

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff and Committee Reports.
3. **Resolution:** Adopt the Minutes of the Council meeting held January 6, 2026.
4. **Resolution:** Support the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) submission on proposed Conservation Authority Consolidation and Creation of Provincial Oversight Body.

Staff Report: Website Update due to discontinuation of current platform and loss of support of accessibility requirements.
5. **Resolution:** Authorize a new website for the Township of Nipissing and approve the implementation prior to the adoption of the 2026 Budget.
6. **Resolution:** Approve participation in the City of North Bay's Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2026.
7. **Resolution:** Authorize the circulation of a Tender for a new Grader.

Staff Report: Proposed Amendments to the Parking By-Law, Number 2021-50.
8. **By-Law:** Amendment to By-Law 2021-50, to regulate the parking of vehicles within the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
First Reading.
9. Correspondence.
10. Accounts to pay.
11. **By-Law:** Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held January 20, 2026.
12. 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.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2XSMZqRNHbwVppelfKcEXw>

MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, January 6, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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 Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, James Scott and Lisa Chalapenko.

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None

Committee Reports:

Mayor Dave Yemm: Eastholme Home for the Aged Board of Management.

Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent: Written and verbal report.

R2026-01 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held December 16, 2025, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2026-02 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the Township of Nipissing holds 2 Advance Voting Dates:

Advance Poll #1 Township Office – Saturday, October 10, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Advance Poll #2 Commanda Community Centre – Saturday, October 17, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for the 2026 Municipal Election. **Carried.**

R2026-03 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we approve the January 2026 Newsletter for circulation, as presented. **Carried.**

R2026-04 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we authorize attendance at 2026 municipal conferences as follows:

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – May 11-13, 2026, held in Timmins.

Dave Yemm, Shelly Foote, Steve Kirkey, Lisa Chalapenko and Kristin Linklater. **Carried.**

R2026-05 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we authorize Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Steve Kirkey, Shelly Foote and Dave Yemm to attend the Municipal Track – Northeastern Fire Education Conference held March 27, 2026 in Huntsville. **Carried.**

R2026-06 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT we authorize the submission of the 2026 Summer Employment Opportunities (SEO) Grant. **Carried.**

R2026-07 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we authorize the extension of the Powassan and District Union Public Library Agreement to February 28, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-08 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

THAT the 2026 Employee Benefit Plan offered by Canada Life through Meldrum Horne be expanded to include a Health Savings Account (HSA) for an increase of \$6500.00 plus applicable taxes and fees. **Carried.**

R2026-09 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

THAT the Township of Nipissing implement an electronic card use system for the Township Landfill Sites in 2026 with an effective date of April 1, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-10 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we pass By-Law 2026-01, being a By-Law to enter into an Agreement for a Municipal Facilities Maintenance Person for the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 6th day of January, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-11 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-02, being a By-Law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 6th day of January, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-12 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

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

R2026-13 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That the statement of accounts dated: December 15, 19, 20, 23, 29 and 31, 2025.

Totaling \$164,411.24 be approved. **Carried.**

R2026-14 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-03, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on January 6, 2026.

Read the first, second and third time passed this 6th day of January, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-15 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:08 p.m.

Next regular Council meeting to be held January 20, 2026. **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.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 20, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Province announced plans of transformative changes to the Conservation Authority System in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports the prioritization of local governance, expertise and decision making during this transition;

NOW THEREFORE we support the recommendations provided to the Province by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO):

1. Maintain and prioritize local governance, expertise and decision making in Conservation Authority consolidation.
2. Fund transition costs to mitigate service delivery impacts.
3. Restore a 50-50 municipal funding partnership that reflects increased provincial authority over Conservation Authority operations, and potentially its fees.
4. Collaborate on creating an implementation working group that would develop options, and group membership would include AMO, Conservation Ontario, select Conservation Authorities and municipalities, developers, and Indigenous communities.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: December 23, 2025 2:16 PM
To: info@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: AMO Policy Update - Submission on Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities



AMO Policy Update - Submission on Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Top Insights

- AMO submitted four recommendations to the province on its proposal to consolidate the existing 36 conservation authorities (CAs) into seven regional CAs and the creation of a provincial oversight agency – the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).
- We urged the province to maintain and prioritize local governance, expertise and decision making in CA consolidation, fund transition costs to mitigate service delivery impacts, restore a 50-50 municipal funding partnership that reflects increased provincial authority over CA operations, and potentially its fees and establish an implementation working to develop options that would deliver on the province's consolidation objectives while protecting local decision making and municipal fiscal sustainability.

AMO's Submission on Proposed Conservation Authority Consolidation and Creation of Provincial Oversight Body

In late October, the province announced plans of two transformative changes to Ontario's CA system. These changes are part of a [suite of broader](#)

[legislative and regulatory changes](#) intended to facilitate getting more homes built, through reduced regulatory burden and speedier regulatory approvals.

The first change would see the creation of a provincial oversight body, the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA). The agency's mandate includes powers to issue binding guidelines on CA performance, standards, and asset management. The OPCA's funding will be a mix of provincial funding, service fees, and cost recovery from CAs.

The second change, if adopted, would create seven regional CAs by merging the existing 36 CAs. The proposed regional boundaries of the new mega CAs are based on natural watershed systems, keeping existing CA boundaries intact where possible, and aligning source protection regions.

AMO supports the province's goal to streamline and improve the land development services provided by CAs as it takes concrete action to build more homes and growth enabling infrastructure. AMO is concerned that the scale and pace of the proposed changes, when undertaken without prior consultation with affected stakeholders including the municipal sector and CAs, risks increasing regulatory burden and costs. The changes also erode responsive local decision making, including permitting time.

Given these concerns, AMO's recommendations to the province are centered on greater and collaborative stakeholder engagement that's foundational to addressing the governance and funding challenges in the current proposal. Specifically, we urge the province to:

1. Maintain and prioritize local governance, expertise and decision making in CA consolidation
2. Fund transition costs to mitigate service delivery impacts
3. Restore a 50-50 municipal funding partnership that reflects increased provincial authority over CA operations, and potentially its fees, and
4. Collaborate on creating an implementation working group that would develop options, and group membership would include AMO, Conservation Ontario, select CAs and municipalities, developers, and Indigenous communities.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: January 13, 2026
From: Kristin Linklater – Deputy Clerk, Administrative Assistant.
Re: Website

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the current condition of the Township's website, outline recent technical issues and associated risks, and explain why a website upgrade has become increasingly urgent after being deferred for several years due to competing priorities.

The Township's website is a critical communication tool used daily by residents, businesses, government ministries, visitors, staff, and Council. It provides essential information including bylaws, notices, meeting agendas and minutes, service updates, emergency communications, and community resources.

For several years, staff have identified the need to modernize and redesign the website. However, this initiative has repeatedly been deferred due to other operational priorities. As a result, the website is now operating on outdated infrastructure and is increasingly vulnerable to failures, compatibility issues, and service disruptions.

In addition to being outdated, the current website does not fully meet modern accessibility standards. This creates barriers for residents who rely on assistive technologies and increases the Township's risk of non-compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and best practices.

The Township's website currently uses the Agama theme for its layout and design. This theme was last updated in 2021 and has since been discontinued by its developer. As a result:

- The theme no longer receives security patches, bug fixes, or compatibility updates.
- It may not function reliably with newer server software or WordPress updates.
- Technical issues are more difficult to diagnose and resolve due to lack of ongoing support.

The website is effectively running on outdated technology and is becoming increasingly fragile as external systems continue to evolve.

In recent weeks, the Township experienced a visible error message appearing on the website following a server-side PHP security update applied by the hosting provider (Vianet). While the immediate issue was resolved, this incident highlights broader concerns.

Based on discussions with Stephanie van Doleweerd (AloeRoot Web Service) our web consultant:

The hosting provider updated the version of PHP running on their server. Because the website's theme is outdated, it was not fully compatible with the newer PHP version. While the error message was removed, it is unclear whether the underlying compatibility issue was fully resolved or simply hidden from public view.

This incident is considered an early warning sign. While the most recent issue was fixable, future updates or security patches may result in more serious problems that are not easily resolved, potentially leading to website downtime or loss of functionality.

It is important to note that the Township receives excellent support from our web consultant, Stephanie, who has been proactive, responsive, and thorough in identifying issues, communicating risks, and assisting staff with troubleshooting and recommendations.

While the Township does not currently have a formal website support or maintenance agreement, there are ongoing operational costs associated with hosting, email services, backups, training, and issue resolution.

Summary of Website-Related Costs (2023–2025):

- **2023 Total:** \$1,090.22
- **2024 Total:** \$1,034.18
- **2025 Total:** \$1,155.18
- **Web Hosting fees** include staff and Council email accounts and email storage.
- **AloeRoot costs (Stephanie)** are primarily related to website backups, staff training, and issue resolution, not discretionary enhancements.
- **2024 costs** included a licensing fee.
- **2025 costs increased** due to more frequent backups and additional troubleshooting required as the platform becomes less stable and increasingly difficult to maintain.

These figures demonstrate that while the Township has minimized formal support expenses, costs are trending upward as staff and consultants are required to reactively manage issues caused by an aging and unsupported platform. Continued deferral of modernization is likely to result in higher reactive costs over time.

This lack of access and formal support increases risk and reduces the Township's ability to respond promptly if a critical issue arises.

Additionally, a WordPress update is expected in the near future, which may further increase compatibility risks given the age and discontinued status of the current theme.

The Township is now operating the website on what can reasonably be described as borrowed time. Key risks include:

- Increased likelihood of recurring errors following server or security updates

- Potential website outages or partial loss of functionality
- Reduced ability to post emergency or time-sensitive information
- Security vulnerabilities due to outdated software
- Reputational risk if residents are unable to access accurate and timely information

Each future update applied by the hosting provider or WordPress itself increases the chance of a critical failure.

Staff recommend that Council formally acknowledge the growing risks associated with maintaining the current website and consider prioritizing:

1. Planning for a full website redesign and modernization, using a supported and regularly updated platform.

Proactively addressing these matters will reduce long-term risk, improve reliability, and ensure the Township's website continues to meet the needs and expectations of the community.

