



Electronic Council Communication Information Package

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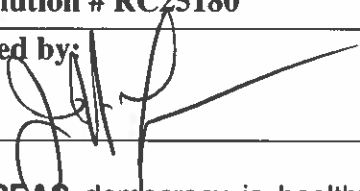
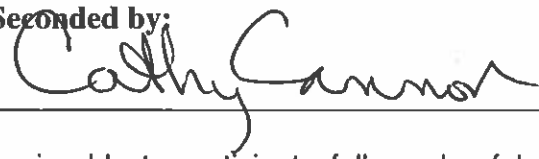


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25180	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

AND THAT Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, relevant MPs and MPPs, FONOM and NOMA, Superior East Mayor's Group and posted on the municipal website.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>A. Wopato</i>

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units; and

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security; and

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases; and

WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Wawa renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes; and

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates; and

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

WHEREAS This council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system; and

WHEREAS maintaining Northern Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the Clerk for the Municipality of Wawa send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Terry Sheehan, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

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Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL



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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

☒ Louanne Caza
☐ Elaine Fic
☐ Annie Keft
☐ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

☐ Louanne Caza
☐ Elaine Fic
☐ Annie Keft
☒ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 321/2025

DATE: November 12, 2025

WHEREAS housing affordability is one of the most pressing issues facing Ontario families;

WHEREAS the federal government recently announced GST relief for first-time homebuyers on new homes, and the Province of Ontario removed the provincial share of HST on new purpose-built rental homes; and

WHEREAS the current HST rate on new homes in Ontario is 13%, which adds tens of thousands of dollars to the cost of a typical home; e.g. about \$117,000 on a \$900,000.00 home in Bradford before any existing rebates;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of McGarry calls on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing , Infrastructure and Communities; and to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, our local MP and MPP the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and to all municipalities in Ontario,

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

I declare this motion

☒ Carried
☐ Lost / Defeated
☐ Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



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SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

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☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 317/2025

DATE: November 12, 2025

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas the Ministry of education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honorable Minister of education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

I declare this motion

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☐ Referred to: _____ (enter body) Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

Signature of Chair:

*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.



November 6th, 2025

Sent via email.

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras

At the Regular Council meeting on October 21st, 2025, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford directed staff to write a letter in opposition to the Provincial decision on Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Cameras.

In December 2019, the Province of Ontario established regulations allowing municipalities to use ASE cameras to address speeding and enhance public safety. Following provincial encouragement, municipalities adopted ASE technology to reduce speeding, prevent collisions, and save lives.

Research at local, regional, and international levels supports the effectiveness of ASE programs, indicating a significant reduction in speeding, improved compliance in school and community safety zones, and positive changes in driver behavior. The suggestion that the Provincial government views the ASE program as a “cash grab” is entirely unfounded, as revenue generated through ASE arises solely from individuals who choose to disregard posted speed limits. If drivers comply with speed regulations and adjust their behaviour accordingly, there would be no generated revenue from ASE cameras.

Municipal councils are directly responsible for the health and safety of their communities and are therefore best positioned to determine the areas of greatest concern regarding local driving conditions. Each municipality understands the unique traffic patterns, school zones, and community safety issues within its jurisdiction. Furthermore, policing and traffic enforcement are municipal responsibilities, and as such, municipalities should have the autonomy to determine whether and how to deploy ASE technology in the most effective and efficient manner to protect residents and road users.

Following significant municipal investment across Ontario, the recent decision, made without consultation, to cancel Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) programs has



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raised serious concerns. Rather than an outright ban, adjustments to existing legislation and program standards would provide a more balanced and collaborative approach. Therefore, the Council of the Township of South-West Oxford respectfully requests that this decision to ban ASE cameras be reconsidered, and that municipalities be permitted to continue using ASE cameras in school zones and urban areas where local councils deem them warranted. At a time when police services are facing significant resource constraints that limit their capacity to enforce speed limits, ASE cameras remain a necessary tool to address community safety concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denny Giles'.

Denny Giles
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Township of South-West Oxford

cc. The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs
All Ontario Municipalities