

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

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff and Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Council Meeting.
4. Resolution: Approve the 2026 Municipal Advance Voting Days.
5. Resolution: Approve the January 2026 Newsletter for circulation.
6. Resolution: To Authorize Attendance at 2026 Municipal Conferences.
7. Resolution: To Authorize Attendance at the 2026 Municipal Track – Northeastern Fire Education Conference.
8. Resolution: Authorize the submission of the 2026 Summer Employment Opportunities (SEO) Grant.
9. Resolutions: Authorize the extension of the Powassan and District Union Public Library Agreement to February 28th, 2026.
10. Resolution: To Accept the 2026 Employee Benefit Package Renewal.
11. Discussion: Landfill Entry Permit Card Options.
12. Resolution: Electronic Landfill Entry Permit Card.
13. By-Law: Authorize entering into an agreement for a Municipal Facilities Maintenance Contract.
14. By-Law: Interim Tax Billing.
15. Correspondence.
16. Accounts to pay.
17. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held January 6, 2026.
18. 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, December 16, 2025

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

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

Staff: 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.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None

Committee Reports:

Councillor James Scott: East Nipissing North Parry Sound Veterinary Unit Committee.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Source Water Protection, Powassan & District Union Public Library Board.

Mayor Dave Yemm: Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

R2025-235 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held December 2, 2025, be adopted as published.

Carried.

Council Received an Update on the 2025 Budget.

R2025-236 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we transfer the machine credit for the Road Equipment, Landfill Equipment, Fire Apparatus to reserve at the end of 2025;

THAT we transfer the surplus revenue in the Building Services Department to a designated reserve for this purpose;

THAT we transfer the revenue collected from the Bottle Drive, into a designated Recreation Department reserve; **Carried.**

R2025-237 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS two projects budgeted in the 2025 Capital programs were not able to be completed, being:

- a) Municipal Software Conversion to TownSuite, budgeted amount \$71,885.00;
- b) Alsace Cemetery Expansion, survey to be completed, budgeted amount \$15,000;

And whereas these projects are expected to be completed or updated in 2026, being:

- a) Municipal Software Conversion to Munisoft;
- b) Alsace Cemetery Expansion, survey;

Therefore, we authorize the return of these amounts to the municipal operating reserve for pending use in the 2026 Budget. **Carried.**

R2025-238 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we amend the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule, will be as follows:

January 6, 2026	January 20, 2026
February 3, 2026	February 17, 2026
March 3, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 21, 2026
May 5, 2026	May 19, 2026
June 2, 2026	June 16, 2026
July 14, 2026	
August 11, 2026	
September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
October 6, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 17, 2026	
December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026

Carried.

R2025-239 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT we appoint Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department as provided on Appendix A to this Resolution. **Carried.**

R2025-240 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Lion's Christmas Basket Campaign. **Carried.**

R2025-241 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2025-38, being a By-Law to confirm the appointment of members to the Township of Nipissing Committee of Adjustment.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 16th day of December, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-242 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2025-39, being a By-Law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 16th day of December, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-243 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

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

R2025-244 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That the statement of accounts dated: December 6, 9 and 10, 2025.

Totaling \$429,063.52 be approved. **Carried.**

R2025-245 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2025-40, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 16, 2025. Read the first, second and third time passed this 16th day of December 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-246 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:19 p.m. **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 6, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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. for the 2026 Municipal Election.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 6, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: January 6, 2026
From: Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant
Re: Employee Benefit Package Renewal

Background:

The Township of Nipissing offers a comprehensive employee benefit program to full-time staff comprising of health care, paramedical, dental, life insurance and short and long-term disability.

The Township works with Meldrum Horne to ensure the Township is offered a competitive rate and comprehensive program for its employees.

In 2024 and 2025 the yearly premiums did not increase for the employee benefit package. Meldrum Horne has been able to secure the same rate for the Township for the employee benefit program for 2026, with Canada Life; the Township's benefit provider.

Summary:

Along with the comprehensive benefit program staff are able to access additional resources including Virtual Health Care - Consult+, savings at Rexall and more.

To improve benefits, to assist staff, in continuing to manage their health, we recommend the addition of a Health Spending Account (HSA). This a flexible addition to the current package which will allow for the use of an additional \$500.00 per staff member towards expenses required for their or their dependents' circumstances.

This approach to address increasing healthcare costs provides minimal increase to the program costs and allows for individual spending requirements rather than blanket increases to the benefit packages and potential costs that may not be utilized by all members.

This program would increase the benefit program cost \$7,898 per year. As the amount is used as required, any surplus at year end can be placed into a reserve to offset other related costs in the future.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the addition of a HSA to the staff benefit package for 2026.

Respectfully,

Kim Turnbull,
Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 6, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
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Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: January 6, 2026

From: Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant

Re: Landfill Entry Permits

Background:

Currently the Township issues one (1) annual paper Landfill Entry permit to a property owner that allows entry to both landfill sites for the disposal of waste. The permits are mailed out with the interim property tax bills each year after a label is affixed to the permit and the permit number is recorded.

There are approximately 3 staff that assist with the landfill entry permits yearly from creating the landfill permit list, printing labels, affixing labels to each landfill card, double checking permit numbers against the master list and stapling the permits to the interim tax bills. The cost of the staff time is approximately \$1,752.00 over the course of 1.5 days.

The current Landfill Entry Permit Card Printing in 2025; cost \$145.36 plus the labels for the permits and staff's time to assemble and record the permit information results in approximately \$2,100.00 in annual costs. These costs do not include the manual recording, tallying and data entry of waste and recycling amounts entering the landfills.

In 2025, the Township replaced 48 Landfill Entry Permits due to lost or misplaced cards free of charge for residents.

Summary:

The Township is exploring the option of moving to an enhanced Electronic Landfill Entry Permit system to preserve and maintain the life of the landfills and enhance the tracking of waste entering the landfill sites and eliminate issuing an annual landfill permit.

Residents would be issued a permanent Landfill Entry Permit card allowing them to access the landfill. The card would be presented each time a resident accessed the landfill. The Landfill Permit card would be swiped to track the number of bags being disposed of at the landfill and this information would be tracked through the web portal. The portal also allows cards to be cancelled if lost or misplaced. When a homeowner sells a property, the card issued to a homeowner can be cancelled and a new one issued to the new homeowner.

The web portal allows the Township to track the amount of waste entering the landfill sites to report to Waste Diversion Ontario and Pinchin. This will also assist with estimates in the Landfill Post Closure Plan. This process will save approximately 6-8 staff hours each month for Landfill and Administrative staff.

Each card would be swiped at the debit machine, which are already in use at each landfill site. Staff would then enter the number of bags being disposed. At this time there is no annual bag limit for disposal. However, in the future if bag limits came into effect, then the Landfill permits can be loaded to reflect this change.

To set up the Electronic Landfill Entry Permits:

One Time Set-up Fee - \$350.00

Total Price for 2000 Cards = \$3,500.00*

Total Price for 3000 Cards = \$4,250.00

Total Cost \$3850.00 plus HST \$4350.50

In the first year there would still be staff time and cost to set up the permanent Landfill Entry Permit Cards; however, going forward there would no longer be the annual time or cost to assemble the landfill permits for distribution.

Each year the landfill permits would be reset in January to allow the Township to begin tracking the number of bags being disposed of in the landfills. The Landfill cards would be reset remotely; there is no action required by residents. In discussion with another Township that uses the electronic Landfill Permits this time is approximately a half day for one staff member to reset the Township's landfill cards.

Replacement Cards

Currently there is no charge to replace a Landfill Entry Permit. The following municipality's charge for replacement landfill permits:

Municipality	Fee	Electronic
Township of Magnetawan	\$10.00	No
Township of Chisholm	\$2.00	No
Township of Bonfield	\$25.00	Yes
Township of Machar	\$30.00	No
Township of Strong	\$10.00	Yes
Village of Sunridge	\$20.00	Yes
Township of Joly	\$20.00	Yes
Municipality of East Ferris	-	No
Municipality of Powassan	-	No
Township of Ryerson	\$10.00	Yes

At a cost of \$1.93 per card plus staff time to process any changes, a replacement permit cost of \$10.00 to \$15.00 is recommended.

Analysis/Options

1. Continue with the current Landfill Permit Entry system, without change.
2. Continue with the current Landfill Permit Entry system and charge a fee for replacement permits.
3. Move to the enhanced Electronic Landfill Permit Entry system and charge a fee for replacement permits.

Recommendation

To preserve the landfill sites and enhance tracking of waste entering the landfills the Township move to the enhanced Electronic Landfill Permit Entry system and charge a fee for replacement permits. The new system to be implemented with a start date of April 1, 2026.

Respectfully,
Dan MacInnis, Operation Superintendent
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-02

Being a By-Law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy

WHEREAS Section 317 (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25, Statutes of Ontario, 2001, provides that the Council of a local municipality may, in 2026 before the adoption of the estimates for the year, pass a by-law to levy on the whole of the assessment for real property according to the last revised assessment roll, a sum not to exceed the prescribed percentage, or 50 per cent if no percentage is prescribed, of the total amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes levied on the property for the previous year.

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

1. An interim tax payment, in the amount of 50 percent of the total amount of taxes for municipal and school purposes levied on the property for 2025, shall be levied on all property classes.
2. The said interim tax levy shall become due and payable on the 31st day of March, 2026.
3. On all taxes of the interim levy, which are in default on the 1st day of April, 2026 a penalty of 1.25 percent shall be added and thereafter a penalty of 1.25 percent per month will be added on the 1st day of each and every month the default continues, until December 31, 2026.
4.
 - (a) On all taxes of the interim levy in default on January 1, 2027, interest will be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month for each month or fraction thereof of default;
 - (b) On all other taxes in default on January 1, 2027, interest shall be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month or fraction thereof, and all by-laws and parts of by-laws inconsistent with the policy are hereby rescinded.
5. Penalties and interest added on all taxes of the interim levy in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid interim tax levy.
6. The Collector may mail or cause the same to be mailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
7. That taxes are payable at the Township of Nipissing Municipal Office, 45 Beatty Street, General Delivery, Nipissing, Ontario.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF NIPISSING

Dave Yemm, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

January 6, 2026

- 1.** Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Supporting the North is essential to strengthening Canada's economy, infrastructure and communities.
- 2.** Ministry of Natural Resources – Bill 27 – *Resource Management and Safety Act*, 2025 – Approved amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*.
- 3.** Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Policy Update – Submission on Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities.
- 4.** Resolutions re: Bill 68 and Proposed Consolidation of Conservative Authorities from eight (8) municipalities.
- 5.** Resolutions from Ganaraska Conservation, Grey Sauble Conservation and Kawartha Conservation on the Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities.
- 6.** North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Planet Youth Nipissing Distributes \$82,000 to Support Youth Well-Being.
- 7.** Resolution – Corporation of the City of Brantford for the Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry
- 8.** Minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation held November 18, 2025.



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For Immediate Release

Northern Ontario Hill Days: NOMA and FONOM Bring a Unified Northern Voice to Ottawa

Thunder Bay, ON / North Bay, ON — December 3, 2025 — The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) have concluded two highly productive days of meetings on Parliament Hill as part of **Northern Ontario Hill Days**, a coordinated advocacy mission that brought municipal leaders directly to federal decision-makers to advance the priorities of Northern communities.

Over the two-day mission, representatives from NOMA and FONOM met with **MPs from all parties, Cabinet Ministers, Opposition Leaders, and senior federal officials**, underscoring a shared message: **supporting the North is essential to strengthening Canada's economy, infrastructure, and communities.**

High-Impact Meetings Across Parliament Hill

Throughout the mission, the delegation engaged in focused discussions with:

- **Staff from the Leader of the Official Opposition**
- **MP Marcus Powlowski (Thunder Bay–Rainy River)**
- **MP Pauline Rochfort (Nipissing–Timiskaming)**
- **Finance Minister François-Philippe Champagne**
- **Minister Patty Hajdu**
- **Minister Mélanie Joly**
- **Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure and Housing Jennifer McKelvie**
- **Parliamentary Secretary for Immigration Peter Fragiskatos**
- **Housing Critic Scott Aitchison (CPC)**
- **MP Eric Melillo (Kenora / Kiiwetinoong - CPC)**
- **Senior staff in the Prime Minister's Office**

These discussions centred on the urgent needs of Northern communities and the unique role the region plays in national economic growth, resource development, supply chain reliability, and community safety.

Advancing Key Priorities for Northern Communities

NOMA and FONOM presented a coordinated set of priorities, including:

▪ **Strengthening the Trans-Canada Highway System**

Northern Ontario is home to the most vulnerable stretch of the Trans-Canada Highway. The delegation called for federal investment in 2+1 highway models, redundancy around critical pinch points, and long-term resilience planning to ensure the continuity of Canada's national supply chain.

▪ **Addressing Labour Shortages Through Tailored Immigration Pathways**

Municipal leaders emphasized that severe labour shortages are slowing growth across essential services, small businesses, and major industrial projects. The delegation pressed for rural- and Northern-specific immigration solutions to attract and retain workers and to support regional post-secondary institutions facing enrolment pressures.

▪ **Community Safety and Meaningful Bail Reform**

Delegates urged the federal government to take decisive action on chronic reoffending, improve accountability within the bail system, and support measures that restore safety and confidence in Northern communities.

▪ **Unlocking Economic Growth and Critical Minerals Development**

NOMA and FONOM highlighted the global significance of Northern Ontario's critical mineral potential and called for accelerated permitting, strategic infrastructure investments, and continued support for Indigenous-led partnerships.

Quotes:

"Northern Ontario's highways are Canada's highways. The Trans-Canada corridor through our region is the most vulnerable stretch in the entire country, and without real federal investment in redundancy, expansion, and safety upgrades, the national supply chain remains at constant risk. At the same time, our communities are facing historic labour shortages across every sector. We made it clear in Ottawa that Northern Ontario is ready to grow, but we need the workers—and the safe, reliable transportation infrastructure—to support that growth."

— **Rick Dumas, President, Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)**

"Municipalities across Northern Ontario are confronting a community safety crisis driven by chronic and repeat offenders, and we pressed the federal government for meaningful bail reform that protects victims, reinforces accountability, and ensures our communities can feel safe again. At the same time, labour shortages are holding back everything from small businesses to major resource projects. Northern Ontario needs a federal partner committed to real solutions on both fronts if we are going to thrive."

— **Dave Plourde, President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)**

A Strong and Collaborative Presence

Northern Ontario Hill Days showcased unprecedented collaboration between the two regional associations, presenting a united and solutions-focused voice to federal leaders. Together, NOMA and FONOM affirmed that **a strong, growing Northern Ontario is foundational to building a strong and competitive Canada.**

Looking Ahead

NOMA and FONOM expressed their commitment to continuing this momentum through **annual federal engagement**, ensuring that the issues facing Northern communities remain front and centre in national discussions.

Both organizations also extended an invitation to federal leaders, stating that they **look forward to welcoming MPs, Ministers, and the Prime Minister** to their upcoming conferences to continue dialogue, strengthen relationships, and advance shared priorities for Northern Ontario.

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Date: December 19, 2025

From: Amanda Holmes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Provincial Services Division,
Ministry of Natural Resources

Subject: ***Bill 27 – Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025 - Approved
amendments to the Forest Fires Prevention Act***

Good afternoon,

I'm pleased to provide you with an update on our changes to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*.

The *Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025* received Royal Assent on December 3, 2025. This means that the majority of the changes to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*, including changing its name to the *Wildland Fire Management Act* will take effect on January 1, 2026. All nine of the proposed changes have been adopted into the *Wildland Fire Management Act*, which is available on [eLaws](#).

You can also find the decision notice on the Environmental Registry (notice number [019-8756](#)) which outlines how comments received during the commenting period in the summer of 2024 were considered.

The suite of changes will help strengthen collective responsibility for wildland fire management, improve awareness of wildland fire risk, expand prevention and mitigation, enhance preparedness and response, and strengthen rules and consequences for non-compliance with wildland fire laws.

Development of supporting regulations is now underway. A proposal for regulations to establish: a framework for administrative monetary penalties; the rates, terms and conditions for when the ministry summons equipment and operators to support wildland fire emergencies; and changes to the Outdoor Fires regulation (O. Reg. 207/96) was open for comment on [the registry](#) until December 15, 2025.

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Consultation on proposals for the remaining supporting regulations will occur through the Environmental Registry and Regulatory Registry and will include opportunities for public and stakeholder feedback.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Holmes", written in a cursive style.

Amanda Holmes
Assistant Deputy Minister
Provincial Services Division

Enclosed: Amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act*

Amendments to the *Forest Fires Prevention Act* (FFPA)

The amendments receiving Royal Assent include that the name of the FFPA has been changed to the *Wildland Fire Management Act* and the implementation of the Act will be guided by a new purpose statement. The statement provides that the purpose of the Act is “to provide guidance and direction for wildland fire management so as to protect public safety and minimize adverse environmental, economic, health and social impacts of wildland fires, and to contribute to a resilient province.”

Amendments will achieve the following outcomes:

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

Dât: 19 décembre 2025

Avec: Amanda Holmes, Sous-ministre adjointe, Division des services provinciaux, Ministère des Richesses naturelles

Objet: ***Projet de loi 27, Loi de 2025 sur la gestion des ressources et la sécurité, et modifications approuvées à la Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt***

Bonjour,

La présente vise à vous faire part d'une mise à jour sur les modifications apportées à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt*.

