increase surveillance and spot checks of all heavy vehicles travelling on Ontario roads; as well as monitoring the testing standards maintained by privately-owned heavy licensing facilities.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the MPP Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, the Ontario Provincial Police, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution

Alison Collard, Clerk Date:

Canton de Champlain
Résolution
Réunion régulière du Conseil

No. du point à l'ordre du jour: 11.1.
No. du point 2025-120
Titre: Conseiller Gerry Miner - Surveillance et contrôle des véhicules lourds en Ontario
Date: le 24 avril 2025

Proposée par: Gérard Miner
Appuyée par: Paul Burroughs

Attendu que le Conseil du Canton de Champlain est de l'avis qu'une surveillance et un contrôle accrus des véhicules lourds en Ontario sont nécessaires pour assurer la sécurité des autres automobilistes, des propriétaires fonciers et des piétons.

Qu'il soit résolu que le Canton de Champlain demande au gouvernement de l'Ontario d'accroître la surveillance et les vérifications de tous les véhicules lourds circulant sur les routes de l'Ontario, et de contrôler les normes de vérification maintenues par les installations privées d'immatriculation des véhicules lourds; et

De plus, qu'il soit résolu que cette résolution soit transmise au ministre des Transports de l'Ontario, au ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement, au député provincial de Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, à la Police provinciale de l'Ontario, à l'AMO et à toutes les municipalités de l'Ontario.

Adoptée

Copie certifiée conforme

Alison Collard, greffière Date :



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 FOURTH AVENUE, P. O. BOX 40, LARDER LAKE, ON P0K 1L0

PH: 705-643-2158 FAX: 705-643-2311

LARDERLAKE.CA

Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

April 25th, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake Regular Council Meeting held Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution: 5

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Hull

That Council supports item 6.3.1 of letters and communications from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada

Carried

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Crystal Labbe", is written over a horizontal line.

Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

Enc. Fort Frances Resolution of Council
Resolution of support Township of Larder Lake



FORTFRANCES

RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

Monday, February 10, 2025

Oral Motion

“THAT Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution No. 2025-0010 regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.”

Moved by Wendy Brunetta, Seconded by Steven Maki, Motion Carried by Council.

WHEREAS President Trump has suggested that with the use of “economic force” such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States, and further he suggests that many Canadians would agree;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions, and by more than a century and a half of multicultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS the shared history of the United States and Canada has been one of friendship, respect, and neighbourly relations;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances categorically rejects any efforts by incoming President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada. We stand united with our Ontario Premier Doug Fort and our Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor prepare correspondence containing this resolution for circulation to the office of the American president through our Canadian diplomatic channels with copies to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs, MP Michael Chong, Premier Doug Ford, The Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade of Ontario, MPP Ted Arnott, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, AMO, FCM, and all municipalities in Ontario.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

69 Fourth Avenue, Larder Lake, ON
Phone: 705-643-2158 Fax: 705-643-2311



MOVED BY:

☒ Thomas Armstrong
☐ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

SECONDED BY:

☐ Thomas Armstrong
☒ Patricia Hull
☐ Paul Kelly
☐ Lynne Paquette

Motion #: 5

Resolution #: 5

Date: April 8, 2025

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the township of Larder Lake supports the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada

Recorded vote requested: ☐

	For	Against
Tom Armstrong	✓	
Patricia Hull	✓	
Paul Kelly	✓	
Lynne Paquette	✓	
Patty Quinn	✓	

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest*

Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 29, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on April 28th, 2025 passed the following resolution:

R107-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

Whereas Ontario already has the legislative framework to end the antiquated practice of Daylight Saving Time (DST), as per the Time Amendment Act of 2020: But New York has delayed us for over 4 long years.

And Whereas the Case for Ending DST immediately pertains to clear and present Health and Public Safety concerns: Clock shifts spike heart attacks, accidents, and stress, per the Canadian Society for Chronobiology. Kids lose focus, domestic violence rises, and vulnerable folks—mentally ill, homeless, addicts—face unnecessary strain and relapse risks. Indigenous health gaps deepen as DST clashes with traditions. Standard Time aligns with nature, easing healthcare burdens and healthcare costs.

And Whereas ending DST is a clear and permanent assertion of the economic independence of Ontario: Our new, post tariff economic reality exposes the reliance on New York for our internal policy as outdated. Ontario should look out for Ontarians, and

our sovereignty must be asserted. Quebec already considers the change; so 15 million Ontarians should not continue to wait on NY. Businesses will adapt; citizens will gain stability. Over 100,000 petition voices and 70% of Ontarians agree. Ontario must take the lead, and hopefully NY can eventually follow our lead for the good of their own people.

Therefore be it resolved that we request staff to distribute this communication to all the Municipalities, Chiefs & Councils of Ontario in addition to the Premier of the Govt. of Ontario and urge the Premier to:

1. Amend the Time Amendment Act 2020 to drop New York's contingency, effective immediately.
2. Set permanent Standard Time (EST) from November 2, 2025.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Sent via Email:
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Municipalities of Ontario

Executive Services
99-A Advance Avenue, Napanee, ON K7R 3Y5 www.greaternapanee.com

April 23, 2025

Township of Rideau Lakes
1439 County Road 8
Delta, ON K0E 1G0
Sent via email: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca

Re: Strong Mayor Powers

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee passed a resolution at its regular session meeting of April 22, 2025 in support of your correspondence regarding Strong Mayor Powers Legislation. A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at jwalters@greaternapanee.com if you require any further information with respect to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Jessica Walters
Clerk

cc: Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Honourable Ric Bresee, MPP Hastings-Lennox and Addington
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
AMCTO
All Ontario municipalities

RESOLUTION #194/25 Pinnell Jr., Norrie

That the Town of Greater Napanee sends a letter of support to the Township of Rideau Lakes in regard to their opposition of Ontario Expanding Strong Mayor Powers to 169 Additional Municipalities, and that the Town of Greater Napanee also request to be excluded from the Strong Mayor Powers;

And that a copy of the letter of support be sent to the Honorable Premier Doug Ford, the Honorable MPP Ric Bresee; the Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, and all other municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and support.

For: 5 Opposed: 2 Abstained:0 Absent: 0

CARRIED.



For:

Councillor Schenk, Councillor Hicks, Councillor Pinnell Jr., Councillor Norrie, Councillor Martin

Opposed:

Mayor Richardson, Deputy Mayor Calver

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH MIDDLESEX
RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL**

Member Present	YES	NO	DATE: APRIL 23, 2025
Councillor A. Cornelissen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOVED BY: 
Councillor C. Daigle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor B. Irwin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor S. Nirta	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Deputy Mayor P. Hodgins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor B. Ropp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RESULT: Carried

WHEREAS the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers; and

WHEREAS the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities; and Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the North Middlesex hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Steve Pinsonneault, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



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Office of the Mayor

April 22, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
College Park, 17th floor,
777 Bay St.
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Flack,

On behalf of Council of the Town of Parry Sound, please accept my congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing. It's an important Ministry and we look forward to working with you and Ministry staff.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing provided notice on April 9th that the Ministry was seeking comments regarding its intent to extend strong mayor powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including the Town of Parry Sound. The comment period was open until April 16th. These additional powers are not powers that I as Mayor believe are necessary and do not wish to exercise them. At our April 15th meeting, Council unanimously voted to reject strong mayor powers, request the province to repeal the legislation, or alternatively permit municipalities to opt out.

We were disappointed that there was no previous communication before the April 9th letter, with a comment period of only one week. Contrary to provincial claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities, research by the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has found no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and moreover the strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and Chief Administrative Officers (CAOs) and senior staff, threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership. We have seen very questionable use by mayors with strong mayor powers.

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Our public expects a democratic process. Given the overwhelming use of executive orders by the current US President and multiple respected analysts' concerns about the US slipping into authoritarianism, our country and its democratic institutions should be safeguarding these democratic principles that provide accountability to the public and not undermining them.

We encourage the provincial government to repeal this legislation.

Sincerely,




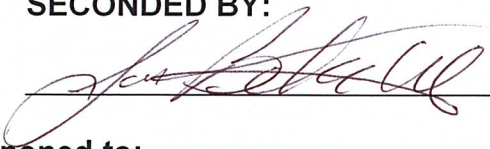
Jamie McGarvey
Mayor, Town of Parry Sound

c.c. Premier Doug Ford
MPP Graydon Smith
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities
Members of Town of Parry Sound Council
CAO Clayton Harris
Clerk Rebecca Johnson



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 047

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: April 15, 2025
Councillor G. ASHFORD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MOVED BY: 
Councillor J. BELESKEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor P. BORNEMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	SECONDED BY: 
Councillor B. KEITH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor D. McCANN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Councillor C. McDONALD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Mayor J. McGARVEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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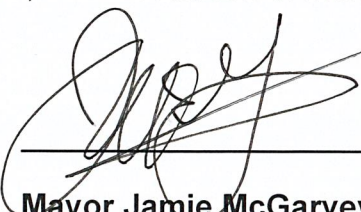
Whereas the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor powers to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers; and

Whereas the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities; and
Whereas research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has identified that: a) there is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and b) strong mayor powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative officers (CAOs), threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership; and

Whereas strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Parry Sound hereby resolves to reject the strong mayor powers granted to it, and requests that the Province repeal the legislation, or offer the option to municipalities to opt out of strong mayor powers; and

That this Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey



April 24, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

At the April 16, 2025 regular meeting of the Council of the Township of Zorra, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS the Ontario government has proposed expanding the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities under the proposed legislation, which would grant 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 proposed 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 given the ability to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Zorra opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers;

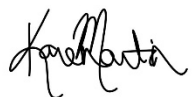
AND THAT the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's proposal to expand Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability;

AND THAT the Council 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 Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Disposition: Carried

Yours truly,



Karen Martin
Clerk
Township of Zorra

25-009

CC: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing minister.mah@ontario.ca
All Ontario Municipalities
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Honorable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th floor
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April 29, 2025

RE: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to the Town of Petawawa. Our Council discussed this issue in an open forum at our council meeting on April 23rd and are firmly of the belief that this effort undermines the value of collaboration between the Mayor, Councillors, and Staff. Increasing the powers of the Mayor to push forward Provincial Priorities would eliminate shared decision making, create divisiveness at the council table, and blur the lines between administrative and political roles. Our council believes that this would result in an erosion of the democratic process at the Municipal level, especially in a small city like Petawawa.

Although we don't always agree unanimously on all matters, our council works as a cohesive unit, firmly focused on the goals of advancing and encouraging growth and making our community a wonderful place in which to live and invest. Each of member of council brings their own set of skills, knowledge, values and perspectives to achieve these goals, and has worked extremely well together.

Since it was sworn in, our Council has been collectively focused on advancing provincial priorities by delivering much needed housing, building infrastructure that supports community growth and the construction of new homes, including housing-enabling infrastructure such as water and wastewater. The largest community in Renfrew County, Petawawa has grown significantly over the last decade (roughly 25%) and added a large amount of new housing to meet market demands. In 2024, Petawawa increased the size of its planning department to

reduce permit processing times, 120 new dwellings (Single Family Detached/Row Housing/Multi-family) were constructed, and there are many more dwellings underway:

Structure type	In Pre-Consultation or going through Planning Approvals	Planning Approvals Complete (under construction)
Single Family Detached	533	61
Row Housing	24	96
Apartment	348	60
Additional Residential Unit	0	44
Total Units	905	261

Further to this, Garrison Petawawa and Canadian Nuclear laboratories are reporting that they will need to house 1100 individuals and their families as they expand operations. Based on this need and other factors, our municipality is working with private sector and nonprofit developers to meet the demand for both market and affordable housing. To be forthright, where the municipality needs help the most to support housing development and foster densification is access to additional funding to extend utilities, such as water and wastewater services, to developable lands to meet future growth needs. Petawawa has faced a significant reduction in Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) over the past two fiscal years (\$2.3 million over 2024 and 2025) due to the Business Education Tax discount as well as an annual reduction in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding over the past decade which has hampered our ability to extend necessary water and wastewater infrastructure vital to delivering new homes. The community's Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding was reduced in 2025 as well.

In closing, our Council requests that the Ontario Government excludes the Town of Petawawa from its proposed amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities, and work with the municipality to identify funding to support expansion of its storm, water and wastewater treatment systems to support future residential and commercial growth. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me through our offices if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



Gary Serviss
Mayor of Petawawa

Copied: Doug Ford, Premier
Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke

Enc. Resolution – Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Petawawa



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April 28, 2025

Delivered Electronically

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Re: Resolution - Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Petawawa

At its Council-In-Committee meeting on **April 28, 2025**, Petawawa Town Council passed a **Resolution** in response to the Province's recent proposal to designate Petawawa as a "**Strong Mayor**" municipality, effective May 1, 2025.

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Town of Petawawa 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 Town of Petawawa 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 Town of Petawawa 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 Petawawa Town Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Petawawa 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.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and urge you to respect the democratic wishes of our Council and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Serviss', with a small 'ss' written below the main signature.

Gary Serviss
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CC:
The Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Municipality of *Bluewater*

April 28, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford:

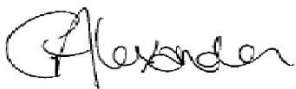
At the Municipality of Bluewater's regular Council meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council passed the following resolution:

MOVED: Councillor Whetstone **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel
WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario, including the Municipality of Bluewater, effective May 1, 2025;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater is in opposition to the addition of Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of Bluewater, and across the Province;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Ontario Municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support. **CARRIED**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



BY EMAIL

April 28, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Email: rob.flack@ontario.ca

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22

At its Regular Council Meeting held on April 22, 2025, Council discussed their opposition to the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025. Council of the Town of Essex 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 Essex.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R25-04-187

Moved By Mayor Bondy
Seconded By Councillor Hammond

Whereas on April 9, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "**Province**"), led by Premier Doug Ford, announced a proposal to expand "Strong Mayor Powers" as provided for by Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities including the Town of Essex, effective May 1, 2025;

And whereas Strong Mayor Powers erode democratic process and have fundamentally altered the historic model of local governance which has existed for almost two centuries, by:

- Providing the head of council with the authority to give direction and make certain decisions without the usual consensus from a majority of the members of council; and,
- Creating a power imbalance by providing the head of council with special powers that other members do not generally have.



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.

Now there be it resolved that:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Essex ("**Council**") formally **opposes** the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, as announced on April 9, 2025;
- Council 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 Essex; and
- Council **directs** the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor Jone, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

We trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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Joseph Malandruccolo
Director, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk
jmalandruccolo@essex.ca

cc: Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex
Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West
Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh
Trevor Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington
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BY EMAIL

April 30, 2025

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The Honourable Rob Flack
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Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Designation for the Town of Deep River in Response to the Province's Recent Proposal to Designate Deep River as a "Strong Mayor" Municipality, Effective May 1, 2025.

At a Special Meeting of Council held on April 29, 2025, Council of the Town of Deep River passed the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 2025 128

MOVED BY: Councillor Fitton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has proposed to designate the Town of Deep River 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 Town of Deep River has a long history of collaborative, 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 Town of Deep River 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 Deep River Town Council formally request that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove the Town of Deep River 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.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and urge you to respect the democratic wishes of our Council and community.

Kind Regards,

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Jackie Mellon
Clerk
Town of Deep River
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cc: Regional Members of Provincial Parliament
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April 30, 2025

DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

Honorable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th floor
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Re: Proposed Amendments to O. Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers and Duties to Additional Municipalities

Dear Minister Flack,

Thank you for your letter dated April 9, 2025, regarding your intention to expand strong mayor powers to the Town of Deep River.

I am writing as requested by Council, to emphasize that the most significant barrier to support the provincial priorities which *"include supporting the construction of new homes, economic development and building infrastructure that supports community growth, including housing-enabling infrastructure like water and wastewater infrastructure, as well as roads, highways, transit and more"* is a lack of financial resources for infrastructure projects.

Over the past several years the Town of Deep River has been investing in infrastructure projects at a rate that is not sustainable to create capacity for new residential development which is currently in the planning stages. During this same period, we have requested grant funding from the Province of Ontario through infrastructure grant applications and delegations to ministers at both AMO and ROMA to support our growth initiatives but have been unsuccessful to date.

Our primary barrier to growth in the Town of Deep River is a lack of financial support for infrastructure projects to generate capacity. This in my opinion would have a much higher impact on new housing growth than strong mayor powers will for the Town of Deep River.



I would be more than happy to answer any questions or discuss how Deep River can help to promote and achieve Ontario's housing targets.

Respectfully,

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Sean Patterson
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April 30, 2025

Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Re: Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

176-2025

Moved By: Jim Dietrich

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the April 14, 2025 correspondence of Town of Saugeen Shores regarding opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Minister of Rural Affairs, AMO, Town of Saugeen Shores, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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Encl.

cc: Minister of Rural Affairs, MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org;
AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca ; Town of Saugeen Shores,
clerk@saugeenshores.ca; and all municipalities in Ontario.



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April 14, 2025

Honourable Rob Flack
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Dear Minister,

RE: Opposition to Proposed Amendments to O.Reg. 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

I am writing to express my opposition to the government's proposed expansion of Strong Mayor powers to include the Town of Saugeen Shores. As the Mayor of Saugeen Shores, I am concerned about the implications of this policy change on our local governance. Please consider this letter as the Town of Saugeen Shores submission on O.Reg. 530/22 which is available for comment until April 16th.

In my experience, the 'Council Manager' system of governance has always served our municipality well. Specifically, when it comes to advancing our shared priority of building more housing to serve our residents, Saugeen Shores Council has demonstrated flexible and determined leadership. Our Council has enabled housing by reducing red tape resulting in the construction of more than 600 multi-family residential units in the last two years alone. Given the strong and sustained commitment of our Council to these efforts, I do not see how the introduction of Strong Mayor powers will accelerate the construction of housing (or the pursuit of other priority areas) in any way. On the contrary, vesting these new powers in the Mayor threatens to disrupt long-established and effective processes, sidelining elected members of Council with effects that may be contrary to the interests of our residents.

Saugeen Shores has thrived for decades on the principle of shared leadership. We have an effective team of elected representatives working in partnership with a professional staff to achieve goals that are transparently set out in our Strategic Plan and annual Business Plans. This approach to governance is foundational to building trust between the municipality and the residents that it serves. I fear that the unilateral decision-making enabled by Strong Mayor powers would erode this trust and disrupt the collaborative environment that has long been at the heart of the democratic tradition of our Council and community.

I urge you to reconsider the expansion of Strong Mayor powers. If the government has a strong desire to advance these major changes to the governance of our municipality, I

request that you engage in a thorough consultation process with our Council and the residents of our community before moving forward. It is crucial that any changes to local governance structures be made in close partnership with the communities they impact.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope that we can work together in the interest of ensuring strong local governance in Saugeen Shores.

Sincerely,

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Luke Charbonneau, Mayor
Town of Saugeen Shores

cc. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Lisa Thompson, MPP, Minister of Rural Affairs
Council, Town of Saugeen Shores
All Ontario Municipalities



THE CORPORATION OF THE **TOWN OF COBALT**

May 1, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford
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Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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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.

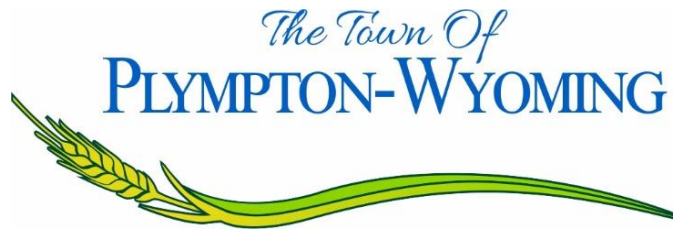
Kind Regards,



Steven Dalley
Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
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cc:

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



April 30, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP Sarnia-Lambton
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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
dgould-brown@plympton-wyoming.ca
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

cc: All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

2025 Special Events Schedule

Approved Events

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
2/15/2025	11am – 2pm	Mayor's Winter Levee	800 – 1,000	Bowman Room, Civic Square – City Hall	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
4/12/2025	10am – 1pm	Egg Drop	2,000	Fountain Street Soccer Complex	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
4/12/2025	10am – 12pm	West Galt Easter Egg Hunt	150	Victoria Park	Public, Free	Community Group
4/19/2025	12pm – 3pm	Easter Egg Hunt in the Village	400 – 500	22 Queen Street West to 40 Queen Street East	Public, Free	BIA
4/27/2025	12pm – 8pm	Cambridge United League 1 Gameday	500	Fountain Street Soccer Complex	Public, Paid	Community Group
5/3/2025	8am – 2pm	Flames of Change	800 – 1,000	Civic Square, Bowman Room	Public, Free	Community Group
5/10/2025	9am – 3:30pm	Cambridge Moves for Mental Health 2025	150	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
5/30/2025 – 10/3/2025	Fridays 1pm – 9pm	Hespeler Farmer's Market	400 (per event)	Hespeler Town Hall – 11 Tannery Street East	Public, Free	Community Group
6/13/2025	5pm – 1pm	Cambridge Celebration of the Arts	4,000 – 5,000	City Hall, Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/1/2025	12pm – 11pm	Cambridge Canada Day	40,000 – 50,000	Riverside Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge

Events in Approval Process

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
4/25/2025 – 4/27/2025	4pm—8pm 10am—6pm	Cambridge Home and Lifestyle Show	Not Approved			
4/28/2025	4:30pm—6:30pm	Crunch Galt Open House	Not Approved			
5/21/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Polish Flag Raising Ceremony	100	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group

5/24/2025	10am – 2pm	Public Works Open House	950	City of Cambridge Public Works Building – 1310 Bishop Street North	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
5/24/2025	10am – 3pm	National AccessAbility Week	100	Bowman Room, Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
5/24/2025	8am -3pm	2025 Walk for Alzheimer's	30	Churchill Park	Awareness Campaign	Community Group
5/25/2025 – 9/28/2025	Afternoons	Galt Jazz Street Party	200 (per event)	Main St between Walter St and Ainslie St	Public, Free	BIA
5/29/2025 – 6/1/2025	Thurs 5pm–10pm Fri 5pm–11pm Sat 11am–11pm Sun 11am–5pm	Kin Carnival	50,000 (per event)	Riverside Park	Public, Free	Community Group
5/31/2025	9am – 11am	The Conflux	100	Linear Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
6/1/2025	10am – 12pm	CCTAC Bike Month Kickoff	40 – 60	Portion of Mill Run Trail, Sheffield Access Point parking lot	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
6/6/2025 – 6/8/2025	Friday 1pm-4pm & 6pm-9pm Saturday 9am-9pm	Big Bounce Canada	10,000 (per day)	Riverside Park (special event space)	Public, Cost	Community Group
6/7/2025	9am –4:30pm	Kinbridge Community Association & Greenway-Chaplin Community Centre Neighborhood Day	1,500	Churchill Park (right side, by basketball court)	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
6/7/2025	3pm – 7pm	Fiddlesticks Neighbourhood Day	550	71 Cowan Boulevard	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
6/8/2025	9am – 1pm	Cambridge Mill Race	300	Riverbluffs Park	Race	Community Group
6/12/2025	11:30am – 1:30pm	Starling Community Services Staff Appreciation Event	60-80	Cambridge Farmer's Market Parking Lot	Private	Community Group
6/14/2025	12pm – 2pm	Pet Portraits in the Park	100	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group

6/14/2025	3pm – 6pm	Neighbourhood Day	650 – 700	Soper Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
6/14/2025	8am – 1pm	Push For Your Tush	50 – 70	Riverside Park – Dolph Picnic Shelter	Fundraiser	Community Group
6/14/2025	8am – 6pm	District C Track and Field Meet	200	Jacob Hespeler Secondary School	Public, Free	Community Group
6/14/2025	7am–11:59pm	Grand River Pride Street Party	500+	Main Street road closure, Water Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/21/2025	8:30am–7:30pm	Walk a Thon 2025	250	Riverside Park	Public, Free	Community Group
6/22/2025	11am-4:30pm	NLF Church Picnic	50-100	Central Park	Private	Community Group
7/5/2025	10:30am – 5:30pm	Alyssa strong car meet	150-200	Galt Community Centre	Public, Fee	Community Group
7/5/2025 – 7/6/2025	4pm – 2am	Rising Tide Music & Arts Festival	5,000 total	Gaslight District, Tapestry Hall	Public, Cost	Neighbourhood Association
7/5/2025	10am – 10pm	Hespeler Village Music Festival	4,000	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/18/2025 – 7/19/2025	Friday 4pm – 11pm Saturday 6am–7pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival	3,000 – 5,000 (per day)	Churchill Park, Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
7/26/2025	12pm – 7pm	Cambridge Multicultural Festival	7,500	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/26/2025 – 7/27/2025	10am – 4pm	The Long Dash Festival	100	Grand Trunk Trail	Public Cost	Community Group
7/26/2025	3pm – 8pm	Emancipation Day Celebration	1,000	Soper Park (Bandshell area) or Galt Arena parking space	Public, Free	Community Group
7/26/2025	10am–7:30pm	Family Picnic	100 – 110	Dolph Picnic Area	Private	Community Group
8/2/2025 – 8/3/2025	8am – 9pm	SGSS Khed Mela	1,000 – 2,000	Riverside Park (back soccer fields)	Public, Free	Community Group
8/8/2025 – 8/10/2025	Fri/Sat 12pm – 10pm Sunday 12pm – 6pm	Cambridge Ribfest & Craft Beer Show	7,000 – 10,000 (per day)	Riverside Park	Public, Free	Community Group
8/9/2025	12pm – 4pm	Praise-Fest	100	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group

8/15/2025 – 8/16/2025	9am – 11pm	Multi Fest	Event Cancelled			
8/16/2025	10:30am – 5:30pm	Praises in the Park	60	Forbes Park	Private	Community Group
8/16/2025	10am – 1pm	Church In the Square	25	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
8/23/2025	5:30pm – 0pm	Vhalam Navrati 2025	2,500	Riverside Park	Religious/ Cultural	Community Group
8/23/2025	2pm – 8pm	Oddfest – Market	600	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
8/30/2025	10am – 10pm	KW Carnival	1,800	Riverside Park	Public, Free	Community Group
8/30/2025	6pm – 10:30pm	Rhythm Ratri 2025	2,000	Riverside Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/2/2025 – 9/8/2025	8am – 10pm	Cambridge Fall Fair	2,500 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/13/2025	11am – 3pm	Cambridge Fire Department Fire Prevention Week Open House	5,000	1625 Bishop Street North (Cambridge Fire Station 1)	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
9/14/2025	9am – 3pm	Walk to Remember	200	Riverside Park	Fundraiser	Community Group
9/14/2025	9am – 3:30pm	Cambridge Terry Fox Run	150	Riverside Park (Mickler Field/Grandstand)	Fundraiser	Community Group
9/19/2025 – 9/20/2025	Friday 4pm – 11pm Saturday 3pm – 11pm	Fest2Fall	5,000 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/27/2025	6pm – 11pm	Navratri 2025	2,000 – 3,000	Bill Struck Field	Public, Free	Community Group
9/30/2025	7pm – 11pm	Vhalam Navrati	1,500	Riverside Park	Public, Cost	Community Group

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