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August 8, 2025

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MINUTES
Corporation of the City of Cambridge
Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee

June 23, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance: Gary Racine, Sarah Dodds, CJ Janzen, Barry Green, Alison Fitzpatrick, Shannon Adshade, Heather DeYoe, Councillor Helen Shwery, and Councillor Corey Kimpson

Regrets: Tara Small

Staff Members in Attendance: Michael Oliveri, Council Committee Services Coordinator; Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Farshid Sadatsharifi, Accessibility Coordinator; Nathan Zrini, Landscape Architect; Shane Taylor, Manager of Recreation, Placemaking Capital Projects; Bryan Cooper – Senior Planner – Policy

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

Approval of May 26, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: CJ
Seconded by: Sarah

THAT the minutes of the May 26, 2025, Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Agenda items:

7.1 City of Cambridge – Park Projects (Churchill Park - Rocketship Playground Renewal, Churchill Park - Basketball Court Renewal, Sault Park - East - New Playground, Gordon Chaplin Park - Playground Renewal, and Weaver Park - Basketball Park Renewal)

Projects Covered:

- Churchill Park – Rocketship Playground Renewal
- Gordon Chaplin Park – Playground Renewal
- Sault Park East – New Playground
- Churchill Park & Weaver Park – Basketball Court Renewals

Key Accessibility Feedback & Concerns:

- **Surface Material Concerns:**
 - Strong opposition to engineered wood fibre (EWF) as inaccessible for wheelchair/crutch users
 - Requests for rubber surfacing to be the default
 - Suggestions to investigate hybrid solutions (e.g., rubber trails, Mobi-Mats)
- **Inclusive Design:**
 - Concerns raised that transfer stations and "accessible" features are not genuinely inclusive
 - Comments emphasized the need for children using mobility aids to fully participate in play
- **Roll-On Swings:**
 - Suggested as standard, not dependent on resident consultation
- **Accessibility Beyond Playgrounds:**
 - Parking access for caregivers with mobility needs (e.g., van access, more spaces)
 - Lack of accessible routes to picnic areas
 - The committee expressed interest in further exploring surfacing and accessibility standards, staff will explore what options the committee has
 - The committee also expressed interest in recommending the Council adopt rubber surfacing as the default standard
- **Recommendations:**
 - Align playground development with the Parks Master Plan, which mandates rubber surfacing in larger parks

7.2 City of Cambridge – Preston Auditorium Wayfinding and Communications Strategy

Project Summary:

- Renovation of 1971 facility with a \$35M budget
- 77,000 sq ft facility with upgraded arenas, change rooms, and parking
- Fully accessible design in all newly built areas; partial upgrades in older sections

Accessibility Enhancements:

- No elevation differences between entrances (grade removed)
- AODA & FADS 2024 used wherever applicable
- Accessible viewing platforms in both arenas (upper & lower)
- Barrier-free change rooms, referee rooms, and washrooms
- Accessible kitchenette in the new boardroom

Wayfinding and Communication Plans:

- Braille-integrated signage
- QR-coded donor wall
- Online building maps and tactile location signage planned
- Exploring the use of the GoodMaps app for indoor navigation

Feedback and Suggestions:

- Request for tactile restroom maps (raised layouts)
- Suggestion for Braille pamphlets or "returnable Braille maps" at entrances
- Consider CNIB, Rick Hansen Foundation, and National Braille Literacy resources for guidance

7.3 Region of Waterloo – Website Overhaul Project

Project Scope:

- Redesigning eight regional websites with an accessibility-first approach
- Public invited to test site structure via TreeJack survey (due June 27)
- Accessibility features being reviewed

Committee Input:

- Request for clearer and simpler page navigation
- Desire for accessible content formats and improved readability
- Follow-up consultations anticipated for Fall 2025

7.4 City of Cambridge – New Zoning By-Law

Presentation Summary:

- Modernizing outdated Zoning By-Law 150-85
- Integrates form-based code to enable accessible housing design
- Specific accessibility mentions include:
 - Barrier-free entrances are allowed in all zones
 - 15% of stacked or multiple units must have barrier-free entries
 - Parking: Type A & B requirements confirmed
- The committee would like to see clear and specific parking requirements in the by-law

7.5 City of Cambridge – Multi-Year Accessibility Plan

This item had one delegate: Devin Sisak

Overview:

- **Purpose:** Legislated requirement under AODA to remove accessibility barriers across municipal services and spaces
- **Focus Areas (5 Pillars):**
 1. Information & Communications
 2. Design of Public Spaces
 3. Employment
 4. Transportation
 5. Customer Service

Community Engagement:

- **Survey Open:** June 23 – July 25 (via Engage Cambridge)
- **In-Person Sessions:**
 - June 26 – Allen Reuter Centre
 - July 4, 19 – Cambridge Centre Mall
 - July 16 – David Durward Centre
 - July 22 – Ted Wake Centre

