

**THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2026
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Recommendation: Be it resolved that correspondence items a through m on the Consent Agenda dated March 18, 2026 be received; and

That a letter of appreciation be provided to Algoma Power for the donation to emergency services, noting that the funds will be used to send a team of volunteer firefighters to the North Shore Firefighters Challenge; and

The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolutions from the Municipality of St. Charles requesting that the Minister of Finance amend the Assessment Act to include a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolution from AMO urging the province to maintain two distinct corporate Boards for OMERS governance to ensure municipal representation and oversight; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the Resolution from North Glengarry calling on the Province to extend the annual OCIF envelope beyond its current five year term ending in 2026, and to establish a new five year OCIF funding framework enabling long term capital planning and stable cash flow management; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Region of York asking the Province to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) and its contractors provide fair, consistent and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario; and

That the Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Township of Perry requesting support for improved school bus safety initiatives and the expansion of stop arm camera programs; and

That the resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding double digit increases in policing budgets, increased police operating and capital costs, and the negative impact on rural municipalities of these excessive policing costs be endorsed and supported; and

That the 2025 Report of the Integrity Commissioner be received, and that staff be authorized to proceed with renewal of the Integrity Commissioner's contract for a two year term.

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February 18, 2026

Tarbutt Township
27 Barr Road South
Desbarats ON P0R 1E0

Re: Donation to Emergency Services

Dear Volunteers:

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$300.00 from Algoma Power in support Emergency Services.

Algoma Power is pleased to support various Emergency Services within local communities, and we wish you continued success in the important work that you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rose".

Jennifer Rose
Regional Manager
Algoma Power Inc.



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February 18, 2026

Mayor Lennox Smith
 Township of Tarbutt
 27 Barr Road
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 Tarbutt Township

Thank You for Supporting Crime Stoppers in 2026

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District, I would like to sincerely thank your municipality for its \$250 contribution toward our 2026 regional funding initiative.

Your support directly strengthens our ability to maintain a secure, anonymous reporting platform for residents across Algoma District. Municipal leadership such as yours reflects a clear commitment to collaborative, community-driven public safety.

As part of our collective objective to raise \$10,000 through municipal participation across the District, your contribution helps sustain:

- Anonymous tip intake and secure reporting technology
- Reward payments that encourage public cooperation
- Public awareness initiatives and outreach
- Administrative oversight to ensure program integrity

Crime Stoppers does not receive guaranteed operational funding. Contributions from municipalities such as yours ensure that residents throughout Algoma District continue to have access to a trusted and effective reporting system that supports law enforcement and helps prevent further harm.

Charitable Tax Receipt

Please find enclosed your official charitable tax receipt accompanying this letter (Tax Receipt Number: 20260004).

Community Signage Initiative

As part of our continued efforts to strengthen visibility of the Crime Stoppers program across the District, our Ontario Provincial Police partners will be delivering four durable metal Crime Stoppers signs to your municipality on our behalf.

These signs are intended for placement in visible public locations to reinforce awareness of anonymous reporting and serve as a deterrent to

criminal activity. We appreciate your assistance in identifying appropriate municipal locations and for the installation within your community.

Thank you again for your leadership and your commitment to regional safety. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing our collaboration throughout 2026.

Should Council require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Lester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Brian Lester, Director
Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District

Proposed Resolution from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO):

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68 which would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Minister controlled Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and risks politicizing the Plan as opposed to remaining independent and accountable; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Tarbutt does not support the legislative changes to the OMERS Act contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider proceeding with these changes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Tarbutt supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure which best delivers on the long term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; The Honourable Bill Rosenberg, MPP of Algoma Manitouline; and The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.2.
Resolution Number 2026-022
Title: Resolution of Support - Hornepayne - Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class
Date: February 18, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

**WHEREAS there is a visible disparity between the northern and southern population of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS northern Ontario has an abundance of opportunity in the form of municipally serviced building lots for both industry and population growth;
AND WHEREAS high residential property taxes in northern Ontario discourage and prohibit the construction of new residential single family dwellings;
AND WHEREAS the addition of a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass would create an incentive for the building of new homes in small northern Ontario communities;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St-Charles does hereby request that the Honorable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Finance, amends the Assessment Act to include a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario; your Municipalities MPP; the Honourable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Minister George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Minister Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; AMO; FONOM; NOMA; NEOMA; NESMG; and ROMA.**

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MAYOR

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 5.4.1.
Resolution Number 2026-022
Title: Resolution of Support - Moosonee - Strengthening Self-Defence
Protections and Addressing Rising Home Invasions in Ontario
Date: February 18, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution Number 2026-008 passed on January 6, 2026 by the Corporation of the Town of Moosonee regarding strengthening self-defence protections and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, our local Member of Parliament (MP), our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



SAULT STE. MARIE HUMANE SOCIETY

WE SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

February 19, 2026

2026 Annual User Fees

To whom it may concern,

The annual user fee which allows your township or first nation band to designate the Sault Ste. Marie & District SPCA as your pound facility, is now due. The annual fee for 2026 will be \$900. Fees associated with animal intake and disposition have also been adjusted to reflect the fees we charge in our municipality (see attached).

Animal Control and sheltering services continue to be in high demand across Ontario. Almost all shelters/pounds have been operating at capacity since 2022. Payment of your annual user fee ensures that we will hold space for **animals delivered by your by-law officer** to us as strays as defined in your by-laws. We continue to encounter individuals who are not by law officers from several different townships/first nations delivering stray animals to us. We do our best to accommodate these animals however, going forward, we will be directing these individuals back to their respective townships and by-law officers to facilitate intake at our facility. If your township is experiencing a specific animal control issue that you require assistance with, we are more than happy to work with your by-law officer to resolve the matter, including spay/neuter assistance in some situations.

Please forward the name and contact information for your by-law officer along with your payment. If your by-laws have been amended during the past year, please enclose a copy of the revised by-law. Payments are due by April 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Brash
Executive Director
nicholas@ssmhumanesociety.ca



SAULT STE. MARIE HUMANE SOCIETY
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TOWNSHIP and FIRST NATION REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF THE SAULT STE. MARIE & DISTRICT SPCA AS A POUND FACILITY

Townships and First Nations that choose to use the Sault Ste. Marie & District SPCA as their designated pound facility as per the Research for Animals Act, R.S.O. 1990 must meet the following requirements:

- Payment of annual user fee, set annually by the Board of Directors.
- Provide a copy of their current animal control by-laws.
- Provide the name and contact information for your by-law officer and notify our office of any changes to this information.
- **All dogs are to be delivered to our facility by your by-law officer** during office hours. If an after-hour delivery is necessary, our animal control officer must be paged and an after-hours fee will be applied.
- By-law officers must present a completed dog admission form at the time of delivery to our facility.
- Townships will be responsible for any veterinary expenses for dogs that require emergency care during their holding period.
- Dogs that are not claimed by their owners and deemed unadoptable will be euthanized and the township will be responsible for the cost.
- Townships will be responsible for cremation costs of euthanized animals.
- Payment of fees for daily impound for dogs not claimed by an owner.
- The shelter will charge the current pound and service fees to owner's claiming their dog. The township will not be required to pay impound fees in these instances.

FEES FOR 2026

Annual User fee to Townships	\$900.00
Intake Fee	\$130.00
Impound Fee	\$25.00/day
Euthanasia (based on size of dog)	\$150.00 to \$400.00
Cremation	\$3.00/pound
After hours intake	\$100.00

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST

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February 20, 2026

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST



Cassandra Child, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.
Secretary/Treasurer

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All Ontario municipalities
All Ontario OPP Detachment Boards

**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
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Resolution # 7

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Carma Williams

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—including roads, bridges, and water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality, and quality of life in Ontario’s rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities; and

WHEREAS in 2022, the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials, and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities’ ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance, and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs, and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability, and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township of North Glengarry calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics, and rural equity considerations.

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TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting**

Resolution #

Date: Monday February 23, 2026

5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs, or project overruns without reallocating core funding.
6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments, and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.

FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry supports the September 29, 2025 resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal, the October 20, 2025 resolution of the Municipality of South Huron, and the November 19, 2025 resolution of the Township of Pulsinch regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHER THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR

YEA

NEA

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald

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Carol Trainor

From: National Farmers Union - Ontario <office@nfuontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 5:25 PM
To: Carol Trainor
Subject: Ontario Protecting Northern and Rural Livestock Producers

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Ontario Protecting Northern and Rural Livestock Producers

Province expanding eligibility and modernizing the Veterinary Assistance Program to support Ontario's agriculture sector

The Ontario government is modernizing the Veterinary Assistance Program (VAP) by expanding eligibility and streamlining the application process to ensure livestock producers in Northern and rural Ontario have reliable access to veterinary care. As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, these changes will help strengthen the province's agri-food sector and support the vital work of veterinarians to safeguard livestock health.

"In the face of economic uncertainty, our government is protecting Northern and rural Ontario's agriculture sector by cutting red tape and streamlining this vital program to help the industry thrive," said George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development

and Growth. “The Veterinary Assistance Program has a long history of supporting veterinarians and farmers, and this redesign is an important first step in strengthening the program to better support agricultural production.”

Ontario’s agri-food sector supports more than 867,000 jobs and contributes \$51.4 billion to the province’s GDP. By expanding eligibility, updating compensation rates and opening applications to all eligible veterinary practices, the province is taking action to help the livestock industry remain competitive and resilient.

First introduced in 1945, the Veterinary Assistance Program provides financial support to veterinarians delivering care to animals on farms across Northern and rural Ontario, including support for locum assistance, travel and continuing education costs. In 2024, the province completed the first formal review of the program since 2004, engaging veterinarians, producers and sector partners to identify opportunities to improve access, efficiency and long-term sustainability.

Updates to the Veterinary Assistance Program will take effect on April 1, 2026, and include:

- Expanding eligibility so all veterinary practices providing services in eligible areas can apply
- Streamlining the application process by allowing veterinary practices to submit applications directly to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- Recognizing registered veterinary technicians as eligible participants
- Adding honeybees and fish as eligible livestock
- Increasing the call compensation rate for isolated veterinarians by nine per cent and increasing the per kilometre compensation rate for non-isolated veterinarians by an additional 30 cents, while also making telemedicine an eligible expense
- Updating budget allocations to ensure available funding is fully utilized

“This initiative, together with others like the Veterinary Incentive Program, is making it easier for farmers and large animal owners to access veterinary care when and where

they need it,” said Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. “Veterinary services are essential to the strength of Ontario’s agri-food sector and our government is working to address the challenges farmers face in northern and rural communities to protect our province’s livestock industry.”

Through these changes, Ontario is ensuring veterinary practices have fair and equitable access to program funding while maintaining essential services for livestock producers. Veterinary practices may begin submitting applications for the 2026-27 round of funding in late March 2026.

Ontario will continue working with farmers, producers and veterinarians to explore further enhancements to the Veterinary Assistance Program as part of its ongoing commitment to protect Ontario’s agri-food sector and build stronger, more resilient northern and rural communities.

Quick Facts

- VAP was established in 1945 by Ontario’s Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and was transferred to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth in 1997.
- Veterinarians were previously nominated to the program through the Veterinarian Services Committees and the Northern Producer Animal Health Network. Beginning in late March 2026, veterinary practices can submit an application directly to the Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth.
- Beyond VAP, Ontario also supports access to veterinary services through its Veterinary Incentive Program. The program provides grants of up to \$50,000 over five years to newly licensed veterinarians practicing in underserved areas of Ontario that provide care to animals such as cattle, sheep, goats and poultry.

[Learn More](#)

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2026

Welcome to API's Community Newsletter!

Welcome to the second edition of our annual community newsletter—your source for staying connected and informed about the resources available, the improvements we're making, and the work happening behind the scenes to better serve you.

Public Safety Message

Powerlines are sometimes buried underground. Before you start construction that requires excavation, contact Ontario One Call. Request for them to locate all utility-owned underground infrastructure, including natural gas, communications, powerlines, and water and wastewater pipes. Note that private owned underground powerlines (e.g. supply to a pool or separate garage) is not located by the utility.

Visit OntarioOneCall.ca to learn more!



Customer Service



Outage Map Available 24/7: Anyone can access our outage map directly from their smart phone or computer.

Visit: outagemap.algomapower.com



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Customer Portal: Receive new bill notifications & access bills, payment history, usage information. Sign-up for pre-authorized debit payments or link directly to online payment options. Register at our website www.algomapower.com

2024 Utility Scorecards are out! Find API's at the OEB's website or link to it from the [Regulatory page on our website.](#)

Please keep us informed of any changes to community streetlighting, including recent or planned luminaire retrofits, additions, or removals.

Emergency Preparedness

In an effort to support the various communities for which Algoma Power provides electricity, we would like to ensure we have the most up to date emergency contact on file in addition to community emergency response plan. Please let us know if there has been any recent change.

Algoma Power has been actively involved in analyzing and defining resilience within the electricity distribution sector, particularly in the context of climate change and more frequent extreme weather events, including wildfires.

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Work Plans in your Community

Algoma Power has several key work programs to highlight that are occurring within various community in which it supplies electricity.

Vegetation Management Program— Our annual program brings us to a variety of areas this upcoming year and includes a combination of line clearing and brush control: St. Joseph Island, Goulais River, Searchmont, Montreal River, and the Michipicoten/Wawa area. The specific townships are listed in the following table:



Forestry Part	Township	Work Activity
Bruce Mines Part 3	Plummer, Rose	Line Clearing
Garden River	Garden River First Nation	Brush Control & Line Clearing
Goulais Part 5	Aweres, Deroche, Jarvis, Vankoughnet	Line Clearing
Goulais Part 6	Deroche, Fenwick, Gaudette, Hodgins, Shields, Vankoughnet	Brush Control & Line Clearing
HWY 101	Michano, Lastbeels, Maness, Miskokomon, Nebonaionquet	Brush Control
No.4 Circuit	Dunphy, Finan, Abotossaway, Agnonie, Corblers, Cowie	Brush Control
Searchmont Express	Vankoughnet, Deroche, Hodgins	Brush Control
St. Joseph Part 2	Richard's Landing, St. Joseph, Jocelyn	Brush Control & Line Clearing
St. Joseph Part 3	Richard's Landing, St. Joseph	Brush Control
Wawa Part 2	McMurray, Lendrum, Rabazo	Line Clearing

Please visit our [Vegetation Management Webpage](#) for more information on our annual program.

Line Rebuild Sustainment Program—Annually, we replace and upgrade our powerline infrastructure as part of our proactive Line Rebuild program. The table below provides the location of line rebuild work:

Location	Township
Bar River Rd., East of Government Rd.	MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add.
Arthur St.	Richard's Landing
A Line, North of Centre Line Rd.	St. Joseph
Huron Line, North of K Line	St. Joseph
Peace Tree Dr., Goulais	Aweres
Pine Shores Rd.	Fenwick
HWY17, Harmony Beach Rd. to Haviland Shores Rd.	Haviland
Wally Ln. & Sunset Dr.	Tilley
Whiskey Bay Rd. & Cedar Ln.	Tilley
Superior Ave.	Municipality of Wawa/McMurray
Maggie Rd. & Montreal Ave.	Municipality of Wawa/McMurray
Regina St.	Municipality of Wawa/McMurray
Hollingsworth Rd., Off HWY101	Maness
HWY 101, East of Camp Kinniwabi	Michano
API's 44kV between Goudreau Rd. and Bell Tower Rd.	Dunphy/Township of Dubreuilville



Accelerated Broadband Program—We have been working closely with Internet Providers, making our pole line infrastructure available for connecting fiber lines in the Algoma region. To learn more about high-speed internet in your community, please visit the Ontario Connects: [Ontario Connects Map](#)

Carol Trainor

From: Regional.Clerk <regional.clerk@york.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 8:13 AM
Subject: Regional Council Decision - Circular Materials Ontario

On February 26, 2026 Regional Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented the Blue Box Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework, transferring responsibility for municipal recycling to producer responsibility organizations and their contractors, including Circular Materials Ontario;

And Whereas Circular Materials Ontario has engaged multiple private collection contractors to deliver recycling services to municipalities across Ontario, including those within the Regional Municipality of York;

And Whereas municipalities throughout Ontario are experiencing inconsistent recycling collection service levels under the new EPR model, including differences in collection frequency, missed collections, accepted materials, cart provision, contamination management, customer service response times, and contractor accountability;

And Whereas residents in some municipalities are receiving reduced or inferior recycling collection services compared to others, despite participating in the same provincial Blue Box program;

And Whereas these service level inequities have resulted in increased resident complaints, confusion, reduced participation in recycling programs, and declining public confidence in Ontario's recycling system;

And Whereas upper- and lower-tier municipalities, including York Region, no longer have direct operational control over Blue Box recycling collection, yet continue to experience the impacts of service disruptions and resident dissatisfaction;

And Whereas the intent of Extended Producer Responsibility was to improve environmental outcomes, efficiency, and accountability, not to create unequal treatment of Ontario residents based on municipal boundaries;

And Whereas access to reliable and effective recycling collection is an essential public service and should be fair, consistent, and equitable for all residents of Ontario, regardless of where they live;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of The Regional Municipality of York calls upon the Province of Ontario to intervene to ensure that Circular Materials Ontario and its contractors provide fair, consistent, and equitable recycling collection service levels across all municipalities in Ontario;

And That the Province be requested to establish, enforce, and publicly report on consistent province-wide service standards for Blue Box recycling, including collection frequency, missed-collection recovery, accepted materials, cart provision, customer service response times, and contractor performance;

And That the Province require Circular Materials Ontario to promptly address collection service level inequities and performance gaps between municipalities, including those impacting York Region;

And That this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, all Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and Circular Materials Ontario and all Mayors of Ontario.

Regards,

Christopher Raynor (he/him) | Regional Clerk, Regional Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department

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**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: March 4, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 104

Moved By: Paul Sowrey **Seconded By:** Margaret Ann MacPhail

Whereas the Township of Perry has received a letter from the Town of Parry Sound, along with other municipalities requesting support for improved school bus safety initiatives and the expansion of stop-arm camera programs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry hereby supports the resolution passed by the Town of Parry Sound advocating for enhanced provincial support for school bus safety and stop-arm camera systems;

And further that Council directs staff to forward a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____ 
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		

March 13, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111

DATE: January 29, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

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

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework enabling municipalities provided critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship;

WHEREAS double digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness challenges that place police resources under enormous financial strain;

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

WHEREAS the costs of other measures such as providing provincial court security are increasing and are not part of providing core, adequate and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities are especially negatively impacted by these developments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward (Council) requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act and not general increases to police budgets; and

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



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THAT this resolution of Council be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch