



THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No: 2025 - 194

Date: December 9, 2025

Moved By: Mabbott

Seconded By: [Signature]

WHEREAS the Emergency Preparedness Division of Emergency Management Ontario (EMO), within the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response, has trained and educated municipal staff and Emergency Control Groups for the **Provincial Exercise 2026**, taking place on Thursday, October 23, 2026; and

WHEREAS Municipal Elections in Ontario will take place Monday, October 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS municipal Mayors, Council members and senior municipal staff play a key role in local emergency management operations, most notably Municipal Clerks in smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS a vast percentage of municipal councils may be in a position of transition in the fall of 2026, and face the possibility of not returning to their council seats; and

WHEREAS municipal Clerks, having oversight and management responsibility for municipal elections, as well as regular day to day operations of their municipalities, will be diligently preparing for the municipal election to be held the following week; and

WHEREAS the date of Municipal Elections in Ontario are established well in advance, being legislated within the *Municipal Elections Act* as the fourth Monday in October, every fourth year; and

WHEREAS the basis of local government and democracy rests on dedicated, trained and educated municipal experts who play a dual role in Emergency Management, and whom, as of October 26, 2026 may find significant turnover on Emergency Control Groups; and

WHEREAS in order to ensure sustainable and engaged participation in the 2026 Provincial Exercise, these two significant municipal events should not be held within days of each other;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of The Township of Tarbutt requests Emergency Management Ontario, and the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness



and Response, to reschedule the 2026 Provincial Exercise to a date that does not fall within 90 days on either side of the 2026 Municipal Election on October 27, 2026; and

THAT Provincial Ministries be encouraged to consult with their provincial counterparts, agencies and ministries and, in some cases, municipal associations, prior to scheduling important province wide exercises in which municipalities play a key role, in order to avoid such conflicts; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to AMO, FONOM, AMCTO, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister and Deputy Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and the Ontario Fire Marshall.

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Defeated _____
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Deferred _____
Withdrawn _____

RECORDED VOTE

U. Abbott Y _____ N _____
D. Farrar Y _____ N _____
D. McClelland Y _____ N _____
L. Smith Y _____ N _____
J. Nagel Y _____ N _____

Lennox Smith, Mayor