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September 19, 2025

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MINUTES

Youth Advisory Committee of Council

Thursday March 27, 2025 – 5:00pm, WG Johnson Centre - Board Room

Statement of Goals/Objective

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

Attendance:

NAME	NAME	NAME
Jennifer Blanchard, Recreation Coordinator – Youth (Chair)	Stephanie Backes, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)	Councillor Hamilton, City of Cambridge
Evelyne Loise, Member	Brock Adshade, Member	Morgan Vance, Member
Rehan Mazid, Member	Maanas Naik, Member	Aubrey Ireland, Member
Olivia White, Member		

Regrets: N/A

Guests: M. Barrantes Barreto

1. Presentations

a) Training with the Clerks Department

City of Cambridge’s Council Committee Services Coordinator was introduced. Procedural training was presented to the committee along with a question-and-answer period. It was noted that members of the public have a right to attend meetings and can speak at a committee meeting by completing a committee delegation request, if it is related to an item on the agenda.

C. Hamilton joined the meeting.

The Council Committee Services Coordinator led a motion game to help the committee better understand how and why motions are made.

2. Action Items Follow Up

a) Youth Month Event Ideas

Fall and Winter event ideas must be planned by April 15, 2025. Please share any programs or ideas with the Chair.

Photography Program occurring on Saturday, April 26th. The program still needs five people, with a requirement of twelve to run the program. The goal of programming is to take photos and bring them to Show Up Show Off.

Game and Grubs - Once a month participants will meet, cook dinner and play video games. On average, Games and Grubs has sixteen attendees and is continuously growing. It was recommended to also have programs run in Preston. As of May, programs will run out of the Allan Reuter Centre.

Upcoming events – Staff are looking to run a youth drop-in program held throughout the summer at least once a week held between various city facilities while working alongside the Neighbourhood groups.

3. Standing Items

a) Welcome

The Chair welcomed members of the committee and reviewed the agenda items.

b) Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read to the committee.

c) Introduction of New Members

Committee members introduced themselves to one another.

d) Coordinator Update

In 2002, funds were created for Rock the Mill which was an outdoor concert ran for the public to attend. YACC previously raised money to host this event. Currently, there is

\$3,500 sitting in this account to spend. The cities finance team has determined that staff are no longer able to keep this account open and therefore need to decide what the funds will be used towards. Funds will need to be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Rock the Mill will not be coming back due to safety concerns. Committee

members discussed the following ideas: youth pickleball nets, sponsoring something already offered, YACC banners/advertisements in downtown core areas and at youth events, youth day event, basketball tournament, youth entrepreneur workshops, sponsor a HIGHFIVE training session, STEM group that works alongside youth, subsidized bus passes during youth month and a swim night for youth. The Chair will take away these ideas and provide a cost associated to each to present them at April's meeting. Please email the Chair any additional ideas you may have.

March Break - Staff ran their first LIT camp. Evening basketball programs have become popular enough to require two basketball programs instead of one.

e) Council Update – Councillor Hamilton

Committee members asked C. Hamilton any inquiries they had on various subject matters.

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

Invitations to the Youth Appreciation Awards were provided to each committee member. The timeline of events will be discussed at April's meeting. This will be held at the Cambridge Newfoundland Club and holds a capacity limit of 275. If you'd like to be a presenter, please email the Chair prior to April's meeting. Volunteers will be expected to help with setup. Every nominee will receive an invitation along with the individual who nominated them. There is no cost to attend the awards.

Youth Month – anything youth month related will have the youth logo attached to it. The Youth Month calendar of events will be sent out to committee members by Thursday April 10, 2025. Nominations are due by Tuesday April 15, 2025. To date, eighteen nominations have been received. Ideas for youth month include:

- Youth Pickleball Day (the Chair will add this to the calendar)
- Swim Days (Staff are working alongside pool programmers to confirm availability)
- Nerf Fight
- Trivia Night

The meeting was moved by B. Adshade and seconded by R. Mazid.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

4. Dates to remember

- May 1, 2025 – City of Cambridge Youth Award



WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has imposed "Strong Mayor Powers" on municipalities without broad consultation or consent; and

WHEREAS over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requested their removal, some as early as 2023; and

WHEREAS strong mayor powers concentrate authority in one office, undermining democratic governance, council collaboration, and transparency; and

WHEREAS municipalities are most effective through shared leadership and local decision-making;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Fort Frances opposes the imposition of strong mayor powers and requests immediate removal from the list of designated municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario
- Paula Banks

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Committee of the Whole

Agenda Number: 3.2.3.
Resolution Number 2025-214
Title: Report to Council - Natural Gas Expansion - Project Cancellation
Date: September 3, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles benefited from the Natural Gas Expansion Program Phase 2 expansion funding announced on June 9, 2021;
AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2025, the Municipality of St.-Charles was notified that the expansion project was cancelled due to mounting costs associated with inflation and difficult terrain;
AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario is on the cusp of substantial growth largely related to accessing critical minerals that will drive expansion in the mining sector;
AND WHEREAS with this economic expansion comes the need to support growth in traditional sectors such as farming, healthcare, forestry, and education;
AND WHEREAS employment growth will create increased demand for new housing developments to ensure that workers have a place to live, work, and play, all of which are closely tied to accessing natural gas as an affordable energy source and essential infrastructure for future residential, commercial, and industrial development;
AND WHEREAS current energy challenges force developers to explore alternatives such as oil and propane, which, while serving as temporary solutions, come with high costs and raise environmental concerns;
AND WHEREAS there is an urgent need for investment in sustainable energy solutions that are affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible to support both current and future development;
AND WHEREAS natural gas is recognized as a clean, economical, and domestically sourced energy option that will lower energy costs for residents, farms, and businesses, while also enhancing opportunities for northern communities to grow by attracting new housing developments and commercial investment;
AND WHEREAS natural gas serves as a critical transition fuel that reduces reliance on higher-emission sources such as oil and propane, while enabling time and capacity for future investments in renewable and low-carbon energy;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles respectfully requests the Government of Ontario to support and approve the expansion of natural gas infrastructure to rural municipalities such as St.-Charles by undertaking a review of the Ontario Energy Board's Profitability Index model to incorporate a Northern Cost Adjustment that fairly accounts for the higher costs of construction in Northern Ontario caused by terrain challenges such as bedrock and wetlands, as well as the realities of distance, climate, and lower population density, to ensure that rural and northern communities are not disadvantaged in accessing natural gas infrastructure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of St.-Charles requests the Province to embed northern natural gas expansion as a priority in Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan and regional economic growth strategies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to FONOM, ROMA, AMO and all northern municipalities to build collective support for equitable natural gas expansion in Northern Ontario.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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Date: September 9, 2025

Motion # 266

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), transitioned the cost of the Blue Box Programs to a full producer responsibility (100% cost recovery) model, under Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box Regulation), made pursuant to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*;

AND WHEREAS under the new framework, producers are individually and collectively responsible for operating and fully funding Blue Box collection systems, effective July 1, 2023, with municipal transition dates phased in through to 2026;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are no longer required to operate Blue Box collection systems after their designated transition date, resulting in the potential for stranded municipal assets, such as materials recovery facilities, vehicles, bins, depots, and other capital investments, which may not be compensated under the new regulatory framework;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour has historically, on behalf of the shared service partners, invested in waste diversion programs and infrastructure to meet provincial mandates and local service expectations;

AND WHEREAS the successful transition to the producer responsibility model requires clarity on asset management, fair compensation for stranded assets, and ongoing communication between municipalities, producers, and the Province to ensure a seamless transition for residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities continue to have an interest in ensuring that Blue Box programs remain accessible, efficient, and effective for residents throughout and after the transition period;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour and its shared service partners have formally declined the extension to contract made by Circular Materials through the Change Notice dated June 27, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby:


1. **Requests** that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), work collaboratively with municipalities to address the financial and operational risks of stranded assets;
2. **Advocates** for transparent processes, fair compensation, and timely communication to protect municipal investments and ensure service continuity for residents; and
3. **Directs** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Circular Materials, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and support, *and forward to Parry Sound District meeting*

Moved by:

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

Seconded by:

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



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September 10, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution #18, September 9, 2025 - Resolution Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Timiskaming Forest

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

CARRIED

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10th, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

WHEREAS the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of Larder Lake, and this activity may impact residents and ecosystems; 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 Larder Lake formally requests that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming 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

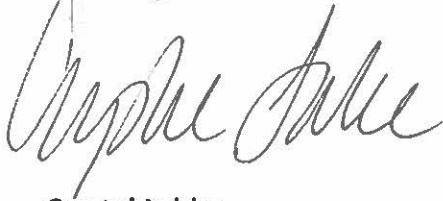
MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe

CAO/ Clerk Treasurer



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September 10, 2025

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal
Ministry of the Solicitor General
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Subject: Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

On behalf of The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake we are writing to express our support for the firefighter certification requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22. We recognize the importance of standardized training and certification in enhancing firefighter safety, service quality, and public confidence across the province.

When firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, many rural municipalities voiced concern, noting that they do not offer the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province graciously responded by introducing legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the diverse realities across Ontario.

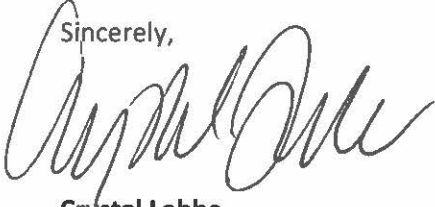
However, despite this accommodation, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available or are only in "pilot" while there remains a large demand for these programs. The Province cannot reasonably expect volunteer firefighters—many of whom work full-time jobs—to independently develop training programs that meet the standards required to pass certification exams. This places an undue burden on small municipalities and risks compromising the intent of the regulation.

We have enclosed a formal resolution passed by our Council, which outlines our concerns and respectfully requests that the province extend the certification deadline to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation to allow time for volunteer fire departments to access these training programs and achieve certification.

We also urge the Province to consider a phased adaptive approach to implementation, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to the necessary training resources.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to fire service excellence and look forward to your support in helping Ontario municipalities meet these important standards in a realistic and sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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September 10, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution #17, September 9, 2025 – Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Councillor Armstrong

CARRIED

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach; however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available.

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College’s course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the **Township of Larder Lake** respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC), **John Vanthof** and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer



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September 15, 2025

SENT VIA E-MAIL

premier@ontario.ca

Attention: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

RE: Resolution – Support for Niagara-GTA Corridor

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Grimsby at its meeting held on September 8, 2025, passed the following resolution:

C-25-177

Moved: Councillor Baradziej

Seconded: Councillor DiFlavio

Whereas the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) is the primary east-west transportation corridor through Niagara; and

Whereas the Town of Grimsby is the gateway to Niagara with limited roadways travelling parallel, creating regional vulnerabilities and a bottleneck affect when incidents or delays occur on the QEW; and

Whereas transportation disruptions on the QEW result in congestion and gridlock across town(s) and the region; limits mobility for residents, businesses, and emergency services; and have direct economic and social costs on our community in Niagara; and

Whereas the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) estimated the economic and social cost of congestion in Ontario in 2024 was \$56.4 billion; and

Whereas a new corridor in the Niagara Region has the potential to increase access to businesses along the new corridor and increase efficiency of the movement of people, goods, products and services to market. All of which make Niagara more attractive to job-creating business investment, and new residents looking to live and work in Niagara; and

Whereas a strategic corridor linking the rapidly growing Waterloo Region, Hamilton, and Niagara Region has the potential to strengthen economic ties between municipalities, creating an inter-regional economic powerhouse and transportation connection serving over two million people, while reducing the bottleneck affect on the QEW in Niagara, Hamilton and the GTA; and

Re: Resolution – Support for Niagara-GTA Corridor

Whereas a new transportation corridor between Niagara and the GTA is critical for long-term regional connectivity, sustainable population growth, balanced infrastructure development, and economic development.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Grimsby and Council express support for the inclusion of a new Niagara-GTA corridor as part of the ongoing Region of Niagara's Transportation Master Plan.

Be it further resolved that this motion be circulated to all Niagara municipalities, MPs and MPPs, the Provincial Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation, the Premier of Ontario, Councillor Jeff Beattie's Office – Ward 10, Hamilton, the City of Hamilton, the City of Kitchener, the City of Waterloo, the City of Guelph, the City of Cambridge, the City of Brantford, and the Regional Municipality of Niagara, expressing our community's support for continued planning and investment in a Niagara-GTA corridor as a transportation priority.

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

Regards,



Victoria Steele
Town Clerk

CC:

Regional Municipality of Niagara
Local Area Municipalities
Local Area MPs
Local Area MPPs
Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Councillor Jeff Beattie, City of Hamilton
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Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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SENT VIA EMAIL: clerks@stcatharines.ca

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

Dear V. Steele,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, September 8, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councilor Petrie
Seconded By: Councilor Thompson
That Goderich Town Council hereby supports the request from Victoria Steele, Town Clerk, Town of Grimsby, to endorse the City of St. Catherines' Motion regarding the Elect Respect Pledge.

CARRIED

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

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September 17, 2025

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

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Proposed Amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

343-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Marissa Vaughan

That South Huron Council supports the BRA September 2, 2025 correspondence regarding proposed amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Thompson, AMO, BRA and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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

cc: Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Todd McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; Bluewater Recycling Association, michelle@bra.org; and all Ontario Municipalities.



September 2, 2025

Dear Local Member of Provincial Parliament

Subject: Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Resource Recovery & Circular Economy Act

On behalf of the Bluewater Recycling Association and our member municipalities, I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Resource Recovery & Circular Economy Act* (RRCEA), particularly regarding maintaining collection services for small businesses and other non-eligible sources.

We recognize that with these proposed amendments, the government is seeking to address the cost pressures producers have raised, as well as some concerns small businesses have expressed towards the continuation of recycling services. While we appreciate these efforts, we feel the current proposal does not fully reflect the realities faced by municipalities, service providers, and the small businesses and residents who rely on these programs.

Our mission remains to deliver cost-effective and sustainable waste management solutions that support the public good. We remain committed to helping build a competitive, efficient, and innovative recycling system that benefits all Ontarians. To that end, we respectfully urge the government to consider the following points:

Maintaining Service for Small Businesses and Community Facilities

We strongly believe it is essential to maintain collection for small businesses and community facilities to ensure continuity of service without undue cost increases. There must be a balance between fair market procurement practices and minimizing disruption for service contracts already in place. The grandfathering of existing services—particularly in rural areas—should be considered.

Municipalities like ours have already expanded recycling service beyond traditional “main street” business areas. Excluding these customers now risks fragmenting the system, creating confusion, increasing municipal costs, and potentially sending more recyclable material to landfill. We recommend that all currently serviced, non-eligible properties remain in the system until an integrated alternative is available.

Specific Concerns with the Current Circular Material Proposal

In addition to the general issues above, I want to share candid feedback on several aspects of the draft proposal provided by Circular Materials:

- **2% ICI Limit:** The proposed cap of 2% ICI stops per route does not align with what we see in practice. Most municipalities currently serve between 3–8% ICI stops. A 2% cap appears arbitrary and would cut out the majority of existing stops. This restriction risks destabilizing service in many communities.
- **Downtown Core Apartments:** Clarification is needed on how recycling will be managed for apartments located above commercial units. Today, these residents often share a front-end bin with the business below. Under the new rules, co-collection requires a 95-gallon cart, which presents challenges:
 - These bins are located on commercial property, and if businesses are excluded, they may request removal.

- Apartments generally cannot use wheelie bins due to lack of storage and lack of space for placement on collection day.
This gap in the proposal will leave many downtown residents without a viable recycling option.
- **Quantity of Material:** Restricting ICI generators to a single 95-gallon cart is too limiting, particularly given the expanded Blue Box program starting in 2026. At a minimum, increasing the limit to two carts would provide small businesses with a reasonable solution to manage their recyclables.

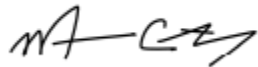
Closing Comments

While we recognize and value the work that has gone into these proposals, the framework as presented feels incomplete and impractical in several respects. The issues raised by municipalities and service providers during consultations highlight the need for a more balanced approach—one that safeguards service for small businesses, community facilities, and rural Ontarians, while ensuring the long-term success of Ontario’s EPR system.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss these issues and to work together on solutions that meet the needs of both producers and communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of the waste diversion and recycling goals that benefit all Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Michelle Courtney
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Bluewater Recycling Association



September 4, 2025

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RE: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their September 2, 2025 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Whetstone

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WHEREAS the closure of the London Bridge Before and After School Programs, along with the Preschool Program at Bluewater Coast Elementary School, are creating a significant and immediate challenge for families with young children; and

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, and all Ontario Municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

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Chandra Alexander
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cc: All Ontario Municipalities



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September 17, 2025

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Closure of Before and After School Programs

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

357-2025

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Ted Oke

That South Huron Council supports the Municipality of Bluewater's September 2, 2025 Resolution regarding closure of before and afterschool programs; and

That South Huron Council voices similar concerns regarding schools within its boundaries; and

That a copy of this supporting resolution and originating documents be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Education, MPP Thompson and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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Encl.

cc: Minister of Education, Hon. Paul Calandra, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org;
MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; and all Ontario
Municipalities.



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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 3pm-7pm	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	12pm – 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	11am-4pm	Sidewalk Sale	100+	Downtown Cambridge Core	Public, Free	BIA
9/4/2025 – 9/7/2025	Thurs 4-10pm Fri 4-10pm Sat 12-10pm Sun 12-5pm	Cambridge Fall Fair	2,500 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/6/2025	12:30pm – 3pm	The Springle Real Estate Team & YWCA Yoga Charity Event	80	Soper Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/7/2025	10am – 2:30pm	Honda Annual BBQ	25	Riverside Park	Private	Community Group

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9/13/2025	10am – 2pm	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	11am – 2pm	Newcomers Connection Picnic	500	Churchill Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
9/13/2025	12pm – 2pm	Brian Riddell's Annual BBQ	50 – 100	Riverside Park – Dolph Picnic Area	Public, Free	Community Group
9/13/2025	12pm – 6pm	Redhawks Home Opener	700	Soper Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/14/2025	11am – 2:30pm	Cambridge Terry Fox Run	150	Riverside Park – Special Event Space	Fundraiser	Community Group
9/19/2025 – 9/20/2025	Friday 4–10pm Sat 3–10pm	Fest2Fall	5,000 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/21/2025	11am – 4pm	Fireside Haven's Cruise & Craft Festival	500	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/21/2025	9am – 1pm	rare Trail Party: 16th Annual Walk, Hike & Run Fundraiser	200	Riverbluffs Park & rare ECO Centre	Public, Cost	Community Group
9/27/2025	5pm-12am	GHS Navratri 2025	500 – 700	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
10/25/2025	12pm – 2pm	Hespeler Village Halloween Hunt	500	Downtown Hespeler – Queen Street	Public, Free	BIA
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
12/5/2025 – 12/7/2025	Friday 5:30pm– 10pm Saturday 10am – 5pm Sunday 10am – 4pm	Cambridge Holiday Market	7,000	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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Events in Approval Process

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9/20/2025	5pm – 8pm	Robyn Veber, REMAX-Twin City Client Appreciation Event	Event Cancelled			
9/27/2025	6pm – 11pm	Navratri 2025	Event Cancelled			
9/27/2025	10am – 3pm	Annual Harvest Festival	3,000	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association
9/27/2025	10am – 5pm	Preston Memorial Arena Grand Opening Event	5,000	Preston Memorial Arena, East Side Parking Lot	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
9/27/2025	8pm – 10pm	Preston Lantern Project	100-150	Central Park	Public, Free	Community Group
9/28/2025	11am – 5pm	Art In The Open	300	Imperial Lane, Melville Cafe Pavillion, Sculpture Garden, Mill Race Park, Queen's Square, Trinity Church Maze, Galt Collective 2.0, Lower Main Street, Carnagie Library, Civic Square, Centennial Park, Wellington and Main Street	Public, Free	BIA
9/28/2025	11am – 4:30pm	Dog Day Afternoon	Event Cancelled			
9/30/2025	6pm – 8:30pm	Orange Shirt Day	50+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
9/30/2025	7pm – 11pm	Vhalam Navrati	Event Cancelled			
10/4/2025	8:30am – 11:55pm	Ajan Khan Fight Series	600	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group
10/5/2025	6:45am – 10am	The Fall 5 KM Classic Road Race	750	Riverside Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
10/11/2025	1pm – 2:30pm	HMCS CONESTOGA Commemoration Parade and Reception	100-200	Queen's Square & Galt Royal Canadian Legion	Public, Free	Community Group
10/15/2025	11:30am – 1:30pm	Oktoberfest Lunch	100+	Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge
10/18/2025	10am – 1pm	Walk A Mile In Their Shoes	100	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group

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10/18/2025	9am – 7pm	Bijoya Sommiloni	Event Cancelled			
10/25/2025	11am – 2pm	Halloween Hunt	100-200	Downtown Galt	Public, Free	BIA
11/1/2025	6pm – 9pm	Downtown Cambridge Pumpkin Walk	150	Sculpture Garden	Public, Free	BIA
11/8/2025	8am – 1pm	The REMEMBERrun	400	Riverside Park	Public, Cost	Community Group
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*