



# **Town of Newmarket Council Information Package**

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Date: August 1, 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**

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  
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Premier's Office  
 Room 281  
 Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Dear Premier Ford,

**Re: Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements**

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their June 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

**Motion:** 265-2025

**Moved:** A. Neeb

**Seconded:** T. Oke

**That South Huron Council supports the Township of Black-River Matheson's June 10, 2025 correspondence and resolution regarding Exemption to O. Reg. 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements; and**  
**That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General, MPP Thompson, Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, Township of Black River-Matheson and all Ontario municipalities.**

**Result:** Carried

The originating correspondence is also attached for your reference.

Sincerely,

Sue Johnson  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Municipality of South Huron  
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## Encls

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Jon Pegg, Fire Marshal of Ontario – [Jon.Pegg@Ontario.ca](mailto:Jon.Pegg@Ontario.ca)  
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Township of Black River-Matheson - Hong Ji Lei [hlei@twpbrm.ca](mailto:hlei@twpbrm.ca)  
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**Jon Pegg**  
**Fire Marshal of Ontario**  
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**Toronto, ON M3M 0B1**

**June 10, 2025**

**Via Email: [Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca](mailto:Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca)**

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

**Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)**

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:



1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

**Sincerely,**

**Dave Dymont, Mayor**

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

**Encl.:** Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

**CC:**

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

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**Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson**

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**ITEM # 2025-10.b)  
RESOLUTION**

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall  
Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

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

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of Black River-Matheson acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS 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 Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Black River-Matheson formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

☒ CARRIED      ☐ DEFEATED

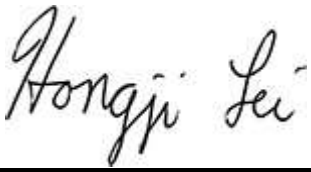
**CHAIR SIGNATURE**

☐ Original    ☐ Amendment    ☐ Refer    ☐ Defer    ☐ Reconsider    ☐ Withdrawn

**Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY**

	YEAS	NAYS
Mayor Dave Dymont		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		



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Hong Ji Lei  
Town Manager/Clerk


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Premier's Office  
 Room 281  
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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

**Re: Producer Responsibility for Blue Boxes**

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,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator  
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**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting**



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

**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**



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July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

**Delivered by email**  
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Stephen Lecce  
Minister of Energy and Mines

ministerenergy@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Lecce:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of July 15, 2025  
Member Motion 7.1 - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario*  
by *Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025***

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its special meeting held on July 15, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas Bill 5 was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and**

**Whereas Bill 5 amends several key pieces of legislation with the goal of fast-tracking economic development and introduces changes in legislation that affect local governance, labour laws and environmental protections; and**

**Whereas the legislation includes the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025* (SEZ) that gives Queen's Park the power to designate areas where regulatory approval processes can be amended by the Ontario Government, potentially without input from local decision-makers; and**

**Whereas the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been dissolved and replaced by the *Species Conservation Act 2025*, which environmental critics argue removes important provisions of the former law; and**

**Whereas the new law also makes changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that potentially could impact Heritage site designations; and**

**Whereas this law has been rushed through the legislature in 49 days, limiting Committee time, public consultation and ensuring rapid passage;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in Bill 5, but expresses serious concerns with Bill 5 in its current form as it interferes with local**

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of July 15, 2025

Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act*, 2025

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**planning authorities, limits public consultation, and threatens both heritage designations and endangered species; and**

**2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council urges the Government of Ontario to consider the following:**

- **Collaboration with municipalities to determine Special Economic Zones;**
- **Ensure environmental protections and heritage safeguards are strengthened;**
- **Include municipalities and Indigenous partners in shaping regulations; and**
- **Preserve legal recourse for affected communities; and**

**3. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji

Deputy Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Attachment (Council meeting extract)

Copy: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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## Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

### 7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

#### 7.1 Member Motion - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*

##### **Main motion as amended**

**Moved by** Councillor Weese

**Seconded by** Councillor Gaertner

Whereas Bill 5 was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas Bill 5 amends several key pieces of legislation with the goal of fast-tracking economic development and introduces changes in legislation that affect local governance, labour laws and environmental protections; and

Whereas the legislation includes the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025* (SEZ) that gives Queen's Park the power to designate areas where regulatory approval processes can be amended by the Ontario Government, potentially without input from local decision-makers; and

Whereas the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* has been dissolved and replaced by the *Species Conservation Act 2025*, which environmental critics argue removes important provisions of the former law; and

Whereas the new law also makes changes to the *Ontario Heritage Act* that potentially could impact Heritage site designations; and

Whereas this law has been rushed through the legislature in 49 days, limiting Committee time, public consultation and ensuring rapid passage;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council acknowledges the stated goals of economic growth and development in Bill 5, but expresses serious concerns with Bill 5 in its current form as it interferes with local planning authorities, limits public consultation, and threatens both heritage designations and endangered species; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That Aurora Town Council urges the Government of Ontario to consider the following:

- Collaboration with municipalities to determine Special Economic Zones;
  - Ensure environmental protections and heritage safeguards are strengthened;
  - Include municipalities and Indigenous partners in shaping regulations; and
  - Preserve legal recourse for affected communities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Stephen Lecce, Ontario Minister of Energy and Mines, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (4 to 0)**



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The Honourable Rob Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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Dear Premier Ford and Minister Flack:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of June 24, 2025  
Member Motion 7.2 - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario  
by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025***

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its special meeting held on July 15, 2025, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas Ontario Bill 17 (the legislation) was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025;  
and**

**Whereas the legislation raises significant concerns related to democratic  
governance, environmental sustainability, municipal autonomy, and social equity;  
and**

**Whereas the legislation centralizes decision-making authority and reduces the  
power of local municipalities in planning and development approvals; and**

**Whereas the legislation curtails public consultation rights, limiting residents' ability  
to influence projects impacting their neighbourhoods; and**

**Whereas the legislation accelerates approvals by reducing time for environmental  
assessments, heritage evaluations, and public safety considerations that could  
result in substandard buildings, strained infrastructure and negative long-term  
effects on communities; and**

**Whereas the legislation threatens green spaces, natural habitats, and water  
resources overlooking careful measures that allows sustainable growth and  
undermines Ontario's commitment to environmental stewardship; and**

**Whereas the legislation limits public hearings and community engagement  
opportunities, which increases the risk of corruption, favouritism and poor local  
planning decisions;**

Town of Aurora Council Resolution of July 15, 2025

Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act*, 2025

July 17, 2025

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1. **Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council recognizes the intent of Ontario Bill 17 to streamline housing and infrastructure development; however, expresses significant concerns with Ontario Bill 17 in its current form, and recommends:**
  - **Restoring municipal autonomy, and ensuring meaningful consultation and decision-making power;**
  - **Maintaining rigorous environmental, safety, and heritage assessments despite expedited timelines;**
  - **Incorporating clear affordable housing requirements within new developments;**
  - **Enhancing transparency, public engagement and accountability mechanisms;**
  - **Ensuring climate change mitigation is included in all development projects; and**
2. **Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,



Ishita Soneji

Deputy Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Town of Aurora

## Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

### 7. Consideration of Items Requiring Discussion

#### 7.2 Member Motion - Councillor Weese; Re: Opposition to Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*

##### **Main motion as amended**

**Moved by** Councillor Weese

**Seconded by** Councillor Gallo

Whereas Ontario Bill 17 (the legislation) was granted Royal Assent on June 5, 2025; and

Whereas the legislation raises significant concerns related to democratic governance, environmental sustainability, municipal autonomy, and social equity; and

Whereas the legislation centralizes decision-making authority and reduces the power of local municipalities in planning and development approvals; and

Whereas the legislation curtails public consultation rights, limiting residents' ability to influence projects impacting their neighbourhoods; and

Whereas the legislation accelerates approvals by reducing time for environmental assessments, heritage evaluations, and public safety considerations that could result in substandard buildings, strained infrastructure and negative long-term effects on communities; and

Whereas the legislation threatens green spaces, natural habitats, and water resources overlooking careful measures that allows sustainable growth and undermines Ontario's commitment to environmental stewardship; and

Whereas the legislation limits public hearings and community engagement opportunities, which increases the risk of corruption, favouritism and poor local planning decisions;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Aurora Town Council recognizes the intent of Ontario Bill 17 to streamline housing and

infrastructure development; however, expresses significant concerns with Ontario Bill 17 in its current form, and recommends:

- Restoring municipal autonomy, and ensuring meaningful consultation and decision-making power;
- Maintaining rigorous environmental, safety, and heritage assessments despite expedited timelines;
- Incorporating clear affordable housing requirements within new developments;
- Enhancing transparency, public engagement and accountability mechanisms;
- Ensuring climate change mitigation is included in all development projects; and

2. Be It Further Resolved That this Motion be forwarded to all 444 Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Yeas (4): Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, and Councillor Gallo

Absent (3): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Kim

**Carried (4 to 0)**

July 17, 2025

Honourable Premier Doug Ford  
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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



July 21, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

It has now been four months since the Municipality of Tweed submitted two detailed proposals for your consideration, both aimed at addressing pressing challenges facing small rural and northern communities. Despite our sincere efforts and outreach, we have yet to receive an acknowledgment or response from your office, your ministers, our local MPP, or the leaders of the opposition parties. This silence is deeply disheartening.

Please know that the Municipality of Tweed is grateful for your commitment to investing billions to protect Ontarians as promised in this year's provincial election. We look forward to the opportunity to capitalize on those investments.

The first proposal, sent directly to your office on March 25, 2025, addressed the *Repatriation of OPP Costs for Small Rural and Northern Communities During this Period of Uncertainty*. Our proposal suggested a temporary repatriation of OPP policing costs as a meaningful way to demonstrate that this government understands and supports the needs of small municipalities.

The proposal included two important conditions: first, that OPP costs be repatriated to the province during this time of economic instability and global uncertainty triggered by U.S. policies; second, that the municipalities benefiting from this relief reinvest those savings directly into community infrastructure projects. In Tweed's case, the annual savings of \$1.2 million would allow us to undertake long-overdue infrastructure upgrades that we simply cannot afford under the current burden of provincial policing costs.

The second proposal, submitted March 27, 2025, focused on *Supporting Small Rural and Northern Ontario Housing Developers* and aligns with your government's own priority to reduce barriers to housing development. This proposal was presented to Minister Surma, AMO President Robin Jones, and MPP Ric Bresee at the 2025 ROMA Conference. During our January 19, 2025 ROMA delegation, Minister Surma expressed interest and committed to raising it with then-Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra. We revisited the proposal with MPP Bresee during a March 13th meeting and have since

shared it with ROMA President Christa Lowry, Federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure Minister Robertson, and Prime Minister Carney.

We have copied the leaders of Ontario's three main political parties on this letter, as we did when the proposals were originally submitted. We respectfully ask all parties—regardless of political affiliation to consider their merit and potential, and to speak to them in the Legislature. We are eager to work with any partner committed to helping rural and northern Ontario succeed.

Both proposals offered practical, shovel-ready ideas grounded in lived rural experience. And while we remain grateful for ongoing provincial support through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF: \$2,058,700) and the Ontario Critical Infrastructure Fund (OCIF: \$340,000), it must be acknowledged that these funds are no longer sufficient to meet the growing financial and infrastructure burdens faced by communities like ours. To manage persistent shortfalls, Tweed Council has had to implement tax increases of 7.3% in 2023, 17.8% in 2024, and 15% in 2025. The burden this places on our residents is both significant and unsustainable.

Given that four months have passed without acknowledgment, I am resubmitting both proposals for renewed consideration. It is deeply concerning that when a small rural municipality—operating with limited resources and under significant financial strain—takes the initiative to present tangible and constructive solutions, those efforts are met with silence. We expect such outreach to be met with dialogue. The absence of even basic acknowledgment sends a troubling message: that rural and northern municipalities are to be seen but not heard. Furthermore, I have reached out to AMO and ROMA and unfortunately my faith in both organizations as effective advocates in this regard is waning.

As I have made clear to all parties, I remain more than willing to serve as an engaged and constructive member of any committee or working group convened to address the challenges before us. The situation is serious. Many of us are teetering on the brink. The time to act was yesterday.

I respectfully request your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Yours truly,

Don DeGenova  
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Municipality of Tweed  
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Tweed ON K0K 3J0  
[mayor@tweed.ca](mailto:mayor@tweed.ca)  
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cc. Minister Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Minister Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Minister Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Minister Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs  
MPP Ric Bresee

MPP M. Stiles, Leader of the NDP and Leader of the Opposition  
Ms. B. Crombie, Leader of the Liberal Party  
MPP M. Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party

Robin Jones, President, AMO  
Christa Lowry, President, ROMA  
Warden Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus  
Bob Mullin, Warden Hastings County

A copy of this letter has also been sent to all rural and northern Ontario Mayors.

**Proposal to Repatriate OPP Costs for Small Rural and Northern Communities During this Period of Uncertainty**

July 21, 2025 (Originally submitted March 25, 2025)

As Mayor of the Municipality of Tweed, I am representative of many small rural and northern Ontario communities that face growing financial pressures. Even in the best of times, we operate with limited resources, and now, the threat of President Trump's tariffs only intensifies our financial stress. Municipalities with populations of 10,000 or less are particularly vulnerable. We grapple with the same issues as larger cities—housing shortages, food insecurity, homelessness, healthcare concerns, inflation, and an overwhelming infrastructure funding deficit—but with far fewer financial resources and staffing capabilities. Unlike urban centres, which have access to additional funding streams and economies of scale, small rural and northern communities struggle to provide essential services with minimal support. Moreover, we are disproportionately affected by extreme weather events, further straining our already fragile infrastructure and emergency response capabilities. Without immediate and targeted assistance, many of our communities risk falling into economic and social decline.

With that in mind, we propose a temporary solution that would demonstrate your government's support for small rural and northern Ontario. Premier Ford, has stated that securing a strong majority was essential to investing billions in response to the Trump tariffs. Repatriating OPP policing costs for small rural and northern communities during this period of economic uncertainty would be a swift and impactful show of support. This initiative would immediately benefit 330 municipalities at a cost of less than \$600 million. In the context of multi-billion-dollar expenditures, a \$600 million investment is a meaningful way to show small municipalities that they matter.

This initiative could be structured with two key conditions: it would remain in place while Ontario remains vulnerable to economic pressures, and the funds saved by municipalities would be reinvested into critical infrastructure projects. For example, such a measure for the Municipality of Tweed would free up approximately \$1.2 million, allowing us to address urgent infrastructure needs and support our local economy.

We need all levels of government to recognize that small rural and northern municipalities are extremely vulnerable and now more than ever we need governments so show that they stand with small municipalities. We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

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## **Proposal to Support Small Rural and Northern Housing Developers**

July 21, 2025 (Originally submitted March 27, 2025)

The Municipality of Tweed supports all efforts to remove barriers to housing development. To demonstrate our commitment, we have proactively revised our zoning bylaws to encourage housing densification and affordability. We now permit tiny homes (400–600 sq. ft.), smaller homes (900–1200 sq. ft.), mobile homes on rural lots, reduced lot sizes and setbacks, and fewer parking space requirements. Additionally, we do not impose development fees. These measures aim to diversify our housing stock, enhance affordability, and minimize environmental impact.

Our commitment to housing expansion is already delivering results. We are collaborating with builders to develop a 80-unit retirement community and a retirement home, complementing our existing 120-bed extended care facility. In 2024, the Municipality of Tweed led Hastings County in housing starts, issuing 122 building permits, including 38 new homes and a 25-unit geared-to-income apartment complex. Last year, we hosted a Developers Forum, where local developers presented subdivision plans that could bring over 600 new homes to our community within the next five years.

We made a \$4 million+ investment in our lagoon that will allow us to accommodate another 1500 homes. Our current well enhancements allow us to service an additional 750 homes. We are investigating future new water sources to allow us to reach our target of 1500 homes.

However, infrastructure costs for new subdivisions remain a significant barrier. Unlike large urban developers, small rural developers lack the financial backing of major investors and must independently finance subdivision infrastructure, making projects cost-prohibitive. There is a growing perception that federal and provincial housing investments are disproportionately focused on large urban centers, despite billions of dollars being allocated to housing initiatives.

Our proposal seeks financial assistance through interest-free loans for small rural and northern developers to cover infrastructure costs. These loans would be repaid as homes are sold, ensuring the government recoups its investment with the only cost being interest. Unlike current urban housing initiatives—where both principal and interest fall entirely on the province and federal government—this model ensures fiscal responsibility. Additionally, rather than the standard 25–30-year amortization period, our proposal anticipates repayment within five years, making it a practical and innovative solution to the housing crisis in small rural and northern communities.

The demand for housing in regions similar to ours remains strong. Seniors want to age in place, staying close to friends, family, and their established healthcare providers. When seniors relocate to urban centers, they leave behind a gap in healthcare continuity at a critical stage in their lives. Conversely, when seniors transition to retirement communities within rural areas, they free up existing housing stock for younger families. Additionally, the influx of urban retirees to rural communities has further driven demand which in turn increases the housing stock in those urban areas. Housing in small communities like Tweed can be built at a fraction of the cost compared to large urban centers, offering a cost-effective solution to Ontario's housing crisis. The Municipality of Tweed's absence of development fees provides yet another financial incentive for homebuyers and developers alike.

Premier Ford, we have answered your call for municipalities to facilitate housing growth. We urge you to give serious consideration to this proposal, recognizing Tweed as a model for how rural communities can be part of the solution to Ontario's housing crisis. We need all levels of government to recognize that small rural and northern municipalities are key to helping this country and province resolve our housing crisis. We look forward to discussing our proposal with you.

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**From:** [Kitzelmann, Mark](#)  
**To:** [Kitzelmann, Mark](#)  
**Subject:** York Region - June 30, 2025 (Mid-Year) - Total Population and Household Estimate  
**Date:** July 23, 2025 1:14:26 PM  
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Hello everyone,

Here is the June 30, 2025 (mid-year) Population and Household Estimate for York Region and the nine local area municipalities.

During the first six months of 2025, York Region grew by 6,043 newly built and occupied homes, contributing to a net population growth of 13,230 people for a total estimated population of **1,292,759**.

The current annual occupied housing completion mix for York Region in 2025 is depicted below:

YTD 2025 Newly Built and Occupied Households		
Unit Type	# Units	% Share
Singles	593	10%
Semis	22	0%
Rows	1,008	17%
Apartments	4,420	73%
Total	6,043	100%

Please visit and share the [Population Estimate Dashboard](#) for the latest population estimate and other information.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else. Have a great day everyone!

Best regards,  
Mark

*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.*

**Mark KitzeImann** MCIP, RPP | Planner, Economic and Development Services, Corporate Services

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## YORK REGION POPULATION ESTIMATE

### June 30, 2025

Municipality	Population June 30, 2021	Population Dec 31, 2024	Estimated Number of Occupied Households June 30, 2025						Estimated Population June 30, 2025
			Singles	Semis	Rows	Duplexes	Apts	Total	
<b>Aurora</b>	63,631	66,187	13,206	1,486	3,952	620	2,850	22,114	66,296
<b>East Gwillimbury</b>	35,613	41,647	10,696	552	1,430	320	280	13,278	41,884
<b>Georgina</b>	49,149	52,468	15,986	469	920	575	1,118	19,068	53,178
<b>King</b>	27,942	29,403	8,123	130	437	100	501	9,291	29,529
<b>Markham</b>	353,054	365,051	62,347	7,036	17,991	5,875	23,457	116,706	365,768
<b>Newmarket</b>	90,660	94,060	18,252	2,308	4,387	1,975	4,686	31,608	94,276
<b>Richmond Hill</b>	211,944	220,365	39,826	2,945	12,513	1,945	16,550	73,778	222,061
<b>Vaughan</b>	339,044	353,071	65,423	7,814	13,673	3,345	26,143	116,398	362,290
<b>Whitchurch-Stouffville</b>	50,431	57,277	13,268	810	2,381	405	2,024	18,889	57,477
<b>York Region</b>	<b>1,221,468</b>	<b>1,279,529</b>	<b>247,125</b>	<b>23,549</b>	<b>57,685</b>	<b>15,160</b>	<b>77,609</b>	<b>421,129</b>	<b>1,292,759</b>

Source: York Region, Corporate Services, Planning Policy and Data Branch, based on Statistics Canada data and CMHC Housing Completion

Notes: Population figures include an adjustment for the Census undercount.

The population estimates are calculated by the following method:

- a) CMHC housing completion data is added to the 2021 occupied households, and minor adjustments are made to the total occupied households for demolitions and vacancies.
- b) A declining person per unit factor by household type is applied to the occupied household estimates to derive a population estimate.
- c) An estimate of the population in institutions is then added to the preliminary population estimate.
- d) An undercount adjustment is then applied to generate a final population estimate.
- e) The population estimates do not include an analysis of migration and natural increase data.

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July 25, 2025

## **Re: Resolution Regarding Strong Mayor Powers Legislation**

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 23, 2025, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution:

**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 in April 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 can create uncertainty within municipal organizations, impact staff morale, and risk eroding the trust that underpins effective 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;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Council of the Township of Ramara formally request the Province of Ontario to rescind the Strong Mayor Powers legislation in its entirety;



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**AND THAT**, should the legislation not be repealed, the Province immediately remove the Township of Ramara from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor Powers framework;

**AND THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and the Honourable Jill Dunlop, MPP for Simcoe North, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response for their information, support, and consideration.

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference and consideration. Should you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,  
TOWNSHIP OF RAMARA

*Jennifer Connor*

Jennifer Connor, CMO, AOMC  
Director of Legislative & Community Services/Clerk

**From:** [Rundle, Steffanie](#)  
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**Subject:** Notice of Construction, Yonge Street, Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury  
**Date:** July 28, 2025 1:39:56 PM  
**Attachments:** [Yonge Street Notice of Construction July 2025.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon:

Attached is a Notice of Construction for the next phase of improvements to [Yonge Street from Davis Drive to Green Lane](#) in the Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury. This notice is provided to you in advance of notification to the general public.

The purpose of [the notice](#) is to advise local area residents, business owners and interested parties that construction is starting in August and expected to be completed in late 2027. Improvements will include High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, wider sidewalks, new cycle tracks, streetscaped centre medians, upgraded traffic signals and lighting, and a freshly paved road surface.

Lanes will be reduced outside of peak travel times. Access will be maintained for all driveways/entrances.

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

It may be appropriate for your office to forward this notice to elected officials and staff as required.

Information will be posted on [york.ca](http://york.ca), promoted on social media and Portable Variable Message Signs (PVMS) around the project site and mailed via Canada Post.

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

- Salim Alibhai, Director of Capital Planning and Delivery, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75229 or [salim.alibhai@york.ca](mailto:salim.alibhai@york.ca)
- Senior Project Manager, Praveen John, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 77578 or [praveen.john@york.ca](mailto:praveen.john@york.ca)

For general inquiries, please contact Public Works at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 or via email at [transportation@york.ca](mailto:transportation@york.ca)

Sincerely,

**Steffanie Rundle** (she/her) | Communications and Engagement Associate  
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# Notice of Construction

Transportation improvements prepare York Region to meet the needs of motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and transit users today and into the future.

## PROJECT: 85710

### DESCRIPTION

- York Region is starting the next phase of improvements to Yonge Street from Davis Drive to Green Lane in the Town of Newmarket and Town of East Gwillimbury
- Crews will widen the road from four to six lanes and improve comfort and safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Improvements will include High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, wider sidewalks, new cycle tracks, streetscaped centre medians, upgraded traffic signals and lighting and a freshly paved road surface

### DURATION

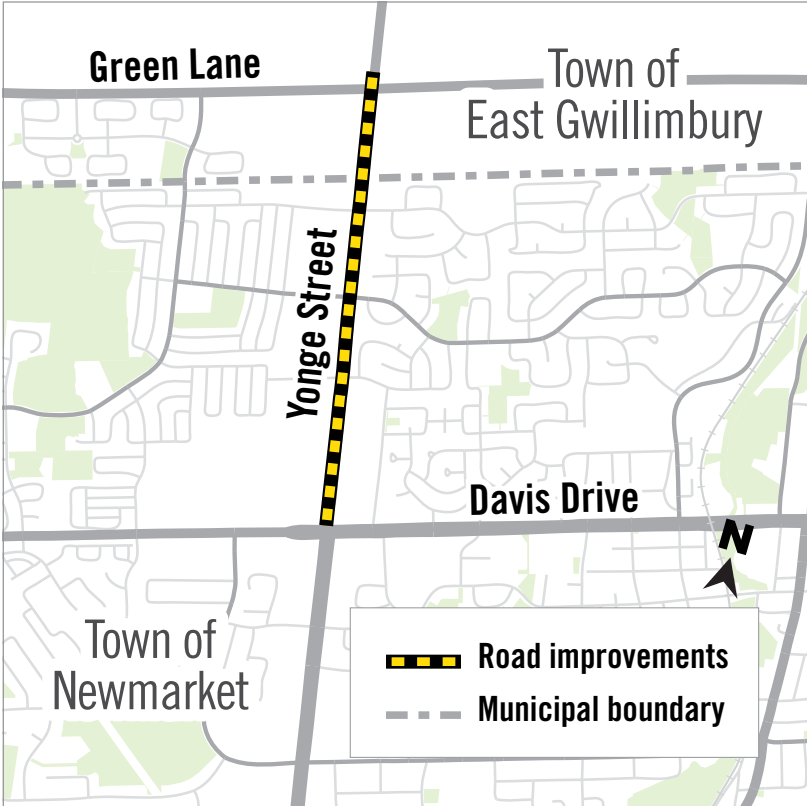
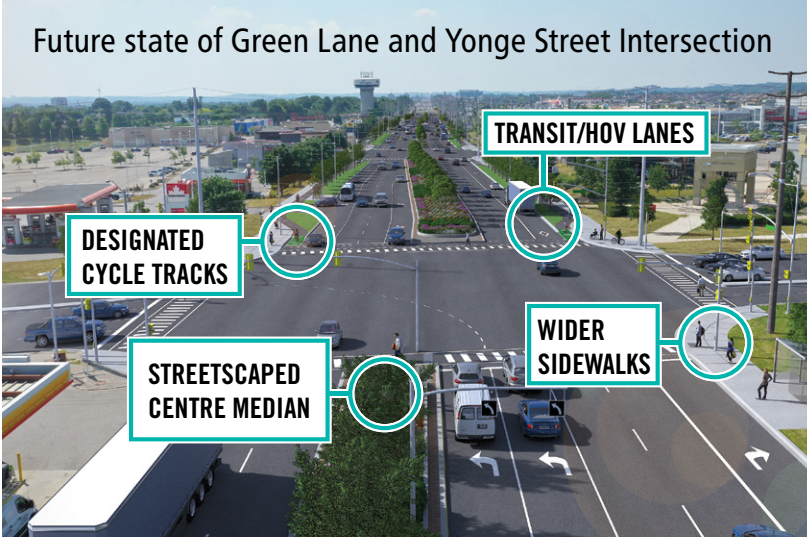
Construction start: August 2025  
Anticipated completion: Late 2027

### IMPACTS TO TRAVELLERS

- Lane reductions outside of peak travel times
- Traffic lane shifts to accommodate construction
- Temporary impacts to sidewalks and entrances
- Access to businesses will be maintained throughout construction

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

Thank you for your patience during the construction period. We understand construction creates challenges for the community and we are working to deliver this project with minimal disruption. If you have any questions or concerns, staff will be pleased to respond. Contact us using any method noted below and quote “Yonge Street Widening” in your inquiry.



- Visit [york.ca/YongeStreet](https://york.ca/YongeStreet) for project information and to subscribe for e-news
- Follow @YorkRegionGovt on Facebook and X using #onYRRoads
- Email inquiries to [transportation@york.ca](mailto:transportation@york.ca)
- Use traffic and navigation tools to plan your commute

Accessible formats of this notice and communication supports available upon request.

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July 30, 2025

Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
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Sent via email: [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

**Re: Elect Respect Pledge  
Our File 10.12.1**

To Whom it May Concern,

At its meeting of July 14, 2025, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

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 City of St. Catharines 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That City of St. Catharines 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Donna Delvecchio, Acting City Clerk  
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk  
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cc: Ontario Big City Mayors  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities





Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario  
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July 31, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

**Re: Norfolk County Council – Letter of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan**

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On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of Norfolk County, Council passed the following resolution on July 22, 2025, regular council meeting:

**Resolution No. C-154**

**Moved By:** Councillor Van Paassen

**Seconded By:** Councillor Masschaele

That Council directs staff to send a letter of support for the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan regarding Bill C-2.

**Carried.**

In addition, Council endorsed the following resolution made by the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan:

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, Leslyn Lewis, 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

Should you have any questions regarding this matter or should you require additional information, please contact the Office of the County Clerk at 519-426-5870 x. 1261, or email: [Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:Clerks@norfolkcounty.ca).

Sincerely,

*T. Rodrigues*

Tracey Rodrigues  
Deputy County Clerk  
[Tracey.Rodrigues@norfolkcounty.ca](mailto:Tracey.Rodrigues@norfolkcounty.ca)



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July 24, 2025

Sent to: jgranthall@naccacommunity.ca

Dear Jerisha Grant-Hall

**RE: Proclamation and Flag Raising Request – Emancipation Day – August 1, 2025**

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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 August 1, 2025 as Emancipation 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 green on August 1, 2025 to recognize Emancipation Day. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

In addition, the Peace Park community flag pole located on Cane Parkway will fly your flag on August 1 to August 8, 2025 to recognize Emancipation Day. Please note that the flag must be dropped off at the Town of Newmarket Operations Centre at 1275 Maple Hill Court by 4:00 PM on July 30, 2025, ATTN: Nick Evans. Alternatively, you can leave it in the drop off box at the front of the building after 4:00 PM.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Sent to: [jgranthall@naccacommunity.ca](mailto:jgranthall@naccacommunity.ca)

Dear Jerisha Grant-Hall

**RE: Proclamation and Flag Raising Request – Emancipation Day – August 1, 2025**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Emancipation Day as August 1, 2025.

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

In addition, the Peace Park community flag pole located on Cane Parkway will fly your flag on August 1 to 8, 2025.

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

Yours sincerely,



John Taylor  
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August 1, 2025

Sent to: [cheryl@childhoodcancer.ca](mailto:cheryl@childhoodcancer.ca)

Dear Cheryl Climie-Smith

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month –  
September 2025**

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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 September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. 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 gold on September 3, 2025 to recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. 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



August 1, 2025

Sent to: [cheryl@childhoodcancer.ca](mailto:cheryl@childhoodcancer.ca)

Dear Cheryl Climie-Smith

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – September 2025**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize September 2025 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in gold on September 3, 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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John Taylor  
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August 1, 2025

Sent to: [ellis.kavanagh@mcmaster.ca](mailto:ellis.kavanagh@mcmaster.ca)

Dear Ellis Kavanagh:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – World Sepsis Day**

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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 September 13, 2025 as World Sepsis 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 pink September 12, 2025 to recognize World Sepsis 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



August 1, 2025

Sent to: [ellis.kavanagh@mcmaster.ca](mailto:ellis.kavanagh@mcmaster.ca)

Dear Ellis Kavanagh:

**RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – World Sepsis Day**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Sepsis Day as September 13, 2025.

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in pink on September 12, 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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August 1, 2025

Sent to: [anas@lymphoma.ca](mailto:anas@lymphoma.ca)

Dear Anas A:

**RE: Lighting Request – World Lymphoma Awareness Day – September 15, 2025**

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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 purple on September 15, 2025 to recognize World Lymphoma Awareness 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,

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August 1, 2025

Sent to: [logan@coachesontario.ca](mailto:logan@coachesontario.ca)

Dear Logan Shaw:

**RE: Lighting Request – National Coaches Week**

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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 September to recognize National Coaches Week. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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Yours sincerely,

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Simon Granat  
Legislative Coordinator



August 1, 2025

Sent to: [logan@coachesontario.ca](mailto:logan@coachesontario.ca)

Dear Logan Shaw:

**RE: Lighting Request – National Coaches Week**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize National Coaches Week by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in blue on September 16, 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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August 1, 2025

Sent to: [emily@mitocanada.org](mailto:emily@mitocanada.org)

Dear Emily Ing:

**RE: Lighting Request – World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito**

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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 green on September 19, 2025 to recognize World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito. Please note that the lighting will occur from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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Simon Granat  
Legislative Coordinator



August 1, 2025

Sent to: [emily@mitocanada.org](mailto:emily@mitocanada.org)

Dear Emily Ing:

**RE: Lighting Request – World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito**

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize World Mitochondrial Disease Week – Light Up for Mito by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in green on September 19, 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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