La *Loi de 2025 sur la gestion des ressources et la sécurité* a reçu la sanction royale le 3 décembre 2025. Par conséquent, la majorité des modifications à la *Loi sur la prévention des incendies de forêt*, notamment son changement de nom en *Loi sur la gestion des incendies de végétation*, entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2026. Les neuf modifications proposées ont été intégrées à la *Loi sur la gestion des incendies de végétation*, qui est publiée sur [Lois-en-ligne](#).

Vous trouverez également l'avis de décision sur le Registre environnemental (avis n° [019-8756](#)), qui indique comment les commentaires reçus lors de la consultation publique de l'été 2024 ont été pris en compte.

Cet ensemble de modifications contribuera à renforcer la responsabilité collective à l'égard de la gestion des feux de végétation, à accroître la sensibilisation au risque de feux de végétation, à élargir les mesures de prévention et d'atténuation, à améliorer la préparation et l'intervention, et à renforcer les règles et les conséquences en cas de non-conformité aux lois sur les feux de végétation.

L'élaboration de règlements d'application est en cours. Des [commentaires](#) sur un projet de règlement visant à établir un cadre pour les sanctions administratives pécuniaires; sur les taux, les modalités et les conditions applicables lorsque le ministère mobilise de l'équipement et des exploitants pour intervenir en cas de situations d'urgence liées à

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
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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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December 16, 2025

VIA EMAIL

RE: Bill 68 and Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

At its meeting held December 10, 2025 Oxford County Council passed the following resolution:

Moved By: Brian Petrie
Seconded By: David Mayberry

Resolved that Correspondence Item 7.4 be received as information; and,

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses; and,

Whereas the local municipalities of Oxford County established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) with other consenting municipalities within the watershed. (initially formed in 1947) along with Grand River Conservation Authority (1948), Catfish Creek Conservation Authority (1950) and Long Point Conservation Authority (1948); and,

Whereas local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget); and,

Whereas municipalities have governed and invested local rate payer funds in their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers; and,

Whereas conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities; and,

Whereas Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined; and,

Whereas the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the County of Oxford calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

And further that while the County of Oxford supports provincial goals towards consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, it does not support it through imposing a new top-down agency structure creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

And further that the County of Oxford supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities;

And further that the Province respect the roles that Municipalities and Conservation Authorities play in conservation and governance; And further that Oxford County advocate that it is not in favour of the proposed changes;


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

- the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
- local MPPs,
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- area Indigenous communities,
- all Ontario municipalities,
- Conservation Authorities, and
- Conservation Ontario

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Should you require anything further or have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Thank you,

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Lindsey A. Mansbridge
County Clerk



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December 5, 2025

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RE: Town of The Blue Mountains Opposition to Bill 68 and the Proposed Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

Honourable Minister McCarthy,

The Town of The Blue Mountains Council would like to express our concerns regarding Bill 68 and the proposed consolidation of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into seven regional authorities. As a community with a strong and long-standing partnership with our local conservation authorities, we believe the proposed regional restructuring does not align with the best interests of our residents or the unique environmental needs of our community.

As a Council, we support provincial efforts to enhance efficiency through standardized fee schedules, policies, guidelines and online permitting systems. However, we believe that these improvements can be achieved without compromising the local expertise, responsiveness and accountability that watershed-based authorities currently provide.

The proposed consolidation raises significant concerns for The Blue Mountains Council regarding the loss of local expertise and the reduction of accessible, timely support for residents, builders and developers. Local conservation authorities possess a deep knowledge of watershed conditions, natural hazards and community priorities that cannot be effectively replicated at a broader regional scale. Centralizing the functions of local conservation authorities risks diluting the community-driven programming and tailored services that protect natural resources and support sustainable development in The Blue Mountains, while also diminishing meaningful municipal representation in decision-making. We are further concerned that a top-down

structure may introduce unnecessary transition costs, red tape and additional layers of bureaucracy, which hinder efficiency, rather than improve it.

Given these concerns, we urge you to reconsider the implications of the proposed amalgamation and to directly engage with municipalities and conservation authorities before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments. We respectfully request that the province consider alternative approaches that maintain local, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities while supporting shared objectives of modernization and efficiency improvements. We believe that strengthening and supporting existing structures, rather than replacing them, will help to preserve local expertise, ensure consistent service delivery, and uphold the principles of community-focused governance.

Thank you for considering the perspective of the Town of The Blue Mountains. We look forward to your response and hopeful reconsideration of this proposal.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

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Mayor Andrea Matrosovs
Town of The Blue Mountains



December 18, 2025

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Honourable Minister McCarthy,

Re: Municipality of Meaford Response to Proposed Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Meaford adopted the following resolution at its meeting on December 15, 2025.

Moved by: Councillor Uhrig
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Keaveney

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses; and

Whereas the municipalities within Grey and Bruce Counties established the North Grey Region Conservation Authority in 1957 and the Sauble Valley Conservation Authority in 1958 which amalgamated into the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) in 1985; and

Whereas local municipalities currently provide approximately 44% of total GSCA funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 7%; and

Whereas municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local

watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers; and

Whereas conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of hectares of land, much of which was donated or sold by local residents and entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities; and

Whereas Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency whose objects include overseeing conservation authorities and the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities in Ontario with municipal cost contribution yet to be defined; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 ("Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities"), proposing to reduce Ontario's 36 conservation authorities to 7 regional entities as part of a broader restructuring; and

Whereas under this proposal, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) would be consolidated into a new "Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority" that is over 23,000 square kilometres in size and consists of 80 municipalities; and

Whereas the Province already has the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to address issues related to permitting, by establishing guidance, online permitting platforms and technical standards through legislation that could help build homes; and

Whereas the GSCA has already undertaken significant modernization work aligned with provincial objectives, including Information Technology / Information Management, and leveraging technology to streamline

planning and permit review processes processing 100% of major permits within the provincial timelines in 2024;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Meaford calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands; and

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Meaford does not support the proposed “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257 as the proposal lacks sufficient justification, would significantly diminish local governance, and fails to recognize the effectiveness and efficiencies already achieved within existing watershed-based models; and

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Meaford affirms that large-scale regional consolidation is unnecessary, would introduce substantial transition costs, and would divert resources away from frontline watershed programs. The Council further asserts that restructuring at this scale would erode local decision-making, weaken municipal accountability, and disrupt long-standing community partnerships that are central to delivering responsive watershed management; and

Be it further resolved that while the Municipality of Meaford supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down approach structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red-tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs; and

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Meaford urges the Province to strengthen centralized standards, resources, and tools rather than undertaking broad structural amalgamation and to provide sustainable, predictable provincial funding across conservation authorities to enable local CAs to advance ongoing digitization and systemization work that has



already resulted in improved efficiency and consistency in recent years;
and

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Meaford believes that the Province's proposed new online permitting portal can be implemented within the existing conservation authority framework without requiring structural amalgamation; and

Be it further resolved that the Municipality of Meaford requests that the Ministry engage meaningfully and collaboratively with affected municipalities, conservation authorities, and local Indigenous communities before advancing any consolidation, to ensure that any changes reflect both local needs and the practical realities of implementation; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be included in the Municipality's ERO response and forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all of Ontario's municipalities, MPPs, conservation authorities, AMO, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried - Resolution #2025-46-09

Yours sincerely,

Allison Penner

Deputy Clerk / Manager, Legislative Services

Municipality of Meaford

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cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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All Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament
All Ontario Conservation Authorities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Submission to Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257



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December 19, 2025

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Hassaan Basit
Chief Conservation Officer

Sent by email to: todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org, Hassaan.Basit@ontario.ca

Re: Amalgamation of Conservation Authorities – Bill 68

At its special meeting of Council held on December 19, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council discussed the proposed amalgamation of the Conservation Authorities and passed the following motion.

Background

Located in the aptly named Headwaters Region of Southern Ontario, the Township of Amaranth in the County of Dufferin is currently very under the jurisdiction of three Conservation Authorities: Grand River, Nottawasaga Valley and Credit Valley. The Township of Amaranth has been under the jurisdiction of these three Conservation Authorities since they were established. Amaranth is currently well served by all three Conservation Authorities.

Under the proposal put forward by the provincial government as part of Bill 68 referenced above, the Township of Amaranth would remain split between three much larger Regional Conservation Authorities: Lake Erie, Huron-Superior and Central Lake. This proposal severely dilutes local accountability, potentially eliminating the voice of this municipality and the taxpayers who support the work of the Conservation Authorities with levies paid as part of property taxes. Meanwhile the provincial contribution to CAs continues at a level that funds less than 3% of the Conservation Authorities' respective budgets.

The Township of Amaranth values the significant watershed specific infrastructure investment as contributed by its three unique Authorities and the science-based knowledge that guides the decision making in each of the specific geographical areas of each Authority.

Conservation Authorities have been working hard to streamline permitting processes, improve delivery timelines and focus on fiscal prudence and consistency within their mandated roles. Through shared services, the improvement to modernization and

system evolution can continue with less system-wide disruption and without additional transition expense.

Resolution #: 2

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: V. Paan

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council of the Township of Amaranth opposes the amalgamation process as defined in Bill 68.

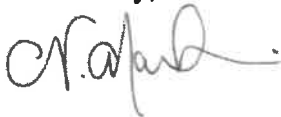
Further, the Township of Amaranth proposes a three-year hiatus of any transition changes while evaluation is completed with proper, appropriate consultation of all partners in Conservation Authorities to review any proposed boundary realignments, additional governance oversight, potential service adjustments and other Conservation Authority model proposals.

For (5): C. Gerrits, G. Little, S. Graham, B. Metzger, and V. Paan

CARRIED (5 to 0)

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

Yours truly,



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

Cc: Dufferin MP and MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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December 16th, 2025

Premier's Office Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A5
Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Please be advised that the Council for the Township of Hamilton passed the following resolution at their December 16, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

RES:2024-602

Moved by Councillor Mark Lovshin, Seconded by Councillor John Davison

The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Hamilton enacts as follows: That Council supports the November 27, 2025 resolution of the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority regarding Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities; and

That the supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics; and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office); and Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit; and Local Member of Provincial Parliament David Piccini, Northumberland - Peterborough South and all local watershed municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, and Counties within GRCA's watershed.

CARRIED.

I have attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Daphne Livingstone,
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

Encl.

cc: Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org; MPP, Hon. Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit; and- Local Member of Provincial Parliament David Piccini, Northumberland - Peterborough South and- All local watershed municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, and Counties within GRCA's watershed.



United Counties of
Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry

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RESOLUTION

MOVED BY Councillor Densham

RESOLUTION NO 2025- 159

SECONDED BY

DATE November 17, 2025

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities within Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (SDG) established South Nation Conservation (SNC) in 1947 and the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA) in 1963;

AND WHEREAS local municipalities currently provide between 25% and 50% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 3%;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers;

AND WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land, much of which was donated by local residents and entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities;

AND WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined;

AND WHEREAS the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local

representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands;

AND FURTHER THAT while the United Counties of SDG supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs;

AND FURTHER THAT the United Counties of SDG supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks, to the local MP and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

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Recorded Vote:

Councillor Bergeron	_____
Councillor Broad	_____
Councillor Densham	_____
Councillor Fraser	_____
Councillor Guindon	_____
Councillor Landry	_____
Councillor MacDonald	_____
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Councillor McGillis	_____
Councillor St. Pierre	_____
Councillor Williams	_____
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Sent Via Email to: majchrowski@kawarthaconservation.com

December 22, 2025

Mark Majchrowski
Kawartha Conservation
277 Kenrei Road
Lindsay, ON, K9V 4R1

RE: Township of Scugog Resolution Regarding Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities

At the last regular Council meeting, of December 15, 2025, the Council of the Township of endorsed the following Council Resolution:

1. **THAT** the presentation from Mark Majchrowski, CAO of the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, be received; and
2. **THAT** the proposed "Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority," "Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority," and the boundary configurations outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257 not be support; and
3. **THAT** further provincial evaluation of a more focused and geographically coherent model be endorsed, one that is cost-effective, locally accountable, and aligned with provincial priorities including efficiency, red-tape reduction, and timely housing delivery; and
4. **THAT** that the Ministry be requested to engage directly with affected municipalities and conservation authorities across Eastern Ontario before finalizing any consolidation boundaries or legislative amendments; and
5. **THAT** any consolidation proposal include a clear, evidence-based plan, developed in consultation with affected municipalities and conservation authorities, to ensure restructuring is cost-effective, financially sustainable, and operationally relevant for local communities; and
6. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition Critics, local MPs and MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario,

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the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and all municipalities and Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

Should you require anything further in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-985-7346, clerks@scugog.ca.

Yours Sincerely,

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Blair Labelle
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk

CC: Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations
Minister of the Environment
Conservation and Parks and his Opposition Critics
Local MPs and MPPs
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December 18, 2025

Via email: todd.mccarthy@pc.ola.org

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
5th Floor
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Todd McCarthy,

Re: Response to Bill 68- Proposed New Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

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

516-2025

Moved By: Ted Oke

Seconded by: Aaron Neeb

That South Huron Council endorses the Upper Thames Conservation Authority's draft Municipal Resolution regarding response to Bill 68 - Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities; and

That the draft resolution be updated to name the Municipality of South Huron, and circulated to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, MPP Thompson, AMO, ROMA, area indigenous communities, all municipalities in Ontario, Conservation Ontario and all Conservation Authorities in Ontario as follows:

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act (1946) enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses; and

Whereas the Municipality of South Huron established the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1947) and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (initially formed in 1946); and

Whereas local municipalities currently provide approximately 35% of total conservation authority funding, while the Province of Ontario provides approximately 2% (2026 budget); and

Whereas municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers; and

Whereas conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of acres of land. Many of these properties were entrusted to the UTRCA for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities; and

Whereas Bill 68 (Schedule 3) proposes the creation of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, a Crown corporation that would assume governance responsibilities and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional authorities, with municipal cost apportionment yet to be defined; and

Whereas the Province already possesses the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations, and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;

Now Therefore be it Resolved That the Council of the Municipality of South Huron calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands; and

Further That while the Municipality of South Huron supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down agency structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs; and



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Further That the Municipality of South Huron supports efforts to balance expertise, capacity, and program delivery across the province, and requests that the Province work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to determine the most effective level of strategic consolidation to achieve both provincial and local objectives; and

Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation, and Parks,
- local MPPs,
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario,
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association,
- area Indigenous communities,
- all municipalities,
- Conservation Authorities, and
- Conservation Ontario.

Result: Carried

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

Municipality of South Huron

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Encl.

cc: MPP, Hon. Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; ROMA, roma@roma.on.ca; area indigenous communities; all municipalities in Ontario; Conservation Ontario, info@conservationontario.ca; all Conservation Authorities in Ontario



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November 28, 2025

**Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities, ERO Notice #025-1257
Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Resolution GRCA 51/25**

On October 31, 2025, Minister Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), announced that the provincial government will introduce legislation to amend the *Conservation Authorities Act* to create a new provincial agency, the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) under Bill 68. On November 27, 2025, Bill 68, *Plan to Protect Ontario Act* (Budget Measures), 2025 (No. 2) received Royal Assent.

Another key action announced at this time, by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, together with the Chief Conservation Executive, is the proposal to consolidate the province's 36 conservation authorities into seven regional conservation authorities, while maintaining alignment with watershed boundaries. On Friday, November 7th, the MECP posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 ("Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities"), the ERO posting remains open for public comment for a total of 45 days until December 22, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

The proposed consolidation recommends Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority (GRCA) join with Central Lake Ontario, Kawartha Region, Otonabee Region, Lower Trent Region, Crowe Valley and Quinte Region Conservation Authorities forming the Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority (ELORCA). This regional conservation authority would include 48 municipalities across the proposed region. As well, the area covered by the ELORCA is 16 times the current jurisdiction of the GRCA and larger than the area covered by the island of Jamaica. The population included is more than the population of some Canadian Provinces.

At the November 27, 2025, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors meeting, a staff report entitled "Bill 68, Schedule 3 Proposed Changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario Conservation Authorities" which can be found at the following link, https://grca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/grca_ca-act-amendments-as-per-bill-68-update.pdf, was presented and the following resolution was received as written in the report:

GRCA 50/25

MOVED BY: Joan Stover

SECONDED BY: Miriam Mutton

WHEREAS the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors acknowledges and supports the Province's goals of improved efficiency of watershed management, through the implementation of digital applications and permitting system, consistent policies, flood standards, fees, and technology; and

WHEREAS consistent policies, and resources across the existing conservation authority boundaries could be achieved without structural consolidation through direction and tools such as technical guidelines provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; or Conservation Ontario; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities are locally-based, grassroots organizations formed by municipal governments in response to the challenges posed by a changing landscape; especially, the increased exposure to flooding and erosion hazards and the resulting risks to lives and property. In the case of the GRCA, supported by its seven municipalities, this vision has proven a successful model for nearly 80 years; and

WHEREAS the GRCA, with the guidance and support of our seven member municipalities, demonstrates fiscal prudence in conservation delivery, ensuring stable growth through stable funding. GRCA has successfully leveraged funding to support programs and services that are locally important and are driven by community engagement through *GRCA's Conservation Land Strategy* and the *Watershed Based Resource Management Strategy*; and

WHEREAS GRCA consistently meets or exceeds provincial service standards, and participates in staff-sharing initiatives with neighbouring conservation authorities that already deliver many of the efficiencies the Province seeks; and

