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Friday, July 31, 2026

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Council

**FROM:** Lindsay Chase  
Revenue Services Supervisor

**DATE:** July 31, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Upcoming Tax Sale

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This memo is to notify Council that a sale of land by public tender will be held September 3, 2026. The tax sale process is legislated under the Municipal Act, 2001 with Ontario Regulation 181/03 outlining the Municipal Tax Sale Rules. As per the legislation, the City will advertise the tax sale in the Welland Tribune, the Ontario Gazette and on our website. A copy of the advertisement is attached.

Tenders will be received until 3 p.m. on September 3, 2026 at City Hall on the first floor in Finance. They will be opened the same day as soon as possible after 3 p.m. at City Hall in room 108/109. Tender packages will be available for download on our website and for pick up at City Hall in Finance.

Property owners or interested parties, of the advertised properties, are able to cancel the sale of land by public tender by paying the account in full by certified cheque or bank draft prior to the time the deed has been transferred into the new owner's name.



**FORM 6  
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**

*Municipal Act, 2001*

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WELLAND**

**Take Notice** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 3, 2026, at the City of Welland Civic Square, 60 East Main Street, Welland, Ontario, First Floor – Finance.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. in rooms 108,109 at the City of Welland Civic Square, 60 East Main Street, Welland.

**Description of Lands:**

1. Roll No. 27 19 040 012 11900 0000; 201 MAJOR ST., WELLAND; PIN 64115-0002 (LT); LT 22, PL 579; LTS 32-37, PL 579; PT LANEWAY, PL 579, (AS CLOSED BY BB80171, RO281476 & BL37), AS IN RO681645; S/T BB44078, BB80172, RO702424 WELLAND; File No. 24-01

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$ 595,000

**Minimum tender amount: \$ 1,219,569.41**

**Please Note:** A "Certificate of Requirement" has been registered on title to the land in File 24-01, PIN 64115-0002 (LT); Copies of the Provincial Officer's Order are available in the Tender Package and at the Municipal Office

2. Roll No. 27 19 030 015 02802 0000; KING ST., WELLAND; PIN 64122-0020 (LT); PT LT 49 PL 565 PT 2 59R5065, S/T RO683141 & T/W AA85965; WELLAND; File No. 24-02

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$ 14,300

**Minimum tender amount: \$ 14,192.38**

3. Roll No. 27 19 030 016 18400 0000; 23 JUSTINA CRT., WELLAND; PIN 64124-0040 (LT); PCL 24-2 SEC 59M199; PT LT 24 PL 59M199 PT 3 59R8317; WELLAND; File No. 24-06

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$ 193,000

**Minimum tender amount: \$ 69,673.26**

4. Roll No. 27 19 060 006 13101 0000; 850 SOUTHWORTH ST. S, WELLAND; PIN 64408-0061 (LT); LT 730 PL 939; WELLAND; File No. 25-06

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$ 185,000

**Minimum tender amount: \$ 56,157.12**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests or any other matters, including any environmental concerns, relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value according to the last returned assessment roll may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

TAKE NOTICE: Where a refund is claimed by a qualifying first-time Homebuyer under the Land Transfer Tax Act, the Municipality requires the purchaser to retain legal counsel to complete the transfer.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Mayor, Council and Residents**

**FROM: Tara Stephens, Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk**

**DATE: July 31, 2026**

**SUBJECT: 2026 Municipal Election – Accessibility Review of Voting Locations**

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As part of ongoing preparations for the 2026 Municipal Election, staff have completed a comprehensive accessibility review of all proposed voting locations to help ensure electors can participate in the voting process in a safe, convenient, and accessible manner.

The Election Coordinator has conducted site visits to each proposed voting location using an accessibility-focused approach. Reviews included consideration of several factors that may affect voter access, including:

- Availability and proximity of accessible parking spaces;
- Walking distances from parking areas to building entrances;
- Barrier-free routes and pathways of travel;
- Ease of entry and exit from voting locations;
- Presence of stairs and availability of elevators or alternative accessible routes; and
- Overall accessibility and suitability of each location for electors with varying mobility and accessibility needs.

In addition to the site reviews, staff met with the City's Accessibility Advisory Committee to discuss the proposed voting locations and obtain feedback regarding accessibility considerations. Following this consultation, no concerns were identified with respect to the accessibility of the proposed voting locations.

Staff are pleased to report that all but one of the proposed voting locations remain unchanged from the previous municipal election. Based on the assessments completed and feedback received, staff are satisfied that the proposed locations provide accessible voting opportunities for electors and support the City's commitment to an inclusive and barrier-free election process.

The City of Welland remains committed to ensuring all electors have equitable access to participate in the democratic process. Accessibility considerations will continue to be monitored throughout election planning, and staff will conduct ongoing reviews of voting locations leading up to Election Day to identify and address any changes that may impact accessibility, including facility modifications, construction activities, or other unforeseen barriers. Accommodations will be provided where possible to support voter participation and ensure an accessible voting experience for all electors.

Residents are encouraged to review information regarding voting locations on the City's election webpage at [2026 Municipal Elections - Welland](#). Individuals with questions, accessibility concerns, accommodation requests, or feedback regarding voting locations are encouraged to contact the Election Coordinator at [election@welland.ca](mailto:election@welland.ca).



MUNICIPALITY OF  
SHUNIAH

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Jul 21, 2026

Resolution No.: 265-26

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Town of Whitby regarding a Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Leader of the Official Opposition, and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Amended

☐ Deferred

Wendy Landry  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 1X8

June 25, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas  
Supervisor, Legislative Services  
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Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - [clerk@whitby.ca](mailto:clerk@whitby.ca)

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Pickering-Uxbridge - [peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)  
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Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario - [amopresident@amo.on.ca](mailto:amopresident@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities

## Village of Merrickville Wolford

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May 26, 2026

### **Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

**Resolution #:** R-24-05-25-26

**Moved by:** Councillor Maitland

**Seconded by:** Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca).

Thank you.



Julia McCaugherty-Jansman  
Clerk



May 7, 2026

### **Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques**

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

**Moved by:** Ian Fraser

**Seconded by:** Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

**Carried.**



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July 21, 2026

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

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

**Re: Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review  
and Reform of Provincial Offences System**

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Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Huron OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their July 20, 2026, Meeting:

**Resolution: 37-2026**

**Moved by: Member Lamport**

**Seconded by: Member Anderson**

**That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and**

**That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.**

**Result: Carried**

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

**Kendra Webster**  
Administrator (Municipality of South Huron)  
Huron OPP Detachment Board  
[kwebster@southhuron.ca](mailto:kwebster@southhuron.ca)  
519-235-0310 extension 232

Encl.

cc:

Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria;

[prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org](mailto:prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org)

Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy;

[peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org](mailto:peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org)

MP for Huron-Bruce, Ben Lobb; [ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca)

MPP for Huron-Bruce, Lisa Thompson; [lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org)

AMO [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)

ROMA, [roma@roma.on.ca](mailto:roma@roma.on.ca)

All Ontario Police Service Boards

All municipalities in Ontario



The Corporation of the Township of  
**NORTH STORMONT**  
**RESOLUTION**

**Date:** July 21, 2026

**Resolution No.** 185-2026

**MOVED BY:**

Mayor F. Landry  
Deputy Mayor S. Densham  
Councillor A. Bugelli  
Councillor A. McDonald  
Councillor C. Shane

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**SECONDED BY:**

Mayor F. Landry  
Deputy Mayor S. Densham  
Councillor A. Bugelli  
Councillor A. McDonald  
Councillor C. Shane

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WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;  
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;  
AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;  
AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;  
AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;  
AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;  
AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;  
AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH STORMONT supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.  
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, the Executive Director of MFOA, Donna Herridge, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all municipalities in Ontario.



**Clerk's Department**  
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July 28, 2026

Premier Doug Ford  
Premiers Office, Room 281  
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Toronto, ON  
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**Sent by Email:** [doug.fordco@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.fordco@pc.ola.org)

**RE: Clearview Council Support Resolution – Request for Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques**

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Please be advised that at its meeting held on July 27, 2026, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Huronia West O.P.P Detachment Board in their request for traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques.

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor Dineen, Whereas history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

Whereas the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

Whereas the commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

And Whereas such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children;

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the Huronia West O.P.P. Detachment Board in their request for the Province of Ontario to expand their stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

And That this resolution be sent to the following:

- Premier Doug Ford
- Minister of Transportation
- Minister of Finance

- MPP Brian Saunderson
- AMO
- ROMA
- All 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Motion carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC  
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Hon. Steven MacKinnon, The Minister of Transport  
Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, The Minister of Finance  
Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament – Simcoe-Grey  
AMO  
ROMA  
All 444 Municipalities in Ontario



## Township of Central Frontenac Office of the Clerk

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I hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution, approved by Township of Central Frontenac Council at its Regular Meeting of Council held July, 14, 2026, regarding Support for MFOA: Making Permanent the Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

### **Motion No. 2026-267**

**Moved by: Lynn Klages; seconded by: Phillip Smith**

**WHEREAS** recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

**AND WHEREAS** the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

**AND WHEREAS** increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

**AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Township of Central Frontenac supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure;

**AND THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, and the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy.

Dated at Sharbot Lake, Ontario

This 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026



Jody Legue, Deputy Clerk



Via: minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Honorable Todd McCarthy

**Subject: Request for Review of Extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders**

Dear Sir,

I am writing to request that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) undertake a review of the current regulatory framework governing one-pound single-use propane cylinders sold in Ontario.

Consumers purchasing these cylinders pay environmental stewardship or producer responsibility costs at the point of sale with the expectation that an appropriate end-of-life management system exists. In practice, however, accessible return and recycling opportunities for these cylinders are extremely limited across many parts of the province. Most retail locations that sell the cylinders do not accept them back, and consumers are often left with few or no practical disposal options.

As a result, municipalities have become the default managers of these products. Municipal waste facilities bear the responsibility, cost, and safety risks associated with collecting, storing, and managing these pressurized cylinders despite not being the producers or distributors of the product. Improper disposal also creates significant operational hazards at material recovery facilities, transfer stations, and landfills, including the risk of fires and equipment damage.

This situation appears inconsistent with the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), which are intended to shift the financial and operational responsibility for post-consumer products from municipalities and taxpayers to producers. When consumers contribute to environmental handling costs at the time of purchase, there should be a convenient, accessible, and effective collection system available to ensure the product is managed responsibly at the end of its useful life.

I respectfully request that the Ministry and RPRA review the current requirements applicable to one-pound propane cylinders and consider the following:

- Assess whether the existing producer responsibility system provides sufficient and accessible return opportunities for consumers throughout Ontario.
- Evaluate whether the fees collected from consumers are being used to establish an effective province-wide collection and recycling network.





- Require producers and retailers to provide convenient and publicly accessible take-back locations wherever these products are sold.
- Review whether municipalities are being unfairly burdened with the costs and liabilities associated with managing these products.
- Consider regulatory amendments to strengthen producer accountability and ensure the objectives of Ontario's circular economy and waste diversion policies are being achieved.

Municipalities should not be left to absorb the financial costs, operational challenges, and public safety risks associated with products for which producers have collected environmental stewardship fees. A well-functioning producer responsibility system should ensure that consumers have practical disposal options and that municipalities are not forced to subsidize the end-of-life management of these products.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further or provide examples of the challenges municipalities continue to face regarding the management of one-pound propane cylinders.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carrol  
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Tudor and Cashel Township

**Cc:** Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPR): [registry@rpra.ca](mailto:registry@rpra.ca)  
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All municipalities





The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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The Honourable Rob Flack,  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
and Housing -  
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July 29, 2026

RE: Town of Whitby's resolution regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on July 15, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-223:**

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 be received for information; and**

**Whereas Council supports Town of Whitby's resolution regarding the Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;**

**That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
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June 25, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



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July 30, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney  
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Dear Right Honourable Mark Carney,

### **Re: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick Haldimand passed the following resolution at their July 28, 2026, Municipal Planning/Regular Council Meeting:

*RES:20260728-38*

*That the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand participate in the “Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute”; and*

*That Council request the Province of Ontario continue to support initiatives that recognize, educate and preserve the history; and*

*That Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand respectfully urge the Government of Canada to issue a formal public apology to the British Home Children and Child Migrants and their families for Canada’s role in the British Child Migration Scheme; and*





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*That this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister responsible for Canadian Heritage, the local Member of Parliament, the Premier of Ontario, the local members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, FCM, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.*

Regards,

*Cassidy Sweet*

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Deputy Clerk

Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Encl.

Cc Honourable Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Official Opposition

Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture

Philip Lawrence, Northumberland – Peterborough South

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# British Home Children Advocacy & Research Association

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## Press Release

### Regarding: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants Sesquicentennial International Tribute

From 1869 right up to 1948, over 100,000 children of all ages were emigrated right across Canada, from the United Kingdom, to be used as indentured farm workers and domestics. Believed by Canadians to be orphans, only two percent truly were. These children, known as the British Home Children ("BHC") and Child Migrants, were sent to Canada by over 50 organizations including the well-known and still working charities: Barnardo's, The Salvation Army, Quarrier's and Fairbridge, to name a few. BHC are an integral part of the fabric of our nation - often, rightfully, called Canada's Nation Builders. Their vast contributions to our country should never be forgotten. Descendants of BHC, number in the millions in Canada alone!

The British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association ("BHCARA") is a Canadian based not for profit organization dedicated to the story of Canada's British Home Children (BHC). Founded in 2012 by Barrie, Ontario's Lori Oschefski, the BHCARA now reaches thousands of people through their Facebook group of over 6,700 members and their mailing list of over 4,000 subscribers. Our website now has over 1 million hits and we have a high media presence. The mandate of the organization is to promote the story of the British Home Children, to advocate for those who no longer have a voice and to provide free research help to those seeking their family histories; often providing closure from painful pasts.

On November 8, 1869 the very first party of BHC arrived in Canada, making 2019 the 150th anniversary of this arrival. The date of September 28th has been chosen for a special international tribute as this date is commemorated nationally as British Home Child Day in Canada; a unanimous passage of MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 in the House of Commons, Feb. 7, 2018. This initiative for this tribute started when BHCARA member Kim Crowder approached MS. Oschefski for support in the illumination of the High Level Bridge in her city of Edmonton, Alberta. Since then, many members have become involved reaching out in their communities for support. BHCARA member Tracy Smithers contacted Her Majesty the Queen and received a prompt letter of support back from her!

The BHCARA is asking communities to participate in the "**Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute**" by illuminating memorials, monuments, buildings, City Halls or other areas with the colours of the BHCARA; red, white and blue. Cities and towns are also participating by proclaiming this day as "British Home Child Day" in their community. Some cities are sharing this message on their digital billboards.

The tribute is a symbolic gesture showing these children, in their sesquicentennial year, are not forgotten. Many Canadian and UK cities have agreed to participate with over sixty-five supporters to date, including the iconic Niagara Falls, Toronto's CN Tower, The Northern Lights Display in Vancouver and St. Andrews House - Head Quarters of the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, Scotland. The Town of Midland and Orillia are participating by proclaiming September 28th as BHC Day in their cities. A full listing of our supporters can be viewed at [www.britishhomechildren.com](http://www.britishhomechildren.com).

The BHC are a critical part of our nation's fabric, this country was built on the backs of these children. We would appreciate your support in sharing the news of this important and extraordinary tribute to Canada's Nation Builders. A history of the British Home Children follows.

Very best regards  
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## **The History of The British Home Children**

### **By Roberta Horrox**

The British Child Migration Scheme officially started in Canada, in 1869, when Maria Rye arrived with sixty-eight children from England. In Canada, the children from this scheme became known as British Home Children. Maria Rye's idea grew to over fifty organizations sending over 100,000 to Canada between 1869 and 1948. These children ranged from a few months to 18 years of age; being sent to Canada to work as indentured labourers and servants. The child migration scheme was supported by both British and Canadian governments which paid organizations for each child sent, additional bonus fees were paid for sending more children; however, no bonus was paid for children from workhouses. This scheme was viewed as a win-win situation, as Britain reduced the cost of caring for many poor destitute children; while Canada gained cheap labour for a country that was just starting to expand. While many believe the children were orphans this was not the case, as only 2% were true orphans; the majority were from single parent families, most often due to a parent dying or from families that were poor and destitute. Many factors led to Britain having so many poor, destitute people. These children through no fault of their own were caught up in this tragedy. As child migration to Canada came to a halt, it increased to Australia with approximately 7,000 children being sent there. Child migration to Australia ended in 1970s. The major difference was that children sent to Australia were most often institutionalized. New Zealand took in 549 child migrants, with fewer children being sent to Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and Cape of Good Hope Colony in South Africa.

In Canada, while some of the children were treated well, most were seen as nothing more than cheap labour, some suffered abuse; some cases of horrific abuse resulted in death. Whether these children were treated well or abused one thing in common is the feeling of loss; loss of family, friends, country and culture. Some were sent to homes that didn't speak English. Often told by sending agencies that they were unwanted, uncared for, or that their parents had died, while their parent(s) were told they were adopted by good British families. If siblings arrived in Canada together they were more often than not separated once they got here. Although checks were suppose to take place on a regular basis, things fell short due to vast number of children, lack of enforcement, shortage of inspectors, the immense distance, and difficulty traveling to remote places in order to perform the checks on the children. When inspectors did visit, the children didn't necessary get to speak to, or even see, the inspector; and if they did it often occurred with the master present. Therefore the children would hide the truth for fear of being reprimanded or further abuse.

Many British Home Children were stigmatized by members of the communities they came to live in, often being told they were street rats, guttersnipes and a multitude of other derogatory terms. If a British Home Child lived in a community and something bad happened, usually a British Home Child was blamed. They had no one to turn too, no one to stick up for them, they suffered in silence. As a survival mechanism they shut down, blocking memories; they became silent of their trauma, silent of any abuse; silent and ashamed of their past, and their lives as British Home Children. Most carried this stigmatism throughout their lives, refusing to tell even their immediate family where they had come from. Some children had their names changed or spelling of names became corrupted, while some where too young to know their correct names, birthday dates, or the names of their parents. These children were not given the necessary documents to prove who they were; this became an issue when they became older wanted to travel, or needed proof of identity such as applying for pension. The children were promised an education, the vast majority did not receive the education promised. Silently and unwittingly aspects of their traumatic experiences were often passed down to their children. For instance, as a corruption of their BHC experience, when they became older with families of their own they were unable to show love or affection for their own children. During WWI nearly every eligible British Home Boy voluntarily signed up for the Canadian Expedition Force; 1,000 Home Boys paid the ultimate sacrifice. The most common date of death was April 9, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

In Nov 2009, then Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, issued an apology for their role in the Child Migration Scheme; then in Feb 2010, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown issued an apology for Britain's role. In Canada, Canadian Parliament declared 2010 Year of the British Home Child. On Feb 16, 2017 the Canadian House of Commons issued an apology and on Feb 7, 2018 MP Guy Lauzon's private member's motion M-133 was unanimous passed making Sept 28th, National British Home Child Day in Canada. To date our prime minister has not issued an official apology on behalf of the government.



On January 31, 2019, the Government of the United Kingdom issued a press release entitled “Ex-Gratia Payment Scheme for former British Child Migrants” to compensate former child migrants that were still alive on March 1, 2018, “in recognition of the fundamentally flawed nature of the historic child migration policy”. In a background Statement, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse Interim (UK) report stated, “The Government has long acknowledged and accepted, assessment at the time of the national apology in 2010 and went further, calling it a ‘shameful episode of history’ and this failure in the first duty of a nation, which is to protect its children”. For the Child Migrants sent to Canada this payment is much too late, as so few are still living.

BHC organizations in Canada, and Child Migrant organizations in Australia and the UK that have been formed to give voices to all British Child Migrants. These organizations were formed to help educate the public on The British Child Migration Scheme, as well as help descendants search and reconnect with lost family members. Of note, “The Guest Children” who were children sent to Canada by their parents for protection during the war are not part of the British Child Migration Scheme. The two are entirely different, but often misconstrued.

With this year being the 150th anniversary of British Home Children in Canada; work continues to give these children their voices.

The following website is excellent resource: British Home Child Advocacy and Research (BHCARA) - CEO Lori Oschefski website <https://www.britishhomechildren.com> BHCARA also has a facebook group