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*** AGENDA *** Tuesday, June 10, 2025 **START TIME 6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
- 2. Staff and Committee Reports.
- 3. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the May 27, 2025 Council Meeting.
- 4. Resolution: Submit comments on Bill 17, *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and development approval process.
- 5. Resolution: Support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's submission on Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*.
- 6. Resolution: Support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's submission on Bill 2, *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act*.
- 7. Review Draft Road Side Brushing Procedure and Policy.
- 8. Resolution: Support the Powassan & District Union Public Library Lifejacket program.
- 9. Resolution: Approve the Summer Newsletter for circulation.
- 10. Correspondence.
- 11. Accounts to pay.
- 12. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held June 10, 2025.
- 13. Adjournment.

Council meetings will be held in person at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre and virtually utilizing the Zoom platform; and will be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube channel.

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MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING Tuesday, May 27, 2025

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Mayor Dave Yemm and Councillors Lisa Chalapenko, Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott.

Staff: Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman; Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Land Planning and Technology Administrator John-Paul Negrinotti; Deputy Treasurer-Office Assistant Kim Turnbull; Deputy Clerk-Administrative Assistant Kristin Linklater and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Shelly Foote: EMS Advisory Committee.

Councillor James Scott: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, Powassan and District Union

Public Library Board.

Mayor Dave Yemm: District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, Golden Sunshine Non-Profit

Municipal Housing Corporation (the Pines).

R2025-091 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

That the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held May 13, 2025, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2025-092 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

That we donate \$100 to Near North Crime Stoppers. Carried.

R2025-093 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

That we donate \$100 to Almaguin Highlands Secondary School in support of the Graduation Awards Program. **Carried.**

R2025-094 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That we accept the resignation of Kassie Mulder from the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee. **Carried.**

R2025-095 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we award Tender NIP-PW-2-2025 for delivery and stockpile of winter sand, 4,000 Tonnes, to Miller Paving at a cost of \$103,479.75, including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2025-096 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT we award Tender NIP-PW-3-2025 for delivery and stockpile of:

7/8" Crushed Quarry Granite, 1,500 Tonnes and Crushed Quarry B Granite, 1,500 Tonnes to Evan Hughes Excavating.

7/8" Crushed Quarry Granite, 1,500 Tonnes \$28,730.25 including applicable taxes.

Crushed Quarry B Granite, 1,500 Tonnes \$28,730.25 including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2025-097 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we award Tender NIP-PW-4-2025 for Reseal of 4.7 km (Lakeview Drive, Lillian Drive, Muskeg Road, Marion Drive and Hunters Bay Road) to Duncor Enterprises Inc., total tender price \$147,885.13 including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2025-098 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we award Tender NIP-PW-9-2025 for supply, crush and apply approximately 12,000 tonnes of 7/8" crushed quarry granite to Black Creek Road North, Black Creek Road South, Lambs Road, Ponderosa Road, Butterfield Road, Lingenfelter's Road, Sprucedale Road, Granite Hill Road, Rye Road to Civic #650, Old Nipissing Road North and South; to PD Brooks Haulage and Construction, total tender price \$263,335.20 including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2025-099 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we re-issue Tender NIP-PW-10-2025 for the replacement of Stone Cutter's Road Pipe Arch Culvert to broaden bidder interest. **Carried.**

R2025-100 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we authorize the submission of a grant application to the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) for the replacement of the Bear Creek Culvert and South River Road Culvert project. **Carried**.

R2025-101 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

WHEREAS the imminent failure of the South River Road Culvert has been identified after the passing of the 2025 Budget;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing authorizes:

- 1. The acceptance of a Quotation from Armtec for the supply of the pipe required for the replacement, expansion and installation of an overflow pipe to repair the current issue and address future needs of the asset.
- 2. The amount required for repair of this culvert be taken from the Capital Reserve account, acknowledging that this amount was not included in the approved 2025 Budget. **Carried.**

Council received a staff report from the Operations Superintendent and the Municipal Administrator regarding the studies required to prepare for the Hummel Bridge Replacement Project.

R2025-102 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we receive the Staff Report submitted by the Operations Superintendent and the Municipal Administrator regarding the studies required to prepare for the Hummel Bridge Replacement Project; AND that we authorize the procure of the Priority 1, 2 and 3 Studies within that report to further prepare for the Hummel Bridge replacement once appropriate funding is secured;

AND that this Resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of Powassan for their authorization to begin this work and agreement to the shared payment of costs. **Carried.**

R2025-103 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

That we receive the correspondence report as presented. **Carried.**

R2025-104 C. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That the statement of accounts dated: May 10, 13, 15, 21 and 22, 2025.

Totaling \$77,360.07 be approved. **Carried.**

R2025-105 J. Scott, S. Foote:

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public as authorized by Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, for consideration of the following subject matter:

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

Council to receive an update on an ongoing Insurance Claim matter.

Time: 7:21 p.m. Carried.

Staff members John-Paul Negrniotti, Kim Turnbull and Kristin Linklater left the meeting.

R2025-106 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 7:42 p.m. Carried.

R2025-107 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

That we pass By-Law 2025-18, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 27, 2025.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 27th day of May, 2025. **Carried**.

R2025-108 S. Foote, J. Scott:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:44 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held June 10, 2025. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

Minutes prepared as per Section 228 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25. Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council. Minutes to be approved by Council at the next regular Council Meeting.



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: June 6, 2025

From: John-Paul Negrinotti, Land Planning & Technology Administrator

Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

Re: Comments on Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025

Background:

Council received notification on the proposed changes being sought by Bill 17 in a Memo from Township planning consultants MHBC and from the Township's Land Planning & Technology Administrator at the May 24, 2025 meeting.

There were questions and concerns on the proposed changes and all information was not readily available. Council had requested that comments be composed and information researched in order to address the concerns.

Results:

The proposed 10% "as of right" variance to set backs not requiring the Minor Variance
procedure. Concerns were raised regarding building in the flood plain, disruption of the
water yard requirement and vegetation and the side yard set back to provide fire break
protection of dwellings and structures.

The following clarifications were received from MHBC:

- A. To date, there are no prescribed regulations that have been issued by the Province to determine exactly how and where this would work.
- B. The proposed development would have to be within a prescribed percentage of the required setback on specified lands.
- C. Specified lands are parcels of urban residential lands outside of the Greenbelt Area, and exclude areas such as hazardous lands, and lands near shorelines and railways.
- D. From our initial review, any properties along the shoreline or within the floodplain would not have this regulation apply.
- E. There is still the Provincial interest of "the protection of public health and safety" under the Planning Act which should address concerns about fire buffers.
- F. We understand that there are requirements under the Ontario Building Code when it comes to fire separation and building standards for buildings, that govern these types of issued in different municipalities.
- G. What the potential 10% clause means in this case is that a new building could be located 5.4 metres from a side lot line, as of right (if passed in legislation). If there are concerns with this, then the Township could potentially look at increasing the standard on the basis of separation between buildings in the rural area.

- H. The intent is to reduce minor variances where new buildings and structures are close to the minimum setback.
- Proposed regulation changes for Complete Application Requirements may start a time clock on an application that would prevent adequate information be gathered and required studies would no longer be accepted, denying Council and Committee of Adjustment members crucial information needed to make informed decisions.

The following clarifications were received from MHBC:

- A. Similar to above, there are no prescribed regulations that have been issued by the Province to determine exactly how and where this would work.
- B. Descriptions on how this would work has not been specified by the Province nor have they provided some examples.
- C. It's an opportunity for us to comment and say "RPPs should provide planning reports," PEngs for engineering reports" etc.
- D. In terms of processing, there is a difference between "deeming an application complete" and reviewing the application and providing comments to the professional through the process.
- E. The intent of the process is that applications are deemed complete "sooner" in the process there is still an opportunity to go back and forth with the professional.

As a result of the clarifications received, it is staff's recommendation to refrain from providing additional comments on Bill 17. When AMO provides an opinion on Act 17, Council may wish to support or review the recommendations made and amend any proposed comments to be submitted.

Respectfully,

John-Paul Negrinotti, Land Planning & Technology Administrator Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE:

June 10, 2025

NUMBER:

R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports efforts to increase economic opportunities within the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act*, provides improvements to processes to allow for streamlined and enhanced approvals by overriding municipal by-laws and authority;

NOW THEREFORE we support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's submission to the Standing Committee on the Interior on Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025*;

AND THAT we request that the Province consider enhancing the collaborative working relationships with municipalities and Indigenous communities, pooling knowledge and ensuring the proper supports are available and in place to move forward with Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and review of environmentally protected areas.

For Against

CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



Unleash our Economy by Protecting Communities

AMO'S SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE INTERIOR ON BILL 5, PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT, 2025

May 26, 2025

Executive Summary

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is pleased to provide comments on Bill 5, *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act*.

AMO and Ontario's municipalities commend the provincial government for its strong, decisive leadership regarding the threat posed by tariffs and related measures, which could have devastating impacts on Ontario's economy, residents and communities. As a sector that invests \$68 billion annually in Ontario, municipalities are critical economic partners. We have significant tools to contribute to the province's response to financial upheaval. Municipalities are committed to working with the province and business partners to foster economic opportunities and strengthen our economy in the face of evolving global trade dynamics. Our local economies, natural and human resources, and the businesses and industries situated in Ontario municipalities are the foundation of Ontario's economy and prosperity. Ontario's municipalities will always support and assist the province, especially in times of challenge and uncertainty. AMO and its members in every part of Ontario are confident that our communities and province are resilient, innovative and competitive, and ready to work together to continue to build our shared social and economic prosperity.

In this context, AMO understands the impetus behind Bill 5 and the need to try different approaches to supporting economic projects, provided that important objectives such as health, safety, environmental protection, community well-being and Indigenous rights and relationships are upheld.

Municipalities are committed to fostering economic opportunities and strengthening our economy amid global trade dynamics. If used responsibly and collaboratively, Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have the potential to drive growth more efficiently. SEZs will require strong municipal and local partnership to succeed. The use of SEZs to override local bylaws should only occur with host municipal support and in cases of extraordinary need. AMO calls for municipal inclusion in developing the SEZ regulatory framework.

We are encouraged by the province's commitment to robust environmental protections and fulfilling its Indigenous consultation obligations. This is a critical opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and stronger relationships with Indigenous rights holders. We underscore that economic prosperity is tied to health,



safety, and environmental well-being. Therefore, we urge the province to ensure legislative changes are applied judiciously and ensure continued protection for the environment, including species-at-risk and natural habitats.

Protect Municipal Autonomy and Fiscal Sustainability

Municipalities are committed to fostering economic opportunities and support efforts to strengthen our economy in the face of evolving global trade dynamics. Municipalities are eager to ensure that host communities experience the benefits of this growth including job creation, assessment growth, and economic opportunities for local businesses.

However, the use of SEZs as described in Bill 5 would allow the province to unilaterally override municipal decision-making by exempting SEZs from municipal by-laws. Municipal by-laws cover a wide range of topics, from ensuring municipalities have funding to deliver growth-enabling infrastructure, to delivering emergency services, and executing local housing and economic development initiatives. Without limits on how SEZs are identified, and which by-laws would be exempt, municipalities are concerned that the use of SEZs to bypass local deliberation on proposed projects may not deliver on the promise of supporting economic growth. Instead, SEZs may hinder or prevent these projects from moving forward.

SEZs should not be used to exempt projects from by-laws that impact municipal revenue including development charge by-laws, property tax by-laws, or fees and charges by-laws. The revenue collected under these types of by-laws is essential to ensuring that municipalities can fund the essential infrastructure that economic projects need to thrive. Exemptions would – at best – result in municipal property taxpayers having to fund the cost of infrastructure needed to service new projects, or direct funding from other critical projects. At worst, exemptions could leave host municipalities unable to deliver growth-enabling infrastructure, hindering the ability of projects in SEZs to move forward.

Similarly, extreme caution should be used when considering exempting SEZ projects from by-laws that are intended to plan for or coordinate municipal growth. For example, using an SEZ to locate a project outside of planned growth areas may have similar



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challenges for coordinating and delivering infrastructure. But even smaller matters controlled through municipal by-laws (such as those overseeing safe road access points) could have adverse effects on the safety of existing residents.

While municipalities are concerned about the potential unintended impacts of SEZs, we also recognize that if used constructively, SEZs can be an important tool to support economic growth. Municipalities are eager to ensure host communities experience the benefits of this growth such as job creation, assessment growth, and economic opportunities for local businesses and residents. But to successfully deliver economic benefits, it's vital that SEZs are developed in partnership with municipalities who are key partners in creating local economic opportunities and integrating SEZs into existing communities.

There is a simple solution to seeing SEZs achieve their full potential while simultaneously mitigating any potential risks to the community or the ability of a municipality to support a project. Moreover, the province has already successfully deployed this solution in its approach to long-term electricity procurements in Ontario which requires pre-consultation and an expression of local support before a project moves forward. Similarly, we propose that SEZs only be used to override local by-laws with a supportive resolution from the host municipality. Further, this power should be used sparingly, in situations of extraordinary need or urgency where approvals cannot be otherwise expedited. We recommend enshrining this provision in legislation.

To help achieve supportive resolutions, a collaborative approach would bring the province, project proponents, and host municipalities together as partners to negotiate approvals and supports. This would build a shared vision of how the project will integrate into the host community and what exemptions to provincial and local laws would help new economic opportunities to bear quickly. It would also unlock the opportunity to ensure municipalities can deliver resources to support the project such as those included in local economic development plans.

Protect Ontario's Environment and Indigenous Cultural Heritage

AMO understands that economic prosperity is tied to health, safety, and environmental prosperity. We believe that provincial officials understand this, too. Which is why we are



calling on the government to ensure that Bill 5, and any regulations that it would enable, are designed to be used in a balanced way that ensures the ongoing protection of species-at-risk, natural habitats, and environmental areas.

Equally critical is respecting Indigenous rights and cultural heritage. We recognize the concerns raised by Indigenous voices regarding the risks that changes to archaeological protections pose to cultural heritage. Ensuring a robust Duty to Consult process and ensuring archaeological processes protect Indigenous cultural heritage is critical. This presents a vital opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and to fostering strong, respectful relationships with Indigenous rights holders.

We also urge the province to uphold its legal and moral Indigenous consultation obligations and to engage in good-faith dialogue as it implements new, innovative approaches to supporting our economy, including with SEZs and across various bills like Bill 5. Provincial failure to properly consult Indigenous communities on SEZs and other land development initiatives often strains Indigenous-municipal relationships. This happens because municipalities are frequently left to manage the fallout from provincial decisions that don't adequately consider Indigenous rights and perspectives. Such situations lead to misunderstandings, land use conflicts, and project delays, all of which deplete local resources and hinder growth. By ensuring meaningful Indigenous consultation and accommodation on legislation that determines municipal land use planning and development, municipalities can collaborate effectively with Indigenous communities to foster more sustainable and harmonious local planning and growth. This approach not only benefits Indigenous people but also strengthens the social and economic fabric of the entire province.

Conclusion

Municipalities understand the need to try different approaches to improving economic opportunities for communities across the province. We also appreciate the province's commitment to fulfilling its obligations to Indigenous communities and protecting our environment while making these changes. We ask that the province similarly commit to respecting municipal autonomy by legislating that SEZs within municipal borders require a supportive resolution from the host municipality and a commitment to ongoing collaboration.



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Recognizing that many of the proposed changes in Bill 5 will require the development of a regulatory framework before they can be implemented. AMO calls on the province to include municipalities in the development of the regulatory framework to implement SEZs. We look forward to working together on this, and other important work to advance Ontario's economic prosperity.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE:	June	10	, 2025
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NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports efforts to improve labour mobility and interprovincial trade;

AND WHEREAS Bill 2, *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act*, provides improvements to processes to allow for employment qualifications to be transferred inter-provincially and the uninhibited supply of goods and services between Canadian provinces and territories;

NOW THEREFORE we support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs on Bill 2, *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act, 2025*;

For Against

CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



Protect Municipalities by Expanding Access to Goods, Services, and Skilled Labour

AMO'S SUBMISSION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON BILL 2, PROTECT ONTARIO THROUGH FREE TRADE WITHIN CANADA ACT

May 27, 2025

Executive Summary

AMO appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on Bill 2, *Protect Ontario Through Free Trade Within Canada Act, 2025*. With ongoing trade and tariff disruptions causing unprecedented challenges and uncertainty, municipalities are committed to fostering economic opportunities and support proactive action to strengthen our economy. AMO applauds the government's leadership on trade response and is pleased to express its support for the changes to labour mobility and interprovincial trade proposed under Bill 2.

The Importance of Labour Mobility for Ontario's Municipalities

We understand that the proposed legislation would remove labour mobility barriers by streamlining credentials for skilled workers certified in other provinces. We also understand that the government intends to consult on additional measures to increase labour mobility for regulated health professions.

Ontario's 444 municipalities rely on over 235,000 employees from a wide range of professions and fields to build and maintain local infrastructure while delivering local services that Ontarians rely on every day. As almost 4% of Ontario's paid workforce, municipal employees contribute to the economic and social fabric in every region of the province. Municipalities offer good jobs with competitive compensation, benefits, job security, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference to the communities they serve. Yet like many sectors, municipalities are struggling to attract and retain the workforce they need.

Now more than ever, municipalities require a strong workforce that can support work advancing critical municipal infrastructure, social housing projects, and delivering essential services to residents and businesses impacted by economic challenges. Municipalities also continue to face challenges attracting health care workers such as doctors and nurses, particularly in rural, northern and remote communities.

AMO supports Bill 2's proposed "as of right" rules which will help attract and retain the widest range of qualified professionals to support the work of municipalities, support local economic development, and make it easier for health care professionals to move to Ontario and fill critical positions across the province.

We are aware that in considering similar legislation, the Government of Nova Scotia identified concerns that professional licensing and oversight bodies may not be able to investigate or resolve complaints against workers who moved from one province to another without obtaining local licenses. A lack of professional oversight could result in health and safety risks, or increased liability for employers – including municipalities – who hire out-of-province workers under the new labour mobility regime. AMO calls on the government to ensure that appropriate professional oversight for out-of-province



workers are maintained and are equal to any oversight in place for Ontario workers.

Enabling Interprovincial Trade Opportunities for Municipalities

We understand that the proposed legislation would remove all 23 of Ontario's Party-Specific Exceptions (PSEs) under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and maintain no trade related exceptions against other provinces, territories or the federal government. AMO welcomes the removal of interprovincial trade barriers that respond to municipal calls for the provincial government to unlock interprovincial trade in order to create stronger trade and economic opportunities within Canada.

We recognize that the legislation would enable the provincial government to designate a 'reciprocating jurisdiction' and harmonize or remove regulatory requirements for any agreed to goods and services. While AMO agrees that this approach may allow provinces to negotiate for faster and easier movement of goods and services, we also recognize that the range of goods and services that could be implicated by mutual recognition remains undefined in the legislation.

Many of the regulatory requirements in place for various goods and services serve an important health and safety role. Given that the mutual recognition framework being proposed under this legislation is very broad, the impact to municipal by-laws and standards remains unclear. As such, we call on the province to take steps to maintain strong health and safety standards as inter-provincial trade barriers are lifted, and to address any impacts to municipal by-laws as the government implements 'reciprocating jurisdiction' barriers between provinces. AMO looks forward to engaging further with the appropriate ministries on this topic.

Further Opportunities for Trade and Economic Growth

In April, AMO surveyed municipalities about their procurement practices in the context of recent trade and tariff disruptions. Municipalities identified that while the vast majority of the \$22 billion municipalities spend annually to procure non-construction related goods and services already comes from companies with a Canadian address. However, municipalities reported a reliance on US procurement for critical goods and services where Canadian alternatives are not readily available. These would include:

- IT and communications products such as data server storage, software licenses, and public emergency notification systems;
- Heavy machinery and vehicles such as fire trucks, ambulances, plows and road graders; and,
- Goods needed for public health and safety such as equipment and chemicals for water treatment plants, and equipment that meets provincial standards for fire, police and EMS responders.

These goods and services are outside the scope of the 23 PSEs in the CFTA that Bill 2



proposes to remove. This underscores the continued importance of identifying Canadian alternatives for these critical US-sourced goods and services. To support this work, AMO recommends that as the government explores ways to diversify trade within Canda and abroad, it should consider ways to fill domestic supply chain gaps by identifying alternative cost-effective suppliers for goods and services that municipalities rely on.

Municipalities are eager to leverage their buying power to support local businesses and the broader provincial response to US tariffs. We also encourage the provincial government to align economic development initiatives with efforts to support diversify the supply chains and meet local procurement needs.

Conclusion

AMO is pleased to see the government taking action to increase labour mobility and enable interprovincial trade for regulated professions, including health care workers. Municipalities are eager to support government efforts to ease the effects of trade and tariff disruptions and look forward to discussing with the government how the sector can inform and support your economic development and trade strategies. As the province implements its new mutual recognition framework, we ask for engagement and clarity on how it will maintain strong health and safety standards and address any impacts on municipal bylaws. AMO looks forward to continuing to work with your government to ensure municipalities emerge stronger and more resilient so that Ontario's communities can prosper.

Township of Nipissing	Approved by Council:
Corporate Policy	
Policy No.: 2025-02-PW	Road Side Brushing Procedure

PURPOSE:

The Township has a responsibility to maintain its publicly travelled roadways and roadside allowances in a safe condition for all potential users. This requires that its municipal roadways and intersections are cleared of obstructions and fouling so as to provide the following benefits:

- 1. Site Lines are improved and adequate for motorists and pedestrians.
- 2. Adequate overhead clearances are provided for larger vehicles including school buses, municipal equipment and emergency response apparatus.
- 3. Roadside clearances are adequate for road maintenance equipment and use such as snow storage and melting snow and rain events.
- 4. Providing adequate sunlight and air circulation to improve winter road maintenance and improve the lifespan and operation of the road bed.

Council and Staff acknowledge the sensitive nature of the public in regards to some brush removal methods (mechanical brush-cutter) and further acknowledges that it may look unsightly immediately after a brushing program. Notwithstanding the purpose of the program, the impacted areas naturally and quickly regenerate.

Council and Staff are aware of the need to balance the responsibility to provide safe roads and clear site lines while also maintaining control of the natural vegetation within the road allowances, and still to the greatest extent possible enhance the natural beauty of the area. The Public Works department will endeavor to maintain and enhance the road tree stock and associated canopy for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

INTENT:

It is the intent of this Procedure to address tree removal, brush trimming and to develop a brushing program to clear municipal road allowances of brush, shrubs, small trees, large trees and overhanging tree canopy in circumstances where the identified growth could create eminent danger to the traveling public.

The road side brushing program is also intended to identify areas of heavy vegetative growth, dead growth and overhanging limbs that are endangering the travelling public and flow of all traffic during significant snow events where the weight of snow can cause branches or trees to fall onto the road way or, as in recent years, significant weather events such as "micro bursts" and wind events, where branches, trees and debris are at risk of falling. This program will enhance the safety of the travelling public, municipal staff and also provide an efficient, forward-thinking management of municipal resources and budget funds for this purpose.

Creating a procedure with an anticipated five to eight year brushing cycle of Township roadways, will provide the residents a guideline of when to anticipate the brushing operations in their area and open communication between the Township and residents.

The brushing program is generally performed during late fall and early spring. Brushing may also be performed during other times of the year depending on road construction projects, safety concerns or available resources. The average goal of the brushing program is 20 km per lane (both sides of road) resulting in approximately 40 km of roadway per year, providing an approximate 5 to 8 year rotation. This is approximate and may be changed depending on shifting priorities.

Generally, the Township owns a road allowance along municipal roads that extends 33 feet from the centre line of the road on each side. This area provides space for ditching, road maintenance and brushing operations.

With reference to the reasoning and intent, Council hereby establishes a tree and brushing program procedure as follows:

<u>ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM</u>

- 1. The Operations Superintendent or designate shall be responsible for the determination of the area(s) to be brushed each year in the annual work plan.
- 2. The Operations Superintendent or designate shall have the responsibility of determining any trees (large) that may be removed due to condition the tree or health and safety reasons. Only trees on Township road allowance may be removed; however, any limbs hanging over municipal roadways or road sides that are an eminent danger to the travelling public will be removed and the owner of the land containing the tree will be consulted. Consultation will take place in advance of the removal where time and safety permits. The owner may be consulted after it has been removed if it is an eminent need.
- 3. The Operations Superintendent or designate is authorized to trim or caused to be trimmed, all trees on private property, the branches of which extend over Township roadways. Where this may cause a significant hardship to the private property owner's tree, the owner will be consulted and provided the opportunity to remove the tree with their own resources.
- 4. A schedule of the anticipated areas of brushing operations to be performed uses the Quarried Granite Application Schedule, attached as "Appendix A", having ditching and brushing of the areas completed the year prior to granite application. This plan will be followed to the best of the Public Works Department's ability. There may be years where an area is moved to different schedule due to crew resources, rapid growth, construction projects, and/or identified public hazards.

REMOVAL POLICY

- Municipal road allowances, when deemed a priority for maintenance, shall be cleared of scrub brush up to a diameter of approximately 8 inches (20 centimetres) with a mechanical brush-cutter or by Township Staff with chainsaws and equipment.
- 2. Brush and trees larger than approximately 8 inches (20 centimetres) in diameter will be removed, at the discretion of the Operations Superintendent or designate, by one of the following methods:
 - a. Township work crews with chainsaws and equipment; or
 - b. Contracted arborist or tree removal service.
- 3. Dangerous overhead tree limbs and tree canopy encroaching the travelled road surface or shoulder areas that are within:
 - a. 12.5 feet (4 metres) of the road edge;
 - b. 20.0 feet (6.4 metres) above the road surface shall be removed or trimmed, at the discretion of the Operations Superintendent or designate by a contracted arborist or tree cutting service.
- 4. Debris created by the mechanical brush-cutter clearing method will be managed as follows:
 - a. Wood chips, small branches and leaves will remain in the ditch and on the road side for natural decomposition and destruction. This provides nutrients to the soil and is the best environmental method.
 - b. Trees that are cut may remain laid in the ditch line or on the road allowance for up to 2 weeks after being cut. These are placed this way to allow for clearance of service lines such as Hydro and Bell and allow for easy access of Public Works Staff for removal. These will be cut using chainsaws or equipment, determined by the size of the tree to be removed. Large branches and cut wood will be removed or chipped by Public Works Staff.
 - c. Small branches, leaves, wood chips and small debris will not be removed from the road side or road surface. Only large pieces causing a potential harm to the travelling public or private property owners will be removed.
 - d. Public are not permitted to remove trees or brush from Township owned road allowances by cutting or brushing operations. The only exception to this provision is for those who have followed Use of a Township Owned Unopened Road Allowance policy and a By-Law for that agreement is in place. Members of the Public are welcome to harvest the cut trees and brush from the roadside during brushing operations (once the equipment has been removed from the location). This is permitted on a "first come, first served basis". If the trees and brush remain on the roadside for a time period extending past two weeks, the Township will have the remaining wood and debris removed.
 - e. Where a private property owner has requested the removal of a healthy tree for the purposes of an entrance or building project, or the removal is requested by a utility such as Hydro or Bell, the Operations Superintendent or designate shall inspect the tree for removal and determine if it can be safely removed by Township staff or will require a contracted arborist or tree removal service. All costs will be the responsibility of the private property owner and a quote for the service will be provided. At all times, the Operations Superintendent or

designate will have the responsibility of approving the removal if required, and engaging the proper services for removal.

REMOVAL METHODS

- A) Trees not larger than 8 inches in diameter (20 centimetres) and brush removals using a Township Public Works crew with chainsaw or proper equipment including a mechanical brush cutter. For trees larger than that size, the Operation Superintendent or designate will determine the appropriate removal method for safety and efficiency.
- B) Overhead and larger tree canopy removals using Township Public Works Crew or a contracted arborist or tree removal service, as required.
- C) Tree and brush removals where the required removals are interfering with or in conflict with overhead or fallen utility wires, such as Hydro or Bell, will be dealt with by the individual company or only after the wires have been removed by the company.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

No member of the Public shall damage, cut, transplant any tree, attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising signage or other contrivance to any tree on Township property.

MILKWEED TRANSPLANTATION

Each year the Township receives concerns regarding the naturally occurring Milkweed plants along roadsides and the use of these plants by Monarch Butterflies. The Township encourages anyone wishing to transplant milkweed plants located along Township owned road allowances to their own properties for the continued growth and safety of these plants.

Road side cutting operations are a contracted service whereby a mower attachment on a piece of equipment is used to cut back all Township owned road allowances. This operation does not allow for the protection of the Milkweed plant growing along road allowances.

COMPLAINTS AND INQUIRIES

Questions regarding the brushing activities shall be forwarded to the Operations Superintendent for review and response. Photographs of all areas will be taken by Public Works crews prior to the brushing operations to allow for a review of all changes.

POLICY REVIEW

This Policy shall be reviewed every term of Council.

QUARRIED GRANITE APPLICATION SCHEDULE Most RUNS on an 8 year cycle.

Stockpile Runs

ROAD		KM
Aspen Lane		0.136
Barton Lake Road		0.69
Bella Hill Road		0.405
Blake Street		0.104
Busch's Mill Road		0.346
Byer's Road		0.43
Front Street		0.377
Maple Ridge Road		0.154
Sandy Bay Road		0.844
Simpson Hill Road		0.662
Storie's Road		0.365
Sun Valley Way		0.2
	TOTAL	4.663

Schedule B
Township of Nipissing
Asset Management Plan

Schedule A
Brushing Procedure

Using Stockpile gravel, Township Trucks and Staff - as required.

RUN A

ROAD	KM
Barber Valley	1.3
Pilgers	8.7
Barrett	6.2
Rye - Hwy 534 to Booth	4.7
Booth	0.7
Rye Road to Clark's	0.8
Old Nipissing Road North	0.3
Old Nipissing Road South	0.3
Settler's Road	1.0
TOTAL	24

Last Done: 2023

Next: 2031

RUN B

ROAD		KM	
Black Creek Road North		4.2	Last Done: 2025
Black Creek Road South		1.2	Next: 2033
Lamb's Road		0.9	
Ponderosa Road West		2.3	
Ponderosa Road East		2.3	
Butterfield Road		1.9	
Lingenfelter Road		1.7	
Sprucedale Road		0.9	
Granite Hill Road		3.0	
	TOTAL	18.4	

RUN C

ROAD	KM	
Hazelglen Road	2.2	Last Done: 2020
Armstrong Road	1.2	Next: 2027
Hamilton Farm Road	0.5	
Power Plant Road	3.3	
South River Road	3.9	ı
Dowdall Road	1.1	
Stillar Side Road	4.4	
Hemlock Road	0.4	
Chapman's Landing Road	1.5	
Culham Road	1.1	
TOTAL	19.6	

RUN D

ROAD		KM	
Hart Road		2.0	Last Done: 2021
Stone Cutter Road		2.0	Next: 2029
Promised Land Road		0.2	
Lake Nipissing Road		2.0	
King's Road		4.5	
Green Acres Road		3.7	
McQuaby Lake Road		0.3	
Niagara Road		1.3	
Ski Hill Road		2.0	
Mountain View Road		0.4	
	TOTAL	18.4	

RUN E

ROAD KM		Tonnes Requi	red
Alsace Road		10,500	
Wolfe Lake Road		5,500	
TO [*]	ΓAL 0.0	16,000	



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING RESOLUTION

DATE:	June 10, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we authorize support for the Lifejacket Lending Program provided by the Powassan & District Union Public Library.

For Against

CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



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May 28, 2025

Lifesaving Society

Re: Lifejacket Lending Program – Lifejacket Contribution Program Application 2025

Attention: Application Review Committee

On behalf of the Township of Nipissing, we support the 2025 Lifejacket Contribution Program Application put forth by the Powassan & District Union Public Library (PDUPL).

This project will continue to offer ways to improve the safety of this community regardless of their income by offering them access to various sizes of lifejackets which they will be able to borrow whenever they need one for participating in a water sport.

We strongly support the PDUPL in their submission and all of their endeavors to improve public inclusion, safety and active living. This program will serve the Townships of Chisholm and Nipissing and the Municipality of Powassan and the unincorporated areas that surround each.

Yours truly,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins

Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

admin@nipissingtownship.com

From: Marie Rosset <mrosset@powassanlibrary.ca>

Sent: May 27, 2025 1:57 PM

To: admin@nipissingtownship.com **Subject:** Lifejacket Initiative - 2025

Attachments: Generic Letter of support - lifejackets.docx; Lifejacket Lending Program_

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Hi Kris,

This year we plan on having lifejackets available for people to borrow as part of our Library of Things collection. We are applying for a grant through the Lifesaving Society for nine adult lifejackets and Mark Giesler has generously agreed to match the donation by donating nine children jackets of various sizes.

We are seeking as many letters of support as we can to include with the application to show the commitment of the Township of Nipissing for this initiative.

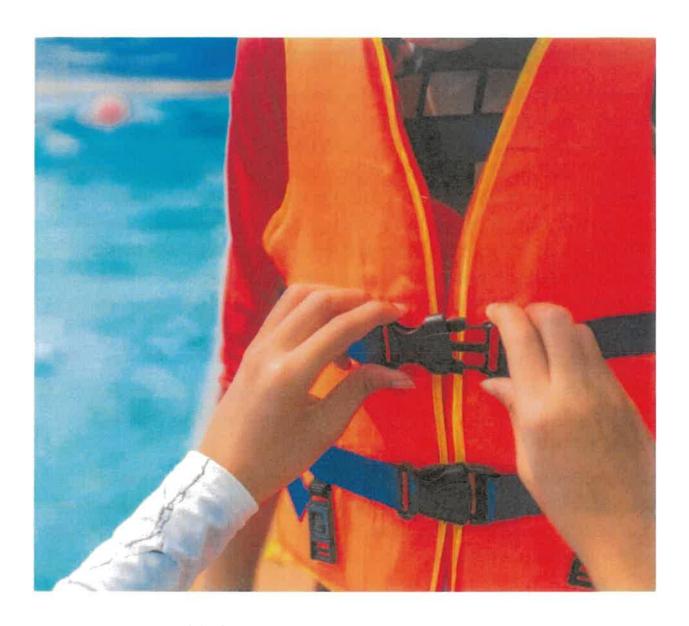
It would be great if you could send the letter by Friday, May 30th morning for me to send out the application. I have included a generic letter for you to use if you would like, as well as a summary of what the program entails.

Thank you,

Marie Rosset (she/her)
C.E.O.
Powassan & District Union Public Library
324 Clark Street
Powassan, Ontario P0H 1Z0
705.724.3618

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

Dr. Maya Angelou



Lifejacket Lending Program

Lifejacket Contribution Program Application 2025



What is a Lifejacket Lending Program?

A lifejacket lending program (also known as a lifejacket loaner program) acts as a public distribution centre/location for lifejackets of various types and sizes that can be borrowed for free. The goal of these programs is to ensure that everyone who needs a lifejacket can access one, helping to keep them safe while in, on or around water. Lifejacket lending programs are often located near popular community swimming and/or boating areas, such as beaches, rivers and marinas. Some lifejacket lending programs operate year-round through the local library or a local business. Others are seasonal and may use either a permanent or temporary structure to house the program.

Why are Lifejackets Important?

Ontario fatal drowning data shows that 86% of boating-related fatalities where status of a lifejacket was known involved people who were not wearing lifejackets.

Lifejackets are designed to keep the wearer afloat in the water. Wearing a lifejacket while boating and swimming can help keep you safe and may save your life in an emergency. Regardless of swimming ability, you should always wear a lifejacket while boating.

Not everyone has had the opportunity to learn how to swim, but they still want to participate in recreational water activities like playing at the beach, wading in the water, fishing and boating. Free resources such as lifejackets from a lending program can remove barriers to participation and keep those who may not otherwise be able to afford a lifejacket safe while they enjoy being in, on and around water. The Lifesaving Society Ontario's Learn to Swim and Swim to Survive programs teach the swimming skills that are needed to survive an unexpected fall into water. These programs emphasize Water Smart messages, including wearing a lifejacket.

Lifejackets save lives. Choose one and wear it!



Lifesaving Society Ontario's Lifejacket Contribution Program

The Lifesaving Society Ontario is accepting applications to the 2025 Lifejacket Contribution Program. This program will support new and existing community lifejacket lending programs by providing successful applicants with up to nine adult-sized Transport Canada-approved lifejackets.

Applications will be accepted as supplies last.

Who Can Apply? (Application Eligibility)

Any Ontario community, municipality, organization or drowning prevention coalition that is currently operating, or will be launching, a community lifejacket lending program can apply. Applicants must be able to match this donation with as many (or more) youth and/or child-sized lifejackets that are Transport Canada approved.

Canadian data shows that fatal drownings are more likely to happen in rural and remote areas. While all communities are encouraged to apply, applications from rural and remote communities will be prioritized.

How To Apply

Complete the application forms on the following pages. Once complete, submit your application to lifejackets@lifeguarding.com.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Marie Rosset,

Applicant Contact: CEO, Powassan and District Union Public Library (PDUPL)

Contact Email: mrosset@powassanlibrary.ca or powlib@gmail.com

Contact Phone Number: 705-724-3618

City / Community: Powassan, Ontario





TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING RESOLUTION

DATE:	June	10,	2025
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NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we authorize the circulation of the Summer 2025 Newsletter, as presented.

For Against

CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING CORRESPONDENCE

June 10, 2025

- **1.** Ministry of the Solicitor General O. Reg 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police.
- 2. Ministry of Natural Resources Introduction of Bill 17, the Resource Management Safety Act, 2025 including proposed amendments to the Forest Fires Prevention Act.
- **3.** Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Province Introduces Bill 30, Working for Workers Seven Act.
- **4.** The Town of Plympton-Wyoming Motion to Pause Bill 5, Protect Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act 2025.
- **5.** City of Pickering Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program. (ODSP)
- **6.** Powassan & District Union Public Library Board Meeting Minutes held April 23, 2025 and May 26, 2025.
- **7.** Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes held May 22, 2025.
- **8.** Notification of Event Special Occasion Permit, Gurd and Area Historical Corporation, o/a Commanda Museum.

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DATE:

May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO:

CAOs and Mayors from Municipalities Billed under O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for

Policing from Ontario Provincial Police

FROM:

Mario Di Tommaso

Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

SUBJECT:

Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model

Review and June 2025 Webinars

In Fall 2024, the Solicitor General announced a commitment to review of the OPP cost recovery model as set out in <u>O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police</u> under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.*

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is pleased to announce that this review has been initiated. The ministry will be working with a third-party vendor to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

The intent is for the review to be completed in time to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

I would like to thank you for the extensive feedback you have shared with the ministry to date. This feedback is valuable in shaping the review.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued input from your municipalities. To achieve this goal, engagement webinars will take place in June 2025. More information regarding these webinars will follow as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged to ensure that your perspectives are heard.

You can expect outreach in the coming weeks with details for the June webinars. Should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch at sheela.subramanian@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.

Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.

Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

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Date:

May 28, 2025

From:

Amanda Holmes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial Services Division,

Ministry of Natural Resources

Subject:

Introduction of Bill 27, the Resource Management Safety Act, 2025 including proposed amendments to the Forest Fires Prevention Act

Good morning,

I am reaching out to share key updates on the continued efforts to modernize wildland fire management in Ontario.

Yesterday, the Hon. Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources, reintroduced the Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025. Included in the bill are proposed amendments to the Forest Fires Prevention Act (FFPA). The suite of proposed changes remains the same as what was introduced in November 2024 as part of Bill 228, aside from a small number of administrative updates that include edits to provide clarity.

The suite of changes would help strengthen collective responsibility for wildland fire management, improve awareness of wildland fire risk, expand prevention and mitigation, enhance preparedness and response, and strengthen rules and consequences for non-compliance with wildland fire laws. Please see the attachment for the list of proposed amendments.

To review the proposed amendments to the FFPA, please visit the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website: https://www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-44/session-1/bill-27.

The introduction of this bill is a significant achievement as we continue our journey to modernize wildland fire management in Ontario. If the proposed amendments to the FFPA are passed, development of supporting regulations will follow. Your input will be very important to inform the regulations and what they will mean for you and your organization. Any forthcoming consultation on supporting regulations would occur

through the Environmental Registry and Regulatory Registry and will include opportunities for discussion.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve wildland fire management in Ontario to help keep people and communities safe.

Sincerely,

Amanda Holmes Assistant Deputy Minister Provincial Services Division

Enclosed: Proposed amendments to the Forest Fires Prevention Act

Proposed amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act* (FFPA)

The proposed amendments include that the name of the FFPA would be changed to the Wildland Fire Management Act and that implementation of the Act would be guided by a new purpose statement. The statement would clarify that the purpose of the Act is "to provide guidance and direction for wildland fire management so as to protect public safety and minimize adverse environmental, economic, health and social impacts of wildland fires, and contribute to a resilient province."

Proposed amendments would achieve the following outcomes:

- 1. Clarify authority for the Minister to enter into agreements on all aspects of wildland fire management with, amongst others, municipalities, other governments or jurisdictions, Indigenous communities, and industry.
- 2. Require municipalities and certain industries in the fire region to have a wildland fire management plan that meets prescribed standards as set out in regulation. This could be updating an existing plan or preparing a new plan.
- 3. Clarify the Minister's order power to prohibit activities in areas that have been declared a wildland fire emergency area and provide the Minister with the authority to issue a permit allowing certain activities in certain circumstances.
- 4. Create a new power for the Minister to issue a remediation order and provide for opportunity for review of the order.
- Enable the Minister to set out standard rates, terms and conditions (and their application/use) when privately owned equipment and operators are used to respond to wildland fires and wildland fire emergency events.
- 6. Enable administrative monetary penalties to address non-compliance with the FFPA and provide for an opportunity for review of the penalty.
- 7. Revise the provision on cost recovery for human-caused fires to eliminate the automatic establishment of debt to the Crown, thereby enabling the Minister to exercise discretion in determining whether the costs of suppressing or extinguishing a fire and any associated damages will be recovered.
- 8. Modernize and update enforcement provisions, including powers and authorities of different groups of officers under the Act, and
- 9. Administrative amendments, including changing the name of the Act, adding a purpose section and updating definitions.



Province Introduces Bill 30

Policy Update • May 29, 2025

Province Introduces Bill 30, Working For Workers Seven Act, 2025

Yesterday, the Ontario government tabled its seventh <u>Working for Workers Bill</u> (Bill 30). While the stated objective of supporting workers amidst potential job losses arising from the US-Canada trade dynamic is noted, one of its proposals raises significant concerns - exempting Skills Development Fund Capital Stream-supported capital projects from the requirements of *The Municipal Act* and *The Planning Act*.

Earlier exemptions from municipal planning approvals, such as those related to public universities and "community service facilities" like K-12 schools, hospitals, and long-term care homes are aimed to expedite planning for public entities. Bill 30, however, marks a significant shift by:

- Extending expedited planning processes and exemptions from municipal authorities
 to private entities without the robust accountability and regulatory frameworks that
 characterize broader public sector bodies, solely by virtue of their qualification to
 access a source of provincial funding with broad eligibility; and
- Going beyond exemptions to The Planning Act to include exemptions to The Municipal Act. These powers could allow for waivers from municipal bylaws, including those related to property tax, development charges, and other local requirements with no clear purpose or rationale.

The cumulative impact of what is now the proposed ability of four separate Ministers to override municipal land use planning and other authorities also raises significant concern by increasing the likelihood of unintended consequences and diffuse accountability. Currently before the legislature are proposals to provide powers to:

- The Minister of Infrastructure to use Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) to override The Planning Act as part of Bill 17;
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to create Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to override The Planning Act and The Municipal Act as part of Bill 5; and
- The Minister of Labour, Immigration, Skills and Training to override The Planning Act and The Municipal Act for those in receipt of capital funding from the Skills Development Fund under Bill 30.

AMO continues to support the need for bold and innovative action to respond to unprecedented economic challenges. However, the threat of tariffs cannot be used to justify any and all proposals to override provincial and municipal laws. AMO will continue to analyze the proposal and seek opportunities to provide commentary to the legislature.

Contact:

AMO Policy

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All Municipalities (sent by email)

May 27th, 2025

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Planning Council meeting on May 26h, 2025, passed the following motion calling for a pause of the enactment of BILL 5 PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT 2025:

MOTION TO PAUSE BILL 5 PROTECT ONTARIO BY UNLEASHING OUR ECONOMY ACT 2025

Whereas the province has introduced Bill 5, Protect Ontario by unleashing our Economy 2025 which is intended to speed up housing and economic development in Ontario.

And whereas the proposed legislation will include the repeal of the Endangered Species Act of 2007 and replace it with the Conservation Species Act of 2025.

And whereas the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks primarily manages the Act, The Committee on the Status of Species in Ontario (COSSARO) is responsible for assessing and classifying species.

And whereas COSSARO is comprised of experts with scientific and traditional knowledge and operates independently from the government ensuring impartial assessments of species at risk, the provincial cabinet will now decide what species will remain or be removed from endangered, concerned or at-risk status.

And whereas the current law considers the habitat to be all the areas that the species relies on for living, gathering food, migrating, hibernating and reproducing. The new law however, narrows that definition to "a dwelling place, such as a den, nest or other similar place, that is occupied or habitually occupied by one or more members of a species for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating"

And whereas the legislation would gut environmental assessment processes, speed mining and infrastructure development and take a "register-first, ask-questions-later" approach that would allow developers to begin projects before their environmental implications are fully known and allow for economic zones which will eliminate any environmental mitigation measures or protections.

And whereas the legislation would eliminate provincial responsibility for federally listed migratory birds and aquatic species because it says such birds and species are under federal jurisdiction, even though the province has historically administered such duties.

And whereas the government will enhance funding for the Species Conservation Program, which will see contributions more than quadruple to \$20 million each year for on the ground projects that directly support efforts to conserve and protect listed species, the funding will only go to projects in regions that would otherwise not be considered viable for housing priorities, essentially allowing for the extirpation of local ecoregions in Ontario.

And whereas while development is necessary for human progress, Bill 5 will pose significant challenges to mitigating water, soil and air pollution; will overexploit natural resources, and increase invasive species in each uniquely identified ecoregion in Ontario.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Plympton-Wyoming urges the government to pause the proposed legislation and maintain strong environmental laws that prevent extinction of species and protect local ecoregions.

And furthermore, the Council of Plympton-Wyoming asks that the government recognize and give meaningful consideration to ecoregions in Ontario through their unique perspectives and preserve Ontario's natural heritage systems in the application of any proposed updated provincial legislation for the long-term growth, sustainability and well-being of our communities.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Mackenzie Baird

mbaird@plympton-wyoming.ca

Planning Technician

Town of Plympton-Wyoming



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Corporate Services Department Legislative Services

Sent by Email

June 4, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours truly

Susan Cassel City Clerk

SC:am

Copy:

Robert Cerjanec, MPP Ajax
Lorne Coe, MPP Whitby
Jennifer French, MPP Oshawa
Todd McCarthy, MPP Durham
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock
Alexander Harras, Regional Clerk, Region of Durham
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All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer

Powassan & District Union Public Library

Minutes for Monday, April 23, 2025 – 6:15 p.m. Board Meeting @ Library

In-person: Tina Martin, Debbie Piper, Laurie Forth, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Pat Stephens,

Marie Rosset

Via Zoom: Randy Hall, Valerie Morgan Absent with regrets: Brenda Lennon

Ite	m	Action	Responsibility
1.	Call to order	6:15 pm	
2.	Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration	Declaration read by CEO We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honour these teachings and recognize their value going forward.	
3.	General Consent Motion: Present the general Consent Motion for April 2025, which includes: a) Approval of April 23, 2025 Agenda b) Approval of Minutes from the March 17, 2025 meeting c) Approval of the March 2025 Financial Statements d) Approval of March 2025 Library Reports	Motion: 2025-17 That the General Consent Motion for April 2025 be adopted as presented Moved by: Debbie Piper Seconded by: Steve Kirkey Carried.	
	Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5.	General Business a) Budget Update	Councillor Hall informed the Board that following the Municipality of Powassan deliberations to approve their 2025 Budget, there remains a need for the Library Board to provide additional information, at which point the Council will take its final vote. The Chair and the CEO will be meeting with the Mayor and CAO to present the information.	

	b) Grants update	The library was successful in obtaining two summer student positions through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Thank you to Laurie Forth for writing the application for the third year in a row.	
	c) Closed Session	Motion: 2025-18 That the PDUPL move into a session that is closed to the public in accordance to the Public Act, Section 16.1(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations at 6:30pm. Moved by: Debbie Piper Seconded by: Bernadette Kerr Motion: 2025-19 That the PDUPL move out of a session that is closed to the public at 7:30pm Moved by: Stephen Kirkey Seconded by: Pat Stephens	CEO
	d) New Budget Increases in 2025	So far two items will result in unbudgeted additional costs in 2025. 1. Higher prices for books due to 25% tariffs 2. New yearly fee to use the Sage Accounting software – (\$869)	
	e) Upcoming Activities	 The Library will participate in the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival selling taffy in front of the library and remain open from 10 am to 2pm. Breya Market-Matthews will be in charge A jewellery exchange/tea fundraising event for adults is scheduled for May 1, 2025. 	Breya Market- Matthews
6.	Correspondence	None	
7.	Committee Reports	0. 1. 0. A0. a.	
	a) Property Committee	The new light fixtures were installed by Lawrence Electric in early April, and the Accessibility update is almost complete.	

b) Financial Committee	Nothing to report.	
c) Policy Committee	HR-01 Personnel Policy - Personnel Manual: deferred until next month SERV-01 Circulation Policy Motion: 2025-20 That the SERV-01 Circulation Policy be adopted as amended. Moved by: Laurie Forth Seconded by: Steve Kirkey Carried GOV-04 Succession Policy for CEO and Board Member -CEO to send selection of succession policies for Board to review and use to update current policy.	CEO, Board
d) Friends of the Library	Bernie and Linda Penney completed the wallpapering of the interior of the elevator. The Friends will have a Spring/Garden basket available for a draw, to be drawn shortly after the Maple Syrup Festival. Tickets are available for a donation.	
8. Adjournment	Motion: 2025-21 That the April 23, 2025 meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm. Moved by: Bernadette Kerr	Next meeting: May 26, 2025 at 6:15 pm

Chairperson:	Knistne Martu	
•	Kristine Martin, Chair	
Recorder:	Many Fosset	
	Marie Rosset, CEO	

Powassan & District Union Public Library

Minutes for Monday, May 26, 2025 – 6:15 p.m. Board Meeting @ Library

In-person: Tina Martin, Debbie Piper, Laurie Forth, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Pat Stephens,

Marie Rosset

Absent with regrets: Brenda Lennon, Valerie Morgan

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3.	General Consent Motion: Present the general Consent Motion for April 2025, which includes: a) Approval of May 26, 2025 Agenda b) Approval of Minutes from the April 23, 2025 meeting c) Approval of the April 2025 Financial Statements d) Library Report for April 2025 pending	Motion: 2025-22 That the General Consent Motion for May 2025 be adopted as amended Moved by: Debbie Piper Seconded by: Pat Stephens Carried.	
	Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5.	General Business a) Budget Update	 On June 6, at their budget Meeting, the Municipality of Powassan approved the 2025 PDUPL budget presented in early January. Invoices, and thank you letters were sent to each municipality. Nipissing and Chisholm paid their fees up till the end of May. The January to May payment from Powassan is still pending. Reminder to be sent to Powassan in early June 	CEO

b) Patron Allegiance	 Library will be open on Saturdays beginning June 7th. Suggestion made to include the monthly payment schedule in the next agreement and that payments be made monthly following the previous year's fees. Adjustment will be made once the new budget is approved. At the meeting with Powassan Mayor McIsaac and CAO, and Library Chair and CEO there was mention of recording the attendance of all patrons by having them sign in with name and address or, alternatively, using a fob to determine their provenance. CAO to research cost for FOB system at Municipalities expense. CEO provided list to CAO of all patrons from Powassan with all identifying details deleted. Only the patron number will allow the library to identify the individual. Hopefully, this will be sufficient and no further tracking will be requested. Library agreement was discussed and Chair reminded Mayor and CAO that the renewal date for said agreement is fall 2025. At the council budget meeting request was made that all mayors be involved in forming agreement. 	
c) Recording of minutes at Board Meeting	 Request for improved and more complete minutes, with relevant action required for each agenda entry. Going forward, Board meetings will be audio recorded for better recalling of info. Suggestion of having each board member be responsible for the minutes once a year. 	CEO and Board members
d) Library Board Meeting Schedule	 Request for schedule for Board Meetings from September 2025 to September 2026 September 22, 2025 October 27, 2025 November 24, 2025 December 22, 2025 January 26, 2026 February 23, 2026 March 23, 2026 April 27, 2026 May 25, 2026 June 22, 2026 	Motion to approve schedule – June meeting

e) Job Descriptions	 Job descriptions were presented. Request for highlighting changes to duties which occurred due to the rearranging of responsibilities. 	CEO
f) Fundraising Opportunities	 Idea was submitted to sell packaged ice cream treats at the municipal pool during public swimming. Board decided the venture was not a good fit for the library. Library is participating in an Urban Air Fundraiser, similar to ones being done in local schools. For every pass sold the library makes \$10. Knitter Knatter event on June 26th at 10am. Knitters will knit a multitude of cotton dish rags for the Friends of the Library. 	Breya Market- Matthews
g) New Partnership with Municipalities	 Library forwarded email from Science North to the Powassan for their travelling summer program with an offer of sharing the cost. Answer still pending. Requested information on availability of the municipal pool this summer so that a time may be scheduled for the Summer Reading Program kids. Waiting for answer. Library agreed to supply books for a little library at Wasi Beach in Chisholm and made the same offer to Nipissing. Both Chisholm and Nipissing agreed to include library brochures in their small libraries. 	
h) Grants update	 Hired two students for the Canada Summer Jobs Program: Miles Robbins of North Bay, graduate of the teaching program at Nipissing University. Shannel Sison of Powassan high school will graduate this year from Almaguin Highschool. Volunteered many hours at library since September 2024. Shannel will also be working on Saturdays as part of our reopening. Applying for nine adult lifejackets through the Savinglives organization. 	

i) Maple Syrup Festival Outcomes j) Fundraising initiatives	 Total revenue for the day: \$205 Taffy was generously donated by Bella Hill Maple Syrup Jewelry exchange event in May raised \$510. Plan is to continue with it as an annual event. 	
k) Upcoming activities	 Pride Flag Raising event on June 2nd at 2pm. Nipissing Museum Board Game Night on June 19, at 5pm Teen Night with VR set, WII game and other games on June 25th from 4-6pm Knit and Knatter Dish Cloth making fundraiser on June 27 at 10am 	
6. Correspondence	None	,
7. Committee Reports a) Property Committee	The new light fixtures were installed by Lawrence Electric in early April and finally completed, and the Accessibility update is almost complete.	
b) Financial Committee	Library financial audit started on May 20 th . CEO will inquire if audit can be presented at the June Board meeting.	CEO
c) Policy Committee	HR-01 Personnel Policy completed policy will be presented at the June 23rd Board Meeting.	
	 GOV-04 Succession Planning Policy for CEO and Board Members. Policies of various length were sent to Board members. The Chair offered to select pertinent passages and add them to our policy. 	Tina Martin
d) Friends of the Library	May meeting did not have a quorum. CEO is making list of events or items needing funding.	CEO, Friends

8.	Adjournment	Motion: 2025-23	
		That the May 26, 2025 meeting be adjourned	Next meeting:
		at 7:57pm.	June 23, 2025
		Moved by: Pat Stephens	at 6:15 pm

Chairperson:		
	Kristine Martin, Chair	- 1
Recorder:		
	Marie Rosset CEO	~ //

Open Minutes

Date:

May 22, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

06:30pm

Location:

(on-line) ZOOM Meeting and for streaming of the meeting please click on the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QrR6HjwibWOJRbLwnjcFQ/videos

Members Present:

Jamie McGarvey - chairperson, Scott Sheard, Ann MacDiarmid, Pearl Ivens, Shelly Foote

Regrets:

Joel Constable

Present:

Dave Thompson, Director of Development and Protective Services

Recording:

Sheri Skinner, Administrative Assistant

Guests:

Matthew Thomas, EMS Manager

Land Acknowledgment

Open Minutes

1. Agenda

Moved by Pearl Ivens

Seconded by Scott Sheard

That pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, the EMS Advisory Committee move to a meeting closed to the public in order to address a matter(s) pertaining to:

d) labour relations or employee negotiations

carried

- 1.1 Additions to Agenda
- 1.2 Prioritization of Agenda
- 1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Pearl Ivens

Seconded by Shelly Foote

That the May 22, 2025 Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee meeting Agenda be approved.

carried

- 1.4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof
- 2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Minutes
- 2.1 Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Ann MacDiarmid

Seconded by Shelly Foote

That the Minutes of the February 27, 2025 meeting of the Parry Sound District Emergency Medical Services Committee be approved as circulated.

Carried

Open Minutes

- 3. Correspondence
- 4. Deputations
- 5. Emergency Services Director's Report
- 6. Reports
- 6.1 EMS Statistical Report March 2025
- 6.2 EMS Night Call Statistics March 2025
- 6.3 EMS Vehicle Inventory March 2025

Dave Thompson provided a descriptive overview of the various reports attached.

Moved by Shelly Foote

Second by Scott Sheard

That the EMS Committee members have received reports 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 as listed above.

carried

7. Ratification of Matters from Closed Agenda

8. Other Business

8.1 DT R&R Burks Falls Base Renovations Award - 2025

Discussions on the Burk's Falls Renovation Projects included the low and high bid amounts received, Burk's Falls caped dollar figure on the project, financing thru the Village of Burk's Falls vs. using EMS reserves, capitalization on Ministry funding, the actual dollar figure/amount needed to be financed, and the project having a 40% increase over budget.

Moved by Ann MacDiarmid

Seconded by Shelly Foote

Open Minutes

Resolution

That the EMS Advisory Committee recommends report DT R&R Burks Falls Base Renovations Award - 2025 proceed to Town of Parry Sound Council

Carried

8.2 DT CPLTC Sustainability - 2025

Chairpersons requested resultant Town resolution to also be forward to AMO, MoH, local MPP, and the MOLTC.

Moved by Pearl Ivens

Seconded by Scott Sheard

Resolution

That staff prepare a resolution for Town Council requesting the province to provide sustainable, long-term funding for the current Community Paramedicine programs and that the resolution be provided to all Parry Sound District municipalities for support

carried

9. Adjournment @ 7:12pm

Moved by Shelly Foote

Seconded by Pearl Ivens

carried

O/a COMMANDA MUSEUM

May 26, 2025

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To whom it may concern:

In support of a Special Occasion Permit, I am notifying you of an event being hosted by **Gurd and Area Historical Corporation**, operating as Commanda Museum.

The event is a community festival named "Commanda Museum Summerfest". This event will be held on July 25, 26, 2025. The hours of the event on July 25, 2025 will be between 6pm and 11:59pm. And on July 26, 2025 between the hours of 12pm and 9pm. The location of the event will be at both:

The Commanda Museum - 4077 Highway 522, Commanda Ontario P0H 1J0 and The Commanda Community Centre- 4009 Highway 522, Commanda Ontario P0H 1J0

Commanda Museum Summerfest will be celebrating it's second year in 2025 with community, live music, exhibits, games, food, and a beer and wine tent.

Yours truly,

Mike Nelson Event Chairperson 705-492-3990



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING RESOLUTION

DATE: June 10, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That the statement of accounts dated: May 24, 30, and June 5, 2025.

Totaling \$523,725.49 be approved.

For Against

YEMM CHALAPENKO FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING RESOLUTION

DATE:	June 10, 2025
Number:	R2025-
Moved by	
Seconded l	by
That we pass By-Law No. 2025-19, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on June 10, 2025.	
Read the fi	rst, second and third time and passed this 10 th day of June, 2025
	For Against
YEMM CHALAPEN FOOTE KIRKEY SCOTT	KO
	Carried
	Mayor: Dave Yemm