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We deliver services that responsibly utilize
resources, respect our environment, and
foster a community ready to shape its future.

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole Agenda

October 6, 2025

7:00 pm

Council Chambers

Members

Don Murray, Mayor
Jim Hanna, Deputy Mayor
Larry Allison, Councillor
Shari Flett, Councillor
Scott Gibson, Councillor
Ed McGugan, Councillor
Carl Sloetjes, Councillor

Staff

Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk
Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief
Mike Fair, Director of Community Services
Christine Heinisch, Manager of Financial Services/Treasurer
John Yungblut, Director of Public Works
Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning, CBO
Heather Falconer, By-law Enforcement Officer

Pages

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss will be called to Order at 7:00 p.m. on October 6, 2025 in the Council Chambers.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. Delegations

None

4. Staff Reports

4.1 Building & Planning

a. Building Statistics August 2025, BLD-2025-23 10

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information Report BLD-2025-23 prepared by Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO.

b. Building Statistics September 2025, BLD-2025-24 13

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information Report BLD-2025-24 prepared by Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO.

4.2 By-law Enforcement

a. Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report September 2025, BLE-2025-11 15

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2025-11, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

b. Enhanced Summer Patrol Services 2025, BLE-2025-12 18

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2025-12 prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer.

4.3 Fire Department

a. Fire and Emergency Services Report September 2025, FIR-2025-21 21

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-21 prepared by Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief.

- b. **Emergency Management and Health & Safety Summary September 2025, FIR-2025-20** 25

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-20 prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator-CEMC.

4.4 Drainage

- a. **Municipal Drain Status Update October 2025, DRA-2025-13** 27

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report DRA-2025-13 prepared by Ken McCallum, Drainage Superintendent.

4.5 Community Services

- a. **Federation of Canadian Municipalities Heritage Park Adaptation in Action Implementation Fund, CS-2025-27** 30

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2025-27 prepared by Mike Fair Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER THAT staff is authorized to submit a joint funding application for \$1,101,780 to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Adaptation In Action Implementation fund and Growing Canada's Community Canopies Fund for the mitigation of stormwater flooding / erosion and tree reforestation in Heritage Park and committing \$338,118.00 as the Municipal share to the project.

- b. **Parks and Facilities Update October 2025, CS-2025-28** 38

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2025-28 prepared by Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor.

- c. **Community Services Status Report October 2025, CS-2025-29** 40

Motion

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4.6 Public Works

- a. **Water-Wastewater Report October 2025, PW-2025-46** 46
- Motion
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Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services.
- b. **Waste Management Report October 2025, PW-2025-47** 52
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Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services.
- c. **Transportation October 2025, PW-2025-48** 54
- Motion
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John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.
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- Motion
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hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-49 prepared by
John Yungblut, Director of Public Works,
- AND FURTHER directs Staff to proceed with _____ for the
collection of recycling from properties that are not eligible under the
Blue Box Program.

4.7 Business & Economic Development

- a. **Economic Development and Tourism Update Q3 2025 , BED-2025-04** 65
- Motion
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Amy Irwin, Economic Development Officer.

4.8 Chief Administrative Officer

a. Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition Membership, CAO-2025-24

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Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2025-24 as prepared by Steve Travale, Manager of Strategic Initiatives;

AND direct staff to submit a Partnership Application, signalling the Township of Huron-Kinloss' formal interest in joining the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) as a Regional Collaborative Partner;

AND FURTHER appoints Member of Council _____ and Steve Travale, Manager of Strategic Initiatives to participate in SOIC meetings on behalf of the Township of Huron-Kinloss,

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-law come forward.

b. Hiring Report October 2025, CAO-2025-25

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Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2025-25 prepared by Leanne Scott, Human Resources Generalist;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-law come forward appointing Landon Hunter as Drainage Superintendent.

4.9 Legislative Services

a. 2026 Proposed Council Schedule and Conference Dates, CLK-2025-30

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Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receive Report CLK-2025-30, prepared by Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT the necessary exemptions to the Procedure By-law be authorized to adopt the 2026 meeting schedule as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2026 regular schedule of Council meetings be adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to take the administrative steps necessary to register members of Council for conferences per Council discussion;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that the Mayor include the associated costs in the 2026 proposed budget.

b. Resolutions for Consideration October 2025, CLK-2025-29

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Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive Report CLK-2025-29 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole support the following resolutions: and direct Staff to distribute as they see fit.

5. Correspondence Requiring Direction

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 5.0.

AND FURTHER directs Staff to send the response to the resident as drafted in agenda item 5.1.

AND FURTHER directs Staff to register Council members in the Bruce County Together in Action Housing Forum as requested.

5.1 Resident letter - Grey Ox Avenue

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5.2 Bruce County - Together in Action Housing Forum Invitation

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6. Information

Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information all items listed in Section 6.0.

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	Bruce County Recognizes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 12, 2025	

MPAC In Touch Newsletter - August 2025

Grey Bruce Public Health Swimming Advisory lifted for Kelso Beach - August 28, 2025

Community Living Kincardine and District September Newsletter - September 4, 2025

RT-07 Updates - September 9, 2025

Clean Energy Events - September 12, 2025

RT-07 Tariffs and U.S. Travel - September 16, 2025

Lake Huron Coastal Centre - September 18, 2025

RT-07 Bill Sullivan to Retire as CEO - September 24, 2025

Grey Bruce Public Health Promoting Rabies Prevention - September 25, 2025

Lake Huron Forever Update - September 25, 2025

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Retirement of Phil Beard - September 24, 2025

6.8 Conservation Ontario Pre-Budget Submission 2025-2026

7. New Business/Council Reports

Committee members have the opportunity to provide an update on Board and Committee meetings.

8. Closed Session

Motion

THAT Committee of the Whole move into closed meeting at [time] for the purpose of considering:

1) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons or organization (Westario Power);

2) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (legal);

3) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (Ministry of Labour Order),

pursuant to Section 239(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee of the Whole return to regular open meeting upon completion.

9. Business Arising from the Closed Session

10. Adjournment

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Motion

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby adjourn at XX:XX.



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Building Statistics August 2025

Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Report Number: BLD-2025-23

Department: Building and Planning

File Number: C11 BLD 25

Prepared By: Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO

Attachments: Septic Program Summary August 2025

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information Report BLD-2025-23 prepared by Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO.

Background:

This is a monthly report updating building activity within the Township. Also included is an update on the Septic Program provided BM Ross.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Permits issued between August 1st 2025 and August 31st, 2025 as follows:

Permit Type	Permits Issued	Construction Value	Residential Units Added
New Single Detached Dwelling	4	\$1,600,000	4
New Multi Unit Residential	0	\$0	
Demolition	1	\$10,000	
Residential Addition/Renovation	2	\$9500	
Accessory Structure	3	\$370,000	
Sewage System	5	\$95,500	
Industrial / Commercial / Institutional	0	\$0	

Agricultural Building - Other	5	\$910,000	
Agricultural Building - Livestock	1	\$75,000	
Pool (Fence)	0	\$0	
Miscellaneous (Decks, tents, solar panels, signs etc)	2	\$2000	
Total	24	\$3,057,001	3

	2025 Year to Date	2024 Year to date
Value of Construction	\$24,993,901	\$22,810,725
Number of Permits	159	135

Financial Impacts:

2025 Permit Fees collected to the end of August are \$239,850.66

Performance Measurement:

Key performance statistics are provided in the body of the report.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Performance Measurement

Respectfully Submitted By:

Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer

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Engineers and Planners
 62 North Street, Goderich, ON N7A 2T4
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Septic Program Summary – 2025

Month	Regular Inspections	New/Replacement Inspections (Part 8)
January	0	1
February	0	0
March	0	3
April	1	2
May	66	6
June	82	4
July	67	7
August	53	6
September		
TOTAL	269	29

*includes completed and currently scheduled appointments to the last day of August

B.M. Ross prepared and sent out 387 letters in April and May to permanent residential, WHPA and seasonal property owners who were due for their 2025 inspections (WHPA properties due for 5-year inspections).

All landowners who are due for a 2025 inspection have been given a reminder call (or doorknocker delivered) requesting to book an appointment. Reminder letters were sent mid-August to permanent residents, seasonal residents & WHPA properties.

Over 60% of the 2025 landowners (due) have contacted us and booked their inspection appointment, which is in line with previous years.

Many of the repairs this year are minor – concern over damaged lids, (often from having overtightened screws or from being driven on) and requesting the landowner replace with new. Each reporting segment has several notations to “reminder to clean filter annually”, generally with a demonstration from our inspector on how the task is completed. Over 85% of the appointments have been with the landowner present so they may ask questions and gain some knowledge about the system on their property.



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Building Statistics September 2025

Date: Oct. 2, 2025

Report Number: BLD-2025-24

Department: Building and Planning

File Number: C11 BLD 25

Prepared By: Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receives for information Report BLD-2025-24 prepared by Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO.

Background:

This is a monthly report updating building activity within the Township.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Permits issued between September 1st, 2025 and September 30th, 2025 as follows:

Permit Type	Permits Issued	Construction Value	Residential Units Added
New Single Detached Dwelling	3	\$2,730,000	5
New Multi Unit Residential	0	\$0	
Demolition	2	\$25,000	
Residential Addition/Renovation	3	\$250,000	
Accessory Structure	3	\$720,000	
Sewage System	3	\$57,000	
Industrial / Commercial / Institutional	0	\$0	
Agricultural Building - Other	1	\$300,000	

Agricultural Building - Livestock	1	\$300,000	
Pool (Fence)	0	\$0	
Miscellaneous (Decks, tents, solar panels, signs etc)	3	\$5500	
Total	19	\$4,387,500	4

	2025 Year to Date	2024 Year to date
Value of Construction	\$29,381,401	\$26,449,825
Number of Permits	178	155

Financial Impacts:

2025 Permit Fees collected to date are \$286,220.91

Performance Measurement:

Key performance statistics are provided in the body of the report.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Performance Measurement

Respectfully Submitted By:

Brett Pollock, Manager of Building and Planning/CBO

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



Staff Report

Report Title: Municipal By-Law Enforcement Status Report September 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: BLE-2025-11

Department: By-Law Enforcement

File Number: C11 BLE 25

Prepared By: Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2025-11, as prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

To update Council on September occurrences involving Municipal By-Law Enforcement.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

2025 Data Chart		
Complaints	Number of Calls for Service	Annual Calls To Date
Animal Control	3	28
Property Maintenance	3	48
Parking Concerns	0	12
Beach Violations	8	17
Zoning	0	17
By-Laws Not Listed (lawn watering, noise)	4	18
Total Complaints	18	140

2025 Calls for Service to Date	140
2024 Calls for Service to Date (higher call volume due to hazardous trees infected by the ash borer disease)	209

Year to Date Issuance of Administrative Monetary Penalties, Property Maintenance Orders & Provincial Offence Certificates

2025	Issued this Month	Year to Date
Administrative Monetary Penalties	0	5
Property Maintenance Order	2	8
Provincial Offence Certificate	2	5

Animal Control

Two dogs were found running at large and both were returned to their owners. without incident.

An owner of a designated Dangerous Dog has not followed the mandated restrictions regarding their dog to keep the public safe. The Township will be taking further actions.

Property Maintenance

Three complaints were received regarding yard maintenance that included:

- Dead and diseased trees posing a risk of falling, and
- Grass and weeds exceeding the maximum height fifteen centimetres.

Properties that had violations upon inspection were sent notices including dates to comply by. Follow up inspections will commence.

Two Order to Remedy have been issued pursuant to section 15.2(2) of The Building Code Act S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended and the Township of Huron-Kinloss Property Standards By-law No. 2018-100. These Orders have been issued to start the process of clearing the properties of debris from structure fires that have occurred.

Parking Violations

Two Provincial Offence Certificates were issued for parking infractions along Boiler Beach Road.

Beach Management

Eight complaints were received regarding personal items left on the public beach. Property owners adjacent to the beach locations were notified to remove the items after visiting the beach. There was fire barrels included in the complaints and those were requested to leave the public beach permanently as they are not permitted to be used.

Noise Complaints By-law Infractions

Two noise complaints were received for the playing loud music. Two additional complaints were received for the same address regarding a dog barking. Notices were sent out to the alleged offenders and no complaints have been received since.

Financial Impacts:

There is no financial impact currently.

Strategic Area:

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| ☒ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☐ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Enhanced Summer Patrol Services 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: BLE-2025-12

Department: By-law Enforcement

File Number: C11

Prepared By: Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BLE-2025-12 prepared by Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer.

Background:

In 2023 and 2024, the enhanced summer services program was implemented to provide additional lakeshore patrols during weekends in the summer tourist season. These patrols focused on educating the public on by-law matters and increasing enforcement visibility along the lakeshore.

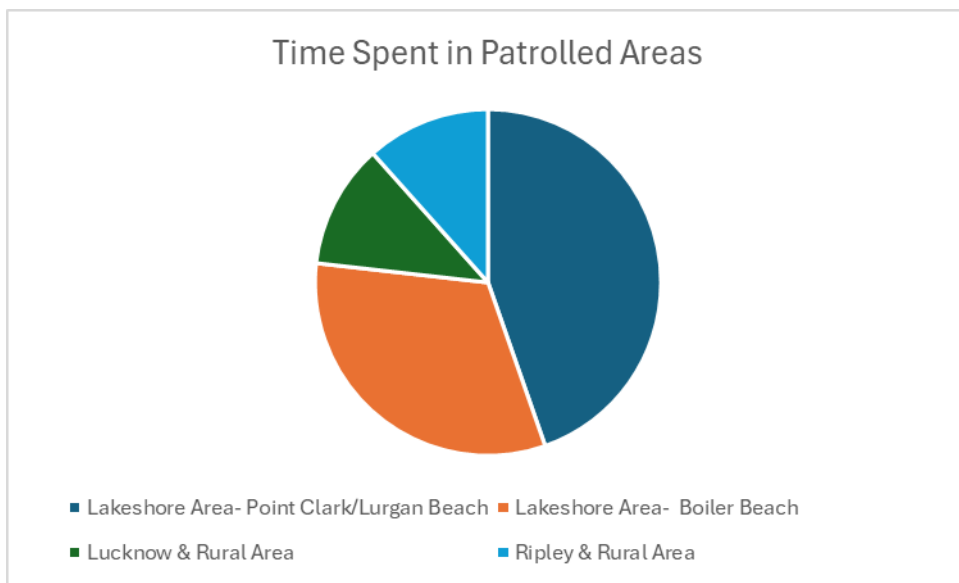
In 2025, the program continued to prioritize the lakeshore area while expanding coverage to additional areas of the Township. This expansion included a shift toward active enforcement of Township by-laws, complementing the ongoing public education and visibility objectives.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The 2025 Enhanced Summer Patrol Services program has concluded, with a total of 20 shifts worked, amounting to 111 patrol hours. During July, patrols were conducted throughout the Township and included both foot and vehicle coverage.

In August, patrol efforts focused on Boiler Beach Road to enforce the newly designated "No Parking" areas. To provide adequate coverage, two daily patrols were added to each shift. As a result, inland Township patrols were reduced to accommodate the additional time required along Boiler Beach Road.

To support public engagement, officers attended the Point Clark Lighthouse fireworks event.



A noted area of concern again this year was the parking capacity at the Point Clark Lighthouse. When the parking is full for the general public, the overflow occurs along both sides of Lighthouse Road.

It was reported that several metal firepits/burn barrels on the public beach had been used as a garbage receptacle either by owners or beach visitors. This information was forwarded onto by-law enforcement, who notified possible owners to have them removed from the public beach.

By-law Data Collected from 2025 Enhanced Summer Patrol Services	# of Accounts
Accounts of dogs running at large on public beaches where educational warning were provided	12
Parking infractions where certificates were issued	4
Non-permitted Golf Cart being used on roadway – Huron-Kinloss Golf Car By-law brochure was provided to the individual	1
Total amount of verbal encounters with the public who had general inquiries for example: location of public washrooms, places to eat	74

Staff continue to recognize the benefits of this program and recommend its continuation, subject to approval through the 2026 budget process.

Financial Impacts:

The Enhanced Summer Patrol Services program total cost for the 2025 season was \$5990 + tax.

Performance Measurement:

The Enhanced Summer Lakeshore Patrol Service program was completed on time and on budget.

Strategic Area:

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| ☒ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Heather Falconer, Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Fire and Emergency Services Report September 2025

Date: Sep. 30, 2025

Report Number: FIR-2025-21

Department: Fire and Emergency Services

File Number: C11

Prepared By: Fire Chief, Jeff Bradley

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-21 prepared by Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief.

Background:

During the month, the following Fire and Emergency Services administrative tasks have been initiated, are on-going and/or have been completed.

1. All general administrative tasks with the day-to-day operations of the Fire Department for the months have been completed.
2. The monthly activities for the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow & District Fire Stations are detailed below in the discussion section.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

1. Fire Department Emergency Responses:

Ripley-Huron Station # 15-0

Incident Type	Total
Fire - Structure	2
Fire – Mutual Aid	2
Fire – Outdoor - Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collision	0
Industrial/ Agricultural Incident	0
Medical Assist	1
General Fire Alarm	0
Public Hazard - Wires	0
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	0
Open Air Burning Complaint	1
Water Rescue	0
Total Responses:	6

Lucknow & District Station # 16-0

Incident Type	Totals
Fire - Structure	1
Fire – Mutual Aid	1
Fire – Outdoor- Grass	0
Fire - Vehicle	0
Motor Vehicle Collisions	3
Medical Assist	7
Public Hazard - Wires	0
Public Hazard – CO/Gas	0
General Fire Alarm	2
Open Air Burning Complaint	2
Total Responses:	16

2.Fire Department Training/Meeting Sessions:**Ripley-Huron Station # 15-0**

Session Type	Totals
General/Officer/JHSC Meetings	1
Fire Practice	2
Additional Training	1
Recruit Firefighter Training	2
Vehicle/Station/PPE Inspections	1

Lucknow & District Station # 16-0

Session Type	Totals
General/Officer/JHSC Meetings	1
Fire Practice	2
Additional Training	1
Recruit Firefighter Training	3
Vehicle/Station/PPE Inspections	1

3.Fire Department Non-Emergency Activities:**Ripley-Huron and Lucknow Stations Combined**

Activity Type	Totals
Fire Inspections (Incl. Follow Ups)	1
Fire Investigations	2
Open Air Burn By-law Investigation	2
Fire Permits Issued	3
Fire Prevention Activity/Plan Review	2

Pre-Incident Planning Activity	1
Public Education: In person/social media	11
Smoke/CO Program Activity	1
Community Event Participation	2

Additional activity:

- **Fire Prevention and Emergency Management:** teams were proud to attend both the Ripley and Lucknow Fall Fairs this year. These events provided a great opportunity to connect with members of the community and share important information about emergency preparedness and fire safety.

We had valuable conversations about how to be ready in the event of an emergency, including the importance of having a plan, preparing emergency kits, and staying informed. We also focused on the safe use, storage, and disposal of lithium batteries, which are becoming more common in homes and devices, but also pose fire risks if not handled properly.

- **Lucknow Firefighters' Breakfast** was another great success this year, with 560 people attending in support of an important cause. Funds raised from the event are going toward the purchase of a drone to help enhance emergency response capabilities in our community.

This specialized drone will be equipped with thermal imaging and night vision technology, allowing firefighters to detect hot spots and heat signatures during fires or other emergency situations. It will also play a critical role in search and rescue operations, helping to locate missing persons in difficult or remote areas. Additionally, the drone will have the ability to carry and drop a payload, further expanding its use in emergency scenarios.

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support the event your generosity is helping bring cutting-edge tools to our local fire service!

- **Lucknow and Ripley Fire Stations** recently took part in a mock disaster training exercise held at P&H. The scenario simulated a propane tank fire, complete with emergency response protocols and a full site evacuation.

This type of large-scale exercise is an important part of ongoing firefighter training, offering a realistic and controlled environment to test and refine emergency response plans. Fire crews were tasked with managing the simulated fire, coordinating evacuation procedures, and ensuring the safety of both responders and personnel on site.

The event allowed both departments to practice inter-agency communication, assess equipment readiness, and strengthen teamwork under pressure. It also provided an opportunity to identify potential gaps in response strategies and make improvements moving forward.

Financial Impacts:

To comply with NFPA standards to keep workers safe, ongoing expense included in the operating budget.

Performance Measurement:

Metrics included in the body of the report.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Strive for continuous improvement and increased efficiency

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management and Health & Safety Summary September 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: FIR-2025-20

Department: Fire and Emergency Services

File Number: C11 FIR 25

Prepared By: Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator- CEMC

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-20 prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator-CEMC.

Background:

This report provides a summary of emergency management and health and safety activities in September 2025.

On September 17, 2025 the Ontario Government announced The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) is again open for applications. CEPG provides funding to help communities and organizations purchase emergency supplies, equipment and services, such as: chain saws, generators, sandbag machines, training delivery and education and exercise planning and coordination ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, supporting local efforts to protect Ontario by enhancing readiness and response capabilities.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Emergency Management

Reception Centre

On September 10, 2025 a fire occurred at an apartment building in Lucknow. OPP, Victim services, Bruce County Emergency Management/ Social Services, Huron-Kinloss staff and vendors quickly came together to provide communication, transportation and a reception centre for residents to attend.

The reception centre was set up at the Lucknow Community Centre for approximately two hours before most residents were permitted to return to their homes.

Special Event Permits

Three special event permits were issued in September for Lucknow Fall Fair, Ripley Fall Fair and Kites in the Field.

Public Education

In person emergency management and fire prevention public education was provided to visitors of both Lucknow and Ripley fall fairs.

Knowledge Exchange

Staff attended the Southwestern Ontario Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) sector meeting. Topics presented at the meeting were FIFA event preparedness, abandoned mine safety, EMO program updates and impacts and lessons learned from the 2025 ice storm from both a municipal and county response. Many networking opportunities and a tour of the provincial emergency operation centre was provided.

Bruce Sector CEMC's were hosted by Hydro One in Owen Sound for a Powering Preparedness workshop. The workshop aimed to improve response and communication with municipalities and Hydro One during emergencies.

Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

Staff are currently reviewing current needs and options for the CEPG application.

Safety

Matt McClinchey has joined the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) as a management representative as Mike Fair leaves the role on the JHSC.

Seventeen staff attended first aid training at Mayfair training in Lucknow in September.

Public Services Health & Safety Association came for a complimentary site visit to the Huron-Landfill and Ripley Huron Community Centre to meet with staff to discuss applicable health and safety legislation and best practices.

Financial Impacts:

Costs of the reception centre do not fall outside the approved operating budget.

Performance Measurement:

Seven special event applications were received and seven special event permits were issued in 2025.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer
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Staff Report

Report Title: Municipal Drain Status Update October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: DRA-2025-13

Department: Drainage

File Number: C11 DRA 25

Prepared By: Ken McCallum

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report DRA-2025-13 prepared by Ken McCallum, Drainage Superintendent.

Background:

Municipal Drainage projects are in various stages of completion. This report is to provide the Committee with an update on each drain in progress. Previous update provided in [Report DRA-2025-10](#).

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Capital Works

Gaunt-Laidlaw Municipal Drain

The Engineer's reports have been accepted by Council, the Court of Revision proceedings have concluded including appeal periods, and the By-laws have received third reading. The tender for this project has been awarded. The project is now entering the construction phase in which the contractor has proposed a fall/winter start date.

Hamilton Municipal Drain

The Engineer's reports have been accepted by Council, the Court of Revision proceedings have concluded including appeal periods, and the By-laws have received third reading. The tender for this project has been awarded. The project is now entering the construction phase in which the contractor has proposed a fall/winter start date.

Bruce Beach

The Bruce Beach Drain Phase 1 is now complete and impacted properties have received their assessments for the work done.

Phase 2 will establish a permanent outlet to Lake Huron for the drain constructed under Phase 1 and address additional drainage concerns identified by a second

petition. Preliminary design work continues to incorporate feedback from meetings with landowners.

The Township will be re-engaging with the community by presenting updated design information and findings at a second public meeting. Residents will have the opportunity to provide additional feedback. No final report will be filed without further public consultation. The timing of this information meeting will take into account that some of the impacted population may be seasonal residents.

Clark Creek Municipal Drain

Works identified during the one-year warranty period are being completed. Once the warranty period expires, impacted residents will be assessed final costs. Additional maintenance work may be required in the future.

Vandiepenbeek Municipal Drain

This capital project is within the one- year warranty period. Works took place in January to resolve issues identified during the warranty period. Once the warranty period is expired, final assessments will be calculated and levied to landowners.

Park Street and Railway Municipal Drains

Two appeals on the quality of construction have been received for the Park Street Municipal Drain. The Drainage Act provides that any owner of land dissatisfied with the quality of work may appeal to the tribunal on grounds to be stated. The Tribunal decides if the appeal is merited and will set the time and place for a hearing. The decision of the Tribunal respecting these appeals is final. The pre-consultation meeting has been scheduled.

Ripley Drain #2

The Engineer has been appointed to provide an updated assessment schedule.

Sutton Municipal Drain

An on-site meeting has been held with landowners. No survey work is expected to be done until crops are harvested. An information meeting is expected to be held late this fall, or through the winter.

Black Creek Municipal Drain

At the meeting to consider the engineer's report on September 8, 2025, Council referred the report back to the engineer for further consideration. This effectively reset the consideration process of the original report, with notice requirements and appeal periods recommencing and extending the process timelines.

When the public meeting is held to consider the engineer's report on the reconsideration, notices will be sent to impacted landowners.

Others

The appointed Engineers continue to work on the following ongoing capital drain projects: Thompson Lamont-Deyell Municipal Drain, Pennell Municipal Drain, Jantzi Municipal Drain and Kempton Municipal Drain.

Maintenance Works

Black Creek Municipal Drain

Maintenance has been performed on some sections of the Black Creek watershed, including within the “Z” Branch and the Southwest Section. This work was required to provide immediate relief while the Engineer’s report is being prepared to allow for more fulsome work to take place. During the course of performing the work, permits were extended to include additional areas impacted by beaver dams, to establish an outlet to address water levels upstream.

Maintenance Assessments Outstanding

Staff are preparing a by-law to assess the maintenance costs to impacted landowners for the Eadie Extension Drain.

Expected Drain Maintenance to be completed

Maintenance is scheduled this fall within the following municipal drains; Reavie MD, Stewart MD, McMurchie MD, and the Vandipenbeek drain. Municipal tile drain repairs are to be completed on the Harris Municipal Drain.

Financial Impacts:

The cost of constructing, maintaining and/or repairing municipal drains is assessed to all the landowners within the drain watershed depicted in the last engineer’s report as outlined in the *Drainage Act, 1990*. The Township is responsible for any Assessments to all Municipal lands and roads as determined by the engineer.

The Township’s Drainage Superintendent duties provided through a shared services agreement with the Municipality of Huron-East are ending. The Township of Huron-Kinloss has hired a part-time employee as Drainage Superintendent, to be appointed by by-law.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Respectfully Submitted By:

Ken McCallum, Drainage Superintendent

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



Staff Report

Report Title: Federation of Canadian Municipalities Heritage Park Adaptation in Action Implementation Fund

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CS-2025-27

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 HER 2025

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Attachments: Map of Park within the BM Ross Report

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2025-27 prepared by Mike Fair Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER THAT staff is authorized to submit a joint funding application for \$1,101,780 to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Adaptation In Action Implementation fund and Growing Canada's Community Canopies Fund for the mitigation of stormwater flooding / erosion and tree reforestation in Heritage Park and committing \$338,118.00 as the Municipal share to the project.

Background:

Heritage Park is currently scheduled to begin phase one of the Township of Huron-Kinloss Park drainage ditch restoration project.

Heritage Park is a predominantly wooded parcel of parkland, and residents and visitors use the park as a place to walk, play, and rest. The park is surrounded by Gregs Trail, Heritage Drive, Park Place, and Kris Street and is steps from Lake Huron, with entrances from Gregs Trail, Heritage, and Kris Street. The park is approximately 5 acres (2.5 hectares) and contains mature trees, newly planted trees, and many wind damaged cedars, drainage ditches on the south and north sides and a modest playground.

An existing drainage channel runs through the Heritage Heights subdivision and the neighborhood park. The section being reviewed extends from Lake Range Drive to Lake Huron. Over the years, and since the subdivision was constructed (circa 1980's) maintenance activities within the channel have been difficult given the access challenges that exist through the park area.

Vegetation and trees are overgrown along many sections of the drainage channel, with many downed trees and limbs partially blocking the waterway. These impediments have restricted the conveyance capacity of the ditch and often lead to the channel overflowing its banks and flooding onto adjacent properties and across

roadways during large rain events. There is evidence of erosion of the side slopes along sections of the channel as well, and particularly at locations where restrictions exist and channel velocities are impacted.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Phase 1 (October to December 2025) Included in the 2025 Budget

Tree removal adjacent to and within all drainage ditches allows engineers to accurately design remediation of ditch. Includes removal of all deadfall trees, and removal of several trees surrounding existing play equipment

All tree materials will be ground on the park site and re-distributed as part of the trail system and new planting areas.

Phase 2 (January to December 2026) Dependent on Funding

Dependent on funding, engineers will design the drainage channel from Boardwalk to Lake Huron, with riprap armouring to control erosion. A maintenance access path is recommended where feasible, though existing topography may prevent continuous access along the channel.

Financial Impacts:

The total project budget is \$1,101,000.00. The funding application requires a \$338,118.00 contribution from the Township which is offset by \$112,350.00 from the eligible HST rebate. \$65,000 has been allocated in the 2025 tree cutting budget, leaving \$160,000 which will be included in the 2026 budget, if the application for funding is successful.

Performance Measurement:

No further damaging flooding or erosion in Heritage Park and surrounding neighbours.

Strategic Area:

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Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



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File No. 23039

VIA EMAIL ONLY

August 19, 2025

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Mike Fair, Director of Community Services
Township of Huron-Kinloss
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**Re: Heritage Park Drainage Improvements and Walking Trails
Revised Scope and Opinion of Probable Costs – Revision 2**

At the Township's request the opinion of probable costs has been updated based on their feedback.

Background

An existing drainage channel runs through the Heritage Heights subdivision and the neighborhood park. The section being reviewed extends from Lake Range Drive to Lake Huron. Over the years, and since the subdivision was constructed (circa 1980's) maintenance activities within the channel have been difficult given the access challenges that exist through the park area. Vegetation and trees are overgrown along many sections of the drainage channel, with many downed trees and limbs partially blocking the waterway. These impediments have restricted the conveyance capacity of the ditch and often lead to the channel overflowing its banks and flooding onto adjacent properties and across roadways during large rain events. There is evidence of erosion of the side slopes along sections of the channel as well, and particularly at locations where restrictions exist and channel velocities are impacted.

There are four existing drainage culverts within the project limits: a 1200mm dia. corrugated steel pipe (CSP) at Kris Street, a 1200mm dia. concrete culvert within Heritage Park, a 1420w x 940h mm CSP pipe arch at Parkplace and a 1200mm dia. CSP culvert at Boiler Beach Road and Heritage Drive. For the Heritage Park Drainage Improvements, it has been assumed that any culvert replacements, which would impact existing roadways, would be completed outside of the Heritage Park Drainage Improvements project. An allowance has been included for the replacement of one existing large diameter trail crossing culvert within the park.

Drainage Review and Improvements

As part of the drainage review, requested by the Township, the 100 year storm event was modeled for this area, and it has been determined that the required channel capacity for this event is in the range of 3.8 m³/s. To convey this flow, a channel with a bottom width of 1.5m, side slopes of 2:1,

and an overall channel slope of 1% or greater would be required. In areas where the existing channel is wider, a wider channel bottom is recommended and where possible 3:1 side slopes should be maintained to reduce the risk of erosion and to provide more stable side slopes. It is understood that in many areas the 1.5m bottom with 2:1 side slopes will be required due to site constraints.

Given the anticipated velocities within the channel, it is recommended that riprap armouring be installed along the channel bottom and part way up the side slopes. This will help to reduce erosion, lowering of the channel bottom, and maintenance along the corridor.

To allow for future maintenance of the drainage channel, it is recommended that a maintenance access path be constructed along one side of the channel, where possible. It is noted that there will be some areas where the existing topography will not allow for a permanent access path along the top of the channel. These areas include the section of drain between Boiler Beach Road and Parkplace (approx. 95m in length) and from Parkplace to the wider section of Heritage Park (approx. 80m in length).

The section of drainage channel east of Kris Street to Lake Range Drive does not have enough room for an access path due to a lack of Township-owned property along this section of drain.

Under the current scenario, the section of drainage channel east of Kris Street has been removed from the drainage improvements scope due to budgetary constraints.

Heritage Park Walking Trails

The Township has requested that the proposed access paths required for constructing and maintaining the drainage channels be incorporated into the public walking trail network within Heritage Park. The Township has also expressed interest in constructing additional public walking trails within Heritage Park away from the main drainage channel location. In this regard, refer to the Conceptual Heritage Park Drainage Improvements map included in Figure 1. Some of these additional walking trail locations may require minor ditches or swales to be installed or improved in order to intercept surface drainage and direct it to the main drainage channel within the park.

The existing trail network will serve as the access route during the construction of the drainage improvements and for the construction of the additional walking trails.

Existing access paths into Heritage Park are at the following locations:

- From Heritage Drive via an access path between 976 and 978 Heritage Drive.
- From Gregs Trail via an access path between 911 and 913 Gregs Trail.
- From Kris Street via an access path between 940 Kris Street and 962 Boardwalk Street.

The contractor may be able to access the drainage channel directly off Parkplace near Heritage Drive near the west end of the park and off Heritage Drive near Boiler Beach Road, however these locations may require the construction of temporary construction access routes.

Tree Clearing

Tree removal and trimming will be required to construct the proposed works and to allow for proper construction access to the site. Trees and vegetation will need to be removed along the drainage channels and side slopes to allow for the cleanout and reshaping of the drainage channel. Similarly, trees will need to be removed along any proposed trails or access paths for construction access. Discussions should be held with the contractor undertaking the work to confirm what width they would require for construction access. We anticipate that at a minimum a 3m wide access path along the proposed top of slope of the drainage channel will be required, with trees being cleared and trimmed to at least 1m beyond the edge of the path for clearance. For the walking paths throughout the rest of the park, a minimum 3.5m width would likely be required to accommodate construction traffic and to provide a permanent 2.4m wide path with clearances on either side.

Excess Material

The contractor will need to strip existing topsoil / organic material along the drainage channel, access paths and trails in order to construct the proposed drainage improvements, access paths and trails. Excess material will also be removed from the drainage channels and ditches as part of the drainage improvements. It would be best to keep this excess material on site to minimize costs associated with the excess soil regulation (O.Reg 406/19) requirements. Some of the material may be able to be used as part of the reshaping of the drainage channel cross section, but there will likely be a significant amount of excess material to be disposed of. The Township should consider if there are any areas within the park where this material could be placed or stockpiled. If the material cannot be kept on site there would likely be additional costs related to soil sampling, testing, O.Reg reports and disposal fees. No allowance for offsite disposal has been included in the project's opinion of probable costs.

Approvals and Consultation

This project will require approval from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA). Site meetings and discussions will need to be held in advance with the SVCA to ensure that they are on board and to ensure that they do not have any requirements that would add additional costs to the project.

Public consultations and notices will also be required with much of the work happening in very close proximity to private properties. The removal of so many trees will also impact the view behind many of these properties. The Township is including an allowance for tree planting within the park as part of this project.

Opinion of Probable Costs

BMROSS has made some assumptions regarding rough quantities and costs related to the cleanout and reshaping of the open channel drainage improvements within Heritage Heights and the access paths and walking trails within Heritage Park.

Quantities

Drainage Channel Improvements

- Drainage Channel from Boiler Beach Road / Heritage Drive to Parkplace – 95m+/-
- Drainage Channel from Parkplace to Heritage Park – 80m+/-
- Drainage Channel from Heritage Park 80m east of Parkplace to Kris Street – 275m
- Minor ditches / swales along the west and south sides of Park – 200m+/-

Culvert Replacement

- Heritage Park Culvert – 12m+/-

Trails / Access Paths

- Construction access path along Drainage Channel – Kris to 80m east of Parkplace – 280m x 3m minimum
- New walking trails along south, west and east sides of Heritage Park – 300m x 2.4m
- Modify or reinstate existing paths in Heritage Park from Gregs Trail to Heritage Drive and from east and west side of park to playground area – 350m x 2.4m

We note that determining the quantities for a project of this nature are difficult to accurately estimate prior to construction given the access restrictions and tree coverage that limit our ability to complete an accurate site survey. We anticipate that there will be challenges during construction as well in tracking the extent of material that is moved because of lack of baseline information. The Township may want to consider hiring a trusted local contractor to complete the work on a time and material basis, with budget thresholds outlined in advance. The tree clearing, drainage channel cleanout and armouring should be prioritized, starting from the bottom end, with the walking trail portion of the work being completed as a final phase.

It is recommended that the Township complete the roadway culvert replacement portions of the work as part of future road restoration projects for Heritage Drive, Parkplace and Kris Street, which are planned to be completed within the next 5 to 10 years.

Conceptual Opinion of Probable Costs

Mobilization and Demobilization Allowance	= \$ 25,000
Tree Clearing and Environmental Protection	= \$ 190,000
Excavation, Channel Grading & Rip Rap	= \$ 556,000
Trail Construction / Restoration / Tree Planting	= \$ 45,000
Culvert Replacements within Heritage Park	= \$ 22,000
Miscellaneous Items	= \$ 35,000
Contingency Allowance	= \$ <u>50,000</u>
Sub-Total	= \$ 923,000
Engineering Allowance (6%)	= \$ 55,000
Net HST (1.76%)	= \$ 17,000+/-
Total Opinion of Probable Costs	= \$ <u>995,000+/-</u>

We caution that this initial budget amount carries a high level of uncertainty as costs may ultimately vary significantly from the value noted above depending on actual quantities and pricing required to complete the project.

There is a significant allowance for rip rap rock armouring in the above budget. To reduce initial costs the Township could consider armouring the channel from the lake to the 1.5m vertical drop in the channel east of Parkplace and then for the remainder of the channel, cleanout and shape the ditch without the rip rap armouring and monitor the erosion over time. The rip rap armouring could be added later, because there will be good access to the channel via the new walking paths within Heritage Park between 80m east of Parkplace to Kris Street.

Final Design

If the Township wishes to proceed with a detailed final design of the project, the existing trees and vegetation will need to be removed along the drainage channel and proposed maintenance/access paths to allow for the completion of pre-engineering fieldwork along the length of the drainage channel that is to be improved. Once the pre-engineering fieldwork is completed a design can be started.

Alternatively, and as noted, the Township could hire a contractor to complete the work based on the conceptual design using the minimum channel dimensions and grades as a guideline. This option provides a greater degree of uncertainty as it relates to project quantities and associated costs to complete the work.

Should you have any questions or require more information about the conceptual design or opinion of probable costs, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours very truly

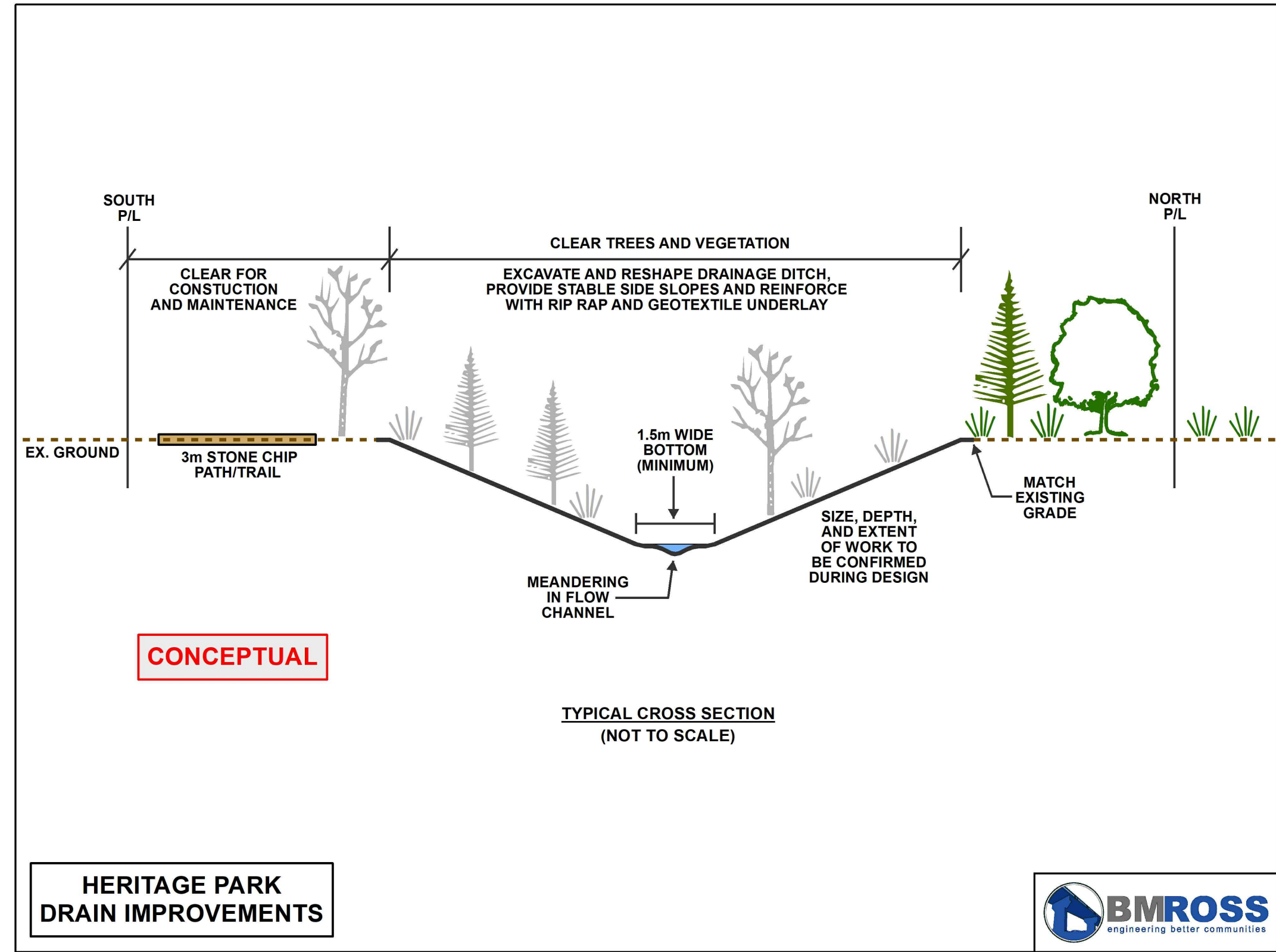
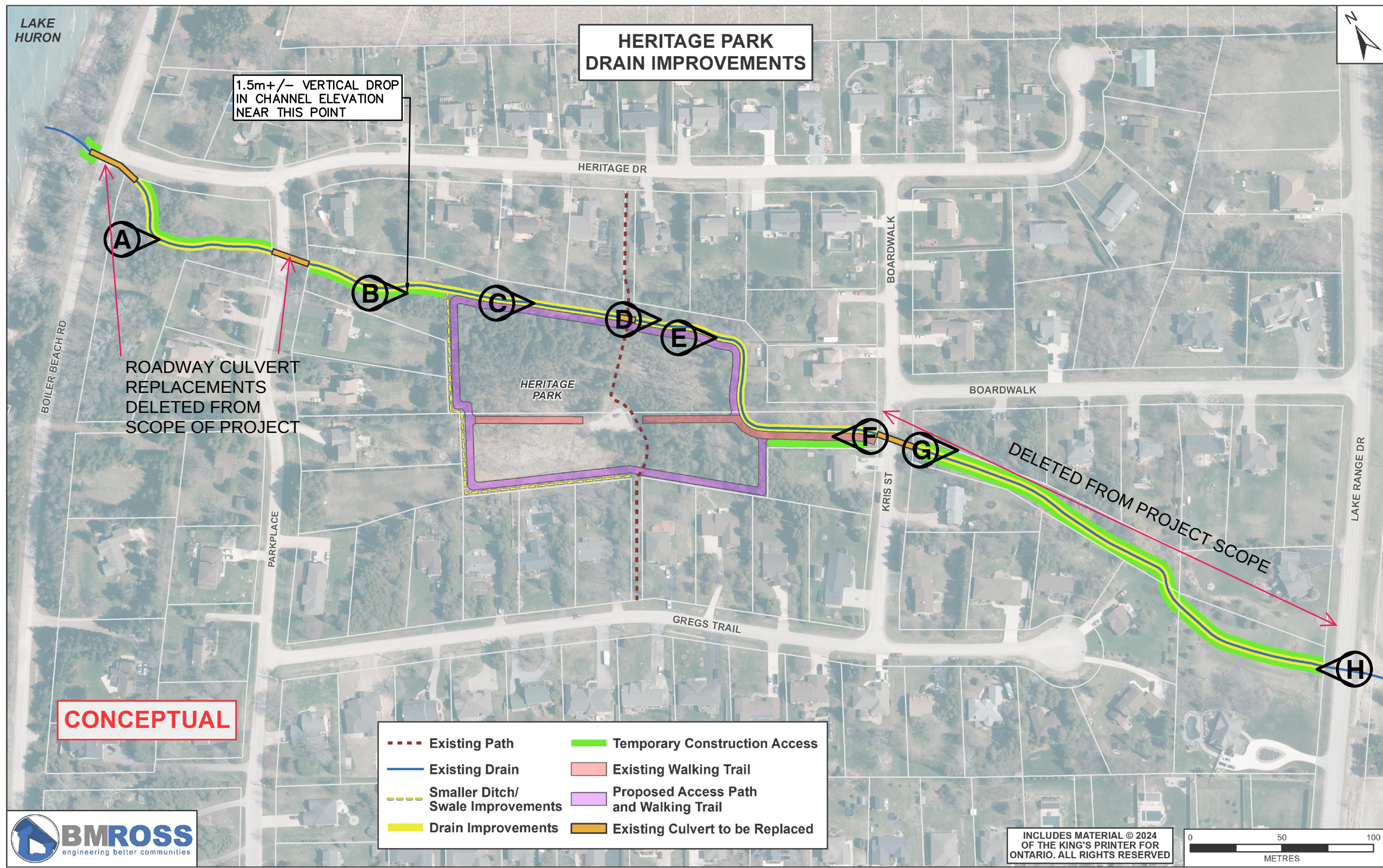
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PHOTO LOCATION AND DIRECTION

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NOTE

The locations of existing underground utilities are shown in an approximate way only and have not been independently verified by the owner or its representative. The contractor shall determine the exact location of all existing utilities before commencing work and agrees to be fully responsible for any damages which might be occasioned by the contractor's failure to exactly locate and preserve any and all underground utilities.

Design By: R.R.R. Checked By: D.L.E.

CONCEPTUAL

No.	DATE	REVISION
1	Nov. 22, 2024	Conceptual Design

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engineering better communities

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Township of Huron-Kinloss

Heritage Park

Drainage Improvements and Walking Trails

Project No. 23039

Scale (24x36)
As Shown

FIGURE No. 1



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PHOTO B



PHOTO C



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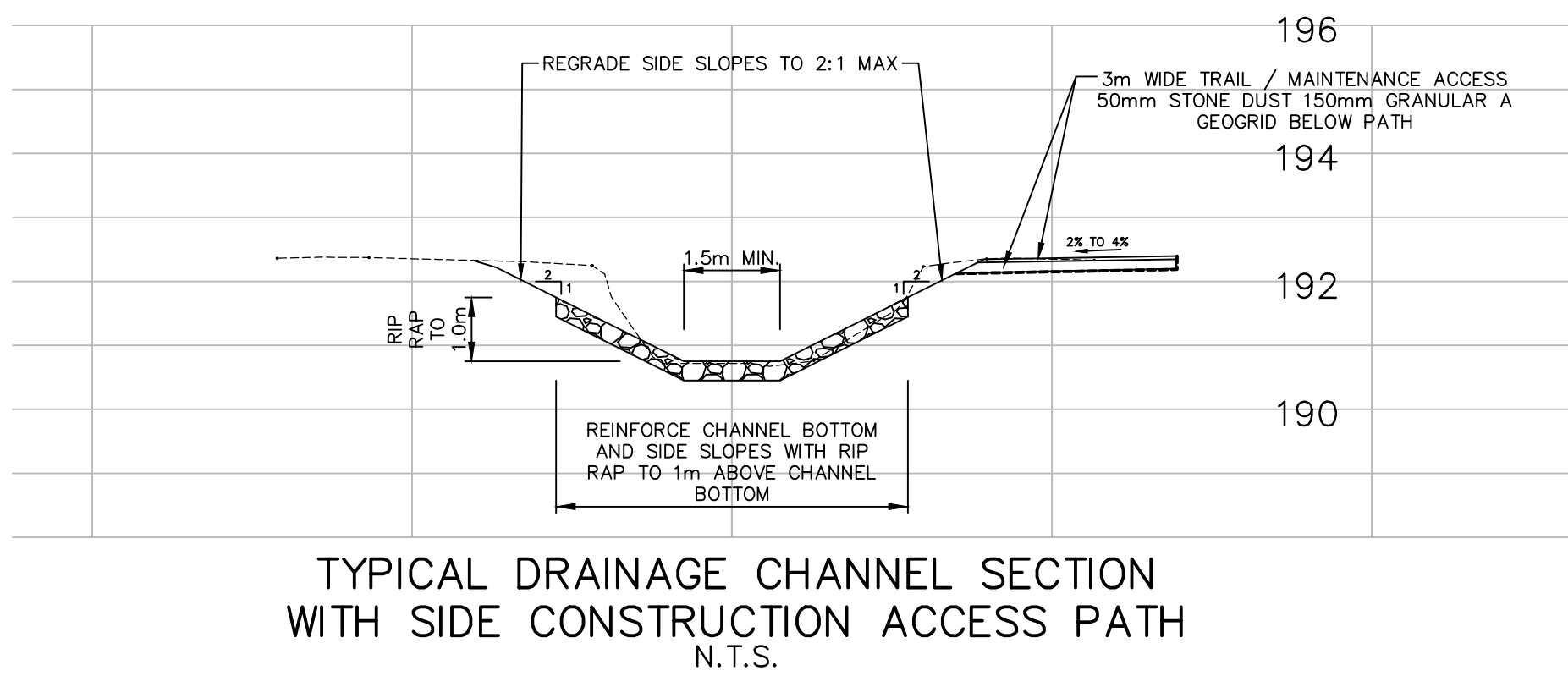
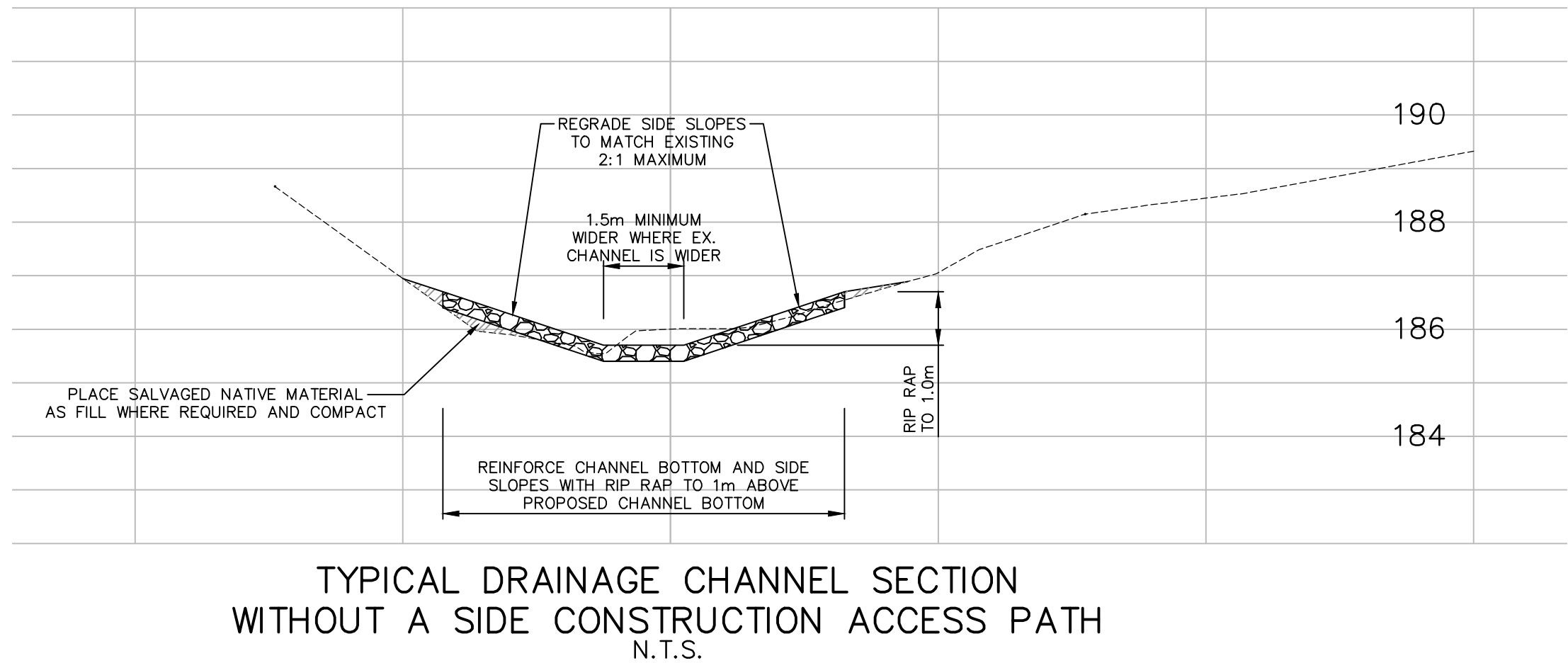
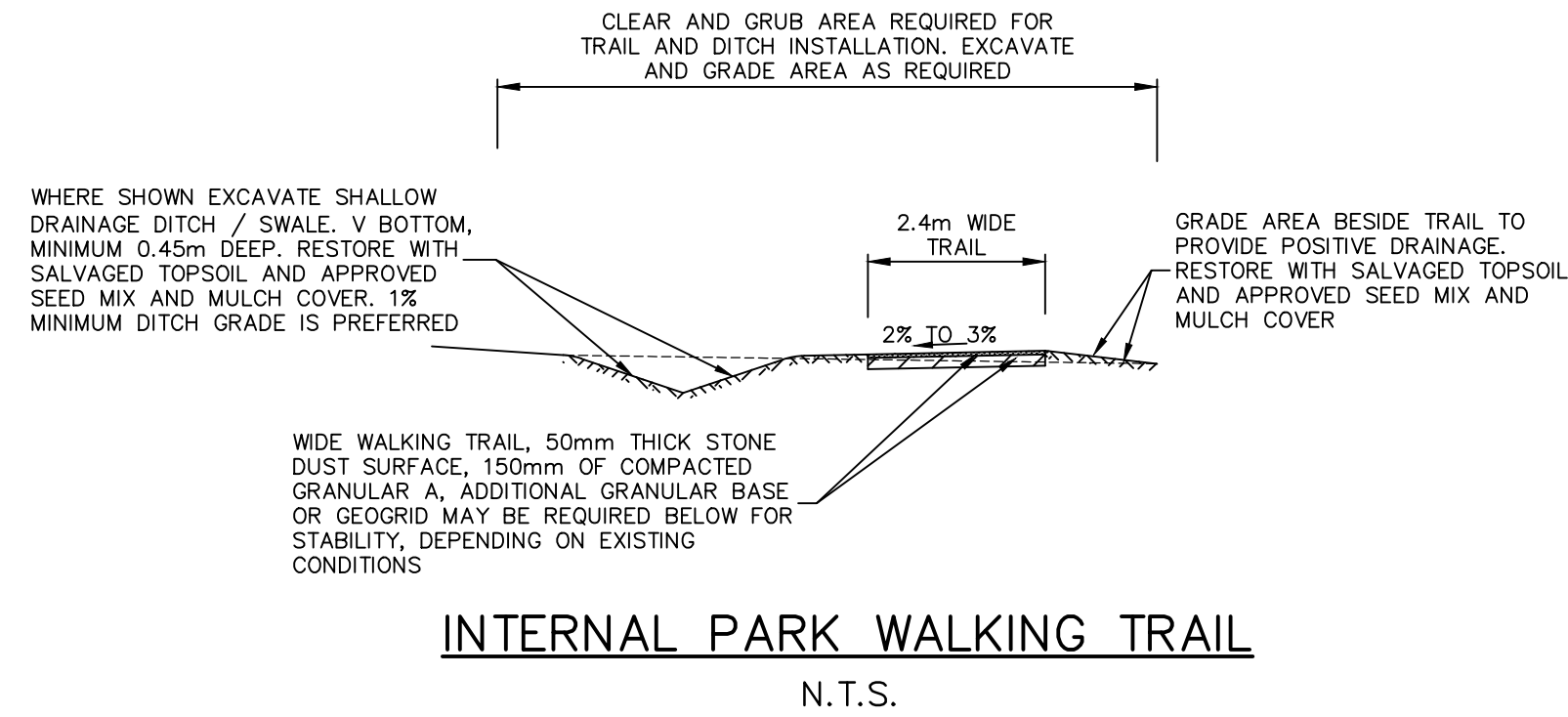
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The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Parks and Facilities Update October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CS-2025-28

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS 2025

Prepared By: Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor

Attachments: N/A

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2025-28 prepared by Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor.

Background:

Updates on Ripley-Huron Community Center, Lakeshore, Ripley Memorial Baseball Diamond, Lion's Park Tree Planting

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Ripley-Huron Community Center

Staff installed the ice at the Ripley-Huron Community Center. The first day of ice rentals will be October 6th, 2025. Staff anticipate the ice being removed no later than March 31st, unless the Wolves go deep into the play-offs.

Natural gas conversions have been completed on all appliances at the Community Center. The work was completed by Mr. Heat and Cool. During conversions, one of two forced air furnace that supplies the dressing rooms was replaced due to poor condition. The new furnace was installed at the cost of \$4600.00 and included in the 2025 operating budget.

Lakeshore

All portable washrooms located at beach accesses and parks have been removed as of September 15th. The Point Clark Lighthouse washrooms remain open until October 13th, 2025.

Algae harvesting on the shoreline, performed by Snobelen Ag Inc. has ended as of October 2nd, 2025.

Ripley Memorial Baseball Diamond

Three large trees at the Ripley baseball diamond have been removed by Savage Bros Tree service. The trees were dying from excessive salt build-up in the soils from the parking lot in winter months. The trees posed a safety threat to park users. Staff

suggested a shademaster Locust as a salt tolerant option for this area for a future tree planting location to the Ripley Horticultural Society.

Lions Park Tree Planting

The Point Clark Beach Association has offered to supply and install three trees at Lion's Park in Point Clark. Staff will transport the trees from the Hepworth large nursery stock. Three shade master locust trees will be planted in late October in locations outlined in the Parks and trails Master Plan. Shade master locust trees are low maintenance and recommended for parks.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts at this time.

Performance Measurement:

Strategic Area:

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Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

Matt McClinchey, Parks and Facilities Supervisor

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Community Services Status Report October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CS-2025-29

Department: Community Services

File Number: C11 CS25

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Attachments: Tent liner Photo, Letter from Minister of Education

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number CS-2025-29 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services.

Background:

Ontario Community Environment Fund 2025-26 for Heritage Park

Staff considered the Ontario Community Environment Fund to offset the Municipal share for the tree restoration for Heritage Park. The Ontario Community Environment Fund (OCEF) directs money collected from environmental penalties to support important, community-based activities such as shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration and tree planting.

Heritage Park Onsite site meeting September 17th, 2025

The Heritage Park tree removal project takes place in October or November 2025. Staff hosted a public meeting on site to discuss the project objectives, and possible future works.

Facility Capital Upgrades

The 2025 Capital budget included the overhaul of the kitchen facility to further attract facility rentals back into the Ripley-Huron Community Centre (\$80 000). The current budget also included the major repair to the Ice Plant.(\$25 000)

Ripley Family Y Daycare

The Family Y Daycare forwarded the attached response from the Minister of Education. Following the tragic incident at a childcare centre in Richmond Hill last month, the province is proposing immediate changes to better safeguard children and staff in childcare centres across the province.

Effective immediately all licensed child care centres in Ontario are to prevent the use of parking spaces that pose a risk to children's safety: Any parking spaces that are directly adjacent to childcare facilities (e.g., entryways, playgrounds, exterior walls of program rooms, windows, or areas where children gather), with the exception of

accessible spaces, should be blocked off and not used until additional safety measures have been put in place. This applies to all childcare facilities with the exception of those located in private residences.

Lucknow Trail Rail Bridge

The Lucknow Trail Rail Bridge needs repairs. The current bridge status is not acceptable for the snowmobile club.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Ontario Community Environment Fund 2025-26 for Heritage Park

Staff submitted an application to the Ontario Community Environment Fund to offset the Municipal share for the tree restoration project for Heritage Park. The grant is stackable with the Adaptation implementation fund. The application was for \$98 000, and the funding is 100%, therefore no Municipal matching funds are required.

Heritage Park Onsite site meeting September 17th, 2025

Staff provided an outline of the works to take place this fall, and the grant funding dependent work for 2026. All concerns and questions were addressed and well received by the 25 local residents attending.

Facility Capital Upgrades

The Kitchen renovation and Ice plant capital works came in unexpectedly under budget (\$33 000). The capital project proposal objective is to keep the facility useable and rentable. Staff have recently been approached about the installation of a tent liner for the Arena Ice surface for 2026 wedding as per the photo attached. Upon further investigation the tent liner is not available to rent but is available to purchase with drapery at a reduced cost of \$24 000. The estimate cost for new tent liner and drapery is \$49 000. Staff have set a four-day rental rate of \$8 000 for facility with tent liner and drapery and have one wedding booked for 2026 at the proposed rate. The investment is an ideal solution to increase rentals within the facility in the future and can be accommodated within the current budget appropriation which meets the requirements of the Township's Purchasing and Procurement Policy.

Other minor costs for the installation include very minor engineering, and training for set up and tear down that would be incurred in 2026.

Ripley Family Y Daycare

Staff has reviewed the parking layout and is proposing that approximately eight bollards are required along the building and playspace to prevent vehicles from accidental damages or injury. The estimated cost is \$5 000.00. There is no budget for this item.

Lucknow Trail Rail Bridge

The snowmobile club is seeking funding to complete repairs of the Multi-use trail. Staff has connected the snowmobile club with some possible funding sources. Staff have provided permission to proceed once their funding is secured and requested

that they keep Municipal staff informed of the repairs required and progress with the volunteer labour.

Financial Impacts:

The financial impacts to the 2025 budget result in an over expenditure for bollards and installation at the Family Y Childcare and medical centre that will be funded from the general surplus.

Performance Measurement:

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Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



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September 15, 2025

Good afternoon,

Following the tragic incident at a child care centre in Richmond Hill last week, our government is proposing immediate changes to better safeguard children and staff in child care centres across the province.

Effective immediately:

- **All licensed child care centres in Ontario are to prevent the use of parking spaces that pose a risk to children's safety:** Any parking spaces that are directly adjacent to child care facilities (e.g., entryways, playgrounds, exterior walls of program rooms, windows, or areas where children gather), with the exception of accessible spaces, should be blocked off and not used until additional safety measures have been put in place. You may wish to use pylons, signage, temporary barriers or staff vehicles to block these parking spaces and keep them inaccessible during the hours of child care operation. Where a purpose-built vehicle barrier is already installed and provides sufficient protection, these adjacent parking spaces may continue to be used. This applies to all child care facilities with the exception of those located in private residences.
- **All licensees are to speak to their landlord:** Where you do not control the parking spaces adjacent to your facility, you are to connect with your landlord immediately and discuss the measures that can be put in place to better protect children at your centre.

We expect all licensees to make every effort to implement these safety measures promptly. If there are other areas of your child care facility that may pose a possible risk, such as located near driveways or roundabouts, please use your best judgement to assess and determine if additional safety measures may be needed.

My ministry will be working to identify any vulnerabilities and take necessary actions that may include requiring permanent safety barriers, such as bollards, planters, elevated curbs and other physical infrastructure, to be installed in high-risk areas directly adjacent to early years settings.

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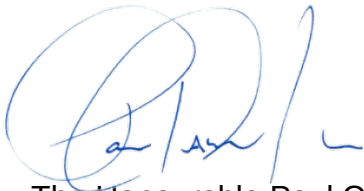
We recognize that implementation of a requirement like this may be challenging in some circumstances due to the physical layout of your space, lease provisions, or municipal by-laws. We are actively exploring all options to make it as easy as possible for licensees to install these barriers. This includes any necessary legislative or regulatory changes to remove municipal or landlord restrictions that currently prevent the installation of protective barriers.

Our goal is to ensure that every child care centre can enhance the safety of their facility without encountering unnecessary opposition. If you come across any resistance or obstacles, I ask that you please report this to the ministry and we will work with you to address it.

We will provide more guidance and information as it becomes available. If you have questions or concerns about the immediate measures, please contact the Child Care Helpdesk at childcare_ontario@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring safety across our child care system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Calandra', is positioned above the printed name.

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Education



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Water-Wastewater Report October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-46

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW25

Prepared By: Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services

Attachments: OCWA Monthly Report September

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-46 prepared by Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services.

Background:

Monthly Summary

Our Operating Authority, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), has prepared a summary of the water and wastewater operations over the past month. See attachment, *OCWA Monthly September Report Huron-Kinloss*.

Lakeshore Zone 2 Pressure /Flow Issues

South of the Murdoch Glenn well house hydrant flows and pressures have been an issue since before OCWA had taken over as the Operation Authority.

Point Clark Generator Update

Following the August report (PW-2025-38), which confirmed the concrete pad installation, the standby generator has now arrived on site in Point Clark. The natural gas line has been connected, and electrical work is underway. Township staff anticipate the generator will be fully operational by the end of October.

Fall Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing is an important activity to prevent to accumulation of sediment in our drinking water systems. It also provides us with an opportunity to confirm that all our hydrants are functioning properly.

The flushing of the Lakeshore system began on Sept. 29th and is expected to be finished by Oct. 31st.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Lakeshore Zone 2 Pressure /Flow Issues

OCWA has recently adjusted the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (Scada), set points based on the Eramosa Scada system narrative to lengthen the pump run times that control pressure and flow. Hydrant flow testing on September 25, 2025, showed flows from 560 to 750 (gallons per minute). Continued adjustments will be made to raise the flow and pressure to a more consistent fire flow requirements throughout the Lakeshore system.

Point Clark Generator Update

The addition of a standby generator in Point Clark is an important advancement in our emergency preparedness since this site experiences more power outages than any other site in the Township.

Fall Hydrant Flushing

After Lakeshore is complete, Ripley, Lucknow and Whitechurch will follow.

Financial Impacts:

Water and wastewater operations, equipment repairs, and inspections are included in the Operating Budget.

The Point Clark Generator is included in the 2025 Capital Budget.

Performance Measurement:

The new contract with OCWA requires that a series of reports are submitted to Township Staff to track the performance and condition of our water and wastewater assets. These reports are now being submitted, but we are in the process of determining a method of measuring performance.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☒ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

Cory Dulong Manager of Environmental Services.

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer
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Ontario Clean Water Agency Summary for the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Date: September 2025

WATER

LAKESHORE

Adverse Samples: None

Microbiological Sampling Summary: No adverse bacteriological sample results as of September 26th

Non-Compliances: None

Equipment Issues:

- Repaired leaking chlorine board in Point Clark
- Repaired leaking sodium silicate pump in Murdoch Glen
- Resolved HLP1 fail to stop issue at Murdoch Glen
- Reprogrammed level transducer at Huronville after extended outage
- Annual lifting device inspections completed at Murdoch Glen
- Removed blockage in chlorine analyzer in Blairs Grove
- Repaired leaking chlorine board in Murdoch Glen

Planned Maintenance:

- Valve exercising on the distribution system began

Main breaks and Leaks:

- Watermain break repair on 2" line on Huronville Rd that feeds homes off Penetangore Row S

Power Outages:

- Outage at all Lakeshore sites Sept 5th - no issues as a result of the outage
- Outage at Huronville Sept 15th. Outage resulted in the setpoints of the level transducer to be erased. Setpoints reprogrammed, unit working normally since.

Complaints / Requests:

- Rusty water complaint at 2 Penetangore Row S due to post main break repair flushing

Locates: (see Township master list)

LUCKNOW

Adverse Samples: None

Microbiological Sampling Summary: No adverse bacteriological sample results as of September 26th

Non-Compliances: None

Ontario Clean Water Agency Summary for the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Equipment Issues:

- Repaired leaking chlorine board in well 4
- Repaired broken sample tap at well 4
- Repaired faulty Tacmina chemical flow checker at well 4

Planned Maintenance:

- Gough st reconstruction project began
- ACW blowoff flushed by their OA while OCWA onsite
- Water buggy set up for the Lucknow Fall Fair
- Annual fall arrest equipment inspections completed at the elevated tank
- Valve exercising in distribution system began

Main breaks and Leaks:

- Service leak repaired at 592 Montgomery st

Power Outages:

- Short outage at all water sites September 14th
- Short outage at all water sites September 18th

Complaints / Requests: None

Locates: (see Township master list)

RIPLEY

Adverse Samples: None

Microbiological Sampling Summary: No adverse bacteriological sample results as of September 26th

Non-Compliances: None

Equipment Issues:

- Faulty diaphragm replaced on chemical pump at the elevated tank

Planned Maintenance:

- Annual lifting device inspections completed at the wellhouse
- Annual fall arrest inspections completed at the elevated tank
- Valve exercising in the distribution system completed

Main breaks and Leaks: None

Power Outages:

- Short outage at both water sites September 14th
- Short outage at both water sites September 18th

Complaints / Requests: None

Locates: (see Township master list)

Ontario Clean Water Agency Summary for the Township of Huron-Kinloss

WHITECHURCH

Adverse Samples: None

Microbiological Sampling Summary: No adverse bacteriological sample results as of September 26th

Non-Compliances: None

Equipment Issues: None

Planned Maintenance:

- Three pressure tanks replaced
- Valve exercising in the distribution system completed

Main breaks and Leaks: None

Power Outages:

- Short outage on September 14th
- Short outage on September 18th

Complaints / Requests: None

Locates: (see Township master list)

WASTEWATER

LUCKNOW

Exceedances: None

Non-Compliances: None

Equipment Issues: None

Planned Maintenance:

- Began diverting aerated lagoon flow to the storage lagoon for future filter bed maintenance. Received approval from MECP Inspector
- Annual lifting device inspections completed at the SPS and Lagoon

Sewer Main Breaks and Leaks: None

Power Outages:

- Short outage on September 14th. SPS generator failed, but has since been tested and ran without issue. Outage was short enough that the wet well level remained low
- Short outage on September 18th. Generator ran without issue

Total Locates: (see Township master list)

RIPLEY

Exceedances: None

Non-Compliances: None

Ontario Clean Water Agency Summary for the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Equipment Issues:

- Faulty dialer replaced at SPS

Planned Maintenance:

- Oil leak repaired on Lagoon blower
- Lagoon discharge valve setup to run remotely from inside the building
- Annual lifting device inspections completed at the SPS

Sewer Main Breaks and Leaks: None

Power Outages: Short outage on September 14th

Complaints: None

Total Locates: (see Township master list)

Ongoing Issues/Recommendations

WATER:

Lakeshore

- Replace both HLP Singer valves with swing check valves in Point Clark
- Flow paced chlorine dosing in Point Clark. Working on quote to replace chlorine board and feed pumps. Pumps will dose a common header, reducing the necessary chlorine pumps from 4 to 2 (lower maintenance cost) and result in a more consistent residual.
- Control valves 2 and 3 and an ARV in Murdoch Glen need serviced. Received quote for CV3
- Rebuild chlorine boards at all 4 sites, starting at Point Clark. Working on quotes

Ripley

- HLP piping replacement in the Ripley wellhouse. Working on quotes
- Replace Endress & Hauser analyzer at Elevated Tank

Lucknow

- Piping replacement in Lucknow well 4
- Replace Endress & Hauser analyzer at well 5

Whitechurch

- Replace Endress & Hauser analyzer

WASTEWATER:

Lucknow:

- Waiting for electrician to source parts for pump install at lagoon. Ongoing.

Ripley: None



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Waste Management Report October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-47

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW25

Prepared By: Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-47 prepared By Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services.

Background:

Kinloss Landfill

The Kinloss Landfill is open to the public on Saturdays from 10am until 2pm from the first Saturday in April to the last Saturday in October. On October 26, 2025, the Kinloss Landfill will close for the season.

Yard Waste Depots

The Township operates two yard waste depots. One is south of the Lucknow Soccer Fields on Havelock St. in Lucknow and the second is located east of the Huron Landfill.

Both yard waste depots will close in mid-November based on weather conditions. The yard waste depots have had a good season with most users respecting the rules of use.

Huron Landfill Activities

The northeast side of the Huron landfill has been brought to maximum fill height allowed and has had final clay cap and cover added to the area and will be seeded in the next few weeks. Landfill staff are working diligently to get ready for the changing season.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Yard Waste Depots

The yard waste depots have had a good season with most users respecting the rules of use.

Landfill staff have been addressing trespassing issues at the Huron Landfill where the yard waste area is being used as a point of entry, but this appears to have been resolved after a significant effort was made to block off some weak points in our site securement.

Financial Impacts:

Performance Measurement:

With landfill staff now operating daily cover, there has not been any non-compliant days with lack of full daily cover on landfill on operational days.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Protect, promote and restore our natural environment

Respectfully Submitted By:

Cory Dulong, Manager of Environmental Services.

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Transportation Oct 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-48

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW 25

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-48 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works.

Background:

Gough Street Reconstruction

The reconstruction of Gough St. from Stauffer St. to Havelock St., the rehabilitation of Structure L2 (Gough St. Bridge) and the replacement of sidewalks on Inglis St. from Gough St. to Campbell St. was awarded to Omega Contractors in April 2025.

Concrete repairs on the bridge began during the week of June 9th and were completed on July 4th. Bridge deck waterproofing and paving will be completed during the reconstruction of Gough St.

Road work began on Sept. 4th with the removal of concrete and asphalt. The installation of watermain and water services, including directionally drilling under the Ackert Drain was completed on Sept. 25th. Watermain testing and commissioning began on Sept. 26th and is expected to be completed by Oct. 3rd. Most of the private drain connections (PDCs) have been installed and connected to the existing storm sewer. The majority of the work will be completed by the Oct. 24th specified completion date, however, some restoration work will be completed after as weather allows.

Asphalt Paving

The paving of several road sections with hot mix asphalt was awarded the Lavis Contracting in April 2025. These areas include: Kinloss-Culross Townline, Wolfe St. and several streets in Point Clark.

Wolfe St. was paved on May 23rd and Kinloss-Culross was paved from June 3-4. Lurgan Lane and both layers on Lake Range Dr., west of Con. 4, was paved during the week of June 9th.

Road base rehabilitation work on Tyendinaga Rd and Winnebago Rd in Point Clark began on Sept. 9th and was completed on Sept. 18th. This included removing wood debris and organic soil from the road base and hauling in gravel. Asphalt paving is expected to be completed during the week of October 13th along with the paving of Spruce Cres., Cedar Close and Ash St.

Spruce Cres and Cedar Close Storm Sewers

The tender for the installation of storm sewers on Spruce Cres. and Cedar Close in Point Clark was awarded to Kurtis Smith Excavating Ltd. on July 14, 2025.

Work began on Sept. 8th and was completed on Sept. 26th, which included the removal of some wood debris and organic soil in the road base, but the amount was not as significant as Tyendinaga and Winnebago.

Cedar Trail Encroachments

In Aug. 2023, Township staff became aware of private hydro wires crossing under Cedar Trail in Point Clark. Upon further investigation, Township staff discovered that five properties on this street have private underground hydro wires across Cedar Trail and eight properties have septic pipes that cross the road.

In Oct. 2023, Township sent a letter to all property owners that we suspected had private infrastructure under Cedar Trail. We did not receive any responses to that letter, so we are operating under the assumption that we have collected accurate information.

Our plan to continue with the process is to notify all property owners that we will be undertaking excavation on the roadway to confirm the exact limits of the existing encroachments. Once this is completed, reference plans can be created to establish the area of the encroachments, which will be attached to each agreement. Property owners will then be provided with the opportunity to remove the encroachment or enter into an agreement with the Township.

Kairshea Gravel Pit Application

The process of obtaining a Class B Gravel Pit Licence on Con. 6 Pt Lot 18 Kinloss began in October 2019 with the application submitted to the Ministry of Natural Resources in November 2022. Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessments were completed in March 2023. Once we became aware that a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment was required due to historical artifacts found, we put the project on pause while we evaluated our next steps. With Council approval, Township staff proceeded with Stage 3 in May 2025. This involved deeper cultivation of the property than is required in Stage 2 to determine if there are artifacts deeper in the soil.

The result of the Stage 3 assessment was the discovery of several Indigenous artifacts such as pottery and lithic debitage (a byproduct from stone tool

production). These findings meet the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) criteria for triggering Stage 4 Mitigation.

Township staff are currently waiting for the final Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment report and the proposal for Stage 4 Mitigation from our consultant.

Boiler Beach Rd Storm Outlets and Con. 12 Paving

The tender for the replacement of several failed storm outlets along Boiler Beach Rd and the paving of Con. 12 between Boiler Beach Rd and Jeater St. was awarded to Lavis Contracting on Aug. 8, 2025.

Township staff have been informed that some of the tree removals could start as early as Oct. 8th, but the road work won't begin until Oct. 14th.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Gough Street Reconstruction

Work is progressing well so far with some minor unforeseen situations that have been resolved.

Township staff discussed Omega's plan for installing the sidewalk on Inglis St. this fall and we decided it would be best to delay this work until spring 2026. This includes some improvements to the Campbell St. and Inglis St. crosswalk that were going to be completed in partnership with Bruce County.

Asphalt Paving

The paving projects completed so far have gone well with very few unforeseen issues. Now that we have completed the work on Tyendinaga Rd and Winnebago Rd, it provides staff with a better idea of the amount of work we can expect in order to repair Petum Court, Tuscarora Rd and Onandago Pl, which require similar attention.

Cedar Trail Encroachments

As stated in previous reports to Council, the main reason for entering into encroachment agreements is to clarify liability in the event that a contractor damages private infrastructure while excavating on Cedar Trail.

The result of this process may be the removal of some of the existing encroachments; however, it is unlikely that the existing septic encroachments can be removed due to the lack of space on these properties.

Kairshea Gravel Pit Application

In the opinion of our consultant, WSP Canada, the artifacts discovered indicate that a pre-contact Indigenous settlement was located on this property.

In some cases, the result of a Stage 4 Mitigation analysis could be avoiding an area where artifacts are present, however, due to the location of the artifacts and the proposed use of the property, the only option we will have is the removal of the artifacts.

Since this project is already over our budgeted amount for 2025 and there are no required timelines, Township staff will be bringing forward the Stage 4 Mitigation project for 2026 budget deliberations.

Financial Impacts:

Asphalt paving, the reconstruction of Gough St., Spruce Cres. and Cedar Close storm sewers and the Boiler Beach Rd project are included in the 2025 Capital Budget.

The 2025 Capital Budget has allocated \$50,000 for the Kairshea Gravel Pit Application. Our total costs incurred since 2019 for licencing the property is \$193,852.60. This does not include the purchase price of the property.

Performance Measurement:

Hot mix paving will result in an increase to the Pavement Condition Index.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Manage assets and infrastructure

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Non-Eligible Source Blue Box Collection

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: PW-2025-49

Department: Public Works

File Number: C11 PW25

Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-49 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works,

AND FURTHER directs Staff to proceed with _____ for the collection of recycling from properties that are not eligible under the Blue Box Program.

Background:

As of Jan. 1, 2026, the Blue Box Program in Ontario will transition from being operated by municipalities to a producer operated program. The organization that has been created by the producers to operate the Blue Box Program is called Circular Materials.

Under the Blue Box Program, properties that are primarily industrial, commercial, institutional (IC&I) were not included. Municipalities had the option to include these properties in their collection program, which most did.

When the collection program transitions to Circular Materials on Jan. 1, 2026 the IC&I properties will no longer be included in the blue box collection program, so these properties are being referred to as "Non-Eligible Sources". These properties will no longer have access to any recycling services including curbside collection, cardboard depots and Landfill recycling depots.

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling (BASWR) have worked with Circular Materials to determine which properties in Huron-Kinloss are considered Non-Eligible Sources. The current total is 209 properties, 155 of which are not owned by the Township and may currently use some form of recycling services, 18 are owned by the Township and use recycling services and 36 properties we do not believe use our recycling services.

In order to maintain our current landfill diversion rates, Township staff believe it is important to consider providing some form of recycling service to the Non-Eligible Sources. Some of these property owners may choose to find their own recycling

service provider, however, others may decide to dispose of recyclable materials in their garbage, which would diminish our goal of diverting waste from our landfill.

Township staff have contacted local businesses to determine how they are currently using the blue box program and what impact this transition have on their waste disposal. A summary of their responses is provided below:

Description	Number of Businesses
Total Responses	28
Non-Eligible Sources	27
Rural Properties	6
Currently have contracted recycling disposal	4
Rural property without contracted recycling disposal	3
Currently use curbside recycling collection	21
Currently use recycling depots (cardboard bins or landfill)	15
Would use curbside recycling collection in 2026	22
Considering contracted recycling disposal in 2026	5
Would use a Huron Landfill recycling depot in 2026	9
Would use a recycling depot in their community in 2026	21
Willing to pay a fee for recycling in 2026	8
Would stop recycling rather than paying a fee in 2026	15

There are two decisions that Council will have to make if there is a desire to provide a collection program for Non-Eligible Sources in 2026:

1. How to collect the materials, and
2. How the program will be funded

Curbside vs Depot Collection

There two main options for the collection of Non-Eligible Source recycling: curbside collection or depot collection.

The curbside collection service would be a similar service to what is currently being provided although it will need to be kept separate, so it may be on a different schedule than the eligible sources. It may only be offered to businesses located in Ripley and Lucknow as providing this service to other areas may not be feasible.

Businesses will need to store their recycling, including cardboard, until their recycling collection date, which we anticipate will continue to be bi-weekly. This will be an

issue for some businesses that generate a large amount recycling waste, especially cardboard.

Based on the feedback we have received from our business engagement, it appears that small business in particular rely on the curbside collection service more than any other recycling service we provide.

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling (BASWR) has provided a proposal to each of the member municipalities with an estimated cost of providing an urban Non-Eligible Source curbside collection program in 2026. The proposal estimated an annual cost of \$63,190 for curbside collection of approximately 80 properties in Ripley and Lucknow, assuming all municipalities participate. We expect the cost is going to be higher as it appears not all municipalities will pursue the curbside service.

Alternatively, a centralized depot collection facility could be provided by the Township at a monitored site such as the Huron Landfill and Non-Eligible Source customers can bring their recycling for disposal on a specific day. Because this depot cannot be used by residential customers that have curbside service, this depot will likely need to be only available on a specific day that the Huron Landfill is not open for other waste disposal. The hours could be adjusted based on the level of demand.

Although this is a lower cost option than curbside collection, it will require supervision by Landfill staff to ensure it is not being used by residential customers. For this reason, we anticipate a large number of complaints from customers that have become accustomed to using the recycling bins at our landfills that are no longer able to use them.

We have also heard from some businesses that they would rather stop recycling than have to transport their recycling to the Huron Landfill. While a depot located in each community would be an ideal solution for many businesses, constructing these secured facilities in a form that will be approved by Circular Materials is not feasible by Jan. 1, 2026. This is something that could be explored in the future, however.

There is potential to provide a combination of curbside and depot collection in the future if that is desired, but Township staff recommend that Council select one of these options that will be offered as of Jan. 1, 2026.

User Pay vs Taxation Funded

The second important decision is how the Non-Eligible Source collection program will be funded. The Township could attempt to recover all our costs to operate a collection program through user fees or include it in the Operating Budget as the recycling program is being funded currently. It will be very difficult to fully recover all our fees as we will need to estimate how many businesses will participate when establishing the fees.

With the user pay model for curbside collection, the Township will likely charge an annual flat fee to all commercial properties that participate in the program. Care will have to be taken by the collection contractor to only collect recycling from

properties that have paid for the service, which will be a challenge. If participation in a user fee curbside collection model is low, the cost to operate the program likely won't be reduced significantly.

A user pay model for depot collection would be more straight forward since Landfill staff can charge either a flat rate for each load or charge by weight. If participation is low in this model, we can adjust the frequency of collection, which will reduce our cost to operate the program.

Based on the information we have collected, some businesses have indicated that they will stop recycling if they have to pay for a fee for recycling, so we expect the participation to be lower in a user pay model.

The taxation funded model for either collection system will be the simplest method of funding this program and would have higher participation than the user pay model. This program will be funded by all taxpayers of Huron-Kinloss like it is currently, but the majority of ratepayers that don't have access to this service will be contributing to it.

Ultimately, either option will have a cost to the Township. The taxation funded model will have a direct cost, but the user pay model will have an indirect cost of landfill air space if more recycling is landfilled.

Options to Consider

Township staff recommend that Council consider the following options for the collection of Non-Eligible Source materials:

<u>Option 1A</u> – Curbside collection to all properties Cost: Undetermined	Pros: all properties in the Township will have access to the same service	Cons: very costly to operate and it will be difficult to find a contractor to provide this service
<u>Option 1B</u> – Curbside collection for urban properties (user pay) Cost: \$0 +/-	Pros: small businesses that need this service the most will have access; rate payers won't pay for service they don't have access to	Cons: some businesses will choose to not recycle instead of paying a fee; difficult to ensure only businesses that pay will have service
<u>Option 1C</u> – Curbside collection for urban properties (taxation funded) Cost: \$65,000+ (per year)	Pros: small businesses that need this service the most will have access; likely higher participation than 1B	Cons: most ratepayers won't be included in this program, but all will share the cost through taxation

<u>Option 2A</u> – Depot collection at Huron Landfill (user pay) Cost: \$0 +/-	Pros: all businesses in HK will have access; could accept material more than bi-weekly; ratepayers won't pay for the service they don't have access to	Cons: some businesses will choose to not recycle instead of paying fees at landfill; complaints from residential customers that won't be allowed to use this service
<u>Option 2B</u> – Depot collection at Huron Landfill (taxation funded) Cost: \$8,000 +/- (per year)	Pros: same benefits at 2A, but with more participation expected	Cons: most properties won't be included in this program, but all will share the cost through taxation; residential customers won't be allowed to use this facility
<u>Option 3</u> – Limit collection to Township facilities Cost: \$4,000 +/- (per year)	Pros: lowest direct cost option	Cons: no collection available for non-municipal businesses; highest potential for businesses to stop recycling

Depot collection costs are based on weekly collection. If collection is less frequent, there will be some costs savings.

To date, it appears that only two municipalities in Bruce County have made a decision regarding recycling collection after Jan. 1st. The Municipality of Kincardine has opted for a model that is similar to Option 2A, and the Municipality of Brockton has selected Option 3 for the time being. The only municipality that we believe may be interested in the curbside collection model at this time is the Town of Saugeen Shores, but no final decisions have been made. Township staff are not aware of any other municipalities that have made a decision for recycling collection.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Based on the responses from businesses that staff have collected, there is no option that will meet everyone's needs. Many small businesses rely on the curbside service and the cardboard bins in their community and there is nothing the Township can offer in 2026 that will replace what they currently have access to.

Regardless of the decision made for 2026, Township staff are planning to continue engaging with our businesses and neighbouring municipalities to determine how they are adjusting to the transition and how we can help to prevent recycling from ending up in our landfills.

Township staff are aware of resolutions being addressed to the Provincial Government to include Non-Eligible Source materials in the blue box collection program that are being support by many municipalities. We are not aware of any changes being considered at this time, so we are operating with the assumption that nothing will change in this regard prior to the Jan. 1st transition date.

There has been an update to the services offered by Circular Materials, where they could collect blue box materials from small businesses as long as they are on an existing collection route and are no more than 2% of the eligible source stops. If we pursue this option, Circular Materials will be charging the Township for all costs of collection and sorting the recycling from Non-Eligible Sources, so we don't expect this would result in any significant cost savings to the curbside collection service.

Staff Recommendation

Township staff recommend that we move ahead with Option 1C as a pilot program in 2026 and evaluate the usage of the service and the costs incurred. We think this option would help small businesses the most and prevents the most amount of recycling from ending up in our landfill. While this will be a cost shared by all ratepayers, there could still be a cost savings of up to 70% compared to our costs to operate the blue box program in 2024.

It is possible that BASWR may not be able to provide this service at a reasonable cost if other municipalities don't participate, so Township staff would recommend that Council consider Option 2B as the second option if the curbside model becomes unfeasible.

If Council is interested in pursuing a user pay model, Township staff suggest that Option 2A would be the preferred option as it will be much more likely that we can ensure that only customers paying for the service are using the service and keep our costs in line with the fees we charge.

Financial Impacts:

The blue box collection program cost the Township \$219,677.57 in 2024. Any post transition costs for the Blue Box Program will need to be accounted for in the 2026 budget.

Performance Measurement:

Circular Materials have indicated that they will not be able to provide blue box collection data for each municipality as the material will not be kept separate at their facility. For this reason, it will be difficult to measure how successful this program will be compared to the existing program. The only measurement we will have is the amount of household waste that is landfilled.

Strategic Area:

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| ☒ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☐ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Encourage strong communication and community engagement

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Q3 2025 Economic Development and Tourism Update

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: BED-2025-04

Department: CAO

File Number: C11 BED 25

Prepared By: Amy Irwin

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report BED-2025-04, as prepared by Amy Irwin, Economic Development Officer.

Background:

To provide a quarterly report on Economic Development and Tourism.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Economic Development

Staff continued to support local businesses through the annual Homegrown event, a one-day retreat/workshop for rural women entrepreneurs held in June. Hosted at Grassroots outside of Lucknow, the event had Huron-Kinloss entrepreneurs participate in 2 panel discussions and "Ask the Expert" panel.

Business recognition was provided to Schooner's Bodega on their grand opening in Ripley.

Business recruitment efforts continued with a joint open house with Acacia Fine Cabinetry, promoting the available properties in the Ripley Industrial Park. The event was advertised on the radio, in newspapers and magazines and through paid social media posts. Targeted invitations were also sent, and the event was well received with approximately 15 attendees. Plans are underway for an Investors Tour in Ripley on November 14 to promote available opportunities for business development.

Business support continues this fall as staff provide guidance to businesses regarding the Ontario Blue Box transition process. A survey distributed to businesses seeking input on recycling practices received 28 responses. Staff are partnering with the Lucknow Chamber of Commerce on an "After 5"/Chamber recruitment event on October 30 at the Lucknow Legion and will answer questions and provide an update on the Blue Box transition.

Ripley Revitalization efforts, funded in part by a RED grant continued with enhancements to the downtown. This included a decorative fencing at 89 Huron Street, ferns for the window boxes and a beautification project installed on the

exterior windows at 50 Queen St., with artwork representing community organizations, completed by a local high school student.

Bruce County hosted a familiarization tour in partnership with the Newcomer Centre of Peel on September 18th. Huron-Kinloss staff and Mayor participated and welcomed 45 professionals to our area, where opportunities to live and work in Huron-Kinloss were presented to the attendees.

Tourism/Community Events

Lucknow's Music in the Fields and the Lucknow Kinsmen Club hosted a safe and successful music festival on August 21-23 with over 8500 attendees on-site, their most successful event to date.

The Ripley Reunion 2025 was very well attended. Economic Development staff assisted with promoting the event and ensured the town was decorated for the festivities as well as documented in photos and videos.

Point Clark Lighthouse

This summer, the Point Clark Lighthouse and museum welcomed 1373 paying adults and 614 paying children aged 4-12. This is comparable to the 2024 season, which saw 1374 paying adults and 641 paying children.

Summer student staff administered a children's program each Friday afternoon with an average of 15 children attending each week. Staff hosted a Canada Day celebration, National Lighthouse Day celebration, evening tours on Thursday nights and a paint night. They also represented the Lighthouse with a booth at the National Marine Heritage Festival in July.

Staff collaborated with local retirement home Rvilla to display some of the residents' artwork on a gallery wall in the Lighthouse Museum.

Lucknow Tourism Office

The Lucknow Tourism office was staffed Tuesday – Saturdays by our tourism student. She welcomed visitors to our area, created social media posts, attended events to represent Huron-Kinloss and worked with the Lucknow Chamber on projects such as a Shop Local brochure and a Music in the Fields shopping passport.

Ripley Food Art and Craft Festival

The Ripley Food Art and Craft Festival was held on Saturday August 16th at the RHCC. 54 vendors were in attendance selling baked goods, jewelry, home décor, and more. The event was very successful with just over 500 attendees.

Back Forty Bites

Back Forty Bites – “Discover the Best Kept Flavours” the newest component of the Secrets of the Back Forty tourism initiative launched in mid-June. Back Forty Bites an eat local campaign, targeting both residents and visitors and encouraging them to discover our hidden culinary gems, incorporating restaurants and local food producers. A new webpage launched in late June, <https://secretsofthebackforty.com/back-forty-bites/>, and posters, tent cards and

postcards were provided to all participants to promote the initiative. Paid advertising in local print publications and online occurred and an RTO7 grant was received for social media promotion. RTO7's final report indicated 676,946 impressions and 19,030 link clicks during the campaign which ran from July 16- August 30.

Plans are underway to incorporate Back Forty Bites branding with year-round/seasonal initiatives to ensure cohesiveness and promote brand recognition.

Financial Impacts:

All projects included in this report are included in the 2025 Economic Development budget.

Performance Measurement:

Increase in businesses opening in the Township.

Retain current businesses.

Downtown Revitalization efforts in Ripley realized through completion of action items, funded by RED grant.

Increase in visitors to our communities as measured by tourism initiatives.

Strategic Area:

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| ☒ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☐ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Encourage economic vitality

Respectfully Submitted By:

Amy Irwin, Economic Development Officer

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition Membership

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CAO-2025-24

Department: CAO

File Number: C11 CAO25

Prepared By: Steve Travale, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Attachments: Terms of Reference for the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2025-24 as prepared by Steve Travale, Manager of Strategic Initiatives;

AND direct staff to submit a Partnership Application, signalling the Township of Huron-Kinloss' formal interest in joining the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) as a Regional Collaborative Partner;

AND FURTHER appoints Member of Council _____ and Steve Travale, Manager of Strategic Initiatives to participate in SOIC meetings on behalf of the Township of Huron-Kinloss,

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-law come forward.

Background:

The Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) is a regional partnership established in 2023 that includes lower- and upper-tier municipalities, healthcare organizations, industry partners and others from the isotope value chain. Its purpose is to unite key partners to leverage the region's strengths that may capitalize on and foster future opportunities for investment and growth in the isotope sector.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Membership in the SOIC would ensure that Huron-Kinloss is represented and involved in opportunities that would support economic development and career development for our community as it relates to isotope production.

Participating in the SOIC would also complement our involvement as part of the Clean Energy Frontier. It is notable that four of our adjacent municipalities are current partners in the SOIC, as well as the County of Bruce.

In addition, belonging to the SOIC will provide the Township with the ability to:

- Join the collective voice for the sector and raise awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of medical isotopes

- Influence decision-making by joining their advocacy activities and networking with industry and research leaders
- Gain access to sector research data and other intelligence not available elsewhere
- Increase international sales and partnership opportunities by participating in technology missions at conferences and exhibitions in key international markets
- Increased visibility within Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition website, newsletters, social media, presentation and publications

Research has been conducted as part of the SOIC's activities, which led to the publication of a report in June 2025, titled *Unlocking our isotope opportunity*. The report contains 12 recommendations and actions which will be the focus of the SOIC's efforts moving forward. This includes additional research to strengthen regional advocacy and investment readiness, and a feasibility study on expanding isotope technology in rural Ontario.

SOIC meetings occur quarterly, with the Q2 meeting held in-person and treated as an Annual General Meeting, while the other three meetings are held virtually. Municipal partners are asked to designate two individuals to participate in the Steering Committee; one elected official and one staff person.

As outlined in the Terms of Reference attached, Regional Collaborative Partners are expected to commit to knowledge sharing and research, resource sharing, economic development and collaboration, and public engagement.

Financial Impacts:

There is no cost to join the SOIC. Some staff and council time will be required to attend and prepare for the quarterly meetings. Mileage and optional participation in industry events may result in some costs incurred.

Performance Measurement:

Volume of partnerships, collaborations and isotope-related business inquiries, job opportunities or investments in, or benefitting the Township and its residents.

Enhanced visibility and awareness of the Township as a viable and desirable community for clean energy investment.

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☐ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☒ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Encourage economic vitality

Respectfully Submitted By:

Steve Travale, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO ISOTOPE COALITION

The Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) is a collaborative initiative among municipal, and indigenous communities and organizations in the region (Southwestern Ontario) to promote research, development, production, and growth across the isotope value chain. These Terms of Reference (ToR) provide a high-level outline of the structure of the SOIC and responsibilities of SOIC partners. The coalition will operate on a consensus and collaborative basis with the goal of advancing the overall interests of the region.

SOIC Structure

- a. **Steering Committee:** The Steering Committee consists of representatives from each Regional Collaborative Partner (outlined below), signed on with the SOIC. The Steering Committee oversees the SOIC's activities, guides planning and actions strategic initiatives. The Steering Committee will meet once per quarter each year. The Q2 meeting of the SOIC will serve as the Coalition's Annual General Meeting and will be held in-person. All other meetings will take place virtually (unless otherwise specified).

The Steering Committee will approve the strategic direction of the SOIC and appoint members of the Advisory and Oversight Committee on an annual basis using a consensus-based decision-making process. If a consensus cannot be reached a voting mechanism will be used to achieve a simple majority (1 vote per Regional Collaborative Partner organization).

Quorum – 50% plus one of the total SOIC membership – must be established for votes of the Steering Committee to take place. Steering Committee meetings will be led by SOIC/NII staff.

- b. **Advisory & Oversight Committee:** The Advisory and Oversight Committee will include up to twelve (12) members of the SOIC. This committee will be responsible for ensuring that SOIC staff are advancing the core deliverables agreed upon by the Steering Committee. While the Advisory and Oversight Committee will meet bi-monthly, day-to-day actions will be managed by the Nuclear Innovation Institute staff.

An outline of the SOIC structure is included as an Appendix to these Terms of Reference.

Governance:

- a. **Steering Committee:** The Steering Committee will be responsible for overseeing the SOIC's activities, decision-making, and coordination among the partners. The Steering Committee will meet quarterly to review progress, provide guidance, and make strategic decisions.

- b. **Advisory & Oversight Committee** – this committee will be accountable to the Steering Committee and will oversee the progress of advancing core deliverables set by the Steering Committee.

Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

The SOIC **Advisory & Oversight Committee**, with the support of staff at the Nuclear Innovation Institute, will undertake:

- a. **Progress Monitoring:** regularly monitor the progress of the coalition’s activities, review outcomes, and address any challenges or issues that may arise. The committee will report findings of their monitoring to the Steering Committee on a quarterly basis.
- b. **Evaluation:** conduct periodic evaluations to assess the effectiveness and impact of its initiatives, identifying areas for improvement and making necessary adjustments. The results of these evaluations will be reported to the Steering Committee.
- c. **Reporting:** prepare regular reports on its activities, including research findings, project outcomes, collaborations, and economic impacts, to be shared with the Steering Committee, SOIC partners and relevant stakeholders.

Regional Collaborative Partners

Regional Collaborative partners may be defined as any organization that expresses their interest in joining the SOIC using the online partnership application form on the SOIC website. Eligible organizations include:

- **Municipal Entities:** All participating municipal entities within the Southwestern Ontario region can be designated as partners.
- **First Nations and Indigenous Communities:** Recognizing the significance of Indigenous knowledge and stewardship, First Nations, and Indigenous communities with an interest in isotope research, production, or applications.
- **Research Institutions:** Universities, colleges, and research institutes actively involved in isotope-related research, development, and education.
- **Industry Partners:** Companies and organizations involved in isotope-related industries, such as nuclear medicine, nuclear energy, radiopharmaceuticals, and environmental monitoring.
- **Non-Profit Organizations:** Non-profit organizations focusing on scientific research, environmental conservation, or healthcare advocacy.

Observers

Observer organizations refer to those organizations that may be occasionally invited to participate in SOIC meetings or projects. These organizations may include but are not limited to:

- **Government Agencies:** Relevant government agencies, regulatory bodies, or departments responsible for nuclear safety, health, or environmental protection can participate as observers, providing guidance, insights, and regulatory support.
- **Community Stakeholders:** Local community organizations, patient advocacy groups, and other stakeholders including individuals with an interest in the applications or impacts of isotopes can join as observers, contributing community perspectives and fostering dialogue.

Implementation and Collaboration

SOIC Regional Collaborative Partners commit to:

- a. **Knowledge Sharing and Research:** actively participate in knowledge-sharing activities, research collaborations, and joint projects identified in work plans and projects.
- b. **Resource Sharing:** sharing of in-kind facilities, equipment, and expertise among partners maximize efficiency and collaboration as applicable and based on capacity to do so.
- c. **Economic Development and Collaboration:** exploring opportunities for economic growth, job creation, and technology transfer through partnerships between public and private sectors, with a focus on isotope-related industries.
- d. **Public Engagement:** engage stakeholders, raise public awareness, and disseminate information about the benefits associated with isotopes.

Amendments:

Any amendments or modifications to these Terms of Reference shall be made in writing and require the mutual agreement of all Parties. Such amendments shall be considered integral parts of these Terms of Reference.

Appendix – Structure of the SOIC



- *Steering Committee – Comprised of all Regional Collaborative Partners*
 - Sets the overarching vision and objectives for the SOIC and elects the Advisory & Oversight Committee on an annual basis.
- *Advisory & Oversight Committee*
 - Provides strategic direction to SOIC staff and ensures that the work of staff is advancing the goals and actions set by the Steering Committee.
- *Staff – Comprised of staff at the Nuclear Innovation Institute.*
 - Responsible for day-to-day management of SOIC activities and reporting to the Advisory & Oversight Committee and Steering Committee.



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Hiring Report October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CAO-2025-25

Department: CAO

File Number: C11-CAO25

Prepared By: Leanne Scott, Human Resource Generalist

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CAO-2025-25 prepared by Leanne Scott, Human Resources Generalist;

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate By-law come forward appointing Landon Hunter as Drainage Superintendent.

Background:

The current Hiring Policy, By-Law 2024-91 Schedule H, as amended, Selection and Promotions states Senior Managers have discretion to hire casual and student employees, Contract employees require the approval of the CAO and Further that the Municipal Council will be kept informed of all hiring and staffing decisions that are made by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Senior Managers.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Ripley Arena Attendants

The Ripley Arena Attendant position was advertised at the end of August, using the Township website, social media and local newspapers. Interviews were conducted September 18, 2025. There were 9 applications received for 6 positions, looking for candidates that have good communication skills and a demonstrated work/volunteer history that highlights teamwork and a positive attitude. There are 4 returning students this year.

The Township has hired Sheldon Courtney, Reed Dewar, Austin Vanhardeveld, Jackson Lush, William John and Cayden Vanderhoek as Ripley Arena Attendants.

Facility Operator Resignation

The Township accepts the resignation of casual Facility Operator Alex Rawlings. Recruitment for this role will begin later in October.

Drainage Superintendent

The drainage role was advertised as an open opportunity to allow flexibility for applicants ranging from contract opportunities to engineering firm options. The role

was advertised on the Township website, social media as well as university job boards and professional association sites. There were 8 applications for this role. Meetings were conducted with all the individuals who submitted a resume. Landon Hunter was selected to fill the part-time role of Drainage Superintendent.

Financial Impacts:

Included in the 2025 budget as part of the normal operating expenses.

Performance Measurement:

N/A

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Support employee recruitment and retention

Respectfully Submitted By:

Leanne Scott, Human Resources Generalist

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



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The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: 2026 Proposed Council Schedule and Conference Dates

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CLK-2025-30

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK 25

Prepared By: Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Attachments: 2026 Proposed Council Schedule

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole receive Report CLK-2025-30, prepared by Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT the necessary exemptions to the Procedure By-law be authorized to adopt the 2026 meeting schedule as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2026 regular schedule of Council meetings be adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to take the administrative steps necessary to register members of Council for conferences per Council discussion;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee of the Whole recommend that the Mayor include the associated costs in the 2026 proposed budget.

Background:

The regular schedule of Council meetings is outlined within the Township's Procedural By-law No. 2019-155. The schedule is required to be adopted by resolution per section 2.6 of the by-law.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss is committed to investing in the necessary training and development of Members of Council to enable corporate and strategic plan objectives to be met. The Township also allows for expense, mileage reimbursement and meal allowances for Council members.

Council members are welcome to attend municipal related conferences on behalf of the Township of Huron-Kinloss throughout their term. Staff book the registration and accommodations.

Staff are providing a list of municipal related conferences available for Council consideration and discussion. This list is not exhaustive and should a member of Council wish to attend a conference not listed, they should contact the Clerk with their request. Bookings are subject to budgetary constraints.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The Township's Procedure By-law addresses the Council and Committee of the Whole regular meeting schedule in Section 2.6.

Each Regular Council Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting shall be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, except as otherwise provided for in this By -Law which may include electronic meetings and shall be held in accordance with the Meeting Schedule of Council and the Committee of the Whole as prepared by the Clerk and adopted by resolution of Council.

Committee of the Whole shall take place on the first Monday of every month. Council Meetings shall take place on the second and third Monday of each month, unless a Meeting falls on a Statutory Holiday including the non - statutory holidays of Easter Monday, Family Day and when Canada Day is observed on a Monday, in such case it will be on Wednesday. Except the Statutory Holiday "Family Day" in which the Meeting will be held on the Tuesday following at 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole and Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m.

January Committee of the Whole, Council Meeting regarding Planning Applications and the Regular Council Meeting will be held consecutively on the third Monday in January commencing at 10:00 a.m. February Committee of the Whole will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Council Meeting regarding Planning Applications normally scheduled for the Second Monday of the month shall occur at 1:00 p.m. on the same day as the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Proposed Changes to schedule for 2026

Budget

As outlined in [Report TRE-2025-40](#) recent changes to the Municipal Act, 2001 have impacted timing of the budget process. As directed at the September 3, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting, Staff have included January 26, 2026 as the initial budget meeting on the 2026 calendar.

Beginning in 2023, Council has provide an exemption to the Procedure By-law to incorporate all regular February meetings into a day meeting, similar to the January meeting schedule. Given the timeline for amendments to the proposed budget to be introduced however, Staff are recommending that this practice be discontinued, and that an exemption be provided to allow the regular Council meeting following the Family Day holiday to take place on the Wednesday evening (February 18), which represents the last possible date for members of Council to submit amendments to the proposed budget for consideration.

Conferences

Given the timing (June 8-10, 2026) of the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) annual conference which is expected to include valuable elections training opportunities, Staff are recommending that the June 8th

meeting not be included on the schedule, and that any planning applications be considered at the June 15th meeting of Council instead.

Additionally, of the conferences typically attended by members of Council on the Association of Municipalities (AMO) Conference overlaps with regularly scheduled meetings. Staff are recommending that the regular meeting of August 17, 2026 be similarly removed from the schedule and all Council business be incorporated in the August 10, 2026 meeting of Council.

Other Dates to Note:

Restricted Acts Period – during an election year, if certain conditions are met respecting the uncertainty of having a quorum of members returning to office for the following term, the Municipal Act, 2001 identifies some actions of Council which are restricted until the new Council is deemed to be organized. The restricted acts period impacts the meetings between nomination day (August 21) and the inaugural meeting (November 16).

Inaugural meeting of 2026-2030 Council - required to be held no later than 31 days after the term commences. Staff recommend that the regularly scheduled meeting of Council of Monday November 16, 2026 be designated as the Inaugural meeting of the 2026-2030 term of Council.

Council Orientation and Training – to be determined and completed following the swearing in of the new term of Council.

The proposed schedule is attached for Committee of the Whole consideration.

Conferences

Council passed By-law no. 2024-91, which includes Schedule "J" the Professional Development and Expense Policy addressing the reimbursement of employees and Council

Members who attend conferences or conventions.

Each member of Council is entitled to attend two conventions in the Province in any year. Allowance for members of Council attending conventions shall be as follows:

- a) Registration - actual amount.
- b) Accommodation - actual amount.
- c) Transportation by the most economical fare.
- d) Meal Allowances will be paid for all meals not covered in registration including meals purchased while travelling to or from a convention.
- e) Per diem rate shall be established in the annual remuneration by-law.
- f) When a companion attends the convention with a council member, those costs will be the councillor's responsibility.

The current meal allowance rates are Breakfast \$20, Lunch \$30 and Supper \$50.

Frequently Attended Conferences by Members of Council

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference

January 18 -20, 2026 I Toronto, ON

[Ontario's Rural Leaders Conference | Rural Ontario Municipal Association \(ROMA\)](#)

Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Conference

March 29 -April , 2026 I Toronto, ON

[Registration - Good Roads](#)

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference

August 16th — 19th, 2025 I Ottawa

[AMO Annual Conference | AMO](#)

Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference

April 29 — May 1, 2025 I Parry Sound, ON

[OSUM Annual Conference | Ontario Small Urban Municipalities \(OSUM\)](#)

Canadian Nuclear Association (CAN) Conference

Information not yet available

<https://conference.cna.ca/>

Members of Council are encouraged to identify the conferences they are interested in attending for 2026 budgeting purposes.

Financial Impacts:

Council members are eligible for per diems for attending council and committee meetings as set out in the Council remuneration by-law.

Conference requests are intended to be included within the operating budget, and are subject to budgetary constraints.

Performance Measurement:

n/a

Strategic Area:

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| ☒ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☒ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☒ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☒ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Encourage strong communication and community engagement

Strive for continuous improvement and increased efficiency

Ensure municipal systems support future growth

Respectfully Submitted By:

Jennifer White, Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule

Date	Meeting type	Start time
Monday, January 12 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	10:00 a.m.
Monday, January 12 th , 2026	Council Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Monday January 26 th 2026	Special Council Meeting (Budget)	9:00 a.m.
Monday, February 2 nd , 2026	Committee of the Whole	10:00 a.m.
Monday, February 2 nd 2026	Council Meeting	1:00 p.m.
*Wednesday February 18, 2026	Council Meeting **	7:00p.m.
Monday, March 2 nd , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 9 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 16 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
*Wednesday April 8 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, April 13 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday April 20 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 4 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
*Wednesday, May 20 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 1 st , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 8th, 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 15 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday July 6 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.

Monday, July 13 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 20 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
*Wednesday, August 5 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 10 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 17th, 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
*Wednesday, September 9 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 14 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday September 21 st , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 5 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
*Wednesday, October 14 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday October 26 th	Municipal Election Day	
Monday, November 2 nd , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 9 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, November 16 th , 2026	INAUGURAL MEETING	7:00 p.m.
TBD	Council Orientation Session	
TBD	Council Training Session	
Monday, December 7 th , 2026	Committee of the Whole	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14 th , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 21 st , 2026	Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Note: Council Meetings scheduled for Planning Applications (1st Council meeting of the month) may not occur if there are no applications scheduled to be presented.

Additional Special Meetings may be scheduled as required. Notice will be provided in accordance with the Procedural By-Law.



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Resolutions for Consideration October 2025

Date: Oct. 6, 2025

Report Number: CLK-2025-29

Department: Legislative Services

File Number: C11 CLK25

Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Attachments: a) South Huron Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act b) Bonfield Canada Post c) Kitchener Paper Billing d) St. Charles Natural Gas Expansion e) Armour Blue Box Regulation f) Larder Lake Fire Certification g) Brighton Safeguard Canadian Democracy

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive Report CLK-2025-29 prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee of the Whole support the following resolutions: and direct Staff to distribute as they see fit.

Background:

These resolutions were received from other Ontario Municipalities for consideration.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

- a) The municipality of South Huron is supporting the Bluewater Recycling Association in opposing the proposed amendments to the Resource & Circular Economy Act (RCEA) stating the need for a more balanced approach to amend the Act to allow for safeguards for small businesses, community facilities and rural Ontarians while ensuring the long-term success of the Extended Producer Responsibility system.
- b) Bonfield Township is urging the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table and calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer delivery including municipal information to ensure the dissemination of critical community information.
- c) Kitchener City Council is requesting that the Province of Ontario amend the Municipal Act to permit municipalities the ability to grandfather out of paper billing as the default option and to permit municipalities to establish fees for paper billing for new accounts that opt for this method of delivery.

- d) The Municipality of St. Charles is requesting that the Government of Ontario support and approve the expansion of natural gas infrastructure to rural municipalities and to put the northern natural gas expansion as a priority in Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan and regional economic growth strategies.
- e) The Township of Armour and its shared service partners have formally declined the extension contract made the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act through the Change Notice dated June 27, 2025. The Township of Armour requests that the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) work collaboratively with municipalities to address the financial and operational risks of stranded assets and advocates for transparent processes, fair compensation and timely communication to protect municipal investments and ensure service continuity for residents.
- f) The Township of Larder Lake is requesting the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshall, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date and that the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario
- g) The Municipality of Brighton has stated that many countries around the world are experiencing increased political polarization and hostility with shifts toward authoritarianism and the undermining of democratic norms. Brighton is calling upon the provincial and federal governments to enact electoral reform, adopting proportional systems in which every vote counts and polarization is diminished in order to safeguard and empower Canadian democracy.

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial implications with this report.

Performance Measurement:

n/a

Strategic Area:

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| ☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | ☐ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth | ☐ Ensure Financial Stability |

Strategic Goal: Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk

Report Approved By:



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September 17, 2025

Via email: 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: Proposed Amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting:

343-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Marissa Vaughan

That South Huron Council supports the BRA September 2, 2025 correspondence regarding proposed amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Thompson, AMO, BRA and all Ontario Municipalities.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca
519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Todd McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; Bluewater Recycling Association, michelle@bra.org; and all Ontario Municipalities.

September 2, 2025



Dear Local Member of Provincial Parliament

Subject: Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Resource Recovery & Circular Economy Act

On behalf of the Bluewater Recycling Association and our member municipalities, I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed amendments to the *Resource Recovery & Circular Economy Act* (RRCEA), particularly regarding maintaining collection services for small businesses and other non-eligible sources.

We recognize that with these proposed amendments, the government is seeking to address the cost pressures producers have raised, as well as some concerns small businesses have expressed towards the continuation of recycling services. While we appreciate these efforts, we feel the current proposal does not fully reflect the realities faced by municipalities, service providers, and the small businesses and residents who rely on these programs.

Our mission remains to deliver cost-effective and sustainable waste management solutions that support the public good. We remain committed to helping build a competitive, efficient, and innovative recycling system that benefits all Ontarians. To that end, we respectfully urge the government to consider the following points:

Maintaining Service for Small Businesses and Community Facilities

We strongly believe it is essential to maintain collection for small businesses and community facilities to ensure continuity of service without undue cost increases. There must be a balance between fair market procurement practices and minimizing disruption for service contracts already in place. The grandfathering of existing services—particularly in rural areas—should be considered.

Municipalities like ours have already expanded recycling service beyond traditional “main street” business areas. Excluding these customers now risks fragmenting the system, creating confusion, increasing municipal costs, and potentially sending more recyclable material to landfill. We recommend that all currently serviced, non-eligible properties remain in the system until an integrated alternative is available.

Specific Concerns with the Current Circular Material Proposal

In addition to the general issues above, I want to share candid feedback on several aspects of the draft proposal provided by Circular Materials:

- **2% ICI Limit:** The proposed cap of 2% ICI stops per route does not align with what we see in practice. Most municipalities currently serve between 3–8% ICI stops. A 2% cap appears arbitrary and would cut out the majority of existing stops. This restriction risks destabilizing service in many communities.
- **Downtown Core Apartments:** Clarification is needed on how recycling will be managed for apartments located above commercial units. Today, these residents often share a front-end bin with the business below. Under the new rules, co-collection requires a 95-gallon cart, which presents challenges:
 - These bins are located on commercial property, and if businesses are excluded, they may request removal.

- Apartments generally cannot use wheelie bins due to lack of storage and lack of space for placement on collection day.
This gap in the proposal will leave many downtown residents without a viable recycling option.
- **Quantity of Material:** Restricting ICI generators to a single 95-gallon cart is too limiting, particularly given the expanded Blue Box program starting in 2026. At a minimum, increasing the limit to two carts would provide small businesses with a reasonable solution to manage their recyclables.

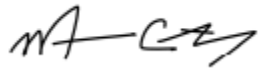
Closing Comments

While we recognize and value the work that has gone into these proposals, the framework as presented feels incomplete and impractical in several respects. The issues raised by municipalities and service providers during consultations highlight the need for a more balanced approach—one that safeguards service for small businesses, community facilities, and rural Ontarians, while ensuring the long-term success of Ontario's EPR system.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss these issues and to work together on solutions that meet the needs of both producers and communities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued support of the waste diversion and recycling goals that benefit all Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Michelle Courtney
President & CEO
Bluewater Recycling Association

September 24, 2025

To: The Right Honourable Mark Carney

Subject: Urgent Appeal Regarding Canada Post Labour Dispute and Impact on Municipal Communications

Dear Mr. Carney

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Bonfield, I am writing to express our concern regarding the ongoing labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), which remains unresolved despite months of negotiations.

As you are aware, CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to encourage Canada Post to return to the bargaining table. While we respect the rights of workers to collectively bargain, this suspension has had a significant impact on businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting our ability to communicate essential information to our residents.

The Township of Bonfield, like many rural municipalities, has limited internet connectivity and relies heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications. The interruption in mail services directly affects our capacity to keep residents informed on municipal matters, emergency notifications, and other critical community information.

Therefore, be advised that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, including municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information.

A copy of this resolution has been sent to the Nipissing–Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, the CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Small Community. Big Heart



We respectfully request your attention to this matter to help facilitate a timely resolution, ensuring that municipalities like Bonfield can continue to effectively communicate with their residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Andrée Gagné
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Bonfield



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RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

September 23rd, 2025

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) remains unresolved despite months of negotiations; AND WHEREAS CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to bring Canada Post back to the bargaining table; AND WHEREAS this suspension significantly impacts businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting their ability to communicate essential information; AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities, including the Township of Bonfield, have limited internet connectivity and rely heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications to residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Nipissing Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

FOR

Donna Clark

Jason Corbett

Steve Featherstone

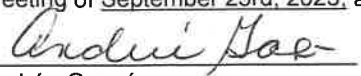
Dan MacInnis

Narry Paquette

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.5 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of September 23rd, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer



AMANDA FUSCO

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SENT VIA EMAIL

September 26, 2025

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 25, 2025, passed the following resolution regarding postage:

"WHEREAS Postage costs have seen significant increases, including 25% in 2025 alone;

WHEREAS paper billing has a further environmental cost in both materials (trees) and transportation;

WHEREAS paper billing is increasingly being displaced by environmentally friendly and cost-efficient e-billing;

WHEREAS the Municipal Act indicates the right to a paper bill, and cost-recovery fees for paper billing for tax, and utility bills are unclear;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Kitchener City Council request the Province of Ontario to amend the Municipal Act to permit municipalities the ability to grandfather-out paper billing as the default option, and to permit municipalities to establish fees for paper billing for new accounts that opt for this method of delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario for their consideration and possible endorsement."

Yours truly,



A. Fusco
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener
Ontario Municipalities

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Committee of the Whole

Agenda Number: 3.2.3.
Resolution Number 2025-214
Title: Report to Council - Natural Gas Expansion - Project Cancellation
Date: September 3, 2025

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS the Municipality of St.-Charles benefited from the Natural Gas Expansion Program Phase 2 expansion funding announced on June 9, 2021;

AND WHEREAS on August 13, 2025, the Municipality of St.-Charles was notified that the expansion project was cancelled due to mounting costs associated with inflation and difficult terrain;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario is on the cusp of substantial growth largely related to accessing critical minerals that will drive expansion in the mining sector;

AND WHEREAS with this economic expansion comes the need to support growth in traditional sectors such as farming, healthcare, forestry, and education;

AND WHEREAS employment growth will create increased demand for new housing developments to ensure that workers have a place to live, work, and play, all of which are closely tied to accessing natural gas as an affordable energy source and essential infrastructure for future residential, commercial, and industrial development;

AND WHEREAS current energy challenges force developers to explore alternatives such as oil and propane, which, while serving as temporary solutions, come with high costs and raise environmental concerns;

AND WHEREAS there is an urgent need for investment in sustainable energy solutions that are affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible to support both current and future development;

AND WHEREAS natural gas is recognized as a clean, economical, and domestically sourced energy option that will lower energy costs for residents, farms, and businesses, while also enhancing opportunities for northern communities to grow by attracting new housing developments and commercial investment;

AND WHEREAS natural gas serves as a critical transition fuel that reduces reliance on higher-emission sources such as oil and propane, while enabling time and capacity for future investments in renewable and low-carbon energy;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles respectfully requests the Government of Ontario to support and approve the expansion of natural gas infrastructure to rural municipalities such as St.-Charles by undertaking a review of the Ontario Energy Board's Profitability Index model to incorporate a Northern Cost Adjustment that fairly accounts for the higher costs of construction in Northern Ontario caused by terrain challenges such as bedrock and wetlands, as well as the realities of distance, climate, and lower population density, to ensure that rural and northern communities are not disadvantaged in accessing natural gas infrastructure;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipality of St.-Charles requests the Province to embed northern natural gas expansion as a priority in Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan and regional economic growth strategies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be forwarded to FONOM, ROMA, AMO and all northern municipalities to build collective support for equitable natural gas expansion in Northern Ontario.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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Date: September 9, 2025

Motion # 266

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), transitioned the cost of the Blue Box Programs to a full producer responsibility (100% cost recovery) model, under Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box Regulation), made pursuant to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*;

AND WHEREAS under the new framework, producers are individually and collectively responsible for operating and fully funding Blue Box collection systems, effective July 1, 2023, with municipal transition dates phased in through to 2026;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are no longer required to operate Blue Box collection systems after their designated transition date, resulting in the potential for stranded municipal assets, such as materials recovery facilities, vehicles, bins, depots, and other capital investments, which may not be compensated under the new regulatory framework;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour has historically, on behalf of the shared service partners, invested in waste diversion programs and infrastructure to meet provincial mandates and local service expectations;

AND WHEREAS the successful transition to the producer responsibility model requires clarity on asset management, fair compensation for stranded assets, and ongoing communication between municipalities, producers, and the Province to ensure a seamless transition for residents;

AND WHEREAS municipalities continue to have an interest in ensuring that Blue Box programs remain accessible, efficient, and effective for residents throughout and after the transition period;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour and its shared service partners have formally declined the extension to contract made by Circular Materials through the Change Notice dated June 27, 2025;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby:

1. **Requests** that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs), work collaboratively with municipalities to address the financial and operational risks of stranded assets;
2. **Advocates** for transparent processes, fair compensation, and timely communication to protect municipal investments and ensure service continuity for residents; and
3. **Directs** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Chief Executive Officer of Circular Materials, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and support, *and forward to Parry Sound District meeting*

Moved by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
 Brandt, Jerry ☐
 Haggart-Davis, ☒
 Dorothy
 Ward, Rod ☐
 Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Seconded by: Blakelock, Rod ☐
 Brandt, Jerry ☒
 Haggart-Davis, ☐
 Dorothy
 Ward, Rod ☐
 Whitwell, Wendy ☐

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

<u>Recorded Vote:</u>	For	Opposed
Blakelock, Rod	☐	☐
Brandt, Jerry	☐	☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☐	☐
Ward, Rod	☐	☐
Whitwell, Wendy	☐	☐



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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September 10, 2025

Jon Pegg
Ontario Fire Marshal
Ministry of the Solicitor General
25 Morton Shulman Avenue
Toronto, ON M3M 0B1

Subject: Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

On behalf of The Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake we are writing to express our support for the firefighter certification requirements outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22. We recognize the importance of standardized training and certification in enhancing firefighter safety, service quality, and public confidence across the province.

When firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, many rural municipalities voiced concern, noting that they do not offer the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province graciously responded by introducing legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is greatly appreciated and reflects a thoughtful understanding of the diverse realities across Ontario.

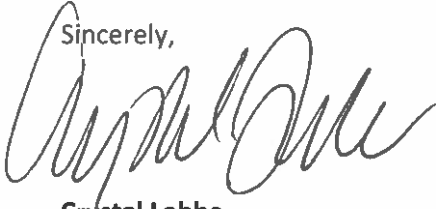
However, despite this accommodation, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available or are only in "pilot" while there remains a large demand for these programs. The Province cannot reasonably expect volunteer firefighters—many of whom work full-time jobs—to independently develop training programs that meet the standards required to pass certification exams. This places an undue burden on small municipalities and risks compromising the intent of the regulation.

We have enclosed a formal resolution passed by our Council, which outlines our concerns and respectfully requests that the province extend the certification deadline to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation to allow time for volunteer fire departments to access these training programs and achieve certification.

We also urge the Province to consider a phased adaptive approach to implementation, ensuring that all communities have equitable access to the necessary training resources.

We appreciate your leadership and commitment to fire service excellence and look forward to your support in helping Ontario municipalities meet these important standards in a realistic and sustainable manner.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake



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September 10, 2025

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution #17, September 9, 2025 – Request for Extension of Certification Deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 9th, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

Moved by: Councillor Kelly

Seconded by: Councillor Armstrong

CARRIED

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 343/22 mandates that firefighters performing specific fire protection services be certified to a prescribed standard by July 1, 2026, with certain technical rescue disciplines requiring certification by July 1, 2028;

AND WHEREAS the Township recognizes and supports the value of the certification requirements mandated by the Province of Ontario, acknowledging that standardized training enhances firefighter safety, service quality, and public trust;

AND WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) and Ontario Fire College (OFC) are actively working to provide training and certification programs, including offering over 600 courses annually, yet some certification programs and testing resources remain under development or are not yet widely accessible, particularly in the Ontario Seal Programs;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments in Ontario are staffed predominantly by volunteer firefighters who balance full-time employment with their emergency service commitments;

AND WHEREAS the certification programs are still in development and the current availability does not adequately reflect the operational realities of volunteer fire departments, especially in rural communities, where training opportunities are limited and certification demands place undue pressure on personnel and municipal resources;

AND WHEREAS when firefighter certification was first introduced in 2018, smaller/rural Municipalities raised concerns that they do not provide the same level of fire protection services as larger municipalities or urban centres. The Province responded thoughtfully by introducing new legislation to allow municipalities to certify firefighters only to the services they actually provide. This flexibility is appreciated and reflects a fair and practical approach; however, training programs for many of these service-specific certifications are still not available.

AND WHEREAS it is unreasonable to expect volunteer firefighters—who already balance full-time employment and community service—to independently develop curriculums and training programs in-house that meet provincial standards and adequately prepare them for certification exams;

AND WHEREAS smaller rural volunteer fire departments often lack the necessary resources, certified personnel, and specialized expertise to independently develop training curriculums or qualify for learning contracts with the Ontario Fire College; and

AND WHEREAS these departments have long relied on the Ontario Fire College's course offerings and have been patiently awaiting the release of the Ontario Seal Programs, having noted preliminary pilot initiatives in Northern Ontario and anticipating a broader rollout of these programs in the near future;

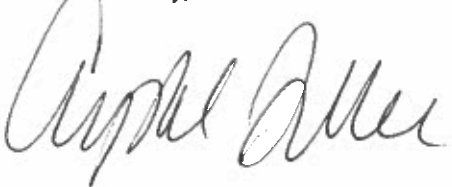
AND WHEREAS rural municipalities would welcome the opportunity to engage in dialogue with the Office of the Fire Marshal to address current barriers and explore collaborative solutions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the **Township of Larder Lake** respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Office of the Fire Marshal, extend the compliance deadlines outlined in Ontario Regulation 343/22 to a minimum of two years beyond the final release date of the Ontario Seal programs offered in the regulation for all affected certification categories;

AND THAT the Province consider implementing a phased or regionally adaptive approach to certification deadlines, taking into account the availability of training programs and the unique challenges faced by volunteer fire services in Rural Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Ontario Fire Marshal, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFIC), **John Vanthof** and all municipalities in Ontario for support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

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Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer



Date: September 15, 2025

Resolution No. COU-2025-30

Moved By: Councillor Wheeldon

Seconded By: Councillor Rowley

Whereas Canadian governments at all levels are structured by and derive their legitimacy from democratic principles, practices, and norms;

And Whereas many countries around the world are experiencing increased political polarization and hostility, shifts toward authoritarianism, and the undermining of democratic norms;

And Whereas incivility and hostility increasingly define the political sphere in Canada at every level of government, but particularly in systems with political parties;

And Whereas this hostile political climate drives lower democratic participation, including low voter turnout and fewer and less diverse political candidates, resulting in a lopsided and unhealthy democracy;

And Whereas poor political health undermines the ability of democratic institutions to exercise effective leadership and overcome the unprecedented challenges of the 21st century;

And Whereas elections are one of the most central and participatory parts of Canadian democratic systems;

And Whereas numerous studies, including those by Parliamentary committees, have identified our First Past the Post electoral system as driving increasing polarization and declines in voter participation, and have recommended some form of proportional representation;

And Whereas electoral reform enjoys broad public support, with a majority of polling respondents who identify with every major party supporting change in the way that they vote;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Municipality of Brighton call upon the provincial and federal governments to enact electoral reform, adopting proportional systems in which every vote counts and polarization is diminished, in order to safeguard and empower Canadian democracy;

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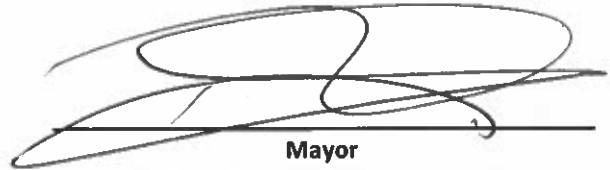
And Be It Further Resolved that this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

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OR Defeated

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Mayor

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Recorded vote called by: _____					
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Mayor Brian Ostrander					
Deputy Mayor Ron Anderson					
Councillor Anne Butwell					
Councillor Hannah MacAusland					
Councillor Emily Rowley					
Councillor Jeff Wheeldon					
Councillor Bobbi Wright					
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Carried ☐ Defeated ☐					Clerk's Initials

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Karissa Chow

Huron-Kinloss, ON
September 15, 2025

Township of Huron-Kinloss
Council and Public Works Department
21 Queen Street
Ripley, ON N0G 2R0

Subject: Concerns Regarding Road Conditions on Grey Ox Avenue

Dear Township Council and Public Works Department,

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Grey Ox Avenue to formally raise concerns about the poor and unsafe condition of our road. Many of us feel that the maintenance and materials used this year have created significant issues that require urgent attention.

The gravel applied to Grey Ox Avenue is far too coarse and consists of round pebbles rather than proper crushed stone. These round stones remain loose on the surface instead of packing down, making the road extremely difficult to drive, walk, or cycle on.

Additionally, when the road grader has been used, it has been operated at a speed that has caused washboard conditions along large sections of the road. This further worsens the driving experience and creates unnecessary wear and tear on vehicles.

Residents have also experienced damage to vehicles from loose stones being thrown during lawn maintenance, and many lawnmower blades have been ruined due to the large stones that have scattered onto our properties. This has resulted in added personal expense and frustration for our community.

In comparison, nearby gravel roads such as Paradise Lake Street and South Kinloss Avenue are maintained with proper crushed stone and provide a smooth, packed, and safe driving surface. The difference in quality is evident.

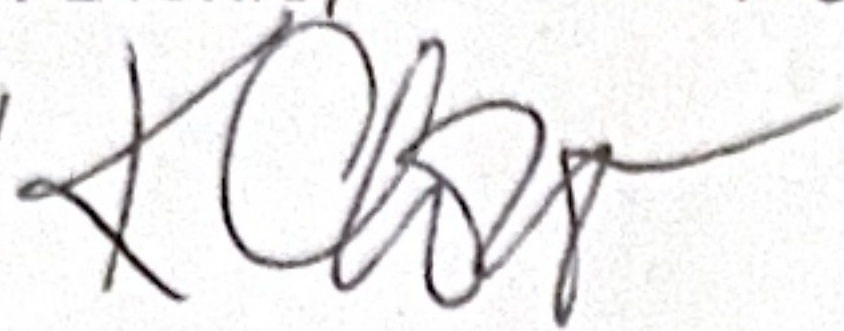
We respectfully request that the Township reconsider the material and methods being used on Grey Ox Avenue. At minimum, proper crushed stone should be applied and maintained to match the quality of other roads in our area. Ideally, we would like to see Grey Ox Avenue improved through paving or tar-and-chip surfacing, which would provide long-term benefits for both residents and the Township.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to seeing improvements made to Grey Ox Avenue. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Irene Parker & William Dickie,
Karissa & Scott Chow

William Dickie



On behalf of the residents of Grey Ox Avenue

Petra Van Rooode Petra Van Rooode

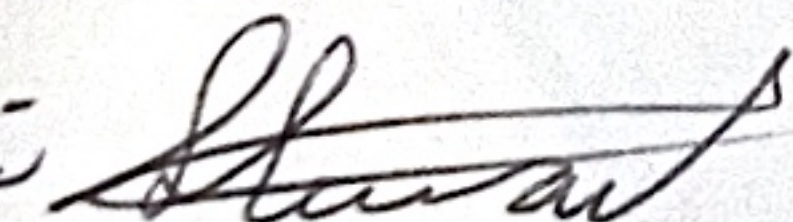
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- The marble stones on the hills need to be scraped off and hauled away, the sections of road that had pot holes needed the gravel with lots of stone in it but the gravel was not crushed but only screened, there is no crushed stone in it at all, a lot of the stone is up to 2" dia. I am running a business with 3 commercial trailers and 2 trucks, I cannot head east out my lane, only can go west, even west is destroying my trucks and trailers.

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→ it is dangerous to drive on and is very hard on all cars, trucks etc.

I don't want the road paved, but I agree that it is rough and unsafe now. Mike O'Neill

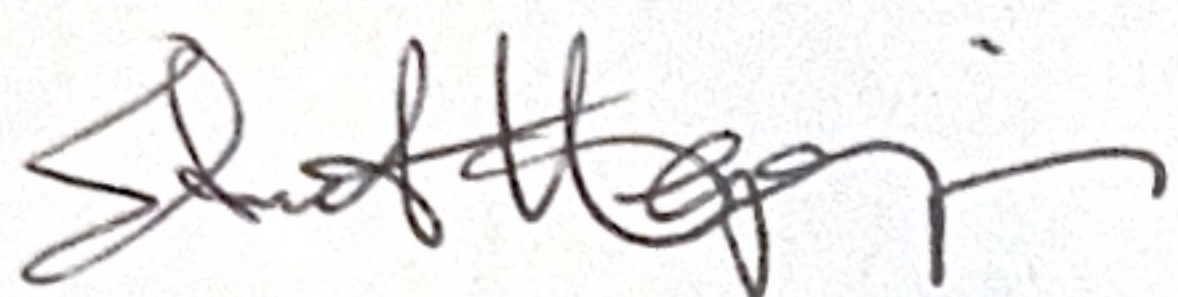
Janine Dickie Janine Dickie → The road snapped all of the belts in my tires. we can't drive over 50 km/h. It's awful!!

Walter & Janet Dickie

The bus company also will not pick up or children here. They say it is too unsafe.

We support Karissa 100%.

We would only add that we feel the conditions are particularly dangerous for our Mennonite neighbours and especially for their children who travel to & from school by pony cart.


Tracy Veit.

I support Karissa letter regarding the conditions of the Grey Ox portion of gravelled road. I myself have been injured while on a bike trying to negotiate through the gravel and required hospital attention and am still dealing with the sequelae of the leg injury. Also travel on the road has been dangerous and requires slowing down to 30 km/hr at least to diminish washboard effects and drifting.

For R Church

We support Karissa 100% in her assessment of our road.

Donna & Lawrence Clark,

Brian Murray



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Oct. 7, 2025

Karissa Chow



Re: Grey Ox Ave Road Conditions

Thank you for your letter regarding the condition of Grey Ox Ave. We understand that there is dissatisfaction with how the gravel resurfacing process was conducted this year, but I can assure you that Township staff have been working diligently to correct the issues that we have observed.

First off, I would like to explain the gravel road Level of Service we provide through the gravel resurfacing process in Huron-Kinloss. The Township resurfaces most of our gravel roads on a 3-5 year cycle with gravel that meets the Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) testing requirements for Granular A which specifies that the gravel is crushed.

The gravel is spread along the road by a gravel truck and our motor grader levels it to consistent thickness. At this point, we allow a combination of rain and traffic to compact the gravel until we are ready to apply our dust control product at which point we will grade the road again. In an ideal season, our gravel roads will not require grading again until fall.

This approach works well for most roads in most years and we followed this approach on Grey Ox Ave in 2022 and we did not observe any serious issues. This year, however, we observed persistent washboarding issues on the hills on Grey Ox Ave. Washboarding is a common issue on gravel roads that is caused by two main factors: speed and dry gravel. Vehicles that speed on dry gravel that has not had the chance to compact will cause washboarding. Since this summer has been drier than normal, the gravel on the roads did not properly compact before traffic created the washboarding.

Township staff have regraded Grey Ox Ave multiple times throughout the summer, but the dry conditions and traffic speed appeared to have allowed the washboarding issues to persist.

We agree with your observation that there is uncrushed stone on the surface of this road. Our gravel supplier is usually very careful to ensure on the crush stone is loaded onto their trucks, but occasionally some uncrushed stone can become mixed into the gravel pile at the gravel pit, which appears to have happened in this case. Since the amount of uncrushed stone was fairly minor, we do not believe the quality of the gravel used on Grey Ox Ave was a contributing factor in the condition of the road.

Even though we followed our standard gravel resurfacing process on Grey Ox Ave this year, we are constantly reviewing our operations to make improvements in the future. One improvement we are considering in the future is applying water to the gravel as we are grading new gravel on the Grey Ox Ave hills to help with the compaction process. While our current budget for gravel maintenance will not allow for this increase to our Level of Surface for the gravel roads we resurface, we are willing to test this strategy in certain areas that are particularly challenging.

Your feedback is appreciated, and I can assure you that Township staff share your frustration when the results of our road maintenance projects are as we intended.

We also strongly encourage anyone that is concerned about the safety of any Township road to contact the Township office immediately.

Yours truly,

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**Municipality of Huron-Kinloss
Pine River Water Quality Monitoring Program
2025 Sampling Results**

GREEN	Below Guideline
RED	=> 100 cfu/100mL
GREY	No Data

**E. Coli (cfu/100mL)
Sample Date**

SAMPLE ID	LOCATION	March 31	April 28	May 26	June 23	July 21	Aug 18	Sept 15	Column7	Column8
PR1	Pine River-Bridge on Lake Range Road, south of Lurgan Road	461	205	74	93	649	50	4		
PR3	South Pine River-Bridge on Hwy. 21 at 6th Conc.	411	194	167	111	66	19	68		
PR4	Pine River Tributary-Bridge on Hwy. 21 North of 6th Conc.	461	35	108	378	18	39	23		
PR5	Pine River Tributary-Bridge on Hwy. 21 North of 8th Conc.	1120	12	101	285	144	54	20		
PR6	South Pine River-Bridge on Sideroad 25 North of 6th Conc.	387	14	142	249	70	387	387		
PR7 - Upstream	Clark Creek-Culvert on Sideroad 25 South of 4th Conc.	411	0	6	131	261	308	28		
PR8	South Pine River-Culvert on the 15th North of 6th Conc.	416	34	272	1120	326	40	86		
PR9	Pine River-Bridge on the 15th South of 10th Conc.	649	37	152	1553	866	58	1		
PR10	Royal Oak Creek-Bridge on the 15th North of the 12th Conc.	1300	2	28	602	>2420	>2420	Dry		
PR11	Royal Oak Creek-Culvert on Sideroad 5 north Huron-Kincardine East	1550	3	19	249	326	Dry	Dry		
PR12	Pine River-Bridge on Huron Twp./Kinloss Twp. Boundary South of 12th Conc.	81	122	36	1046	1203	365	43		
PR13	South Pine River-Bridge on Huron Twp./Kinloss Twp. Boundary South of 8th Conc.	866	10	105	501	2420	613	225		
PR17 - Upstream	Pine River Tributary-Southern Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 4th Conc.	141	23	86	186	345	>2420	162		
PR18 - Upstream	Pine River Tributary- Middle Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 4th Conc.	9	65	71	276	248	238	108		
PR19 - Upstream	Clark Creek-Southern Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 2nd Conc.	162	4	147	91	93	39	20		
PR20	Beach at Hwy. 86 -Amberely Road.	172	3	0	31	No Sample	1	7		
PR21	Beach off of Attawandron Road-Public Walkway	36	0	1	99	No Sample	105	44		
PR22	Beach-Point Clark Swimming Area	77	1	2	43	No Sample	8	20		
PR23	Lurgan Beach-Public Walkway	727	0	1	17	No Sample	12	65		
PR24	Beach at 6th Conc.	613	0	1	6	No Sample	4	130		
PR25	Beach at 8th Conc.	435	0	0	5	No Sample	4	152		
PR26	Beach at 10th Conc.	31	0	6	11	No Sample	63	61		
PR27	Boyd Creek at Hwy. 21 before Amberely	276	30	187	261	78	76	1120		
PR29	Boyd Creek on Sideroad 20 North of 6th Conc.	411	16	20	517	219	228	33		
PR30	Eighteen Mile Creek at Hwy. 21 before Amberely	687	26	194	75	770	55	18		
PR32	Eighteen Mile Creek on the 15th North of 2nd Conc.	1050	38	73	101	178	131	80		
B4	Clark Creek at the Lake	160	12	69	613	No Sample	548	105		
5	Ditch at field drain outlet, Lake Range Road	40	2	Dry		Dry	Dry	Dry		
6	New outlet to Clark Creek across from 3491 2nd Conc.	137	91	101	488	No Sample	276	345		
8	Jardine Creek at Abenaki St.	37	8	6	178	No Sample	166	28		
9	Jardine Creek at Seneca	66	Dry	4	55	Dry	Dry	Dry		
12	Halfway to lake from Road	126	64	53	99	No Sample	Dry	Dry		
13	CSP where creek crosses Huron Rd.	56	7	101	>2420	Dry	Dry	Dry		
17	Outlet in Jardine Creek between sites 11 & 12	30	8	17	345	No Sample	152	1986		

**Municipality of Huron-Kinloss
Pine River Water Quality Monitoring Program
2025 Sampling Results**

GREEN	Below Guideline
RED	=> 3 mg/L
GREY	No Data

**Nitrate as N (mg/L)
Sample Date**

SAMPLE ID	LOCATION	March 31	April 28	May 26	June 23	July 21	Aug 18	Sept 15	Column7	Column8
PR1	Pine River-Bridge on Lake Range Road, south of Lurgan Road	6.18	4.59	13.20	12.60	0.88	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR3	South Pine River-Bridge on Hwy. 21 at 6th Conc.	5.95	4.41	12.60	10.40	1.26	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR4	Pine River Tributary-Bridge on Hwy. 21 North of 6th Conc.	5.43	3.96	9.85	10.20	0.18	1.87	0.35		
PR5	Pine River Tributary-Bridge on Hwy. 21 North of 8th Conc.	6.15	5.83	11.40	15.70	< 0.06	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR6	South Pine River-Bridge on Sideroad 25 North of 6th Conc.	5.46	4.23	11.80	16.50	0.36	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR7 - Upstream	Clark Creek-Culvert on Sideroad 25 South of 4th Conc.	8.19	10.30	10.40	17.40	4.76	6.20	< 0.06		
PR8	South Pine River-Culvert on the 15th North of 6th Conc.	5.64	4.38	10.90	13.30	0.28	0.25	0.90		
PR9	Pine River-Bridge on the 15th South of 10th Conc.	5.36	4.27	7.32	8.14	< 0.06	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR10	Royal Oak Creek-Bridge on the 15th North of the 12th Conc.	6.18	5.87	9.55	11.50	0.29	4.30	Dry		
PR11	Royal Oak Creek-Cuvlert on Sideroad 5 north Huron-Kincardine East	7.29	8.30	13.40	16.30	0.63	Dry	Dry		
PR12	Pine River-Bridge on Huron Twp./Kinloss Twp. Boundary South of 12th Conc.	5.14	4.02	8.51	10.30	11.20	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR13	South Pine River-Bridge on Huron Twp./Kinloss Twp. Boundary South of 8th Conc.	5.18	4.79	9.03	11.20	10.50	3.17	0.51		
PR17 - Upstream	Pine River Tributary-Southern Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 4th Conc.	13.30	14.50	11.80	13.20	1.51	0.16	< 0.06		
PR18 - Upstream	Pine River Tributary- Middle Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 4th Conc.	10.60	9.50	8.59	18.80	0.60	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR19 - Upstream	Clark Creek-Southern Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 2nd Conc.	9.68	10.30	7.82	16.50	0.21	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR20	Beach at Hwy. 86 -Amberely Road.	4.49	0.76	0.27	5.36	0.19	0.21	0.09		
PR21	Beach off of Attawandron Road-Public Walkway	4.33	0.67	0.77	3.79	0.24	0.28	0.18		
PR22	Beach-Point Clark Swimming Area	4.19	0.63	0.48	3.92	0.26	0.24	0.16		
PR23	Lurgan Beach-Public Walkway	6.57	0.46	1.51	6.71	0.29	0.26	0.22		
PR24	Beach at 6th Conc.	6.54	0.31	0.24	5.21	0.28	0.26	0.24		
PR25	Beach at 8th Conc.	5.06	0.34	0.26	1.00	0.28	0.26	0.23		
PR26	Beach at 10th Conc.	2.00	0.31	0.31	1.76	0.30	0.28	0.20		
PR27	Boyd Creek at Hwy. 21 before Amberely	7.38	8.04	13.30	15.30	0.40	< 0.06	< 0.06		
PR29	Boyd Creek on Sideroad 20 North of 6th Conc.	7.77	8.52	13.50	17.30	0.19	0.69	0.08		
PR30	Eighteen Mile Creek at Hwy. 21 before Amberely	6.65	6.25	13.90	20.00	2.66	0.06	0.06		
PR32	Eighteen Mile Creek on the 15th North of 2nd Conc.	5.86	4.91	11.50	14.80	0.97	0.23	0.14		
B4	Clark Creek at the Lake	9.70	8.31	5.31	15.40	1.81	1.37	1.89		
5	Ditch at field drain outlet, Lake Range Road	6.78	5.30	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry		
6	New outlet to Clark Creek across from 3491 2nd Conc.	9.74	8.73	5.42	16.10	1.43	0.99	1.24		
8	Jardine Creek at Abenaki St.	3.49	3.43	2.69	2.21	1.03	0.17	0.15		
9	Jardine Creek at Seneca	4.62	Dry	0.12	< 0.06	Dry	Dry	Dry		
12	Halfway to lake from Road	4.15	2.91	1.61	0.45	0.34	Dry	Dry		
13	CSP where creek crosses Huron Rd.	4.18	3.29	3.03	2.20	Dry	Dry	Dry		
17	Outlet in Jardine Creek between sites 11 & 12	5.49	4.25	4.63	3.58	3.23	3.48	3.34		

Municipality of Huron-Kinloss
Pine River Water Quality Monitoring Program
2025 Sampling Results

Lakes => 0.02 mg/L

	Below Guideline
Streams	=> 0.03 mg/L
	No Data

Total Phosphorus (mg/L)
Sample Date

SAMPLE ID	LOCATION	March 31	April 28	May 26	June 23	July 21	Aug 18	Sept 15	Column7	Column8
PR1	Pine River-Bridge on Lake Range Road, south of Lurgan Road	0.360	0.025	0.015	0.020	0.029	0.030	0.020		
PR3	South Pine River-Bridge on Hwy. 21 at 6th Conc.	0.276	0.025	0.012	0.016	0.021	0.019	0.027		
PR4	Pine River Tributary-Bridge on Hwy. 21 North of 6th Conc.	0.320	0.014	0.009	0.010	0.014	0.022	0.026		
PR5	Pine River Tributary-Bridge on Hwy. 21 North of 8th Conc.	0.484	0.014	0.009	0.009	0.037	0.045	0.057		
PR6	South Pine River-Bridge on Sideroad 25 North of 6th Conc.	0.390	0.026	0.011	0.014	0.026	0.061	0.025		
PR7 - Upstream	Clark Creek-Culvert on Sideroad 25 South of 4th Conc.	0.271	0.038	0.042	0.084	0.939	0.735	0.460		
PR8	South Pine River-Culvert on the 15th North of 6th Conc.	0.360	0.029	0.010	0.023	0.053	0.022	0.021		
PR9	Pine River-Bridge on the 15th South of 10th Conc.	0.212	0.011	0.009	0.021	0.064	0.068	0.060		
PR10	Royal Oak Creek-Bridge on the 15th North of the 12th Conc.	0.401	0.021	0.019	0.035	0.109	0.284	Dry		
PR11	Royal Oak Creek-Culvert on Sideroad 5 north Huron-Kincardine East	0.597	0.066	0.055	0.077	0.479	Dry	Dry		
PR12	Pine River-Bridge on Huron Twp./Kinloss Twp. Boundary South of 12th Conc.	0.094	0.017	0.016	0.037	0.040	0.169	0.105		
PR13	South Pine River-Bridge on Huron Twp./Kinloss Twp. Boundary South of 8th Conc.	0.26	0.027	0.025	0.046	0.147	0.474	0.042		
PR17 - Upstream	Pine River Tributary-Southern Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 4th Conc.	0.151	0.036	0.047	0.009	0.463	0.899	1.630		
PR18 - Upstream	Pine River Tributary- Middle Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 4th Conc.	0.147	0.004	0.006	0.059	0.062	0.123	0.152		
PR19 - Upstream	Clark Creek-Southern Culvert on South Baseline Road North of 2nd Conc.	0.270	0.012	0.014	0.015	0.042	0.076	0.054		
PR20	Beach at Hwy. 86 -Amberely Road.	0.110	0.008	0.001	0.012	0.018	0.010	0.013		
PR21	Beach off of Attawandron Road-Public Walkway	0.090	0.007	0.008	0.036	0.050	0.032	0.014		
PR22	Beach-Point Clark Swimming Area	0.147	0.005	0.012	0.021	0.012	0.022	0.013		
PR23	Lurgan Beach-Public Walkway	0.389	0.007	0.009	0.018	0.006	0.010	0.008		
PR24	Beach at 6th Conc.	0.396	0.006	0.004	0.018	0.010	0.008	0.005		
PR25	Beach at 8th Conc.	0.278	0.012	< 0.003	0.012	0.011	0.009	0.008		
PR26	Beach at 10th Conc.	0.101	0.003	0.008	0.017	0.022	0.011	0.010		
PR27	Boyd Creek at Hwy. 21 before Amberely	0.369	0.007	0.007	0.010	0.028	0.028	0.070		
PR29	Boyd Creek on Sideroad 20 North of 6th Conc.	0.258	0.007	0.006	0.042	0.043	0.301	0.046		
PR30	Eighteen Mile Creek at Hwy. 21 before Amberely	0.381	0.016	0.014	0.020	0.018	0.026	0.027		
PR32	Eighteen Mile Creek on the 15th North of 2nd Conc.	0.348	0.015	0.013	0.038	0.024	0.032	0.029		
B4	Clark Creek at the Lake	0.300	0.013	0.016	0.011	0.030	0.062	0.016		
5	Ditch at field drain outlet, Lake Range Road	0.118	0.041	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry	Dry		
6	New outlet to Clark Creek across from 3491 2nd Conc.	0.293	0.010	0.012	0.009	0.014	0.018	0.011		
8	Jardine Creek at Abenaki St.	0.052	Dry	0.077	0.118	0.199	0.134	0.124		
9	Jardine Creek at Seneca	0.039	0.081	0.123	0.397	Dry	Dry	Dry		
12	Halfway to lake from Road	0.043	0.007	0.027	0.156	0.197	Dry	Dry		
13	CSP where creek crosses Huron Rd.	0.064	0.051	0.077	0.226	Dry	Dry	Dry		
17	Outlet in Jardine Creek between sites 11 & 12	0.098	0.026	0.035	0.064	0.082	0.051	0.052		

Site ID	Sample Time	Flow/Wave Height	Water Clarity	Animal Type/Number/Obs.	Flowing Tile/Ditch	Other Observations (surroundings/field status, rain, colours, odours, algae...)
PR1	10:40	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR3	9:20	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	algae throughout stream
PR4	9:30	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	algae throughout stream
PR5	9:35	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	low water level
PR6	12:40	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR7	12:50	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	yellow tint for sample
PR8	13:20	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	beaver dam just downstream
PR9	13:30	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	low water level
PR10	no sample	-		-	Y N / Y N	dry, no sample
PR11	no sample	-		-	Y N / Y N	dry, no sample
PR12	14:00	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR13	14:10	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR17	12:25	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	yellow tint for sample
PR18	12:20	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	yellow tint for sample
PR19	12:15	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR20	12:00	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR21	11:25	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	thick dead algae throughout shore
PR22	11:15	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	dead algae throughout shore
PR23	10:25	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR24	10:20	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR25	10:00	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR26	9:50	Ripple	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	dead algae on shore
PR27	9:00	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	beaver dam upstream
PR29	12:55	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR30	8:45	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
PR32	13:10	Very Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
B4	10:55	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	algae throughout stream
5	no sample	-		-	Y N / Y N	dry, no sample
6	10:50	Very Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	film on surface, algae throughout
8	11:45	Very Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	
9	no sample	-		-	Y N / Y N	dry, no sample
12	no sample	-		-	Y N / Y N	No sample - unable to obtain clear sample
13	no sample	-		-	Y N / Y N	No sample - unable to obtain clear sample
17	11:35	Slow	Clear	-	Y N / Y N	algae throughout stream

General Weather Conditions	
Sampling Date:	September 15, 2025
Present:	12.4 - 25.2C, mostly sunny, 0.8mm rain, light wind
24 Hours:	10.1 - 22.0C, sunny, no rain, light wind
48 Hours:	11.7 - 21.9C, sunny, no rain, light wind
72 Hours:	9.3 - 21.8C, sunny, no rain, light wind
General Obs.:	

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132-2025-3641

By email

September 26, 2025

Dear Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers of OPP-Policed Municipalities:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has undertaken a review of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) cost recovery model. I would like to extend my gratitude for your participation and input into this process.

I am writing to inform you that because of the review, regulatory amendments have been made to Ontario Regulation 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. These amendments are in effect and will inform the 2026 annual billing statement to be issued shortly.

Firstly, an 11 per cent cap is established on the increase in policing costs owed by municipalities for the 2026 calendar year when compared to 2025, excluding the costs related to any service enhancements.

Secondly, a new discounts table will be established in regulation and will apply to the 2026 billing year and going forward. This new discount table introduces a lower eligibility threshold to receive a discount. Municipalities will now receive calls for service and overtime discounts when they are three or more standard deviations from the average calls for service weighted time to property count ratio, rather than the current regulatory threshold of five standard deviations.

The amendments have been approved by Cabinet and have been filed with the Registrar of Regulations. They will be accessed publicly online through the [e-Laws page](#) – and will be available here within the next few business days.

The preparation of 2026 annual billing statements is underway and statements are targeted for release in November 2025.

As we undertook this review, we heard loud and clear that greater clarity, predictability and stability in the OPP cost recovery model, and associated billing statements, is critical to municipalities as annual budget processes are undertaken. These amendments were contemplated, and ultimately decided upon, based on those concerns and the direct feedback that we heard from OPP-policed municipalities.

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Should you have any questions about the regulatory updates, please reach out to solgeninput@ontario.ca.

Please direct any questions about your annual billing statements to the Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau at opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca.

Thank you again for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael S. Kerzner", with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Solicitor General

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
Ministry of the Solicitor General

Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.
Commissioner, Ontario Provincial Police



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR **September 18, 2025**

Once again, I have the pleasure of presenting a summary of the past year's activities of the Executive Committee of the Community Schools Alliance. As has become our custom, this annual meeting is being conducted virtually to save time and to eliminate travel and accommodation costs.

For the third consecutive year, we were unsuccessful in attracting sufficient candidates for our Executive Committee to require an election although we do welcome a new member, Councillor Jean Coles of Middlesex Centre, who was acclaimed along with returning members Stephen Harvey, Stephanie Jaworski and Doug Reycraft. They will join Cathy Moore Coburn, Patricia Greig, Carol Lowery and Marcus Ryan.

The committee met virtually twelve times during the year between October 30, 2024 and August 12, 2025. The committee is indebted to Barbara Pinnell, an administrator with the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex who, through a secondment agreement with her employer, provides sterling administrative support for the committee, including recording minutes, sending out calendar notifications and maintaining a mailing list of contacts within our municipal members. We appreciate the support of Southwest Middlesex in continuing the secondment agreement that has been in place since December 2021.

The committee agreed in October to contract with Redbrick Communications to develop a Strategic Communications Plan and 'rebrand' the Alliance. That led to a new logo and participation in municipal conferences to raise our profile. As a result, we had booths in the trade shows at ROMA in Toronto in January, at OSUM in Collingwood in late April and at AMO in Ottawa in August. We also will have a booth or table at the Ontario West Conference in London on October 17. The Executive Committee will need to have an early discussion and decision in the upcoming year on future participation in these conferences.

The CSA chair also did a virtual presentation to a meeting of the FONOM directors in March and Carol Lowery attended the FONOM conference in Thunder Bay in May and shared background information with the delegates.

Marcus Ryan has provided regular updates to the committee on the progress of a very exciting project proposed for Thamesford in Zorra Township. The municipal council, after considerable consultation with the community, has pitched a joint

elementary school and recreation complex for the village. A funding announcement was recently made, and the project will proceed. It will represent the kind of collaboration between a school board and a municipality that the Alliance has promoted since its inception.

The moratorium on accommodation reviews and school closures was implemented in 2017 after a raft of closures that saw 404 schools closed in a 10-year span. Many of those schools were closed despite the strenuous objections of municipal councils. While the moratorium remains in place, school board associations have been calling for its removal for years. The fact that five school boards have been replaced by a supervisor appointed by the Minister of Education due to 'financial irregularities' has generated great public discussion about the governance of education and renewed calls for removing the moratorium.

The Community Schools Alliance was vigorously involved in the 2017-2018 review of the province's Accommodation Review Guideline. That guideline lays out the process that must be followed if a board wishes to close a school. There is provision in that guideline for the municipal council to be informed and involved in the process. It will be important for municipal councils to be prepared to work with their communities to protect their schools if the moratorium is lifted. One of the goals of the Community Schools Alliance is to inform municipal councils of the process.

Finally, I again want to thank the members of the executive committee for their generosity with time and advice throughout the past year, especially those members and their spouses who helped out at the trade shows.

Doug Reycraft



Summary of CSA 2025 Annual Meeting Held on Zoom

September 18, 2025

ATTENDANCE: Current executive committee members Chair Doug Reycraft, Deputy Chair Stephanie Jaworski, Cathy Moore Coburn, Patricia Greig, Stephen Harvey, Carol Lowery and Marcus Ryan. Mayor Sharron McMillan of Thames Centre and Councillor Doug Townsend of West Grey also attended the meeting.

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not recorded, and minutes are not available. This report summarizes the proceedings. All motions made and passed will be confirmed at the first meeting of the executive committee.

The meeting opened at 7 pm with the attendees as listed above.

A resolution confirming the election by acclamation of Jean Coles, Stephen Harvey, Stephanie Jaworski, and Doug Reycraft to the Executive Committee of the Community Schools Alliance for three-year terms was adopted. The four acclaimed members will join Cathy Moore Coburn, Patricia Greig, Carol Lowery, and Marcus Ryan as the Executive Committee to begin the 2025-26 CSA year.

The printed minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting held August 15, 2024 were approved as amended.

Chair Doug Reycraft presented an Annual Report summarizing the activities of the Alliance during the 2024-25 CSA year. He was directed to send letters of appreciation

1. and a gift certificate valued at \$50 to Administrator Barbara Pinnell for her excellent work supporting the Alliance,
2. to Southwest Middlesex for allowing Barbara to serve the Alliance and with a note waiving their membership fee for 2025-25,
3. and to Middlesex County for its assistance in maintaining the Alliance's web page.

The Annual Report included mention of the Alliance's participation at municipal conferences during 2025 and suggested a review of the costs and benefits of the activities before making any commitments for 2026.

A financial report listing all revenues and expenditures incurred in 2025 by June 30, 2025 and showing a balance of \$37,949.78 as of the same date was presented and received.

A membership report showing 16 municipalities paid a membership fee during the year and 3 individuals who are former members of councils bringing the total membership to 19. The chair reported that staff of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario had been asked to proceed with issuing invoices for the 2025-26 year.

Several recent newspaper reports related to the issues of school boards and trustees had been circulated to the attendees and were the subject of a discussion.

2026 Council Meeting Schedule

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 Council Meetings

 First Day of New Term

 Conference

 Council Orientation

 Nomination and Election Days

 Budget Meeting

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Pushing for the scheduling of a PA Day on municipal election day

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Advocacy Update

Learn more about our work as we advocate on behalf of AMCTO members

August 28, 2025

Advocacy Update: Tackling Red Tape in Local Election Planning

As you begin planning for the 2026 local elections, we are taking action on your behalf to modernize and streamline the administration of municipal and school board elections.

Professional Activity (PA) Day on Election Day

In 2021, we wrote to school boards across the province to formally request that they schedule a PA Day on municipal election day as an interim, non-legislative solution to help streamline local municipal and school board elections. This is an issue we have advocated for legislative change on as part of our [recommendations to modernize](#) the *Municipal Elections Act*.

We are once again asking on behalf of municipalities running local elections in 2026 that school boards support this work and help streamline processes by scheduling a PA Day on municipal election day (October 26, 2026).

READ OUR LETTER TO SCHOOL BOARDS

We have also been pressing the Province at both the public service and elected levels to change *R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 304* under the *Education Act, 1990*, to apply one of the existing provincially mandated PA Days to municipal and school board election days permanently, starting in October 2026, to guarantee municipal staff and voters access to large, centrally located and accessible community spaces as polling locations. We have written to Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, requesting that he remove this 'red tape' that takes up so much time and energy every four years.

READ OUR LETTER TO THE MINISTER

School Board Governance Review

In our letter to the Minister, we also took the opportunity to respond to his musings during the recent Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference regarding the **potential removal of school board trustees**. While as an Association, we do not have a formal position on this, we recognize that his remarks may create uncertainty about school trustee elections for the 2026 municipal elections cycle.

As we have been emphasizing with various officials at the Provincial level, the Ministry should avoid policy decisions that will impact local election planning and administration. We urge Minister Calandra to consider a decision timeline that will avoid impacting the upcoming local election process.

As an Association, we will continue to advocate for the removal of administrative and operational barriers that negatively impact our members who deliver local services, including critical democratic processes.

Please **contact us** should you have any questions or for more information.



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Policy Update - 2025 AMO Conference Highlights and Highway Advocacy

Key Insights

- Province announced \$1.6 billion in new municipal infrastructure funding at the AMO Conference, which responds to AMO's call for infrastructure stimulus
- AMO advocates to improve the Trans-Canada highway in the north

2025 AMO Conference Highlights

Thank you to everyone who attended!

Infrastructure Funding

The top provincial announcement at the conference was an additional \$1.6 billion for the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program. AMO welcomes this boost in funding for core infrastructure projects like roads and water systems, which support communities and growth. AMO has called for such investments to support growth, build more homes, and provide economic stimulus amid ongoing trade disputes and global economic uncertainty. Our advocacy, including a [pre-conference letter to Ministers Surma and Flack](#), highlights that while municipalities are committed to the province's ambitious growth agenda, they need the necessary infrastructure funding to achieve it. In fact, a recent

AMO survey found that despite rising construction costs, municipalities are increasing their infrastructure investment this year to support more housing and economic development.

Other Highlights

- *Indigenous relations:* AMO launched its first [Indigenous Relations Action Plan](#), developed with Indigenous partners and municipal sector leaders to strengthen municipal-Indigenous relationships.
- *Member engagement:* We held three innovative “**Have Your Say**” **sessions** to gather direct feedback from you on our key policy priorities and advocacy. We’ll be sharing a summary of what we heard and how we will use your valuable insights soon.
- *Member resources:* Use these [priority key messages](#) to continue the conversations you started at delegations last week.

Advocacy to Improve Northern Ontario Highways

On August 8, [AMO wrote to provincial and federal transportation ministers](#) to endorse the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities’ proposal for Trans-Canada Highway improvements. The proposal calls for a 2+1 highway solution for Highways 11 and 17 to enhance their safety and reliability. These improvements are critical to Ontario's and Canada's economic strength, as they facilitate trade, support the national economy, and address internal barriers to a unified Canadian market.

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AMO Policy Update - Build Canada Homes Market Sounding Submission, New Process for Inter-Provincial Labour Mobility

Key Insights

- AMO submitted comments on Building Canada Homes outlining ways the new approach can practically achieve scale, speed, and affordability in municipalities across Ontario.
- The province announced a new streamlined process that will allow out-of-province workers in regulated professions to work in Ontario within 10 days. The process responds to AMO's call to limit liability for municipalities who hire workers under the new process.

AMO Responds to Build Canada Homes Market Sounding on Design and Implementation

AMO [provided a submission](#) to the federal government in response to the market sounding about the proposal to establish Build Canada Homes (BCH), a new federal entity with an ambitious plan and mandate to create up to 500,000 new homes annually across Canada. AMO has called on the federal government to:

- Collaborate with municipalities, DSSABs and the provincial government
- Focus on deeply affordable housing, including the acquisition, development and maintenance of community and supportive housing
- Provide significant funding contributions over low-cost financing
- Build housing supply in communities across Ontario – big and small, rural and urban, northern and southern
- Invest in housing enabling infrastructure in order to support new housing

Province Announces Streamlined Process for Inter-Provincial Labour Mobility

The Ontario government [has announced](#) a [streamlined process](#) for Canadians in regulated professions to work in Ontario. Starting January 1, 2026, regulatory authorities will have 10 days to review credentials from qualified workers and certify them to work in Ontario for up to six months while completing their full application to register with the authority.

The new process responds to [AMO's request](#) to ensure regulatory authorities have full professional oversight to investigate and respond to complaints about out-of-province workers who are not yet fully licenced. This will reduce liability for employers – including municipalities – who hire workers under the new streamlined process.

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September 04, 2025

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AMO Matters

AMO is now accepting applications for the [Director of Policy and Government Relations](#) role at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Closing Date: September 12, 2025.

Provincial Matters

The Ontario government is providing almost \$3 million through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) to support community-based projects that support and restore the environment.

The Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade is [accepting applications for project funding](#) that responds to US trade disruption.

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Federal Matters

The Government of Canada is offering up to \$10.3 million to support initiatives enhancing cyber resilience including innovation, knowledge sharing, and capacity building. [Applications are open](#) until September 25.

Education Opportunities

AMO is holding a forum for its members, key stakeholders and partners to provide a reliable assessment of tariff and trade disruptions and their impact on Ontario municipalities and business sector. Forum discussion and content will include identifying measures to address and mitigate these impacts. This future facing event is an opportunity to build new alliances and relationships across impacted sectors in support of strong and effective economic advocacy. [Register here](#).

We are pleased to be hosting the second annual AMO Healthy Democracy Forum October 18-19 at the [Westin Harbour Castle Hotel](#) in Toronto. This year's discussions will focus on strategies to encourage and increase voter turn out, candidate attraction and retention as well as promoting civility and confronting harassment in Ontario's municipalities. For more information and to register [click here](#).

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Our Business Development Intern, Carter Gillies, summarized in a blog his experience working at AMO/LAS from May to August. [Read the article here](#).

Municipal Wire*

Looking for tools to support and invest in new hires? Register for OPPI's [Employer Readiness course](#). It includes an AMO supported employer handbook exploring HR best practices for retention and long-term success.

NRCan's RETScreen Division is offering a [free one-year trial licence](#) to new users who would like to download &/or link to EnergyStar Portfolio Manager (ESPM) data. Email retscreen@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca to subscribe. PLUS, for a limited time, free technical support for connecting RETScreen to ESPM is available by emailing Stephen Dixon at sdixon@knowenergy.com.

This [free AdvantAge webinar](#) on October 14 from 1-2pm will share insights related to long-term care governance and compliance for municipal councillors and their staff.

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AMO Policy Update – AMO Advocacy on Automated Speed Enforcement, Federal Development Charges Advocacy, Federal Government Pre-Budget Announcements, Federal-Provincial-Territorial Housing Forum Commitments, and Blue Box Amendments

Top Insights

- In response to recent comments by Premier Ford about municipal use of **automated speed enforcement**, AMO wrote a letter to the Premier and Minister of Transportation. ASEs are evidence-based and cost-effective tools to support road safety that have broad public support.
- AMO is advocating to the federal government that any **federally mandated reductions to development charges** will need to be replaced with a new, equally predictable, and sufficient revenue source that make Ontario municipalities whole.
- The federal government announced a new **federal industrial strategy** which will include a new “Buy Canadian” procurement policy, including a roadmap for provinces and municipalities to adopt.

- AMO stands ready to work with the provincial government to support conversations with the federal government about commitments agreed to by the **Federal-Provincial-Territorial Forum on Housing**.
- The province finalized amendments to the **Blue Box Regulation**, addressing some municipal concerns.

AMO Advocacy on Automated Speed Enforcement

Earlier today, [AMO sent a letter](#) to the Premier and Minister of Transportation highlighting the important evidence-based role that automated speed enforcement (ASE) plays in improving road safety:

- Automated speed enforcement is making roads safer. Automated speed enforcement cameras in Toronto reduced speeding vehicles by 45 per cent.
- ASE is cost effective. ASE allows police officers to focus on other high-impact activities and net ASE revenues are reinvested in community safety improvements.
- ASE is supported by most Ontarians. Nearly three-quarters of Ontario drivers support the use of ASE in targeted areas like school zones or community centres.

Municipalities understand the need to use these tools thoughtfully and can be counted on to do so. AMO has sought to collaborate with the province to ensure that ASE is used effectively and to improve public understanding of their importance.

Federal Development Charges Advocacy

The federal government's election platform pledged \$6 billion federal funding over four years for Development Charge (DC) discounts of 50% for multi-unit residential housing projects. The platform also committed to working with provinces and territories to make municipalities whole.

AMO [has advocated to Minister Robertson](#) and his ministry that DCs are a long-term and relatively stable revenue source, and any federally mandated reductions to DCs will need to be replaced with a new, equally predictable, and sufficient revenue source.

The foregone revenue loss for Ontario municipalities would be significant. Federal funding must fully compensate Ontario municipalities with an increase

in direct, stable and multi-year funding to match the full municipal revenue loss from any reduction in DCs. Additional financing tools or short-term funding commitments will not be enough to support Ontario's long-term infrastructure needs.

AMO has also highlighted the broader issue of chronic underinvestment in Ontario's municipal infrastructure and called on the federal government to work with the province and municipalities to establish new and innovative mechanisms that will provide sustainable, predictable and enhanced funding for local infrastructure.

Federal Government announces new industrial strategy to combat US tariffs

Last week, Prime Minister Carney said to expect a fall budget with austerity and investment measures.

Providing more insight into the planned investments, the Prime Minister [announced](#) six new strategic measures. These measures are designed to support workers and businesses most impacted by US tariffs and trade disruptions. They focus on helping workers acquire new skills and businesses retool their production and diversify their products, finding ways to increase their sales nationally through new and existing programs.

One key initiative is the introduction of a new "Buy Canadian Policy" to boost domestic demand for Canadian businesses. As part of this new procurement policy, the federal government will provide a roadmap that provinces and municipalities can adopt for their own procurement practices. AMO will continue to work closely with the province to ensure new procurement measures – including this roadmap - reflect the needs of Ontario municipalities. AMO Policy will review and share insights on the "Buy Canadian Policy" and roadmap for municipalities once its released.

AMO will also monitor its [Major Projects Office](#), which is charged with fast-tracking nation building projects, for announcements that impact Ontario municipalities.

Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers Forum on Housing and Homelessness

The forum of federal, provincial and territorial ministers (FPT) across Canada met to discuss solutions to key housing and homelessness issues facing people in Canada. As detailed in a [news release](#), the forum focused on a

coordinated approach to advancing housing and homeless priorities and resulted in commitments to working together including to renew intergovernmental partnerships on affordable housing beyond the expiry of the National Housing Strategy (NHS) in 2028.

AMO is pleased to see this commitment for continued FPT collaboration. Continued NHS funding is crucial because of the role it plays in providing access to safe, affordable, and inclusive housing by increasing housing supply, improving housing quality, and supporting vulnerable populations. These contributions are essential to helping to strengthen the social and economic prosperity of communities. AMO stands ready to support the Ontario government in conversations with their federal counterparts through a Team Ontario approach.

Blue Box Regulation Amendments

On September 4th, the province [released](#) finalized Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg 391/21) amendments. The regulation shifts the financial and operational responsibility of the blue box program from municipalities to industry.

In July, [AMO sent a letter to Minister McCarthy](#) outlining municipal concerns about proposed Blue Box Regulation amendments. AMO is pleased to see that the government listened and adjusted some amendments in response. In particular, we are pleased that the province has:

- Delayed enforceable recycling targets by two years instead of five, and
- Delayed, instead of canceling, the expansion of service to multi-residential buildings.

AMO will continue to advocate for a strong recycling system where manufacturers are responsible for their packaging and incentivized to reduce waste.

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AMO Matters

AMO is partnering with the University of Waterloo's Work-Learn Institute to explore how work-integrated learning (WIL) can support long-term municipal workforce development. If you are a municipal CAO or HR manager, [please share your experience working with student co-ops and interns.](#)

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Register today for AMO's 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum where you will engage in important matters on local leadership. Join us October 18-19. With a mix of keynotes, panels, and interactive workshops, attendees will engage in thought-provoking conversations and explore ways to strengthen civic participation and governance in your communities. For more information click [here](#) and to register click [here](#).

Join your colleagues and experts in discussion on building Ontario's economic future October 24 at Toronto's Sheraton Centre. Understanding that the economic and diplomatic consequences will continue for many years, AMO is assembling members and subject matter experts to plan today for a stronger and more stable Ontario. [Program information is now available](#). Register [here](#).

AMO's fall education workshop line up is an opportunity for AMO members to strengthen understanding and leadership skills related to Indigenous community building, cyber security and communication strategies during emergencies. Check out the line up [here](#).

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Municipal Wire*

Strong municipalities are built on partnerships between elected officials and administrative staff. The [Top 10 Ways Mayors and Councils can support their CAOs and Senior Staff](#) highlights practical ways mayors and councils can provide support, build trust, and create the conditions for effective leadership and administration.

OMAA and the Ontario Municipal Human Resources Association (OMHRA) are pleased to release the [second edition of the CAO Employment Guide](#). This guidebook provides Mayors, Councillors, Human Resource Directors, and CAOs with practical tools for recruiting, employing, and evaluating a CAO.

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[Manager, Waste Disposal](#) - County of Essex. Closing Date: September 21, 2025.

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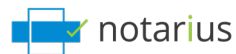
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AMO Policy Update – Federal Government Launches Build Canada Homes

Top Insights

- Yesterday, AMO's President and Executive Director were invited to Ottawa for the launch of **Build Canada Homes**. Ontario municipalities are ready to work with the province and federal government to transform the housing landscape and increase affordable, supportive and transitional housing in Ontario.

Federal Government Launch of Build Canada Homes

AMO welcomes the Government of Canada's [announcement](#) launching [Build Canada Homes](#), a new Special Operating Agency within Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC). AMO's President Robin Jones and Executive Director Lindsay Jones attended the announcement with Prime Minister Carney and Minister Robertson (Housing and Infrastructure of Canada).

Responsive to AMO's market sounding guide [submission](#), Build Canada Homes (BCH) will focus primarily on non-market housing, supporting a mix of income needs as part of a national effort to double housing construction, restore affordability, and reduce homelessness. BCH aligns with AMO's recommendations about Ontario's municipal priorities:

- The agency will work with municipalities, provinces, territories and Indigenous Communities to fight homelessness by building supportive and transitional housing with an investment of \$1 billion and will seek to pair these federal investments with employment and health care supports in provinces and territories.
- A new acquisition program to protect existing affordable rental housing, the \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund, will help the community housing sector in acquiring at-risk apartment buildings to ensure their affordability over the long term.
- BCH will also work with the private sector to deploy modern methods of construction to create a new Canadian housing industry using Canadian materials. Prioritization initially will be placed on creating 4000 factory-built units in six select Canadian cities, including Toronto and Ottawa, with additional capacity of up to 45,000 units across the portfolio.

BCH will be headed by Ana Bailão as the agency's Chief Executive Officer. As a former Toronto City Councillor and chair of Toronto Community Housing, Ana will bring her knowledge of housing in Ontario to the leadership position.

AMO will work with both the federal and provincial governments to ensure the conditions for BCH's success in Ontario given our unique municipal responsibility for community housing and homelessness prevention services. This will include working with the Ontario government to match federal capital dollars with provincial operating funding for the necessary wrap around supports for supportive housing. AMO looks forward to working with the federal government on the potential expansion of the initiative to create new factory-built units on federal lands in more Ontario communities – large urban, small urban, rural, northern and southern.

The federal government will announce additional measures in Budget 2025 to lower costs for builders and to catalyze private capital in homebuilding. AMO asks the federal government to avoid imposing new development charge (DC) exemptions or discounts. DCs have been a key funding source for municipal capital investments for decades. Reductions will be counterproductive unless DCs are fully replaced with another equally predictable and stable revenue source.

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September 18, 2025

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- Funding readiness, protecting communities: Apply for CEPG!
- Rural Ontario Development Program opens for applications.
- Ontario Community Environment Fund: apply by Sept 24.
- Household Food Waste Prevention Webinar.
- Applications open for 2025 Cyber Security Cooperation program.
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- Healthy Democracy Forum - Important conversations for October 2026 election.
- AMO Trade and Tariff Forum - Understanding and planning for Ontario's future.
- Canoe newsletter - new supplier updates.
- Upgrade your lights before they become obsolete.
- Pembina Institute Guide on Granting Municipal Support Confirmations.
- Register Today for OMSSA's 2025 Virtual Forum!
- IESO LT2 RFP Q&A Webinar Session.
- CAO Employment Guide.
- Ontario Professional Planners Institute launches Employer Readiness Course.
- AdvantAge Municipal Councillors webinar: The Current LTC Environment.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

AMO is partnering with the University of Waterloo's Work-Learn Institute to explore how work-integrated learning (WIL) can support long-term municipal workforce development. If you are a municipal CAO or HR manager, [please share your experience working with student co-ops and interns.](#)

Provincial Matters

Ontario has announced \$5 million through an application-based program to help increase emergency preparedness. Municipalities under 100,000 residents, that have not received the grant in prior years, are eligible to apply. [Applications are due October 28, 2025.](#)

The Ontario government is providing almost \$3 million through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) to support community-based projects that support and restore the environment.

The Ministry of Rural Affairs is accepting applications to the modernized [Rural Ontario Development \(ROD\)](#) Program. Applications are being accepted through to September 24, 2025.

Federal Matters

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Education Opportunities

Grow your understanding and capacity in the municipal role of protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples. This training is recommended for those seeking knowledge and tools to improve and strengthen Indigenous relations and to develop their own local leadership. View full Indigenous Community Awareness training details and register [here](#).

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Register today for AMO's 2nd Annual Healthy Democracy Forum where you will engage in important matters on local leadership. Join us October 18-19. With a mix of keynotes, panels, and interactive workshops, attendees will engage in thought-provoking conversations and explore ways to strengthen civic participation and governance in your communities. For more information click [here](#) and to register click [here](#).

Join your colleagues and experts in discussion on building Ontario's economic future October 24 at Toronto's Sheraton Centre. Understanding that the economic and diplomatic consequences will continue for many years, AMO is assembling members and subject matter experts to plan today for a stronger and more stable Ontario. [Program information is now available](#). Register [here](#).

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Keep up with the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) as it expands to meet even more of your needs. [Subscribe to the Trader Newsletter](#) for supplier updates, education opportunities, and special promotions.

Starting January 1, 2026 mercury containing lights will be prohibited. Be sure to include a [Facility Lighting upgrade](#) in your 2026 budget so you can keep your spaces lit. [Contact Christian](#) to learn how LAS can help.

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[Director, Transportation and Fleet Management Services](#) - City of Vaughan. Closing Date: October 17, 2025

[General Manager, Development Services - Town of East Gwillimbury](#). Closing Date: October 13, 2025.

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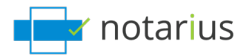
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Top Insights

- AMO continues to advocate to the province to work with municipalities on the effective use of **Automated Speed Enforcement** as a proven tool for improving road safety. AMO is sharing tools to help municipalities across the province amplify this advocacy.
- The province has announced allocation of its 2026 \$400 million **Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund**, with an increase to the minimum grant threshold.

Call to Amplify Automated Speed Enforcement Advocacy

Following the province's decision to enable Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) in 2019, there is real evidence that it is an effective and evidence-based tool for improving road safety in our communities.

AMO has been engaging with municipalities and stakeholders to understand the impact of the program across the province. The Ontario Association of

Chiefs of Police [released a statement](#) earlier today supporting the use of ASE tools as an important element in enhancing traffic safety.

AMO calls on Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria to work with municipalities and AMO to ensure the effective use of ASE and to improve public understanding of its importance to road safety.

For municipalities, AMO has developed a social media toolkit ([Images](#) and [Canva Templates](#)), [MPP letter template](#), and [resolution template](#) to support this advocacy with the province.

2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Allocation

2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund allocation notices were sent to eligible municipalities on Tuesday, September 16th. The province's [announcement](#) confirmed it is allocating the previously announced \$400 million provincial investment.

Under [the program](#), the province is providing \$400 million to 423 small, rural and northern communities for core municipal systems such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater. The province has also increased the minimum grant amount for municipalities to \$125,000 from \$100,000, which reflects the higher cost of building and the need for more infrastructure investment.

AMO welcomes the province's infrastructure investment and an increase to the minimum grant. As a predictable and reliable source of infrastructure investment, this fund is critical to enabling municipalities across the province to deliver the services Ontarians depend on.

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AMO Matters

MIDAS - the [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#) - provides access to Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data to all Ontario municipalities. MIDAS converts FIR data into meaningful reports and identifies multiple year trends. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks is accepting applications to assist municipalities and First Nations communities to develop source water protection action plans. Applications can be submitted until October 31, 2025. Contact SourceProtectionFunding@ontario.ca for more information.

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The 2026 municipal election is on the horizon. This year's *Healthy Democracy Forum* examines the critical issues leaders (present and future) need to consider regarding local engagement and civility. Program information is available here [here](#) and to register click [here](#).

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Municipal buildings account for a significant portion of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. [Show me the money webinar](#) on October 24 will explain the benefits of an energy focus while exploring and providing links to many sources of funding available to move your municipal projects forward.

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[Skills Development](#). October 15, 2025.

[Licensed Mechanic A - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: September 30, 2025

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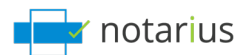
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Top Insights

- Premier Ford announced a province-wide ban on municipal automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras, which will be included in a fall Bill and, if passed, would take effect upon Royal Assent.
- AMO is disappointed with the decision, highlighting that ASE cameras have a proven record of increasing road safety, free up police to focus on other crimes, and are paid for by speeders, not taxpayers. A ban is provincial over-reach.
- AMO will advocate against the ban. It will also gather data from municipalities to quantify the ban's financial impact. This data will be used to request that the province fund the costs.

AMO's Response to the Planned Automated Speed Enforcement Ban

Yesterday, Premier Ford [announced](#) a province-wide ban on municipal ASE cameras. The ban, to be introduced in a fall Bill, would take effect upon Royal Assent if passed. Other elements of the plan include:

- Requirements for signs. Municipalities with existing ASE cameras in school zones must install large new signs to slow down drivers by mid-November 2025, with permanent, large signs with flashing lights to be in place by September 2026.
- A new provincial fund. A fund will be created for impacted municipalities to implement traffic calming road improvements, such as speed bumps, roundabouts, and signage, as well as public education initiatives.

AMO is disappointed the Premier is taking steps to ban municipal ASE. There is strong evidence showing that ASE cameras work. People slow down, making our roads safer and protecting all of us – especially kids. We all care about road safety, but we also care about community safety. ASE also frees up police to focus on high priority crime, which is what Ontarians want. Speeders – not taxpayers – pay the cost. If there's an issue of fairness or how the cameras are used, municipalities with AMO can work together with the province to address it. We can have safer streets, efficient enforcement, and fair enforcement. Further, municipalities need a broad range of tools to improve road safety. We are also concerned about continued provincial over-reach. This should be a local decision. Municipalities are an accountable, elected order of government.

AMO will continue to engage with the Ministry of Transportation, sharing our sector's concerns about a province-wide municipal ban and offering advice on potential program improvements. We will also provide comments to the Bill's Standing Committee. Our goal is to advocate for working with the province to improve – not ban – the ASE program.

As a next step, we will ask municipalities with ASE programs for data to quantify the financial impact of a ban, which will support our request for the province to fund the costs of their imposed ban if it proceeds.

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Media Release

September 3, 2025

For Immediate Release

Grow Your Business with Starter Company Plus Program

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County is excited to announce the upcoming launch of the [2025 Starter Company Plus Program](#), designed to support aspiring and early-stage entrepreneurs across the region.

Kicking off the program are three virtual information sessions to help individuals interested in the program learn its benefits and eligibility requirements.

Attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory for those interested in applying/ registering for the program.

Starter Company Plus is a provincially funded initiative delivered through Bruce County Economic Development in partnership with the Province of Ontario. It provides business owners aged 18 and older, whether launching a new venture or expanding an existing one, with access to:

- A grant of up to \$5,000
- Business training and mentorship
- Support to develop a business plan and pitch

The program is ideal for those launching or expanding a business, or those operating for five years or less.

Upcoming Information Sessions

To learn more about the program and application process, register for and attend one of the following [virtual information sessions](#):

- Thursday, September 4, 2025 – 12 to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – 6 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, September 13, 2025 – 2 to 3 p.m.

Register for an information session at www.businesstobruce.com/starter-company-plus.

Following the sessions, eligible participants may apply to the Starter Company Plus program. To participate in the program, each entrepreneur needs to complete the following steps:

- Participate in mandatory business training and mentorship workshops
- Develop a comprehensive business plan
- Present a business pitch to the Grant Review Committee for a chance to receive a \$5,000 business grant.

“Starter Company Plus not only helps individuals grow their businesses, but also strengthens our local economy by fostering innovation, collaboration and access to expert resources,” says Jeffrey Loney, Bruce County’s Director of Government Relations.”

Since 2017, Bruce County has supported 72 entrepreneurs through the program, continuing to build on our vibrant and resilient business community.

To learn more about Business to Bruce programs, workshops or to sign up for newsletter updates, visit www.businesstobruce.com.

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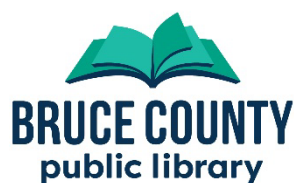
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Media Release

July 2025

For Immediate Release

Bruce County Public Library Launches Online Booking for Meeting Rooms and Book Club Kits

For Immediate Release Bruce County, Ontario:

The Bruce County Public Library (BCPL) is making it easier than ever to connect and gather with new online booking systems for Meeting Rooms and Book Club Kits.

Meeting Rooms

- Available at five branches, plus a study room at one additional branch.
- Each room offers unique features to meet the needs of organizers.
- The new online booking system includes a user-friendly calendar for quick booking requests.
- Rooms are free for non-profits, municipalities and Friends of the Library groups. Private and commercial rentals are \$10 per hour, with a one hour minimum. Proof of insurance is required at least 3 days prior to the booking date.

Book Club Kits

BCPL's Book Club Kits have also gone digital with an improved reservation system. Each kit includes 10 copies of a single title and can be borrowed for six weeks. Choose from over 100 titles. Simply browse, reserve a kit with your library card, and watch for an email to let you know the kit is ready for pickup.

Visit the [BCPL website](#) for details, photos, and easy-to-follow directions to reserve a room or Book Club Kit today.

About Bruce County Public Library:

[Bruce County Public Library](#) is committed to its role as a trusted community connector, digital community facilitator and community sharing place. Consisting of 17 Branches and a Bookmobile BCPL provides access to information, resources and programs throughout Bruce County.

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September is Smart Commute Month in Bruce County

Bruce County, Ontario: Bruce County is asking you to rethink your commute this September. It's Smart Commute Month, a time to highlight, celebrate and explore alternative ways of getting to work.

There are opportunities to win great prizes and learn more about improving your commute:

- **Take the Smart Commute Survey:** Whether you're working from home, biking, walking or taking transit, tell us how you get around by completing our short survey at www.brucecounty.smartcommute.ca. You could win one of five gift cards to shop locally!
- **Attend a Webinar:** Three engaging lunchtime webinars offer the chance to learn more about improving travel. Each session provides practical tips and insights, and each webinar has a chance for attendees to win a \$25 gift card. You can [register online](#) for the sessions which include:
 - Safe Winter Driving and Vehicle Preparedness – Thursday, September 11, 2025 from 12 to 1 p.m.
 - Mid-day Movement – Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 12 to 1 p.m.
 - Micromobility Devices – Thursday, September 25, 2025 from 12 to 1 p.m.

“Smart Commute Month is a great opportunity for individuals and organizations to rethink how they travel,” says Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development at Bruce County. “We encourage everyone to explore how Smart Commute can benefit them.”

By connecting drivers and passengers heading in the same direction, the [Smart Commute online platform](#) reduces the number of single-occupancy vehicles on the road, which helps lower emissions. Users can save money on fuel and parking costs while building connections with fellow commuters, creating a more efficient and environmentally responsible way to travel to work.

As a further step, Bruce County is actively promoting the [Smart Commute network](#), launched in November of 2024, to local business communities.

“Local employers can play a key role in addressing the transportation needs of Bruce County residents and we’re excited to see more organizations become part of Smart Commute,” says Bruce County Warden Luke Charbonneau.

Are You a Local Employer Interested in Participating?

Learn how your workplace can become part of [Smart Commute](#). Reach out to us at transit@brucecounty.on.ca to explore tools and resources that make commuting smarter, for your team and our community.

For more information about Smart Commute, visit www.brucecounty.smartcommute.ca.

For more information on transit services in Bruce County, visit brucecounty.on.ca/transit.

Background:

Bruce County is part of a growing network of municipalities offering Smart Commute programs, including those in the Greater Toronto Area, Hamilton, London and Greater Sudbury.

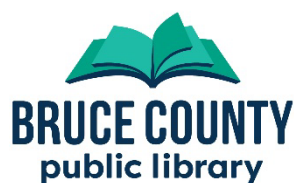
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For Immediate Release

Bruce County Public Library Recognizes National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Bruce County, Ontario:

Bruce County Public Library (BCPL) invites the community to join in recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with programs running through September and October.

BCPL will share stories from Indigenous creators to honour survivors, their families, and communities. Branches will host Truth and Reconciliation Story Times with books by Indigenous authors, and screen films such as *Beans*, *Indian Horse*, and *Bones of Crows*.

Truth and Reconciliation events will continue into October with a special presentation by Trish Nadjiwon Meekins. Trish will walk us through the treaties of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation. She has been teaching this topic for much of her life and is able to navigate the public's curiosity. This event will take place on Monday, October 7, 2025, from 7 - 8pm at the Walkerton Branch. Register online through the [Library's events calendar](#).

In cooperation with the Municipality of Brockton, BCPL will also host screenings of *The Secret Path* as part of the Walk for Wenjack:

- Friday, October 17, 2025, 3:30pm, Wiarton Branch
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 3pm, Walkerton Branch

"These programs give our community the opportunity to learn directly from Indigenous voices. Amplifying Indigenous stories is an essential part of reconciliation, and BCPL is proud to provide the space where people of all ages can learn together," said Library Board Chair Mark Goetz.

In addition to in-branch programming, exploration of BCPL's online catalogue and staff-curated book lists highlighting Indigenous voices is encouraged. The online

catalogue allows patrons to reserve and borrow stories by Indigenous authors year-round.

For full program details, including date, time, location, and registration information, visit the library website or your local Branch.

About Bruce County Public Library:

[Bruce County Public Library](#) is committed to its role as a trusted community connector, digital community facilitator and community sharing place. Consisting of 17 Branches and a Bookmobile BCPL provides access to information, resources and programs throughout Bruce County.

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August 2025

Important updates

MPAC showcases strategic direction at AMO session

From August 17–20, MPAC joined more than 2,000 municipal leaders, provincial representatives, and industry partners in Ottawa for the 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. This annual event is a key opportunity for collaboration, learning, and dialogue on the issues that matter most to Ontario’s communities.

This year’s conference was an important milestone as we shared MPAC’s new strategic direction, supported by our refreshed brand that reflects who we are today. Over the next several years, our focus will be on strengthening partnerships, delivering trusted property assessments, and supporting municipalities with the data and insights they need to plan for the future.



Throughout the conference, our team met with municipal officials from across the province to discuss local priorities, answer questions, and share how MPAC’s services and tools can help meet evolving community needs. Our booth at the trade show offered demonstrations of updated products, showcased our latest data solutions, and provided attendees with opportunities to connect directly with our specialists.

We also participated in key sessions and networking events, listening to the challenges municipalities are facing—from housing and growth management to fiscal sustainability—and discussing how MPAC’s expertise can be part of the solution.

We value the feedback and conversations that take place at AMO—they help us ensure our work remains aligned with municipal priorities and responsive to the diverse needs of communities across Ontario.

As we move forward with our new strategic direction, MPAC remains committed to delivering high-quality property assessments and innovative data solutions that empower municipalities to serve their residents effectively. The relationships strengthened at AMO are a key part of that commitment.

We thank everyone who visited our booth, participated in discussions, and shared insights during the conference. We look forward to building on these conversations in the months ahead.

For a recap of the conference highlights, [watch our video](#).

AMO launches Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan

Congratulations to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario on the release of their [Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan](#) at AMO2025! We're proud to support initiatives that foster stronger relationships, listening and learning, and honouring the rights of Indigenous Peoples across Ontario.

We are pleased to acknowledge the work of Municipality of Shuniah Mayor Wendy Landry, Chair, AMO Indigenous Advisory Council and valued member of the MPAC Board of Directors for her leadership in guiding the plan's development alongside the Indigenous Advisory Council members, including the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA), the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres (OFIFC), the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO), and Indigenous municipal officials.

New training program coming in 2026!

At AMO, MPAC announced the launch of an **Assessment-Based Management Training Program** coming in 2026. The program will help municipal staff strengthen their understanding of assessment and taxation, building the knowledge needed to safeguard the largest source of municipal revenue, ensure fairness in property taxation, and support fiscal stability and transparency across communities.

Through practical modules on MPAC Municipal Connect, data tools, and preparing for an assessment update, participants will gain skills to monitor assessment growth and identify properties that may be at risk.

Interested in learning more? [Contact your MPAC representative](#).



Upcoming webinars

MPAC's vision for data-driven municipal success

Join Jamie Bishop, MPAC Vice President, Public Affairs and Customer Experience, for our annual municipal update where you'll hear more about:

- MPAC's new strategic direction and what it means for municipalities
- How Ontario's property data can drive innovation and efficiency
- Tools and services that align with your local priorities
- Recent operational highlights, property insights, and market trends to support data-driven decision-making

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

[Register now](#)

Inside the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

Join representatives from MPAC, Agricorp, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) for an inside look at the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program. Together, we'll walk through each organization's role in program administration and highlight recent enhancements to the application process that are designed to improve the experience for property owners and municipalities alike.

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Time: 1 - 2 p.m.

[Register now](#)

To view recordings of all past webinars, visit mpac.ca or our [YouTube Channel](#).



MPAC on the move

We're hitting the road in September and October! Join us and hear more about our new strategic direction, the latest MPAC updates, and how we're working with municipalities to plan for the future:

- **September 7 – 10:** Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association (OMTRA) Conference in Huntsville
- **September 16 – 19:** Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) Conference in Niagara Falls
- **September 17 – 19:** Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) in Ottawa
- **September 28 – October 1:** Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) Conference in Huntsville
- **October 17:** Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) in London
- **October 19 – 21:** Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA) Fall Workshop in Niagara-on-the-Lake



Partnership spotlight:

Strengthening collaboration: Updates to MPAC's Municipal Liaison Group

Last month, MPAC's Director of Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, Mary Dawson-Cole, joined Regional Managers Anne Haines and Lynne Cunningham, along with Shane Manson, Senior Manager Revenue & Property Tax, City of Markham, for a municipal webinar spotlighting the Municipal Liaison Group (MLG) — a vital forum where municipal leaders and MPAC collaborate to support property assessment management and local decision-making.

Mary Dawson-Cole emphasized, "The Municipal Liaison Group is essential in fostering strong partnerships between MPAC and municipalities. As we update

our governance, we are committed to ensuring the group remains responsive, inclusive, and aligned with municipal priorities.”

The webinar outlined upcoming governance updates designed to strengthen MLG’s role and enhance collaboration across Ontario’s diverse municipalities. MLG actively engages sub-committees composed of municipal experts who provide valuable input on critical topics, enabling MPAC to better tailor its services to local needs. Municipal participation has been instrumental in many past successes, and with updated governance, MLG will continue to grow and strengthen as a trusted partner for municipalities across Ontario.

“I hope you’ll consider getting involved,” says Shane Manson. “It’s a great way to stay informed and help shape change—whether through the MLG or one of its sub-committees. You’ll be joining a trusted network of individuals across the province who bring diverse experiences, perspectives, and technical skills to the table, enriching conversations and providing continuous learning opportunities for all of us.”

For more on the Municipal Liaison Group, watch our July webinar [Inside MPAC’s Municipal Liaison Group: Innovating with partners across Ontario](#), and reach out to your Regional Manager with questions or to get involved.

Coming up in the next issue

MPAC is launching a campaign to raise awareness about the June 1, 2026 deadline for Ontario residents to update their school support designation—to ensure the most accurate voter lists for next October’s municipal and school trustee elections. Watch for supporting materials and more details in our October issue.



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Swimming advisory lifted for Kelso Beach

Grey Bruce Public Health has lifted the swim advisory for Kelso Beach after receiving test results from a new series of beach water samples that show bacterial levels have returned to within Ontario Ministry of Health guidelines for safe swimming/bathing.

“We would like to thank the residents of the City of Owen Sound and visitors to Kelso Beach for respecting the advisory. Beaches are posted as unsafe when bacterial levels in the water could pose a risk to human health,” says GBPH Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

Public Health, in consultation with the City of Owen Sound, had posted Kelso Beach as unsafe for swimming on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

The decision was made after GBPH received lab confirmation that water samples from the beach had bacterial levels exceeding Ontario’s recreational water quality guideline of a maximum of 200 *E. Coli* per 100 milliliters of water.

People who swim, play in, or use beach water with high bacterial levels are at an increased risk of getting sick or getting an infection.

Even if a beach is not officially posted as unsafe for swimming, Grey Bruce Public Health advises people to use their best judgment before taking a dip or allowing children or pets to swim or play in the water. Water quality can change from day to day or even hour to hour depending on the weather and other conditions.

Do not swim or play in beach water within 48 hours of heavy rainfall, if the water is so cloudy that you cannot see your feet at waist-deep, or if there is a large number of birds or algae in the water.

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Let's go Blue Jays!



Samm, Jen, Bethany and Randy are pictured above at the Rogers Centre in their Toronto Blue Jays attire.

In August, a group of enthusiastic friends boarded a Robinhood Tours bus for an exciting day trip to Toronto to cheer on the Blue Jays — and what a day it was! The 3-hour bus ride was filled with laughter, chatter, and the growing buzz of game-day excitement.

For many, the ride itself was a highlight. **"I had fun cheering the Blue Jays on, it was a fun day in general,"** said Catherine. **"The bus ride was fun and we made some new friends on the drive."**

The energy carried over to the Rogers Centre, where everyone cheered, sang, and even booed the opposing Texas Rangers — all in good fun, of course. **"It was a long journey but it was amazing for me,"** shared Randy. **"I enjoyed cheering on the Jays and booing the Rangers! I had a few issues with accessibility such as not receiving an accessible seat, which was very frustrating. I was able to go to the box office, and eventually a nice employee helped me find a seat! I plan to write a letter to the Rogers Centre so**

I can let them know how to do better accessibility-wise! I would love to go again sometime!"

For Samm, the experience was just as much about the people as the game itself. **"I had pizza at the ball game. I liked talking and seeing all the new people at the game. There were so many nice people to chat with! The bus ride was long, but I had a big nap. I want to go again next year!"**

Bethany also enjoyed the outing with friends and came home with a fun souvenir. **"I enjoyed going to a Blue Jays game with my friends. I would love to go again! I purchased a souvenir – a Blue Jays hat with polka dots!"** (translated)

Jennifer made a practical purchase while enjoying the experience: **"I had a great time at the game! I enjoyed taking the bus. It was nice having a bus take us to and from the game! I purchased a Blue Jays lanyard, which I carry my apartment keys on!"**

Thanks to Robinhood Tours and the Blue Jays for giving us a memory to cheer about. Until next time... go Jays go!!

A Wild Day at the Toronto Zoo



Pictured above is a photo collage of Bethany and Catherine at the Toronto Zoo.

Going to the Toronto Zoo had been at the top of my bucket list all year, so when I finally got the chance to go this summer, I could hardly wait! I've visited smaller zoos and animal sanctuaries before, but nothing compared to the size and excitement of Toronto's world-famous zoo.

From the moment we walked in, I felt the thrill of adventure. I was especially eager to see the giraffes — there's just something about their graceful long necks that fascinates me. And I wasn't disappointed! We also spotted lions lounging in the sun, zebras strolling the savannah, and penguins waddling about in their chilly enclosure.

One of the biggest highlights was exploring the Great Barrier Reef tank. We even got a behind-the-scenes tour and helped feed the fish — an unforgettable experience!

I was lucky to share the day with my friend Bethany, who had just as much fun. "I loved seeing all the animals at the zoo," she shared. "It was amazing to watch them in their habitats.

I wish we could've touched some of them! I also picked up a cute stuffed cheetah as a souvenir." (translated)

It was a day full of wonder, laughter, and memories we'll both carry for a long time. The Toronto Zoo did not disappoint — and I can't wait to go back!

— Catherine

My Life With Snakes



Pictured above is a photo collage of Shawn with his snakes.

Most people say dogs are a man's best friend, but for me, nothing beats spending time with my snakes. I grew up around them — my mom had ball pythons — and from the start, I was in love. For me, getting a snake was like other kids getting a puppy.

Right now, I have two ball pythons, also called royal pythons. Connie is six years old, golden brown, and I got her as a Christmas present when I was 13. Pajamas (Jammies for short) is only five months old. He's white with a dark brown head, so it looks like he's wearing a little onesie.

Ball pythons can live up to 25 years, so these two will be with me for a long time. I take their care seriously — making sure their tanks are humid, warm, and filled with plants and things to climb on. They also need places to hide so they don't get anxious. Cleaning, spraying, changing water, and feeding them frozen mice is all part of the routine. Never live food — it can hurt them!

The best part is how much personality they have. Connie makes me laugh because she always sniffs the corners of doors. She's adventurous, while Jammies is more of a cuddler. He likes being on my shoulder or in my lap. When the weather is warm enough, I'll sometimes take Connie out for a walk around town, and people are always curious. I love answering their questions and showing that snakes aren't as scary as they seem.

This summer I also had the chance to take part in Snake Appreciation Day at Ripley Botanical Gardens. It was one of the highlights of my year. Seeing so many children handle a snake filled me with joy and excitement. One positive experience with an animal almost always leads to more positive experiences in the future. It's hard to be afraid of the known, after all. I was also glad to be able to explain and share my wealth of knowledge with so many others. Watching kids (and even some adults) get over their fears was amazing.

And it wasn't just about reptiles — I also tried wood-fired flatbread nicknamed "snake skins," along with jams made from strawberries, dandelions, and lilacs grown right there in the gardens. I joked that eating it made me feel like an isopod — a little critter that sometimes eats actual snake skins. (Fun fact: isopods are actually crustaceans, like crabs, not bugs!)

Caring for snakes takes work, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. I love Connie and Jammies, and I'm already dreaming about adding a boa constrictor to the family someday.

- Shawn O'Brien

Stretching, Laughing, and Feeling Great



Pictured above is a photo collage of a yoga session held this summer at Shakti Rhythm.

This summer we got to enjoy a private yoga session at **Shakti Rhythm** with **Eric**, and what a session it was! Eight participants joined in, and everyone brought their energy, enthusiasm, and amazing attitudes.

Many of the participants already knew Eric, so the class started with a quick catch-up before moving into the flow. Eric tailored the session to everyone's abilities, offering modifications as needed, and kept everyone engaged with jokes, silly faces, and playful encouragement.

The room was filled with laughter and positive vibes the entire time — it was impossible not to smile! By the end of the class, everyone was not only stretched and rejuvenated, but also in an incredible mood. It was a perfect reminder of how movement, fun, and community can brighten a day. Thank you, Eric!

A Summer of Adventure and Growth with Youth Connections



Pictured above is a photo collage of Youth Connections Team Lead Becca, with participating youth, showcasing a variety of experiences they had this summer in the program.

This summer, Youth Connections was bursting with adventure, learning, and fun! Our participants explored a wide variety of activities that helped them grow, connect, and create memories to last a lifetime.

The youth dove into volunteer opportunities across the community, visiting **Allies for Alley Cats**, **PAWS**, and the **Kincardine Trails**. They developed valuable skills while caring for animals — from chickens and ducks to puppies and cats — and took pride in keeping our trails clean and safe for everyone. Watching two puppies grow over the summer at PAWS was a highlight for many, and the joy of interacting with friendly animals brought smiles all around.

We also went on eye-opening tours of local landmarks, including the **airport**, **police station**, and **McDonald's**, learning about different roles, responsibilities, and career paths. Some even got a once-in-a-lifetime experience with a flight offered by a local pilot — a thrilling adventure the youth won't soon forget!

Outdoor adventures were another big hit. At **Camp Kintail**, youth tried archery, rock climbing, slingshots, nature walks, a giant slide, and, of course, s'mores. Many challenged themselves by conquering fears on the high ropes and rock wall. At **MacGregor Point Provincial Park**, they explored pond ecosystems and observed local wildlife, followed by a live animal show

showcasing birds and conservation lessons. Our journey through the **Bruce County Museum** offered interactive exhibits on archaeology, history, and local heritage, bringing learning to life through touch, smell, and play.

Of course, summer wouldn't be complete without pure fun! At **Family Funland**, youth raced go-karts and showed off their mini golf skills. Yoga, lawn bowling, cooking, art classes, and board games provided new experiences, sparked creativity, and even encouraged thoughtful conversations about budgeting and personal growth.

Beyond skills and activities, the greatest takeaway was the friendships formed. Laughter, teamwork, and shared experiences helped participants build patience, compassion, and a deeper sense of community.

All in all, it was an extraordinary summer filled with learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences. Youth Connections continues to grow and thrive, and it has been incredible to watch our youth reach new goals, try new things, and shine in every way possible.

- Becca, Youth Connections Team Lead

Upcoming Events & Activities



October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

Every October, Disability Employment Awareness Month (DEAM) promotes the inclusion of persons experiencing a disability in the workplace and celebrates the many and varied contributions that people with disabilities bring. It is an opportunity to celebrate and discuss employment inclusion.



Baby & Me Groups

Running every Thursday from 10-11am

Our weekly Baby and Me Groups are back! Programs will rotate each week through Baby & Me Music, Baby & Me Early Literacy, and Baby & Me Gross Motor and Movement.

Please visit our [website](#) and/or follow us

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Tech Compass: Expert Digital Support for Tourism Businesses

Tech Compass continues to support tourism businesses across Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe counties with customized, one-on-one help to streamline technology and improve operations. Funding is close to being fully allocated. If you've been considering it, now's the time to move! Applications will be reviewed on a first-come basis and spots are going fast.

Wondering what kind of impact it can have? Here's how one local operator made the most of it:



"Tech Compass provided practical, targeted advice tailored to the specific needs of our business."

Kevin McKague, Owner - [Mill Pond Gallery, Bookstore, and Cafe](#)

Whether it's improving your online presence, simplifying your tech, or making digital tools actually work for you, Tech Compass can help.

[Apply Now!](#)

Funding & Business Support

Destination Canada – Tourism Sprint Program

Destination Canada has recently launched the Tourism Sprint Program (TSP) – an application-based, cost-sharing program that funds short-term projects focused on creating innovative tourism products and supporting new tourism investment. The program aims to quickly address barriers to investment through targeted funding over a limited project timeline to unlock broader tourism opportunities and enhance Canada's competitive position in the global marketplace. To learn more about the program, please consult the [TSP Program website](#) and/or the [TSP Program Guidelines](#).

Those interested in applying are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by **September 12, 2025**,

5:00pm PT as a first step in the application process. To view the full application process, please click [here](#), to access the EOI form, please follow this link: [Tourism Sprint Program – Expression of Interest \(EOI\) Form](#).

Retail Modernization Project Grant (RMPG)

The RMPG is delivered by the Ontario Centre of Innovation on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development Job Creation and Trade. It helps retail businesses with the purchase of effective digital equipment and software to help them transform and grow. Eligible retail businesses can receive up to \$5,000 in support to adopt and implement digital technologies, hardware and software. The funds are available on a first come first served model, while funds last. Learn more at [oc-innovation.ca](#).

Rural Ontario Development Program

The ROD Program provides cost-share funding for projects to help rural communities create strong businesses, boost economic growth, protect jobs and improve infrastructure in small communities. Eligible organizations include municipalities, not-for-profits, Indigenous communities or organizations, a local services board, and small businesses with 1 to 20 employees.

Learn more about the program by visiting [Ontario.ca](#) and [register to attend](#) a free information webinar on September 10, 2025 (times listed on websites linked above).

Applications are open until **September 24, 2025**.

The Business Ice Storm Assistance (BISA) Program

The new BISA Program provides one-time financial support to small businesses, small farms and not-for profit organizations for eligible costs related to the March 2025 ice storm. The deadline to apply is **October 31st, 2025**.

You may be eligible for support for emergency and clean-up expenses and costs to repair or replace essential business property. Check out the impact area on the [ice storm map](#) and refer to the [program guidelines](#) for a detailed list of eligible and ineligible costs specific to your type of organization.

Bruce County "Spark" Program



Featured Webinars, Workshops & Events

For a full list of upcoming events and opportunities for learning and development, please visit RTO7.ca/Events.

- **September 10, Creating Great SEO Content with AI, virtual from 1 to 3 pm**
Learn to create high-performing SEO content faster and smarter. Perfect for scaling your strategy without sacrificing quality! [Sign up](#) for the free [Jelly Academy](#) workshop now!
- **September 17, Introduction to AI in the Workplace, virtual from 8:30 to 9:30 am**
Join Workforce Development Board, Simcoe Muskoka Skillforce and Muskoka-Kawartha Employment Services for a live webinar that will explore AI tools for recruitment and discuss ethical considerations. All webinar attendees will receive a policy template developed by Harbr HR for Use of Artificial Intelligence that they can adapt for their own workplace. [Get your free ticket here](#).
- **September 18, Show Up & Stand Out: The Business of Being Seen, in-person from 9 am to 3 pm**
Join the Orillia Area CDC for a high-impact day of learning, networking, and discovery. The annual

lunch and learn is \$40 pp, taking place at Casino Rama, and space is limited. Register at www.orilliacdc.com.

- **September 18, Intro to AI for Tourism Professionals, virtual from 3 to 4 pm**

This free monthly intro to AI virtual workshop is hosted by The Tourism A.I. Network and provides a hands-on introduction tailored for tourism professionals. Learn how AI can transform workflows, improve efficiency and increase creativity in your work. [RSVP to attend here](#).

- **September 23, MATA Stakeholder Open House, in-person from 7 to 9 pm**

Join Discover South Bruce Peninsula tourism stakeholders for an evening of connection and collaboration at Pinewoods Golf Club in Sauble Beach. Please [complete the registration form](#) to attend for free.

- **September 24, Understanding Your Audience Through Data & AI, virtual from 1 to 3 pm**

- Discover who your customers really are using AI to analyze their online behaviour. No more guessing games! [Sign up now](#) for the free [Jelly Academy](#) virtual workshop.

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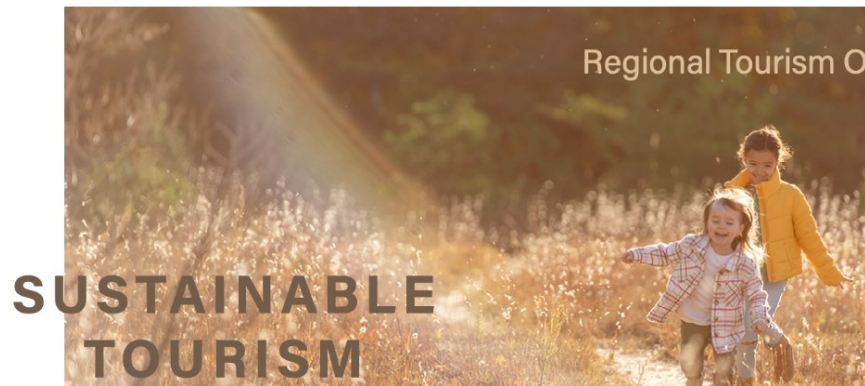


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Subject: Upcoming Clean Energy Events

Good morning,

As promised, we're sharing additional information on two important upcoming events.

The first being the **Toronto Regional Board of Trade** event, presented in part with the Green Ribbon Panel: [***Securing Canada's Energy Future: From Resilience to Global Leadership***](#) on September 26th at The Quay in Toronto. Please see below for additional information, the incredible list of speakers and for registration information.

Secondly, our annual **Clean Energy Frontier Conference** is being hosted at NII Advance Campus on October 21st & 22nd. Registration is open until September 30th. Additional information, the agenda and registration can be found here: [***Clean Energy Frontier Conference: Agenda & Registration***](#).



Global demand is climbing. Energy security is now an economic priority. Canada has the resources, talent, and technology to lead — but leadership means action.

On **September 26**, the **Green Ribbon Panel** returns with a sharpened mandate: advancing policy solutions that secure Canada's energy future and drive economic resilience, with nuclear and made-in-Canada clean technologies at the forefront.

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- ✓ First look at the Green Ribbon Panel's renewed mission and policy priorities
- ✓ Insights on how nuclear and clean tech can power national competitiveness
- ✓ Perspectives from industry and Indigenous leaders driving innovation and workforce development
- ✓ Candid discussion on Canada's path in a shifting geopolitical and energy landscape

 **Friday, September 26, 2025**
 **8:00 – 10:00 AM** (Networking breakfast included)
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Please feel free to share this information with colleagues who may be interested.

Thank you,

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September 16, 2025

Survey: How Tariffs and U.S. Travel Shifts Shaped Your Summer

Earlier this year, TIAO asked you to share your expectations heading into summer as tariffs and U.S. trade tensions put pressure on Ontario's tourism sector. Now that the season is behind us, we need your input again.

This quick post-summer survey will capture the real impacts on your business and community. Your responses will provide TIAO the information need to:

- Educate government on the urgent realities facing our sector
- Provide credible, data-driven stories to the media

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- Show the public why tourism is essential to Ontario's economy and recovery

Every response strengthens our collective voice. By taking just 7 minutes, you'll directly influence how tourism is prioritized in Ontario's economic response planning.

The survey closes **Monday, September 23 at 9 pm.**

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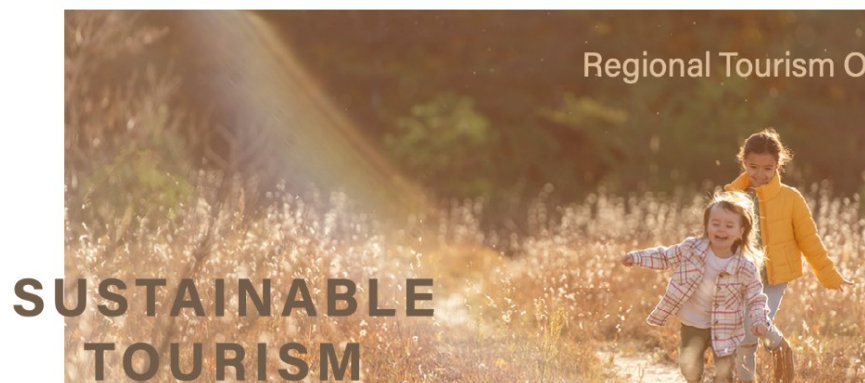
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Subject: Join us for the Sarnia clean-up this weekend! Learn about our One Water Gathering event and the BeBot helping to clean the Great Lakes.



One Water Gathering

Protecting Lake Huron Together

This international event brings professionals and partners from both sides of Lake Huron together to explore the Canadian lakeshore and celebrate a sustainable future for Lake Huron. Through programming, networking, and outdoor field trips, this full-day event focuses on how we can advance water quality protection and healthy, sustainable communities on both sides of the lake. Registrants should be ready for an active morning walk. Wear your walking shoes and dress appropriately for wind and precipitation.

When: Friday October 3rd, 2025 from 8:30am - 4:00pm

Where: Huron County Museum (110 North Street Goderich, ON N7A 2T8)

Cost: The day's programs (including lunch) is \$60.00 CDN.

What to bring: Comfortable walking shoes, dress for the weather.

For the full agenda and to register click the link below.

Space is limited, so don't wait—register now to be part of this exciting opportunity to connect and learn more about Lake Huron!

More details and registration

This event is brought to you by Lake Huron Forever, a collaboration of community foundations and conservation partners from the United States and Canada working to advance water quality protection and healthy, sustainable communities on both sides of the lake.

Lake Huron Forever

Sarnia 'First of Fall' Beach Clean-up

Before we fully say goodbye to summer, let's give our beaches one last shine! Join us for LHCC's "First of Fall" Beach Clean-Up at Canatara Park on Saturday, September 20th.

Last year, over 120 Lambton College students rolled up their sleeves to make a difference—and this year, we're excited to team up again with student-led clubs and community partners for another great day of community action.

Are you a high school student in Sarnia looking for volunteer hours? This is your chance to get involved, meet new people, and help protect the shoreline we all love.

We'll have buckets and gloves on hand, but please bring your own if you can. Don't forget closed-toed shoes and a reusable water bottle to keep you safe and hydrated while you clean.

When: Saturday, September 20th from 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Canatara Park, Sarnia (meeting near the public washrooms)

Why: Because clean beaches = happy communities!

See you there!

Sign-up & learn more



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Meet BeBot

The Robot Helping Clean Our Great Lakes

This August, a beach cleaning robot, the BeBot was on the shores of Lake Huron! The BeBot is an electric, remote-controlled robot that is being used as part of the Great Lakes Plastic Cleanup (GLPC), a project led by Pollution Probe and the Council of the Great Lakes Region. This project aims to use innovative technologies to capture plastic pollution in the Great Lakes, partnering with collaborators binationally. The GLPC brought BeBot to several provincial parks through the summer, including Inverhuron Provincial Park in August.

As BeBot moves along the beach, it sifts the sand to capture debris, including small pieces of litter like cigarette butts and bottle caps. It skims up to 10 cm under the surface, removing hidden garbage that would otherwise remain on the beach.



LHCC had the opportunity to collaborate with GLPC to host three events in which volunteers were invited to assist in sorting and categorizing debris removed by BeBot. Volunteers helped separate collected garbage from organic material, ensuring that litter was removed and natural debris remained on the beach.

Overall, the BeBot picked up lots of foam of varying sizes, several fragmented pieces of plastic, numerous cigarette butts, food wrappers and waste, and toys and trinkets left behind on the beach. Thanks to the amazing volunteers who showed up to represent Lake Huron in this Great Lakes wide initiative!

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Donations directly support Lake Huron Coastal Centre's conservation programs. These programs help provide shoreline communities with unique ways to connect with nature while working to protect the health of Lake Huron.

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September 24, 2025

Announcement: Bill Sullivan to Retire as CEO of RTO7

We would like to share the news that Bill Sullivan, CEO of the Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7), has announced his decision to retire at the end of this year.

Bill has been with RTO7 since its very beginning, serving as CEO for 15 years. During that time, he has led the organization through both periods of growth and challenging times, including the pandemic. Many of you have had the opportunity to work with Bill over the years, and know firsthand his commitment to our region and his ability to adapt and lead as circumstances and markets changed.

Throughout his tenure, Bill has been a champion for tourism across Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe counties. He has consistently focused on building strong partnerships, advocating for communities and businesses, and ensuring that our region had a strong voice with the Ontario government, the Ministry, TIAO, and industry partners across the province. His leadership has been instrumental in securing investments in tourism marketing and development, and in strengthening our position as a region.

Bill has provided ample notice of his retirement, allowing time for a smooth transition. More details about the recruitment process and next steps will be shared in the coming days.

While we will miss Bill’s steady hand, thoughtful leadership, and unwavering dedication to the industry, we are grateful for all that he has accomplished and wish him every happiness in his well-deserved retirement.

Please join us in thanking Bill for his outstanding leadership and many contributions to tourism in Bruce, Grey, and Simcoe.

Scott Allison
Chair, Board of Directors, RTO7

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Media Release

Sept. 25, 2025

Grey Bruce Public Health promoting rabies prevention strategies ahead of World Rabies Day

Sept. 28, 2025, is World Rabies Day, an opportunity to raise community awareness about rabies and how people can protect themselves and their loved ones from the viral disease.

The World Health Organization has established [“Act Now: You, Me, Communities”](#) as the theme for World Rabies Day 2025. The theme highlights that everyone has a role to play in rabies prevention and, ultimately, achieving the goal of eliminating the virus worldwide.

Grey Bruce Public Health is taking this occasion to remind residents of steps that can be taken at the individual level to reduce rabies risks.

“Although human cases of rabies are very rare in Canada, we know the virus continues to circulate, with bats being the most common carrier in southern Ontario. Because of this, it’s important for Grey-Bruce residents to remain vigilant about potential rabies risks and ways to prevent the virus’s spread,” says Senior Public Health Manager Andrew Barton.

Rabies is usually transmitted to humans through the saliva of an infected animal, which can occur via a bite or scratch. If left untreated, rabies is almost always fatal in humans.

In Grey-Bruce, with the exception of bats, there has been no evidence of rabies in wild or domestic animals in the past 10 years.

Although most bats are not rabid, some do carry the disease. GBPH advises people to [bat-proof their homes](#) and cottages over the winter, especially if bats have been found inside in the past.

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“By sealing gaps and ensuring vents and other openings are screened, you will significantly reduce the chance that you will come into contact with a bat,” Barton says.

Foxes, skunks, and raccoons are also more common carriers of rabies.

To prevent the risk of contracting rabies from wildlife, residents are urged to:

- Never pet, feed, or handle wild animals;
- Teach children to stay away from wild or stray animals;
- Never touch dead or sick animals; and
- Never keep wild animals as pets.

To keep the risk of rabies low in Canada, pet owners are reminded that they have a [responsibility to vaccinate](#) their dogs, cats, ferrets, and horses. Pet owners are also urged to not allow their pets to roam freely. If their pet bites or scratches someone, pet owners are asked to share their information with the victim.

GBPH [investigates potential animal exposures](#) to assess the risk and rule out the risk of rabies. Normally, this is achieved using a 10-day confinement period for dogs and cats involved in a bite or scratch incident. Other confinement periods for different animals, such as some farm animals, are occasionally needed.

Other management methods are also available, such as testing animals that have died following an exposure. When required, rabies post-exposure prophylaxis is available to ensure the victim is protected from the virus.

If a person is bitten or scratched by an animal, Public Health advises them to immediately clean and flush the wound with soap and water for 15 minutes and then seek assessment and management from a healthcare provider. Healthcare providers must contact Public Health to investigate potential rabies exposures.

For More Information:

To connect with the Medical Officer of Health or the program manager, please contact:
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“The still waters of a lake reflect the beauty around it. When the mind is still, the beauty of the Self is seen reflected in it.”

- B.K.S Lyengar

The Lake Huron Forever Newsletter is sent out quarterly as a way to celebrate network accomplishments, highlight upcoming opportunities, share information, and better connect network partners.

We encourage you to share your stories, achievements, and insights to help us build a stronger network and sustain a healthy Lake Huron Forever. Check out our [Network Directory](#). Send in project updates, resources, or upcoming opportunities to be featured in our next newsletter.

[Send updates here!](#)

Upcoming Events



Register Now! - One Water Gathering 2025

This international event brings professionals and partners from both sides of Lake Huron together to explore the Canadian lakeshore and celebrate a sustainable future for Lake Huron. Through programming, networking, and outdoor field trips, this full-day event focuses on how we can advance water quality protection and healthy, sustainable communities on both sides of the lake.

This year's gathering takes place in Goderich, Ontario – the first Canadian shoreline community to adopt the Lake Huron Forever Pledge.

Cost of registration for the day's programs (including lunch) is \$60.00 CDN. Those seeking accommodation can book at a special conference rate of \$199/night at Dreamz Inn, 79271 Bluewater Hwy, Goderich. Phone +1 855-524-7396.

For interested participants who may need support in traveling to and attending this year's One Water Gathering, please send an email to info@huronpines.org to inquire about possible travel stipends to help defray costs.

The morning includes a guided walk to water-related projects in and around Goderich. Attendees must be able to walk 3km on various terrains, bring proper footwear, and dress according to weather conditions. Reach out to maddie@huronpines.org if you have concerns about any barriers to attendance.

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Webinar - Invasive Species Prevention in Lake Huron



Learn about the threats invasive species pose to Lake Huron and what is being done to protect Lake Huron. Join on October 21, 2025 at 11 am CT (12 pm ET) for a one-hour public webinar, *Invasive Species Prevention in Lake Huron*, as part of the *Let's Talk Lake Huron!* webinar series.

Learn about key aquatic invasive species threatening Lake Huron and their impacts on the food web. Hear how the Great Lakes Spawning Whitefish and Invasive Mussels (SWIM) project is addressing the impact of invasive mussels on the Lake Whitefish population. Also find out the latest updates on sea lamprey management in Lake Huron.

Guest speakers include Jason Ritchie (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources), Bo Bunnell (United States Geological Survey) and Shawn Nowicki (Fish and Wildlife Service).

This webinar is free, open to the public and suitable for anyone who is passionate about the Great Lakes! [REGISTER HERE!](#)

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Youth Volunteers Tackle Microplastics, Habitat Restoration Along Huron Coast



The shores of Kincardine, Ontario are cleaner and more resilient thanks to the efforts of the [Coastal Youth Conservation Corps](#) (CCYC) this summer. Organized by the [Lake Huron Coastal Centre](#), CCYC offers youth aged 14-18 hands-on experience in coastal ecosystem management, shoreline dynamics and restoration work. Participants gain practical field experience while making a direct impact on their local coastal environment.

During a week of volunteer stewardship activities along the shore of Lake Huron in July, a dozen members of CCYC restored native vegetation and removed plastic litter along Station Beach to the south of Kincardine Pier.

The combination of transplanted grasses and plant plugs installed by CCYC with the help of Coastal Centre staff will act as a living fence, capturing windblown sand to enhance the existing dunes. The plants were installed in two clusters within the “no-swim zone,” an area of Station Beach prone to strong rip currents. These native plants will help stabilize the dunes and make the shoreline more resilient to wave erosion.



Less obvious is how these youth collected thousands of nurdles—tiny beads used in plastics manufacturing—and other microplastics concentrated in the sand near the pier. While some conservation efforts may not be as visible as others, they are certainly important and valued. Litter collection leaves the shore in a healthier, more natural condition and reduces plastic ingestion by wildlife.

In Goderich, CCYC participants removed young invasive buckthorn shrubs along the Maitland Trail, and pulled invasive garlic mustard and Himalayan balsam from Sunset Park. Afterwards, they planted native grass and ninebark to further restore the area. They also conducted a shoreline cleanup of Black's Point, collecting plastic litter and numerous tires. While there, they found phragmites growing and were able to remove this fast-spreading invasive species before it could take over the shoreline.

CCYC is generously supported by Bruce Power, Enbridge, John Hindmarsh Environmental Trust Fund, Lions International of Goderich and McCall Foundation.

Learn more about CCYC at lakehuron.ca/ccyc.

Exploring Plant Diversity, Wild Rice at Tawas Lake Day



Barely a mile from Lake Huron and a short flight from Tawas Point, Tawas Lake provides essential stopover habitat for migratory birds and acts as a giant stormwater filter for the surrounding watershed. Maintaining the natural condition of Tawas Lake, like other inland lakes, streams and marshlands in Northern Michigan, is essential to the long-term health of our Great Lakes and is therefore a priority for partners in the Lake Huron Forever initiative.

At 1,600 acres, Tawas Lake is the largest inland lake in Michigan's Iosco County. It's also shallow, reaching a maximum depth of just five feet, and water levels are influenced by Lake Huron's 20-year cycle of highs and lows. Change is constant at Tawas Lake—the good kind of change that allows its thriving community of native aquatic plants to ebb, flow, share space and persist—but invasive species threaten to bring big changes in a bad way.

Huron Pines and its conservation partners at MSU Extension, Michigan EGLE, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Tawas Lake Association work together to monitor for and manage invasive aquatic species at Tawas Lake. Invasive plants like Eurasian milfoil, narrowleaf cattail, starry stonewort and others all have the potential to severely disrupt this sensitive ecosystem by outcompeting native ones, making these monitoring and treatment efforts crucial in preserving the lake's natural character. During the paddle, attendees visited a cordoned-off area where diver-assisted removal of Eurasian watermilfoil is underway.



On Aug. 8, 32 people met up for an evening paddle tour of the lake during the annual Tawas Lake Day, where Huron Pines and its partners shared this important conservation work with the public and introduced them to some of the lake's unique natural features.

The most visible of these—and perhaps the most important for wildlife and people—is the expanse of wild rice covering much of the lake. This is Michigan's largest wild rice bed, providing vital forage for migratory waterfowl, habitat for fish and other native plants, and a culturally important food for the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe who know, steward and harvest it as manoomin.

Below the surface exists a complex network of more than 40 species of native plants, each providing an essential function in this hidden world. They create dense underwater forests for small fish and amphibians to shelter, take up extra nutrients into their tissues and fix the soft lake bottom in place with their roots. One species, bladderwort, uses underwater traps to capture and digest tiny prey. The opportunity to see such biodiversity in a single body of water isn't just rare, it's practically unheard of.

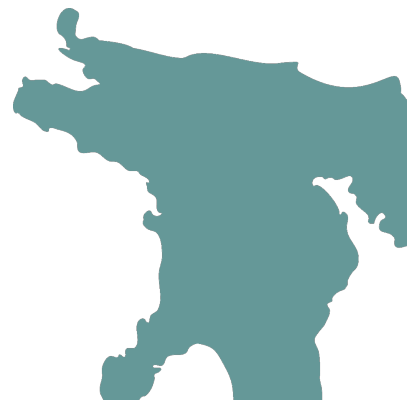
"The sheer diversity of native plants here is unmatched in our data so far," said Olivia Coskie, an MSU master's student who was among a number of researchers conducting a plant survey of Tawas Lake. "It's phenomenal."

Enjoy a deeper look at Tawas Lake Day in the gallery [here](#).

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The Lake Huron Forever initiative was developed in 2019 by shoreline community foundations and conservation partners from the United States and Canada to advance water quality protection and healthy sustainable communities on both sides of the lake. The Lake Huron Forever initiative aims to support community conversation and collaboration in the design and implementation of on-the-ground work to strengthen the health and well-being of residents, as well as natural resources. In the coming years we strive to engage communities and activate collaboration and partnerships to sustain a healthy Lake Huron through the Lake Huron Forever initiative.



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September 24, 2025

Jodi MacArthur, CAO
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Dear Ms. MacArthur,

The Members (Board) of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) are announcing the forthcoming retirement of the MVCA's General Manager - Secretary Treasurer, Phil Beard.

Phil has been with the organization for 46 years and has been the General Manager – Secretary Treasurer since 1998.

Phil has brought tremendous patience, grace and dignity to his position and has built an excellent team, and a great legacy that has been, and will continue to be, appreciated by the residents in our watershed.

A recruitment process is underway to support a planned transition ahead of Phil's retirement on July 3, 2026.

The MVCA's key programs including flood and erosion services that protect life and property, agricultural stewardship initiatives, and the protection of natural areas for residents and visitors throughout the Maitland River watershed will continue.

Our congratulations go out to Phil as together we make this transition.

On behalf of the Members,

Ed McGugan
MVCA Chair



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RECOMMENDATIONS

1 Safeguard Canada's flood insurance market and reduce disaster recovery costs by continuing to invest in resilient critical infrastructure, businesses, and homes.

- 1.1** That Natural Resources Canada continues to invest and build on the 4-year commitment (2022/23-2025/26) of \$15 million for Ontario and \$164.2 million across Canada through the Flood Hazard Identification Mapping Program (FHIMP). This will deliver the most up-to-date data to local governments and decision-makers, informing long-term planning and ensuring new and existing development can be insured.
- 1.2** That Natural Resources Canada continues to invest further to the 4-year commitment (2024/25-2027/28) of \$4.1 million for Ontario and \$41 million across Canada into the Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities (CRCC) program and build on the existing investment to co-develop long-term funding solutions with provincial and municipal governments to scale local adaptation actions and reduce insured losses.
- 1.3** That Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada continues to invest and build on the 14-year commitment (2018/19-2031/32) of \$4 billion for the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) to repair and address aging water and erosion control infrastructure, protecting large capital assets such as dams, dykes, channels, and erosion control structures vital to public safety and to keep flood and erosion hazards from becoming costly disasters.

2 Unleash economic opportunities by bolstering local food supply chains through continued investments in resilient agricultural landscapes.

- 2.1** That Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada continues to invest further to the 5-year commitment (2023/24-2027/28) of \$56.7 million for Ontario through the Resilient Agriculture Lands Program (RALP) to support local farmers in implementing nature-based solutions that strengthen the long-term viability and prosperity of Ontario's farmland and watercourses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3 Build one Canadian economy by investing in local and entry-level employment through conservation programs that fight climate change.

3.1 That Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) partners with Conservation Ontario to deliver the Canadian Nature Protection Fund through a \$12 million investment in 2025-2026. This will build on the \$23.6 million investment that has been made by ECCC since 2021 under the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund and Canada Nature Fund where Conservation Authorities leveraged \$35.2 million in matching funds through municipal, local, regional, and watershed partners.

3.2 That Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) continues to partner with Conservation Ontario and Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities to foster local and entry-level employment through the Canada Summer Job Program.

4 Uphold binational and provincial commitments to protect the Great Lakes and Canada's freshwater.

4.1 That the Canada Water Agency and ECCC continue to invest, on average, \$50 million annually into local projects under the Great Lakes Freshwater Ecosystem Initiative (GLFEI) to adhere to the commitments made under the Canada-United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) and to strengthen and renew the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health (COA), protecting our shared boundary waters.



THE CHALLENGE

Flooding is the leading cause of public emergencies in Ontario

Conservation Ontario and Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities play a vital role in safeguarding our communities from the devastating impacts of flooding and erosion. By collaborating with municipalities, provincial ministries, federal departments, and agencies, Conservation Authorities deliver local cost-effective programs and services to our watershed residents that are grounded in science and reduce the physical and financial risks that can take years for communities to recover from. Conservation Authorities' proactive approach to flood management ensures that homes, businesses, roads, hospitals, and critical municipal infrastructure are built outside of floodplains and accessible by first responders.

Ontario's strong land use policies have reduced flood hazard risks to existing housing compared to other provinces. The successful collaboration between Conservation Authorities, the province, and local governments in prohibiting development in high-flood risk areas, effectively minimizes flood risks to housing.¹

THE OPPORTUNITY

Strengthen Canada's Front Line of Flood Defence

Investments in local flood management delivered through Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities are a proven, cost-effective strategy that:

- 1 Supports Canada's National Adaptation Strategy and fights climate change.
- 2 Reduces disaster recovery costs, business disruptions, and insurance claims.
- 3 Enhances resilient infrastructure and public safety.
- 4 Advances the implementation of nature-based solutions.

Despite our best efforts, in 2024, extreme flood events across Southern Ontario caused extensive damage to homes, businesses and municipal infrastructure, resulting in \$1 billion in insured losses emphasizing the need for continued local investments.²

¹Canadian Climate Institute. (2025). Close to Home: How to Build More Housing in a Changing Climate. [chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://climateinstitute.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Close-to-Home-Report-Canadian-Climate-Institute.pdf](https://climateinstitute.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Close-to-Home-Report-Canadian-Climate-Institute.pdf)

²Insurance Bureau of Canada. (2025). Toronto and GTA Flash Flood Anniversary Underscores Urgency of Severe Weather Preparedness. <https://www.ibc.ca/news-insights/news/toronto-and-gta-flash-flood-anniversary-underscores-urgency-of-severe-weather-preparedness>

ONTARIO'S EXPERTS IN FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND RESILIENCE



In 2025 and 2026, Conservation Ontario and Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities remain committed to advancing our shared priorities that protect communities and local businesses, fueling the fastest-growing economy in the G7. Our ongoing collaborations:

- 1 Reduce risk to people and property from flooding and erosion events through hazard mapping studies.
- 2 Bolster local mitigation, prevention, and adaptation actions against flood and erosion events through cutting-edge hybrid, green and grey infrastructure projects.
- 3 Foster resilient agricultural lands through the implementation of innovative nature-based solutions.
- 4 Safeguard the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River water quality and lead scalable coastal resilience actions.

ACHIEVING RESULTS THROUGH LOCAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Conservation Authorities:

- 1 **Monitor and model flood conditions across 402 municipalities**, ensuring early detection of flood events for our communities.
- 2 **Issue over 300 flood warning messages each year** to watershed and coastal communities across Ontario, enhancing public safety and minimizing costly disruptions to businesses and essential services.
- 3 **Manage \$4.1 billion of flood control and prevention infrastructure**, including 987 dams, dykes, channels, and erosion control structures.
- 4 **Regulate development in hazardous areas and have mapped 26,800 km of flood-prone areas** delivering the best available data to decision-makers.



 Kawartha Conservation Authority

Conservation Authorities

Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities are local, watershed-based, natural resource agencies located throughout the province. They are legislated under Ontario's *Conservation Authorities Act* and serve as Source Protection Authorities under the *Clean Water Act*. **Click here to find your local Conservation Authority.**

Conservation Ontario

Conservation Ontario is the member organization of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities, working with all levels of government to advocate for funding to enhance watershed programs and services.

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