



Electronic Council Communication Information Package

Friday, January 16, 2026

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January 15, 2026

Sent by email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 68, Plan to Protect Ontario Act, and ERO Posting 025-1257

At the January 12, 2026, Regular meeting, Stratford City Council considered resolutions from the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority regarding Bill 68 and ERO Posting 025-1257 relating to the proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities.

At the meeting, Stratford City Council adopted the following resolution:

R2026-21

THAT CA-2026-007, being resolutions regarding Bill 68: Plan to Protect Ontario Act, be endorsed.

A copy of the endorsed resolution has been provided below:

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the City of Stratford established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1947);

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget);

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the City of Stratford supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the City of Stratford supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
- local MPPs,
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- area Indigenous communities,
- all municipalities,
- Conservation Authorities, and
- Conservation Ontario.

Sincerely,

T. Dafoe

Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk
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Cc: The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
Matthew Rae, Member of Provincial Parliament for Perth – Wellington,
Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
All Ontario municipalities,
The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority,
Long Point Region Conservation Authority, and
Conservation Ontario.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH PERTH
COUNCIL MEETING
Regular Council - Updated



Agenda Number: 7.

Resolution Number 03.01.26

Date: January 12, 2026

Moved By Lee Anne Andriessen


Seconded By Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth supports item 7.22 Township of Perry Resolution re: Removal of HST and GST From New Homes; and

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth's supporting resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Perth-Wellington MP, Perth-Wellington MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

ACTION ON MOTION:

CARRIED



MAYOR OR OTHER ELECTED OFFICIAL



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: December 17, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 448

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Perry hereby support the October 21, 2025 resolution of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding the removal of the HST/GST from new homes purchased as primary residences to support housing affordability;

And that Council endorse the related November 3, 2025 supporting resolution of the Municipality of South Huron;

And that Council's supporting resolution be circulated to the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, Municipality of South Huron, the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Finance and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Scott Aitchison and MPP Graydon Smith, AMO, and to all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried: ✓ Defeated:


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		



MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 22-26

Date: Jan 13, 2026

Moved By: Ron Giardetti

Seconded By: Don Smith

THAT Council hereby receives and supports the resolution from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North, the Honourable Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

Resolution No. CC- 179 - 2025

Date: December 18, 2025

Moved by

Tory Descamps

Seconded by

Nancy Peckford

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025, re-introduced legislation originally proposed under Bill 241; and

WHEREAS Bill 9, if passed, would enable the creation of a new, standardized municipal code of conduct, an integrity commissioner inquiry process that would be consistent throughout the province and mandatory code of conduct training for members of council and certain local boards; and

WHEREAS Bill 9, Municipal Accountability Act, 2025, was ordered for a third reading on October 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville deems it advisable for Bill 9 to be passed promptly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville calls for Bill 9 to proceed to its third reading forthwith; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Steve Clark, MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐

Corinna Smith-Gatcke
Corinna Smith-Gatcke, Warden

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

1. Bail and Sentencing Provisions - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. Parole and Early Release - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. Sex Offender Monitoring - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. Victim and Community Safety - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
The Attorney General of Ontario
The Solicitor General of Ontario
The Prime Minister of Canada
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Jaggard

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All municipalities



Regular Council
December 15, 2025
245-2025

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

Justin Kirby

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott support the Municipality of Tweed's, the Tay Valley Township's, and the Municipality of South Huron's resolutions regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the members of council, MPPs and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

AND WHEREAS continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering is unsuitable;

AND WHEREAS burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

AND WHEREAS we continue to destroy our environmental jeopardizing our future generations;

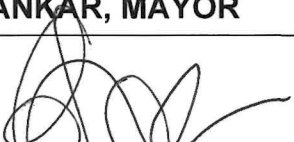
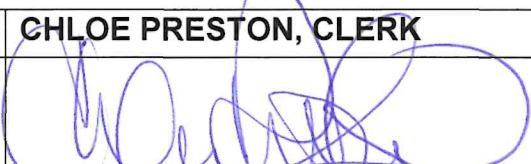
AND WHEREAS we have worldwide technology that will allow us to use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

AND THAT this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities.

		REQUESTED BY:		
		RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
		Councillor Leanne Burton		
		Councillor Mary Campbell		
		Councillor Justin Kirkby		
CARRIED:	P	Councillor Lee McConnell		
TABLED:		Mayor Gauri Shankar		
DEFEATED:		Councillor Ray Young		
RECORDED VOTE:		Councillor Tracey Young		

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	



October 24, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Municipality of Tweed – Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on October 21st, 2025 adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2025-10-22

MOVED BY: Fred Dobbie
SECONDED BY: Marilyn Thomas

“WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township Support the Municipality of Tweed’s resolution regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

AND WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the members of council, MPP's and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

AND WHEREAS, with large urban centres now looking in rural areas of our province and entire country for lands to bury their garbage waste;

AND WHEREAS, a large landfill site owned by a large urban centre which receives 50% of their garbage at the present time is expected to be full by 2029 creating more environmental impacts;

AND WHEREAS, continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering it unusable;

AND WHEREAS, burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

AND WHEREAS, we continue to destroy our environment jeopardizing our future generations;

AND WHEREAS, we have worldwide technology that will allow us the use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;

AND WHEREAS, the incineration of household and other municipal waste has a long tradition in Germany, which currently has 156 municipal thermal waste incineration facilities with an aggregate annual capacity of around 25 million tons;

AND WHEREAS, with a strong focus on community involvement, innovative infrastructure, and sustainable practices, Germany has set a high bar for municipal recycling programs that the rest of the world can learn from and emulate;

AND WHEREAS, at the present time, Germany recycles 66.1% of its garbage waste at a municipal level. This places the country as the most effective and prominent country when it comes to recycling in the entire world. This highlights the citizen's strength and motivation to deal with environmental issues on a daily basis;

AND WHEREAS, German schools often integrate recycling education into their curriculum. This early exposure to the importance of recycling instills a sense of responsibility in the younger generation, creating a culture of sustainability that transcends generations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of Tay Valley Township support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

AND THAT, this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk

cc: Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party,
All Municipalities in Ontario



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November 5, 2025

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

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Room 281
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their November 3, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

445-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

That South Huron Council support the October 21, 2025 Resolution of Tay Valley Township regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management; and

That the supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to Premier Ford, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Encl.

cc: AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all Ontario Municipalities



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January 14, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Re: Motion Regarding the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

At the January 5, 2026, Regular Council meeting for the Town of Saugeen Shores, the following motion was passed:

Resolution 010-2026

Moved by: Councillor D. Myette

Seconded by: Councillor R. Stack

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority “The Authority” was established in 1950, 75 years ago by a group of municipalities, as a response to problems associated with flooding; and

Whereas the Town of Saugeen Shores is the single largest member by apportionment in this collection of 8 member municipalities, comprising of the main channel and mouth of the Saugeen River at Southampton. The Town of Saugeen Shores is the largest contributor of annual levies that cover the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the member municipalities cover 44% of the operational costs of the SVCA, 7% coming from the Provincial funding and the remaining is generated through internally generated revenue and permitting fees; and

Whereas the fees charged by Conservation Authorities have been frozen for 3 years which has had the effect of shifting the financial burden onto levies and by extension the property tax payers; and

Whereas the Provincial Conservation Authorities Association (Conservation Ontario) has and continues to provide the respective Authorities with guidance, oversight, and consistency of regulation application; and

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Whereas the development of the “Agency” is proposed to be funded by municipalities and serves only to add another layer of Government bureaucracy, which by definition will serve only to increase financial burden on member Municipalities; and

Whereas one of the stated objectives of the “Agency” is development of a single digital permitting platform. This approach will serve to alienate a significant portion of our residents who do not have access to internet services, due to rural location or due to religious beliefs; and

Whereas the SVCA is located in a primarily rural geographic region, that due to the proposed consolidation of 7 Authorities will be seemingly overshadowed by much larger and more densely populated authorities with much larger urban components; and

Whereas the SVCA has worked hard to achieve a streamlined and efficient operation and service delivery model, due in large part to the direct oversight by a Board comprised of member municipalities appointed elected officials; and

Whereas the proposed consolidated Huron-Superior Authority would be comprised of up to 80 municipalities, 23,000 sq/km and by extension, a Board of Directors that would be so large as to be unmanageable, and would surely result in smaller rural municipalities losing direct control over the operation of the Authority; and

Whereas the inclusion of Lakehead Region CA in North West Ontario, could have detrimental repercussions arising from travel distance and geographic differences alone; and

Whereas the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority owns and manages thousands of acres of CA land, many of which are income generating, through user fees, land leases, managed forest harvest, and campground fees. The Amalgamation plan does not address how these assets, which by extension belong to member Municipalities, would be equitably divested. Many of these properties were granted to the Authority, specifically detailing the nature and terms of ownership which legally must be maintained going forward; and

Whereas Authorities across the province have liquid assets in the form of trusts, and reserves that belong to member municipalities which run the risk of being swallowed up by large Authorities with larger budgets and resources.

Now Therefore, be it Resolved that the Town of Saugeen Shores requests that the Amalgamation into the “Huron Superior Regional Conservation Authority” as outlined in ERO 025-1257 be reconsidered. This in order to maintain the local oversight and protect against as yet unforeseen consequences which will serve to undermine the SVCA’s ability to provide regional knowledge-based service delivery and management of properties under our stewardship and ownership; and

Further ensure that should the amalgamations go forward that consideration be given to grouping Rural Authorities with similar watershed characteristics together, while grouping more Urban Authorities together for similar reasons; and

Further ensure that any transitional costs are fully funded by the Province and not borne by member Municipalities, and that Municipalities are provided with clear funding models in 2026 so as to allow for sufficient planning data for the 2027 budgets; and

Further that Saugeen Shores Council urges the Province to engage with affected municipalities and First Nations communities in a meaningful way to collaboratively review the service delivery model and standardize only where necessary paying attention to the different needs of Rural and Urban Authorities. That the Province use this approach rather than develop another level of administration and the associated financial burden that would surely result; and

Finally that this resolution be included in the Municipalities ERO response and be forwarded to the:

- Premier of Ontario;
- Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
- Bruce County Council;
- All of Ontario’s Municipalities;
- Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
- The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- AMO; and,
- Conservation Ontario.



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Sincerely,

Ashlynn Kennedy
Licensing and Records Clerk

cc: Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks;
Bruce County Council;
All Ontario Municipalities;
Huron Bruce MPP/ Minister of Rural Affairs;
The board of Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
AMO; and,
Conservation Ontario.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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January 15, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution - Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #8, January 13, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Armstrong

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

Support the City of Peterborough – Elect Respect Pledge

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;

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 the Township of Larder Lake Council supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

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

AND THAT the Township of Larder Lake Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The originating correspondence is attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Crystal Labbe', written in a cursive style.

Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

Solicitor General

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By email

January 12, 2026

To Mayors and Chairs of Police Service Boards in Strong Mayor Power Municipalities,

We are writing to provide information on the powers and roles of municipalities, mayors, and police service boards in establishing a police service board budget, particularly in municipalities with Strong Mayor Powers.

In a strong mayor municipality, the Head of Council has the responsibility to prepare and propose the municipal budget on or before February 1 of each year, which would be subject to a council amendment, head of council veto and council override process.

This municipal budget includes estimates of amounts required during the year, including any amounts required for boards, such as the police service boards budget established in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA). **The Head of Council's strong mayor budget powers do not include the power to limit police service board budget increases or veto estimates submitted by police service boards.**

The CSPA provides the purposes for which the funding is to be provided to a police service board, establishes a process for submitting budget estimates, municipal approval of such a budget, and the mechanisms available to address disagreements.

Under section 50 of the CSPA, a police service board must submit their operating and capital estimates to the municipality, which is then responsible for establishing an overall budget for the police service board. **Although municipalities are not required to adopt the board's estimates as submitted, they cannot approve or reject specific line items within the estimates.** Municipalities are required to provide police service boards with sufficient funding to comply with the CSPA and its regulations, as well as pay the expenses of the board's operation, excluding remuneration for board members.

There are dispute resolution mechanisms established under the CSPA to address situations in which a police service board is not satisfied that the budget is sufficient to permit the board to comply with the legislation and pay for the board's operation.

The CSPA provides two dispute resolution pathways: the board and municipality may jointly apply to the Commission Chair of the Ontario Police Arbitration and Adjudication Commission (OPAAC) to appoint a conciliation officer, or the board may give the municipality written notice referring the matter to arbitration.

In arbitration, a municipality can argue, among other things, that costs could be reduced if the board entered an agreement to receive services from another police service. If the municipality can show that the board could reasonably have obtained policing services under an agreement (under section 14 of the CSPA, with another police service board or the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police) at a lower cost while still meeting applicable standards, the arbitrator cannot deem the budget insufficient to the extent of the amount that could have been saved by entering into the agreement.

For example, if a police service board seeks funding for a \$15 million policing budget, and the municipality can demonstrate that equivalent services meeting all standards could have been provided through a budget at \$13 million, where some services are provided pursuant to an agreement with another police service, in this case, the arbitrator could not find the budget insufficient to the extent of the additional \$2 million.

Following arbitration, the municipality shall amend the board's budget to reflect the arbitrator's decision.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to protecting our communities. Please consider this information as you work toward establishing police service budgets. If you or your administrative staff require additional information, please contact Nicole Rogers, Manager, Community Safety Policy Unit, Ministry of the Solicitor General, at Nicole.Rogers@ontario.ca or Shira Babins, Manager, Financial Analysis and Reporting Unit, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, at Shira.Babins@ontario.ca.

Your work and dedication are important in advancing shared priorities and strengthening public safety to protect Ontario.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General



The Honourable Rob Flack
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