Committee Feedback:

- Need for:
 - Broader engagement beyond surveys (locations/groups suggested: Langs, YMCA, sports events, etc)
 - Integration of accessibility into every policy lens
 - Focus on both visible and invisible disabilities
- Recommendation:
 - Embed “universal design as baseline” into MYAP language
 - Suggestion to set “baseline non-negotiables” for all facilities/projects

Summary of Committee-Wide Recommendations

General:

- Move beyond compliance to equity-based design
- Elevate accessibility to a strategic principle, not just a legal duty

For Parks & Facilities:

- Rubberized surfacing as default
- Roll-on swings and transfer-free play components

- Accessible parking, paths, washrooms, and signage
- Proactive, not reactive, inclusion

For Multi-Year Accessibility Plan:

- Adopt universal accessibility as a baseline
- Develop concrete indicators of barrier removal
- Include continuous AAC consultation, not just one-time input

Adjournment

Moved by: CJ

Seconded by: Shannon

THAT The Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of June 23, 2025, be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

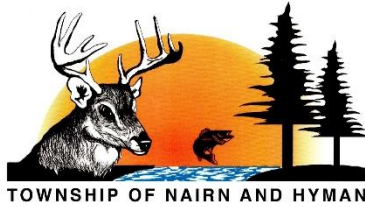
CARRIED

Next Meeting:

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

If any accommodations are required to participate in this meeting, please email

accessibility@cambridge.ca



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July 17, 2025

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The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
College Park, 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
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The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
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The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Disposal of Niobium Tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman has passed a formal resolution opposing the proposed transport and disposal of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTEMA), located within our municipal boundaries.

This resolution follows the independent review by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. conducted on behalf of the Township of the technical documents submitted by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Transportation, including the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)

and the Conceptual Site Model (CSM). The findings of Hutchinson's review have raised significant concerns regarding the sufficiency of the risk assessment, groundwater and surface water monitoring, leachability modeling, baseline data gaps, and long-term containment and environmental management plans. These issues pose unacceptable risks to public health, the surrounding watershed, and the long-term environmental integrity of our region.

Further, it has come to the Township's attention that the Ministry of Transportation has transported a portion of the niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility near Sarnia. This action raises a serious question as to why all the material is not being disposed of through the same secure and regulated channel, instead of being placed at an aging tailings management site adjacent to sensitive ecosystems and communities.

The Township of Nairn and Hyman also wishes to acknowledge and support the position of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), who have issued a letter voicing their firm opposition to this project. Their concerns are rooted not only in environmental impact, but also in the Ministry's failure to conduct meaningful consultation with the impacted UCCMM First Nations, whose traditional territory includes the Agnew Lake area. Their letter is attached for your review and inclusion in the public record.

This resolution passed at the Council Meeting of the Township of Nairn and Hyman on July 14, 2025, calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2025-8-152

DATED: July 14, 2025

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

WHEREAS the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Transportation has proposed the transportation and placement of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, located within the Township of Nairn and Hyman;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry has submitted technical documentation, including a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) and Conceptual Site Model (CSM), which have been independently reviewed by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. on behalf of the Township;

AND WHEREAS Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. report raises serious concerns regarding the adequacy of risk modeling, leachability assessments, hydrogeological characterization, biological monitoring, and long-term containment of radionuclides and toxic metals;

AND WHEREAS the Township has recently learned that the Ministry of Transportation intends to transport an existing stockpile of niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility in Sarnia, Ontario, raising the question as to why all of the niobium tailings are not being managed in the same manner;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman formally opposes the transportation or placement of niobium tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; MP Jim Belanger; MPP Bill Rosenburg; MPP France Gelinias; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Sincerely,

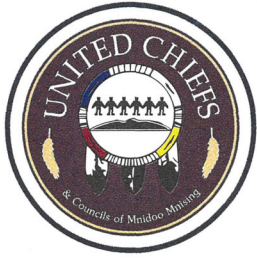
Belinda Ketchabaw

Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman
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Attachments: UCCMM Letter – Agnew Lake Tailings Management, Chief Patsy Corbiere, July 14, 2025

Cc:

Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members
The United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising
Ontario Ombudsman
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Canadian Environmental Law Association
MP Jim Belanger
MPP Bill Rosenburg
MPP France Gelinias
Association of Ontario Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities
Maria Magdalene Healy, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Adam Levine, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Marc Stewart, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Rob Schryburt, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Eric Cobb, Ministry of Energy and Mines
Kristin Franks, Ministry of Transportation
Andrew Healy, Ministry of Transportation



UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

July 14, 2025

Hon. George Pirie
Minister of Mines
minister.mines@ontario.ca

Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
minister.mto@ontario.ca

Adam Levine Team Leader,
Indigenous Consultation and Participant Funding Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
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Re: Lack of First Nations engagement regarding Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area

We are writing to express our serious concerns about the lack of engagement with the impacted UCCMM First Nations regarding the ongoing monitoring and management of the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, including but not limited to the decision in 2020 to expand the scope of the existing licence to allow for the depositing of large quantities of radioactive material from the former Beaucage Mine (WNSL-W5-3102.01/2025), as well as the proposed renewal of the licence for the site.

In the fall of last year UCCMM raised serious concerns with you and your staff about depositing large quantities of radioactive material at the site and the impacts of this on the UCCMM First Nations' rights, interests and well-being.

The Tailings Management Area is in close proximity to areas actively used for the exercise of our treaty protected s. 35 rights, including fishing and trapping. Despite this, there appears to have been no adequate engagement with our First Nations either about the decision to add more radioactive site to the Tailings Area, or about ongoing monitoring and management of the Tailings Area.

After a meeting with UCCMM last fall we were promised more detailed information about the project to add new radioactive materials to the site and the management of the site. While we have received some information from CNSC, we have received no further information or communication from Ontario. While we are aware of Ontario's communications with Whitefish River First Nation, as far as we are aware, the detailed information promised to WRFN by Ontario in December of 2024 was also never provided. In any event, WRFN is not the only UCCMM First Nation impacted, a point that was made clear in our meeting with Ontario officials last fall. Despite

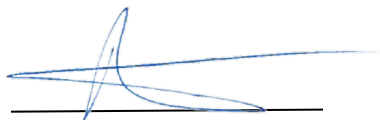
this, UCCMM was not even notified directly by Ontario about its further plans to move ahead with this project.

It is entirely contrary to the Honour of the Crown and the Crown's obligation for the Crown to move ahead with plans that will likely have a significant negative impact on the UCCMM First Nations where the Crown has repeatedly failed to be forthcoming with its promises to provide information.

UCCMM must have adequate information, as well as time and resources to review that information to assess the level of impact on our rights, and what alternatives are available.

Please confirm that Ontario will pause any further plans to move ahead with a renewal or to move any additional radioactive material to the site until appropriate consultation and accommodation – including the provision of adequate data – is completed.

Please contact Saul Bomberry sbomberry@uccmm.ca at the Tribal Council to arrange a meeting with UCCMM and provide him the relevant information immediately.



Chief Patsy Corbiere
Tribal Chair

cc. Eric Cobb, MINES
Marc Stewart, MINES
UCCMM First Nations Chief and Councils
Township of Nairn and Hyman

July 30, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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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



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July 31, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: Norfolk County Council – Letter of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, Council passed the following resolution on July 22, 2025, regular council meeting:

Resolution No. C-154

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Masschaele

That Council directs staff to send a letter of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding Bill C-2.

Carried.

In addition, Council endorsed the following resolution made by the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

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, Leslyn Lewis, 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

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca.

Sincerely,

T. Rodrigues

Tracey Rodrigues
Deputy County Clerk
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Friday, August 1, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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SENT VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca
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RE: Town of Goderich's Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack:

The Council of the Town of Goderich passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2025, Council meeting regarding the Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025:

Moved By: Councilor Petrie

Seconded By: Councilor Thompson

Whereas on May 12, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "Province"), enacted Bill 17, also known as the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (hereafter, the "Act"), which will defer Development Charges (hereafter, "DCs") and their associated revenues, and increase collection efforts and costs;

And Whereas the DCs collected from developers are necessary to help municipalities fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new housing;

Now Therefore be it resolved that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich:

- Requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with clarity on how they should fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new growth, given the impacts to overall DC revenue;
- Wishes it to be known that the constant change to the Province's planning and development framework is creating uncertainty and is ultimately reducing the construction of housing; and,

- Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Huron-Bruce MPP, Huron-Bruce MP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Amanda Banting
Deputy Clerk
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Cc: The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
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August 7, 2025

To: All Ontario Municipalities, AMO

Moved: Councillor Frank Kennes

Seconded: Councillor Greg Willsie

THAT: Council send a letter of support for this resolution to AMO along with all the other entities that the original motion was circulated to, excluding all other municipalities.
Result: Carried

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 Strathroy-Caradoc 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

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

New events

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
8/20/2025	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
8/15/2025 – 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
8/30/2025	5:30pm – 10pm	Vhalem Navrati 2025	1,000	Riverside Park	Religious/ Cultural	Community Group

New events

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
9/6/2025	12pm – 4pm	Preston Spring Neighbourhood Community Day	400	Cyrus Park	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
9/14/2025	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
9/21/2025	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
9/30/2025	7pm – 11pm	Vhagam Navratri	Event Cancelled			

New events

10/4/2025	8:30am – 11:55pm	Ajan Khan Fight Series	600	Duncan MacIntosh 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

**All events are subject to change*