WHEREAS plans to regionalize conservation authorities through consolidation would dilute local accountability and municipal partnership and is contrary to the basic principle that decisions are best made closest to the communities they affect. Effective representation by municipal partners remains core to the success of conservation authorities. The GRCA, while not unique among conservation authorities in this respect, is effective in working with our community to support sustainable development, and keeping communities safe; and

WHEREAS being front-line means being responsive and accountable to the community by delivering the services that are essential and valued to the best interest of the community. The front line of provincial priorities on housing, the economy, infrastructure, and climate resilience are in the decisions between municipalities working together to address issues around floodplain (and hazard) protection and resilient upland and landscape management. Further, staff and Board are responsive and accountable to the

needs of the watershed community, while meeting or exceeding provincial service standards. The staff and Board are reachable through publicly available contact information. Local governance and direction combined with local service provision allows the GRCA to continue to be responsive to our community; and

WHEREAS consolidation will result in substantial transition costs, not the least of which is time. In all facets, that would divert resources from front-line service delivery and delay desired outcomes. Further, the loss of local watershed knowledge and community relationships will add greater uncertainty, loss of trust, and delay for our watershed residents. This includes the agricultural community, businesses, builders, developers, and our municipal partners that seek timely and effective local advice, which is provided through local pre-consultation; and

WHEREAS a proposed regional watershed would create a geographically vast and administratively complex organization when joining the seven conservation authorities as proposed in eastern Lake Ontario. This would be considerably worse if local offices do not remain available and accountable to its membership, partners and the communities they serve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Board of Directors does not support the proposed "Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority" boundary configuration as outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257; and

FURTHER THAT meaningful modernization can occur within the current watershed-based governance framework; and

FURTHER THAT the GRCA Board endorses further provincial evaluation of a more focused specific model as a geographically coherent, cost-effective and locally accountable alternative that advances the government's priorities of efficiency, red-tape reduction and timely home construction; and

FURTHER THAT the Board asks that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks engage directly with affected municipalities and conservation authorities across Eastern Lake Ontario through a working group; and

FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors direct staff to make a submission to the Environmental Registry of Ontario consultations asking the Province to pause any consolidation until more consultation can take place; and

FURTHER THAT a letter from the Chair containing this resolution, be forwarded to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics; and
- the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office); and
- Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit; and

- Local Member of Provincial Parliament David Piccini, Northumberland – Peterborough South and
- All local watershed municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, and Counties within GRCA's watershed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The GRCA encourages all partners to review the posting at the following link: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/025-1257> and submit comments prior to the closing date of December 22, 2025.

For further information, please contact the undersigned at info@grca.on.ca

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Mink', written in a cursive style.

Vicki Mink
Chair, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority

CC:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics; and
- the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office); and
- Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit; and
- Local Member of Provincial Parliament David Piccini, Northumberland – Peterborough South and
- All local watershed municipalities, all municipalities in Ontario, and Counties within GRCA's watershed.

GSCA Submission to ERO Posting 025-1257

December 18, 2025

Via Environmental Registry of Ontario

Subject: Comments on ERO Posting No. 025-1257 – Proposed Boundaries for Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities

To Whom It May Concern:

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities. We share the Province's objectives of improving efficiency, consistency, and modernization in service delivery. GSCA has already implemented significant improvements, including digital permitting, streamlined processes and enhanced customer service, and we remain committed to advancing these objectives.

However, GSCA does **not support the proposed consolidation into the Huron–Superior Regional Conservation Authority**. This model would create a geographically vast entity (over 23,500 km² and 80 municipalities) combining watersheds with little shared hydrology, climate, or economic alignment.

Such a structure risks:

- **Loss of Local Accountability and Rural Voice:** GSCA currently operates with strong municipal representation and local decision-making. Under the proposed model, local priorities could be overshadowed by urban centres hundreds of kilometers away.
- **Increased Costs and Bureaucracy:** No cost-benefit analysis or feasibility assessment has been provided. Transition costs (IT integration, HR harmonization, rebranding) and additional layers of governance will likely increase municipal cost apportionment and offer little in the way of savings to GSCA's member municipalities.
- **Reduced Responsiveness:** Larger administrative structures often slow processes, contrary to the Province's stated goal of streamlining approvals.
- **Disruption of Community Partnerships:** GSCA manages 29,000 acres of land, much of it donated by local residents with the expectation of local stewardship. GSCA also works with a network of dedicated volunteers and partners. Consolidation into a vast regional conservation authorities risks eroding these relationships and the trust that has been built locally.

Member Municipalities

Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Town of the Blue Mountains, Township of Chatsworth, Township of Georgian Bluffs, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Municipality of Meaford, City of Owen Sound, Town of South Bruce Peninsula

GSCA supports modernization without amalgamation, through:

- Province-wide standards and policies for permitting.
- Provincially developed and updated technical guidelines.
- Refined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to ensure that Provincial objectives are being met.
- Shared digital platforms and tools.
- Sustainable provincial funding to enable modernization and service delivery.

Responses to ERO Consultation Questions

1. Key factors for a successful transition and outcome of regional consolidation:

GSCA does not support the proposed regional consolidation of conservation authorities and is firmly of the opinion that the Government's objectives would be better served without adding red-tape and bureaucracy. However, if consolidation proceeds, success depends on:

- Pausing the current consolidation proposal to allow the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency time to develop a well thought out business plan, including cost-benefit analysis and feasibility assessments.
- Clear provincial leadership and phased implementation to avoid service disruption.
- Retention of local knowledge and staff expertise, which is critical for ongoing program management.
- Retention of local offices and staff, including management, to provide continuance of local partnership, accessibility and front-line service.
- Continuation of locally prioritised and tailored programming to reflect local community needs.
- Transparent governance frameworks that preserve municipal influence and watershed identity.
- Dedicated provincial funding for all transition costs.
- Robust communication strategies to keep municipalities, stakeholders, and the public informed and engaged throughout the process.

2. Opportunities or benefits of a regional conservation authority framework

GSCA is of the opinion that these benefits can be achieved through collaboration, shared systems and voluntary service agreements without the cost and complexity of consolidation. The potential benefits of such service agreements could include:

- Shared technical expertise and modern tools across multiple watersheds.

- Consistent permitting standards and digital platforms that improve predictability for applicants. These should be provided by the Province regardless of consolidation.
- Opportunities for joint procurement and shared services to reduce duplication.

3. Suggestions for governance structure at the regional level

The current governance structure provides the most representative and accountable system by offering each funding partner a meaningful voice at the governance table. GSCA has eight (8) participating municipalities represented by eleven (11) Board Directors appointed from each of the participating municipalities. This system provides a well-balanced structure that allow the participating municipalities the opportunity to design programs and policies that align with local municipal priorities, align with local municipal budgets, and represent the needs of the local community. If the Province proceeds with consolidation, the following governance structure may provide the next best option:

- A streamlined board (10–20 members) with representation grouped by upper-tier municipalities or counties to maintain fairness and efficiency.
- Utilizing the existing Upper Tier and Single Tier frameworks for local governance and apportionment to provide a more manageable option. That is, members of the Regional CA Board would be appointed from local upper tier or single tier municipalities within the Region's jurisdiction.
- In this model, it is recommended that apportionment would also move to the Upper Tier / Single Tier level.
- Clear protocols for communication between regional boards and municipalities.
- The creation of Regional Boards provides an opportunity to include other community groups within the Board structure, including local Indigenous representation and local industry representation. If this option is considered, it is recommended that the additional representatives would be excluded from budget votes.

4. Maintaining a transparent and consultative budgeting process

The current budget process provides for the most transparent, accountable, accessible and consultative budgeting process as each participating municipality is afforded the opportunity to review draft budgets and representation at the Board table is such that individual municipal input is factored into budget decisions. This will be lost by the proposed consolidation model.

If consolidation moves forward, the following process should be utilized:

- A standardized regional budget framework with clear timelines and assumptions.
- Locally developed operating and capital budgets for each local office that are factored into the regional budget framework. These budgets can be reviewed and presented to sub-regional (local) budget advisory committees to ensure local priorities are considered.

- Publicly accessible budget documents and early consultation aligned with municipal budget cycles.
- Transparent levy apportionment formulas and regular financial reporting to all member municipalities.

5. Maintaining and strengthening relationships with local communities and stakeholders

Relationships with local communities and stakeholders have been developed over years or decades. Unless local offices, staff and leadership are maintained, not only will relationships weaken, they are at risk of disappearing altogether.

- Retain local offices and staff presence to ensure accessibility and responsiveness.
- Maintain clear communication channels and decision-making processes for local issues.
- Preserve local branding and identity to sustain trust and engagement.

Closing Statement

GSCA urges the Province to prioritize modernization through shared standards, tools, and funding rather than large-scale structural amalgamation. We remain committed to working collaboratively to achieve efficiency and consistency while preserving the watershed-based governance model that has served Ontario effectively for decades.

Submitted by:

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
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Thank you,



Tim Lanthier
Chief Administrative Officer
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority



Robert Uhrig
Chair
Grey Sauble Conservation Authority

**Motion No.: FA-25-097
December 17, 2025**

**Moved By: Jon Farmer
Seconded By: Scott Mackey**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has posted Environmental Registry Notice No. 025-1257 (“Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario’s Conservation Authorities”), proposing to reduce Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities to 7 regional entities as part of a broader restructuring; and

WHEREAS Bill 68 (Schedule 3) has effectively created the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency whose objects include overseeing conservation authorities and the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities in Ontario with municipal cost contribution yet to be defined; and

WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act enables municipalities to establish local conservation authorities, and when municipalities choose to form such authorities, they assume responsibility for governance and funding through the appointment of a Board of Directors and the provision of an annual levy to cover expenses; and

WHEREAS the municipalities within the northern portions of Bruce and Grey Counties established the North Grey Region Conservation Authority in 1957 and the Sauble Valley Conservation Authority in 1958 which amalgamated into the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) in 1985; and

WHEREAS GSCA generates approximately 50 percent of its own revenues and local municipalities provide approximately 43% of total GSCA funding, while the Province of Ontario provides less than 7%; and

WHEREAS under this proposal, the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) would be consolidated into a new “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” that is over 23,000 square kilometres in size and consists of 80 municipalities; and

WHEREAS municipalities have governed their respective conservation authorities for decades, tailoring programs and services to local watershed needs, maintaining accountable service standards, and ensuring fair and predictable costs for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS conservation authorities collectively own and manage thousands of hectares of land, much of which was donated or sold by local residents and entrusted to conservation authorities as a personal legacy for long-term protection, stewardship, and the public good, with the expectation that such lands would be cared for by locally governed conservation authorities; and

WHEREAS no governance model has been provided to ensure that local municipalities are still able to make local decisions related to the functioning and programs of the conservation authorities; and

WHEREAS no business plan, cost-benefit analysis, or feasibility assessment has been provided to justify the proposed consolidation; and

WHEREAS the Province already has the authority to establish overarching legislation, regulations and standards through the Conservation Authorities Act and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to address issues related to permitting, by establishing guidance, online permitting platforms and technical standards through legislation that could help build homes; and

WHEREAS the GSCA has already undertaken significant modernization work aligned with provincial objectives, including Information Technology / Information Management, and leveraging technology to streamline planning and permit review processes processing 100% of major permits within the provincial timelines in 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority calls on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands; and

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority does not support the proposed “Huron-Superior Regional Conservation Authority” boundary configuration outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257 as the proposal lacks sufficient justification, would significantly diminish local governance, and fails to recognize the effectiveness and efficiencies already achieved within existing watershed-based models; and

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority affirms that large-scale regional consolidation is unnecessary, would introduce substantial transition costs, and would divert resources away from frontline watershed programs. The Council further asserts that restructuring at this scale would erode local decision-making, weaken municipal accountability, and disrupt long-standing community partnerships that are central to delivering responsive watershed management; and

THAT while the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority supports provincial goals for consistent permit approval processes, shared services, and digital modernization, imposing a new top-down approach structure without strong local accountability and governance risks creating unnecessary cost, red-tape, and bureaucracy, thereby undermining efficiency and responsiveness to local community needs; and

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority urges the Province to strengthen centralized standards, resources, and tools rather than undertaking broad structural amalgamation and to provide sustainable, predictable provincial funding across conservation authorities to enable local CAs to advance ongoing digitization and systemization work that has already resulted in improved efficiency and consistency in recent years; and

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority believes that the Province's proposed new online permitting portal can be implemented within the existing conservation authority framework without requiring structural amalgamation; and

THAT the Board of Directors of the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority requests that the Ministry engage meaningfully and collaboratively with affected municipalities, conservation authorities, and local First Nations before advancing any consolidation, to ensure that any changes reflect both local needs and the practical realities of implementation; and

THAT this resolution be included in the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority's ERO response and forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, local MPPs, all of Ontario's municipalities, conservation authorities, AMO, and Conservation Ontario.

Carried

December 19, 2025

By E-mail

Hon. Todd McCarthy MPP
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
College Park, 5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

RE: Kawartha Conservation Board Submission on the Proposed Regional Consolidation of Conservation Authorities, ERO Notice #025-1257

Dear Minister McCarthy,

On behalf of the Kawartha Conservation Board of Directors, we are writing to share the Board's perspective on Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting #025-1257, informed by discussions at its meetings on November 27 and December 18, 2025. The Board recognizes the Province's objectives under Bill 68, to strengthen oversight, consistency, and modernization across conservation authorities through the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and the proposed transition toward a regional watershed-based framework.

The proposed consolidation model includes the creation of an Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority, which would result in the consolidation of Kawartha Conservation with several neighbouring conservation authorities and would represent a significant change to governance structures, service delivery models, financial frameworks, land management responsibilities, and municipal oversight.

We support the Province's generally stated objectives, including the use of digital permitting systems, consistent policies and standards, and enhanced use of technology. Kawartha Conservation already demonstrates strong performance in these areas, including meeting or exceeding provincial service standards, participating in staff-sharing initiatives, operating within a fully digital permitting environment, and advancing digital transformation—reflecting many of the efficiencies sought through the provincial initiative.

Substantial concerns and risks have been identified with the proposed consolidation or amalgamation, particularly with respect to the loss of local decision-making authority, reduced municipal representation, uncertainty around transition funding, asset ownership considerations, potential service disruption, and impacts on locally delivered programs. The scale of the proposed Eastern Lake Ontario region raises additional challenges related to maintaining effective community relationships and ensuring services remain responsive to local watershed conditions.

The importance of meaningful consultation and engagement with municipalities, conservation authorities, and stakeholders prior to any decisions being finalized cannot be understated. In particular, the Board notes that many of the Province's desired outcomes—such as improved consistency, efficiency, and modernization—can be advanced through the existing watershed-based governance framework, supported by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA), without the disruption and destabilization inherent in large-scale structural consolidation, and counter to the Province's goals of advancing the housing priority, streamlining service, and reducing red tape.

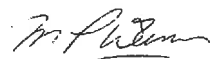
Similarly, the importance of effective, ongoing two-way communication between conservation authorities and the OPCA is critical as the Agency initiates and fulfills its evolving mandate. Regular dialogue, shared implementation guidance, and collaborative problem-solving would support consistent interpretation of provincial direction, reduce implementation risks, and ensure that operational experience and local watershed knowledge inform policy development and modernization efforts.

A transparent, comprehensive cost-benefit analysis of alternative approaches should be undertaken as a first step to inform decision-making in any transition model that may be contemplated in the future. Where any transition is determined to be beneficial, it should be supported by a clearly defined and phased transition plan. Full provincial financial support is critical for any mandatory transition efforts to ensure continuity of programs and services and to avoid disruption to municipalities and communities.

Accordingly, we urge the Province to consider the benefits of a measured “pause” of the consolidation proposal put forward to allow the OPCA to complete its initial three-year term, undertake meaningful engagement with conservation authorities, and assess the urgency and necessity of consolidation or amalgamation of conservation authorities through an evidence-based approach. This would include clearly identifying issues, providing effective communication and feedback to conservation authorities to address any issues and if necessary, consider alternative models that would more effectively advance provincial priorities related to efficiency, red-tape reduction, and timely housing delivery.

Attached is a resolution passed by the Kawartha Conservation Board of Directors at their meeting held on December 18, 2025, and our detailed comments regarding ERO Notice #025-1257. For further information, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Pat Warren
Chair



Mark Majchrowski
Chief Administrative Officer

Enclosures: *Kawartha Conservation Board Resolution #157/25, December 18, 2025*
Kawartha Conservation ERO #025-1257 Submission Comments



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- cc. *The Conservation Authorities Office, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks*
Hassaan Basit, Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive
Peter Tabuns, MPP, Critic, Environment, Conservation and Parks
Local Members of Provincial Parliament:
Laurie Scott, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock
Dave Smith, Peterborough-Kawartha
Local Watershed Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Conservation Ontario and all Conservation Authorities in Ontario

KAWARTHA CONSERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING #10/25 (DECEMBER 18, 2025)

RESOLUTION #157/25

MOVED BY: MARK DOBLE

SECONDED BY: TRACY RICHARDSON

RECOGNIZING THAT, the Province of Ontario has posted Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Posting #025-1257 proposing the consolidation of Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into 7 Regional Conservation Authorities; AND,

RECOGNIZING THAT, the proposed Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority would consolidate Kawartha Conservation with Central Lake Ontario, Otonabee, Ganaraska, Lower Trent, Crowe Valley, and Quinte Region Conservation Authorities, resulting in significant changes to governance, service delivery, financial structures, land management, and municipal oversight; AND,

RECOGNIZING THAT, the Kawartha Conservation Board acknowledges and supports the Province's goals of improved efficiency of watershed management, through the implementation of digital applications and permitting system, consistent policies, flood standards, fees, and technology; AND,

CONSIDERING THAT, Kawartha Conservation consistently meets or exceeds provincial service standards, participates in staff-sharing initiatives with neighbouring conservation authorities, regularly reports on performance, are engaged in a fully digital permit application framework, and are engaged in digital transformation activities, mirroring many of the efficiencies the Province seeks; AND,

CONSIDERING THAT, the proposed consolidation raises substantial concerns and risks related to local decision-making authority, municipal representation, transition funding, asset ownership, service disruption and the protection of local programs; AND,

CONSIDERING THAT, there is a need for meaningful consultation and engagement with stakeholders to address identified concerns and risks of the proposed consolidation or amalgamation; AND,

CONSIDERING THAT, there is a need to undertake a full cost-benefit analysis of any consolidation or amalgamation models or alternatives; AND,

CONSIDERING THAT, the objects of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) can accomplish the same goals and objectives without consolidation of conservation authorities and without the service disruption and interference that would come with amalgamation; AND,

CONSIDERING THAT, meaningful modernization can occur within the current watershed-based governance framework;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Kawartha Conservation Board does not support the proposed "Eastern Lake Ontario Regional Conservation Authority" boundary configuration as outlined in Environmental Registry Notice 025-1257; AND

THAT, the Kawartha Conservation Board of Directors requests the Province of Ontario to pause any decision to consolidate or amalgamate conservation authorities to allow:

- the OPCA to complete its first 3-year term and a subsequent assessment of the need for consolidation
- for meaningful engagement needed to address the concerns and risks of the proposed consolidation
- for the review of alternative models and processes that would result in better outcomes that advances the government's priorities of efficiency, red-tape reduction and timely home construction, AND;

THAT, the commentary provided for in the staff report be endorsed and submitted to the Province of Ontario as Kawartha Conservation's comments regarding Environmental Registry Posting 025-1257, AND;

THAT, the resolution be forwarded to:

- Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and his Opposition critics
- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (CA Office);
- Ontario's Chief Conservation Executive, Hassaan Basit;
- Local Members of Provincial Parliament
- Conservation Ontario
- all municipalities within Kawartha Conservation's watershed and conservation authority municipalities.

Recorded Vote:

Municipality	Name	Governance Role	Vote Decision
Township of Cavan-Monaghan	Byrne, Gerry	Director	Yes
City of Kawartha Lakes	Doble, Mark	Director	Yes
Municipality of Trent Lakes	Franzen, Peter	Director	Yes
Region of Durham, Township of Brock	Pettingill, Cria	Director	Yes
Region of Durham, Municipality of Clarington	Rang, Lloyd	Director	Absent
City of Kawartha Lakes	Richardson, Tracy	Director	Yes
Region of Durham, Township of Scugog	Rock, Robert	Director	Absent
Region of Durham, Township of Scugog	Wright, Harold	Vice-Chair	Yes
City of Kawartha Lakes	Warren, Pat	Chair	Yes

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED (*of members present*)

Kawartha Conservation ERO #025-1257 Submission Comments
(December 19, 2025):

The following submission outlines Kawartha Conservation's comments in response to Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting #025-1257, which seeks input on the proposed regional consolidation of conservation authorities. These comments are informed by discussions of the Kawartha Conservation Board of Directors and reflect both governance oversight and operational experience delivering conservation authority programs and services at the watershed scale.

Kawartha Conservation recognizes the Province's objectives of improving consistency, efficiency, and modernization across the conservation authorities. The comments below are intended to be constructive and informed by local accountability and operational experience, to assist the Province in evaluating transition models that achieve these objectives while maintaining effective governance, accountable service delivery, fiscal prudence, and strong municipal partnerships.

The responses that follow are structured to directly address the questions posed in the ERO posting and focus on practical considerations related to the proposed transition of the conservation authority framework.

What do you see as key factors to support a successful transition and outcome of regional conservation authority consolidation?

Evidence-based decision-making before implementation

- The Province's objectives related to consistency, efficiency, and speed of service can be advanced immediately within the existing 36 conservation authority framework through provincially led standards, shared tools, staff collaboration, and digital permitting systems. These measures should be implemented and evaluated first, allowing for work processes to be aligned, performance to be determined and testing of the assumption that efficiencies are to be gained through consolidation.
- Decisions regarding any potential structural change must be informed by a rigorous cost-benefit analysis (transition and steady-state), consistent with standard public-sector business practice. This analysis must meaningfully involve municipalities and conservation authorities, who understand both the operational realities and local service impacts. Structural change should not proceed where substantive, demonstrable gains cannot be clearly established.
- Where challenges or inefficiencies are identified, alternative approaches—such as shared services, regional collaboration agreements, or targeted functional integration—should be explored and exhausted before any consideration of consolidation.

Stable provincial transition funding and clear “who pays” rules

- Any provincially directed modernization initiatives must be accompanied by stable, multi-year provincial funding to avoid cost pressures being downloaded onto municipalities and ratepayers.
- Clear and transparent rules regarding “who pays” are essential. New provincial initiatives, including those associated with the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA), should not introduce additional financial burdens during periods of transition or change.

Service-continuity

- Protecting uninterrupted delivery of natural hazard management, permitting, planning, and environmental services must be a foundational consideration. Demonstrated service improvements through the implementation of standards and standardization objects of the OPCA should precede any structural change.
- The uncertainty associated with major structural reform presents a significant risk to workforce stability, recruitment, and retention. Disruption to experienced staff undermines the Province’s objectives related to efficiency, timeliness, and service quality.
- Any change initiative must explicitly prioritize continuity of service, institutional knowledge, and organizational capacity.

A “local by design” operating model

- Municipal support and confidence are critical to success in the conservation authority model. Without strong municipal buy-in, risks include fiscal uncertainty, reduced effectiveness, and erosion of accountability. Maintaining strong local governance relationships is critical to the success of conservation authorities.
- Ontario’s watersheds and conservation authority jurisdictions are geographically large and diverse. Effective service delivery requires local offices, local staff, and locally informed decision-making. Centralized models are not well-suited to regions that require extensive travel and have variable watershed conditions.
- It is imperative to have local offices and local people to facilitate effective programs and services. This is key for the delivery of natural hazard programming, permitting and planning for the community as well as other services provided, where people can physically interact with local staff who know the area and can provide informed answers.
- Preserving place-based knowledge through local watershed teams and advisory structures with real influence is essential to maintaining service quality and public trust.
- Meaningful engagement with communities, municipalities and conservation authorities should occur at the watershed scale to ensure local conditions, risks, and priorities are understood and reflected in any provincial initiatives.

Standards first, consolidation second

- If consistency and performance improvement are the primary objectives, the Province should first finalize, fund, and implement provincial service standards, consistent policies, shared digital platforms, and performance metrics.
- The direction-making authorities outlined in Bill 68—covering standards, IT, procurement, training, asset management, and strategic planning—provide ample tools to achieve consistency without requiring consolidation.
- Only after these measures are fully implemented and evaluated should any further structural changes be contemplated, and only where clear, incremental value can be demonstrated.

What opportunities or benefits may come from a regional conservation authority framework?

Potential benefits of partnering and sharing staff between conservation authorities include:

- Improved access to specialized expertise (e.g., hydrogeology, geomorphology, legal and complex planning files) through shared service arrangements and voluntary staff mobilization during peak demand periods such as floods, major development cycles or significant weather events impacting properties.
- Efficiencies through shared corporate services (IT licensing, fleet, insurance, purchasing).
- Enhanced regional-scale scientific collaboration for broader watershed analysis, climate resilience planning, and cumulative effects assessment—while recognizing the importance of strong local-scale science and community-specific knowledge.

It is important to note that many of these benefits already occur today through voluntary inter-authority collaboration. We have shared staff historically with other authorities related to specialized IT, engineering and ecology on a long-term basis, and partner with other conservation authorities on a variety of geographically scalable projects (regional to local community) where it makes demonstrable sense to do so (e.g. planning, engineering, hydrogeological, IT and Risk Management Official expertise). The sharing of staff would be made easier through templated agreements. Any proposed changes must therefore demonstrate clear net new benefits beyond what can already be achieved through shared services and supported standards.

Do you have suggestions for how governance could be structured at the regional conservation authority level, including suggestions around board size, make-up and the municipal representative appointment process?

Any governance framework must:

- preserve strong local representation for municipalities and taxpayers,
- remain strategically effective, and
- maintain equitable representation

Models that significantly dilute local voice or create excessively large, symbolic boards risk being cumbersome and ineffective. Governance approaches should prioritize clarity of roles, accountability, and meaningful municipal participation.

Where broader coordination is required, networked governance models—retaining strong local boards with defined roles while enabling strategic coordination—may offer a more balanced and effective approach than full consolidation.

Consideration should be given to Indigenous participation in governance structures.

Do you have suggestions on how to maintain a transparent and consultative budgeting process across member municipalities within a regional conservation authority?

Clear, standardized budget reporting

- Annual budget documents should continue to clearly identify program and service costs, capital needs, asset management requirements, and service outcomes in a consistent and comparable format.

Separation of funding streams

- The budget presentation should clearly distinguish:
 - provincially-directed costs (Agency directions)
 - provincial supports for programs and services
 - municipal supports for programs and services
 - locally delivered programs and capital works.

Guardrails to protect local priorities

- Policies must ensure that locally funded priorities and assets cannot be reallocated without municipal agreement, protecting investments made by municipalities in their own communities.

Predictable and local consultation

- Budget consultation processes must be structured, timely, and aligned with municipal budget cycles, including multi-year forecasts (e.g. 3 or 5 year) to support municipal financial planning and stability.

How can regional conservation authorities maintain and strengthen relationships with local communities and stakeholders?

Keep local presence real

- Maintain local offices, local staff, and local contact points for programs and services. These points of contact are essential to effective service delivery and community trust.

Protect watershed identity and place-based knowledge

- Through consistency measures, a “one system, many watersheds” model will emerge with the OPCA efforts for standardization. A tangible sense of place must be identifiable to a community or municipality, with actions or plans tied to that same space.
- While standardization allows for greater consistency, flexibility must remain to address local conditions and support positive innovations for specific contexts. It is this creativity and customer service-oriented outlook that conservation authorities are known and appreciated for.

Strengthen transparency and accountability locally

- Communications, reporting, and performance measures should be clearly tied to local communities and watersheds, enabling municipalities and residents to understand outcomes that affect them directly

Additional Comments:

Support tied to Guidance

At this time, the principal gap in direction relates to the timely identification, interpretation, and resourcing of common provincial standards. Many of the Province’s stated objectives—such as uniformity, improved service delivery, and consistent application of standards—can be meaningfully advanced within the existing conservation authority framework, provided that these standards are finalized, clearly articulated, and adequately supported for administration by the Agency.

While significant legislative changes have been introduced in recent years, provincial guidance and implementation support would assist conservation authorities in achieving consistent interpretation and application across jurisdictions. Strengthened communication, transitional guidance, and shared tools would reduce variability in processes and outcomes, addressing many of the challenges put forward.

Focusing the OPCA's first term on common tools, standards, and guidelines would deliver the greatest gains toward the Province's objectives of consistency and housing delivery. Allowing conservation authorities time to implement these measures and meet defined targets is more effective than undertaking structural change simultaneously. A 3-year focus on these efforts, aligned with the OPCA's first term, would support effective implementation and evidence-based assessment.

Development of Guidelines, Policies and other Resource materials

To ensure that provincially developed policies, guidelines, and implementation tools remain scientifically sound and locally relevant, their development would benefit from structured consultation with conservation authorities, municipalities and other stakeholders that possess detailed, place-based knowledge of these systems. Early and ongoing engagement in the determination of such materials would help ensure that provincial direction is practical, evidence-based, and responsive to local hydrologic, geomorphic, and land-use conditions, thereby supporting consistent application while avoiding unintended regional or community-level impacts.

Boundary Alignment Considerations

It is recommended that conservation authority boundaries be aligned, to the greatest extent possible, with the best science available for delineating watershed boundaries to avoid duplicative administrative layers. Advancements in technology have enabled more defensible watershed-based frameworks and would help reduce administrative duplication, support coherent watershed management, and enhance consistency in planning, implementation, and oversight.

Governmental Transparency

The OPCA should be accountable to the public as well as to stakeholders that are responsible for funding their operation. Transparency measures identified in the Conservation Authorities Act for current conservation authority governance should be mirrored by the OPCA (public meetings, agendas, minutes, membership, etc.). Similarly, financial transparency to conservation authorities as a financial stakeholder in the OPCA is needed, tied to annual reporting on outcomes of the levy support. Representation on the OPCA board, particularly if apportionment provisions are enacted would represent an open, transparent and accountable governance model.



December 19, 2025

Honorable Mark Carney

Sent via email: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Honorable Mark Carney:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council, at its meeting held December 16, 2025 adopted the following:

**12.2.7 Call for Reform and Publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry -
Councillor Samwell**

WHEREAS the community of Welland and the surrounding communities were deeply impacted by a recent heinous crime that highlighted critical gaps in Canada's criminal justice and offender-management systems; and

WHEREAS on September 4, 2025, Mayor Frank Campion of the City of Welland wrote to the Premier of Ontario urging comprehensive reform to strengthen sentencing, parole, and bail provisions for violent sexual offenders, and to enhance public safety protections; and

WHEREAS on September 12, 2025, Mayor Mat Siscoe of the City of St. Catharines wrote to the Prime Minister of Canada expressing strong support for these reforms and calling for immediate federal action to strengthen sentencing, parole, and accountability measures for violent sexual offenders; and

WHEREAS the City of Thorold, at its meeting of September 9, 2025, adopted Resolution 14.2 requesting the Province of Ontario to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offenders Registry), 2000 to make Ontario Sex Offender Registry publicly accessible; and

WHEREAS several Niagara municipalities; including Grimsby, Fort Erie, Port Colborne, and St. Catharines have subsequently endorsed this call for greater transparency and reform; and

WHEREAS municipal councils, though not responsible for criminal law or parole, play a vital role in advocating for the safety and well-being of their residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A. THAT the Council of the City of Brantford hereby supports the City of Thorold's Resolution calling for the Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry and the City of Welland's correspondence dated September 4, 2025, calling for reform to sentencing, parole, and registry provisions concerning violent sexual offenders; and
- B. THAT the Province of Ontario be urged to amend Christopher's Law (Sexual Offender Registry), 2000 to make the Ontario Sex Offender

Registry publicly accessible, subject to appropriate privacy and safety safeguards; and

C. THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- i. The Right Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- ii. The Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
- iii. The Hon. Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Safety;
- iv. The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- v. The Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario;
- vi. The Hon. Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario;
- vii. Member of Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Larry Brock;
- viii. Member of Provincial Parliament for Brantford-Brant, Will Bouma;
- ix. The Association of the Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- x. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
- xi. All Ontario Municipalities for their information and support.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
cgauthier@brantford.ca

CC - The Honorable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada; - Sean.Fraser@parl.gc.ca

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THE GOLDEN SUNSHINE MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Common Room – November 18, 2025 @ 9:30 am

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday November 18, 2025

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Markus, Dave Britton, Dave Yemm, Leo Patey, Nancy McFadden, Amber Mclsaac, Calvin Young. Regrets: Leo Patey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bernadette Kerr

Resolution 2025-56:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation calls the Board of Directors meeting of November 2025, is to called to order at: 9:28 a.m.

Moved by: Dave B Seconded by: Dave Y Carried.

2. Additions to Agenda

Correspondence e) Rent Increase Resolution and Business arising c) COCHI 2026 Funding

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved as amended

Resolution 2025-57

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the amended agenda for November 18, 2025 board of directors meeting.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Dave B Carried.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes from September 16, 2025

The minutes from the September 16, 2025 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Resolution 2025-58:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the minutes of the September 16, 2025 board meeting are hereby approved.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Dave B Carried.

6. Business Arising

a) Patio Project Updates –

Amber provided an update on project progress and financials, and the Board noted that the project is complete. Dave requested that Amber prepare thank-you letters to DSAAB and Kenalex, to be signed by Dave and Bernadette. Amber also recommended that \$10,000 of the project contingency fund be returned to the capital account immediately, with the remaining balance to be deposited once the GST refund from the project is received in January 2026.

Resolution 2025-59:

that the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves the transfer of \$10,000 from the OPHI 2026 Project Contingency Fund back to the Capital Funds Account.

Moved by: Kal Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 16, 2025 @ 9:30am Christmas lunch to follow.

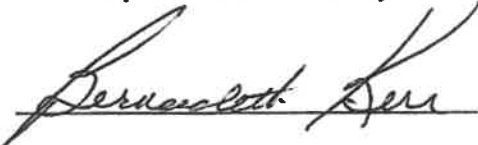
9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Resolution 2025-63:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors meeting of November 18, 2025, is hereby adjourned

Moved by: Dave B Seconded by: Dave Y Carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bernadette Kerr", written over a horizontal line.

Bernadette Kerr, President

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Amber McIsaac, Secretary



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 6, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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

Totaling \$164,411.24 be approved.

For	Against
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YEMM	
CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm