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Date: 02/06/2026 **Internal Memo #:** IM26-002 (CFS)

To: Council

Circulated to: Cheryl Zahnleiter - General Manager, Customer and Financial Services
Sheena Pawliwec - Chief Financial Officer

Department: Customer and Financial Services

Division: Finance

From: Wade Novak - Manager of Revenue

Subject: Property Tax Exemptions for Affordable Housing Update

Comments

On October 22, 2024, per report 24-056-CRS - Property Tax Exemption for Affordable Housing, Council approved the City's participation in the regional affordable housing tax exemption program by providing a property tax exemption for the City's portion of the annual levy. Along with approving the recommendation for the City to participate in the regional program, staff were also required to report back on the following items:

Outcomes of the First Year

- 13 applications were received by the Region of Waterloo; one is for a property in Cambridge.
- All applications are under review by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC); none approved yet.

Tax Shifts

- There are no properties yet approved under the program and therefore no associated shift of tax levy between property classes. Future tax shifts are possible, but the extent is unknown.

Level of Interest from Property Developers

- In the ruling on *Stamford Kiwanis Non-Profit Homes Inc. v. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)*, the Ontario Court of Appeal clarified that non-profits organized for relief of economic need could qualify for permanent property tax exemptions within the Assessment Act.

- This court ruling is expected to decrease applications from non-profits under the regional exemption program and MPAC is actively reviewing properties that meet the clarified exemption requirements and will then designate the properties as exempt. No properties in the City of Cambridge have been made exempt as of the 2026 closed tax roll return.

- Low application numbers may also be due to the long-term affordability requirement (up to 60 years by Region; 20 years by City).

Duration of the Property Tax Exemption Program

- Staff will continue to monitor developments with any applications submitted to the regional program as well as any appeals submitted to MPAC. Once there are results to review, a recommendation on the duration of the program or applicability of the program will be possible.

Attachments

Not applicable.

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor ☒ General Manager ☒ City Manager

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Date: 02/06/2026 **Internal Memo #:** IM26-003(PG)

To: Mayor and Council

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg, General Manager

Brynn Nheiley, Director of Planning

Tanya Gies, Chief Building Official

Department: Planning and Growth

Division: Planning

From: J. Matthew Blevins, MCIP, RPP – Senior Planner Reurbanization

Subject: Update – HAF Initiative No. 1

Comments

On November 13, 2025, staff presented report 25-011-CFS for the affordable housing developments at 25 Chalmers Street South and 579 Grand Ridge Drive. During the meeting, Council asked several questions. This memo provides answers.

Questions and Responses

1. **Will there be any change in density or height?**

   Council approved site-specific zoning for both properties, including maximum heights and a minimum parking standard. The proposed designs comply with these zoning rules.

   Any increases in height or reduction in parking would require a new Zoning By-law Amendment which is a public process and decided on by Council. Any changes to setbacks would require a minor variance which is also a public process.

2. **Is the City's definition of Affordable Housing consistent with the Province's?**

   The City uses the same definition of affordable housing as the Province. This definition considers housing affordable if the rent or purchase price does not exceed 30% of household income and the rent or price is below average market rent or price. For these developments, the City has accepted the CMHC definition of affordable housing and CMHC defines affordable housing similarly. The definitions will be consistent with

federal funding program standards and may evolve with new program funding definitions.

These developments are not supportive housing projects.

3. **What are the next steps in the process?**

The next steps for both projects are:

- Finalize and execute the Agreement of Purchase and Sale (APS),
- Complete site plan approval by December 1, 2026, and
- Prepare and submit building permit applications by December 1, 2026.

Staff are working with Union Community Housing to finalize the APS and move toward site plan approval and building permit submission.

Attachments

N/A

Approvals:		
☒ Manager/Supervisor	☒ General Manager	☒ City Manager

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Date: **(02/06/2026)** **Internal Memo #:** **IM26-001(CRS)**

To: **Mayor Liggett and Members of Council**

Circulated to: **Cheryl Zahnleiter, General Manager, Danielle Manton, General Manager**

Department: **Customer and Financial Services, Corporate Services**

Division: **Financial Services, Clerks**

From: **Sheena Pawliwec, Chief Financial Officer, Jennifer Shaw, City Clerk**

Subject: **2026 Budget – Council Debrief Survey**

Comments

During the 2026 Budget deliberations, Council was advised that a post-budget debrief survey would be shared to obtain Council's feedback.

The attached survey will be circulated to Council and is intended to identify efficiencies, opportunities and improvements ahead of planning for the 2027 Budget process.

Staff are asking Members of Council to complete the survey by **Friday, February 20th.** Completed surveys can be e-mailed to the City Clerk.

A summary of the survey comments received will be compiled by staff and shared with Council in a future Council Information Package Memo.

Please contact the City Clerk should you have any questions or concerns.

Attachments

Appendix A – 2026 Budget – Council Survey

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor ☒ General Manager ☒ City Manager

Appendix A – 2026 Budget – Council Survey

Under the Ontario Municipal Act, 2001, the City's budget process must include a 30 day amendment period after the draft budget is presented to Council and the public. During this time, Council may propose amendments while ensuring the process remains fully compliant with the Act. While these legislative requirements guide the framework, there are still opportunities to improve how we engage the public, support Council, and strengthen the amendment process.

The following open-ended questions are intended to gather your input on how we can improve the budget process for future years.

1. Public Engagement

- What improvements or new approaches would you like to see in how the public is engaged before, during and after the annual budget process?

2. Council Engagement

- How could you be better supported before, during and after the formal 30 day amendment period begins?

3. Process and Forms

- What changes or additions would help make the amendment creation process—including consultations with staff and the amendment form—more effective for you?

4. Meetings Format During the 30 Day Amendment Period

- What improvements to the number, structure, or format of council meetings during the 30 day amendment period would help you make informed budget amendments?

5. After Budget Adoption

- What suggestions do you have for improving follow-up, communication, or processes after the budget has been adopted?

6. Final Suggestions

- Do you have any final suggestions on how to better improve the budget process that did not make it into any of your responses to the above questions?

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Date: 02/06/2026 **Internal Memo #:** IM26-005(PG)

To: Council

Circulated to: Hardy Bromberg, General Manager

Department: Planning and Growth

Division: By-law and Enforcement

From: Elisabeth Slusarczyk, Director of Municipal By-law Compliance & Corporate Security

Subject: Service Contract: Dispatching Municipal Bylaw Compliance Officer by Waterloo Regional Police Services

Comments

This memo is to provide Council with information on new contracted service with Waterloo Regional Police for dispatching municipal bylaw officers.

The Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) have been working with the area municipalities' Chief Administrative Officers (CAO) to review the current model for handling and dispatching municipal bylaw calls.

The discussions have been driven by three primary factors:

1. WRPS Cost Recovery and Public Safety Communications Centre – A new Public Safety Communications Centre will be constructed. The WRPS Board has directed the Police Service to initiate discussions on cost-sharing arrangements for dispatching Bylaw Services with area municipalities and the townships.

2. Impact on WRPS Call Wait Times and NENA Standards – the current model, in which Bylaw calls are routed through the WRPS general inquiry line has led to increased wait times. This has hindered the Police Service's ability to meet National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standards for call response times, impacting overall service quality to all citizens in the region.

3. Concerns Over Service Delivery and Privacy Compliance – Dispatching Bylaw calls over regular police communication channels has raised concerns regarding privacy compliance, violating privacy regulations and RCMP guidelines governing access to the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) database.

Historically and currently, the City of Cambridge bylaw compliance officers are dispatched by WRPS to respond to bylaw related calls requiring a 24/7 response. These calls typically include noise complaints, parking issues, fireworks, and backyard fires. All other call types such as property standards, lot maintenance, corridor management, snow and ice, continue to be directed to the Municipal Bylaw team and/or Service Cambridge. This service delivery structure remains unchanged.

Over the years, City of Cambridge has experienced a consistent year-over-year increase in complaint volumes. In 2024, City of Cambridge bylaw calls accounted for 24.9% of all bylaw calls dispatched by WRPS across the Region, underscoring the significant demand for timely and dedicated service.

