



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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September 26, 2025

Ministry of Energy and Mines
77 Grenville Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Re: Support Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion

This is to confirm that at the September 15, 2025, Corporate Services Committee Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance the Township of West Lincoln's housing, employment lands, and economic development objectives.

Directs staff to submit comments to ERO 0250923 reflecting Township of West Lincoln's priorities, including: priority application types, alignment with Official Plan/Secondary Plans, sites and corridors where gas access would enable development (housing/employment lands), any Phase 1 and 2 learnings (if applicable) and practical barriers (e.g., timing, permitting, costs, land access).

Forwards this resolution to MPP Sam Oosterhoff, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,



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JJP/jmt

cc. Sam Oosterhoff, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Niagara Region Municipalities
Ontario Board of Energy

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September 30, 2025

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SENT ELECTRONICALLY
Motion Respecting State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness and Addictions

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2025, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Niagara Region issued three separate declarations of emergency in the areas of homelessness, mental health and opioid addiction on February 23, 2023, recognizing that the scope and scale of the crisis surpasses the Region's capacity to respond effectively; and

WHEREAS following the submission of the three declarations of emergency, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) has engaged with the Region's Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC); and

WHEREAS these issues have continued to intensify and add further strain to the social support system in Niagara over the past two years; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are continuing to experience similar challenges; and

WHEREAS a coordinated, province-wide approach and associated funding support is required to address the growing emergency of mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction, the scale of which falls well beyond the scope of what a municipality can address.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Region **ADVOCATES** that the Province support a coordinated approach between the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services to address ongoing challenges related to mental health, homelessness and opioid addiction;
2. That Niagara Region **FORMALLY ADVOCATES** for Provincial funding to address identified gaps in programs and services contributing to the state of emergency including affordable housing, supportive housing, addictions treatment, and mental health supports for vulnerable populations; and

3. That this motion **BE SENT** to the Provincial and Federal Governments, FCM, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

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Distribution List

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Prime Minister of Canada
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

Sent by Email

October 3, 2025

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Subject: Elect Respect

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on September 29, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

And Whereas, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

And Whereas, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

And Whereas, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour, disproportionately affecting women, racialized persons, Indigenous peoples, LGBTQ+ persons, and persons with disabilities, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

And Whereas, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

And Whereas, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

And Whereas, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation for the City of Pickering:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:
 - Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
 - Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
 - Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
 - Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;
 - Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
 - Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
 - Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;
2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: Ontario's Big City Mayors
 Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs)
 Durham Regional Police Services (DRPS)
 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)
 All Municipalities in Ontario
 Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.)
 Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

 Chief Administrative Officer

From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - 2024 York Region Point-in-Time Homelessness Count
Date: October 6, 2025 3:31:16 PM

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On September 25, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. York Region staff work with community partners, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and other public sector organizations to advocate to provincial and federal counterparts for sustainable funding and policy measures to support York Region residents at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report and Attachment 1 to the Clerks of the local municipalities, Human Services Planning Board, Federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and York Region Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[2024 York Region Point-in-Time Homelessness Count](#)

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Please contact Kevin Pal, General Manager, Social Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72150 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Accelerating Affordable and Community Housing Supply
Date: October 6, 2025 3:43:13 PM

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On September 25, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Council approve establishment of the Community Housing Supply Grant Program as a permanent program, pending approval of the 2026 Operating Budget.
2. Council direct staff to explore a Private, Non-Profit Affordable Housing Partnership Pilot to identify and evaluate benefits of leveraging cross-sector partnerships to create new affordable and community housing supply, and report back to Council on recommendations.
3. Council approve a Non-Profit Pre-Development Program, committing up to \$100,000 annually through existing Housing Services' Capital Budget, to support long-term community housing supply growth by offering funding to the non-profit housing sector for the completion of pre-development studies, assessments, and professional reports that support future development.
4. Council approve establishment of a Housing Affordability Resource Program pilot to advance a streamlined approach to incentivizing and supporting the creation of new affordable and community housing supply for both the private and non-profit sector.
5. Council authorize the Commissioner, Community and Health Services, or their designate, to develop and update program guidelines and to enter into necessary agreements, including funding agreements, and execute necessary ancillary documents on business terms satisfactory to the Commissioner and on legal terms satisfactory to the Regional Solicitor, to give effect to the programs and initiatives authorized in this report.
6. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local Members of Parliament, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Clerks of the local municipalities.

