

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT  
COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2025  
CONSENT AGENDA**

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Re: Support for Nation Building 2+1 Highway Infrastructure in Northern Ontario

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through g on the Consent Agenda dated August 13, 2025 be received; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolution from the Township of Mulmur to exempt municipalities from trade restrictions, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services and infrastructure projects; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association requesting the Ontario Government to provide free access to information so that sufficient particulars of an Integrity Commissioner or Ombudsman investigation to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each investigation; and

That the Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls requesting the Province to suspend the approval and development of all new Battery Energy Storage System facilities until a comprehensive, science based study has been completed; and

That Council supports the request from the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board to reinstate provincial funding for OPP Detachment Boards; and

That The Township of Tarbutt voice its support for the resolution from the Township of Nairn and Hyman in opposition to the transportation and disposal of Niobium Tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area rather than to a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility in Sarnia, Ontario.



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April 11, 2025

### **Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions**

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At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

#### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds;

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.

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

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,



Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



## **District of Parry Sound Municipal Association**

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

**President:** Lynda Carleton **Secretary-Treasurer:** Karlee Britton

### **RE: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education**

*The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), representing the twenty-three Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound, held its Spring 2025 meeting on May 23, 2025, in the Municipality of Callander. At this meeting, the following resolution was carried:*

**Moved by:** Kathy Hamer (Municipality of McDougall)

**Seconded by:** Daniel O'Halloran (Township of McMurrich Monteith)

**Whereas** democracy is an open process – one that requires ongoing engagement between citizens and their elected officials; and

**Whereas** ethics and integrity are at the core of public confidence in government and in the political process; and

**Whereas** proper policies and procedures protect the democratic process; and

**Whereas** sections 223.2 and 223.3, Municipal Act, 2001 state all municipalities are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner; and

**Whereas** it is the role of the Integrity Commissioner to educate member of Council on the Councillor Code of Conduct policy as well as to investigate alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct, at the municipality's expense; and

**Whereas** there are many new elected officials each term of Council who need access to information and proper training in order to do the work effectively and responsibility; and

**Whereas** Municipal Affairs and the Ombudsman's Office are hesitant to give information, so there is nowhere to ask questions and learn; and

**Whereas** the only source of information is to pay for fee-for-service on a case-by-case basis from the Integrity Commissioner which is very cost-prohibitive for small municipalities; and

**Whereas** Council is expected to oversee the management of taxpayers money and taxpayers deserve to know where their tax dollars are being spent;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved That** the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association calls upon the Ontario government to provide free access to information so that Councils can be effective in their role in our democratic system; and

**Further That** the DPSMA hereby requests that Municipal Affairs and/or the Ombudsman's Office and/or the Integrity Commissioner provide, if requested by a municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each investigation.

**Further That** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

*Forwarded on behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association; For questions and/or inquires, please contact:*



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cc:

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka  
Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound  
All Ontario Municipalities

# **Matthews Memorial Hospital Association**

## **MMHA**

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June 26, 2025

Dear Friends of Matthews Memorial Hospital Association

On August 17, 2025, MMHA will be holding its biggest fundraiser of the year – the annual Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held at the Silver Creek Golf Course in Garden River.

All proceeds raised by this event go towards Doctor Recruitment (we have recruited one doctor so far in 2025 and hope to sign others before long), Doctor retention, and the upkeep of and upgrades to the Bridgelink Medical Centre.

We are asking for your support through a donation to our "prize" table. Gift Certificates, memorabilia advertising your business, or any donated article, would be appreciated.

MMHA will recognize your support through advertising and on our Event program.

