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January 15, 2026

**Partnering to Promote Community Safety in Algoma District**

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District, we are pleased to share that your municipality is receiving Crime Stoppers signage to be installed within your community.

These signs are being provided at no cost to the municipality, as Crime Stoppers has covered the cost of production. Installation supplies and hardware are not included, and we kindly ask that municipalities arrange installation in a manner that works best for their community. We are grateful to our partners at the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), who are assisting with the distribution of these signs across the Algoma District.

Crime Stoppers is a community-based program that allows residents to anonymously report crime and suspicious activity. Tips can be submitted by phone or online, and anonymity is always protected. In Sault Ste. Marie and throughout Algoma District, Crime Stoppers plays an important role in supporting public safety by encouraging community involvement, assisting law enforcement, and helping to make our communities safer places to live, work, and visit.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support in displaying these signs and helping to raise awareness of Crime Stoppers within your community. Public visibility is key to reminding residents that they can speak up safely and anonymously.

We would also love to see the signs once they are installed. If your municipality shares updates through social media or community newsletters, we encourage you to post about the installation and tag Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District. It is always rewarding for us to see the signs in action across the region.

Suggested Social Media Caption (Optional):

We're proud to support community safety in *[Municipality Name]* with the installation of new Crime Stoppers signage. Crime Stoppers allows residents to report crime anonymously and helps keep our community safe. Thank you to Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District for this initiative. If you see something, say something — anonymously.

Thank you again for your partnership and commitment to community safety. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff,

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Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini  
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February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by **interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.**

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly **winter maintenance operators.** These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott  
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Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
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Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy  
Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director  
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Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

**Resolution No. 75-03-2026**

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

**Whereas** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

**Whereas** the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

**Whereas** the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

**Whereas** the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried



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DATE: **February 24, 2026**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026-50**

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger*

SECONDED BY: *M Chenier*

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau*  
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

**COPY**

March 8, 2026

**For Immediate Release**

## **FONOM Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway**

**March 2026 – Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario**

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is expressing deep concern and growing frustration following another fatal collision on Northern Ontario’s highway system.

On March 7, a serious collision near **Smooth Rock Falls** involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle claimed the life of a **Kapuskasing resident**, marking the **tenth highway fatality this winter on Northern highways**. FONOM extends its sincere condolences to the family, friends, and community affected by this tragic loss.

“These tragedies are becoming far too common on Northern Ontario highways,” said **FONOM President Dave Plourde**.

“Northern Ontario families should not have to live with the constant fear that a routine trip on the highway could end in tragedy. When we see collision after collision and closure after closure, it becomes painfully clear that the current situation is unacceptable. Northern Ontarians deserve the same level of highway safety that people in southern Ontario expect every day.”

FONOM notes that in **April 2023**, the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force**, co-chaired by former FONOM President **Danny Whalen** and **Wendy Landry**, delivered a comprehensive report to the Province of Ontario outlining recommendations to improve transportation safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario.

While FONOM appreciates that some improvements have been made, many of the recommendations—particularly those related to highway safety, passing opportunities, rest areas, and improved road design—have yet to be fully implemented.

“Northern leaders have already done the work. The Transportation Task Force delivered clear recommendations to improve safety on Highways 11 and 17, yet too few of those recommendations have been implemented,” Plourde said. “Every serious collision is another reminder that improving this corridor is not just a transportation issue—it is a matter of public safety for the people who live, work, and travel in Northern Ontario.”

FONOM continues to advocate for meaningful improvements to **Highways 11 and 17**, including expanding passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and using **the 2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections.

“These highways are part of the Trans-Canada system and carry billions of dollars in goods every year,” Plourde added. “They connect our communities, support our resource economy, and move essential supplies

across the country. Improving safety on these corridors is not just a Northern issue—it is a national one.”

FONOM is calling on the Province of Ontario to accelerate the implementation of the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force recommendations** and to work collaboratively with Northern municipalities and the federal government to modernize this critical corridor.

Despite frequent collisions and heavy truck traffic, much of Highway 11 and 17 is a two-lane, undivided roadway with no alternative route. FONOM continues to advocate for meaningful improvements to **Highways 11 and 17**, including expanding passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and using **the 2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections.

“Northern Ontarians should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because of where we live,” Plourde said. “Our communities deserve the same commitment to safe and reliable transportation infrastructure as any other part of the province.”

FONOM will continue to work with municipal partners, Indigenous leaders, and governments at all levels to advance solutions that improve safety and reliability on Northern Ontario’s highways.

## Media Availability

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## For Immediate Release

March 26, 2026

### FONOM Welcomes Key Northern Investments in Ontario Budget and NORDS Extension

**NORTHERN ONTARIO** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) acknowledges the Province of Ontario’s 2026 Budget and welcomes several measures that will support communities, economic growth, and quality of life across Northern Ontario.

FONOM is encouraged to see the continued commitment to the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program, which has been extended for an additional three years at \$15 million annually.

FONOM has consistently advocated for the continuation of NORDS, recognizing its importance in supporting municipalities experiencing growth and pressures related to resource development.

“FONOM appreciates the Province’s decision to extend the NORDS program for an additional three years,” said **Dave Plourde, President of FONOM**. “This program provides important support to Northern municipalities, helping to address infrastructure pressures and enabling communities to plan for growth and respond to development opportunities.”

“The ability to stack funding over multiple years remains a key strength of the program,” added Plourde. “It allows municipalities to move forward with larger infrastructure projects and provides greater certainty for municipal financial planning.”

FONOM will continue to advocate for the program to be made permanent and to expand eligibility to include agriculture alongside mining and forestry as recognized sectors within NORDS.

### Supporting Northern Communities and Economic Growth

FONOM also highlighted several additional budget measures that will have positive impacts across Northern Ontario:

- A historic reduction in the small business corporate income tax rate from 3.2 per cent to 2.2 per cent, supporting local businesses and economic activity
- An additional \$300 million over six years through the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund, supporting youth development and community infrastructure
- Continued investment through the \$20 million Fire Protection Grant for 2026–2027, supporting forest fire preparedness and response in Northern Ontario
- \$1.1 billion in additional funding for home and community care services, helping seniors remain in their communities
- \$284 million over four years to support small, rural, and Northern post-secondary institutions, addressing higher costs and French-language service needs

“These investments reflect an understanding of the unique needs of Northern Ontario communities,” said **Maggie Horsfield, First Vice-President of FONOM**. “From supporting local businesses and youth development to strengthening health care and education, these measures will help build stronger and more resilient communities across the North.”

### **Supporting Growth and Housing Affordability**

FONOM also welcomes the Province’s continued efforts to improve housing affordability, including measures to remove the provincial portion of the HST on eligible new homes. These changes are expected to reduce costs for families and help stimulate new housing development across Ontario.

“These housing measures are positive and will help make new home construction more attainable,” added **Dave Plourde, President of FONOM**. “This is particularly important in Northern Ontario, where communities are working to attract and retain residents and support workforce growth.”

### **Continued Advocacy on Northern Highways**

FONOM reiterated that improving the safety and capacity of Highways 11 and 17 remains a top priority.

“Highways 11 and 17 are critical to our communities, our economy, and Canada’s supply chains,” said Plourde. “We will continue to work with both the Province and the federal government to advance long-term solutions that improve safety, reliability, and capacity along this corridor.”

FONOM noted that continued progress will require coordinated action between both levels of government and reaffirmed its commitment to advancing this issue as a national priority.

### **Looking Ahead**

FONOM remains committed to working collaboratively with all levels of government to support economic development, improve infrastructure, and strengthen Northern communities.

“Today’s budget includes several positive steps for Northern Ontario,” said Plourde. “We look forward to continuing to work with the Province and federal partners to build on this momentum and ensure our communities have the tools they need to grow and succeed.”

### **Media Availability**

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March 17, 2026

**RE: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box**

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 regular meeting:

**MOVED:** Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel

**WHEREAS** under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only; and

**WHEREAS** 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include industrial, commercial, and institutional locations (IC & I) such as businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

**WHEREAS** failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources; and

**WHEREAS** should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling; and

**WHEREAS** changes may result in many small businesses and not-for-profit organizations losing access to comparable recycling services and force them to seek providers at a much higher cost than the previous services rendered through the Blue Box collection system; and

**WHEREAS** the rising costs of collection of recycling for industrial, commercial and institutional recycling may lead to the abandonment of recycling entirely, increasing environmental damage; and

**WHEREAS** landfilling needs throughout the Province of Ontario are already at capacity in many communities; and

**WHEREAS** The Municipality of Bluewater has approximately 150 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipality of Bluewater Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from small businesses and not-for-profit organizations within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

**FURTHER THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the local MPP for Huron-Bruce.

**CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander  
Acting CAO  
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

**For Immediate Release**

**March 31, 2026**

**FONOM Calls for Fair Housing Funding as Development Charge Changes Risk Leaving Northern Communities Behind**

**Matachewan, Ontario** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) acknowledges the recent Canada–Ontario partnership to support housing development and infrastructure investment, including funding tied to the reduction of municipal development charges.

FONOM supports efforts to increase housing supply and improve affordability across Ontario. However, the organization is raising concerns that the current program design may unintentionally place many Northern municipalities at a disadvantage.

While the program provides funding to municipalities that reduce and maintain low development charges, many Northern communities do not levy development charges and therefore may not be positioned to benefit from this program in the same way.

“We appreciate the commitment from both levels of government to address housing affordability,” said **Dave Plourde, President of FONOM**. “However, many Northern municipalities simply do not have development charges to reduce, and at the same time face some of the highest costs in the province to build homes and infrastructure.”

FONOM noted that municipalities across Northern Ontario often experience significantly higher per-kilometre costs for essential infrastructure such as water, wastewater, and roads, while also working with smaller tax bases and greater geographic challenges.

“Growth still requires infrastructure—whether or not a municipality charges development fees,” added Plourde. “Without access to comparable funding tools, Northern communities risk being left behind in their ability to support new housing and attract investment.”

FONOM is calling on both the Province of Ontario and the federal government to ensure that housing and infrastructure programs are applied equitably across all regions.

“We are asking for fairness in how these programs are delivered,” said Plourde. “Municipalities that do not levy development charges should not be excluded from accessing housing-enabling infrastructure funding. There must be complementary funding mechanisms to ensure all communities can participate in building the housing our province needs.”

FONOM emphasized that Northern Ontario communities are ready to grow and play a key role in addressing Ontario’s housing challenges.

“Northern communities are part of the solution,” said Plourde. “With the right tools and equitable support, we can continue to build homes, attract residents, and contribute to Ontario’s long-term growth.”

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**MISSISSAUGA**

RESOLUTION 0060-2026  
adopted by the Council of  
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga  
at its meeting on April 1, 2026

0060-2026 Moved by: Councillor B. Butt

Seconded by: Councillor S. McFadden

WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation and ensure accountability within Ontario's education system;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga relies on dedicated trustee representation to reflect local priorities and advocate for the success of students across our diverse communities;

AND WHEREAS recent provincial supervision of the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, alongside proposed governance changes, raises concerns regarding the future of local democratic accountability;

AND WHEREAS maintaining direct, elected representation is critical to ensuring that Mississauga's unique geographic and growth needs are reflected in education decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Mississauga Council affirms its strong support for maintaining democratically elected school board trustees for both the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board;
2. Council formally recognizes the vital role of locally elected trustee representation for Mississauga and supports the continuation of meaningful, locally accountable representation;
3. The Province of Ontario be requested to pause any legislative or regulatory changes that would reduce or eliminate elected trustees until a transparent, province-wide consultation with municipalities, school boards, trustees, parents, students, educators and other education stakeholders is completed;
4. The City Clerk forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, all MPPs representing Mississauga, the Peel District School Board, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, all MPPs representing Peel Region, and all Ontario municipalities to encourage collective advocacy for local democratic representation in education.



April 2, 2026

**Hon. Sean Fraser**

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Legislative Building  
284 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H8

Dear Minister Fraser:

**Re: Notice of Motion, Councillor C. James re: Community Safety and Well-Being Plan**

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on March 25, 2026, approved the following motion:

**Whereas the Region of Waterloo's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, developed under the requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act, identifies systemic racism, hate, and discrimination as critical risk factors impacting community safety, belonging, and well-being;**

**And whereas the display of a noose is widely recognized as a symbol of racial terror, violence, and intimidation, particularly against Black communities, rooted in the history of anti-Black racism;**

**And whereas symbols of hate, when displayed publicly, contribute to fear, trauma, and exclusion, and undermine the Region's commitments to equity, inclusion, and proactive prevention within its Community Safety and Well-Being Plan;**

**And whereas the Government of Canada has introduced Bill C-9 to strengthen tools to address hate-motivated offences, including provisions related to the public display of certain hate symbols;**

**And whereas the current draft of Bill C-9 does not explicitly include the noose as a prohibited symbol, despite its well-**



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**documented use as an instrument of racial intimidation and its direct relevance to community safety and well-being outcomes;**

**And whereas addressing hate symbols through federal legislation complements municipal efforts by strengthening upstream prevention, reducing harm, and supporting safer, more inclusive communities;**

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

- 1. The Regional Municipality of Waterloo formally request that the Government of Canada amend Bill C-9 to explicitly include the noose as a prohibited hate symbol within the legislation;**
- 2. This motion be circulated to all Ontario municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for endorsement and support as a measure that strengthens community safety and well-being across jurisdictions.**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions, please contact Councillor C. James, [CJames@regionofwaterloo.ca](mailto:CJames@regionofwaterloo.ca).