The original staff report is available for your information at the following link:

[Accelerating Affordable and Community Housing Supply](#)

Please contact Joshua Scholten, Acting General Manager, Housing Services at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72004 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor ([he/him](#)) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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Subject: Regional Council Decision - Measures Equivalent to ASE
Date: October 6, 2025 3:20:07 PM

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On September 25, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. Contingent on the Province passing legislation cancelling the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program, staff report back with potential measures equivalent in effectiveness to ASE; and,
2. Regional Clerk be directed to circulate this motion to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local area MPPs and local area municipalities.

Regards,

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From: [Regional.Clerk](#)
Subject: Regional Council Decision - York Region Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan - Year 1 Results
Date: October 7, 2025 1:36:29 PM

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On September 25, 2025 Regional Council made the following decision:

1. The Regional Clerk circulate this report and presentation to Clerks of local municipalities, York Regional Police, York Region school boards and Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Premier and Local Area MPPs.
2. Council reaffirm support for Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE), as a tool for speed reduction and safety, and call on Province to work with municipalities to address Provincial concerns.
3. Direct staff to increase the size of the warning signs at all locations to the largest signs currently utilized in the program.

The presentation and original staff report are available for your information at the following links:

[Presentation - York Region Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan - Year 1 Results](#)

[Report - York Region Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan - Year 1 Results](#)

Please contact Joseph Petrungaro, Director Roads, Traffic and Fleet, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75220 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Regards,

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From: [Vader, Teresa](#)
To: [Vader, Teresa](#)
Cc: [Nykoluk, Mark](#); [Carnovale, Michael](#)
Subject: UPDATE: Notice of Construction, Davis Drive, Town of Newmarket
Date: October 3, 2025 2:04:15 PM
Attachments: [Davis Drive Map.png](#)

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Hello,

This serves as an update to the Notice of Construction, Davis Drive, Town of Newmarket originally issued on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Paving operations on Davis Drive east of Eagle Street will begin at **11 p.m. on Friday, October 3 and continue moving westerly through Saturday, October 4, 2025.**

The road will remain open to through traffic, one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained throughout construction. Entrances to businesses will be temporarily closed as crews pave and will reopen when paving is complete at each entrance.

As with all construction projects, work may be rescheduled due to weather. York Region will provide advance notice whenever possible.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact:

- Mark Nykoluk, Senior Project Manager, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75263 or mark.nykoluk@york.ca
- Michael Carnovale, Construction Coordinator, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78104 or michael.carnovale@york.ca

For after-hours emergencies, please contact York Region's Roads and Traffic Operations Centre at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200.

For general inquiries, please contact Transportation Operations at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at transportation@york.ca

Please communicate this information with your colleagues as appropriate.

Thank you,

Our working hours may be different. Please do not feel obligated to reply outside of your scheduled working hours. Let's work together to help foster healthy work-life boundaries.

Teresa Vader (she/her) | Communications and Engagement Associate,
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From: Vader, Teresa

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 12:05 PM

To: Vader, Teresa <Teresa.Vader@york.ca>

Cc: Nykoluk, Mark <Mark.Nykoluk@york.ca>; Carnovale, Michael <Michael.Carnovale@york.ca>

Subject: Notice of Construction, Davis Drive, Town of Newmarket

Notice of Construction

Davis Drive

Town of Newmarket

This will serve as formal notification of construction on **Davis Drive from Bathurst Street to Yonge Street in the Town of Newmarket.**

Description:

- York Region is removing and replacing asphalt road surface on Davis Drive from Bathurst Street to Yonge Street
 - Traces of asbestos are present in the current asphalt on Davis Drive
 - Asbestos was used in asphalt mixes throughout the 1970s and early 1980s to improve performance
 - The risk of exposure to asbestos for workers and bystanders is low
 - As a precaution, York Region's contractor will take protective measures during removal of existing asphalt containing traces of asbestos
- Intersection improvements at Crossland Gate/Ford Wilson Boulevard
 - Upgrading traffic control signals and lighting; temporary signals will be in place during construction
 - Enhancing audible pedestrian signals and tactile walking surface indicators to alert people with low or no vision of an upcoming intersection
 - Reconstructing crosswalk ramps at signalized and non-signalized intersections
 - Constructing a pedestrian island on medians to increase safety
- Replacing culverts that allow water to flow freely under the road

Duration:

- April 2025 to October 2025

Impacts to travellers:

- The road will remain open to through traffic; however, daily temporary lane closures are required
 - Monday to Friday nights from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Intersection improvements at Davis Drive and Crossland Gate/Ford Wilson Boulevard will require temporary lane closures

- Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Access to homes and businesses will be maintained

As with all construction projects, work may be rescheduled due to weather. York Region will provide advance notice where possible.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact:

- Mark Nykoluk, Senior Project Manager, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75263 or mark.nykoluk@york.ca
- Michael Carnovale, Construction Coordinator, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 78104 or michael.carnovale@york.ca

For after-hours emergencies, please contact York Region's Roads and Traffic Operations Centre at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200.

For general inquiries, please contact Transportation Operations at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at transportation@york.ca

Please communicate this information with your colleagues as appropriate.

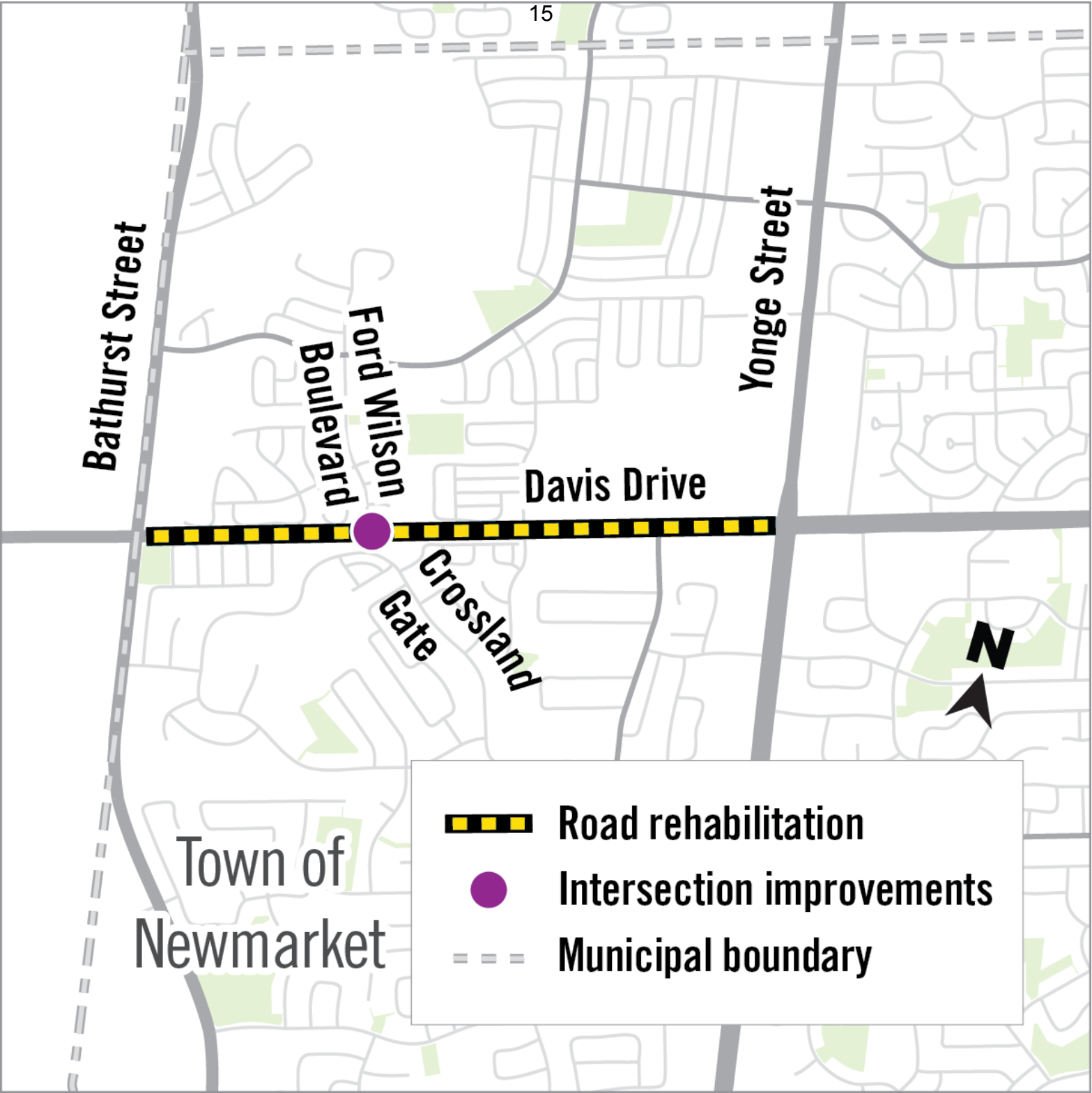
Thank you,

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From: [So, Kelvin](#)
Cc: [So, Kelvin](#); [Hemmingway, Mary](#)
Subject: York Region Transit Service Changes: November 2, 2025
Date: October 7, 2025 3:35:04 PM

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Good afternoon,

York Region Transit (YRT) service changes will take effect on Sunday, November 2, 2025 .

Schedule adjustments will be made to various routes to align with customer demand, including:

- Seasonal adjustments on Route 320 – Jane Express and Route 360 - Vaughan Mills/Wonderland to meet ridership demand for holiday season shopping and Winterfest

For more information visit yrt.ca/ServiceChanges. Details will be available online starting October 14.

This information is being provided to you in advance of notification to the general public. Travellers will be informed of these changes through notices posted at bus stops (attached), on-bus, terminal and vivastation announcements, media advisory, YRT Contact Centre, yrt.ca and social media @YRTViva.

If you have any questions about these initiatives, please contact:

- Richard Montoya, Director, Transit Operations, York Region Transit, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75928 or Richard.Montoya@york.ca
- Tamas Hertel, Manager, Service Planning, York Region Transit, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 76047 or Tamas.Hertel@york.ca

For general inquiries, please contact the YRT Contact Centre at 1-866-668-3978 or via email at transitinfo@york.ca.

Sincerely,

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Kelvin So | Communications and Engagement Associate
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September 24, 2025

RESOLUTION**Resolution # 2025-229****Agenda Item # 6.2 Regular Council Meeting****Moved By :** Pam Bannink**Seconded By :** Jo-Anne Farmer

Whereas the Ontario government enacted O. Reg 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

And Whereas although it is important to standardize firefighting training and safety, these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

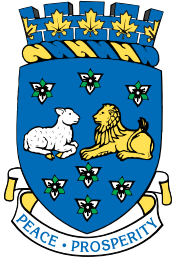
And Whereas the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters to provide adequate fire protection;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Englehart strongly encourages the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, to provide for support and an extension of the Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane, The Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

This is a certified and true copy of the original document Amy Vickery, CAO/Clerk.



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October 8, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier:

Re: Amending Ontario Regulation 391/21

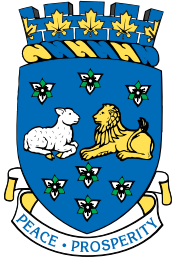
Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development meeting held on October 7, 2025 approved the following motion:

Whereas under Ontario Regulation 391/2, 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 business improvement areas, places of worship, daycares, camp grounds, public facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

Whereas the province amended Ontario Regulation 391/2 to not expand services for new public space recycling; and

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;



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Therefore, be it resolved that Region of Waterloo Council request 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 as stated above; and

Further that Council request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

That Minister McCarthy be asked to provide more information on the estimated \$171M in savings for municipalities through this program.

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Dorothy McCabe, Councillor DMcCabe@regionofwaterloo.ca

Regards,

Chris Fraresso, Legislative Services Specialist

cc: Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks
 Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
 Rob Flack, Minister of Affairs and Housing
 Robin Jones, AMO President
 Waterloo Region municipalities
 All Ontario Municipalities
 First Nation Councils



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

October 8, 2025

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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Support of H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025, Council meeting:

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;



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

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 the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls 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 Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths 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, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario Municipalities, relevant MPs and MPPs, Smiths Falls Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities
M.P. Scott Reid, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
M.P.P. John Jordan, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston
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October 10, 2025

Sent to: rebecca.sarfatti@ldays.org

Dear Rebecca Sarfatti:

RE: Proclamation Request – Learning Disabilities Day – October 15, 2025

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim October 15, 2025 as Learning Disabilities Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Legislative Coordinator



October 10, 2025

Sent to: rebecca.sarfatti@ldays.org

Dear Rebecca Sarfatti:

RE: Proclamation Request – Learning Disabilities Day – October 15, 2025

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Learning Disabilities Day as October 15, 2025.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

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John Taylor
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Sent to: communications@yorkcas.org

Dear York Region Children's Aid Society:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – October 16, 2025 – Dress Purple Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim October 16, 2025 as Dress Purple Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 15, 2025 to recognize Dress Purple Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Simon Granat
 Legislative Coordinator



October 10, 2025

Sent to: communications@yorkcas.org

Dear York Region Children's Aid Society:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – October 16, 2025 – Dress Purple Day

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Dress Purple Day as October 16, 2025.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on October 15, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

Thank you for submitting your request and for your contributions to the community.

Yours sincerely,

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October 10, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Kristin Krumm:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – November 1, 2025 – International Lennox Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Awareness Day.

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim November 1, 2025 as International Lennox Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Awareness Day. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on November 1, 2025 to recognize Lennox Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Awareness Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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 Legislative Coordinator



October 10, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Kristin Krumm:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – November 1, 2025 – International Lennox Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Awareness Day.

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize International Lennox Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Awareness Day as November 1, 2025.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in purple on November 1, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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October 10, 2025

Sent to: ssilverstein@alzfdn.org

Dear Sandy Silverstein:

RE: Lighting Request – November 3, 2025 – Light the World in Teal

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in teal on November 3, 2025 to recognize Light the World in Teal for Alzheimer's Disease Awareness. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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October 10, 2025

Sent to: lmantle@mcsc.ca

Dear Lori Mantle:

RE: Lighting Request – National Runaway Prevention Month – Go Green Day

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in green on November 4, 2025 to recognize National Runaway Prevention Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved proclamations, lighting requests, and community flag raisings will be listed on the Town's website. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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July 15, 2022

Sent to: hilary@eczemahelp.ca

Dear Hilary Lawton:

RE: Lighting Request – November 13, 2025 – Eczema Awareness Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on November 13, 2025 to recognize Eczema Awareness Month. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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October 10, 2025

Sent to: [REDACTED]

Dear Donna Urwin:

RE: Lighting Request – United Nations (UN) International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25, 2025

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved [Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy](#), and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street illuminated in purple on November 25, 2025 to recognize the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM. Approved lighting and community flag raisings will also be communicated to the public through the Town's social media.

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