

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2025
CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Re: Potential for low-risk incident referrals to Municipalities
- b. Letter from Algoma Public Health
Re: Working Together to Reduce Food Insecurity in Ontario
- c. Resolution from the City of Dryden
Re: Water safety and Swim-to-Survive training in the Ontario elementary school curriculum
- d. Resolution from Bonfield Township
Re: Canadian Postal Union labour negotiations and flyer deliveries
- e. Correspondence from the Office of the Solicitor General
Re: 2026 OPP annual billing changes
- f. Resolution from the Township of Woolwich
Re: Bill C-61 First Nations clean and safe drinking water
- g. Media Release from The Town of Newmarket
Re: Partnership with *Food Cycle Science* to tackle food waste

Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through g on the Consent Agenda dated October 15, 2025 be received; and
That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the City of Dryden requesting increased water safety education in Ontario schools; and
That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from Bonfield Township requesting that the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government return to the negotiating table; and reconsider suspension of flyer deliveries; and
That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Township of Woolwich calling on the Ontario Government to reintroduce legislation that ensures First Nations have the right to clean and safe drinking water;

(sent by e-mail only)

Date: August 21, 2025

Re: Updates to Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Compliance Policy – Potential for Low-Risk Incident Referrals to Municipalities

On June 4, 2025, the Government of Ontario announced updates to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' compliance policy. A notice outlining the decision can be found here. These changes will allow the ministry to focus on higher-risk events, such as spills that could harm human health, while referring low-risk incidents that do not impact human health or the environment, such as construction noise, via referral to more appropriate regulatory authorities, including municipalities. Further details on the new incident referral assessment process can be found in section 4.2 of the updated compliance policy.

The updates to the compliance policy will clarify roles and responsibilities between the ministry and municipalities to avoid duplication and reduce burden on the regulated community by simplifying compliance oversight for low-risk activities. These changes will strengthen collaboration between the ministry and municipalities, while also improving service for members of the public by clarifying which regulator is responsible for responding to an incident.

Listed below are types of complaints that the ministry will typically consider for referral to municipalities:

1. Odours - Reports of odours from restaurants, food preparation, construction/demolition/maintenance activities, vehicles, or residential sources.
2. Noise - Reports of noise from air conditioning and heating, vehicles, residences, pets, construction activities, music festivals and outdoor events.
3. Dust - Reports of general or road dust resulting from development or construction/demolition sites, stone cutting, or complaints of off-site dust generated from a neighbour's construction activities.
4. Waste - Reports of littering, abandoned vehicles, and small quantities of solid non-hazardous waste dumping.
5. Water – Reports of discharges to municipal sewers, oil leaking from vehicles to roadway/sewers, and problems with private ponds.

Please note: if a low-risk incident persists long term escalates to a community-level concern, or becomes linked to health impacts, the ministry will re-evaluate the risk and may take further action. Additionally, if a municipality lacks the capacity to carry out compliance and enforcement activities for a referred incident, the ministry may intervene if the risk level is deemed sufficiently high.

The ministry is planning further engagement with municipalities to support open

communication during this transition. More details will follow via future communications.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact me via email (rick.lalonde@ontario.ca) or by phone (705-257-9346).

If you wish to discuss further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rick Lalonde

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September 12, 2025

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Subject: Working Together to Reduce Food Insecurity in Ontario

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Board of Health of Algoma Public Health (APH), please accept our appreciation for the provincial government's efforts to support vulnerable Ontarians, including tying ODSP rates to inflation and increases to minimum wage. These steps are positive, and we hope they signal a continued commitment to addressing the root causes of poverty and food insecurity.

At the same time, we are deeply concerned about the rising rates of food insecurity across Ontario. Between 2022 and 2023, the rate of severe household food insecurity rose from 4.8% to 7.8%⁽¹⁾. This trend has serious implications for public health, as food insecurity is strongly linked to chronic conditions like diabetes, poor mental health, and increased health care use⁽¹⁾.

We know that food insecurity is fundamentally an income issue. While food banks and community programs provide essential short-term relief, long-term solutions require policies that improve a household's financial stability. Research consistently shows that increasing social assistance rates and aligning minimum wage with a living wage can significantly reduce food insecurity⁽²⁻⁴⁾.

In Algoma, our monitoring food affordability data shows that current social assistance rates fall short of covering basic needs like food and housing⁽⁵⁾. We also know that employment alone is not always protective – over half of food-insecure households in Ontario rely primarily on wages or self-employment income⁽³⁾.

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At its meeting on May 28, 2025, the Algoma Board of Health passed the following motion:

That the Board of Health for the District of Algoma Health Unit continue to advocate for income-based responses by calling on the provincial government to:

- 1. Recognize and acknowledge food insecurity as an income-based problem that requires income-based solutions;***
- 2. Set targets to reduce food insecurity; and***
- 3. Engage with all levels of government, private and non-profit sectors, and people with lived and living experiences, to implement progressive economic policies that increase household income (i.e., living wage, indexing all social assistance to inflation, and using monitoring food affordability data to set adequate social assistance rates).***

We believe these actions align with your government's stated goals of building a stronger, more resilient Ontario. By investing in income-based solutions, we can reduce pressure on our healthcare system, improve quality of life, and ensure that all Ontarians have the opportunity to thrive.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with your government on this important issue and would be pleased to provide further data or insights from our region.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Trivers,
Chair, Board of Health,
Algoma Public Health

cc: Dr. K. Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Heather Schramm, Director, Health Promotion and Prevention Policy and Programs Branch,
Ministry of Health
Susan Stewart, Chair, Health Promotion Ontario Executive Committee
Dr. Michael Sherar, President and Chief Executive Officer, Public Health Ontario
MPP Chris Scott, Sault Ste. Marie
MPP Bill Rosenberg, Algoma-Manitoulin
David Thompson, Chair, Algoma Food Security Network
All Ontario Boards of Health

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Klewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Council	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Klewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price				
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison



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**RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL
September 23rd, 2025**

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

WHEREAS the labour dispute between Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) remains unresolved despite months of negotiations; AND WHEREAS CUPW has suspended the delivery of flyers nationwide in an effort to bring Canada Post back to the bargaining table; AND WHEREAS this suspension significantly impacts businesses, non-profit organizations, and municipal governments, limiting their ability to communicate essential information; AND WHEREAS many rural municipalities, including the Township of Bonfield, have limited internet connectivity and rely heavily on Canada Post for the distribution of newsletters and other important communications to residents; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Bonfield:

1. Urges the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and the Federal Government to promptly return to the negotiating table; and
2. Calls upon CUPW to reconsider the suspension of flyer deliveries, which includes municipal communications, to ensure the continued dissemination of critical community information

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Nipissing Timiskaming MP, Pauline Rochefort, Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli, Canada Post, CUPW President, FONOM, and AMO.

Carried

DIVISION VOTE

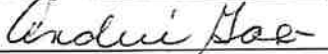
FOR

Donna Clark _____
Jason Corbett _____
Steve Featherstone _____
Dan MacInnis _____
Narry Paquette _____

AGAINST

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Resolution No.5 of the Township of Bonfield's Regular Council Meeting of September 23rd, 2025, and which Resolution is in full force and effect.


Andrée Gagné
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132-2025-3641
By email

September 26, 2025

Dear Heads of Council and Chief Administrative Officers of OPP-Policed Municipalities:

The Ministry of the Solicitor General has undertaken a review of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) cost recovery model. I would like to extend my gratitude for your participation and input into this process.

I am writing to inform you that because of the review, regulatory amendments have been made to Ontario Regulation 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. These amendments are in effect and will inform the 2026 annual billing statement to be issued shortly.

Firstly, an 11 per cent cap is established on the increase in policing costs owed by municipalities for the 2026 calendar year when compared to 2025, excluding the costs related to any service enhancements.

Secondly, a new discounts table will be established in regulation and will apply to the 2026 billing year and going forward. This new discount table introduces a lower eligibility threshold to receive a discount. Municipalities will now receive calls for service and overtime discounts when they are three or more standard deviations from the average calls for service weighted time to property count ratio, rather than the current regulatory threshold of five standard deviations.

The amendments have been approved by Cabinet and have been filed with the Registrar of Regulations. They will be accessed publicly online through the [e-Laws page](#) – and will be available here within the next few business days.

The preparation of 2026 annual billing statements is underway and statements are targeted for release in November 2025.

As we undertook this review, we heard loud and clear that greater clarity, predictability and stability in the OPP cost recovery model, and associated billing statements, is critical to municipalities as annual budget processes are undertaken. These amendments were contemplated, and ultimately decided upon, based on those concerns and the direct feedback that we heard from OPP-policed municipalities.



THE TOWNSHIP OF
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September 26, 2025

Prime Minister
Right Hon. Mark Carney
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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Right Honorable Prime Minister:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Bill C-61 First Nations Clean Water Act

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on September 23, 2025:

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Minister of Indigenous Services introduced house government bill C-61: An Act respecting water, source water, drinking water, wastewater and related infrastructure on First Nation lands also known as the First Nations Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS in an open letter to Members of Parliament on December 12, 2024, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) called on all Members of Parliament to prioritize the advancement of Bill C-61, calling it “a step toward addressing the long-standing water issues faced by First Nations”; and

WHEREAS Bill C-61 was not passed into law before Parliament was prorogued on January 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Todd McCarthy has been unclear on Ontario’s position on this legislation, identifying Bill C-61 as a potential piece of legislation that would “undermine competitiveness” and “delay project development” before apologizing for any confusion and clarifying the need to “bring clean drinking water to First Nations communities, while also bringing the kind of regulatory certainty that attracts investment in businesses and communities”; and

WHEREAS Prime Minister Mark Carney and Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty have indicated the Canadian government’s support for introducing legislation like Bill C-61 in the fall of 2025; and

WHEREAS as of September 2025, Indigenous Services Canada data shows that while 93 long-term drinking water advisories have been lifted, since November

2015, 37 long-term drinking water advisories remain active, including in 27 communities in Ontario; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich:

- 1. Calls on the Government of Canada and the Minister of Indigenous Services to reintroduce legislation to ensure First Nations have the right to clean and safe drinking water in the Fall of 2025 in the same form as Bill C-61;**
- 2. Calls on the Government of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to support this important Federal legislation; and**
- 3. Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Prime Minister, Minister of Indigenous Services, Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Assembly of First Nations and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

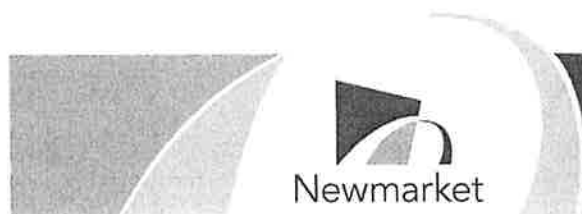
Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, Minister of Indigenous Services
Hon. Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Assembly of First Nations
All Municipalities in Ontario

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Media Release

Recycle your food scraps with the new FoodCycler® pilot program!



NEWMARKET, Ontario, February 7, 2025 – The Town of Newmarket has partnered with [Food Cycle Science](#) to establish a pilot program to tackle food waste. This program will allow for 100 FoodCycler® machines to be purchased by residents of Newmarket at a discounted cost. Once the pilot program is complete, the FoodCycler® machine is theirs to keep. The goal of the program is to review the feasibility of using FoodCyclers to support home composting, especially for those that may not have the space to conduct backyard composting.

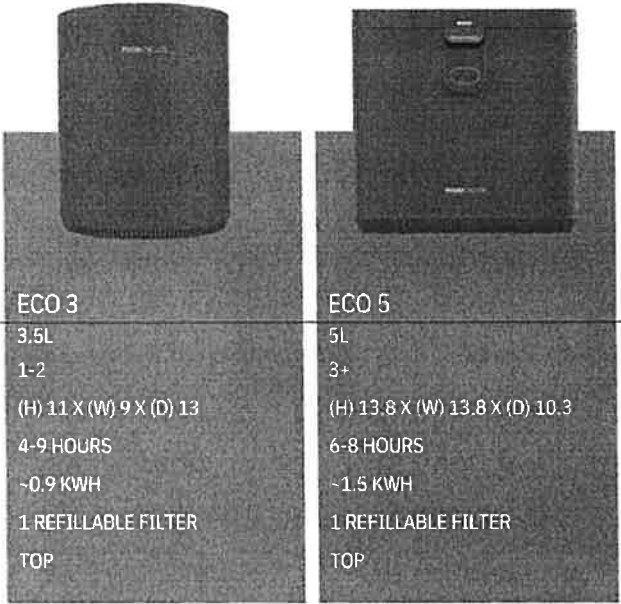
“Up to 50 per cent of household waste is composed of food waste. By participating in this

Taylor. "Your participation and feedback will help the Town collect waste diversion data that can be used for future waste programs."

About the FoodCycler® Pilot Program

Interested program participants will have the option to choose between one of the following unit sizes depending on their household needs:

- FoodCycler Eco 3 – 3.5L capacity (ideal for households of 1-2 people) for \$200 plus HST (regularly \$599)
- FoodCycler Eco 5 – 5.0L capacity (ideal for households of 3 or more people) for \$300 plus HST (regularly \$799)



SPECS	ECO 3	ECO 5
BUCKET CAPACITY	3.5L	5L
RECOMMENDED HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1-2	3+
DIMENSIONS (INCHES)	(H) 11 X (W) 9 X (D) 13	(H) 13.8 X (W) 13.8 X (D) 10.3
PROCESSING TIME	4-9 HOURS	6-8 HOURS
POWER CONSUMPTION	~0.9 KWH	~1.5 KWH
FILTRATION	1 REFILLABLE FILTER	1 REFILLABLE FILTER
VENT LOCATION	TOP	TOP

The FoodCycler® is a closed-loop indoor compost alternative that speeds up the natural decomposition process through aerobic digestion of waste. The unit dries and grinds food waste into a dry, odourless nutrient-rich by-product that is significantly reduced in weight and volume from its unprocessed state. The product is free from bacteria, weed seeds, and food-borne pathogens that were eliminated during the process. Some benefits are:

- Up to 90% volume reduction
- Quiet, compact, odourless operation and quick
- Easy to clean, easy to operate, no special training or skills required

Once complete, the FoodCycler® byproduct can be used to fertilize your garden, added to your composter or donated to friends and family who garden or compost!

How does the program work?

Each selected household that receives a FoodCycler® will be asked to track how many "cycles" they run their FoodCycler® through each week. This tracking allows Food Cycle Science and the Town to estimate the total waste diversion achieved over the 12-week pilot program. At the end of the 12 weeks, participants are asked to fill out an exit survey that will be used to evaluate the program's success and share any feedback participants may have. [Review the FoodCycler® municipal guide to see what items can be composted.](#)

How to register?

Registration for the pilot program will open on **Monday, February 17, 2025**. Please note that this program is only available to residents of the Town of Newmarket and only one entry per household is permitted.

For more information and to register, visit [HeyNewmarket.ca/FoodCycler](https://www.heynewmarket.ca/FoodCycler).

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