Through this new agreement WRPS will be providing the following:

Dedicated Bylaw Dispatcher/Radio Channel

A dedicated, 24/7 dispatch station exclusively for bylaw enforcement. The objective is to deliver consistent, streamlined service and improve response times for bylaw related calls.

Currently, bylaw calls peak during evening and weekend hours, often competing with police and emergency priorities. By creating a separate bylaw dispatch channel, police resources can remain focused on more urgent public safety matters, while ensuring that bylaw concerns are received, prioritized, and addressed promptly while maintaining bylaw officer safety.

Dedicated Phone Number

WRPS will introduce a dedicated phone number for bylaw services across the Region, creating a single, centralized point of contact for the public. This unified approach will streamline how residents report bylaw concerns, ensuring the same number is used regardless of municipality. Some key benefits of a centralized number include:

- Simplifies public access by eliminating confusion over which number to call.
- Reduces wait times through a dedicated channel for bylaw related issues.
- Enhances customer experience and operational efficiency by providing consistent service across all municipalities.

WRPS along with the participating municipalities will launch a marketing campaign promoting the new dedicated bylaw dispatch service beginning this summer.

Financial Impact:

Annual costs of approximately $290,000 will be required and have been approved as part of the 2026 budget.

Managing Safety Concerns for staff:

Recent trends show by-law officers dealing with more aggressive behaviour from the public. They often meet people late at night, on private property, in groups, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Having a dedicated dispatch channel is essential for keeping bylaw officers safe and allowing them to do their jobs effectively. WRPS can quickly step in when a bylaw officer faces an emergency or a situation that is becoming unsafe. Before sending a bylaw officer to a call, WRPS can also check the address and review property or occupant information, including any warnings about people living there. This helps them decide whether a bylaw officer can attend alone or if police support is needed.

The dedicated channel also allows WRPS to monitor bylaw officer safety in real time. Officer radios have an emergency button they can press if in danger. When activated, it sends an instant alert with their exact location so help can arrive right away.

Staff reviewed several other dispatch options, including using the Fire Department to dispatch certain calls or sending two officers to every call. Both options are approximately the same cost as the WRPS proposal but would not give officers the important information they need about properties or individuals before they arrive nor would it be as simple for the public.

Next Steps:

The Cities of Cambridge, Waterloo, and Kitchener, along with North Dumfries, are close to finalizing a multi-party agreement with WRPS for the new dedicated dispatch channel.

WRPS will begin hiring staff in early 2026 to support the dedicated dispatch channel, with the service expected to launch in July 2026.

Attachments

None

Approvals:

☒ Manager/Supervisor ☒ General Manager ☒ City Manager

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Date: **(02/02/2026)** **Internal Memo #:** **IM26-001(CFS)**

To: **Council**

Circulated to: Corporate Leadership Team

Department: **Customer and Financial Services**

Division: **Corporate Strategy**

From: **Jenna Brown-Jowett, Director of Corporate Strategy**

Subject: **2025 Year-End Government Relations Consultation Tracking & Grant Funding Report**

Comments

Government Relations and Consultation Activity in 2025

Providing feedback to other levels of government is an important activity for the City to ensure that the impact of proposed legislative changes on the Cambridge community are considered. The government relations consultation review process was developed in order to provide a centralized way to coordinate and track opportunities for the City to provide input into Federal and Provincial legislative, regulatory, and programming considerations. This process is governed by the Government Relations Consultation Tracking Policy (Policy Number A09 ADM 008).

From January 1 to December 31, 2025, a total of seven (7) government relations consultation reviews took place (Appendix A). A review is initiated by staff when we have identified potential impacts to Cambridge and where appropriate, staff provide a response. If Council endorsement is required, staff will bring a report forward; in other cases, it is brought forward for information bi-annually within a Council Information Package (CIP).

In 2025, The City provided comments for two (2) of the seven (7) opportunities. The total number of consultation opportunities were similar to 2024 when six (6) activities were reviewed during the year. The number of government relations consultations undertaken each year is contingent upon the requests brought forward by other levels of Government, agencies, associations etc.

Staff will continue to review and facilitate responses to proposed changes that impact Cambridge residents in 2026, and advise Council and the Community of any significant developments it needs to be aware of.

External Grant Application Tracking and Results in 2025

The City is pleased to share that there were seven (7) successful grant applications in 2025 totaling $32,418,010. This represents an increase of 57% as compared to the $20,638,448 total funding amount received in 2024

Since September of 2021, the City has secured over $69 million dollars in grant funding. These totals represent funds which would otherwise be drawn from the tax base or City reserve funds. Staff will continue their commitment to the public value of sustainability going forward, consistently finding ways to lessen the financial burden on the taxpayer while also maintaining or enhancing City service levels. With these successful funding contributions, the City is also able to further its strategic actions related to increasing housing options, providing age friendly services that are accessible to all, enhancing equity and inclusion efforts and taking action to combat climate change, among many others.

2025 Grant Summary:

From January 1 to December 31, 2025, there were forty-two (42) grant funding opportunities reviewed and tracked, including:

- Seven (7) which were successful
- Five (5) which were unsuccessful
- Seven (7) have been submitted and are pending results
- Three (3) are being reviewed by staff to determine eligibility
- Twenty (20) were reviewed by staff and determined the City was either not eligible or did not have a suitable project that either met the funding requirements and/or could be completed within the grant timeframe.

There are many factors that affect external funding decisions, including the number of applications received relative to the amount of funding available. Cambridge has been very successful at obtaining grant funding previously.

Summary

Corporate Strategy will continue to investigate opportunities to enhance the methods we use to both proactively identify funding/ grant opportunities and increase our success rates with applications. The team will also continue to monitor and track both advocacy and grant opportunities and will provide information on future activity in the form of a biannual Council Information Package (CIP) in six months' time.

Attachments

Appendix A - Summary of Government Relations activities

Appendix B - Summary of Grant Applications

Approvals:		
☐ Manager/Supervisor	☒ General Manager	☒ City Manager

Appendix A: Government Consultation Tracking Summary

Status	Consultation/Proposed Legislative Change	Ministry, Department or Agency	Consultation Deadline (MM/DD/YY)	Type
Submitted	Amendments to reduce records of site condition that are not supporting Brownfields redevelopment	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	1/10/25	Provided Comments (Consultation Response)
Submitted	Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, (2025) Bill 17 • This included comments on 18 components of the proposed Bill.	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Transportation	6/11/25	Provided Comments (Consultation Response)
Not Submitted	Proposed Municipal Accountability Act, 2024	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	2/11/25	N/A
Not Submitted	The Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion	Ministry of Energy and Mines	9/22/25	N/A
Not Submitted	Proposed Building Code amendments: occupancy permits for residential developments subject to deferred DCs	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	10/17/25	N/A
Not Submitted	Proposed changes to the Planning Act (Schedule 10 of Bill 160)	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	11/22/25	N/A
Not Submitted	Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	12/22/25	N/A

Appendix B: Grant Application Tracking Summary

Grant Status Successful

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Received
Housing Enabling Core Servicing (HECS) Funded by: Ministry of Infrastructure	Black Bridge Construction and Black Bridge Road Reconstruction Improvements	Funding to build, maintain and repair municipal roads, bridges and culverts in order to unlock new housing opportunities and ensure communities have safe and reliable roadways and transit infrastructure.	$11,561,250
Seniors Active Living Centres Program (2025-2026) Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	Operation and maintenance of the City's 4 Seniors Active Living Centres; Allan Reuter Centre, David Durward Centre, Ted Wake Lounge and William E. Pautler Centre.	The Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) Program provides approved SALC operators with annual funding for approved SALC programs to deliver activities and services to older adults and seniors.	$233,260
Seniors Active Living Fair Funding (2024-2025) Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	To hold a Seniors Active Living Fair in Cambridge.	Increase awareness about available programs and services for seniors and share knowledge about healthy aging and active lifestyles.	$2,500
Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport	Preston Memorial Auditorium renovation.	Funding for projects that extend the lifespan, maximize use, and improve the standards of existing facilities.	$1,000,000