Regards,

Michael Oliveri  
Legislative Services Specialist  
Region of Waterloo

cc: All Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



April 9, 2026

Dear Mayor Smith:

**Cc:** Carol Trainor- CAO/Clerk

**Re:** Planet Youth Algoma — request for municipal implementation and/or funding support

I am writing regarding the Planet Youth initiative for Algoma, and to seek a commitment from your municipality to support implementation and/or funding, as local capacity allows.

***Planet Youth and Community Safety and Wellbeing***

Planet Youth is an approach to youth substance use prevention based on the successful Icelandic Prevention Model, which has been implemented in a number of Canadian settings, including in Northern Ontario communities. Instead of focusing only on individuals, Planet Youth aims to transform local environments for youth and their families by strengthening protective factors and decreasing risk factors across four intervention domains: parents and family, school, peer group, and leisure time outside of school. There is strong alignment between community safety and wellbeing and the intended outcomes of Planet Youth.

***Bringing Planet Youth to Algoma***

At this time, Algoma Public Health (APH), Algoma District School Board, Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord, Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon, and numerous community organizations are forming a coalition of partners to support the implementation of Planet Youth in Algoma across 11 high schools in Blind River, Elliot Lake, Desbarats, Dubreuilville, Sault Ste. Marie, and Wawa, and their surrounding communities.

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***Funding and Implementation Support***

We are asking your municipality to commit to supporting the implementation of Planet Youth in the communities of your local high school(s), and/or to provide financial contribution or fundraising support, as local capacity allows. We are very mindful that the present times are economically challenging for all our communities and citizens. To that end, please know that a commitment of any amount would be most welcome, and would be especially helpful as a signal of mutual commitment of municipal partners to jointly support this Algoma-wide initiative.

The attached one-pager describes Planet Youth’s iterative 10-step approach, and lists ways that local municipalities can participate in and support this process. More information on local efforts to bring Planet Youth to Algoma can also be found at [www.algomayouth.ca](http://www.algomayouth.ca).

For further context on funding, committing to the five-year Planet Youth Guidance Program costs approximately \$600,000 CAD over five years. United Way Sault Ste. Marie & Algoma District has recently approved Algoma Public Health as a funded partner for the Planet Youth initiative, and a funding application has also been submitted to the Sault Ste. Marie Community Development Fund. Algoma Public Health and partners are currently actively seeking additional commitments of funding and implementation support. In addition to direct engagement with Algoma municipalities and the Algoma District Municipal Association, this also includes broad engagement with Algoma organizations in both the public and private sectors.

***Connect with Us***

To enable firm commitment to the five-year Planet Youth Guidance Program, we would greatly appreciate receiving confirmation of municipal and partner support as soon as possible, and ideally before the end of May 2026. For more information, and to speak to a member of our team, please contact Hilary Gordon, APH’s Manager of School Health and Community Wellness, at [hgordon@algomapublichealth.com](mailto:hgordon@algomapublichealth.com).