Please find attached a quote on web page update/renew using our current consultant, AloeRoot.

The 2026 Budget has not yet been approved. Staff recommend Council approve this expenditure in order to proceed with the update.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristin Linklater', with a stylized, cursive script.

Kristin Linklater

Attached:

2025	Web Hosting	AloeRoot	Total
January	\$70.82	\$74.74	\$145.56
February	\$68.69	\$0	\$68.69
March	\$113.46	\$0	\$113.46
April	\$68.69	\$0	\$68.69
May	\$68.69	\$156.10	\$224.79
June	\$72.13	\$0	\$72.13
July	\$75.56	\$0	\$75.56
August	\$75.56	\$0	\$75.56
September	\$77.69	\$0	\$77.69
October	\$76.83	\$0	\$76.83
November	\$76.83	\$0	\$76.83
December	\$79.38	\$0	\$79.38
Total	\$924.34	\$230.84	\$1,155.18

2024	Web Hosting	AloeRoot	Total
January	\$63.60	\$0	\$63.60
February	\$63.60	\$99.22	\$162.82
March	\$104.30	\$0	\$104.30
April	\$63.60	\$19.84	\$83.44
May	\$66.73	\$57.24	\$123.97
June	\$66.14	\$0	\$66.14
July	\$66.14	\$0	\$66.14
August	\$66.14	\$0	\$66.14
September	\$66.14	\$0	\$66.14
October	\$66.14	\$33.07	\$91.21
November	\$66.14	\$0	\$66.14
December	\$66.14	\$0	\$66.14
Total	\$824.81	\$209.37	\$1,034.18

2023	Web Hosting	AloeRoot	Total
January	\$57.24	\$0	\$57.24
February	\$57.24	\$0	\$57.24
March	\$97.94	\$0	\$97.94
April	\$57.24	\$0	\$57.24
May	\$57.24	\$19.84	\$77.08
June	\$59.07	\$0	\$59.07
July	\$59.07	\$0	\$59.07
August	\$58.51	\$66.80	\$125.31
September	\$58.51	\$0	\$58.51
October	\$177.57	\$0	\$177.57
November	\$64.75	\$0	\$64.75
December	\$63.60	\$135.60	\$199.20
Total	\$867.98	\$222.24	\$1,090.22

2025 – There were increased fees due to more frequent back up, fixing things because the platform is failing.

2024 – There was a licensing fee associated with the costs.

The majority of Stephanie's fees are website back ups and training.
Web Hosting fee's include Staff/Council Emails, Email Storage.



AloeRoot Web Services

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steph@aloeeroot.com | 705-493-3601

Web Site Proposal for: **Township of Nipissing** January 14, 2026

Project Goals:

From our discussions, we have identified the following objectives for your project:

- Rebuild website to modernize design and update content, replace theme
- New accessibility-ready theme similar to other municipalities
- Audit old pages and remove unneeded ones – township staff to do this
- Accessibility tools added
- Accessibility training for staff
- Design and features similar to Memphis, TN city website; see design brief
- Features from Memphis site: Events Calendar, Mega Menu, potential Embed Press Pro add-on required, potential license for accessible professional theme.
- Pop-up notice or alert on homepage for important events such as fire or road closures

Initial Budget (Plus HST if Applicable):

Basic Setup Cost for Wordpress:

\$4999 CAD for setup, design and configuration of one Wordpress site. This charge includes site-wide design, search engine optimization, configuration of a responsive theme designed to scale for handheld devices. This also includes support for removing and redirecting outdated pages, and reworking of existing content to be accessibility compliant.

Design Options and Pricing:

These themes are listed as “accessibility-ready”, meaning they are designed to meet most mandated accessibility standards. We still highly recommend you augment the accessibility of your theme with add-on accessibility software.

AloeRoot's Preferred Theme Choice:

<https://wordpress.org/themes/neve/> based on Accessibe's evaluation of it being most compliant and also customizable to be similar to your design brief. See: <https://accessibe.com/blog/knowledgebase/ada-compliant-wordpress-themes>

Business License: \$149 USD for the first year, \$299 USD/year for renewals. Includes priority tech support for theme-related issues.

Additional Choices Based on Design Fit:

<https://wordpress.org/themes/kadence/>
<https://wordpress.org/themes/oceanwp/>

Accessibility Add-Ons:

AloeRoot's first choice would be UserWay software, as per below. We are aware that some accessibility companies can't support municipalities, so the Township's and AloeRoot's preference might be overruled by any license restrictions we discover in the process.

“UserWay” Accessibility Software Add-On: \$490 USD/year for as long as the site has fewer than 100K page-views per month. Includes remediations for AODA and other legal requirements, monitoring of 10 important pages, a customized accessibility statement, and a litigation support program.

OR (Second Choice)

“Accessibe” Accessibility Software Add-On: \$490 USD/year for as long as the site has fewer than 5K visits per month. Includes remediations for AODA and other legal requirements, an accessibility widget, a customized accessibility statement.

2. Conversion of all remaining pages to new "Gutenberg" block editor in Wordpress. AloeRoot and the Township staff can work together on this process to future-proof the content and consider accessibility.
3. Installation of new theme and switch to new theme for the design phase: approximately three weeks once content has been converted.
4. Concurrent process of refining the design, adjusting the content to fit the new design, creating new content as needed, and auditing and testing the site for accessibility compliance. Timing will be based on both AloeRoot and Township staff's availability.
5. Approval and launch process. This involves us coordinating with Vianet, the web host, to replace the existing site with the new version.

Maintenance and Updates:

Please note that we request a 50% deposit. The remainder will be billed incrementally depending on the duration of the project.

Software Maintenance and Updates After Launch:

Wordpress generally releases 4 core software updates per year, and occasionally you will require additional maintenance on your site's plugins and design theme. We charge our standard shop rate of \$80/hour and bill in 15-minute increments for maintenance. We require that your website be kept updated, to prevent potential security problems from unpatched software. Annual maintenance costs tend to be in the range of \$100/year for software updates.

Ongoing Accessibility Compliance:

AloeRoot will provide an accessibility-ready theme, train your staff, and help ensure that the site's content is considered accessible. Add-on software will provide additional tools and help protect the township from legal complaints. We do recommend asking us to do semi-regular compliance checks on the site's content, as third parties sometimes provide items (posters, graphics, brochures) which might introduce issues into the site.

Please also be aware that any PDFs uploaded to the site may not be accessible unless they're created that way; this is not an issue we can resolve. Infographics aren't accessible by nature, but we can train your staff to improve this.

Additional Software:

Wordpress itself is free of charge, however some add-ons require a commercial license. Based on your design brief using the Memphis website as an example, we expect you'll need:

The Events Calendar Pro: \$149 USD/year to create an events calendar with recurring events, location search, advanced widgets, events manager

Mega Menu: \$29 USD/year, creates accessible, multi-level flyout menus

Embed Press Pro: \$69 USD/year, needed only if the Township wants to embed content from social media like Facebook or Instagram, or to display PDFs with advanced controls.

Optional Stock Photos: available at cost; we have an account with iStockphoto.com to provide images as needed.

Approximate Initial Costs:

- \$4999 CAD for Wordpress work by AloeRoot
- \$149 USD for Neve Theme business license
- \$490 USD for UserWay accessibility add-on
- \$149 USD Events Calendar Pro licence
- \$29 USD Mega Menu license
- \$69 USD for Embed Press Pro (optional)

Expressed in CAD: \$6179 plus applicable tax as of current exchange rates.

Timeline:

We intend to handle the redesign of the Nipissing site by creating a working copy of the existing site, which Township staff can then edit to remove outdated content and update outdated information. Because the process depends on both Nipissing staff capacity and ours, accurately predicting our needs is challenging. However, we know the site's existing theme is reaching the end of its useful life, so there is some urgency.

Suggested stages:

1. Clone the site and township staff audit content: this can begin immediately, and the staff will delete unnecessary pages first. Train the staff in accessibility and how to create and maintain compliance, so the edited and new content is already compliant.

Training:

Training generally requires approximately 45-90 minutes when conducted with 1-5 staff members. One training session is included in the cost of your site. AloeRoot provides a handbook which includes guides to all the major functions of the site, which greatly reduces your need to pay for technical support following the launch of the site. However, support and additional training is available during business hours.

We offer consulting, support, and update services at our shop rate of \$80/hour.

Thank you for your interest in working with us. Please call or email if you have any questions.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 20, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the current Township website platform has been discontinued;

NOW THEREFORE the website requires immediate attention and replacement while still utilizing WordPress;

AND THAT we accept the quotation provided by AloeRoot Web Services for the required updates and replacement modules at a cost of \$6179.00, not including applicable taxes and current exchange rates;

AND THAT the project begins as soon as possible.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 20, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Township of Nipissing participates in the City of North Bay's Household Hazardous Waste Program for 2026 at a total cost of \$5,060.00.

For	Against
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CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	
YEMM	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



The Corporation of the
City of North Bay
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January 5, 2026

Nipissing Township
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Re: Participation in the City of North Bay's Household Hazardous Waste Program

The City of North Bay is once again inviting surrounding municipalities to participate in the City's Household Hazardous Waste Program.

North Bay City Council has agreed to accept household hazardous waste from participating municipalities that share in the operating and disposal costs. The cost per municipality is \$5 per dwelling based on the most up to date census.

The cost for the residents of Nipissing Township to safely dispose their hazardous waste at the North Bay HHWD is as follows:

Total Dwellings	1012
Cost Per Dwelling	\$5
Total Cost	\$5,060

Please contact me to confirm if Nipissing Township will be continuing to use the North Bay Household Hazardous Waste Depot.

Sincerely,

Victoria Thomas
Environmental Control Officer
705-474-0400 ext. 5221
victoria.thomas@northbay.ca

2025 \$ 4,048.00
2024 \$ 4,048.00
2023 \$ 2,024.00



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 20, 2026

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Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we authorize the circulation of a tender for the replacement of the Grader.