If you wish to donate, or have questions, please contact:

Marlee Hopkins at 705 782-4236 or  
Email at [mmha.sji@gmail.com](mailto:mmha.sji@gmail.com)

Respectfully yours

Matthews Memorial Hospital Association



The Municipality of the  
**VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS**

Moved By: Ashley Brandt Date: July 15, 2025

Seconded By: Ryan Baptiste Resolution # 2025- 244

Be it resolved;

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls, together with residents from surrounding municipalities, has expressed strong and united opposition to the proposed installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facility, citing significant concerns regarding public safety, environmental risk, land use compatibility, and insufficient local economic benefit; and

**WHEREAS** the perceived risk associated with BESS installations significantly outweighs any demonstrated local advantage, and further, the lack of established, province-wide planning policies has led to avoidable conflict and uncertainty for municipalities and residents alike;

**Now therefore be it resolved that:**

1. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario immediately suspend the approval and development of all new BESS installations until a comprehensive, science-based study is completed. Such a study should result in the development of robust, province-wide policies and regulations governing the operation, and risk mitigation of BESS facilities.
2. The Province of Ontario be urged to provide clear policy guidance to municipalities and industry stakeholders recommending that BESS installations be permitted only on lands currently zoned for industrial use, recognizing that:
  - a) such lands have been previously evaluated and approved for industrial development; and
  - b) the limited economic return provided by BESS projects does not justify rezoning lands designated for other uses.

3. The Province of Ontario be further requested to disseminate the results of this study and any associated policy or regulatory recommendations to all Ontario municipalities, thereby preventing unnecessary and costly legal challenges, public opposition, and community division related to the siting of future BESS projects.
4. The Council of the Village of Burk's Falls calls upon Solar Bank Corporation to immediately withdraw its application for the proposed BESS facility at Pegg's Mountain, in the interest of fostering constructive community relations and acknowledging that this situation closely parallels the circumstances in Gravenhurst, where similar concerns led to widespread opposition and rejection of a comparable project.
5. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of parliament (MPP's) and all municipalities in the province of Ontario.

*Recorded Vote requested by:* \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Ryan Baptiste</i>	<i>for / opposed</i>
<i>Ashley Brandt</i>	<i>for / opposed</i>
<i>Sean Cotton</i>	<i>for / opposed</i>
<i>Chris Hope</i>	<i>for / opposed</i>
<i>Nancy Kyte</i>	<i>for / opposed</i>

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*Pecuniary Interest declared by:*

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 Mayor





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Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board  
177964 Grey Road 18, Owen Sound, ON N4K 5N5

July 17, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP

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

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The Honourable Doug Downey  
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**Re: Appeal to the Ministry of the Solicitor General for Reinstatement of  
Provincial Funding**

Dear Premier and Minister,

Please be advised that at its June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Board Meeting, the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution:

OPP2025-023

Moved By: Member Carol Reaney

Seconded By: Member Monic Singh Soares

Approved

Whereas under the former Police Services Act, 1990, municipalities received provincial grant funding to offset the costs associated with the appointment of provincial representatives to local police services boards;

And whereas the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024, consolidating multiple individual police services boards into regional OPP Detachment Boards, thereby streamlining governance across jurisdictions;

And whereas the establishment of Detachment Boards under the CSPA has resulted in a reduction in the number of provincial appointees required in OPP-policed municipalities, yielding cost savings for the Province of Ontario;

And whereas the CSPA was designed to enhance community engagement and local governance in policing, yet the withdrawal of provincial funding undermines this intent by shifting the financial burden entirely onto municipalities and local taxpayers;

And whereas during the development of both the 2024 and 2025 Board budgets, it was understood that provincial funding would be provided in support of Detachment Board operations;

And whereas it has since been confirmed that the Province will not be providing the anticipated contribution of \$6,600, a figure previously expected as part of ongoing provincial support;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That a formal request be submitted to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, respectfully requesting the reinstatement of the annual \$6,600 in funding to support the ongoing operations and governance of the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board; and
2. That a copy of the letter be circulated to all participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area, all Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards throughout Ontario, as well as to the Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Grey Bruce—Owen Sound.

Sincerely,

*Jodi Ward*

**Jodi Ward**

Board Administrator

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CC: All participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area  
All Ontario Municipal Councils  
All Police Services Boards throughout Ontario via OAPSB distribution



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July 17, 2025

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**RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Disposal of Niobium Tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area**

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman has passed a formal resolution opposing the proposed transport and disposal of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA), located within our municipal boundaries.

This resolution follows the independent review by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. conducted on behalf of the Township of the technical documents submitted by the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Transportation, including the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA)

and the Conceptual Site Model (CSM). The findings of Hutchinson's review have raised significant concerns regarding the sufficiency of the risk assessment, groundwater and surface water monitoring, leachability modeling, baseline data gaps, and long-term containment and environmental management plans. These issues pose unacceptable risks to public health, the surrounding watershed, and the long-term environmental integrity of our region.

Further, it has come to the Township's attention that the Ministry of Transportation has transported a portion of the niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility near Sarnia. This action raises a serious question as to why all the material is not being disposed of through the same secure and regulated channel, instead of being placed at an aging tailings management site adjacent to sensitive ecosystems and communities.

The Township of Nairn and Hyman also wishes to acknowledge and support the position of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), who have issued a letter voicing their firm opposition to this project. Their concerns are rooted not only in environmental impact, but also in the Ministry's failure to conduct meaningful consultation with the impacted UCCMM First Nations, whose traditional territory includes the Agnew Lake area. Their letter is attached for your review and inclusion in the public record.

This resolution passed at the Council Meeting of the Township of Nairn and Hyman on July 14, 2025, calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site.

The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION # 2025-8-152**

**DATED:** July 14, 2025

**MOVED BY:** Wayne Austin

**SECONDED BY:** Karen Richter

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Energy and Mines and Ministry of Transportation has proposed the transportation and placement of approximately 18,600 cubic metres of niobium mine tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine and associated MTO gravel pit to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, located within the Township of Nairn and Hyman;

**AND WHEREAS** the Ministry has submitted technical documentation, including a Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment (HHERA) and Conceptual Site Model (CSM), which have been independently reviewed by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. on behalf of the Township;

**AND WHEREAS** Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd. report raises serious concerns regarding the adequacy of risk modeling, leachability assessments, hydrogeological characterization, biological monitoring, and long-term containment of radionuclides and toxic metals;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township has recently learned that the Ministry of Transportation intends to transport an existing stockpile of niobium tailings to Clean Harbors, a licensed hazardous waste treatment facility in Sarnia, Ontario, raising the question as to why all of the niobium tailings are not being managed in the same manner;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman formally opposes the transportation or placement of niobium tailings at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, the Minister of Energy and Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; MP Jim Belanger; MPP Bill Rosenburg; MPP France Gelinis; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at [belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca](mailto:belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca) or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Sincerely,

*Belinda Ketchabaw*

Belinda Ketchabaw  
CAO Clerk Treasurer  
Township of Nairn and Hyman  
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**Attachments:** UCCMM Letter – Agnew Lake Tailings Management, Chief Patsy Corbiere, July 14, 2025

**Cc:**

Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members  
The United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising  
Ontario Ombudsman  
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
Canadian Environmental Law Association  
MP Jim Belanger  
MPP Bill Rosenburg  
MPP France Gelinis  
Association of Ontario Municipalities  
All Ontario Municipalities  
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Adam Levine, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
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August 15, 2025

**The Right Honourable Mark Carney**

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**Cc:** Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – fonom.info@gmail.com

**Re: Support for Nation-Building 2+1 Highway Infrastructure in Northern Ontario**

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Canadian Trucking Alliance, I am writing to express our strong support for the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' proposal to expand Highways 11 and 17 in Northern Ontario using the **2+1 highway model**.

We believe this initiative aligns with national priorities related to economic resilience, transportation safety, Indigenous engagement, and climate-conscious infrastructure investment. A modern, safe, and efficient highway corridor through Northern Ontario is not only critical for regional development—it is essential for Canada's internal trade, supply chain continuity, and national cohesion.

The 2+1 highway approach offers a cost-effective, scalable, and environmentally responsible solution. We commend the Government of Ontario for launching a pilot segment between North Bay and Temagami, and we urge both levels of government to expand this model through a coordinated, nation-building strategy.

We respectfully encourage your governments to move forward with this project as a priority under the **Building Canada Act** framework.

Sincerely,  
[Name]  
[Title]