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Received
Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF) Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and Ministry of Sport	Cambridge Recreation Complex construction.	Supports major infrastructure projects that address community needs, transform or create unique facilities, and attract investment, growth, and tourism.	$19,500,000
Mental Health Supports for Public Safety Personnel (MHS4PSP) Grant Funded by: The Solicitor General in partnership with Warrior Health	Wellness training for Fire Servies staff.	Funds specialized mental health initiatives for first responders and public safety personnel.	$25,000
Fire Protection Grant Funded by: The Solicitor General	To enable purchasing of nitrile rubber fire hose to replace the department's outdated synthetic jacketed hose. This upgrade supports a broader cancer-prevention strategy by reducing firefighters' exposure to carcinogens.	For cancer prevention initiatives, covering equipment, PPE, and minor infrastructure.	$96,000

Grant Status: Unsuccessful

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Applied For
Field of Dreams Funded by: Jays Care	The KIN-1 Baseball Diamond and Duke's Dugout Patio project revitalization aimed at transforming the entire sports and spectator experience with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity.	Provides funding to design, refurbish and build local baseball diamonds to be safe and inclusive spaces where communities can connect.	$150,000
Seniors Community Grant Program (2025-2026) Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	Hearing Loop Technology in the Rec Centers, to support those with hearing impairments	Helps local not-for-profit community groups and organizations deliver projects, supports and resources that help older adults (aged 55+).	$25,000
Health and Safety Water Stream Funded by: The Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program	Reconstruction of Riverside Dam	Help municipalities and First Nations build, rehabilitate and expand aging water, wastewater, stormwater, flood and erosion infrastructure.	$21,613,153
Enhancing access to spaces for everyone (EASE) Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	Hearing Loop Technology in the Rec Centers, to support those with hearing impairments	Enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities and older adults by supporting active, healthy, safe, and socially connected lives	$60,000
New Horizons Seniors Grant Funded by: Employment and Social Development Canada (Federal)	Hearing Loop Technology in the Rec Centers, to support those with hearing impairments	Funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through increased social inclusion.	$25,000

Grant Status: Submitted (Pending Results)

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested
Firehouse Subs Public Safety Grant - Spring Cycle 2025 Funded by: Firehouse Subs	To support a digital fire extinguisher training system.	Funding for: • Lifesaving equipment • Prevention education tools for public safety and natural disaster preparedness • Scholarships and continued education for public safety officers • Natural disaster support • Support for military veterans	$23,200
Active Transportation Fund - Capital Stream Funded by: The Ministries of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada	The construction of a new multi-use path along Dunbar Rd between Hespeler Rd and Conestoga Blvd.	Advance the objectives of the Canada Public Transit Fund, and those embedded within Canada's National Active Transportation Strategy, and Canada's Strengthened Climate Plan.	$385,560
Trade-Impacted Communities Program Funded by: Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	The Automation and Robotics Business Retention and Expansion initiative will strengthen the global competitiveness of local firms by addressing vulnerabilities caused by U.S. trade disruptions.	Help communities and local industries navigate significant economic challenges caused by U.S. trade disruption.	Stream 1- $2M Stream 2- $10M

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested
GHG impact retrofit Funded by: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)	Projects include several electrification measures (furnaces and gas-fired rooftop units to air source heat pumps), general recommissioning, envelope air sealing and pool covers to reduce energy use.	Funding for upgrades that reduce energy use and operating costs in community buildings.	$697,800
2026-27 Seniors Community Grant Funded by: Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility	A six-part speaker series on key components and resources for older adults as they plan their retirement.	Projects that promote greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement for older adults.	$25,000
Celebrate Canada Funding Program Funded by: The Department of Canadian Heritage (federal)	To fund events on Canadian days of significance in order to celebrate Canada's cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and geographic diversity.	To fund Canada Day Celebrations in Cambridge.	$100,000
Canada Summer Jobs wage subsidy Funded by: Employment and Social Development Canada	Two students to support the Asset Management Division.	Provides wage subsidies to support employers to create quality summer work experiences for youth aged 15 to 30 years	$5,632

Grant Status: Reviewing

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount
Climate Resilience Infrastructure Projects Funded by: Co-operators	TBD	Infrastructure projects that mitigate physical climate risk, including flooding (riverine, pluvial, or coastal), wildfires, severe storms (wind, hail), and heat.	$500,000
Invasive Phragmites Control Fund Funded by: The Ministry of Natural Resources	TBD	Supports coordinated efforts to prevent and control invasive Phragmites by expanding local management, improving mapping and monitoring, strengthening collaboration, and reducing ecological and economic impacts.	$50,000
Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Barrier Buster Grants Program Funded by: RBC	TBD	Designed to fund accessibility in public and community spaces to improve accessibility for all ages and abilities and supporting inclusive, welcoming environments.	$40,000

Grant Status: Reviewed

Grant Program	City Project	Purpose of Grant	Amount
Southwestern Ontario Development Fund Funded by: Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade	N/A	Provides support for projects and investments to existing businesses, municipalities and not-for-profit organizations for economic development .	N/A
EV Charger Incentive Program (EVIP) Funded by: Green Economy Canada	N/A	Financial rebates to increase EV infrastructure.	N/A
Ontario Sport Hosting Program Funded by: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming	N/A	Project-based funding to help applicants deliver national and international amateur sport events in Ontario.	N/A
Asphalt Art Initiative Funded by: Bloomberg	N/A	Funding for visual art on roadways, pedestrian spaces, and public infrastructure.	N/A
Canada Cultural Spaces Fund Funded by: The Canada Cultural Spaces Fund	N/A	Funding for improved physical conditions for arts and heritage cultural spaces for creation, collaboration, presentation, preservation, and exhibition	N/A
Tree Planting Funded by: Green Municipal Fund	N/A	Funding for communities to grow, manage and protect their tree canopies.	N/A
Road Safety Community Partnership Program Funded by: The Ministry of Transportation	N/A	Funding for road safety awareness initiatives focused on aggressive, distracted, and impaired driving, as well as pedestrian and cycling safety.	N/A

Seed & Grow Grants Funded by: Ontario Trillium Foundation	N/A	Funding for organizational and community programs and expansions, planning and building capacity for future services.	N/A
Municipal Energy Plan Program Funded by: The Ministry of Energy and Mines	N/A	Funding to create or update community energy plans that improve energy efficiency, reduce consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.	N/A
Ontario Community Environment Fund Funded by: The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	N/A	Directs money collected from environmental penalties to support important, community-based activities such as shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration and tree planting.	N/A
Ontario FireSmart Communities Grant Funded by: The Ministry of Natural Resources	N/A	Funding for community Wildland Fire Protection Planning, and hazard mapping	N/A
The Cyber Security Cooperation Program 2025 Funded by: Public Safety Canada	N/A	Funding aimed to reduce cybercrime against Canadians.	N/A
Wetlands Conservation Partner Program Funded by: The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Park	N/A	Funding to support stormwater management, improve the functionality or connectivity of wetlands conserving, restoring or enhancing existing wetlands	N/A
Community Emergency Preparedness Grant 2025-2026 Funded by: Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response	N/A	Funding for supplies, equipment, services and public education to strengthen local emergency preparedness and response.	N/A

Connecting Links Program 2026 – 2027 Funded by: The Ministry of Transportation	N/A	Funding for municipal road and bridge projects on designated connecting links—local roads that join two sections of a provincial highway through a community or provide access to international or interprovincial border crossings.	N/A
Emergency Treatment Fund Funded by: Health Canada	N/A	Funding supports projects addressing urgent substance-use and overdose needs	N/A
Celebrating 50 Years - Shaping the Future Together! Funded by: The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario	N/A	Funding for projects that showcase Ontario's Francophone identity.	N/A
Pothole Prevention and Repair Program Funded by: The Ministry of Transportation	N/A	Funding to extend road life, improve driver safety, and promote economic growth.	N/A
Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant Funded by: Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	N/A	Funding to combat hate in Ontario and build stronger, safer and more inclusive communities.	N/A
Electric Vehicle (EV) ChargeON Funded by: The Ministry of Transportation	N/A	Supports the installation of public EV charging stations to reduce range anxiety, make chargers more accessible, affordable and improve coverage.	N/A

MINUTES

Corporation of the City of Cambridge,

Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee

November 24, 2025

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

Regrets: Tara Small, Barry Green

Staff Members in Attendance: Michael Oliveri, Council Committee Services Coordinator; Stephen Aboagye, Supervisor of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility; Farshid Sadatsharifi, Accessibility Coordinator; Mary Carr – Supervisor, Supervisor of Information Management and Archives

1. **Meeting Called to Order**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge was held via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Land Acknowledgement**

4. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**
   None

5. **Delegations**
   1. Devin Sisak

Approval of October 27, 2025, Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes

Moved by: Heather
Seconded by: Shannon

THAT the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

Agenda items:

7.1 AAC 2023-2024 Annual Report

Staff explained the proposed changes to the 2023-2024 Annual Report. The Committee discussed these changes and put forward a motion accepting some of the recommendations from staff.

