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Annette Groves Mayor

Her Worship, Mayor Annette Groves Office of the Mayor 6311 Old Church Road Caledon, ON L7C 1J6

June 4, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario Premier's Office, Room 281 Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A5 <u>Premier@ontario.ca</u>

Dear Premier Ford,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

a. require a person to pay an administrative penalty if the municipality is satisfied that the person has contravened section 41, section 46, subsection 49 (4) or section 52 or who contravenes a by-law passed under section 34 or 38 or an order made under section 47; whereas municipalities cannot currently administer administrative penalty systems under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act and Building Code Act,

b. issue orders to discontinue a contravening activity or perform work to correct a contravention under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act, whereas the Act does not currently allow it.

c. enable a matter or thing to be done at a person's expense in default of it being done in accordance with an order made under a by-law passed under section 34 of the Act; further, that the costs of such action taken by a municipality may be recovered by adding the costs to the tax roll and collecting them in the same manner as property taxes, whereas municipalities cannot currently perform remedial work under the Act, unlike the Municipal Act,

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

e. increase the maximum penalty amounts to \$50,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a corporation on a first conviction and \$25,000 for each day the contravention continues after a conviction for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation, additionally, amending the Act to allow municipalities to establish minimum fines under Zoning and Site Plan Control by-laws and continuing offence penalties on a first conviction.

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

a. provide a system of licenses under a business licensing by-law for the local parking and storage operations of transportation businesses, including transportation depots and parking lots, whereas municipalities cannot currently regulate the minimum standards appropriate for the community through Ontario Regulation 583/06 (Licensing Powers),

b. close a business operating without a license or engaged in egregious illegal land uses that significantly harm nearby residents, the environment, and public safety; whereas municipalities cannot currently close or prevent illegal land use or operations from continuing,

c. physically bar entry to properties where illegal land uses that have significant detrimental impacts on adjacent residential properties, the environment or create unsafe situations,

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

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Annette Groves

Town of Caledon

The Honourable Ruby Sahota, Minister of Democratic Institutions and MP for Brampton North-Caledon, <u>ruby.sahota@parl.gc.ca</u>

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July 8, 2025

Town of Caledon 6311 Old Church Rd Caledon ON L7J 1J6

Sent by email to: Chief of Staff, Catherine Monast, <u>catherine.monast@caledon.ca</u>

Re: Motion regarding illegal land use

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

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

Yours truly,

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

From:	<u>Clerks@vaughan.ca</u>
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Sent on behalf of Isabel Leung, Deputy City Clerk

Lisa Lyons, Director, Legislative Services/Clerk The Town of Newmarket 395 Mulock Drive P.O. Box 328 Station Main Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 4X7

Dear Lisa Lyons,

RE: AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

<u>Linked</u> for your information is Item 15, Report No. 23, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment, by the Council of the City of Vaughan, on June 4, 2025.

I draw your attention to Recommendation #2: That the City Clerk forward a copy of this report to York Region, York Region's local municipalities, York Regional Police, York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, Metrolinx and the Ministry of Transportation.

To assist us in responding to inquiries, please quote the item and report number.

Sincerely,

Isabel Leung Deputy City Clerk 905-832-8504 | <u>clerks@vaughan.ca</u>

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July 10, 2025

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Email: <u>peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org</u> The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy Minister of Finance 7 Queen's Park Cres. Toronto, ON M7A 1Y7

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy:

Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the City of Pickering regarding Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 8, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the City of Pickering regarding Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

The City of Pickering resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

C. Madden

Charlotte Madden City Clerk

ec: Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services Raymond Sung Joon Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility Niagara Region MPPs, Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens Christine Clark Lafleur, Executive Director, Port Cares The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) The Association of Municipalities (AMO) All Ontario Municipalities

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Corporate Services Department Legislative Services

Sent by Email

June 6, 2025

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy MPP Pickering-Uxbridge 1550 Kingston Rd., Suite 213 Pickering, ON L1V 1C3 peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

Subject: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 26, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS individuals and families receiving income support through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are facing increasing challenges in meeting basic needs due to rising costs of living;

And Whereas Statistics Canada notes that people with disabilities have a higher poverty rate and a lower rate of employment than the overall population;

And Whereas the annual income support for Ontario Works is currently \$8,796.00 and \$16,416.00 for Ontario Disability Support Program. These supports have not increased sufficiently to keep up with inflation and the cost of living. Such costs are anticipated to continue increasing;

And Whereas the low income measure for a single person in Greater Toronto Area is estimated to be approximately \$27,343 annually, and the deep income poverty threshold is determined to be \$20,508;

And Whereas Food Banks, including our local Food Banks, provide a necessary service with increasing demands in our communities;

And Whereas the Pickering Food Bank served 1,722 adults, and 1,054 children in February 2025;

And Whereas food banks are already reducing their distribution capacity; and it is anticipated that due to developing economic circumstances, such as the current tariff war, there will be increased unemployment, increased food prices, and a heightened demand for food distribution, while donations continue to decline;

And Whereas these economic trends will continue to erode the purchasing power of OW and ODSP recipients, increasing reliance on food banks and placing additional pressure on municipalities and community organizations;

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Now therefore it be resolved that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

- 1. That staff send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to strongly urge that the Ontario Provincial Government significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need; and,
- 2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

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: Robert Cerjanec, MPP Ajax Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 12

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15. Committee and Staff Reports

15.4 Minutes - Committee of the Whole Meeting CW#11-25 held July 2, 2025

That the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting CW#11-25 held July 2, 2025, be adopted and the following recommendations be approved:

15.4.16 Member Motion - Councillor Davidson - Support for Provincial Action on Salt Pollution from Road Salt - (CW Item 12.5)

Moved by:	Councillor Davidson
Seconded by:	Councillor Liu

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

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

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill is home to ecologically significant kettle lakes and headwater streams on the Oak Ridges Moraine, including Lake Wilcox, Bond Lake, Phillips Lake, Lake St. George, as well as the headwaters of the Humber River and Don River, all of which are highly vulnerable to chloride contamination from road salt; and

Whereas scientific studies show that Lake Wilcox has seen a fourfold increase in salt levels from 1996 to 2018, mainly due to road salt washing into the lake, which is harming water quality, upsetting the lake's natural balance; and

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Richmond Hill

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

Whereas numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

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

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

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

Whereas road authorities that use salt, such as the City of Richmond Hill, must abide by, and benefit from, established provincial regulations around snow clearing and maintenance, whereas private contractors only have voluntary programs for salt use for private and commercial property management; and

Richmond Hill

Whereas the City of Richmond Hill's 2015 Salt Management Plan implemented best practices such as RWIS (Road Weather Information System) monitoring, brining, pre-wetting, GPS calibration, and staff training, but further action is needed to protect Richmond Hill's sensitive freshwater ecosystems and maintain leadership in salt reduction innovation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

- The City of Richmond Hill urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management.
- The City of Richmond Hill urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution.
- 3. The City of Richmond Hill commits to the reduction of the use of road salt as much as possible while maintaining safety on roads, parking lots and sidewalks.
- 4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - a. all municipalities in York Region;
 - b. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - c. MPP Daisy Wai;
 - d. MPP Michael Parsa;
 - e. Conservation Ontario;
 - f. The Ontario Municipal Water Association;
 - g. The Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition;

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- h. Hon. Todd McCarthy Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- i. Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- j. Premier Doug Ford.

Carried

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July 10, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

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



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

Regards,

Owen Jaggard Director of Legislative Services/Clerk 519-773-3164 ext. 4913 ojaggard@town.aylmer.on.ca

CC: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting leader of the Official Opposition Andrew Lawton, MP Elgin-St. Thomas-London South All Ontario Municipalities The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) July 11, 2025

Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2



Come for a visit. Stay for a lifestyle.

Via Email: <u>mark.carney@parl.gc.ca</u>

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

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

Motion No. THC-250708-12

Moved by Deputy Mayor Michael Metcalf Seconded by Councillor Rob Pope

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

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

Carried.

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

Yours sincerely,

Robert Crate Mayor

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

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Good morning,

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

R191-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Otonabee-South Monaghan: • Condemns Bill C-2, section 77.5, as an unacceptable overreach that criminalizes lawful cash transactions and undermines the use of Canadians' right to use legal tender;

• Demands the federal government to withdraw this amendment and engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, businesses, and charities to develop targeted anti-crime policies that do not penalize legitimate cash transactions;

• Instructs the Municipal Clerk to send this resolution to all Canadian municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Ontario Municipal Association, the Minister of Finance, Emma Harrison, our local MP, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, and First Nations, calling for unified opposition;

• Urges other municipalities to pass similar resolutions to protect the rights of their residents and businesses

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Liz Ross, Deputy Clerk

Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

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The Municipality of the VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste

Resolution # 2025-244

Be it resolved;

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

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

Now therefore be it resolved that:

- 1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
- 2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:

a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and

b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.

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

Recorded Vote requested by:

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

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

Defeated Deferred

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Council Meeting Date: July 14, 2025 Letter of Support for H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign Council Resolution: 2025-140 Moved: Mayor Post Seconded: Councillor Andrews

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Orangeville Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

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

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

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

Result: Carried Unanimously



Hon. Mark Carney Prime Minister of Canada VIA EMAIL: <u>mark.carney@parl.gc.ca</u> Hon. Doug Ford Premier of Ontario VIA EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Township of Puslinch 7404 Wellington Road 34 Puslinch, ON NOB 2J0 <u>www.puslinch.ca</u>

July 17, 2025

Hon. Victor Fedeli Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade VIA EMAIL: vic.fedeli@pc.ola.org Hon. Rob Flack Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing VIA EMAIL: <u>rob.flack@pc.ola.org</u>

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

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

Resolution No. 2025-226:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and Seconded by Councillor Hurst

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED



As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston Municipal Clerk

CC: The Leader of the Opposition, MP Michael Chong, MPP Joseph Racinsky, AMO, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) & All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the County of Northumberland 555 Courthouse Road Cobourg, ON, K9A 5J6



Northumberland County Council Resolution

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SENT VIA EMAIL

June 25, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508

Carried

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at <u>matherm@northumberland.ca</u> or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely, Maddison Mather

Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk Northumberland County



Council Resolution



Council Date: June 18, 2025

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

Recorded Vote Requested by		Carried	
	Councillor's Name	Cartred	Warden's Signature
Deferred		Defeated	
_	Warden's Signature	-	Warden's Signature

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Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

Committee Meeting Date:	June 3, 2025
Agenda Item:	7.a
Resolution Number:	2025-06-03-444
Moved by:	M. Martin
Seconded by:	B. Ostrander
Council Meeting Date:	June 18, 2025

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



Deferred_

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions

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

Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Sincerely,

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



Simon Granat Legislative Coordinator Town of Newmarket 395 Mulock Drive P.O. Box 328 Station Main Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7 Email: sgranat@newmarket.ca Tel: 905-953-5300 ext. 2207 Fax: 905-953-5100

July 17, 2025

Sent to: shelley@prostatecanada.ca

Dear Shelley Werk:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved <u>Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy</u>, and the Town of Newmarket will proclaim September 2025 as Prostate 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 blue on September 2, 2025 to recognize Prostate 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.

Simon Granat Legislative Coordinator



July 17, 2025

Sent to: shelley@prostatecanada.ca Dear Shelley Werk:

RE: Proclamation and Lighting Request – Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

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

In addition, the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in blue on September 2, 2025 from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

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John Taylor Mayor



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July 18, 2025

Sent to: Candice.coghlan@uhn.ca

Dear Candice Coghlan:

RE: Lighting Request – September 9, 2025 – Living Donation Week

I am writing to advise that your lighting request has been approved in accordance with the Councilapproved <u>Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy</u>, and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in green on September 8, 2025 to recognize Living Donation Week. 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.

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July 18, 2025

Sent to: Fiona.binns@canfasd.ca

Dear Fiona Binns:

RE: Proclamation Request – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day – September 9, 2025

I am writing to advise that your proclamation request has been approved in accordance with the Council-approved <u>Proclamation, Lighting Request and Community Flag Raising Policy</u>, and the Town of Newmarket will illuminate the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street in red September 9, 2025 to recognize Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) 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.

Simon Granat Legislative Coordinator



July 17, 2025

Sent to: Fiona.binns@canfasd.ca Dear Fiona Binns:

RE: Proclamation Request – Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day – September 9, 2025

On behalf of the Town of Newmarket Council I am pleased to recognize Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Day on September 9, 2025 by illuminating the Fred A. Lundy Bridge located on Water Street will be illuminated in red from sunset until 11:00 PM.

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

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John Taylor Mayor