For Against

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Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: January 16, 2026
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer
Re: Proposed Amendments to Consolidated Parking By-Law 2021-50

Background:

The Township updated the Parking By-Law in 2021 with an amendment in 2024. This allowed for the designation of Emergency Loading Zones for the Fire Department; Winter Turnarounds with parking restrictions during the winter and No Parking areas along roads where parking was identified and a hazard to the traveling public and pedestrians and also provided a health and safety concern during regular maintenance operations.

Summary:

Each year concerns are compiled and compared to the current effectiveness of the by-law. The following issues have been highlighted that may be updated in the By-Law with an amendment:

1. Parking spaces (limited for day time use) were designated at the end of Sandy Bay Road.
The issue presenting itself is the parking of vehicles and trailers at this spot has impaired the winter maintenance turn-around function of the space and resulted in Public Works Crews not able to turn the plows around in the space.
2. Municipal Parking Lot at 1060 Birchgrove Road has experienced challenges not identified in the current by-law.
 - a. Trailers (camping trailers) have been brought onto the lot and people are staying in them over night.
 - b. Ice Huts are being left in the lot for several days.
 - c. The opening and closing of the lot has been disputed, putting the reasoning and time frames within the By-Law will assist with enforcement and education.

Recommendation:

1. The area at the end of Sandy Bay Road be designated as a Winter Turn Around.
2. Updated definitions and Parking Lot information be included within a By-Law amendment.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2021-50 DRAFT AMENDMENT 2026-XX

Being a By-Law to regulate the parking of vehicles within the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

WHEREAS Section 10(1) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, empowers municipalities to provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public;

AND WHEREAS Section 11(3) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001 c. 25, as amended, provides that municipalities may pass By-laws regulating parking, except on highways;

AND WHEREAS Section 101(1) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that municipalities may pass By-laws regulating or prohibiting the leaving of motor vehicles on land;

AND WHEREAS Section 63 of the *Municipal Act* as amended, provides that where a municipality passes a by-law for prohibiting or regulating the placing, stopping, standing or parking of an object or vehicle on a highway, it may provide for the removal and impounding or restraining and immobilizing of any object or vehicle placed, stopped, standing or parked on a highway in contravention of the by-law;

AND WHEREAS subsection 425(1) of the *Municipal Act*, as amended, authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws providing that any person who contravenes a by-law of the municipality passed under said Act is guilty of an offence,

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing deems it expedient to pass a by-law to regulate parking within the Township and for the designation of areas for Emergency Loading Zones;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Corporation of Township of Nipissing hereby enacts as follows:

PART 1 – DEFINITIONS

1. In this By-Law:
 - a) “**Accessory Structure**” means a use, building or structure that is naturally or normally incidental, subordinate and exclusively devoted to the principal use, building or structure and located on the same lot therewith. Accessory may include the temporary storage of a travel trailer, ice bungalow or ice hut, provided the same is not used for sleeping or cooking during such period of temporary storage.
 - b) “**Authorized Emergency Vehicle**” means a vehicle of the Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance (Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and vehicles of other municipal departments responding to urgent or emergency situations.
 - c) “**Authorized Sign**” means any sign or any marking placed or made on any highway or roadway or public place by the Township.
 - d) “**Boulevard**” means the portion of the highway at the side of or adjacent to such highway not normally used for pedestrian or vehicular traffic and exclusive of any part of such highway coming within the definition of “sidewalk” herein.
 - e) “**Council**” means the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
 - f) “**Double Parking**” means the parking of a motor vehicle on a highway where the vehicle is parked parallel to another vehicle illegally parked on the highway.
 - g) “**Driver**” means a person who drives or is care or control of a vehicle.
 - h) “**Emergency Loading Zone**” means an area designated and signed appropriately for the use of Authorized Emergency Vehicles for the purpose of emergency operations including but not limited to access to water sources and ingress and egress points for water bodies.

- i) “Ice Hut” means a building that is designed to be transported onto the ice of a lake for shelter during fishing during winter months. When on land, an ice hut shall be considered an accessory structure.
- j) “Ice Bungalow” means an accommodation unit designed to be mobile and transported onto the ice of a lake for temporary accommodation purposes during winter months. When on land, an ice bungalow shall be considered an accessory structure.
- k) “Highway” means a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct, or trestle, or any part which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of motor vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property line thereof, and “street” and “road” shall have a like meaning.
- l) “Intersection” means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection of the lateral curb lines, or, if none, then of the lateral boundary lines of two or more highways that join one another at an angle, whether or not one crosses the other.
- m) “Motor Vehicle” includes an automobile, motorcycle and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, or a motorized snow vehicle, a motor assisted bicycle, traction engine, farm tractor, self-propelled implement of husbandry or road building machine.
- n) “Municipal Law Enforcement Officer” means the By-law Enforcement/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer(s) employed by the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
- o) “Owner of Vehicle” means the person to whom a vehicle is registered under the *Highway Traffic Act*.
- p) “Park or Parking”, when prohibited, means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not on a highway, roadway, or municipally owned lands. Excluded from this definition are vehicles standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading goods, wares, merchandise or passengers.
- q) “Parking Lot” means a lot on municipally owned property for temporary vehicle parking that is regulated by the municipality.
- r) “Pedestrian” means a person afoot or in a wheelchair or a child in a wheeled carriage.
- s) “Police Officer” means a member of the police force of the Ontario Provincial Police.
- t) “Private Road or Driveway” means every way or place in private ownership and used for vehicular traffic by the owner and those having expressed, or implied permission given by the owner or duly authorized agent.
- u) “Roadway” means that portion of a street improved, designed or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic.
- v) “Stand or Standing” means the halting of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.
- w) “Traffic” includes vehicles, pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, and other conveyances either singly or together while using any street for the purposes of travel.
- x) “Traffic Control Device” means any sign or roadway markings placed under the authority of the Council for the purpose of guiding or directing traffic.
- y) “Trailer” means a trailer, travel or tent, any trailer which is designed to be temporarily utilized for living, shelter and sleeping accommodation, with or without cooking facilities and which has running gear and towing equipment that is permanently attached and is not permanently affixed to the ground. Can also mean a vehicle that is at any time drawn upon a highway by a motor vehicle.

- z) “**Vehicle**” includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road building machine, bicycle and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power.
- aa) “**Voluntary Payment**” means a method of paying the Voluntary Penalty payment out of court, directly to the Township of Nipissing, made on or before the date specified on the parking infraction notice.

PART 2 – PARKING REGULATIONS

2.1 General Stopping and Parking Regulations

- i) No person shall park or stop any vehicle on any road unless on the right hand side of the roadway having regard to the direction in which the vehicle was traveling, with the right front and rear wheels parallel to and not more than .30 metres (12”) from the right hand limit of the roadway as practicable, without stopping or parking over a sidewalk or footpath or over any part of the highway where grass has grown or which is not intended for the use of vehicles but this section shall not apply where angle parking is specifically authorized under this By-law.
- ii) Where angle parking is permitted on a roadway, no person shall stop or park any vehicle except at an angle from the curb or boundary of the roadway with the front end of the vehicle at such curb or boundary.

2.2 Restrictions on Stopping and Parking

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with a traffic control signal, sign device or the directions of a Police Officer, in any of the following places:

- i) **Private Driveway** – in front or within 3 metres (10 feet) of a public or private driveway.
- ii) **Intersection** – within 9 metres (30 feet) of an intersection unless otherwise signed.
- iii) **Bridge** – on any bridge or approaches thereto.
- iv) **Time Limit** – on any roadway in excess of 48 hours.
- v) **Double Parked** – double parked on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a roadway.
- vi) **Interference** – in such a place or position as to prevent the convenient removal of any other vehicle previously parked or standing.
- vii) **Municipal Property** – on property owned or occupied by the Municipality or any local Board thereof without the consent of the Municipality or local Board, as the case may be. For the purpose of this section, land owned by the Municipality includes a parcel of land, all street, Municipal parking lots and road allowances within the Municipality whether or not such streets or road allowances have been assumed by the Municipality for use by the public. Vehicles parked on streets within the Municipality or in Municipal parking lots in accordance with the provisions of this By-law shall be deemed to have been parked with the consent of the Municipality.
- viii) **Schedule “A”** – on any of the parts of highways named and described in Schedule A attached hereto and forming part of this by-law.

2.3 Emergency Loading Zone

Parking is prohibited in all areas designated as Emergency Loading Zone within this by-law. The purpose of Emergency Loading Zones is to provide a clear access at all times to water sources for the Fire Department, lake access for emergency responders including Fire, EMS and Police; and designated areas for the loading of patients by emergency responders.

Emergency Loading Zones are marked with signage and are designated on the Appendix maps attached to and hereby forming part of this by-law.

Emergency Loading Zones are located:

1. Wolfe Lake Beach
2. McQuaby Lake Boat Launch
3. Chapman's Landing Dock and boat launch
4. Heritage Park, Blake Street (beside the rink building)
5. Sandy Bay Road, end of road at turnaround
6. Deleted – By-Law 2024-11.

Vehicles parked in these designated areas will be towed at the owner's expense.

2.4 Winter Maintenance Turnarounds

Parking is prohibited in all areas designated as Winter Maintenance Turnarounds within this by-law from October 31 to May 1 each year. The purpose of Winter Maintenance Turnarounds is to provide access to snow plow trucks and maintenance vehicles for safe turning areas during the winter season.

Winter Maintenance Turnarounds are marked with signage and are designated on Schedule B attached to and hereby forming part of this by-law.

Vehicles parked in these designated areas between October 31 to May 1, during or following a snow fall event, may be towed at the owner's expense.

2.5 Time Limited Parking Areas

No vehicle shall be permitted to park on any roadway in excess of 48 hours.

Parking areas provided for Day Parking and Overnight Parking are designated within this by-law and marked with appropriate signage at each site.

