



## Electronic Council Communication Information Package

Friday, July 18, 2025

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July 18, 2025

Via email: [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

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

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

**Re: Formal Opposition of the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their May 5, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

195-2025

Moved By: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

**The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron ("Council") formally opposes the expansion of Strong Mayor Powers, that were announced April 9, 2025 and took effect May 1, 2025; and**

**That Council requests O.Reg 530/22 Expanding Strong Mayor Powers be amended to remove the Municipality of South Huron; and**

**That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
Municipality of South Huron

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Encl.

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack,  
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Room 281  
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

**Re: Producer Responsibility for Blue Boxes**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

286-2025  
Moved By: Ted Oke  
Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

**That South Huron Council support the June 10, 2025 resolution from the Municipality of Tweed regarding producer responsibility for Blue Boxes; and**

**That South Huron hereby requests that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources; and**

**That this resolution and originating documents be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MPP Thompson, and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting**



**Resolution No.** 274  
**Title:** Notices of Motion  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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**Moved by** D. DeGenova  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

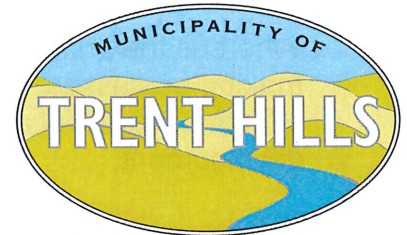
AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

July 11, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON  
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Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

**Via Email:** [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Correspondence dated May 1, 2025, from the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Strong Mayor Powers.**

At its meeting of July 8, 2025, council considered the Correspondence dated May 1, 2025, from the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Strong Mayor Powers and passed the following motion.

**Motion No. THC-250708-12**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michael Metcalf

Seconded by Councillor Rob Pope

Whereas the Province of Ontario initially introduced Strong Mayor Powers in 2022 with the stated intent of expediting housing development across municipalities; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario arbitrarily expanded the Strong Mayor Powers legislation to include an additional 169 municipalities, including the Municipality of Trent Hills, in May 2025; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario have demonstrated a commitment to addressing the housing crisis through local planning approvals and community-led solutions; and

Whereas Strong Mayor Powers fundamentally alter local democratic governance by concentrating decision-making authority in a single individual, thereby weakening the role of elected Councils and disrupting the principles of collaboration and shared leadership; and

Whereas these powers may create uncertainty within municipal organizations, negatively affect staff morale, and risk undermining the trust that is fundamental to effective and transparent municipal governance; and

Whereas there are currently no provincial checks and balances or independent oversight mechanisms in place to ensure Strong Mayor Powers are being used appropriately and as intended, and the legislation itself has been described by some as "open to interpretation," creating a fundamental flaw in the responsible application of these potentially dangerous powers; and



Whereas the primary barriers to housing construction are not rooted in municipal decision-making processes, but in broader market conditions, infrastructure constraints, and the lack of effective provincial and federal policy supports to stimulate affordable and attainable housing development;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Trent Hills formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety; and

That should the legislation not be repealed, that the Province immediately remove the Municipality of Trent Hills from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor Powers framework; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
- All Ontario municipalities for their information and support

Carried.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Municipality.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Crate', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Crate  
Mayor

cc: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)  
All Ontario municipalities for their information and support

July 10, 2025

VIA EMAIL

**Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

At their Regular Meeting of Council on July 9, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer passed the below resolution:

WHEREAS the Town of Aylmer recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

WHEREAS the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

WHEREAS Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

WHEREAS the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

WHEREAS such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

WHEREAS it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

THAT Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition;

- Andrew Lawton, Member of Parliament for Elgin-St. Thomas-London South;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement; and,

Regards,

Owen Jaggard  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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CC: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs  
Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting leader of the Official Opposition  
Andrew Lawton, MP Elgin-St. Thomas-London South  
All Ontario Municipalities  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

July 17, 2025

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Via Email: [rob.flack@ontario.ca](mailto:rob.flack@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack,

**Re: Opposition to Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster Act, 2025**

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Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting held Monday, July 14th, 2025, the Council of the Town of Kingsville passed the following resolution respecting the matter referenced in the above subject line:

**122-07142025**

**Moved By:** Deputy Mayor DeYong

**Seconded By:** Councillor Gaffan

**Whereas** on May 12, 2025, the Government of Ontario (hereafter, the "Province"), enacted Bill 17, also known as the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (hereafter, the "Act"), which will defer Development Charge (hereafter, "DC" or "DCs") revenues and increase collection efforts and costs;

**And whereas** the DCs collected from developers are necessary to help municipalities fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new housing;

**Now therefore be it resolved** that The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville:

- Requests that the Province of Ontario provide municipalities with clarity on how they should fund the capital costs of infrastructure and services required to support new growth, given the impacts to overall DC revenue;
- Wishes it to be known that the constant change to the Province's planning and development framework is creating uncertainty and is ultimately reducing the construction of housing; and,
- Directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex, Lisa Gretzky, MPP Windsor West, Andrew Dowie, MPP Windsor-Tecumseh, Trevor

Jones, MPP Chatham-Kent-Leamington, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Toole". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" written in a larger, more prominent style than the last name "Toole".

Angela Toole, Acting Manager of Municipal Governance/Clerk

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cc. Anthony Leardi, MPP, Essex  
Trevor Jones, MPP, Chatham-Kent - Leamington  
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor West  
AMCTO  
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All Ontario Municipalities

## **Council Resolution**

**Council Meeting Date:** July 14, 2025

**Letter of Support for H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign**

**Council Resolution:** 2025-140

**Moved:** Mayor Post

**Seconded:** Councillor Andrews

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 called 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 Orangeville 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 Orangeville Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at [www.electrespect.ca](http://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, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

**Result:** Carried Unanimously



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July 8, 2025

Town of Caledon  
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Sent by email to: Chief of Staff, Catherine Monast,  
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**Re: Motion regarding illegal land use**

At its regular meeting of Council held on June 18, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council wished to send a letter of support to The Town of Caledon on the motion regarding illegal land use that was sent to Premier Ford on June 4, 2025.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk





*Annette Groves*  
*Mayor*

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Her Worship, Mayor Annette Groves  
Office of the Mayor  
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June 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford,  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5  
[Premier@ontario.ca](mailto:Premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Ford,

Illegal land use, including unauthorized development, unapproved land alterations, and other non-compliant activities, poses significant threats to the Town's agricultural viability, water quality, and ecosystem health, in addition to decreasing adjacent land values and undermining public trust in land-use governance enforcement.

There have been approximately 1,300 properties investigated in Caledon for illegal land use since 2015, with the majority of instances being for the operation of illegal transportation depots.

Illegal transportation depots and parking lots undermine the success of Caledon's largest industry and employment sector. The prevalence of illegal transportation depots and parking lots, and their disregard for architectural and landscape standards, reduce the appeal for investment in prestige employment lands.

Penalties prescribed by the Planning Act are insufficient to deter violations, as they do not adequately reflect the economic gains derived from illegal land use activities and even maximum fines are difficult to obtain. The existing provisions in the Municipal Act specifically disallow municipalities from licensing transportation depots and truck parking.

In June 2023, the Town of Caledon wrote to your office requesting increased authority for municipalities to manage illegal land use including the ability to physically bar entry to properties and increase maximum penalty amounts for individuals and corporations. The Town has also made similar requests to the Honourable Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, the Ministry of the

Attorney General, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

At the June 3, 2025 General Committee Meeting, Council expressed support for a motion to strengthen municipal authority to effectively manage illegal land use by:

1. Amending the Planning Act to allow for a municipality to:

- a. require a person to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has contravened section 41, section 46, subsection 49 (4) or section 52 or who contravenes a by-law passed under section 34 or 38 or an order made under section 47; whereas municipalities cannot currently administer administrative penalty systems under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act and Building Code Act,
- b. issue orders to discontinue a contravening activity or perform work to correct a contravention under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act, whereas the Act does not currently allow it.
- c. enable a matter or thing to be done at a person's expense in default of it being done in accordance with an order made under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act; further, that the costs of such action taken by a municipality may be recovered by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes, whereas municipalities cannot currently perform remedial work under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act,
- d. register charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and court imposed fines in the proper land registry office, so any person acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order is deemed to have been served with the same order; whereas the Act does not currently allow it,
- e. increase the maximum penalty amounts to \$50,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a corporation on a first conviction and \$25,000 for each day the contravention continues after a conviction for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation, additionally, amending the Act to allow municipalities to establish minimum fines under Zoning and Site Plan Control by-laws and continuing offence penalties on a first conviction.

2. Amending the Municipal Act to allow for a municipality to:

- a. provide a system of licenses under a business licensing by-law for the local parking and storage operations of transportation businesses, including transportation depots and parking lots, whereas municipalities cannot currently regulate the minimum standards appropriate for the community through Ontario Regulation 583/06 (Licensing Powers),
- b. close a business operating without a license or engaged in egregious illegal land uses that significantly harm nearby residents, the environment, and public safety; whereas municipalities cannot currently close or prevent illegal land use or operations from continuing,
- c. physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations,

d. register charges, fines, orders, notices, prohibitions, injunctions and court imposed fines in the proper land registry office, so any person acquiring any interest in the land subsequent to the registration of the order is deemed to have been served with the same order; whereas the Act does not currently allow it

A copy of the notice of motion has been enclosed for your reference. For more information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Catherine Monast, directly by email at [catherine.monast@caledon.ca](mailto:catherine.monast@caledon.ca) or by phone at 905.584.2272 ext. 4539. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mayor Annette Groves

Town of Caledon

The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Minister of Democratic Institutions and MP for Brampton North-Caledon, [ruby.sahota@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ruby.sahota@parl.gc.ca)

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 16, 2025 9:39:58 AM

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Good morning,

At their regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2025, the Council for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan passed the following resolution:

**R191-2025**

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes  
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

**WHEREAS** Bill C-2 proposes to amend the Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act by adding section 77.5 (1), making it a criminal offense for any business, profession, or charitable entity to accept cash payments, donations, or deposits of \$10,000 or more in a single transaction or related transactions, regardless of their lawful nature;

**WHEREAS** this blanket ban criminalizes legitimate business transactions using legal tender, punishing businesses and law-abiding citizens solely for choosing to use cash, a fundamental right in Canada;

**WHEREAS** small businesses, charities, and individuals in Otonabee-South Monaghan and across Canada, including farmers, car dealers, and community organizations, rely on cash for lawful high-value transactions, and this restriction will impose unnecessary hardship, stifle economic activity, and deter charitable giving;

**WHEREAS** the \$10,000 threshold is arbitrarily low, capturing routine legal transactions while creating compliance burdens that disproportionately harm small businesses, rural communities, and those without digital banking access;

**WHEREAS** municipalities must stand up for the economic freedom and financial inclusion of their residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

- Condemns Bill C-2, section 77.5, as an unacceptable overreach that criminalizes lawful cash transactions and undermines the use of Canadians' right to use legal tender;
- Demands the federal government to withdraw this amendment and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, businesses, and charities to develop targeted anti-crime

policies that do not penalize legitimate cash transactions;

- Instructs the Municipal Clerk to send this resolution to all Canadian municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister of Finance, Emma Harrison, our local MP, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and First Nations, calling for unified opposition;
- Urges other municipalities to pass similar resolutions to protect the rights of their residents and businesses

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

Liz Ross, Deputy Clerk

Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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July 17, 2025

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RE: Correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding "Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'"

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 9, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2025-226:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.17 be received for information; and,**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch is in receipt of correspondence from Northumberland County dated June 25, 2025, regarding "Correspondence, Township of Mulmur 'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions"; and**

**Whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;**

**And whereas the Township of Puslinch also recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;**





**And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;**

**And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;**

**Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Puslinch also commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:**

**And that the Township of Puslinch also commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.**

**And that the Township of Puslinch also calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.**

**And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:**

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Leader of the Opposition
- MP Michael Chong
- MPP Joseph Racinsky
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (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: The Leader of the Opposition, MP Michael Chong, MPP Joseph Racinsky, AMO, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) & All Ontario Municipalities



# Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**June 25, 2025**

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)  
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)  
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities  
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur  
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor John Logel  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

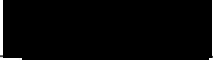

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

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Moved By J. Logel   
Seconded By S. Dibb 

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote  
Requested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Councillor's Name

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

Carried   
Warden's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_  
Warden's Signature

## Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

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Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

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"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried

  
Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated

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Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred

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Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

## **Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions**

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At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

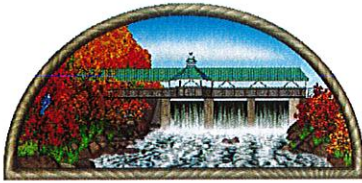
- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,



Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



The Municipality of the  
**VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS**

Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste Resolution # 2025- 244

Be it resolved;

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, together with residents from surrounding municipalities, has expressed strong and united opposition to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, citing significant concerns regarding public safety, environmental risk, land use compatibility, and insufficient local economic benefit; and

**WHEREAS** the perceived risk associated with BESS installations significantly outweighs any demonstrated local advantage, and further, the lack of established, province-wide planning policies has led to avoidable conflict and uncertainty for municipalities and residents alike;

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:
  - a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and
  - b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.



3. The Province of Ontario be further requested to disseminate the results of this study and any associated policy or regulatory recommendations to all Ontario municipalities, thereby preventing unnecessary and costly legal challenges, public opposition, and community division related to the siting of future BESS projects.
4. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls calls upon Solar Bank Corporation to immediately withdraw its application for the proposed BESS facility at Pegg's Mountain, in the interest of fostering constructive community relations and acknowledging that this situation closely parallels the circumstances in Gravenhurst, where similar concerns led to widespread opposition and rejection of a comparable project.
5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of parliament (MPP's) and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

Recorded Vote requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

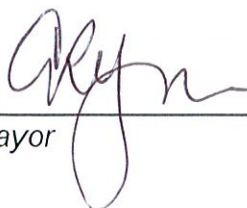
Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Pecuniary Interest declared by:

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 Mayor