Moved by: Shannon
Seconded by: Alison

THAT Notwithstanding the motion passed at the November 25, 2024 AAC meeting approving the Annual Report, the annual report be updated to be placed in the standardized City template.

AND THAT in all other respects, the annual report as adopted at the November 25, 2024 AAC meeting is confirmed.

CARRIED

7.2. AAC 2026 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates were proposed by staff. The only suggestion came from Shannon, who recommended revisiting the workload before summer. The point was that if there aren't many items to present to the AAC for review, we could have two months off during the summer instead of the currently proposed one.

8. Staff Report
Staff did not have any update.

9. Councillor's Report
None

10. Chair's Report
None

Adjournment
Moved by: Alison
Seconded by: Heather

THAT the Cambridge Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of November 24, 2025, be adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

CARRIED

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 26, 2026, 1 p.m.- 3 p.m. via Zoom

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

Minutes

Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
David Durward Centre, Board Room
62 Dickson Street, Cambridge
October 23, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Councillor Ross Earnshaw, Jeremy Brubacher, John Smithers, Ingrid Talpak, Kevin Phelan, Shane Murphy, Carl Norg, Peter Van Brugge

Regrets: John Forsyth, Jay Burnett

Staff in Attendance: Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary, Abbey Poser, Recreation Coordinator – Farmers' Market, Leanne Hagens. Recreation Co Ordinator – Market & Special Events

Meeting Called to Order
The regular meeting of the Cambridge Farmers' Market was held in the Board Room at the David Durward Centre Kevin Phelan, Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest
No disclosure of interest

Delegations
The Economic Development Action Plan was presented by Karisa Downey, Manager of Economic Development.
The presentation outlined key strategies and initiatives aimed at supporting local business growth, attracting investment, and enhancing workforce development in our community.
The PowerPoint presentation will be shared with the committee.

Approval of Thursday, September 25, 2025, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes
Moved by: Jeremy Brubacher
Seconded: by: Peter Van Brugge

THAT the Thursday September 25, 2025, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Last Month's Meeting

- Market Construction

Construction prep has started, the barricade is up, and the construction box is beside city hall. Scaffolding is expected to be up in the next couple of weeks.

- Market Cookbook

The market team is working on collecting different options/ideas and will bring them back to the committee for their input.

Idea shared that the market cookbook space is currently saturated, with limited potential for uniqueness. Some ideas:

Focus on market history and development.

Includes cultural and philosophical aspects of the market.

Secret Ingredients & Vendor Stories

Personal stories behind recipes.

Adding a historical angle with short stories of the market, vendor experiences over generations. Any interesting facts like pricing history.

- Shopping Bags

The market team is working on collecting different options/ideas and will bring them back to the committee for their input. Current Status: Not available yet; previously considered as part of marketing initiatives.

BIA Proposed Banner Design

Message: Tis the Season – Shop Local, Gift Local.
Six historic images of downtown Cambridge buildings.
These same images could also be used for market shopping bags to reinforce branding.
Banners will be installed after Remembrance Day to respect observance.
Snowflake banners will be part of the overall holiday decorations downtown, creating a festive atmosphere.

Agenda Items

- Manager's Staffing Report – October 2025

Harvest Festival – October 25
Trick or treat at vendor stalls
Stilt scarecrow and Lumberjack
Crafts and a live square-dancing demo
Fresh popcorn and hot apple cider
Cupcake decorating

New Civic Attendant -Market – Curtis Martin, first day at the Market will be Nov.1st (Pending extension of Parks contract)

The new website is coming soon. Minor updates for market portion

October 15 - Oktoberfest -Thanks to our volunteers Kevin and John, for helping with the cookies

A survey will be distributed to vendors to gather input on holiday market hours.

December 5 - Unsilent Night The market display will consist of Giant Flower Fairy Garden. Volunteers are needed help with taking pictures etc. Let Abbey know if you are available to help.

December 5-7 – Christmas Market Weekend

Updates

- City Updates Councilor Earnshaw

City Hall security incident was resolved, and the building reopened to the public after investigation. Enhanced security at council meetings will continue; members of the public will need to submit any bags to be searched.

Cambridge is operating under a Strong Mayor budget framework: The mayor prepares the budget and has significant authority over its final approval. Council can vote on changes, but the mayor retains the ability to approve or veto.

After the budget is presented, the public can address council and provide feedback. It is important to prepare questions and recommendations for council during public sessions.

Dates for public input: December 6: Two sessions Afternoon: 3:00 PM, Evening: 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Some details remain confidential until finalized.

- BIA updates – Shane Murphy

Annual beautification efforts will begin in the second week of November with seasonal planters.

Holiday banners throughout downtown to enhance the festive spirit.

Downtown Cambridge Shopping Directory is being released November 15, 2025

Tree Lighting Ceremony - Queen's Square
Thursday, November 27- 6:30pm
Stores open late until 9 PM
Ambassadors will distribute shopping directories.
Due to committee members' conflicts, the meeting will be cancelled.

Moved by Kevin Phelan

Seconded by: Jeremy Brubacher
To cancel the Cambridge Farmers' Market meeting on Thursday, November 27, 2025.
Next meeting will be Thursday December 11, 2025

CARRIED

- Unsilent Night Event:
  - Date: Friday, December 5
  - Activities: Handing out shopping directories and promoting local businesses.
- Cambridge Holiday Market at City Hall and The Centre for the Arts
  - Date: Friday, December 5
  - Includes live strolling performers and festive programming.
- 24 Days of Giveaways:
  - Runs December 1–22
  - Daily posts featuring donated items + $25 Cambridge gift card (advent calendar style).
- Extended Shopping Hours:
  - Starting November 27, stores stay open until 7 PM or later on Thursdays.
- Advertising:
  - Digital signage at the Delta.
  - Increased ambassador presence during key weeks.
- Last year the City provided free hot apple cider and hot chocolate, which negatively impacted merchants: Work with the city to avoid repeating this counterproductive approach. Merchants hired extra staff expecting higher traffic but were not busy
- Delta Digital Billboard Display
  - A weeklong digital campaign spotlighting
  - The Tree Lighting Ceremony
  - Downtown Cambridge Gift Card
  - Shop Downtown for the Holidays
- BIA presents: 24 Days of Giveaways
  - From December 1-24
- The Hand Maid's Tale
  - October 22 - November 6 Self-guided tour on locations that were used during filming.

Other Business
Potluck on December 11, 2025
Any allergies let Abbey or Zita know.

Vendor Appreciation is being held on November 29, 2025

Appreciation is generally held on the first weekend in December due to the overlap with the Christmas Market and Unsilent Night events, it will move to the end of November.

Next Meeting

- Thursday, December 11, 2025 – Potluck Meeting
  Potluck sign up will be emailed.

Close of Meeting
THAT the Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at: 7:40 p.m.

Moved by: Peter Van Brugge
Seconded: by: Jeremy Brubacher

CARRIED

Chair

Recording Secretary

Minutes

Cambridge Farmers' Market Advisory Committee
David Durward Centre, Donaldson Room
62 Dickson Street, Cambridge
December 11, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Councillor Ross Earnshaw, Jeremy Brubacher, John Smithers, Kevin Phelan, Peter Van Brugge, John Forsyth, Jay Burnett

Regrets: Ingrid Talpak, Carl Nor, Shane Murphy, Leanne Hagens

Staff in Attendance: Zita Tavares, Recording Secretary, Abbey Poser, Supervisor of Recreation, Special Events & Farmers' Market

Meeting Called to Order
The regular meeting of the Cambridge Farmers' Market was held in the Donaldson Room at the David Durward Centre Kevin Phelan, Chair welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest
No disclosure of interest

Delegations
No delegations present

Approval of Thursday, October 23, 2025, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes
Moved by: Jeremy Brubacher
Seconded: by: John Forsyth

THAT the Thursday October 23, 2025, Farmers' Market Advisory Committee minutes be approved.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Last Month's Meeting

- Cookbooks
- Shopping Bags

Both items are currently in the information gathering stage and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Agenda Items

- Manager's Staffing Report – October 2025

- As of today, all storm windows on the building have been removed.
- These windows have been:
    - Transported to the restoration company's workshop.
    - Fully restored, glass replaced, and frames refurbished.
- Despite window removal, natural light inside the market is still good because half the building's windows remain functional and doors provide enough daylight to maintain brightness.
- More scaffolding will be added in early January.
- This will displace some vendors who normally set up outside in those areas.
- Staff are working on alternative locations for those vendors.
- Construction will add protective tunnels at key entrances.
- Benches cannot return yet due to fencing and ongoing construction.
- Construction company holiday break: Closed December 19 – January 5.
- Staff will use the downtime to inspect and identify any issues. Preparing for next construction phase.
- A social media campaign has launched addressing that the market remains open.
- Safety and improvements coming to the building.

Christmas Market

- It was a very successful event, with approximately 7,000 visitors over three days.
- The Market layout had expanded activities in Market Square.
- People moved between the building and Market Square attractions.
- Total Seasonal Attendance was estimated 12,000 walkers for the combined holiday events.
- The Christmas Train weekend shifts each year.
- The team is debating whether to keep the first weekend of December, or second weekend, will coordinate with the event manager for better alignment

Candyland

- a former Winterfest/Cambridge Christmas event, is being revived.
- New format includes family-friendly activities. Free hot beverages, entertainers. slides and inflatables for kids.
- Event is one day, open to the public, at Central Park.

Farmers' Market Holiday Hours & Staffing

- Market closed: December 27 due to insufficient vendors.
- Fully open again January 3.

Updates

- City Updates Councilor Earnshaw

- Budget process has now passed. Mayor did not use her veto powers.
- 2026 is Election year. Advisory committees will cease in June (lame duck period)
- Once the election period officially begins, restrictions apply. Staff and affiliated groups can get in trouble for participating and publicly supporting certain initiatives
- During the election activities must remain neutral
- There are basically two “lame duck” periods - Before the election and after the election, depending on council changes
- After the election, Council must be formed again.
- Many processes return to square one, names may need to be resubmitted
- Individuals may have to go through another interview process

- BIA updates – Shane Murphy
  No updates

Other Business
No other business

Next Meeting

- Thursday, January 22, 2026

Close of Meeting
THAT the Cambridge Farmers’ Market Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at: 7:00 p.m.

Moved by: Jeremy Brubacher
Seconded: by: Jeremy Brubacher

CARRIED

Chair

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Recording Secretary

FORTFRANCES

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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January 26, 2026

Re: Resolution # 2025 - Call on Province of Ontario to Establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP)

On January 12, 2026, Council of the Town of Fort Frances passed the following into resolution:

Whereas the Fort Frances Municipal Airport serves the Town of Fort Frances, the District of Rainy River, and the First Nation communities of the Southern Treaty #3 region; and

Whereas the Fort Frances Municipal Airport plays a vital role in supporting medevac flights, wildfire response operations, business travel, tourism, and the movement of essential goods for the entire region; and

Whereas the termination of scheduled passenger air service in May, 2024 resulted in the loss of eligibility to funding through the federal Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP); and

Whereas other provinces, including British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, have recognized the importance of regional airports by establishing dedicated provincial funding programs, and Ontario currently does not; and

Whereas maintaining aging airport infrastructure has become increasingly difficult without predictable provincial support; and

Whereas regional airports serve broader provincial and regional interests, and municipalities cannot shoulder the financial burden alone.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Fort Frances hereby calls upon the Province of Ontario to:

1. Establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) to provide dedicated annual funding for small and regional airports; and

2. Ensure eligibility for a broad range of capital projects, including safety upgrades,

equipment replacement, and runway maintenance; and

3. Engage municipalities in program design, ensuring local needs and realities are reflected in funding criteria; and

4. Recognize the essential role of airports in medevac and emergency services, especially in remote and northern communities.

Moved by Michael Behan, Seconded by Steven Maki, Carried.

For more information about this resolution, please contact the Office of the Clerk

Chelsea Greig, Municipal Clerk | cgreig@fortfrances.ca

Ally Lewis, Communications Coordinator & Deputy Clerk | alewis@fortfrances.ca

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated

Agenda Number: 7.
Resolution Number 15.01.26
Date: January 26, 2026

Moved By Allan Rothwell
Seconded By Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.13 Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board Regarding Enhanced School Bus Safety; and

THAT: The resolution be circulated to Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

ACTION ON MOTION:

MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE, MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD VILLAGE OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
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January 2, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)
Municipality of North Grenville

Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

cc:
The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Enclosed: Co-signing Template

[Municipality Name]
[Municipal Address]

[Date]

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **[Council / Municipality / Township / City] of [Municipality Name]**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

[Municipality Name] supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Name]
[Title – Mayor / Reeve / Warden]
[Municipality Name]

cc:
The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

Northumberland County
Council Resolution

SENT VIA EMAIL **January 28, 2026**

Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure),
Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing),
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance),
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South),
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM),
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM),
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Correspondence, 'Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)'

At a meeting held on January 21st, 2026 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052, adopting the recommendation below from the January 5, 2026 Public Works Committee meeting:

Moved by: Deputy Warden Mandy Martin
Seconded by: Councillor John Logel

"**That** the Public Works Committee having considered correspondence from the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the Municipality of South Huron and the Township of Puslinch recommend that County Council support the correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Kinga Surma (Minister of Infrastructure), the Honourable Rob Flack (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy (Minister of Finance), Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and all Ontario Municipalities."

Council Resolution # 2026-01-21-052 **Carried**

The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
555 Courthouse Road
Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6

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

Sincerely,
Tonia Bennett

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk
Northumberland County

Northumberland county

Council Resolution

Moved By M. Martin

Seconded By J. Logel

Agenda Item 10.a

Resolution Number 2026-01-21-052

Council Date: January 21, 2026

"**That** Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held January 5, 6 and 7, 2026), with the exception of the following items (referenced from the Standing Committee Minutes), that will be held for discussion:

- Public Works Committee, Item 8.b, Report 2026-002 'Changes to Tipping Fees at Community Recycling Centres'- **Held by Councillor Cleveland**

And Further That the items listed above and held for separate discussion each require a separate resolution."

Recorded Vote Requested by _____
Councillor's Name

Carried _____
Warden's Signature

Deferred _____
Warden's Signature

Defeated _____
Warden's Signature

Northumberland county

Public Works Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date: **January 5, 2026**

Agenda Item: **7.b**

Resolution Number: **2026-01-05-** 004

Moved by: J. Logel

Seconded by: R. Crate

Council Meeting Date: **January 21, 2026**

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Carried _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated _____
Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred _____
Committee Chair's Signature

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025- 253 September 29, 2025

Moved By:

Seconded By:

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from $100 million to $400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the $400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than $400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.

2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.

3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.

4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data,

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL

September 29, 2025

Resolution Number: 2025- 253

demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:

   - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
   - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
   - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
   - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
   - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
   - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
   - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
   - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
   - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

☐ **Carried** ☐ **Defeated** ☒ **Unanimous**

Mayor: _____

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
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Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

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    - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
    - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

Natalie Charette
Interim Clerk
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October 23, 2025

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

Premier's Office
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their October 20, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

418-2025
Moved By: Aaron Neeb
Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025, Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson, AMO, OSUM, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Infrastructure Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; OSUM, osum@osum.ca; FCM, resolutions@fcm.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities

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Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
VIA EMAIL:
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Marit Stiles, MPP
Leader of the Official Opposition
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November 28, 2025

Hon. Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure
VIA EMAIL:
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Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
VIA EMAIL:
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RE: 6.17 Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund & 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-382: Moved by Councillor Hurst and Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the Consent Agenda item 6.17, 6.18 Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal Council Resolution regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received for information; and

That the Township of Puslinch Council supports the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal September 29, 2025 Resolution and the Municipality of South Huron Resolution of October 20, 2025 regarding Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

That this supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier, Leader of the Official Opposition, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of

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Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: Minister of Finance, MPP Racinsky, ROMA, AMO, FCM, all Ontario municipalities.

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE

Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number:	4.4.1.
Resolution Number	2026-009
Title:	Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11 / 17 (2+1 & Four-Lane Options)
Date:	January 21, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise

Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

WHEREAS Canada's east-west trade and national mobility rely on the Trans-Canada Highway system, including Highways 17 and 11 across Northern and Eastern Ontario, which carry significant freight volumes but remain predominantly two-lane corridors;

AND WHEREAS four-laning the entirety of Highway 17 is the ultimate goal of the communities along the corridor;

AND WHEREAS the proven "2+1" highway design - alternating passing lanes with a continuous median barrier - delivers safety outcomes comparable to full twinning at substantially lower cost, land, and environmental impact, and can be scaled or converted to four lanes (2+2) as volumes grow;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced a 2+1 pilot between North Bay and Temagami and a further extension toward Cochrane, creating a near-term implementation pathway;

AND WHEREAS modernizing Highways 17 and 11 will improve safety, reduce closures, strengthen supply-chain reliability for mining, forestry, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing, and enhance national resilience and emergency response capacity;

AND WHEREAS a phased 2+1 build - prioritizing Highway 11 (North Bay --+ Cochrane, then Cochrane --+ Nipigon) and key sections of Highway 17 (western border of County of Renfrew-+ Sudbury; Sault Ste. Marie--+ Sudbury; Thunder Bay--+ Kenora) - aligns with nation-building criteria, supports economic reconciliation with Indigenous partners, and enables integrated EV charging and low-carbon construction practices;

AND WHEREAS analysis summarized by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, (FONOM) demonstrates high freight demand on these routes and strong safety / economic rationale for a 2+1 program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles formally endorses the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation-building project;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada be urged to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the Building Canada Act and to partner with Ontario to co-fund and accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, sequencing works according to readiness, safety benefit and economic importance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario prioritize these projects into the Ministry of Transportation's Major Projects Division;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both governments ensure early, ongoing, and capacity-supported engagement with affected Indigenous Nations, with opportunities for Indigenous training, contracting, and equity participation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the program incorporate corridor-wide safety features (barrier-separated 2+1 cross-sections, controlled passing frequency, wildlife considerations), resilience measures (closure mitigation, climate adaptation), and clean-growth elements (EV charging readiness, recycled aggregates, lower-carbon materials);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of Infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Transportation, our local MP and MPP, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for support, and the County of Renfrew for information.

CARRIED

MAYOR

Resolution Page
Regular Council Meeting

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MARKSTAY
WARREN

Agenda Number:	14.c.
Resolution Number	2026-RCM-029
Title:	Closure of Sudbury's LifeLabs Laboratory
Date:	February 2, 2026

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced the planned closure of its laboratory processing facility in Greater Sudbury, with services being transferred to facilities in Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Sudbury LifeLabs laboratory currently provides essential diagnostic testing services to residents of Markstay-Warren and communities throughout Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the closure raises serious concerns regarding increased turnaround times for critical medical testing, potential service disruptions, and risks to patient care due to transportation delays, particularly during winter months and adverse weather conditions; and

WHEREAS timely access to laboratory diagnostics is a critical component of an effective healthcare system and is essential to the health and well-being of rural, senior, and vulnerable populations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren hereby expresses its opposition to the closure of the LifeLabs laboratory in Greater Sudbury;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council formally requests the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and LifeLabs to reconsider this decision and to maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury to ensure reliable and timely diagnostic services for Northern Ontario residents;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the attached draft communication and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
- MPP France Gélinas, Nickel Belt
- MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)
- LifeLabs Ontario

CARRIED **DEFERRED** **DEFEATED**

_____
Mayor

February 2, 2026

The Honourable John Vanthof, MPP
Timiskaming–Cochrane
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

RE: Concerns Regarding the Closure of the LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury

Dear MPP Vanthof,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of Markstay-Warren, I am writing to express our serious concerns regarding the announced closure of the LifeLabs laboratory facility in Greater Sudbury.

The Sudbury LifeLabs facility plays a critical role in providing timely diagnostic services for residents throughout Northern Ontario, including those in Markstay-Warren and surrounding communities. The planned transition of laboratory processing services to facilities located in the Greater Toronto Area raises serious concerns regarding longer turnaround times, potential service disruptions, and increased risks to patient care. Particularly during winter months and periods of inclement weather that frequently affect northern transportation routes.

Reliable access to diagnostic testing is essential to the health and well-being of our residents. Many of our citizens rely on timely laboratory results to support urgent and ongoing medical treatment. Any delays or disruptions may result in adverse health outcomes, particularly for seniors, rural residents, and vulnerable populations.

Council is also concerned about the potential loss of skilled laboratory professionals from our region, further weakening already strained healthcare services across Northern Ontario.

The Municipality of Markstay-Warren respectfully urges the Province of Ontario to engage with LifeLabs and the Ministry of Health to explore options that would maintain local laboratory processing capacity in Sudbury and ensure that residents of Northern Ontario continue to receive timely, high-quality diagnostic services.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We appreciate your continued advocacy on behalf of Northern Ontario communities and respectfully request your support in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

Marc Serré, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Markstay-Warren
Encl. Closure of Sudbury's LifeLab Laboratory Resolution
cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health
MPP France Gélinas, Nickel Belt
MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming–Cochrane
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February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

RE: Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Nairn & Hyman.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-07
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"**Be it resolved** that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Township of Nairn & Hyman's resolution regarding Support for the Steel and Lumber Sectors.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, Renfrew Nipissing & Pembroke MP and MPP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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December 17, 2025

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Support Resolution

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, I am writing to formally convey Council's support for recent federal measures aimed at stabilizing and strengthening Canada's steel and softwood lumber sectors.

As a small Northern Ontario municipality whose economy is closely tied to the continued operation of Interfor, a local softwood lumber mill, Council is increasingly concerned that ongoing trade pressures and market uncertainty are placing added strain on the long-term viability of this key employer. Any reduction in operations or a potential closure would have significant and lasting consequences for local employment, municipal revenues, and the overall economic and social wellbeing of our community.

In this context, and in response to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' November 26, 2025 media release, Council adopted the enclosed resolution at their meeting of December 8, 2025:

SUPPORT FOR STEEL AND LUMBER SECTORS
RESOLUTION # 2025-14-247
MOVED BY: Karen Richter
SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin
WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and
WHEREAS the federal actions—including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects—represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and
WHEREAS municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

WHEREAS the Township of Nairn and Hyman recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP Jim Belanger, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

Sincerely Yours,

Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk - Treasurer

BK/mb

cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Minister of Northern Development
FONOM
MP Hon. Jim Belanger
MPP Hon. Bill Rosenberg
All Ontario Municipalities

FONOM
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 26, 2025

FONOM Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors Impacted by U.S. Tariffs

Northeastern Ontario – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today's announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney outlining new federal measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries, which continue to face unprecedented challenges due to aggressive U.S. tariff actions.

The federal plan includes strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports for companies facing liquidity pressures, and new incentives to increase the use of Canadian steel and lumber in national infrastructure and housing projects. These measures aim to stabilize sectors vital to the economies of many Northern Ontario communities.

Prime Minister Carney announced that Canada will significantly tighten tariff-rate quotas on foreign steel imports, opening an estimated **$850 million in domestic demand** for Canadian producers. In addition, the federal government is allocating **$500 million in new financing** for softwood lumber firms, paired with a further **$500 million expansion** of the Business Development Bank of Canada's softwood guarantee program.

FONOM is encouraged by the federal government's recognition of the pressures facing Northern resource-based communities, where steel and lumber operations support thousands of jobs and anchor local economies.

"These measures acknowledge what Northern Ontario has long understood — that our steel and lumber sectors are national economic pillars," said FONOM President Dave Plourde "U.S. tariffs continue to destabilize communities across the North, and today's announcement provides needed tools to help our workers and industries adapt, compete, and grow."

FONOM also welcomes the federal commitment to **reduce interprovincial freight rates by 50 per cent** for steel and lumber shipments beginning next spring. Lower transportation costs will help Northern producers access new domestic markets and move product efficiently while north-south trade remains constrained.

As part of the plan, the federal government will also advance the **Buy Canadian Policy**, ensuring that major defence, construction, and infrastructure projects prioritize Canadian steel, aluminum,

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and wood products. This aligns strongly with FONOM's longstanding advocacy for procurement policies that support Canadian jobs and supply chains.

"Keeping Canadian dollars working in Canada is essential," added the President. "These steps will create new demand for made-in-Canada materials while helping stabilize communities affected by unpredictable U.S. trade actions."
FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with federal officials to ensure the timely rollout of these programs, and to ensure that Northern Ontario municipalities and industries can fully benefit from the measures announced today.

Media Contact:

Dave Plourde, President

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated

Agenda Number: 7.
Resolution Number 14.01.26
Date: January 26, 2026

Moved By Sarah Blazek
Seconded By Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of The Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.9 City of Peterborough Resolution Regarding Sustainable Funding for Police; and

THAT: The support resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Solicitor General, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Perth County OPP Detachment Board, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

ACTION ON MOTION:

MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL

City of Peterborough

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to "ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area" and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure

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custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and

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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

John Kennedy
City Clerk

Mary ten Doeschate, Chair *Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair*
Mayor Jeff Leal *Councillor Gary Baldwin* *Steve Girardi*

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Members of Council
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services
John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett
Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

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February 3, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Manitoulin Police Services Board Veronique Dion; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

RE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR POLICE SERVICES REQUEST

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of January 29, 2026, the following motion was approved:

021-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the City of Peterborough meeting dated November 3, 2025:

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to "ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area" and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

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Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

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Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and Therefore, be it further resolved that: Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Manitoulin Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

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Events
Days of Significance

2026 Special Events Schedule/Days of Significance, Observances and Celebrations

Approved Events

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer	Road Closure
JANUARY							
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026		Alzheimer's Awareness Month					
1/1/2026 – 1/31/2026		Tamil Heritage Month					
1/1/2026		New Year's Day					
1/4/2026		World Braille Day					
1/4/2026		National Ribbon Skirt Day					
1/7/2026		Orthodox Christmas					
1/13/2026		Lohri					
1/14/2026		Orthodox New Year					
1/21/2026		Lincoln Alexander Day					
1/27/2026		International Holocaust Remembrance Day					
1/29/2026		National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamphobia					
FEBRUARY							
2/1/2026 – 2/28/2026		Black History Month					
2/7/2026	11am-2pm	The Mayor's Levee: One City, One Team	500	City Hall & Civic Square	Public, Free	City of Cambridge	
2/14/2026		Valentine's Day					
2/16/2026		Louis Riel Day					
2/16/2026		Family Day					
2/17/2026		Lunar New Year					
2/17/2026		Ramadan Begins (sundown)					
2/22/2026		Girl Guide Day					

We continually assess our selection of significant dates, observances, and celebrations and welcome your input on others that we might consider adding in the future.

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Events
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2/25/2026		Pink Shirt Day (anti-bullying)					
2/28/2026	4pm – 7pm	Coldest Night of the Year	150	Cambridge Vineyard	Public, Free	Community Group	
MARCH							
3/1/2026 – 3/31/2026		Bangladeshi Heritage Month					
3/2/2026 – 3/3/2026		Purim (at sundown)					
3/2/2026 – 3/9/2026		Black Mental Health Week					
3/3/2026 – 3/4/2026		Holi (sundown)					
3/8/2026		International Women's Day					
3/17/2026		St. Patrick's Day					
3/19/2026 – 3/20/2026		Eid al-Fitr					
3/20/2026		Spring Equinox					
3/20/2026		International Francophone Day					
3/21/2026		Naw-Rúz (Bahá'í New Year)					
3/21/2026		World Down Syndrome Day					
3/21/2026		International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination					
3/28/2026		Earth Hour (8:30 pm local time)					
3/29/2026		Palm Sunday					
3/31/2026		Trans Day of Visibility					
APRIL							
4/1/2026 – 4/30/2026		Sikh Heritage Month					
4/1/2026 – 4/9/2026		Pesach (Passover)					
4/2/2026		World Autism Day					
4/3/2026		Good Friday					
4/5/2026		Easter Sunday					
4/6/2026		Easter Monday					
4/8/2026		International Day of Pink					
4/9/2026		Vimy Ridge Day					

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4/13/2026 – 4/14/2026	Holocaust Memorial Day – Yom Ha-Shoah (sundown)
4/14/2026	Vaisakhi
4/19/2026 – 4/25/2026	National Volunteer Week
4/22/2026	Earth Day
4/28/2026	National Day of Mourning for Workers
MAY	
5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026	Asian Heritage Month
5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026	Canadian Jewish Heritage Month
5/1/2026 – 5/31/2026	Dutch Heritage Month
5/4/2026	International Fire Fighters Day
5/5/2026	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (Red Dress Day)
5/4/2026 – 5/10/2026	Mental Health Awareness Week
5/10/2026	Mother's Day
5/14/2026	Moose Hide Campaign Day
5/17/2026	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia
5/18/2026	Victoria Day
5/21/2026	Global Accessibility Awareness Day
5/21/2026 – 5/23/2026	Shavuot (sundown)
5/24/2026 – 5/30/2026	National Accessibility Week
5/25/2026	International Missing Children's Day
5/27/2026	Red Shirt Day of Action for Accessibility and Inclusion
5/27/2026	Eid Al-Adha
JUNE	
6/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	National Indigenous History Month
6/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	Filipino Heritage Month
6/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	Portuguese Heritage Month
6/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	Italian Heritage Month
6/1/2026 – 6/30/2026	Pride Season

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6/6/2026	London (Ontario) Muslim Family Attack
6/21/2026	Summer Solstice
6/21/2026	Father's Day
6/21/2026	National Indigenous Peoples Day
6/27/2026	Multiculturalism Day
JULY	
7/1/2026 – 7/31/2026	Disability Pride Month
7/1/2026	Canada Day
AUGUST	
8/1/2026	Emancipation Day
8/3/2026	Civic Holiday
8/9/2026	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
8/31/2026	International Overdose Awareness Day
SEPTEMBER	
9/6/2026 – 9/12/2026	Mennonite Heritage Week
9/7/2026	Labour Day
9/7/2026	Ukrainian Heritage Day
9/8/2026	International Day of Literacy
9/10/2026	World Suicide Prevention Day
9/11/2026 – 9/13/2026	Rosh Hashanah
9/20/2026	Terry Fox Run
9/20/2026 – 9/21/2026	Yom Kippur (sundown)
9/21/2026	International Day of Peace
9/21/2026 – 9/27/2026	International Week of Deaf People
9/23/2026	International Day of Sign Languages
9/23/2026	Autumn Equinox
9/25/2026	Franco-Ontarian Day

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9/30/2026	Orange Shirt Day (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation)
OCTOBER	
10/1/2026 – 10/31/2026	Women's History Month
10/1/2026 – 10/31/2026	Islamic Heritage Month
10/1/2026 – 10/31/2026	Bullying Prevention Awareness Month
10/1/2026 – 10/31/2026	Disability Employment Awareness Month
10/1/2026 – 10/31/2026	German Heritage Month
10/1/2026 – 10/31/2026	Hispanic and Latino History Month
10/4/2026	National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls
10/4/2026 – 10/10/2026	Fire Prevention Week
10/5/2026 – 10/10/2026	Mental Illness Awareness Week
10/10/2026	World Mental Health Day
10/11/2026 – 10/20/2026	Navaratri
10/12/2026	Thanksgiving Day
10/28/2026 – 10/24/2026	Invisible Disability Week
10/31/2026	Halloween
NOVEMBER	
11/1/2026 – 11/30/2026	Hindu Heritage Month
11/1/2026 – 11/30/2026	Mo-Vember Men's Health
11/1/2026 – 11/30/2026	Indigenous Disability Month
11/1/2026 – 11/7/2026	Treaties Recognition Week
11/5/2026 – 11/11/2026	Veterans Week
11/7/2026	Inuit Day
11/8/2026	National Indigenous Veterans Day
11/8/2026	Diwali
11/11/2026	Remembrance Day
11/13/2026 – 11/19/2026	Transgender Awareness Week
11/16/2026 – 11/20/2026	Ontario's Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week

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11/20/2026	Transgender Day of Remembrance
11/22/2026	National Housing Day
11/25/2026 – 12/10/2026	16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
11/29/2026 – 12/24/2026	Advent
DECEMBER	
12/1/2026	World AIDS Day
12/3/2026	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
12/4/2026 – 12/12/2026	Hanukkah
12/6/2026	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
12/21/2026	Winter Solstice
12/24/2026	Christmas Eve
12/25/2026	Christmas Day
12/26/2026 – 1/1/2027	Kwanzaa
12/31/2026	New Year's Eve

Events in Approval Process

Date	Time	Event Name	Estimated Attendance	Confirmed Location	Event Type	Event Organizer	Road Closure
APRIL							
4/17/2026	12pm - 2pm	Hespeler Village Easter Egg Hunt	600	Downtown Hespeler - Queen Street from Guelph Avenue to Tannery Street	Public Free	BIA	

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4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026	Friday 4pm – 7pm Saturday 10am – 5pm Sunday 10am – 4pm	Cambridge Home and Lifestyle Show	2,000 (per day)	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Free	Community Group	
MAY							
5/2/2026	7am – 4pm	Cambridge Moves for Mental Health	250	Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group	
5/2/2026 - 5/3/2026	9am – 6pm	Ultimate Canada High School Invitation	300	Fountain Street Soccer Complex	Public, Cost	Community Group	
5/3/2026	11:30am – 2:30pm	Battle of Atlantic	70	Churchill Park	Private	Community Group	
5/16/2026	5:30pm – 11:30pm	IPW Professional Wrestling	120	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group	
5/16/2026	11am-6pm	Momma's Cookout Cooking Demo	100	City Hall Civic Square	Public, Free	Community Group	
5/23/2026	10am - 2pm	Public Works Open House 2026	1500	Bishop Operations Centre (BOC) - 1310 Bishop St N	Public, Free	City of Cambridge	

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5/28/2026 – 5/31/2026	Thurs 5pm - 10pm Fri 5pm - 10pm Sat 11am - 10pm Sun 11am - 5pm	75th Annual Preston Kin Carnival	10000 (per day)	Riverside Park - Mickler Field	Public Free	Community Group	
5/29/2026 - 10/2/2026	Fridays 3pm – 7pm	Hespeler Village Market	400	11 Tannery Street East	Public, Free	Community Group	
5/30/2026	11am – 3:30pm	IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's	75	Churchill Park	Public, Free	Community Group	
JUNE							
6/6/2026	11am – 3pm	Neighbourhood Day – Kinbridge Community Association	1,000	Churchill Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association	
6/6/2026	9am – 3pm	Chariot Fest	500	Soper Park Diamonds	Public, Free	Community Group	
6/6/2026	9:30am - 11:30am	Portugal Day Parade	1000	Downtown Galt	Public Free	Community Group	
6/13/2026	2:30pm – 8pm	Fiddlesticks Annual Neighbourhood Day Carnival	650	Fiddlesticks Community Centre	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association	

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6/13/2026	3pm – 6pm	Neighbourhood Day – Alison Neighbourhood Community Centre	650 – 700	Soper Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association	
6/13/2026	9am - 1pm	Push For Your Tush	80	Riverside Park - Dolph Picnic Shelter	Public Free	Community Group	
6/13/2026	6:30am - 7:30pm	Royal Canadian Legion Youth Track and Field	200	Jacob Hespeler Secondary School	Public Free	Community Group	
6/13/2026	11am - 3pm	Pet Portraits in the Park	100	Forbes Park	Public Free	Community Group	
6/14/2026	8am – 1pm	Cambridge Mill Race	300	Riverbluffs Park	Public, Free	Community Group	
6/27/2026 - 6/28/2026	Sat 9am - 10pm Sun 9am - 9pm	Kitchener, Waterloo, Cambridge Fiesta Extravaganza	400 – 700 (per day)	Soper Park Diamonds	Public, Free	Community Group	
6/28/2026	9am - 4pm	St. Mary's of the Visitation Parish Carnival	150	Forbes Park	Public Free	Community Group	
JULY							
7/10/2026 - 7/12/2026	9am – 10pm	The Great Hespeler Reunion 2026	10,000 (per day)	Village of Hespeler	Public, Free	Community Group	
~~**7/11/2026**~~	~~11am – 11:30pm~~	~~Latin Street Festival~~	Event Cancelled				
7/17/2026 - 7/18/2026	Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 6am – 8pm	Cambridge Scottish Festival	5,000	Churchill Park	Public, Cost	Community Group	

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7/18/2026	9am - 4pm	Summer In the Park	200	Forbes Park	Public Free	Community Group	
7/25/2026	12pm – 9:30pm	Emancipation Day Celebration	1,000	Soper Park	Public, Free	Community Group	
7/25/2026	12pm – 7pm	Cambridge Multicultural Festival	5,000	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group	
7/25/2026 - 7/26/2026	Sat 10am - 5pm Sun 10am - 1pm	The Long Dash Festival	100 (per day)	rare Slit Barn and Grand Trunk Trail	Public Free	Community Group	
AUGUST							
8/7/2026 - 8/9/2026	Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 12pm–10pm Sunday 12pm – 7pm	Cambridge Ribfest and Craft Beer Show	10,000 (per day)	Riverside Park – Mickler Field	Public, Free	Community Group	
SEPTEMBER							
9/10/2026 - 9/13/2026	Thursday 4pm – 10pm Friday 4pm – 10pm Saturday 12pm–10pm Sunday 12pm – 5pm	Cambridge Fall Fair	2,000 (per day)	Dickson Park	Public, Cost	Community Group	
9/12/2026	11am – 3pm	Newcomers Connection Picnic	500	Churchill Park	Public, Free	Neighbourhood Association	

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9/19/2026	11am – 8pm	Time For Trades Cross-Canada Tour	1,500	Forbes Park	Public, Free	Community Group	
9/20/2025	11am – 2:30pm	Cambridge Terry Fox Run	180	Riverside Park – SSG 1 Field	Fundraiser	Community Group	
9/25/2026 - 9/26/2026	Friday 5pm – 10pm Saturday 3pm – 10pm	Fest2Fall	5,000	Dickson Park	Public, Cost	Community Group	
OCTOBER							
10/10/2026	1:55pm – 11:55pm	GHS Navrati 2026	500 – 700	Duncan McIntosh Arena	Public, Cost	Community Group	
NOVEMBER							
11/10/2026 – 11/14/2026	8am – 8pm	CCAA Women's Soccer National Championships	150 – 200	Fountain Street Soccer Complex	Public, Cost	Community Group	

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