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Date: 08/22/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-002(PG)**

To: Mayor and Council

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

Department: Planning and Growth

Division: Planning

From: Melissa Aldunate, Manager of Policy Planning

Subject: Preston Interim Control – Follow up to Report 25-048-CD

Comments

This memo provides a follow up to Council on Report 25-048-CD, Interim Control Bylaw for Preston, that was withdrawn from the Council agenda of May 6, 2025.

Report 25-048-CD provided a staff response to Council’s direction of April 16, 2024: THAT staff be directed to report back with an analysis of a planning rationale, including study area, for an interim control by-law study within the Preston Secondary Plan and provide a draft interim control by-law for Council’s consideration.

The report outlined an approach to enacting an interim control bylaw along with exemptions to allow appropriate and desirable forms of development, including specific forms of residential development in support of the Housing Accelerator Fund program, to occur while the bylaw was in-force. The report also provided an alternative option to not proceed with interim control. In this option, each development application is considered and presented to Council for decision in accordance with the Planning Act.

Since the report was released and through the first phase of engagement for the Preston Secondary Plan, comments were received questioning the use of interim control while economic conditions are already hampering development.

Staff wish to inform Council that no action is being taken at this time on the use of interim control within Preston and that Report 25-048-CD will not be placed on a Council agenda for consideration unless requested by Council.

Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor General Manager City Manager

Date: 08/22/2025 **Internal Memo #: IM25-003(PG)**

To: Council

Circulated to: **Hardy Bromberg, General Manager – Planning and Growth**
Sarah Austin, Acting Director of Planning

Department: Planning and Growth

Division: Planning

From: Maria Skara, Planner, Policy

Subject: 2024 Growth and Development Report

Comments

On an annual basis, the City prepares a Growth and Development Report. The attached 2024 report:

- Monitors past and potential residential growth to evaluate compliance with the City's Official Plan, and the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 (PPS)
- Evaluates if future residential land supply is sufficient to accommodate the forecasted 2031 population for Cambridge adopted in the Official Plan
- Evaluates if the percentage of residential units built in 2024 within the built-up area contributes to meeting or exceeding the intensification target of 45%
- Summarizes the addition of any new residential units in the City's three Core Areas
- Summarizes development activity to year end of 2024 and is based on the land use policy framework that was in effect at the end of the reporting period.

Key Findings

- Cambridge has a sufficient inventory of suitably zoned lands with servicing capacity to meet the City's Official Plan and 2024 Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) requirement to provide at least a three-year supply of residential units.
- Cambridge has a sufficient inventory of residentially designated lands to meet the PPS requirement to accommodate a minimum 15 years of forecasted residential growth.

- The Province of Ontario has set a housing target of 19,000 new residential units in the City by 2031, which has been endorsed by Council as the City’s Housing Pledge. There is enough residential unit supply to accommodate the housing target within registered and draft approved plans, intensification sites, and active planning applications.
- Cambridge has enough residential land to accommodate the forecasted 2031 population in the Cambridge Official Plan (OP).
- The OP requires a minimum 45% of new residential development occurring annually to be constructed within the built-up area. In 2024, 44.1% of building permits for new residential units in Cambridge were located within the built-up area as more building permits were issued for units located in subdivision applications located outside of the built-up area. This percentage can vary from year to year.

Summary

Through suitably zoned and designated areas, the City is well positioned to accommodate forecasted growth and meet the City’s Housing Pledge.

Attachments

Appendix A – 2024 Growth and Development Report

Approvals:

Manager/Supervisor

General Manager

City Manager

2024 Growth and Development Report



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Introduction

This document fulfills the City's obligations specified by the Cambridge Official Plan, Regional Official Plan and by the Province.

First, it satisfies the Cambridge Official Plan and a Provincial Policy Statement requirement that municipalities have sufficient residential land to accommodate anticipated growth for the next three to fifteen years.

Second, it verifies that enough residential land is available to accommodate population targets in the City's Official Plan, allocated by the Region based on growth forecasts set by the Province.

Third, it reviews if the proportion of new residential units constructed within the delineated built-up area has met the targets in the City's Official Plan in 2024.

In addition, the report provides an overview of past, present and anticipated residential development activity.

Section 1: Residential Land Supply Policy Requirements

The 2024 Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) requires that, "planning authorities shall maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years through lands which are designated and available for residential development" (Policy 2.1.4.1a). In addition, the PPS requires that, "planning authorities shall maintain at all times where new development is to occur, land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a three-year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment, and land in draft approved and registered plans" (Policy 2.1.4.1b). The City's Official Plan currently includes the three-year supply requirement and a 10-year continuous supply requirement which will be updated to 15-years as part of the Official Plan update.

The City's Official Plan requires that future development within the City of Cambridge built-up area contribute to meeting or exceeding the Regional intensification target of 45% (OP 2.6.1.1). The delineated built-up area boundary (Built Boundary) is shown on Map 1 which was delineated by the Province in June 2006 based on the limits of the development in place at the time.

On April 11, 2023 the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing approved Regional Official Plan Amendment 6 (ROPA 6), with modifications. ROPA 6 includes new population and employment forecasts and updated development targets for intensification and designated greenfield areas. The Minister's approval also added a large amount of land to the Region's urban area, specifically in north Cambridge. On December 6, 2023, the Province enacted the "Official Plan Adjustments Act" which has the effect of removing the additional land which was added in north Cambridge from the Region's urban area. Most recently through Bill 162, the "Get it Done Act", proposes to add the land in north Cambridge back again into the Region's urban area. The City of Cambridge will be updating its Official Plan based on these changes. Future annual Growth and Development Reports will include an assessment of annual development activity relative to the new policies of

the ROP, including these new urban areas. There were no applications within these new urban area lands in 2024.

Section 2: Residential Inventory

As illustrated in Table 1, the residential building permit activity between 2010 and 2024 has resulted in a three-year average construction rate of 939 units/year and a 15-year average construction rate of 664 units/year. Average construction rates by unit type over the three- and 15-year time frames are also shown. This information is used to determine demand for residential units (absorption rate).

Table 1: Residential Units Built 2010 -2024

Number of Residential Units for which Building Permits were Issued in the City of Cambridge

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY 2010 - 2024

Year	Detached Units	%	Semi-detached Units	%	Town House Units	%	Apartment Units*	%	Total Units	%
2010	297	48.5%	0	0.0%	80	13.1%	235	38.4%	612	100.0%
2011	221	51.3%	2	0.5%	76	17.6%	132	30.6%	431	100.0%
2012	149	49.7%	0	0.0%	109	36.3%	42	14.0%	300	100.0%
2013	142	31.8%	0	0.0%	98	21.9%	207	46.3%	447	100.0%
2014	104	22.5%	0	0.0%	148	32.0%	210	45.5%	462	100.0%
2015	135	34.4%	2	0.5%	87	22.1%	169	43.0%	393	100.0%
2016	293	43.3%	2	0.3%	61	9.0%	321	47.4%	677	100.0%
2017	227	39.8%	5	0.9%	269	47.2%	69	12.1%	570	100.0%
2018	323	53.8%	4	0.7%	154	25.7%	119	19.8%	600	100.0%
2019	70	6.9%	26	2.6%	479	47.4%	435	43.1%	1010	100.0%
2020	112	25.1%	6	1.3%	172	38.5%	157	35.1%	447	100.0%
2021	81	6.8%	0	0.0%	515	43.3%	593	49.9%	1189	100.0%
2022	303	37.2%	2	0.2%	328	40.3%	181	22.2%	814	100.0%
2023	230	19.3%	22	1.9%	560	47.1%	377	31.7%	1189	100.0%
2024	210	25.8%	4	0.5%	324	39.8%	277	34.0%	815	100.0%
3 year average	248	26.4%	9	1.0%	404	43.0%	278	29.6%	939	100.0%
15 year average	193	29.1%	5	0.8%	231	34.8%	235	35.4%	664	100.0%

Three-Year Residential Supply

The City's Official Plan requires the City maintain at all times land with servicing capacity sufficient to provide at least a three-year supply of residential units available through lands suitably zoned to facilitate residential intensification and redevelopment and land in draft approved and registered plans.

As of December 31, 2024, there were 2,144 unbuilt residential units in registered plans, and 4,281 unbuilt residential units in draft approved plans. There were also an additional 5,144 unbuilt residential units in suitably zoned intensification and redevelopment plans. The total number of units in draft approved and registered plans, and suitably zoned intensification and redevelopment plans were 11,569 Table 2 summarizes these figures and breaks down the totals by unit type.

The most recent three-year average demand for residential units based on building permits was 939 units/year. Based on this historic average absorption rate, 2,817 units would be required for a three-year supply. As the current supply is 11,569 units within registered and draft approved plans, and intensification and redevelopment plans, the City of Cambridge is exceeding the requirement for a three-year supply of units. These 11,569 potential residential units have sufficient servicing capacity and are suitably zoned and could be provided within the three-year time frame established in the City's Official Plan. In fact, based on the three-year average issuance of building permits of 939 units/year, it would take 12.3 years for the 11,569 units to be absorbed. It should be noted that the pace of development can vary and is influenced by conditions of the economy and development applications proposing different forms of development. If the rate of growth increases, the years of supply would be reduced.

The locations of the registered plans, draft approved plans, and intensification and redevelopment plans (vacant multiple residential sites) are shown on Map 1. This map is based on data as of December 31, 2024.

Table 2: Three-Year Residential Unit Inventory

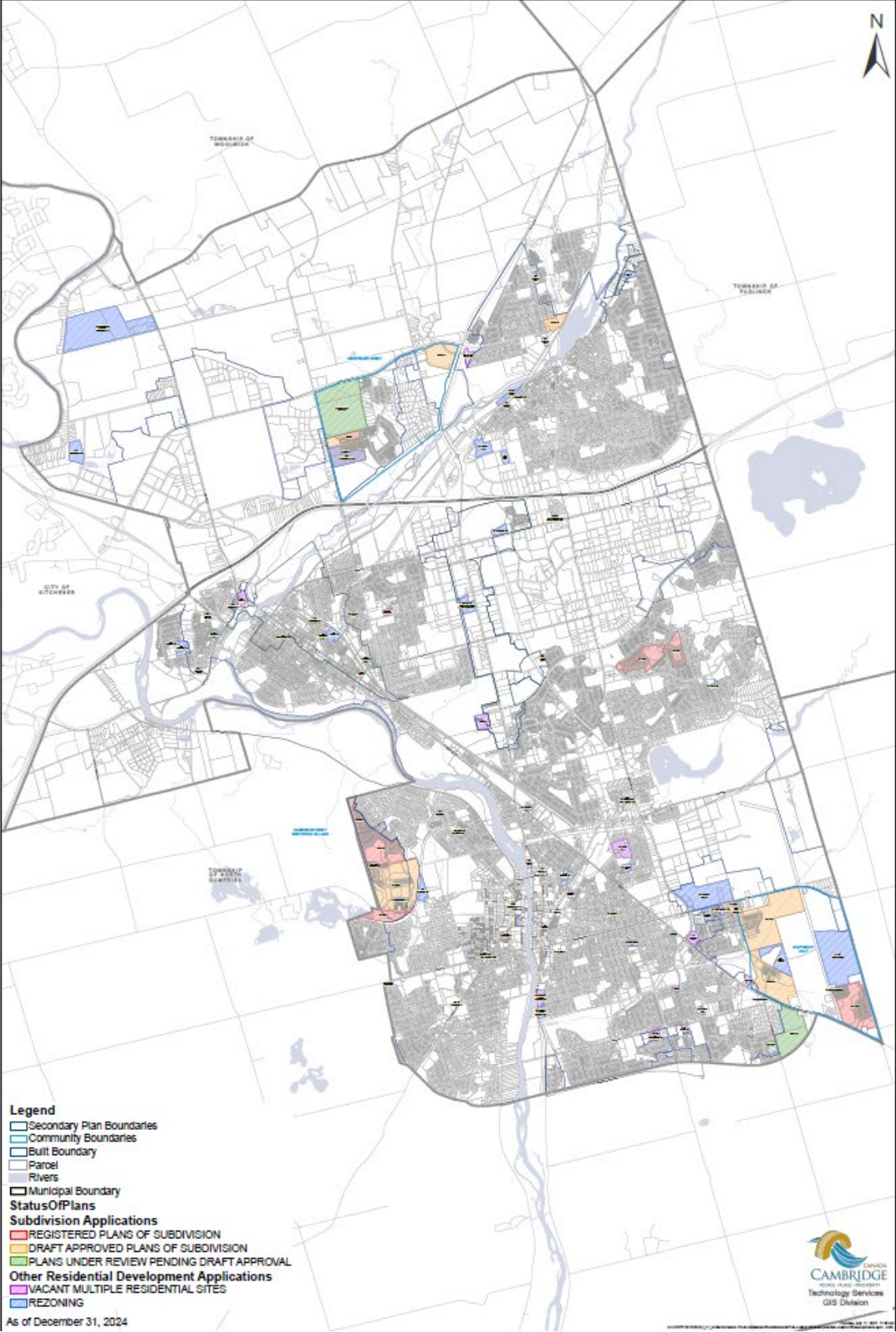
Plan Type	Low Density (1) (Single and semi- detached)	Medium Density (Rowhouse)	High Density (Apartment)	Total Units
Registered Plans	201	1,020	923	2,144
Draft Approved Plans	581	1468	2232	4281
Intensification and Redevelopment Plans (suitably zoned) (2) Vacant Multiple Residential Sites	0	864	4280	5144
Total for 3 Year Supply	782	3352	7435	11,569

Source: Development Monitoring Tables (Dec.31, 2024) City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department.

- (1) The density is determined by the land area taken up by the unit design. Density refers to the number of units that can exist on a hectare or acre. Single and semi-detached units take up more land area than townhouses or apartment units.
- (2) Row house as defined for the Census. One of three or more dwellings joined side by side (or occasionally side to back), such as a townhouse or garden home, but not having any other dwellings either above or below.
- (3) Apartment units (include duplex, triplex, stacked townhouse, rental apartment building, condo apartment building, and residential in mixed-use building).
- (4) Include site plan applications (approved plans and plans under review), residual blocks from older plans of subdivision, and other vacant multiple residential sites which are not included in the subdivision counts above.

Map 1: Locations of Residential Development, December 31, 2024

Location of Developments



Source: City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department, Development Monitoring Tables (Dec.31, 2024)

Additional Residential Development Applications

In addition to the units on lands that form the three-year supply, there is an upcoming supply of residential units through rezoning applications and preliminary plans (subdivision plans under review and pending draft approval). As of December 31, 2024, there were 12,239 units under rezoning applications (including official plan amendment applications) and 1,355 units in preliminary plans for a total of 13,594 units. Table 3 summarizes these figures and breaks down the totals by unit type. The locations of rezoning applications and preliminary plans (plans under review pending draft approval) are shown on Map 1.

It is noted that different rezoning applications and preliminary plans are at varying stages in the approval processes. There are rezoning applications and preliminary plans which may be approved within the next three years. For example, if any of these applications or plans are approved this year, then the approved units will be counted in the three-year supply in next year's report.

Since these plans were not suitably zoned or draft approved as of December 31, 2024, they are not counted in the three-year supply in this year's report. However, these additional residential development applications accommodate the minimum 15 years of residential growth required by the 2024 PPS.

Table 3: Units in Additional Residential Development Applications

Plan Type	Low Density (Single and semi- detached)	Medium Density (Rowhouse)	High Density (Apartment)	Total Units
Rezoning and Official Plan Amendments(1)	728	1,911	9,600	12,239
Preliminary Plans of Subdivision (2)	179	456	720	1,355
Total Units (3)	907	2,367	10,320	13,594

Source: Development Monitoring Tables (Dec.31, 2024) City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department.

- (1) The definitions of density and plan types are the same as Table 2.
- (2) Rezoning applications or Official Plan Amendment and Rezoning applications.
- (2) Preliminary Plans are plans for which an application for subdivision has been received and are under review but have not been "Draft Approved" as of Dec.31, 2024.

Fifteen Year Residential Inventory

The 2024 Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) requires that planning authorities maintain at all times the ability to accommodate residential growth for a minimum of 15 years through residential intensification and redevelopment, and lands which are designated and available for residential development. Lands which are designated and available for residential development still require planning approval processes.

In addition to development applications, lands are also designated and available for residential development through approved Community Plans or Secondary Plans. The Southeast Galt Community Plan is currently the only approved Community Plan with vacant lands that are designated and available for future residential development.

The total number of potential units for Southeast Galt have been estimated assuming that the remaining developable lands will have a density of 59 residents and jobs per hectare, which is consistent with the minimum density requirements under ROPA 6. Should future development applications propose a density higher than 59 residents and jobs per hectare, the total number of units supplied will be higher than the number estimated in Table 4.

Table 4 displays the remaining total number of residential units that could be developed in Southeast Galt and the potential number of units by type. There remain an estimated 888 residential units available for future development in Southeast Galt.

Table 4: Units Not Under Development Applications in Community Plans

Plan Type (1)	Low Density (Single and Semi- detached)	Medium Density (Row/Townhouse)	High Density (Apartment)	Total Units
Southeast Galt Community Plan (2)	198	1355	566	2120
Total Units	198	1355	566	2120

Source: Development Monitoring Tables (Dec.31, 2024) City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department.

- (1) The definitions of density and plan types are the same as Table 2.
- (2) Unit Types on Community Plans and Areas Southeast Galt Community Plan area (33.4% Single and Semi-detached, 43.2% Row/Townhouses, 23% Apartments). This unit apportioning may not reflect the unit mix when eventually approved.

Table 5 summarizes the total number of residential units that can accommodate future residential growth. There is a total of 25,183 residential units in all development applications and Community

Plan lands not under application. Based on the current 15-year average construction rate of 643 units/year, 27,283 units will meet 42.4 years of residential demand, which exceeds the 2024 PPS requirement to accommodate a minimum of 15 years of residential growth.

It is noted that this methodology uses past demand (measured by units on issued building permits) to predict future demand. However, using past absorption to predict future demand will not reflect unexpected shifts in demand due to fluctuations in the local, provincial, or national economy.

Table 5: Summary of Units to Accommodate Residential Growth

Plan Type	Low Density (1)	Medium Density (2)	High Density (3)	Total Units
Registered Plans	201	1020	923	2,144
Draft Approved Plans	581	1,468	2,232	4,281
Intensification and Redevelopment (referred to as vacant multiple residential sites on Map 1) (4)	0	864	4,280	5,144
Total of 3 Year Supply Units	782	3,352	7,435	11,569
% of Total	6.7%	29%	64.3%	100%
Three Year Average Construction Rate	259	404	278	939
Years to Absorb 3 Year Supply (Supply/3 yr Average Construction)	3.0	8.3	26.7	12.3
Rezoning and Official Plan Amendments (5)	728	1,911	9,600	12,239
Preliminary Plans (6)	179	456	720	1,355
Total Units in All Applications	1,689	5,719	17,755	25,163
% of Total	6.7%	22.7%	70.6%	100.0%
Units in Community Plans not Under Application	198	1355	566	2120
% of Total (7)	9.3%	64%	26.7%	100.0%

Total Units (Applications and Community Plans)	1,887	7,074	18,321	27,283
% of Total	6.9%	25.9%	67.2%	100.0%
Fifteen Year Average Construction Rate	211	209	223	643
Years to Absorb All Units (Supply/15 yr Average Construction)	8.9	33.7	82.2	42.4

Source: Development Monitoring Tables (as of Dec.31, 2023) City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department.

- (1) Single-detached and Semi-detached units.
- (2) Row and Townhouse units.
- (3) Apartment units (include duplex, triplex, stacked townhouse, rental apartment building, condo apartment building and residential in mixed-use building).
- (4) Include site plan applications (approved plans and plans under review), residual blocks from older plans of subdivision and other vacant residentially zoned parcels which are not included in the subdivision counts above.
- (5) Rezoning applications and/or Official Plan Amendment.
- (6) Preliminary Plans are plans for which an application for subdivision has been received and are under review but have not been “Draft Approved” as of Dec.31, 2024.
- (7) Unit Types on Community Plans are typically unspecified. The quantity of units by type was estimated for the lands not under application by applying the same proportion of unit types from the lands with existing applications in a particular Community Plan area. This unit apportioning may not reflect the unit mix when eventually approved.

Population Growth Targets

Based on the current Official Plan, Cambridge’s population is forecasted to increase to 176,000 people in 2031. Based on an overall Persons Per Unit (PPU) of 2.7 from the latest Census, approximately 65,200 residential units would be needed to accommodate the 2031 forecasted population. As noted, under ROPA 6, updated population and employment forecasting has been prepared. The City is undergoing a conformity exercise to update the Cambridge Official Plan based on ROPA 6. Future annual reports will monitor growth relative to those forecasts.

In 2024, the City has approximately 55,901 total private dwellings. As detailed in earlier sections and Table 5, the current total inventory of units that can accommodate residential growth is 25,183 units. Adding together the number of existing units in 2024 and the number of potential future residential units, there is a total of 83,862 units to accommodate long-term population growth. Since only about an

estimated 65,200 units would be needed by 2031, the City has adequately planned for residential growth until 2031 and beyond.

The Province of Ontario has set a housing target of 19,000 new residential units in the City by 2031, which has been endorsed by Council as the City's Housing Pledge. The City of Cambridge has created 815 residential units in 2024. This is 52% of the targeted amount of the residential unit goal. The criteria to measure performance against the City of Cambridge's Housing Pledge target is to count the new units at the point they are recognized by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for new residential units and Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC) for Long-Term Care beds.

Section 3: Built Boundary Targets

The City’s 2012 Official Plan requires that future development within the City of Cambridge delineated built-up area (Built Boundary) will contribute to meeting or exceeding the intensification target of 45%.

Since the introduction of the Growth Plan in 2006 and up until the end of 2024, 49% of all residential building permits in Cambridge have been for units within the Built Boundary as shown in Table 6. On a year-to-year basis, the proportion of units built within the Cambridge Built Boundary can vary significantly. For example, the percentage of units built within the Built Boundary was 13% in 2015, while in 2021 it was 92%. For 2024, 44.1% of all permits were within the Built Boundary as shown in Table 7. There has been a general trend towards an increasing percentage of residential development occurring outside of the built-up area as various subdivisions located outside of the built-up area are approved.

Table 6: Units Built Relative to the Built Boundary between 2006 and 2024

Unit Type	Single and Semi-Detached	Townhouse	Apartment	Total by Location
Inside Built Boundary - Units	870	1,458	3,769	6,097
Inside Built Boundary - Percentage	21%	37%	86%	49%
Outside Built Boundary - Units	3,307	2,504	616	6,427
Outside Built Boundary - Percentage	79%	63%	14%	51%
Total by Unit Type	4,177	3,962	4,385	12,524
Total Percentage by Unit Type	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department

Table 7: Units Built Relative to the Built Boundary in 2024

Unit Type	Single and Semi-Detached	Townhouse	Apartment	Total by Location
Inside Built Boundary - Units	126	14	219	359
Inside Built Boundary - Percentage	59%	4%	79%	44.1%
Outside Built Boundary - Units	88	310	58	456
Outside Built Boundary - Percentage	41%	96%	21%	55.9%
Total by Unit Type	214	324	277	815
Total Percentage by Unit Type	100%	100%	100%	100%

Source: City of Cambridge Planning and Growth Department

Section 4: Core Area Residential Growth

In 2024, no building permits were issued in the three Community Core Areas. There are site plan and zoning applications that are located within the core areas and the building permit count for these projects will reflect in later reporting years as building permits do come in.

There is currently a total of 3,798 proposed units on applications at various stages of approval in the three Community Core Areas. There are 1,781 units between nine site plan applications and one rezoning application in the Galt Core, there are 1,913 units between two site plan applications and one rezoning application in the Preston Core, and there are 194 units in two site plan applications in the Hespeler Core.

Additional Lands for Future Development

Over the longer term, there are an additional 19.18 hectares of privately-owned land and 22.22 hectares of provincially owned land in North Cambridge that have been pre-designated and pre-zoned for industrial uses. Additionally, there remains an additional 236.9 hectares of Greenfield lands in North Cambridge that are part of the Stage 1 East Side Lands. These lands will also be pre-designated and pre-zoned in the future to provide “shovel-ready” employment lands. A significant portion of these lands is currently owned by the Province. Additionally, there are various vacant industrial lands throughout the City totaling approximately 120 hectares. These vacant industrial lands are identified on Map 4.

Through the approval of ROPA 6, the Region of Waterloo added 187 ha of additional employment land in North Cambridge which has yet to be designated in the City’s Official Plan. In addition, the Minister’s decision of ROPA 6 added a further 539 ha of additional urban land primarily within the North Cambridge area. The ultimate land use (employment or community area) is to be determined through future Official Plan reviews. This information will be included in future annual Growth and Development reports.



**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Regular Council Meeting**

RESOLUTION 189-2025
Title: Councillor P. Banks - V.O.I.C.E. Coalition - Request for Support and Endorsement
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Moved by Councillor P. Banks
Seconded by Councillor J. Banks

WHEREAS Strong Mayor Powers have been extended to 216 Ontario municipalities, with more expected by fall 2025;
AND WHEREAS over 130 municipalities have formally opposed these powers due to concerns over democratic accountability and local governance;
AND WHEREAS the V.O.I.C.E. coalition is hosting an open advocacy session at the 2025 AMO Conference on Monday, August 18, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Joey Rideau in Ottawa;
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Township of Rideau Lakes endorses and supports this V.O.I.C.E. event and encourages all Ontario municipalities to attend;
AND FURTHER that the attached invitation be sent along with this resolution to all 444 Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried

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August 11, 2025

Re: Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

At their regular Council meeting held on August 6, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate adopted the following:

No. 2025-396

Moved By Councillor John

Seconded By Councillor Ferguson

Be it resolved that the Township of Southgate 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 the Township of Southgate 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; and

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, Bruce Grey Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, Bruce Grey Owen Sound MPP Paul Vickers, 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.

Carried

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

cc: 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
Alex Ruff, MP Bruce Grey Owen Sound
Paul Vickers, MPP Bruce Grey Owen Sound
The Federation of Municipalities of Ontario (FCM)
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2025-263
Title: Approve Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest
Date: August 12, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Fern Pellerin
Seconded by: Councillor Kaitlynn Nicol

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, is planning to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides in late August 2025 in the Nipissing Forest; and

WHEREAS the Nipissing Forest covers a significant portion, if not all, of the Municipality of West Nipissing, and residents and ecosystems may be impacted by this activity; and

WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada’s last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases, reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

WHEREAS many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing formally request that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Nipissing Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

CARRIED

August 12 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
premier of Ontario
legislative building
queen's park
Toronto, on M7A 1A1
Via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: request to amend Ontario regulation 391/21: blue box – inclusion of currently ineligible sources

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at its regular meeting held on August 11, 2025, the council of the Township of North Glengarry passed a resolution (copy enclosed) urging the province of Ontario to amend Ontario regulation 391/21: blue box to ensure producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recyclable materials from all sources, including those currently deemed ineligible.

Respectfully,

Jena Doonan
Deputy Clerk
Township of North Glengarry
deputyclerk@northglengarry.ca

Enclosure: Council Resolution – Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box Amendment Request

cc: The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

The Honourable Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Mr. Nolan Quinn, MPP for Stormont—Dundas—South Glengarry

All 444 Ontario Municipalities

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution # 11

Date: Monday August 11, 2025

Moved By: Michael Madden

Second By: Jeff Manley

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 Council of the Township of North Glengarry 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 product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby requests 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, Nolan Quinn Member of Provincial Parliament for Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

DEFERRED

MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

YEA

NEA



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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August 12, 2025

Premier Doug Ford
premier@ontario.ca

Dear Mr. Ford,

At the Township of Terrace Bay Regular Council Meeting held on Monday August 11, 2025, the following resolution of support was passed.

RE: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 – Firefighter Certification Requirements

Resolution: 203-2025

Moved By: Councillor Dube

Seconded By: Councillor Adduono

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 Terrace Bay 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 Terrace Bay 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 Lise Vaugeois, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, NOMA and all Ontario municipalities.



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Sincerely,

J. Hall
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

CC:

Solicitor General – Michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org

Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

MPP Lise Vaugeois – lvaugois-gp@ndp.on.ca

Ontario Fire Marshall – askofm@ontario.ca

AMO – resolutions@amo.on.ca

FONOM – fonom.info@gmail.com

NOMA – admin@noma.on.ca

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Mayor's Report – Governance of Family Health Teams

To: Members of Council
From: Rod Ward, Mayor
Date: August 12, 2025

Subject: Support for Standardized Governance Models for Family Health Teams

Family Health Teams are a vital part of Ontario's healthcare system, particularly in rural and underserved communities like ours. These teams provide collaborative, team-based care that improves patient outcomes and relieves pressure on hospitals and emergency services.

Our municipality, like many others across the province, continues to invest local taxpayer dollars to support healthcare delivery — through physician recruitment efforts, infrastructure, and other community health initiatives. However, despite this investment and our community's reliance on these services, municipal and community voices are often underrepresented on the boards that govern Family Health Teams.

Currently, there is no mandatory governance framework for these boards, which has led to inconsistent representation and, in some cases, governance structures that do not reflect the communities they serve. This can lead to decisions being made without sufficient local input, oversight, or accountability.

The attached resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to implement a standardized and mandatory governance model for Family Health Teams, requiring that at least 50% of board members be community representatives. This would help ensure local interests are considered in decision-making, and strengthen transparency and trust in our healthcare system.

I recommend Council's support for this resolution and the forwarding of it to the appropriate provincial bodies and municipal partners.

Sincerely,

Rod Ward

Rod Ward
Mayor



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: **August 12, 2025**

Motion # 248

WHEREAS Ontario's Family Health Teams provide team-based healthcare which is critical to our communities;

AND WHEREAS healthcare in Ontario is publicly funded;

AND WHEREAS municipalities invest significant additional public/taxpayer money in support of Family Health Teams and other healthcare-related organizations, including supports for primary care recruitment, healthcare facilities, and additional community healthcare needs;

AND WHEREAS the governance models for Family Health Teams in Ontario do not follow mandatory standards;

AND WHEREAS governance models are designed to ensure appropriate representation, transparency, and guardrails with respect to potential conflicts of interest for the organizations they represent;

AND WHEREAS many boards of Family Health Teams are not balanced in terms of representation from the communities and municipalities that they cover;

AND WHEREAS the lack of a standard and balanced governance model means that the needs of the local communities are not necessarily fully represented;


AND WHEREAS the province is directing the Primary Care Action Team (PCAT), through Dr. Jane Philpott, to ensure connected and convenient healthcare across the province;

AND WHEREAS Family Health Teams are crucial in the delivery of the mandate of PCAT;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Township of Armour urges the Province of Ontario to implement a standard and mandatory governance model for the boards of Family Health Teams across the province, which ensures that community members make up 50% of the overall board membership to ensure appropriate representation for the communities which use and support healthcare in their local area;

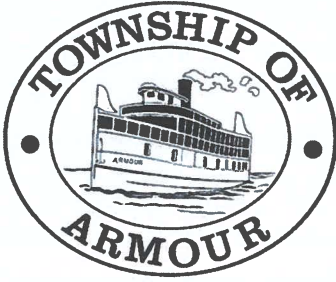
AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of the Primary Care Action Team; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO); and all municipalities in Ontario.

Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Brandt, Jerry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ward, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>		Whitwell, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____
Recorded vote requested by: _____

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandt, Jerry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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I recommend Council's support for this resolution and the forwarding of it to the appropriate provincial bodies and municipal partners.

Sincerely,

Rod Ward

Rod Ward
Mayor



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
Administration**

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August 14, 2025

SENT VIA E-MAIL

clerks@stcatharines.ca

Attention: City of St. Catharines

RE: Endorsement of City of St. Catharines' Motion – Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on August 11, 2025 passed the following resolution:

C-25-150

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Howe

Resolved that Council endorse the City of St. Catharines' motion regarding an Elect Respect Pledge.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (resolutions@amo.on.ca)

Ontario's Big City Mayors (info@obcm.ca)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities (info@fcm.ca)

Dean Allison (dean.allison@parl.gc.ca)

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Niagara Regional Police (info@niagarapolice.ca)

Ontario Provincial Police (opp.media@opp.ca)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (rcmp.hqmediarelations-dgrelationsmedias.grc@rcmp-grc.gc.ca)
Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario

ATTCH: Elect Respect Pledge Our File 10.12.1

July 30, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
155 University Ave | Suite 800
Toronto, ON M5H 3B7

Sent via email: resolutions@amo.on.ca

**Re: Elect Respect Pledge
Our File 10.12.1**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting of July 14, 2025, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process; and

WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan “Parliamentary Civility Pledge” to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT City of St. Catharines Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City of St. Catharines Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: Ontario Big City Mayors
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities



Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario
MPs and MPPs
Regional Police
The Ontario Provincial Police
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Honourable Robert Black, Senator
Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario
K1J 0A4

SENT VIA EMAIL: robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca

RE: Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

Dear Honourable Robert Black,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, August 11, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Thompson

Seconded By: Councilor Petrie

Whereas the agricultural sector of Huron County depends on the health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas soil erosion poses a very significant threat to the long-term health of the soils in Huron County;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich owns some agricultural land which is an asset for the Town;

And Whereas the Town of Goderich is committed to protecting the assets of the Town from preventable harm;

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty-five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions;"

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Goderich urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

CARRIED

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or afisher@goderich.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/js

Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
Todd McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org
Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness trevor.jones@pc.ola.org
Ben Lobb, Member of Parliament – Huron-Bruce, ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca
Julie Dabrusin, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change julie.dabrusin@parl.gc.ca
Heath MacDonald, Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development heath.macdonald@parl.gc.ca
All local Municipalities within Huron County



The Town of The Blue Mountains Council Meeting

Title: Sally Leppard, Co-Lead, Climate Action Now Network TBM (CANN)
Date: Monday, July 14, 2025
Time: 6:28 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 19, 2025, correspondence from Sally Leppard, CANN regarding Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal;

AND THAT Council communicate to the Province that the Town of The Blue Mountains requests that TC Energy's proposed battery storage project is excluded from designation as a Special Economic Zone under the regulations to be developed in Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act 2025;

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion is Carried

YES: 7

Mayor Matrosovs
Councillor Maxwell

Deputy Mayor Bordignon
Councillor McKinlay

Councillor Ardiel
Councillor Porter

Councillor Hope

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0



**The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting**

Title: Sally Leppard, Co-Lead, Climate Action Now Network TBM (CANN)
Date: Monday, July 14, 2025
Time: 6:34 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the June 19, 2025, correspondence from Sally Leppard, CANN regarding Bill 5, Special Economic Zones and T.C. Energy's Pumped Storage Proposal;

AND THAT Council requests Grey County Council and the Municipality of Meaford to request the Province to exclude TC Energy's proposed battery storage project from designation as a Special Economic Zone under the regulations to be developed in Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025;

AND THAT the Town of The Blue Mountains welcomes enquiries from any municipalities or Indigenous Nations interested in making similar motions to the Town of The Blue Mountains

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

The motion is Carried

YES: 7

Mayor Matrosovs	Deputy Mayor Bordignon	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope
Councillor Maxwell	Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter	

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0



**The Corporation of the Town of Grimsby
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August 14, 2025

SENT VIA E-MAIL
clerks@aurora.ca

Attention: Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk

RE: Endorsement of Motion - Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on August 11, 2025, passed the following resolution:

C-25-164

Moved: Councillor Korstanje

Seconded: Councillor Charrois

Resolved that Council endorse the Town of Aurora's motion regarding opposition to Bill 5.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Regards,

Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario (premier@ontario.ca)
Hon. Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines (stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (resolutions@amo.on.ca)
All Ontario Municipalities

ATTCH: 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*



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

IS/lb

Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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

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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)

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
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	11am – 5pm	Cards for Cause	500	Dickson Arena	Public, Free	Community Group

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8/5/2025 – 8/6/2025	5:30pm – 9pm	The Voice of the River: the Grand River Community Play	200	Lower Main Street Road closure, Mill Race Amphitheatre, along Grand River	Public, Free	Community Group
8/6/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Kiki Totally Outrageous with LED	100+	Forbes Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
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
8/13/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/16/2025	11am – 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
8/20/2025	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Cambridge Summer Live – Ultimutts Dog Show	100+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
8/23/2025	1pm – 10pm	Oddfest	100	Lower Main Street Road Closure	Public, Free	BIA
8/23/2025	5:30pm – 10pm	Vhalam Navrati 2025	1,000	Riverside Park	Religious/ Cultural	Community Group
8/30/2025	11am – 2pm	Block Party	300-350	Forward Church	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
11/28/2025	6pm – 8pm	Music and Lights in the Village	1,000+	Hespeler Town Centre/Village	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/1/2025	6pm – 8pm	Preston Tree Lighting	1,000+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/5/2025	6:45pm – 10pm	Phil Kline’s Unsilent Night	1,000+	City Hall, Downtown Galt	Public, Free	City of Cambridge

New events

12/5/2025 – 12/7/2025	Fri 5:30pm – 10pm Sat 10am – 5pm Sun 10am – 4pm	Cambridge Holiday Market	1,000+	City Hall, Cambridge Centre for the Arts	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/13/2025	10am – 5pm	Central Park Winter Fun Day	1,000+	Central Park	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
12/31/2025	3pm – 7pm	New Year's Eve Party	1,000+	Hespeler Memorial Arena	Public, Free	City of Cambridge

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Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer
8/23/2025	2pm – 8pm	Oddfest – Market		Event Cancelled		
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	12pm – 4pm	Preston Spring Neighbourhood Community Day	400	Cyrus Park – Road Closure	Public, Free	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
9/13/2025	11am – 2pm	Brian Riddell's Annual BBQ	50 – 100	Riverside Park – Dolph Picnic Area	Public, Free	Community Group
9/14/2025	9am – 3pm	Walk to Remember		Event Cancelled		
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

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9/21/2025	9am – 4pm	Fireside Haven’s Cruise & Craft Festival	500	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/21/2025	9am – 1pm	rare Trail Party: 16 th Annual Walk, Hike & Run Fundraiser	200	Riverbluffs Park & rare ECO Centre	Public, Cost	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
9/27/2025	10:30am – 3pm	Dunbar Reads	100	Otto Klotz	Public, Free	Community Group
9/30/2025	6pm – 8pm	Orange Shirt Day	50+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
9/30/2025	7pm – 11pm	Vhagam Navratri	Event Cancelled			
10/4/2025	8:30am – 11:55pm	Ajan Khan Fight Series	600	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
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
11/15/2025	6pm – 8pm	Cambridge Santa Claus Parade	30,000	Hespeler Road between Dunbar Road and Langs Drive	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
11/28/2025	7pm – 11pm	Red Scarf Gala	125	Toyota Auditorium	Public, Cost	Community Group

**All events are subject to change*