



Electronic Council Communication Information Package

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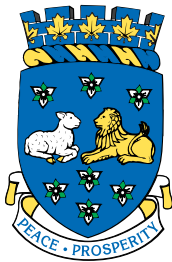
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May 9, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

Council Resolution - Councillor D. McCabe re: Salt Pollution

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on May 6, 2025, approved the following motion:

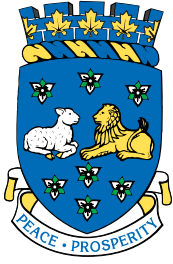
WHEREAS road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt; and

WHEREAS salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo, in collaboration with local municipalities, is actively attempting to mitigate salt pollution using existing policies, programs and site design measures that would be significantly more effective with supporting Provincial legislation; and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

WHEREAS numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government



**approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans;
and**

**WHEREAS increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other
injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt
applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and**

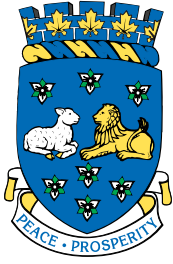
**WHEREAS unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive
for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage,
resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for
municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and**

**WHEREAS the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape
Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited
liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable
contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt
application; and**

**WHEREAS many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but
these often require updating considering improved science and better salt
management practices now available.**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Region of Waterloo urges the province of Ontario to work on a
priority basis with key stakeholders to develop limited liability
legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set
of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice
management; and**
- 2. The Region of Waterloo urges the province of Ontario to create and
fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province
and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater
ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and**
- 3. This resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Regional
Municipality of Waterloo, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
(AMO), local MPPs, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO),**



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Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM), Landscape Ontario, Conservation Ontario, the Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP), the Minister of Red Tape Reduction, the Attorney General, and Premier Doug Ford.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact William Short, Regional Clerk/Director, Council & Administrative Services, via email at RegionalClerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

Legislative Services Specialist
Region of Waterloo

cc: All municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO), Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM), Landscape Ontario, Conservation Ontario, the Minister of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP), the Minister of Red Tape Reduction and the Attorney General



May 9, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
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RE: Resolution from the City of Waterloo passed May 5, 2025, re: Federal and Provincial Stimulus Funding to Fast-Track Investments in Infrastructure to Protect Local Economies Motion

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Waterloo at its Council meeting held on Monday, May 5th, 2025 resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the United States has imposed tariffs on key Canadian industries, and Canada has implemented counter-tariffs in response; and

WHEREAS tariffs are already disrupting local economies across Ontario, jeopardizing jobs, investment, and economic stability in communities of all sizes; and

WHEREAS we must protect our most vulnerable residents whose housing supports and services may be negatively impacted by an economic downturn; and

WHEREAS infrastructure investments in public transit, Light Rail Transit and improving the electricity grid will simultaneously address the economic uncertainty created by the US imposed tariffs by creating good, local jobs while also addressing the climate crisis; and

WHEREAS in times of economic uncertainty, federal and provincial governments have historically stepped up with stimulus investments to support municipalities, create jobs, and maintain economic momentum; and



WHEREAS past stimulus initiatives, such as the 2009 Economic Action Plan, which funded 23,000 infrastructure projects across the country in response to the global financial crisis, and the 2020 COVID-19 stimulus plan, which provided critical economic relief during the pandemic, played a critical role in stabilizing local economies and ensuring communities could withstand economic downturns; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are uniquely positioned to drive economic recovery by facilitating major infrastructure projects that create well-paying jobs, attract investment, and improve public services for residents; and

WHEREAS fast-tracking significant municipal projects as stimulus initiatives would help mitigate the negative economic impacts of US tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs while building critical infrastructure that benefits Ontarians for generations; and

WHEREAS projects such as housing enabling infrastructure, asset management mitigation and adaptation, transit and transportation infrastructure, affordable housing and supportive housing projects, and other key infrastructure investments that support economic growth, job creation, and sustainable urban development, are ready to serve as engines of economic resilience and community capacity building,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the City of Waterloo Council calls on the federal and provincial governments to introduce comprehensive municipal stimulus strategies to fast-track large-scale investments in infrastructure, housing, transit, state-of-good-repair projects and other critical projects that will help safeguard local economies against the destabilizing effects of US tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs; and

THAT these stimulus strategies also allow for funding of social housing programs including wrap around services for our most vulnerable residents; and

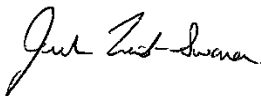
THAT Council urges the federal and provincial governments to work in partnership with municipal associations such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO), and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to identify and accelerate key projects to serve as stimulus initiatives, ensuring that economic growth remains centered on protecting the livelihoods and well-being of the people within our Waterloo and across Waterloo Region:

- **City of Waterloo Beaver Creek Road and Conservation Drive Pumping Stations** - construction of 2 new pumping stations required to enable the creation of over 4,500 new homes in Waterloo.
- **City of Waterloo Albert McCormick Community Centre Renovation and Expansion** - a significant redevelopment to enhance its energy efficiency, accessibility, and overall functionality.
- **City of Waterloo RIM Park GHG and Accessibility Retrofit Project** – a major renovation of a key community asset that represents approximately 47% of the GHG savings required to meet the City's 2030 GHG emission target (in 2030).

AND THAT this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, local MPs, Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus (OBCM), Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO), Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Finance, President of the Treasury Board, Premier Doug Ford and the federal ministerial counterparts when the new federal cabinet is established.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Julie Finley-Swaren
City Clerk, City of Waterloo

CC (by email):

William Short, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Waterloo
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Kaitlin Bos, Clerk, Township of Wilmot
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May 8, 2025

Hon. Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor, 777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers in the Municipality of North Perth

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of North Perth passed the following resolution at their meeting on April 29, 2025:

Moved by Doug Kellum Seconded by Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth expresses its desires to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reverse the grant of Strong Mayor Powers to the Municipality of North Perth;

AND THAT: The letter be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Perth Wellington MPP Matthew Rae, Association of Municipality of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities.

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth, please accept this letter as an official request to have strong mayor powers removed from the Municipality of North Perth.

Regards,

Sarah Carter
Acting Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor

Enclosure

CC: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Matthew Rae, Perth Wellington MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

Resolution

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May 5, 2025

RE: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on April 30, 2025, passed the following resolution:

THAT Council requests the Provincial Government to urgently:

- Increase Ontario Works rates to match the ODSP rate increases that have already been made and be indexed to inflation;
- Commit to ongoing cost of living increases above and beyond the rate of inflation to make up for the years they were frozen; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,

Kristina Lepik
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

Enclosure.

cc. Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association; and
All Ontario Municipalities

Honourable Premier Doug Ford
Doug.Fordco@pc.ola.org

Sent via electronic mail

May 8, 2025

Dear Honourable Premier Doug Ford

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C195-2025 opposing Strong Mayor Powers.

Resolution C195-2025

Moved by: Cabral
Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas the Ontario government has expanded the "strong mayor" powers to 169 additional municipalities, which grants mayors in these municipalities more authority, particularly concerning the control of municipal budgets and planning decisions; and,

Whereas this proposal has raised significant concerns regarding the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power; and,

Whereas the expansion of strong mayor powers undermines the collaborative nature of municipal governance, and diminishes the role of elected municipal councillors in representing the diverse interests of the community; and,

Whereas concerns have been raised about the negative impacts on public trust, democratic participation, and municipal decision-making processes, if mayors are able to bypass council decisions without adequate consultation or oversight.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Springwater opposes the Strong Mayor Powers; and

That the Council formally expresses its opposition to the Ontario government's expansion of the Strong Mayor Powers to preserve local democracy, transparency, and accountability.

Further Be It Resolved That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Ontario Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Doug Downey, all Ontario municipalities, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for further action.

Carried

The Clerk's Department can be reached via email at clerks@springwater.ca or by phone at 705-728-4784, Ext. 2304.

Regards,



Cayla Reimer
Deputy Clerk,
Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. MPP Doug Downey
All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
pm@pm.gc.ca

Sent via electronic mail

May 8, 2025

Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney

At its Regular meeting on May 7, 2025, the Township of Springwater's Council passed resolution C196-2025 Redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

Resolution C196-2025

Moved by: Cabral

Seconded by: Fisher

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Springwater formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That Township of Springwater calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Prime Minister Mark Carney, the Right Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Doug Downey; and

Further Be It Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

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Regards,



Cayla Reimer
Deputy Clerk,
Township of Springwater

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. MP Doug Shipley
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