Day Parking provides space for parking for not longer than twelve (12) hours **or as specified by this By-Law and appropriate signage at the location.**

Day Parking areas provided at:

Wolfe Lake Beach

Link's Beach

Chapman's Landing dock

McQuaby Lake launch area located off of Niagara Road

~~Sandy Bay Road, at the end of the road, located off of turnaround~~

Birchgrove Road (amended by By-Law 2024-11) at lot provided, corner of Rocky Shore Drive

Overnight Parking provides space for parking for not longer than forty-eight (48) hours.

Overnight Parking areas provided at:

McQuaby Lake launch area located off of Niagara Road

~~Birchgrove Road (amended by By-Law 2024-11) at lot provided, corner of Rocky Shore Drive~~

2.6 Restricted and No Parking Areas

No person shall park any vehicle upon a roadway in such a manner or under such conditions as to leave available less than three (3) metres (10 feet) of the width of the roadway for the free movement of vehicular traffic.

Vehicles parked obstructing free movement of vehicular traffic shall be towed at the owner's expense.

2.7 Municipal Parking Lot – 1060 Birchgrove Road

Parking lot will be open for public use during the Winter season and Summer season. Barriers will be in place during the wet seasons of Spring and Fall to protect the asset from damage.

Opening of the lot will coincide with the Ice Fishing Season of January 1 to March 15 each year. The Municipality will open the lot at their discretion earlier than January 1 should weather and ground conditions be appropriate.

Parking in the lot during the Winter season is restricted to day time use, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trailers (all trailers for all purposes), snow vehicles, ice huts, ice bungalows, accessory structures and all vehicles must be out of the parking lot by 8:00 p.m. during the Winter season of January 1 to March 15. Vehicles remaining may be ticketed or towed, at the expense of the owner.

Overnight use of the parking lot for storage of equipment, vehicles, accessory structures, trailers (all kinds), ice huts, ice bungalows, or for human habitation is not permitted.

PART 3 – ENFORCEMENT

3.1 The Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) may enforce the provisions of this By-law.

3.2 The Council may appoint one or more persons as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (MLEO) to enforce the provisions of this By-law.

3.3 Provincial Offences Act

Where a vehicle is found parked in contravention of any of the standing, stopping or parking provisions of this or any other By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing, an Officer who is responsible for the enforcement of this By-law so finding the vehicle may commence proceedings for parking infractions under Part 2 of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33.

3.4 Impounding

In addition to and notwithstanding Section 4.3 of this By-law, where a vehicle is found parked in contravention of the standing, stopping or parking provisions of this By-law a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or an Ontario Provincial Police Officer, may cause the vehicle to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs or charges for removing, care and storage shall be a lien against the vehicle which may be enforced in the manner provided by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*.

PART 4 – PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND PROPERTY OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY

4.1 No person shall park or leave a motor vehicle:

Private Property

i) On private property without the consent of the owner or occupant of the property.

Public Authority

ii) On property owned or occupied by a public authority or any local board without the consent of the public authority or local board, as the case may be; and

4.2 Conditions of Parking

Where signs have been posted, stating conditions on which a motor vehicle may be parked or left on the property, or prohibiting the parking or leaving of a motor vehicle on the property, a motor vehicle parked or left on the property contrary to such conditions or prohibitions shall be deemed to have been parked or left without consent.

4.3 Impounding

A Municipal Law Enforcement Officer (MLEO) or an Ontario Provincial Police Officer, upon discovery of any vehicle parked or standing in contravention of the provisions of this section may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place, at the owner's expense, and all costs and charges for removing car and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle which may be enforced in the manner provided by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*.

4.4 Exemption Special Functions

The Council, on application, may by Resolution and subject to conditions it deems advisable, direct that any section of this By-law not be enforced for a period of time, to be set out by Council, for the purpose of a function deemed to be in the best interests of the Township of Nipissing.

PART 5 - GENERAL

5.1 Time References

Wherever in this By-law a time of day or hour is referred to, the time shall be construed in accordance with standard time or day light savings time, as may be in the current official use in the Township of Nipissing.

PART 6 – PROVISIONS SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT

All sections of this By-law shall be deemed to be separate and independent and the invalidity of any section or provision hereof shall not affect the remaining sections.

PART 7 - PENALTIES

- 7.1 Any person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is subject to fine as provided for by s. 7.1 and section 61 of the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.33, as amended.
- 7.2 Where a motor vehicle is found parked in contravention of the parking provisions of this by-law, and a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer finding the vehicle shall attach to the motor vehicle a parking infraction notice in the form of a serially numbered notice stating:
- i. the motor vehicle plate number, province of number plate issuance and validation expiry date.
 - ii. that the vehicle is unlawfully parked, providing the wording of the offence,
 - iii. the date, time and location of the alleged offence, and
 - iv. the amount of the fine for the offence.
- 7.3 The owner of a motor vehicle is liable for the penalty provided for in this section to the same extent as the driver of such motor vehicle unless at the time of the offence, the vehicle was in possession of some person other than the owner, without the owner's consent.
- 7.4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section in respect to penalties for violation of the parking provisions of this By-law, any person may, upon presentation of a Certificate of Parking Infraction issued by a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, alleging commission of an offence under this By-law, pay out of Court within seven days from the issue of the said tag, the voluntary payment as prescribed in Schedule "C" to the Township of Nipissing Offices at 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, Ontario; or after seven days and within 15 days the set fine as prescribed in Schedule "C".
- 7.5 The notice shall be prepared in duplicate and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Police Officer shall attach one copy to the vehicle and deliver the duplicate copy to the Provincial Offences Office, 200 McIntyre Street East, North Bay, Ontario.
- 7.6 The Municipal Law Enforcement Officer or Police Officer upon finding a vehicle in violation of any section of the by-law, may at their (**amended by By-Law 2024-11**) discretion, order the removal of the vehicle violating the by-law when deemed necessary. The cost of such removal, towing and impoundment is the sole risk and expense of the owner.

PART 8 - SCHEDULES

8.1 There are attached to this By-Law the following schedules:

- i. Schedule A – Regulating those areas where parking is regulated.
- ii. Schedule B – Defining Winter Maintenance Turnarounds.
- iii. Schedule C – Set fines and voluntary payment.

By-Law Number 2021-50 shall come into force once the Short Form Working and Set Fines are approved by the Regional Senior Judge of Ontario Court of Justice pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act*.

By-Law Number 2007-1203 is hereby repealed, once By-law Number 2021-50 comes into force.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF NIPISSING

Signed copy on file at Office.

Tom Piper, Mayor

By-Law Passed October 19, 2021

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator

**CONSOLIDATED FEBRUARY 20, 2024
AMENDED BY BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-11**

**CONSOLIDATED JANUARY XX, 2026
AMENDED BY BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-XX**

By-Law Number 2021-50
Schedule "A"

THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2021-50

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

THE PARKING OF VEHICLES IS REGULATED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

1. Deleted (amended by By-Law 2024-11).
2. Block 20, Plan 42M559 – designated parking area containing signed areas for Day Time Parking and Overnight Parking with a limit of 48 hours. (amended by R2024-61, March 19, 2024) (Reference Illustration 1, attached.)
3. Birchgrove Drive up to intersection with Lakeview Drive; Rocky Shore Drive up to intersection with Pike Bay Road and Sunset Cove Road up to intersection with Sandy Bay Road – No parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 1, attached.) (amended by By-Law 2024-11) (amended by By-Law 2026-XX)
4. Turn around at the end of Sandy Bay Road – designated area for Emergency Loading Zone, no parking at any time. ~~designated parking area with limited spaces for Day Time Parking; and no parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 2, attached.)~~ (amended by By-Law 2026-XX)
5. Bear Creek Road and adjacent land 42R-14719, Part 1 and Part of PSR 534, Part 10 – No parking on roadway or municipal property indicated. (Reference Illustration 3, attached.)
6. Lake Nipissing Road 42R-13453, Parts 5, 6, 9, 7, 19, 21, 11 and 13 – no parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 4, attached.)
7. Chapman's Landing dock and boat launch, Concession 11, Part Lot 14 – designated Emergency Loading Zone, no parking at any time within; designated parking area with limited spaces for Day Time Parking; and no parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 5, attached.)
8. Boat Launch, McQuaby Lake (McQuaby Lake Road) – road allowance, Con 7, Part Lot 27 – designated Emergency Loading Zone, no parking at any time within; no parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 6, attached.)
9. McQuaby Lake Access Point (off of Niagara Road) – designated Emergency Loading Zone, no parking at any time within; designated parking area with signed areas for Day Time Parking and Overnight Parking with a limit of 48 hours; and no parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 7, attached.)
10. Deleted. (amended by By-Law 2024-11)
11. Wolfe Lake Beach (Wolfe Lake Road) – designated Emergency Loading Zone, no parking at any time within; designated parking area for Day Time Parking; no parking on roadway. (Reference Illustration 9, attached.)

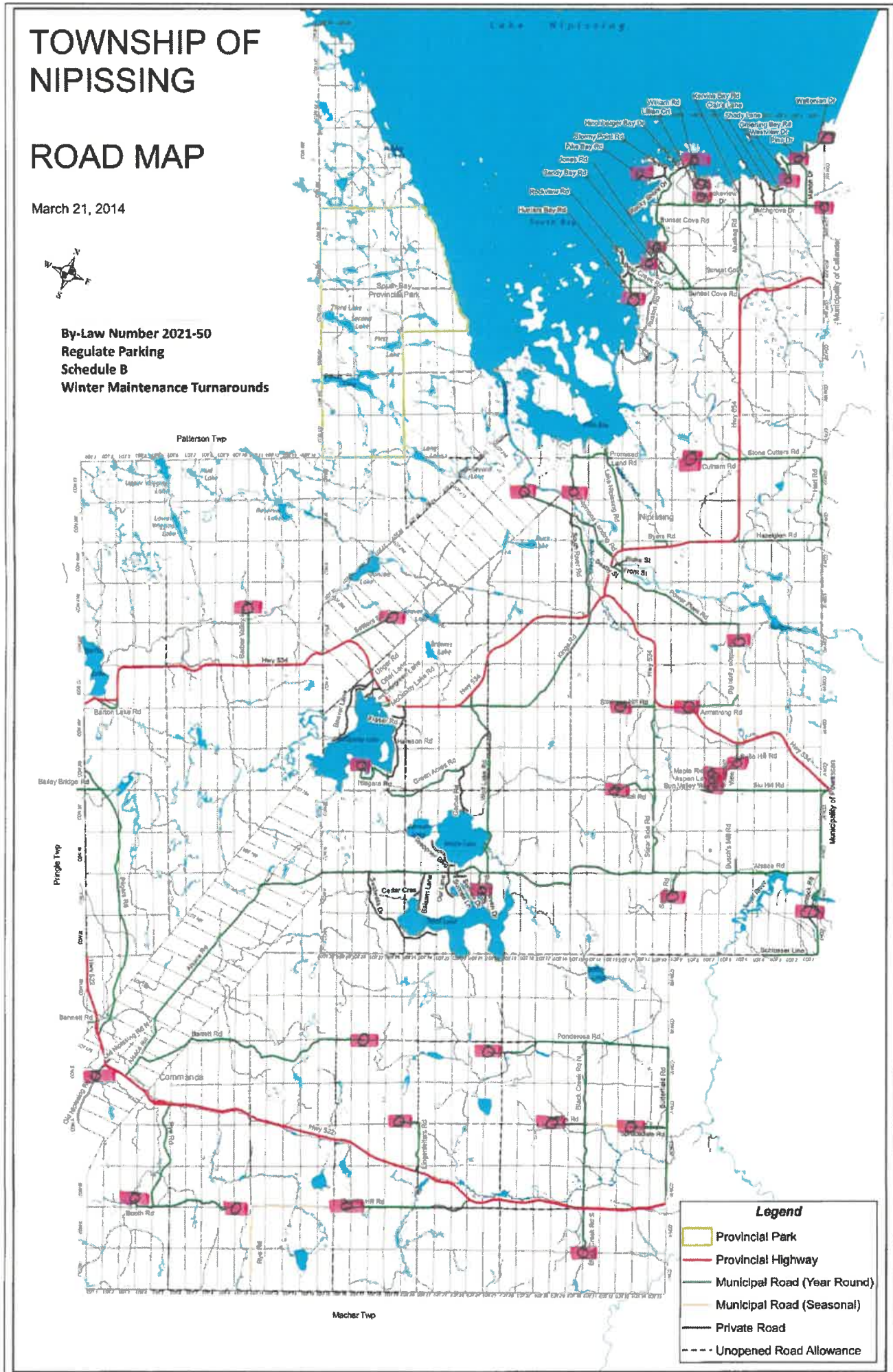
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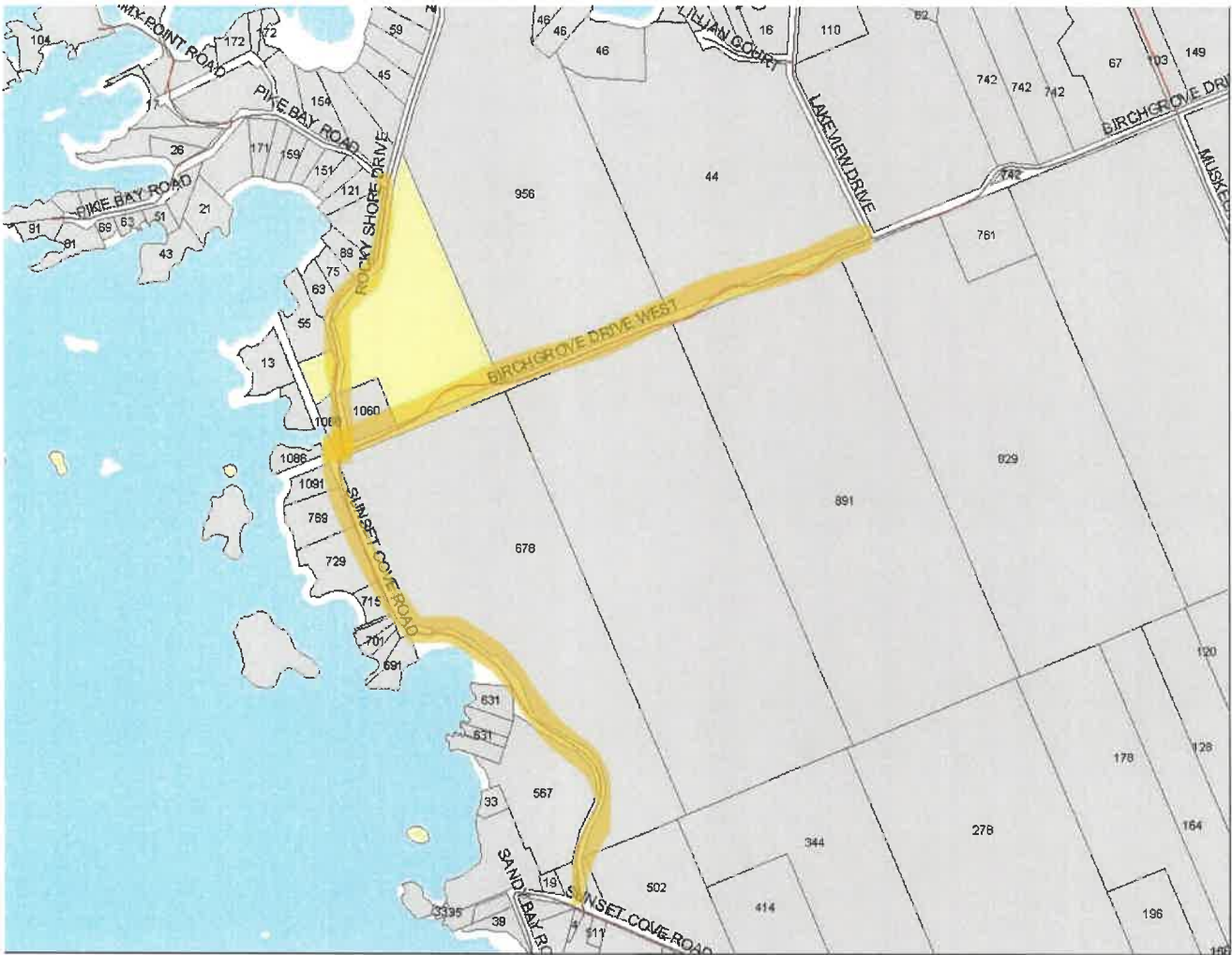
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

THE DESIGNATION OF WINTER MAINTENANCE TURNAROUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

As marked on the map below and including the end of Sandy Bay Road (amended by By-Law 2026-XX)





Reference Illustration #1

Propose we remove the “day parking” notation and label this as a Winter Turn Around and Emergency Loading Zone, restricting parking October 31 to May 1.



Reference Illustration #2



Reference Illustration #3



Reference Illustration #4



Reference Illustration #5



Reference Illustration #6



Reference Illustration #7

Illustration #8 Deleted. (amended by By-Law 2024-11)



Reference Illustration #9



Reference Illustration #10

THIS IS SCHEDULE “C” TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2021-50

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Penalties – Part 7

Set Fines Part II

Provincial Offences Act

Item	Short Form Wording	Provision creating or defining offence	Voluntary Payment Payable within 7 days	Set Fine
1	Park opposite direction of traffic	2.1(i)	\$20.00	\$30.00
2	Park more than .30 m (12”) from right limit of roadway	2.1(i)	\$20.00	\$30.00
3	Park improper angle parking	2.1(ii)	\$20.00	\$30.00
4	Park to interfere with traffic	2.2	\$20.00	\$30.00
5	Park as to obstruct or within 3 metres of a public or private driveway	2.2(i)	\$20.00	\$30.00
6	Park within intersection	2.2(ii)	\$20.00	\$30.00
7	Park on bridge or approach to	2.2(iii)	\$25.00	\$35.00
8	Park on roadway in excess of 48 hours	2.2(iv)	\$20.00	\$30.00
9	Park on roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at edge of roadway	2.2(v)	\$20.00	\$30.00
10	Park to prevent removal of previously parked vehicle	2.2(vi)	\$20.00	\$30.00
11	Park on Municipal property	2.2(vii)	\$20.00	\$30.00
12	Park on highway posted no parking	2.2(viii)	\$20.00	\$30.00
13	Park in designated/signed Winter Maintenance Turnarounds	2.4	\$45.00	\$55.00
14	Park in Time Limited Parking Areas longer than permitted	2.5	\$20.00	\$30.00

Note: The penalty provision for the offences indicated above is section 7 of By-Law Number 2021-50, a certified copy of which has been filed.

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

January 20, 2026

- 1.** Ministry of Attorney General – Updates to "Tailgate Event" Permits under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act*, 2019.
- 2.** Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Homelessness Crisis Accelerating in Northern Ontario. FONOM Urges Provincial Action on Mental Health and Addictions.
- 3.** Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Keeping Criminals Behind Doors Act, 2025 – Proposed Legislative Amendments to the Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 (PRCRA).
- 4.** Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Municipalities Under Pressure.
- 5.** The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee – Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario.
- 6.** City of Peterborough – Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request.
- 7.** Town of Prescott – Resolution of Support regarding Waste Incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program.
- 8.** The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa – request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases.
- 9.** Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan – Affordable Rental Housing.
- 10.** Northwatch – Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on Our Highways.
- 11.** Maple Crunch Centre for Canadian Culinary Innovation (MCCCI) – Partnership Inquiry.

MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council - Ontario Municipalities

DATE: January 13, 2026

FROM: Tom McKinlay,
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

RE: Updates to “Tailgate Event” Permits under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019*

Effective April 30, 2026, [amendments to O. Reg. 747/21](#) under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* (LLCA) will expand eligibility for tailgate event permits to include events that have been municipally-designated as cultural or community events. “Tailgate events” will also be renamed “bring-your-own events”. Tailgate events held in connection with and in proximity to professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting events will continue to be eligible events under the bring-your-own permit. All bring-your-own permit events are to remain public outdoor events.

As of April 30, 2026, organizations and individuals will be able to apply to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), which administers and regulates liquor licences and permits in the province, for permits to host “bring-your-own events”.

The bring-your-own permit is for outdoor public events and can be either “Sale” or “No-Sale” depending on whether alcohol will be sold and served or just served at the event. Attendees aged 19 or older are allowed to bring and consume their own alcohol at all bring-your-own events.

This initiative is intended to benefit businesses, organizations, and local tourism by making public events more accessible and encouraging greater community participation. These amendments support Ontario’s ongoing efforts to modernize the legislative and regulatory framework for alcohol, promoting safe and socially responsible recreational opportunities.

As municipalities are best positioned to understand local needs and determine how to classify community or cultural events, applicants for a bring-your-own event permit for a cultural or community event must obtain a letter or resolution from the municipality in which the event will take place designating the event as a “cultural, or community event” before [submitting their application to the AGCO](#).

Examples of outdoor community or cultural events may include, but are not limited to:

- outdoor movie screenings,
- street markets,
- arts and crafts shows,
- free outdoor concerts,
- fairs,
- neighbourhood sports tournaments,
- public performances (i.e. theatre),
- farmers markets, and
- international or religious festivals.

If a municipality does not designate an event as a community or cultural event, the AGCO cannot issue a bring-your-own event permit. The designation of an event as “community” or “cultural” is at the municipality’s discretion, there is no obligation to make such a designation.

Consistent with other types of outdoor events, event organizers must also provide written notice 30 days before the event to the municipal clerk’s department, and police, fire and public health departments when expecting fewer than 5,000 people per day and 60 days prior to the event if expecting more than 5,000 people.

Events held on municipal property (e.g., city parks) remain subject to applicable municipal approvals and alcohol policies, these changes are not intended to alter those requirements.

The AGCO will continue to ensure compliance with the LLCA, its regulations, and the AGCO Registrar’s Standards.

If you have any questions about these regulatory changes please contact Wendy Chen, Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch at Wendy.Chen@ontario.ca. If you have any questions about AGCO permits and the application process, please contact Ruxandra Ilicea, Senior Eligibility Officer at Ruxandra.Ilicea@agco.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom McKinlay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom McKinlay
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

c.c. Wendy Chen, Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch
Ben Valido, Chief Strategy Officer
Ruxandra Ilicea, Senior Eligibility Officer

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 13, 2026

Homelessness Crisis Accelerating in Northern Ontario, FONOM Urges Provincial Action on Mental Health and Addictions

January 13, 2025 — East Ferris

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is raising renewed concern after new provincial data show homelessness is growing fastest—and most severely—in Northern Ontario, outpacing the capacity of local systems and communities to respond.

New figures released today by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) show that **more than 85,000 Ontarians experienced homelessness in 2025**, an increase of 8 per cent from the previous year and nearly 50 per cent higher than in 2021. Alarming, homelessness grew by **more than 37 per cent in Northern Ontario in just one year**, compared to 7.8 per cent provincially.

Updated analysis from the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) confirms that Northern Ontario — home to just five per cent of Ontario’s population — now accounts for **nearly ten per cent of all known homelessness in the province**, with the number of people experiencing homelessness rising from **5,930 to 8,142 between 2024 and 2025**.

“This data confirms what Northern communities have been living with every day,” said **Dave Plourde, President of FONOM**. “Homelessness in the north is accelerating faster than our housing supply, health systems, and community supports can keep up with. Municipalities are doing everything they can, but the scale of the crisis now demands decisive leadership and coordinated action from the Province.”

FONOM notes that homelessness in Northern Ontario is increasingly driven by **untreated mental illness and addiction**, particularly substance use disorders involving methamphetamine and opioids. These realities are placing enormous strain on emergency rooms, police services, shelters, and municipal budgets, especially in small, rural, and remote communities with limited service capacity.

“Temporary enforcement measures alone will not solve this crisis,” Plourde added. “Northern municipalities are asking for legislative tools that prioritize safety, health, and dignity, for individuals in crisis and for the broader community.”

FONOM Reiterates Call for Targeted Legislative Reform

In light of the worsening data, FONOM is once again calling on the Province of Ontario to work with municipal partners to:

- **Amend the Mental Health Act** to better reflect modern understandings of addiction as a substance use disorder; and

- **Review the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act**, in collaboration with the federal government, to allow for **temporary, health-focused detention — without charge — of individuals found acutely intoxicated by drugs or other substances**, where necessary for their own safety or that of the community.

“This is about compassionate, temporary intervention — not criminalization,” said Plourde. “Frontline police, paramedics, and hospitals are cycling the same individuals through emergency systems with no ability to stabilize them or connect them to care. Northern communities need tools that reflect today’s realities.”

Housing Pressures and Economic Impacts Continue to Mount

NOSDA’s updated report also highlights a sharp rise in housing pressures across Northern Ontario, with **community housing waitlists increasing by more than 50 per cent since 2021**, and Indigenous people now representing **over 40 per cent of those experiencing homelessness in the region**.

Beyond the human cost, homelessness is increasingly undermining local economies, making it harder for northern communities to attract workers, retain businesses, and invest in long-term growth.

“Homelessness is no longer just a social issue; it is an economic and community sustainability issue for Northern Ontario,” Plourde said. “Without sustained, housing-led and prevention-focused investment, the cost of inaction will continue to rise for everyone.”

FONOM supports AMO’s call for long-term provincial and federal investment in deeply affordable and supportive housing, mental health and addictions services, and income supports, and stresses that **municipal property taxes are not a sustainable funding source** for addressing a crisis of this magnitude.

“Northern municipalities are at the breaking point,” Plourde concluded. “We are ready to work with the Province and the federal government on real, practical solutions — but the status quo is no longer acceptable.”

About FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities represents 110 municipal governments across Northern Ontario. FONOM advocates on behalf of its members to advance policies that support economic development, infrastructure investment, and sustainable communities throughout the region.

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of Ontario

Keeping Criminals Behind Bars Act, 2025 – Proposed Legislative Amendments to the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 (PRCRA)*

**AMO'S RESPONSE TO ONTARIO REGULATORY REGISTRY PROPOSAL
(25-SOLGEN019)**

December 23, 2025

***Keeping Criminals Behind Bars Act, 2025 – Proposed Legislative Amendments to
the Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015 (PRCRA)
December 23, 2025***

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) appreciates the opportunity to provide input on Ontario Regulatory Registry Proposal #25-SOLGEN019, which outlines proposed amendments to the *Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015* (PRCRA) through the *Keeping Criminals Behind Bars Act, 2025*. The proposal would enable the Solicitor General to set service standards for police record checks through future regulation as well as help police services process record checks more effectively and apply the Act more consistently.

Municipalities understand the importance of having efficient and effective processes for police record checks, especially when it comes to hiring and onboarding. AMO is pleased to see the government is taking steps to help address the issue of delays for police record checks, especially as demand for this service grows. Municipalities would welcome improvements to the predictability of police record checks, including standards around timelines for processing. This will be a helpful step to address some of the operational challenges municipalities are experiencing because of significant delays in the processing of police record checks. This is an especially growing problem for rural and northern municipalities that use the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for their policing services.

The current backlog of police background checks, especially vulnerable sector checks, is creating operational challenges for municipalities – impacting their ability to hire and onboard critical service providers and staff in a timely and efficient manner:

- Across municipalities, critical service staff such as social workers, personal support workers and even community centre and recreational staff are left waiting multiple months before they can begin employment, leaving them and municipal employers in limbo while they wait for the required vulnerable sector checks to be processed.
- These delays have real operational and fiscal implications for municipalities who are left with service gaps that they have to sometimes fill with more expensive agency workers.
- The delays are also negatively impacting prospective employees who can be left months without income.

Municipalities are also reporting similar processing delays impacting the appointment of vacant seats on police service boards. Delays in appointees can have implications for essential board services and governance.

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As the Province considers future regulation on this matter, AMO encourages the government to consider standards that would improve timeframes and processing times for record checks, especially vulnerable sector checks. Developing a prioritization system for police record checks could also provide an avenue for helping prevent backlog and expedite critical cases that require more immediate attention, such as those related to conditions of employment for critical services.

AMO looks forward to continuing to work with the Province to ensure an effective and efficient police records check system that works effectively for all Ontarians.



Municipalities Under Pressure: One Year Later

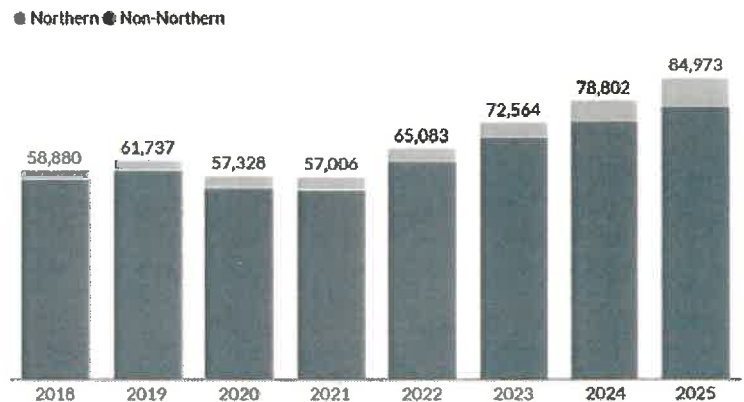
Ontario's homelessness crisis continues to worsen. Updated data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and key partners confirms the urgent need for collective action by municipalities, the province and federal government.

One year ago, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) partnered with the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA) and HelpSeeker Technologies on a groundbreaking study to quantify the scope of the homelessness crisis in Ontario.

The report, **Municipalities Under Pressure One Year Later: An Update on the Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis** updates key data to provide a picture of homelessness a year after AMO's last groundbreaking report on homelessness in Ontario.

Even more Ontarians were homeless in 2025 than 2024

- Nearly 85,000 Ontarians were known to be homeless in 2025, an increase of almost 8% in just one year and nearly 50% since 2021.
- People are staying homeless for longer periods of time. More than half of homeless Ontarians are chronically homeless, meaning they have been without a home for at least six months or have cycled in and out of homelessness repeatedly.



Homelessness is no longer an urban crisis, and it continues to grow fastest in rural and northern communities with less capacity to address it.

- In rural communities, homelessness grew by more than 30% last year.
- In Northern Ontario, homelessness grew by more than 37% last year, now accounting for 10% of all homelessness in Ontario despite representing only 5% of the population.

Nearly 2,000 encampments dotted the province in 2025.

- Previous data collected by AMO in 2023 estimated 1,400 encampments. Targeted investments and actions did address many of the larger, urban encampments. However, small and dispersed encampments are now reported across the province.

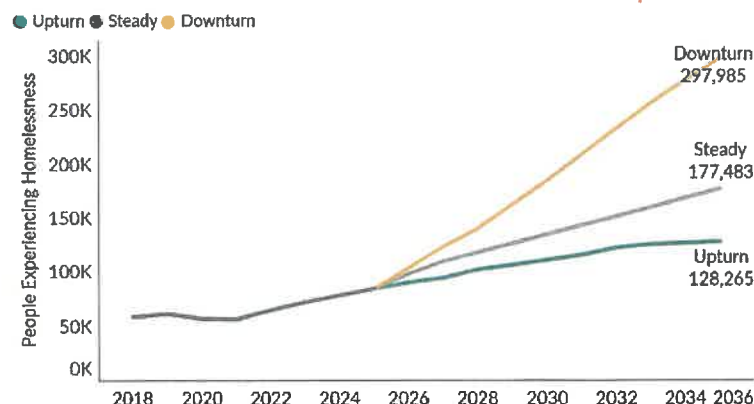
A minimum 13.2% of homeless Ontarians are Indigenous, despite accounting for only about 3% of Ontario's population. This disproportionate impact reflects the enduring effects of colonialism.

As documented in the 2025 report, we know that Indigenous homelessness remains undercounted due to persistent structural barriers. All orders of government need to work together in partnership and commit meaningful resources to advance homelessness solutions that are co-developed and led by Indigenous People, including those living in urban and rural communities.

The wait list for social housing has grown to over 300,000 households, reflecting the urgent need for more deeply affordable housing.

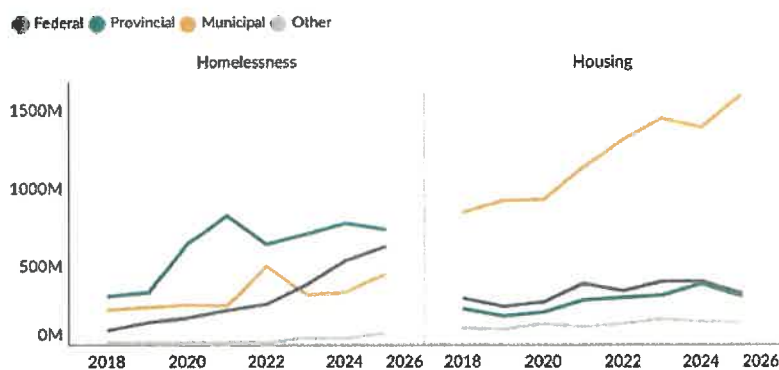
Updated projections show that homelessness will get worse without action:

- Even under a steady economic scenario, homelessness in Ontario would double over the next 10 years and could grow to almost 300,000 people in an economic downturn.
- Without urgent action, homelessness will become intractable, more complex, and more expensive to address.



Municipalities continue to bear the weight of investing in long-term, affordable housing in Ontario.

- Municipalities account for the largest and fastest-growing share of housing and homelessness funding in Ontario.
- *Note – Committed provincial investments in Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs do not flow through municipal service providers and are not captured in these charts.*



This growing scale of homelessness in Ontario is unacceptable.

As recommended in our 2025 report, to end chronic homelessness, we need a fundamentally new approach that prioritizes long-term housing solutions over temporary emergency measures and enforcement-based responses.

- To end chronic homelessness, an additional \$11 billion over 10 years would re-focus investments into capital, increase focus on prevention, and create more than 75,000 new affordable and supportive housing units.
- To tackle the immediate priority of ensuring all encampment residents are appropriately housed, we need an additional investment of \$2 billion over eight years to greatly increase the capacity of support services and supportive, transitional and community housing, and to move people into stable housing.

Additionally, AMO recommends:

Continued federal funding through the National Housing Strategy to maintain critical programs like the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit.

Collaboration between all orders of Government to ensure our homelessness and housing dollars are having the biggest impact, including coordinating data and outcomes across programs, connecting services, and tracking every dollar from investment to impact.

Through collective and strategic action, we can make our communities safer and improve quality of life, making homelessness program investments go further and improve local economies.



Touch the Edge of the Arctic!

The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee Council Resolution

Date: January 6, 2026

Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario
Resolution Number : 2026-008

Moved By: Councillor Susan Hunter

Seconded By: Councillor Diande Ryder

WHEREAS violent home invasions have increased in several regions of Ontario, creating growing fear and frustrating among residents;
AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners increasingly believe that current self-defence laws do not provide sufficient and clear protection for individuals who lawfully defend themselves and their families during violent intrusions;
AND WHEREAS rural residents often experience police response times that can exceed 30 minutes or more, leaving citizens without immediate protection when confronted with life-threatening emergencies;
AND WHEREAS the absence of "home invasions" as a distinct offence in the crime and responding appropriately;
AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has repeatedly called for strengthened homeowner protections, including consideration of castle-law-style provisions, and for the federal government to act;
AND WHEREAS residents expect all levels of government to take decisive action to address gaps that leave families vulnerable in their own home;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Corporation of the Town of Moosonee strongly supports the Province of Ontario's call for strengthened homeowner self-defence protection, including the adoption of clear and robust "castle law"-type provisions to ensure that law-abiding residents can protect themselves without fear of unjust prosecution.
2. Council calls on the Government of Canada to immediately prioritize reforms to the Criminal Code that strengthen and clarify the rights of homeowners who act in legitimate self-defence during violent home invasions.
3. Council demands that the federal government amend the Uniform Crime Reporting system to classify "home invasion" as a distinct criminal offence, allowing for accurate tracking, targeted enforcement, and informed public policy.
4. Council urges the Province of Ontario to take stronger action to monitor, publish, and improve police response times in rural and northern communities, and to ensure that residents are not left unprotected due to resourcing shortages.
5. Council encourages all Ontario municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to demonstrate a unified municipal voice calling for urgent reforms that protect citizens in their homes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to:
The Prime Ministers of Canada, The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of
Canada. The Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General of Ontario, The Solicitor General
of Ontario, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.

Results: Carried



Boblin Jardino
Municipal Clerk

Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

Agenda Item: Resolution – Background Report (Submitted by Mayor Gould)

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has repeatedly called for a review or adoption of "castle laws" in Canada, beginning June 16, 2025, and continuing in August and October of 2025. Premier Ford has emphasized that Ontario families must feel safe in their homes and that law-abiding residents should not face legal uncertainty when legitimately defending themselves from violent intruders.

Several urban and suburban regions, including York and Peel, have experienced a documented rise in violent home invasions and have established dedicated task forces to address this trend. In contrast, rural communities lack reliable statistics because "home invasion" is not recognized as a distinct offence under the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system. As a result, these incidents are recorded under broader categories such as break-and-enter or assault, making it difficult to assess the true scale of the problem outside major urban centres.

Rural residents face additional vulnerabilities due to limited policing resources and significantly longer emergency response times, which can leave homeowners without immediate protection during life-threatening situations. These conditions highlight the need for clearer legal protections for homeowners, improved crime-tracking practices, and decisive action from both provincial and federal governments to enhance public safety.

Resolution: Strengthening Self-Defence Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario

WHEREAS violent home invasions have increased in several regions of Ontario, creating growing fear and frustration among residents;

AND WHEREAS Ontario homeowners increasingly believe that current self-defence laws do not provide sufficient or clear protection for individuals who lawfully defend themselves and their families during violent intrusions;

AND WHEREAS rural residents often experience police response times that can exceed 30 minutes or more, leaving citizens without immediate protection when confronted with life-threatening emergencies;

AND WHEREAS the absence of "home invasion" as a distinct offence in the national Uniform Crime Reporting system prevents governments from understanding the true scale of this crime and responding appropriately;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has repeatedly called for strengthened homeowner protections, including consideration of castle-law-style provisions, and for the federal government to act;

AND WHEREAS residents expect all levels of government to take decisive action to address gaps that leave families vulnerable in their own homes;

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MPP Vic Fedeli, and all Ontario municipalities.



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
500 George Street North
Peterborough, Ontario
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December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to "ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area" and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuring the secure



custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

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John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

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Regular Council
December 15, 2025
245-2025

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

Justin Kirby

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott support the Municipality of Tweed's, the Tay Valley Township's, and the Municipality of South Huron's resolutions regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

AND WHEREAS it is incumbent upon the members of council, MPPs and MPs to make the decisions that will result in the most positive outcomes for now and future generations;

AND WHEREAS continuing to bury garbage in the ground will result in our future generations having lost potable groundwater as a result of garbage leachate rendering is unsuitable;

AND WHEREAS burying garbage, particularly organic waste in landfills, leads to the production of methane a greenhouse gas, which escapes into the atmosphere and contributes to climate change causing more environmental destruction;

AND WHEREAS we continue to destroy our environmental jeopardizing our future generations;

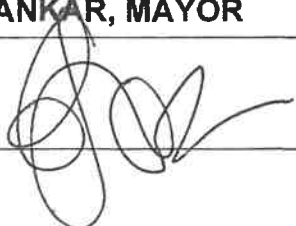
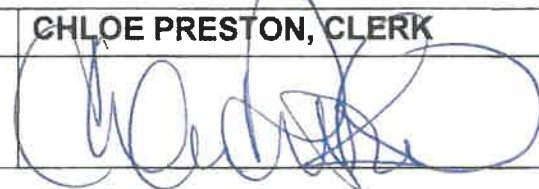
AND WHEREAS we have worldwide technology that will allow us to use of clean incineration and also produce much needed electric energy;



BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott support the Municipality of Tweed in investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices, so that future generations will not suffer from our environmental mismanagement;

AND THAT this support be sent to Premier Ford, Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition Party, and all Ontario Municipalities.

		REQUESTED BY:		
		RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
		Councillor Leanne Burton		
		Councillor Mary Campbell		
		Councillor Justin Kirkby		
CARRIED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Lee McConnell		
TABLED:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor Gauri Shankar		
DEFEATED:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Ray Young		
RECORDED VOTE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councillor Tracey Young		

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the Clerk for the Municipality of Wawa send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Terry Sheehan, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opata		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR - MELANIE PILON	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL

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BRUDENELL, LYNDPOCH AND RAGLAN**

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January 7, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Affordable Rental Housing

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 7th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa.

Resolution No: 2026-01-07-06
Moved by: Councillor Kauffeldt
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of Wawa's resolution regarding Affordable Rental Housing as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units; and

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security; and

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases; and

WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Wawa renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes; and

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates; and

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

WHEREAS This council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system; and

WHEREAS maintaining Northern Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.

NORTHWATCH

Date: January 9, 2026

To: Municipalities of Simcoe County and the Districts of Parry Sound and Muskoka

From: Brennain Lloyd, Northwatch

Re: **Transportation of High-Level Radioactive Waste on Our Highways
Register Your Community's Concern by February 4th**

Earlier this week a federal review of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's plan to transport, process, bury and eventually abandon all of Canada's high-level nuclear waste in northwestern Ontario was launched, with the first comment period closing on February 4th. Over these next several weeks it is important that municipalities register their interest with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada and comment on the Initial Project Description now posted on the IAAC web site.

Of key importance: the NWMO is seeking to exclude the transportation of the high-level radioactive wastes through from the impact assessment process. In effect, that is excluding the concerns and voices of central and northeastern Ontario from the federal review. For us, it will be all risk, no reward, and not even the opportunity to have the impacts on our communities assessed in the federal review (expected to get underway in 2028).

Brief background: on November 28th 2024, after a multi-year siting process, the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) announced that it had selected the Revell site between Ignace and Dryden as their intended destination for all of Canada's high-level nuclear fuel waste, coming from nuclear power generating stations in southern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick.

This may not seem like a pressing issue for municipalities in central and northeastern Ontario, but it is absolutely an issue on your doorstep: The NWMO estimates that transportation of the current waste inventory will require **2-3 trucks per day** for more than 50 years. Those trucks will be travelling through or near your community as they make the (on average) 1,700 km trip from the reactors in southern Ontario (Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating Stations just east of Toronto the Bruce station in Kincardine in Bruce County) and the even longer distances from reactors in Quebec and New Brunswick.

There is substantial public concern with nuclear waste transportation because of the ongoing risk from the low levels of radiation that will be emitted from each shipment, and because of the risk of larger releases under accident conditions. The public rightfully expects this major component of the project to be thoroughly evaluated during the public assessment process.

In August 2025, the NWMO made it known that they were seeking to have transportation of the radioactive wastes excluded from the project's impact assessment process. However, for 20 years, the NWMO has been describing transportation as part of their project, and the Impact Assessment Act requires that activities that are integral to - or, in the language of the Act "incidental" to - the project be included in the assessment.

Impact Assessment of NWMO's Project Proposed for the Revell Site

On January 5th the federal review of the NWMO's nuclear waste project was initiated when the Initial Project Description (IPD) was posted on the Assessment Agency's website and a 30-day comment period began.



Initial Project Descriptions are the first document filed by a proponent in a federal Impact Assessment Process, and the information included must meet specific requirements.

During this first comment period, feedback on the Initial Project Description should focus on whether enough information was provided. This is an initial project description and not a full impact statement (that comes at a later stage, currently expected to be filed in 2028) but should provide a comprehensive description, identifying all project activities and potential impacts (and how impacts are to be avoided or reduced).

Significantly, the NWMO has excluded long distance transportation from their Initial Project Description, consistent with their ambition to have transportation excluded from the impact assessment process.

Next Steps

As part of the current phase of the impact assessment process – referred to as the “planning phase” – comments on the Initial Project Description are the first step. Following that, the Impact Assessment Agency will release a “summary of issues” that should reflect what they heard during the comment period, and the NWMO must respond to that summary. Following that a set of draft guidelines (the guidelines will serve as instructions to the NWMO for their preparation of the Impact Assessment Statement) and there will be a second and final comment period for this phase of the process. We will write again when the comment period on the draft guidelines is announced; we expect it will be in the spring this year.

Here are three steps you can take as a potentially impacted or concerned municipality:

- Email the Impact Assessment Agency and let them know your municipality wishes to be added to the distribution list for the Impact Assessment of the NWMO’s project (Ref. #88774) (email nuclearwaste-dechetsnucleaires@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)
- Provide comments on the Initial Project Description by February 4th. We’ll be sharing more analysis in the coming weeks to support you in preparing comments, but your comments do not have to be long or complex; they can simply state that as a potentially impacted municipality you fully expect transportation to be assessed in the federal review process. You can post your comments to the review registry [HERE](#).
- Many municipalities have already passed resolutions opposing the transportation and burial of nuclear waste in northern Ontario, and we encourage all municipalities to take this step (in updated template is [HERE](#)).

Please let us know how we can assist you. We would be pleased to provide you with additional information and analysis, either through presentations to Council or more informally.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this detailed letter and the backgrounder on nuclear waste transportation.

Sincerely,



Brennain Lloyd
Northwatch

December 2025 Backgrounder on Nuclear Waste Transportation is [HERE](#)

Kris Croskery-Hodgins

From: director@mccci.ca
Sent: January 6, 2026 3:18 AM
To: director@mccci.ca
Subject: Partnership Inquiry – Northern Ontario FoodTech, AgriTech, Indigenous Food Processing & Micro Convention Centre Cluster

Importance: High

Dear Mayor, Council Members, and Economic Development Leadership,

My name is **Srinivasan (Sri) Manivannan**, Founder & Director of the **Maple Crunch Centre for Canadian Culinary Innovation (MCCCI)**. I am reaching out to explore whether your municipality may have opportunities for **long-term in-kind support**, such as access to an **underutilized commercial building, community facility, or municipal land** suitable for modular development.

I am currently establishing a **Northern Ontario FoodTech, AgriTech, BusinessTech, and Indigenous-uplifting food and beverage processing cluster**, designed to create **local jobs, youth pathways, entrepreneurship opportunities, and year-round economic activity** across the region.

A key component of this cluster is a **Micro Convention Centre** — a modular, scalable, 150–200 person facility that supports:

- Community events and gatherings
- Culinary and food processing training
- Indigenous food sovereignty and cultural programming
- BusinessTech and entrepreneurship workshops
- AgriTech demonstrations and producer engagement
- Tourism activation and regional showcases
- Small conferences and district-level meetings

This micro facility is designed to be **low-overhead, rapid to deploy, and expandable** as demand grows.

What I Am Seeking

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss whether your municipality may be able to support:

1. A long-term in-kind lease or low-cost access to an existing commercial or community building

Suitable for:

- Food processing
- Beverage production (mead, sparkling wine, honey fermentation)
- AgriTech prototyping
- Indigenous culinary programming
- BusinessTech training and workshops

2. Access to municipal land for a modular Micro Convention Centre

Phase 1 – Activation:

- 150–200 person modular hall
- Partitionable rooms for training, workshops, and community events
- Small food innovation lab
- Beverage micro-processing space

Phase 2 – Expansion:

- Additional modular halls
- Culinary tourism pavilion
- Indigenous food sovereignty centre
- Outdoor event and festival space
- Regional innovation hub

3. Support for Crown land applications

Where municipal endorsement is required for economic development.

4. Collaboration on regional uplift programming

Including Indigenous partnerships, youth training, culinary innovation, and tourism development.

I am **not requesting construction funding**. My approach is **phased, low-overhead, and community-driven**, beginning with activation of existing spaces and expanding as demand grows.

Reference Site: 55 Lakeshore Rd N, Temiskaming Shores

While I am not in a position to purchase this parcel, I would welcome the opportunity to explore **similar municipally supported sites** — whether through lease, in-kind access, or phased partnership.

This property's zoning (M1 General Industrial), central location, and existing structure make it a strong example of the kind of site that could anchor a **community-serving FoodTech and Indigenous uplift facility**. I am open to creative models that align with your municipality's long-term vision.

About the Northern Ontario Innovation Cluster

Core Innovation Hub

MCCCI – Maple Crunch Centre for Canadian Culinary Innovation
www.mccci.ca

Founder Profile

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FoodTech & AgriTech Portfolio

- Maple Crunch™ Foods – www.maplecrunchfoods.ca
- Maple Crunch™ Farms – www.maplecrunchfarms.ca
- Maple Link | Maple Ride – www.maplelink.io

Indigenous-Aligned Culinary & Beverage Innovation

- Élixir d'Or™ – www.ixdor.ca
- L'Écrin du Nord — by Élixir d'Or™ – www.lecrin.ca
- É Port – www.ixdor.ca/e-port/

BusinessTech & Regional Enablement

- STAR MÉTIER Corp Business Solutions – www.starmetier.com

These initiatives are designed to be **regionally anchored, community-serving, and scalable**, with a strong emphasis on **Northern identity, Indigenous partnership, food innovation, and rural economic development**.

Why I Am Reaching Out

Northern Ontario has extraordinary potential to lead Canada in **food innovation, agri-tech, Indigenous culinary entrepreneurship, and value-added processing**. A **Micro Convention Centre** paired with a **FoodTech-AgriTech-BusinessTech** cluster can become a **regional anchor**, driving:

- Local economic diversification
- Tourism growth
- Indigenous food sovereignty
- Youth retention
- Small business development
- Community pride

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss possibilities, understand your community's priorities, and explore whether there is alignment.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of working together to uplift and strengthen our region.

Warm regards,



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RESOLUTION

DATE: January 20, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
December 31, 2025, January 3 and 7, 2026.**

Totaling \$120,880.96 be approved.

For Against

**YEMM
CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT**

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm