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Date: 07/25/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-015(CD)**

To: COUNCIL

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg, General Manager of Planning and Growth

Department: Community Development

Division: Planning

From: Laura Dewar, Manager of Site Development & Special Projects
Sylvia Rafalski-Misch, Manager of Development Planning
Melissa Castellan Aldunate, Manager of Policy Planning

Subject: Planning Services Update – Q2 2025

Comments

This Planning Services memo is prepared on a quarterly basis to provide Council with the following:

- an update on the Housing Accelerator Fund including progress on initiatives, and any funding received (Appendix A);
- the new housing pipeline based on open residential site plan applications (Appendix B);
- a summary of new development applications received and decisions (Appendix C);
- an update on policy projects (not listed as HAF Initiatives) (Appendix D);
- a summary of service delivery improvements and other related projects.

This memo covers the period from **April 1 to June 30, 2025**.

Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) Update

Appendix A contains a status update on all HAF initiatives. Other highlights include:

- Total funds received to date is \$6,673,547.60.
- Of the 9 Initiatives in the City's HAF Contribution Agreement with CMHC, 5 Initiatives are completed.

Housing Pipeline

Appendix B contains a summary of the 14 open site plan applications that propose new housing units:

- These applications contain a combined total of 1,818 new units. The majority of units proposed are apartments, with the remainder being stacked townhouse units and long-term care beds.
- An addition to the long-term care facility at 1598-1624 Franklin Boulevard is proposed. The number of new long-term care units is being confirmed by the applicant.
- Several applications require the lifting of a holding provision prior to final approval.

Development Applications – Received & Decisions Issued

Appendix C contains a summary of all new development applications received and decisions issued in 2025, including in Q2 only (April 1 to June 30, 2025). The decisions on the various applications were made by either Council, Chief Planner, Committee of Adjustment or through Strong Mayor Powers.

- In Q2, 41 development applications were received and 30 were issued a decision.
- There was a 30% increase in applications received in Q2 from Q1.
- In Q2, 17 pre-consultation applications were received for various application types.
- To date in 2025 (Q1 and Q2), 70 development applications were received and 69 were issued a decision.

Policy Projects Update

Appendix D contains updates on active projects led by the Policy Planning team. Projects that are led by Policy staff that are funded through the Housing Accelerator Fund are reported on in Appendix A.

An Official Plan Amendment has been initiated to implement the future parkland dedication by-law. The Public Meeting was held on July 15, 2025.

Service Delivery Improvements & Special Projects

In Q2, the following improvements to service delivery and other special projects were implemented:

- Changes to our database systems were implemented allowing an automatic circulation to the Infrastructure Services Department for review and comment on developments which are located adjacent to a city park or city stormwater management pond. This ensures City interests are addressed prior to final approval.
- A Request for Qualifications was issued for the preparation of a new Site Plan Development Guide. Procurement issued a pre-award notice and is engaging in discussions with the preferred proponent.
- Existing procedures have been or are being updated, including Lifting of Holdings, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, Site Plan Approval and Registration of City Easements.

In the coming months, Planning Staff will complete a number of other projects aimed at accelerating development and improving service:

- The City will receive the (Environmental) Threats Inventory database from the Region of Waterloo. This is the final information to be transferred from the Region of Waterloo, following the City assuming all planning approval authority in January 2025. This database will be used in conjunction with the City’s own database to identify lands with known or potential environmental contamination and allow staff to require studies or Records of Site Condition.
- Complete updates to the Online Application Portal and database folders for receiving and processing Demolition Control Applications, Subdivision Applications, Property Information Letter requests, Legal Non-Conforming Verification Requests, Committee of Adjustment Applications and Site Plan Applications.
- A new site plan option is being programmed into the Cambridge Navigator tool which will assist customers in determining when a project requires site plan approval and what type of application is required.

Attachments

Appendix A – Housing Accelerator Fund Update

Appendix B – New Housing Pipeline based on Open Site Plan Applications

Appendix C – Development Applications Received & Decisions Issued

Appendix D – Policy Projects Update

Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor

General Manager

City Manager

Appendix A – Housing Accelerator Fund Update

The following is an update on the status of all Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives during the period of April 1 to June 30, 2025.

Initiative 1: Municipal Land for Affordable Housing

Status: Ongoing.

Next Steps: City Initiated Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 579 Grand Ridge Drive and 25 Chalmers Street South Approved by Council in April/May. Plans for the partial demolition of the school, land severance and servicing works at 25 Chalmers Street are being developed. Procurement of Builder/Housing Operator to be completed by Q4, 2025. Completion of site plan and building permit approvals by Q4, 2026.

Initiative 2: Digital Twin Initiative

Status: Ongoing.

Next Steps:

- sign Cloud contract with AWS in July
- received Digital Twin Strategy and Architecture docs from ESRI
- implement architecture in AWS during August and September
- received all 3D data from Airborne Imagery, currently validating data
- Oblique imagery flown in April, receiving data in October/November
- Build Digital Twin (first draft Q3/Q4 2025)
- sign contract with Archistar in July
- Implement Archistar (6 months)
- Develop/improve Planning and Building GIS/Amanda data (ongoing)

Initiative 3: Additional Residential Units (ARU) Financial Assistance (CIP) Program

Status: Completed, Program Approved and Launched.

Next Steps: Continue to review applications and award funding to successful applicants. During this past quarter, \$40,000 in funding was awarded. An email blast is going out mid-July to all that have received an ARU permit since September 1st 2024 to advise they may be eligible for funding through the program. The City is expecting the majority of remaining HAF funding to be awarded in 2025.

Initiative 4: Comprehensive Zoning By-law and Form Based Zoning

Status: Ongoing.

Next Steps: Three public open houses were hosted in April 2025. The statutory public meeting was being held in May. An engage page was launched to invite feedback on the draft zoning by-law. Drafting of updated zoning maps and schedules underway. A final recommendation report and final new comprehensive zoning by-law is planned to be presented to Council in Q4, 2025.

Project webpage: <https://www.cambridge.ca/en/learn-about/zoning-by-law-review.aspx>

Initiative 5: Delegation of Authority Enhancements

Update: Completed.

Next Steps: A new affordable housing agreement template for ownership tenure was completed. The City released a request for proposal for the development of a new site development guide and has issued a pre-award notice to the preferred proponent. This document will assist with implementation of the new zoning by-law, clarify and standardize design and submission expectations, leading to expedited approvals.

Initiative 6: Development Guide and Portals

Update: Completed.

Next Steps: Ongoing use of HAF funding under this initiative to prepare:

- Improve the accessibility of the Camino Navigator Tool.
- Expand use of the tool to site plan applications and minor applications such as fence and sign by-law amendments.

The project lead has been in discussions with Service Cambridge and workshops will be scheduled to provide and obtain more information.

Initiative 7: Affordable Housing Community Improvement Plan

Update: Completed, Program Approved and Launched

Next Steps: The status of applications received in Q1 and Q2 are as follows:

- 30 Lauris Avenue – Letter of support has been issued to applicant. Agreement and formal approval currently being finalized

- 25 Chalmers Street South – Application received and currently under review for completeness
- 579 Grand Ridge Drive - Application received and currently under review for completeness
- 130 Guelph Avenue – Application received and currently under review for completeness
- 111 Woodside Avenue - Application received and currently under review for completeness

Initiative 8: Strategic Growth Area Secondary Plans

Update: Ongoing.

Next Steps: Main Street and Dundas Street South Secondary Plan adopted by City Council and approved by the Region of Waterloo. Hespeler Road Corridor Secondary Plan work ongoing. Present Hespeler Road Corridor Secondary Plan to Council for approval in Q4 2026 or sooner.

Initiative 9: Housing Needs Assessment and Strategy

Update: Ongoing.

Next Steps: The City has retained an external consultant to assist with preparation of the Housing Needs Assessment and Strategy. The consultant presented the Housing Needs Assessment to Council in February 2025. The strategic housing directions from the final assessment will be presented to Council for endorsement in Q4, 2025, completing the HAF milestones for this initiative.

Appendix B – New Residential Units Pipeline

Table 1 is a summary of all open site plan applications containing residential units that are working towards final approval.

Table 1: Open Site Plan Applications – Residential Unit Pipeline

File #	Address	Development	Status	Staff Actions
SP07/25	260 St. Andrews St	30 Apartment Units	Awaiting 2 nd Submission	Staff followed-up June 23 rd .
SP13/25	4 Attwater Street	45 Stacked Towns	Awaiting 2 nd Submission	Applicant is waiting for Grand Bridge Comments, Staff followed up July 11 th
SP14/25	1102 King St E	45 Apartment units	Awaiting 3 rd /final Submission	2 nd comment record circulated. RSC submitted. Affordable housing application pending.
SP21/25	840 Main Street	120 Stacked Towns	Awaiting 2 nd Submission	Awaiting Final Submission to Circulate. Awaiting Financial and Legal Documents. Preparation the Draft Agreement. Subdivision Registered.
SP15/24	65 Lumb Drive	50 Townhouse Units	Plans are ready, site plan agreement and legal documents being prepared.	Staff followed-up - Consultant is waiting for client to review site plan agreement. Postponements and Insurance done. Need cost estimate & securities.

File #	Address	Development	Status	Staff Actions
SP28/24	90 Pinebush Road	90 Apartment Units	Awaiting 2 nd Submission	Staff followed up with Applicant July 11th.
SP30/24	3 Sandstone Street	64 Stacked Towns	Awaiting 2 nd Submission	Staff followed up with Applicant July 11th.
SP37/24	1598-1624 Franklin Blvd	Long Term Care Beds (Final Numbers are being confirmed)	Awaiting 3 rd Submission	Draft comment record issued. Applicant is exploring severance.
SP67/24	683 Preston Parkway	16 Stacked Towns	Awaiting 2 nd Submission	Staff followed up with Applicant July 11th.
SP72/21	130 Water Street N	290 Apartment Units	Awaiting Lifting of Holding, Financial and Legal Paperwork	Lifting holding end of July. Applicant may be revising hotel / dwelling unit mix.
SP48/21	212 Queen Street W	37 Apartment Units	Awaiting Lifting of Holding	Follow-up with Deadline for End of July to Close
SP22/22	255 King Street West	600 Apartment Units	Awaiting Lifting of Holding, Financial and Legal Paperwork, Final Submission	Lifting holding end of July. Minor revisions to plans required.
SP26/22	360 Fisher Mills Road	110 Apartment Units	Financial and Legal Paperwork	Staff met with Consultant July 9th. Awaiting Postponement and Insurance Documents.
SP06/22	201 & 217 Hespeler Road	321 Apartment Units	Holding Removal to be requested, Road Widening,	Staff followed up with the Region for comments.

File #	Address	Development	Status	Staff Actions
			Final Submission	
TOTALS	-	1,818 Units	-	-

Appendix C – Development Applications Received & Decisions Issued

This is a summary of development applications received (deemed complete) and decisions issued to date in 2025 and in Q2 only.

Table 1: Summary of Applications Received & Decisions Issued - 2025

Application Type	Q1 (Jan - Mar)	Q1 (Jan - Mar)	Q2 (Apr - Jun)	Q2 (Apr - Jun)	Q3 (July - Sept)	Q3 (July - Sept)	Q4 (Oct - Dec)	Q4 (Oct - Dec)	Total - 2025	Total - 2025
	R	DI	R	DI	R	DI	R	DI	R	DI
OPA/ZBA	5	1	3	2	-	-	-	-	8	3
ZBA	4	4	0	1	-	-	-	-	4	5
Site Plan	5	3	5	6	-	-	-	-	10	9
Minor Variance	6	22	24	14	-	-	-	-	30	36
Consent	4	7	6	5	-	-	-	-	10	12
Plan of Subdivision	1	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	1	0
Plan of Condominium	2	0	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	2
Part Lot Control	2	2	2	0					4	2
Total - Quarterly	29	37	41	30	-	-	-	-	70	69

R = Received (deemed complete)

DI = Decision Issued

Table 2: New Applications Received (Deemed Complete) in Q2

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Deemed Complete Date	Current Status
Site Plan - Major	SP21/25	840 Main Street	120 Stacked Townhouse Development	April 8, 2025	Awaiting 3 rd / final Submission
Site Plan - Standard	SP25/25	1185 Franklin Boulevard	Industrial Addition – 1011 sq.m.	May 14, 2025	Awaiting 2 nd Submission
Site Plan - Standard	SP28/25	120 Shearson Cres	Industrial Addition	June 25, 2025	Awaiting 2 rd Submission
Site Plan - Minor	SP30/25	113 Water Street	Surface Parking Lot	Feb 3, 2025	In Circulation
Site Plan – Standard	SP31/25	49 Guelph Avenue	Modification to Jacobs Landing City Park	June 30, 2025	In Circulation
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment	OR06/25	355 Chilligo Rd	Re-designate existing single detached dwelling as Rural and rezone a portion of the lands	May 13, 2025	Public meeting July 15, 2025.
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment	OR07/25	387 Green Gate Blvd	Amend the maximum permitted density from 40 uph to 87 uph, and to amend the maximum permitted height to 4-storeys for mixed terrace dwellings (stacked townhouses).	April 29, 2025	Public meeting June 3, 2025. 2 nd Submission Received

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Deemed Complete Date	Current Status
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment	OR09/25	1280 Dundas St S	Redesignate the Site from R2 to RM3, with site-specific regulation to permit the development of a 13-storey, 88-unit apartment building.	June 17, 2025	In Circulation
Plan of Condominium	30CDM-25103	20 and 40 Ripplewood Rd	Common element with 177 POTLs/lots for townhouses	May 5, 2025	In Circulation
Part Lot Control	PTLT03-25	101 Queensbrook Cres	152 POTLs/lots	N/A	In Circulation
Part Lot Control	PTLT04-25	20-40 Ripplewood Rd	177 POTLs/lots	N/A	In Circulation
Sign Variance Application	S2-25	290 Pinebush Rd	LED illuminated and animated free standing sign that exceeds the permitted sign area prescribed in the Sign By-law	May 30, 2025	In Circulation
Fence Variance Application	F2-25	41 Bastien St	To permit a fence height of 2.10m (6'-10") between the front lot line and the regulatory building line of the property, whereas the Fence By-law 92-05 permits	June 2, 2025	Approved

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Deemed Complete Date	Current Status
			a maximum of 0.9m.		

Table 3: Applications with Decisions Issued in Q2

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
Site Plan - Minor	SP61/24	155 Guelph Street	Model Home	April 28, 2025	Approved
Site Plan - Redline	SP24/24	475 Allendale Road	Revised Berm/Driveway Access	May 5, 2025	Approved
Site Plan - Standard	SP22/23	162/164 Hespeler Road	Special Care Facility – 20 units	April 29, 2025	Approved
Site Plan - Amendment	SP08/25	38 Goddard Crescent	Industrial Addition – 202 sq.m.	June 12, 2025	Approved
Site Plan - Standard	SP04/25	85 Raglin Road	Industrial Addition – 1862 sq.m.	June 30, 2025	Approved
Site Plan - Redline	SP49/24	130 Victoria Street	Mods to Place of Worship	June 30, 2025	Approved
Zoning Bylaw Amendment and Plan of Subdivision	R04/23 and 30T-23102	240-247 Limerick Rd	A multi-residential subdivision development containing 105 residential townhouse units	April 29, 2025	Approved

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment	OR10/24	25 Chalmers ST S	To permit a residential development of approx. 228 units	April 29, 2025	Approved
Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment	OR12/24	0 Grand Ridge Dr	To permit a residential development of approx. 50 units	May 6, 2025	Approved
Plan of Condominium-Draft Approval	30CDM-25101	101 Queensbrook Cres	Common element with 152 POTLs/lots for townhouses	May 2, 2025	Approved
Plan of Condominium-Modification	30CDM-16105	350 Fisher Mills	Revisions to Phase 1 (parking and garbage for Building 1) and Phase 2 (110 units in Building 3)	May 23, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A28/25	155 Guelph Avenue	Reduced common amenity area	April 9, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A32/25	220 Blair Road	Relief to reduce the required planting strip and to increase the permitted	April 9, 2025	Approved

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
			projection for stairs and Juliette balcony		
Minor Variance	A35/25	85 Saltsman Drive	Relief to reduce parking for an industrial mall	April 9, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A36/25 (w/ associated severance B19/25)	396 Church Street North	Relief to reduce lot area and rear yard setback	May 14, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A37/25	200 Hespeler Road	Relief to permit an outdoor play area for a daycare in RM3 zone	April 9, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A38/25	415 Water Street South	Extension of LNC single detached dwelling to add a second residential unit	May 14, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A39/25	28 Crossmore Crescent	Relief to reduce pedestrian path of travel for an ARU	June 18, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A40/25	21 Charles Street	Relief to increase height for a shed	May 14, 2025	Approved

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
Minor Variance	A41/25	87 Park Avenue	Relief to increase height for a detached ARU and extension to an LNC home	May 14, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A42/25	2420 Townline Road	Relief for location of a parking lot and to defer the landscaping requirement to the second phase of the development	May 14, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A43/25	52 Barrie St	Relief to increase maximum encroachment for stairs in the front yard	May 14, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A44/25	255 King St W	Relief for reduced setback from a parking lot to a habitable window, and to increase the maximum distance between a loading space and a loading	May 14, 2025	Approved

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
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Minor Variance	A46/25	42 Dumfries Street	Extension to an LNC detached garage	June 18, 2025	Approved
Minor Variance	A49/25 (w/ associated lot severance B23/25)	29 Henry Street	Reliefs to permit reduced lot frontage, lot area, rear yard setback, parking, and to permit a maximum 3 attached ARUs and to permit a parking stall to be located in front of the regulatory building line	June 18, 2025	Refused
Minor Variance	A50/25 (w/ associated lot severance B23/25)	29 Henry Street	Reliefs to permit reduced lot frontage, lot area, rear yard setback, parking, and to permit a maximum 3 attached ARUs	June 18, 2025	Refused
Minor Variance	A51/25	6 Bond St	Reliefs to permit reduced parking stall, and to increase the	June 18, 2025	Approved

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
			maximum building height and lot coverage for a detached ARU		
Lot Severance	B18/25	15 & 17 Salisbury Avenue	Consent to sever an existing semi-detached dwelling	April 9, 2025	Approved with conditions
Lot Severance	B19/25 (w/ associated variance A36/25)	396 Church Street North	Consent to sever to create one new residential parcel	May 14, 2025	Approved with conditions
Lot Severance	B20/25	82 & 88 Beverly Street	Consent to sever the northern vacant portion of 82 Beverly Street and add this severed portion (as a lot addition) to the adjacent property at 88 Beverly Street	May 14, 2025	Approved with conditions
Lot Severance	B02/25, B03/25, B04/25, B05/25, B06/25, B07/25, B08/25	355 Guelph Ave / 11 Fletcher Circle	Consent to create 7 new residential parcels	June 18, 2025	Approved with conditions

Application Type	File #	Address	Project Description	Decision Date	Decision
Lot Severance	B23/25 (w/ associated variances A49/25, A50/25)	29 Henry Street	Consent to sever to create one new residential parcel	June 18, 2025	Refused

Appendix D – Policy Project Updates

This is a summary of current, active projects led by the Policy Planning team. Status updates cover the period of April 1 to June 30, 2025.

Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Review and Form Based Zoning

Project Lead: Bryan Cooper, Senior Policy Planner

Consultant: Meridian Planning Consultants, The Planning Partnership

Status Update: The draft zoning bylaw and companion Official Plan amendment were released on April 16 along with notice of the Public Meeting of Council. The Statutory Public Meeting of City Council was held on May 6. Public consultation on form based zoning occurred through April, May, June and July 2025 through in person workshop sessions and a survey posted to [EngageCambridge](#) and included engagement sessions through drop-in office hours on the following dates:

May 27 – City Hall, 10am – 8pm

May 29 – Cambridge Centre Mall, 10am – 8pm

June 2 – City Hall, 10am – 8 pm

June 6 – Hespeler Farmers Market, 3pm – 7pm

June 9 – City Hall, 10am-8pm

June 11 – Langs, 1145 Concession Rd, 12pm – 8pm

June 14 – Cambridge Farmers Market, 7am – 1pm

June 17 – City Hall, 10am-8pm

June 18 – Preston Farmers Market, 9am – 2pm

June 19 – Hespeler Scout House, 10am -8pm

July 4, 2025 – Islamic Centre of Cambridge, 12:30pm – 3pm

The on-line survey was open and available on the project Engage page from April 24 to July 11.

Over 340 Cambridge residents attended an engagement session, over 390 surveys were submitted and the project website was visited 4,800 times.

Next steps include analysis of the feedback received, updates to the draft By-law, and a report to Council in the fall documenting what we heard.

Project webpage: <https://www.cambridge.ca/en/learn-about/zoning-by-law-review.aspx>

Preston Secondary Plan

Project Lead: Matt Blevins, Senior Reurbanization Planner

Consultant: Dillon Consulting Limited

Status Update: Council approved the project initiation report on May 6. Consultation was held through the months of May and June and included:

- May 22 - Community Open House (12pm – 2pm) and Workshop (6:30pm – 8:30pm)
- May 29 - Preston High School Grade 9 Workshops
- June 9 - Drop in Office Hours, 10:30am – 2pm
- June 11 – Community Focus Group Meeting, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- Online Survey on the project Engage page open and available from May 21 to July 1, with 11 completed surveys submitted.

Next steps include a project update report to Council in the fall outlining what we heard through the first round of engagement.

Project webpage: <https://www.engagewr.ca/cambridge-preston-secondary-plan>

Hespeler Heritage Conservation District Phase 2

Project Lead: Jeremy Parsons, Senior Heritage Planner

Consultant: Trace Architectures Inc.

Status Update: The consultant has been working on preparing the draft heritage conservation district plan and guidelines. Next steps involve release of the document in September for consultation with the public and City Council.

Project webpage: <https://www.engagewr.ca/hespeler-heritage-conservation-district-study-and-plan>

Municipal Heritage Register Review

Project Lead: Nick Borcescu, Supervisor, Heritage Planning and Housing

Consultant: WSP

Status Update: WSP is contracted to review and provide evaluation forms of 608 properties listed on the municipal heritage register as non-designated. For the period of April 1 to June 30, WSP submitted 123 evaluation forms. Overall, 168 evaluations have been completed. Next steps include preparing heritage designation reports for properties identified as significant through the evaluation process.

Galt Core Heritage Conservation District Phase 2

Project Lead: Laura Waldie, Senior Heritage Planner

Consultant: ASI

Status Update: The project terms of reference for the Phase 2 Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines were updated in April to consider a revision to the plan boundary and additional work needed to finalize the draft plan. Council approved additional funding to complete the project on April 29. Next steps involve the development of an engagement strategy for the final phase of the project and the release of a revised draft plan in Q4 2025.

Date: 07/25/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-016(CD)**

To: Mayor & Council

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg, General Manager Planning and Growth

Department: Community Development

Division: Building

From: Tanya Gies, Chief Building Official

Subject: Building Permit Statistics – 2025 Q1 and Q2

Comments

This memo provides building permit information for the first six months of 2025 with a comparison to the previous year and includes:

- Number of permits issued, broken down into categories in accordance with the classification requirements in the Ontario Building Code,
- Construction value of permits issued, and,
- Number of new residential units permitted.

Building permits are required to ensure the health and safety of building occupants, ensuring construction projects are protected from structural failure, fire hazards and other health risks. They also ensure standards for accessibility and energy efficiency are met.

Permit data provides information on growth in the municipality by showing the type and value of construction projects year over year.

Key Findings

The statistics show there is a decrease in total number of permits issued, construction value, and residential units created, in the first half of 2025 in comparison to the same period in 2024.

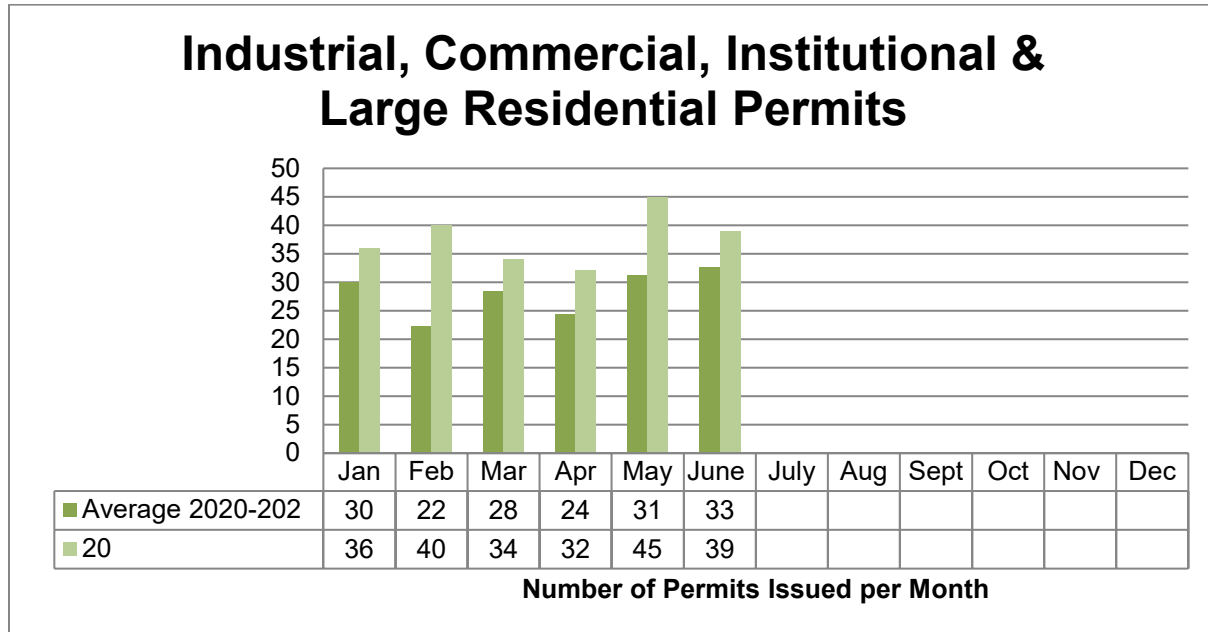
- 623 building permits were issued between January 01 and June 30, compared to 720 building permits issued in the first six months of 2024.
- The construction value of permits issued in the first half of 2025 was \$171,387,335 which is a 54% decrease compared to the construction value of permits issued in the first half of 2024 of \$404,691,041.
- 192 new residential units were created by permit issuance in the first half of 2025 in comparison to 270 in the first half of 2024.

- While new residential permits are lower than average, the number of Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional permits have been higher than average in every month in 2025.

ANALYSIS:

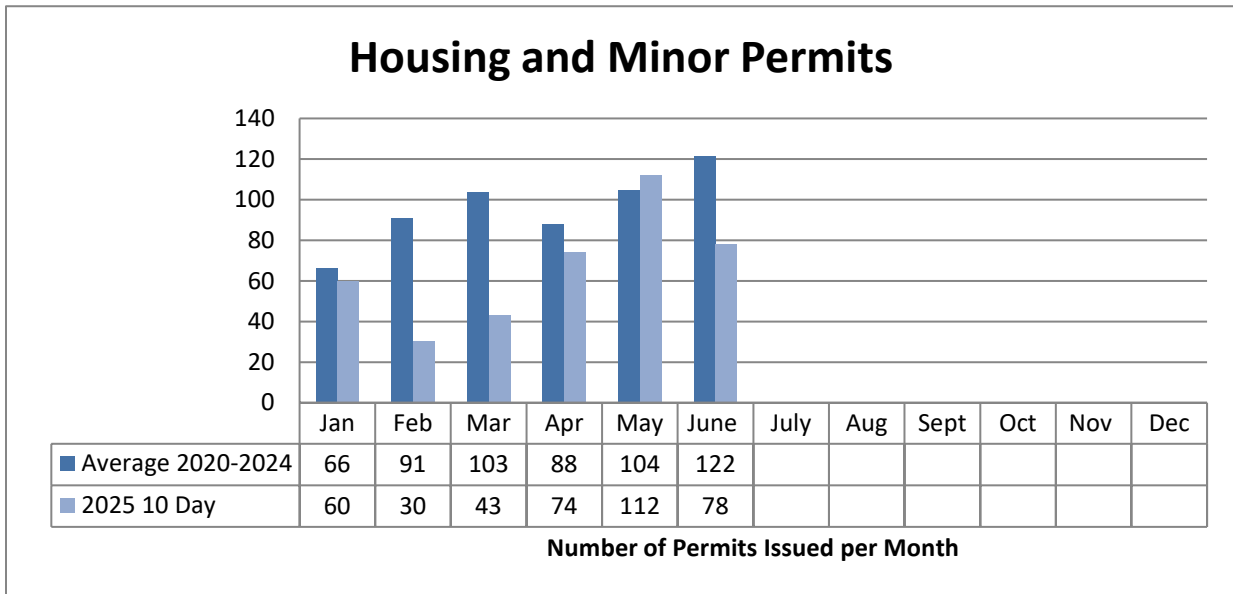
A comparison of the number of permits issued in the first half of 2025 against the average number of permits issued in the same period over the previous 5 years is as follows:

Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Permits:



Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional permits issued (Categories 2, 3 and 4: 15-, 20- and 30-Day Turn-Around times) were above the previous five-year average in every month of the first half of 2025. This shows Cambridge’s continued strengths in advanced manufacturing, process automation, robotics and aerospace and how we play a key role for jobs and prosperity in Ontario.

Housing and Minor Permits:



Housing and minor permits issued (Category 1:10 Day mandated turn-around time) were above average in May and below average in the other five months.

New Residential Units:

192 new residential units were created by permit issuance in the following breakdown:

- 9 units in single detached houses,
- 4 units in single detached houses with secondary suites,
- 45 units in new town houses,
- 119 new additional residential units (ARUs) within a building,
- 6 units in detached additional residential units (ARUs),
- 2 new units added to a mixed-use building,
- 3 units in a new triplex, and
- 4 units in a new fourplex.

A permit was also issued for the foundation-only of a 5-storey condominium building that will have 40 new residential units when completed.

This compares to 270 new residential units permitted in the first half of 2024.

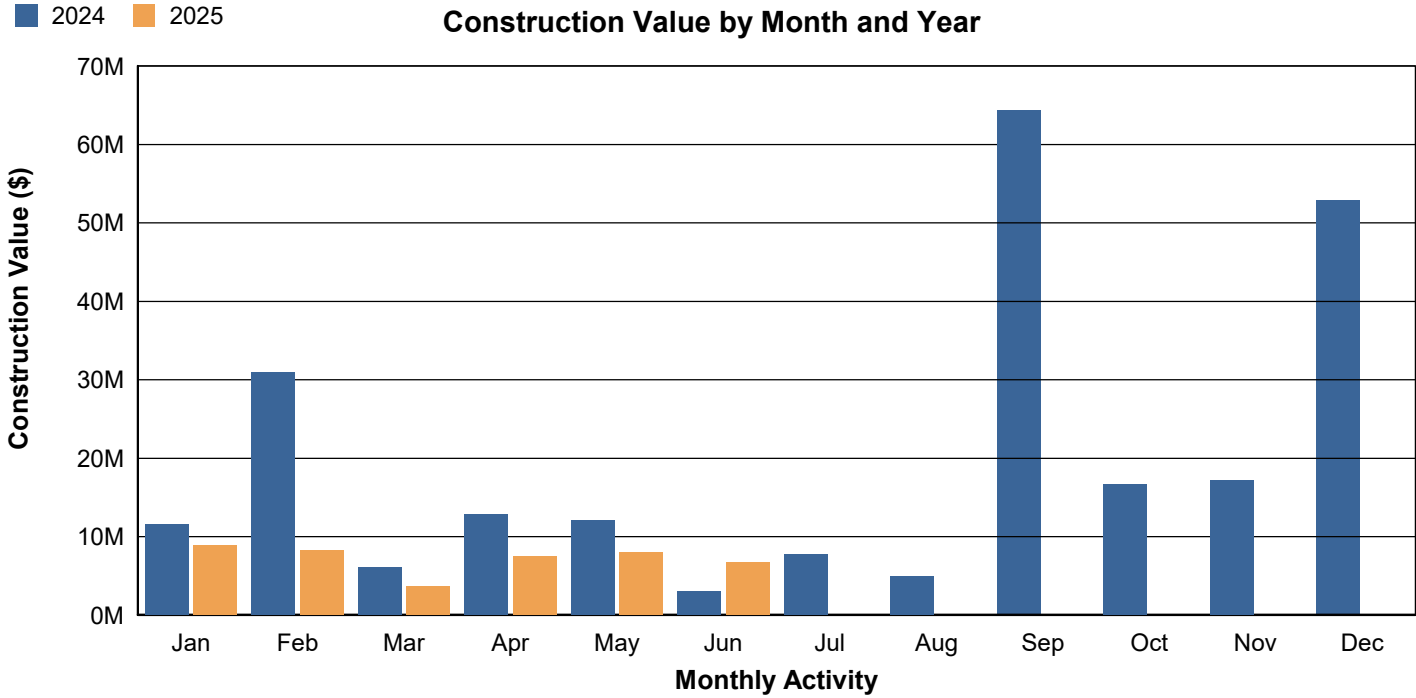
Attachments

Appendix A - IM25-016(CD) Building Permit Statistics – 2025 Q1 & Q2

Approvals:

- Manager/Supervisor
 Deputy City Manager
 City Manager

**623 Permits Issued Year to Date
Total Construction Value of \$171,387,335**



Building Permits Statistics June 2025

PERMITS ISSUED JANUARY TO JUNE

Classification	Description	2025 - Number of Permits	2025 - Value	2025 - Units	2024 - Number of Permits	2024 - Value	2024 - Units
Residential	New House	11	\$6,805,844	13	59	\$34,235,109	63
Residential	New Townhouse	20	\$14,420,407	45	94	\$28,081,952.71	81
Residential	Low Rise, New-Add-Alt	3	\$1,707,846	9	3	\$890,000	0
Residential	High Rise, New-Add-Alt	7	\$1,233,000	0	1	\$80,000	0
Residential	House - Alteration *	212	\$12,353,107	119	226	\$11,858,801	125
Residential	Deck/Porch	52	\$1,323,872	0	35	\$446,631	0
Residential	Accessory Structure	17	\$2,095,800	6	13	\$955,400	1
Residential	Foundation Only	1	\$3,000,000	40	0	\$0	0
Residential	Total	323	\$42,939,876	232	431	\$76,547,894	270
Assembly	Alteration	12	\$3,014,990	0	13	\$3,462,984	0
Assembly	New/Addition	3	\$7,020,000	0	2	\$135,010,000	0
Assembly	School Portable	2	\$6,600	0	4	\$160,000	0
Institutional	Alteration	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	0
Institutional	New/Addition	1	\$8,200,000	0	0	\$0	0
Office/Personal Service	Alteration	16	\$3,745,999	0	20	\$3,049,350	0
Office/Personal Service	New/Addition	0	\$0	0	1	\$0	0
Commercial	Alteration	20	\$3,031,030	0	25	\$3,000,000	2
Commercial	New/Addition	1	\$75,000	0	2	\$30,085,000	1
Industrial	Alteration	23	\$41,215,039	0	25	\$29,454,998	0
Industrial	New/Addition	11	\$48,905,871	0	8	\$66,883,305	0
Non-Residential	Total	89	\$115,214,529	0	100	\$271,605,637	3
Other Permit Types	Agricultural Building	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	0
Other Permit Types	Change of Use	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	0
Other Permit Types	Conditional Permits	0	\$0	0	2	\$21,000,000	0
Other Permit Types	Demolition	6	\$899,999	0	13	\$268,001	0
Other Permit Types	Designated Structures	13	\$2,487,538	0	21	\$2,939,572	0
Other Permit Types	Foundation - Non Res	0	\$0	0	3	\$21,300,000	0
Other Permit Types	Miscellaneous Permits	12	\$4,243,700	0	18	\$8,446,567	0
Other Permit Types	Permanent Signs	37	\$401,728	0	42	\$836,434	0
Other Permit Types	Plumbing Only	135	\$5,138,639	0	83	\$1,701,441	0
Other Permit Types	Temporary Tent	8	\$61,326	0	7	\$45,495	0
Other Permit Types	Total	211	\$13,232,930	0	189	\$56,537,510	0
All Permit Types	Grand Total	623	\$171,387,335	232	720	\$404,691,041	273

* New units created through a House Alteration permit includes:
- Secondary suites
- Division of single detached to duplex
The new unit # indicated the number of newly created units.

Minutes

Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
Market Building - Galt Room
40 Dickson Street, Cambridge
May 22 – 6:30 p.m.



Committee Members in Attendance: Jeremy Brubacher, Kevin Phelan (Chair), Peter Van Brugge, Mary Van Brugge, Jay Burnett, Shane Murphy

Regrets: John Forsyth, Councilor Earnshaw, Carl Norg

Staff in Attendance: Noor Aburaneh, Recording Secretary, Abbey Poser, Recreation Coordinator – Farmers' Market

Meeting Called to Order:

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Farmers' Market was held in the Galt Room at the Farmer's Market building. Kevin Phelan, Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

No disclosure of interest

Delegations

No delegations

Approval of the Thursday, March 27, 2025, Advisory Committee minutes

Moved by: Jeremy Brubacher

Seconded by: Shane Murphy

Approval of the Thursday, April 24, 2025, Advisory Committee minutes

Moved by: Jay Burnett

Seconded by: Peter Van Brugge

You can vote on the minutes if you have not attended the meetings.

Thursday, March 27, 2025, Advisory Committee minutes and Thursday, April 24, 2025, Advisory Committee minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Last Month's Minutes

- CMFAC recruitment
 - Referring to new members
 - Meeting with Clerks to begin that process on the 30th, we have space for two vendors (indoor and outdoor) and 2 committee members (one non-voting and one voting member)
 - Ingrid and John could be of interest.
 - Abbey will ask Clerks if vendors would vote vendors in
 - We would prefer it if the owner were the vendor since they would know more about their company.
 - We would make an exception for someone who vendors as a whole living and shares true interest.
 - Anyone who's interested in the call will be interviewed.
- Economic Development Action Plan
 - They are interested in coming to speak with us, but their availability would not be until September or October
 - They can't meet in June.
 - We are off July and August – we do not meet.
 - The committee is interested in meeting with them.
 - Abbey will book it

Agenda Items

- Manager's Staffing Report – May 2025
 - Jeff, Facility Staff will be done working for the Farmers Market in two weeks – Abbey brought a goodbye card for those who would like to sign.
 - June Lots will help during the month of June.
 - The Events team will help during the month of July.

- We are hoping to fill the position by end of July, beginning of August.
 - There is talk – We are looking to find a dedicated employee who can work at the Farmers Market and Cambridge 19 (a studio space for artists and a print machine for a local print group and the public) to have a 25-hour work week, 7 of those hours would be dedicated to the Farmers Market on Saturdays
 - The job classification is yet to be determined for a certain wage, wondering if this should fall under the JAQ process.
- University of Architecture
 - Thursday 29th is their Pin Day – 45 groups of 2 or 3 students.
 - Let Abbey know you can be there all day or half day
 - Abbey will be there all day.
 - Alix will be there for half of the day.
 - Big boards will be pinned up and each group will have time to tell us about their boards and speak with us.
 - Groups may focus on food retail, sustainability, social aspects of the market, food banks, restoration projects, food not sold, etc.
 - Kevin can be there all day.
 - Kevin shared his experience with the previous Pin Day
 - Students have been stopping by at the market and chatting with vendors.
- June 13th Celebration of the Arts – 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 - Does anyone have a favorite salad dressing?
 - Jay liked salad dressing number 1.
 - Shane, Kevin, Mary liked salad dressing number 3.
 - Shane and Kevin are available on the 13th and Jay will be around if help is needed.
 - Abbey will reach out to let you know what time to come because it can be split between the two of you.

- The Farmers Market will be handing out microgreens in the cup, olive oil salt/pepper, or dressing.
 - We will be sharing a copy of the recipe to encourage folks to visit the farmers market on Saturday and be able to purchase the ingredients needed to make the salad dressing.
- Future Bakery
 - Will no longer be with the Farmers Market, they made the decision to be finished with the farmers market by mid-June.
 - Even though they sell out it is not feasible anymore considering they drive in from Toronto and the truck is not full when arriving to make other deliveries in town.
 - Future Bakery will remove their sign but leave their set up/rack display for the future baker.
 - We are looking for a new baker in replacement.
 - We had a couple leads last year, Abbey reached out and has not heard back.
 - We are trying to get a bread baker before looking at other bakers.
 - Azores Bakery, off Elgin St (sells products at Sobeys), Euro Pastry & Bakery on Christopher Dr, Silva Bakery on McLaren and Cobs on Hespeler Rd.
 - Tiny Cakes sell bread on Fridays and Saturdays) – Abbey will reach out
 - If these bakers don't have an employee who can sell bread at the Farmers Market the same girl can sell the product?
- Tent Tops
 - Just got new tent tops – white with Cambridge farmers market logo, all of them will be replaced.
- Restoration
 - We have not heard of a start date for the Restoration; it is out for tender.
 - They are expecting mid-July to the end of November to be the construction period.
 - Abbey will share once we get more information.

Updates

- City Updates Councilor Earnshaw
N/A
- BIA updates – Shane Murphy
 - Abbey has a meeting with Brian next Wednesday in regard to Bags and the Shop Local Initiative
 - Started the process of modernizing the BIAs.
 - A question brought up – “How could the Farmers Market work with the Markets in Preston (Wednesdays, operated by BIA) and Hespeler – (Fridays, operated by volunteers not BIA)
 - Brian is now the executive of Preston BIA
 - Street closure is the next kick off next week.
 - Music back on the monogram pad
 - Trying to do more family orientated events

Other Business

- Jay asked if there’s an online application for one to complete if they would like to busk at the Farmers market.
 - There are different permits for sidewalks and streets (even closed streets)
 - We are hoping for these permits to change in the future with no fees.
 - What if you hired them as a Busker
 - It is amazing having them at the Farmers Market
 - We have 3 Busker location – we try to have one every week but don’t book more than 2 on Saturdays.
 - We had all Busker openings filled and one of the buskers wrote Abbey stating he applied to the wrong Cambridge, so sad.
 - We do have some openings, if you know if anyone is interested in applying.
- Having any luck with the ice cream
 - We are close with Public Health

- We need a freezer with wheels to start.
- Hoping to have her in the parking lot this year due to renovations and next year she will be under the eaves.
- Trailers
 - Peter asked to be up by Larry.
 - Ice cream Trailer will be on a flat surface.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, June 26, 2025

Close of Meeting

The Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee meeting now adjourns at 7:18 p.m.

Moved by: Jay Burnett

Seconded by: Jeremy Brubacher

CARRIED

Close of Meeting

THAT the Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by: Peter Van Brugge

Seconded by: Shane Murphy

CARRIED



Chair

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Recording Secretary



MINUTES

Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

Meeting #06 - 25

June 26, 2025

Hybrid virtually via Zoom

7:00 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Susan Brown, Nelson Cecilia, Michelle Goodridge, Councillor Corey Kimpson, Rosemary Minella, Mario Thomas, Meghan McKay

Regrets: Nancy Woodman, Mark Melo, Meg Oldfield

Staff in Attendance: Nick Borcescu, Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing, Jeremy Parsons, Senior Planner Heritage, Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary and Maria Barrantes Barreto, Council Committee Services Coordinator.

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee was held in person at Cambridge City Hall, virtually via Microsoft Zoom and live streamed to the City of Cambridge YouTube channel. Susan Brown, MHAC Chairperson, welcomed everyone, 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 8:43 p.m.

Declarations of Interest – NIL

Presentation

Bryan Cooper, Senior Planner Policy gave a presentation on the New Zoning By-law with Form-Based Residential Zones. He provided an outline of what a zoning by-law is and the history of the current zoning by-law that came into effect in 1987. He noted that it applies to every property in the City, determines land uses and development requirements, but does not regulate architecture or design features. The new zoning by-law is needed to be able to implement the Official Plan.

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Bryan explained the goals of the new zoning by-law are that it is easier to understand and interpret, enables more housing through the form based residential zoning, and addresses issues identified by staff, stakeholders and the public. He further reviewed challenges of the current zoning by-law, additional project goals, the process used to develop the by-law and provided detailed explanations of the proposed core and residential zones through a series of slides to give a visual representation of the proposed changes. Lastly, he noted that a major component of the new proposed by-law will allow additional housing while having it fit into the existing neighbourhoods and building envelopes.

The Committee asked how the new zoning by-law will impact Heritage conservation; noting that a Heritage review is not always triggered. Bryan advised that under the current by-law, if a proposed redevelopment of a site is allowed, the need for a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) is not triggered because of permitted use. While the new zoning by-law will not change that aspect, there is a potential of including requirements to adhere to neighbourhood setbacks, building envelope, etc. Bryan confirmed that any proposed development within a Heritage Conservation District (HCD) will need to conform to the requirements of the specific HCD and is not superseded by the new zoning by-law. Further questions were raised regarding views and vistas, driveways and larger lots in older neighbourhoods and how these elements may be adapted to suit the needs of the community, staying within the by-law and also respecting the heritage of a neighbourhood.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by: Rosemary Minella

THAT the minutes of the May 15, 2025 meeting of the Cambridge Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee be considered for errors and omissions and be adopted.

CARRIED

Reports:

1. 25-021 (MHAC) Request for Funding – 27 Carolinian Lane

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a brief history of the property and overview of the proposed request for funding for the replacement of eavestroughs, downspouts and partial wood fascia repair.

Moved by: Mario Thomas

Seconded by: Michelle Goodridge

THAT Report 25-021 (MHAC) Request for Funding - 27 Carolinian Lane be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the application for funding from the 2025 Operating Budget be approved by the Deputy City Manager of Community Development for the designated property, municipally known as 27 Carolinian Lane, to a maximum of up to one half the actual eligible costs not exceeding \$5,000 for the replacement of eavestroughs and downspouts, plus the partial repair/replacement of wood fascia along the front façade as described in Report 25-021(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. 25-027 (MHAC) 45 Fraser St. – Request for Funding

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a brief history of the property and overview of the proposed request for funding for the repair of two limestone chimneys and repointing of the dwelling.

The Committee asked if the cracked lintel visible in the one picture is also being repaired. Scott advised that the lintel is not part of the grant repair request.

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Moved by: Nelson Cecilia

Seconded by: Mario Thomas

THAT Report 25-027 (MHAC) 45 Fraser Street: Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the application for funding from the 2025 Operating Budget be approved by the Deputy City Manager of Community Development for the designated property municipally known as 45 Fraser Street for up to one half the actual eligible costs not exceeding a maximum of \$5,000 for the repair of two limestone and granite chimneys and repointing on the dwelling as described in Report 25-027(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

3. 25-028 (MHAC) 34 Water St. N. – Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program

Scott Abbott, Heritage Planner, provided a brief presentation on the history of the property, and the details of the grant application.

Moved by: Rosemary Minella

Seconded by: Mario Thomas

THAT Report 25-028 (MHAC) 34 Water St. N.: Request for Funding from the Designated Heritage Property Grant Program be received;

AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee recommend that the application for funding from the 2025 Operating Budget be approved by the Deputy City Manager of Community Development for the designated property, municipally known as 34 Water Street North, to a maximum of \$5,000 for the stripping and repainting of all painted surfaces as described in Report 25-028(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

4. 25-025 (MHAC) 49 Guelph Avenue, Forbes Tower Relocation

Senior Planner Heritage, Jeremy Parsons, gave a brief presentation describing the background of the project and relocation proposal.

Daniel Lewis, from ERA Architecture and Planning, on behalf of Fusion, delegated to the tower relocation. He provided a presentation to describe the proposed work to relocate the tower. He noted the condition of the tower and how the stone will be catalogued and removed to the new site at Jacob's Landing. Daniel noted adjacent areas around the proposed site which includes the Mill Run trail and lookout and a shade structure. He reviewed the present site conditions and gave a detailed explanation of the proposed reconstruction of the tower with the new observation deck along with updated accessible seating and lookout.

Members of the Committee asked about the memorial trees currently located at the front of the park. Staff assured members that arrangements have been made through Forestry to move the trees further down the pathway. It was also noted that wooden beams within the tower would be part of the reconstruction and plaques describing the history of the tower, Forbes Estate, Jacob's Landing area and the Indigenous people in the area. Lastly, it was noted that the accessibility and safety have been addressed through the appropriate committees and to standards that would be expected.

Moved by: Mario Thomas

Seconded by: Michelle Goodridge

A further question was asked regarding the keystones noted in the relocation plan and the stones not marked in the middle of the structure. Staff noted that the plans to complete the relocation are detailed and extensive and it is felt appropriate to complete the relocation successfully. Lastly, it was noted that reconstruction will likely take place in 2026.

THAT Report 25-025 (MHAC) 49 Guelph Avenue, Forbes Tower Relocation be received;

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AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee support the conceptual design for the proposed tower relocation in Jacob's Landing Park.

CARRIED

5. 25-024 (MHAC) 141 Laurel Street, Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment

Jeremy Parsons, Senior Planner, Heritage gave a brief presentation on the proposed severance of the current lot to allow construction of infill housing on the portion of the current property that is vacant. Jeremy advised that no adverse impacts from excavation and construction activities were identified to the cultural heritage value of the existing building.

Moved by: Mario Thomas

Seconded by: Nelson Cecilia

The policies surrounding severance and development of a Heritage property were confirmed with Staff.

THAT Report 25-024 (MHAC) 141 Laurel Street, Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee support the contents and recommendations of the Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment, revised May 2025.

CARRIED

Information Items:

A list of demolition permits, and demolition control permit applications submitted between May 8, 2025 to June 18, 2025 was shared for information with the Committee. A second information item list provided members with current updates on items previously brought to MHAC. The status of the Galt and Hespeler HCDs were further provided by staff to the Committee.

Other Business – NIL

Chair's Comments:

Chair, Susan Brown, noted that she was happy to see all the grant applications coming forward and that we are close to reaching our allowable funding.

Council Report/ Comments:

Councillor Kimpson reminded members of the Engage WR / Engage Cambridge site where the City's ongoing projects are listed which provide many details about open and active projects such as the Preston Secondary Plan, Multi Year Accessibility Plan, the 2026 Mayor's Budget, the Hespeler HCD and the Form Based Zoning to name a few. There is background information, survey's that can be completed as part of public engagement and detailed plans to name but a few pieces of information. She encouraged everyone to familiarize themselves with this site and the information it provides.

Staff/Senior Planner- Heritage comments:

Nick Borcescu, Supervisor of Heritage Planning and Housing, having briefly been introduced to the Committee a couple of months ago, provided the Committee with his credentials and brief outline of prior experience. He explained how recent Bills 108, 23 and 200 affect the Ontario Heritage Act and the Heritage Properties Register(s), and outlined a summary of the work Staff are doing to address these changes. Current statistics relating to this work were shared with the Committee.

Next Meeting

Date & Time: July 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid – Cambridge City Hall and virtually via Zoom

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Mario Thomas

Seconded by: Michelle Goodridge

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Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

June 26, 2025

THAT the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED

Susan Brown
MHAC Chairperson

Karin Stieg-Drobig
Recording Secretary

July 10, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At their Regular Meeting of Council on July 9, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer passed the below resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Aylmer recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition;



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- Andrew Lawton, Member of Parliament for Elgin-St. Thomas-London South;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and,

Regards,

Owen Jaggard
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
519-773-3164 ext. 4913
ojaggard@town.aylmer.on.ca

CC: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs
Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting leader of the Official Opposition
Andrew Lawton, MP Elgin-St. Thomas-London South
All Ontario Municipalities
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

At their regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2025, the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan passed the following resolution:

R191-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

WHEREAS Bill C-2 proposes to amend the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act by adding section 77.5 (1), making it a criminal offense for any business, profession, or charitable entity to accept cash payments, donations, or deposits of \$10,000 or more in a single transaction or related transactions, regardless of their lawful nature;

WHEREAS this blanket ban criminalizes legitimate business transactions using legal tender, punishing businesses and law-abiding citizens solely for choosing to use cash, a fundamental right in Canada;

WHEREAS small businesses, charities, and individuals in Otonabee-South Monaghan and across Canada, including farmers, car dealers, and community organizations, rely on cash for lawful high-value transactions, and this restriction will impose unnecessary hardship, stifle economic activity, and deter charitable giving;

WHEREAS the \$10,000 threshold is arbitrarily low, capturing routine legal transactions while creating compliance burdens that disproportionately harm small businesses, rural communities, and those without digital banking access;

WHEREAS municipalities must stand up for the economic freedom and financial inclusion of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

- Condemns Bill C-2, section 77.5, as an unacceptable overreach that criminalizes lawful cash transactions and undermines the use of Canadians' right to use legal tender;
- Demands the federal government to withdraw this amendment and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, businesses, and charities to develop targeted anti-crime policies that do not penalize legitimate cash transactions;
- Instructs the Municipal Clerk to send this resolution to all Canadian municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister of Finance, Emma Harrison, our local MP, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and First Nations, calling for unified opposition;

- Urges other municipalities to pass similar resolutions to protect the rights of their residents and businesses

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Liz Ross, Deputy Clerk

Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste Resolution # 2025-244

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, together with residents from surrounding municipalities, has expressed strong and united opposition to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, citing significant concerns regarding public safety, environmental risk, land use compatibility, and insufficient local economic benefit; and

WHEREAS the perceived risk associated with BESS installations significantly outweighs any demonstrated local advantage, and further, the lack of established, province-wide planning policies has led to avoidable conflict and uncertainty for municipalities and residents alike;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:
 - a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and
 - b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.

3. The Province of Ontario be further requested to disseminate the results of this study and any associated policy or regulatory recommendations to all Ontario municipalities, thereby preventing unnecessary and costly legal challenges, public opposition, and community division related to the siting of future BESS projects.

4. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls calls upon Solar Bank Corporation to immediately withdraw its application for the proposed BESS facility at Pegg's Mountain, in the interest of fostering constructive community relations and acknowledging that this situation closely parallels the circumstances in Gravenhurst, where similar concerns led to widespread opposition and rejection of a comparable project.

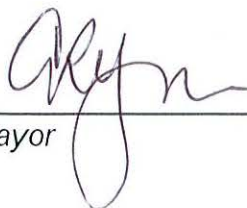
5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of parliament (MPP's) and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:



 Mayor



July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Stephen Lecce
Minister of Energy and Mines

ministerenergy@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Lecce:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of July 15, 2025
Member Motion 7.1 - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario
by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025***

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its special meeting held on July 15, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Bill 5 was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas Bill 5 amends several key pieces of legislation with the goal of fast-tracking economic development and introduces changes in legislation that affect local governance, labour laws and environmental protections; and

Whereas the legislation includes the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025 (SEZ)* that gives Queen's Park the power to designate areas where regulatory approval processes can be amended by the Ontario Government, potentially without input from local decision-makers; and

Whereas the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been dissolved and replaced by the *Species Conservation Act 2025*, which environmental critics argue removes important provisions of the former law; and

Whereas the new law also makes changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that potentially could impact Heritage site designations; and

Whereas this law has been rushed through the legislature in 49 days, limiting Committee time, public consultation and ensuring rapid passage;

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in Bill 5, but expresses serious concerns with Bill 5 in its current form as it interferes with local**

planning authorities, limits public consultation, and threatens both heritage designations and endangered species; and

- 2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council urges the Government of Ontario to consider the following:**
 - **Collaboration with municipalities to determine Special Economic Zones;**
 - **Ensure environmental protections and heritage safeguards are strengthened;**
 - **Include municipalities and Indigenous partners in shaping regulations; and**
 - **Preserve legal recourse for affected communities; and**
- 3. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji
Deputy Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

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All Ontario Municipalities



7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

7.1 Member Motion - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gaertner

Whereas Bill 5 was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas Bill 5 amends several key pieces of legislation with the goal of fast-tracking economic development and introduces changes in legislation that affect local governance, labour laws and environmental protections; and

Whereas the legislation includes the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025* (SEZ) that gives Queen's Park the power to designate areas where regulatory approval processes can be amended by the Ontario Government, potentially without input from local decision-makers; and

Whereas the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been dissolved and replaced by the *Species Conservation Act 2025*, which environmental critics argue removes important provisions of the former law; and

Whereas the new law also makes changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that potentially could impact Heritage site designations; and

Whereas this law has been rushed through the legislature in 49 days, limiting Committee time, public consultation and ensuring rapid passage;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in Bill 5, but expresses serious concerns with Bill 5 in its current form as it interferes with local planning authorities, limits public consultation, and threatens both heritage designations and endangered species; and
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Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (4 to 0)



July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Delivered by email
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of June 24, 2025
Member Motion 7.2 - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario
by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025***

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its special meeting held on July 15, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas Ontario Bill 17 (the legislation) was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025;
and**

**Whereas the legislation raises significant concerns related to democratic
governance, environmental sustainability, municipal autonomy, and social equity;
and**

**Whereas the legislation centralizes decision-making authority and reduces the
power of local municipalities in planning and development approvals; and**

**Whereas the legislation curtails public consultation rights, limiting residents' ability
to influence projects impacting their neighbourhoods; and**

**Whereas the legislation accelerates approvals by reducing time for environmental
assessments, heritage evaluations, and public safety considerations that could
result in substandard buildings, strained infrastructure and negative long-term
effects on communities; and**

**Whereas the legislation threatens green spaces, natural habitats, and water
resources overlooking careful measures that allows sustainable growth and
undermines Ontario's commitment to environmental stewardship; and**

**Whereas the legislation limits public hearings and community engagement
opportunities, which increases the risk of corruption, favouritism and poor local
planning decisions;**

1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council recognizes the intent of Ontario Bill 17 to streamline housing and infrastructure development; however, expresses significant concerns with Ontario Bill 17 in its current form, and recommends:**
 - **Restoring municipal autonomy, and ensuring meaningful consultation and decision-making power;**
 - **Maintaining rigorous environmental, safety, and heritage assessments despite expedited timelines;**
 - **Incorporating clear affordable housing requirements within new developments;**
 - **Enhancing transparency, public engagement and accountability mechanisms;**
 - **Ensuring climate change mitigation is included in all development projects; and**
2. **Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji

Deputy Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

7.2 Member Motion - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*

Main motion as amended

Moved by Councillor Weese

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

Whereas Ontario Bill 17 (the legislation) was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas the legislation raises significant concerns related to democratic governance, environmental sustainability, municipal autonomy, and social equity; and

Whereas the legislation centralizes decision-making authority and reduces the power of local municipalities in planning and development approvals; and

Whereas the legislation curtails public consultation rights, limiting residents' ability to influence projects impacting their neighbourhoods; and

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Whereas the legislation threatens green spaces, natural habitats, and water resources overlooking careful measures that allows sustainable growth and undermines Ontario's commitment to environmental stewardship; and

Whereas the legislation limits public hearings and community engagement opportunities, which increases the risk of corruption, favouritism and poor local planning decisions;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council recognizes the intent of Ontario Bill 17 to streamline housing and

infrastructure development; however, expresses significant concerns with Ontario Bill 17 in its current form, and recommends:

- Restoring municipal autonomy, and ensuring meaningful consultation and decision-making power;
- Maintaining rigorous environmental, safety, and heritage assessments despite expedited timelines;
- Incorporating clear affordable housing requirements within new developments;
- Enhancing transparency, public engagement and accountability mechanisms;
- Ensuring climate change mitigation is included in all development projects; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

Carried (4 to 0)



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June 17, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their June 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 265-2025

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: T. Oke

**That South Huron Council supports the Township of Black-River Matheson's June 10, 2025 correspondence and resolution regarding Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements; and
That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General, MPP Thompson, Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, Township of Black River-Matheson and all Ontario municipalities.**

Result: Carried

The originating correspondence is also attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Sue Johnson
Administrative Assistant
Municipality of South Huron
sjohnson@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x225

Encls

cc: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca
MPP Lisa Thompson - lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org;
Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario – Jon.Pegg@Ontario.ca
Association of Municipalities of Ontario; resolutions@amo.on.ca
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – admin@fonom.org
Township of Black River-Matheson - Hong Ji Lei hlei@twpbrm.ca
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Jon Pegg
Fire Marshal of Ontario
Office of the Fire Marshal
25 Morton Shulman Avenue
Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

June 10, 2025

Via Email: Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10th, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

Sincerely,

Dave Dymont, Mayor

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

Encl.: Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

CC:

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – admin@fonom.org

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Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson
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**ITEM # 2025-10.b)
 RESOLUTION**

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall
 Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

CARRIED DEFEATED

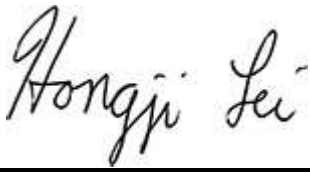
CHAIR SIGNATURE

Original Amendment Refer Defer Reconsider Withdrawn

Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY

	YEAS	NAYS
Mayor Dave Dymont		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		



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Town Manager/Clerk



Hon. Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
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July 17, 2025

Hon. Victor Fedeli
Minister of Economic
Development, Job Creation
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VIA EMAIL:
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Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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VIA EMAIL:
rob.flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding “Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions”

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 9, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-226:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17 be received for information; and,

Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding “Correspondence, Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions”; and

Whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;



And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Puslinch also commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Puslinch also calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Leader of the Opposition
- MP Michael Chong
- MPP Joseph Racinsky
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities

CARRIED



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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: The Leader of the Opposition, MP Michael Chong, MPP Joseph Racinsky, AMO, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) & All Ontario Municipalities



Northumberland County Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

Moved by: Councillor John Logel
Seconded by: Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at matherm@northumberland.ca or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Council Resolution

Moved By J. Logel [Redacted]
Seconded By S. Dibb [Redacted]

Agenda Item 10 Resolution Number 2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Carried [Redacted]
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

"That the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

Carried.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Roseann Knechtel.

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



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July 18, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Producer Responsibility for Blue Boxes

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

286-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

That South Huron Council support the June 10, 2025 resolution from the Municipality of Tweed regarding producer responsibility for Blue Boxes; and

That South Huron hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources; and

That this resolution and originating documents be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Thompson, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.

cc: Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Hon. Todd McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Hon. Kevin Holland, kevin.holland@pc.ola.org; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Graydon Smith, graydon.smith@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMCTO, amcto@amcto.com, AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting



Resolution No. 274
Title: Notices of Motion
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Moved by D. DeGenova
Seconded by J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

July 21, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

It has now been four months since the Municipality of Tweed submitted two detailed proposals for your consideration, both aimed at addressing pressing challenges facing small rural and northern communities. Despite our sincere efforts and outreach, we have yet to receive an acknowledgment or response from your office, your ministers, our local MPP, or the leaders of the opposition parties. This silence is deeply disheartening.

Please know that the Municipality of Tweed is grateful for your commitment to investing billions to protect Ontarians as promised in this year's provincial election. We look forward to the opportunity to capitalize on those investments.

The first proposal, sent directly to your office on March 25, 2025, addressed the *Repatriation of OPP Costs for Small Rural and Northern Communities During this Period of Uncertainty*. Our proposal suggested a temporary repatriation of OPP policing costs as a meaningful way to demonstrate that this government understands and supports the needs of small municipalities.

The proposal included two important conditions: first, that OPP costs be repatriated to the province during this time of economic instability and global uncertainty triggered by U.S. policies; second, that the municipalities benefiting from this relief reinvest those savings directly into community infrastructure projects. In Tweed's case, the annual savings of \$1.2 million would allow us to undertake long-overdue infrastructure upgrades that we simply cannot afford under the current burden of provincial policing costs.

The second proposal, submitted March 27, 2025, focused on *Supporting Small Rural and Northern Ontario Housing Developers* and aligns with your government's own priority to reduce barriers to housing development. This proposal was presented to Minister Surma, AMO President Robin Jones, and MPP Ric Bresee at the 2025 ROMA Conference. During our January 19, 2025 ROMA delegation, Minister Surma expressed interest and committed to raising it with then-Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra. We revisited the proposal with MPP Bresee during a March 13th meeting and have since

shared it with ROMA President Christa Lowry, Federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Minister Robertson, and Prime Minister Carney.

We have copied the leaders of Ontario's three main political parties on this letter, as we did when the proposals were originally submitted. We respectfully ask all parties—regardless of political affiliation to consider their merit and potential, and to speak to them in the Legislature. We are eager to work with any partner committed to helping rural and northern Ontario succeed.

Both proposals offered practical, shovel-ready ideas grounded in lived rural experience. And while we remain grateful for ongoing provincial support through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF: \$2,058,700) and the Ontario Critical Infrastructure Fund (OCIF: \$340,000), it must be acknowledged that these funds are no longer sufficient to meet the growing financial and infrastructure burdens faced by communities like ours. To manage persistent shortfalls, Tweed Council has had to implement tax increases of 7.3% in 2023, 17.8% in 2024, and 15% in 2025. The burden this places on our residents is both significant and unsustainable.

Given that four months have passed without acknowledgment, I am resubmitting both proposals for renewed consideration. It is deeply concerning that when a small rural municipality—operating with limited resources and under significant financial strain—takes the initiative to present tangible and constructive solutions, those efforts are met with silence. We expect such outreach to be met with dialogue. The absence of even basic acknowledgment sends a troubling message: that rural and northern municipalities are to be seen but not heard. Furthermore, I have reached out to AMO and ROMA and unfortunately my faith in both organizations as effective advocates in this regard is waning.

As I have made clear to all parties, I remain more than willing to serve as an engaged and constructive member of any committee or working group convened to address the challenges before us. The situation is serious. Many of us are teetering on the brink. The time to act was yesterday.

I respectfully request your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Don DeGenova
Mayor
Municipality of Tweed
255 Metcalf St.
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mayor@tweed.ca
613-848-7113

cc. Minister Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Minister Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
Minister Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
MPP Ric Bresee

MPP M. Stiles, Leader of the NDP and Leader of the Opposition
Ms. B. Crombie, Leader of the Liberal Party
MPP M. Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party

Robin Jones, President, AMO
Christa Lowry, President, ROMA
Warden Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus
Bob Mullin, Warden Hastings County

A copy of this letter has also been sent to all rural and northern Ontario Mayors.

Proposal to Repatriate OPP Costs for Small Rural and Northern Communities During this Period of Uncertainty

July 21, 2025 (Originally submitted March 25, 2025)

As Mayor of the Municipality of Tweed, I am representative of many small rural and northern Ontario communities that face growing financial pressures. Even in the best of times, we operate with limited resources, and now, the threat of President Trump's tariffs only intensifies our financial stress. Municipalities with populations of 10,000 or less are particularly vulnerable. We grapple with the same issues as larger cities—housing shortages, food insecurity, homelessness, healthcare concerns, inflation, and an overwhelming infrastructure funding deficit—but with far fewer financial resources and staffing capabilities. Unlike urban centres, which have access to additional funding streams and economies of scale, small rural and northern communities struggle to provide essential services with minimal support. Moreover, we are disproportionately affected by extreme weather events, further straining our already fragile infrastructure and emergency response capabilities. Without immediate and targeted assistance, many of our communities risk falling into economic and social decline.

With that in mind, we propose a temporary solution that would demonstrate your government's support for small rural and northern Ontario. Premier Ford, has stated that securing a strong majority was essential to investing billions in response to the Trump tariffs. Repatriating OPP policing costs for small rural and northern communities during this period of economic uncertainty would be a swift and impactful show of support. This initiative would immediately benefit 330 municipalities at a cost of less than \$600 million. In the context of multi-billion-dollar expenditures, a \$600 million investment is a meaningful way to show small municipalities that they matter.

This initiative could be structured with two key conditions: it would remain in place while Ontario remains vulnerable to economic pressures, and the funds saved by municipalities would be reinvested into critical infrastructure projects. For example, such a measure for the Municipality of Tweed would free up approximately \$1.2 million, allowing us to address urgent infrastructure needs and support our local economy.

We need all levels of government to recognize that small rural and northern municipalities are extremely vulnerable and now more than ever we need governments so show that they stand with small municipalities. We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

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Proposal to Support Small Rural and Northern Housing Developers

July 21, 2025 (Originally submitted March 27, 2025)

The Municipality of Tweed supports all efforts to remove barriers to housing development. To demonstrate our commitment, we have proactively revised our zoning bylaws to encourage housing densification and affordability. We now permit tiny homes (400–600 sq. ft.), smaller homes (900–1200 sq. ft.), mobile homes on rural lots, reduced lot sizes and setbacks, and fewer parking space requirements. Additionally, we do not impose development fees. These measures aim to diversify our housing stock, enhance affordability, and minimize environmental impact.

Our commitment to housing expansion is already delivering results. We are collaborating with builders to develop a 80-unit retirement community and a retirement home, complementing our existing 120-bed extended care facility. In 2024, the Municipality of Tweed led Hastings County in housing starts, issuing 122 building permits, including 38 new homes and a 25-unit geared-to-income apartment complex. Last year, we hosted a Developers Forum, where local developers presented subdivision plans that could bring over 600 new homes to our community within the next five years.

We made a \$4 million+ investment in our lagoon that will allow us to accommodate another 1500 homes. Our current well enhancements allow us to service an additional 750 homes. We are investigating future new water sources to allow us to reach our target of 1500 homes.

However, infrastructure costs for new subdivisions remain a significant barrier. Unlike large urban developers, small rural developers lack the financial backing of major investors and must independently finance subdivision infrastructure, making projects cost-prohibitive. There is a growing perception that federal and provincial housing investments are disproportionately focused on large urban centers, despite billions of dollars being allocated to housing initiatives.

Our proposal seeks financial assistance through interest-free loans for small rural and northern developers to cover infrastructure costs. These loans would be repaid as homes are sold, ensuring the government recoups its investment with the only cost being interest. Unlike current urban housing initiatives—where both principal and interest fall entirely on the province and federal government—this model ensures fiscal responsibility. Additionally, rather than the standard 25–30-year amortization period, our proposal anticipates repayment within five years, making it a practical and innovative solution to the housing crisis in small rural and northern communities.

The demand for housing in regions similar to ours remains strong. Seniors want to age in place, staying close to friends, family, and their established healthcare providers. When seniors relocate to urban centers, they leave behind a gap in healthcare continuity at a critical stage in their lives. Conversely, when seniors transition to retirement communities within rural areas, they free up existing housing stock for younger families. Additionally, the influx of urban retirees to rural communities has further driven demand which in turn increases the housing stock in those urban areas. Housing in small communities like Tweed can be built at a fraction of the cost compared to large urban centers, offering a cost-effective solution to Ontario's housing crisis. The Municipality of Tweed's absence of development fees provides yet another financial incentive for homebuyers and developers alike.

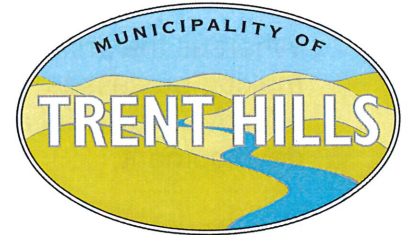
Premier Ford, we have answered your call for municipalities to facilitate housing growth. We urge you to give serious consideration to this proposal, recognizing Tweed as a model for how rural communities can be part of the solution to Ontario's housing crisis. We need all levels of government to recognize that small rural and northern municipalities are key to helping this country and province resolve our housing crisis. We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

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July 11, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

Via Email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Re: Correspondence dated May 1, 2025, from the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Strong Mayor Powers.

At its meeting of July 8, 2025, council considered the Correspondence dated May 1, 2025, from the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Strong Mayor Powers and passed the following motion.

Motion No. THC-250708-12

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michael Metcalf
Seconded by Councillor Rob Pope

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

Whereas the Province of Ontario arbitrarily expanded the Strong Mayor Powers legislation to include an additional 169 municipalities, including the Municipality of Trent Hills, in May 2025; and

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

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

Whereas these powers may create uncertainty within municipal organizations, negatively affect staff morale, and risk undermining the trust that is fundamental to effective and transparent municipal governance; and

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

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

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety; and

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

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
- All Ontario municipalities for their information and support

Carried.

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

Yours sincerely,



Robert Crate
Mayor

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
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July 18, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Formal Opposition of the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their May 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

195-2025

Moved By: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron ("Council") formally opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, that were announced April 9, 2025 and took effect May 1, 2025; and

That Council requests O.Reg 530/22 Expanding Strong Mayor Powers be amended to remove the Municipality of South Huron; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack,
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AMCTO, amcto@amcto.com, AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca, and all
Ontario Municipalities.

July 25, 2025

Re: Resolution Regarding Strong Mayor Powers Legislation

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 23, 2025, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Ramara formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety;

AND THAT, should the legislation not be repealed, the Province immediately remove the Township of Ramara from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor Powers framework;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and the Honourable Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response for their information, support, and consideration.

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference and consideration. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

Jennifer Connor

Jennifer Connor, CMO, AOMC
Director of Legislative & Community Services/Clerk

2025 Special Events Schedule

Approved Events

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
5/25/2025 – 9/28/2025	2pm – 5pm	Galt Jazz Street Party	200 (per day)	Main St between Walter St and Ainslie St	Public, Free	BIA
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
6/7/2025 – 9/13/2025	6pm – 10:30pm	Latin on Main	100+	Lower Main Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/8/2025 – 9/14/2025	12pm – 4pm	Sunday Day Markets	100+	Lower Main Street, Civic Square, Imperial Lane, Water Street Parking Lot #2 Event Pad	Public, Free	BIA
6/15/2025 – 9/28/2025	10pm – 2pm	Backlot Sessions	100+	Water Street parking lot, #2 event pad	Public, Free	BIA
6/20/2025 – 9/26/2025	6pm – 10pm	Friday Night Markets	100+	Lower Main Street, Civic Square, Imperial Lane, Water Street Parking Lot #2 Event Pad	Public, Free	BIA
6/21/2025 – 9/20/2025	11am – 2pm	Family Fun Days	100+	Lower Main Street	Public, Free	BIA
6/28/2025 – 9/27/2025	9am – 9pm	Sidewalk Sale	100+	Downtown Cambridge Core	Public, Free	BIA
7/1/2025	12pm – 10pm	Cambridge Canada Day	40,000 – 50,000	Riverside Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/4/2025	6pm – 10pm	BRIDGE Centre for Design Student Market	150	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	Community Group
7/5/2025	10:30am – 5:30pm	Alyssa strong car meet	150-200	Galt Arena	Public, Fee	Community Group
7/5/2025	10am – 10pm	Hespeler Village Music Festival	4,000	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group

New events

7/9/2025	11:30am – 3:30pm	EQI Canada Company Picnic	60	Riverside Park – Kin Shelter	Private	Community Group
7/11/2025	2pm – 8pm	Road to Oddfest Vol 3 – Treasure Market	100-200	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA
7/12/2025	12pm – 4pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival Media Day	300	Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	Community Group
7/14/2025	5pm – 8pm	The ENDURrun Sport	50	Riverbluffs Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/16/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Forbes Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/18/2025	4pm – 8pm	Preston Food Crawl	600	King Street, Argyle Street, Central Park	Public, Free	Community Group
7/18/2025 – 7/19/2025	Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 6am–7pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival	3,000 – 5,000 (per day)	Churchill Park, Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
7/19/2025	8am – 4pm	Summer in the Park Vendor Market	150-200	Forbes Park, Hespeler	Public, Free	Community Group
7/19/2025	11am – 4pm	Mini-Con	100+	Lower Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA
7/23/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Tex Rexman	100+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
7/26/2025	12pm – 7pm	Cambridge Multicultural Festival	7,500	Forbes Park	Public, Free	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
7/26/2025 – 7/27/2025	10am – 4pm	The Long Dash Festival	100	Grand Trunk Trail	Public, Cost	Community Group
7/30/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Isabella Hoops Show with Fire	100+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/6/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Kiki Totally Outrageous with LED	100+	Forbes Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/13/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge

New events

8/20/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/30/2025	11am – 2pm	Block Party	300-350	Forward Church	Public, Free	Community Group

Events in Approval Process

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
8/2/2025 – 8/3/2025	8am – 9pm	SGSS Khed Mela	1,000 – 2,000 (per day)	Riverside Park (back soccer fields)	Public, Free	Community Group
8/3/2025	8am – 7pm	Cards for Cause	500	Dickson Arena	Public, Free	Community Group
8/3/2025	4pm – 8pm	Burgers and Beats	Event Cancelled			
8/5/2025 – 8/6/2025	5pm – 9pm	The Voice of the River: the Grand River Community Play	200	along Grand River, ending at Amphitheatre on Grand River	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
8/9/2025	10am – 3pm	Encore's 4th Anniversary Party	100+	Lower Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA
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
8/20/2025	12pm – 2pm	IOAD Memorial Event	100	Soper Park	Public, Free	Community Group
8/23/2025	2pm – 8pm	Oddfest – Market	Event Cancelled			
8/23/2025	2pm – 8pm	Oddfest	100	Lower Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA

New events

8/30/2025	5:30pm – 10pm	Vhagam Navrati 2025	1,000	Riverside Park	Religious/Cultural	Community Group
8/30/2025	10am – 10pm	KW Carnival		Event Cancelled		
8/30/2025	6pm – 10:30pm	Rhythm Ratri 2025		Event Cancelled		
9/2/2025 – 9/8/2025	8am – 10pm	Cambridge Fall Fair	2,500 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/6/2025	1pm – 3pm	The Springle Real Estate Team & YWCA Yoga Charity Event	80	Soper Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/7/2025	10am – 2:30pm	Honda Annual BBQ	25	Riverside Park	Private	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
9/13/2025	8:30am – 4:30pm	Newcomers Connection Picnic	500	Churchill Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
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/Grand stand)	Fundraiser	Community Group
9/19/2025 – 9/20/2025	Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 3pm – 10pm	Fest2Fall	5,000 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/21/2025	9am – 4pm	Fireside Haven's Cruise & Craft Festival	500	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/27/2025	6pm – 11pm	Navratri 2025		Event Cancelled		
9/27/2025	2pm – 11:55pm	GHS Navratri 2025	500 – 700	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/27/2025	10am – 3pm	Annual Harvest Festival	3,000	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
9/27/2025	9am – 5pm	Preston Memorial Arena Grand Opening Event	5,000	Preston Memorial Arena, East Side Parking Lot	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
9/30/2025	7pm – 11pm	Vhagam Navrati		Event Cancelled		
10/4/2025	10am – 10pm	Ball Avenue Street Party	250	Ball Avenue	Public, Free	Community Group
10/4/2025	8:30am – 11:55pm	Ajan Khan Fight Series	600	Dunton McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group

New events

10/18/2025	10am – 1pm	Walk A Mile In Their Shoes	100	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group
10/25/2025	12pm – 2pm	Hespeler Village Halloween Hunt	500	Downtown Hespeler, Queen Street	Public, Free	BIA

**All events are subject to change*