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We also welcome opportunities to engage with our municipal partners in general, and we recognize the critical role municipalities play in resourcing local public health programs and services, from drinking water to seniors’ dental services to public health nursing support for infants and new mothers. Please feel free to reach out to the Office of the Medical Officer of Health/CEO via [EAteam@algomapublichealth.com](mailto:EAteam@algomapublichealth.com) if your municipality would like to engage with APH on any public health matter.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Loo, MD MSc CCFP FRCPC  
 Medical Officer of Health & CEO  
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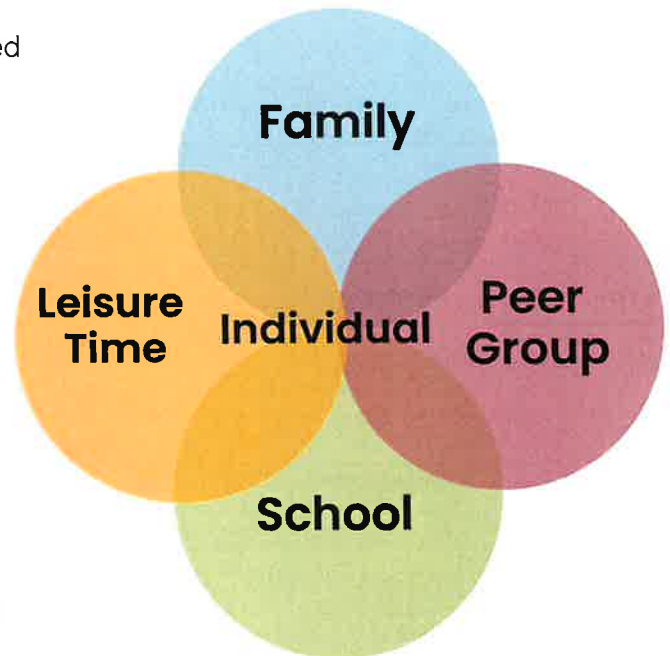
# Planet Youth

Planet Youth brings the community together to build environments where young people can thrive. The goal is preventing substance use by supporting positive youth development.

## The 10 Steps

- 1. Build a coalition**  
Strong, collaborative, multisector teams bring a shared vision and commitment to long-term prevention.
- 2. Identify Funding**  
Funding for at least 5 years is secured through new funding or by reorganizing existing resources.
- 3. Prepare for Data Collection**  
School communities work to ensure a response rate of 80% or higher.
- 4. Collect Data**  
Grade 10 students complete a 30-45 minute survey annually or biennially.
- 5. Community Engagement**  
The whole community works together to learn, share information, and change the social environment.
- 6. Share the findings**  
Data is shared widely to inform community response.
- 7. Set Goals**  
Goals are set to reduce risk factors and strengthen protective factors within the **key focus areas**.
- 8. Policy and Practice Alignment**  
Key community leaders are engaged to align goals with policies and practices.
- 9. Environments and Activities**  
Youth are exposed to environments that support preventing substance use initiation.
- 10. Reflection and Repetition**  
Reflect on successes and challenges and repeat the process.

## Key Areas of Focus



**Planet Youth uses a community-driven approach where everyone has a role.**

### **Municipalities can contribute by:**

- ✓ Allocating funding and/or staff to support Planet Youth.
- ✓ Participating in steering committee and local coalition meetings and workshops.
- ✓ Promoting and/or hosting community engagement events.
- ✓ Engaging in priority setting and enacting changes to policies and practices.

If you have any questions please email [planetyouth@algomapublichealth.com](mailto:planetyouth@algomapublichealth.com)



April 10, 2026

**Dear Mayor and Council Members of Tarbutt Township,**

Johnson Township is pleased to share that we are planning a full range of recreational opportunities for the upcoming year. We are currently reviewing and updating several of our recreational offerings to better serve residents.

This winter, we offered a variety of winter sport such as Hockey, Family Shinny, Public Skating, Free Skate, Winter Festivities, and Holiday programming. Looking ahead to the spring and summer, we will be providing Baseball, Soccer, Pickleball, Tennis, and Basketball programs on our new multi-sport court.

As per our longstanding agreement, Johnson Township continues to provide recreational programming for residents of both Johnson Township and Tarbutt Township. While we are fortunate to have an operational recreation budget, it does not fully cover the costs required to expand, upgrade, and maintain high-quality recreational opportunities. To continue delivering exceptional programming for both communities, we are requesting a contribution of **\$3,000** to support overall recreation program operations.

We would also be happy to promote any ongoing or upcoming initiatives in Tarbutt Township by sharing information online or through our monthly newsletter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to strengthening recreational opportunities for all residents.

Sincerely,

***Gabi LeClair***  
*Recreation Coordinator*  
*Johnson Township*

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April 13, 2026

Central Algoma Land Trust

Tarbutt Township

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Dear Township of Tarbutt Team,

As the snow clears from the trails and the first migrant birds return to the forests, we are reminded of why this land is so vital. Because of sponsors like you, the Central Algoma Land Trust is ready to step into our busiest season yet.

From maintaining the trails you love to hosting the next generation of conservationists at our Explorer Summer Day Camp, your support is the bedrock of everything we do.

Directors:

- Bess Celio
- Libby Haight O'Connell
- Brady Irwin
- Jane Karhi
- Alden Meyer
- Drausin Wulsin

**It is time to renew your sponsorship for 2026.**

We have four levels of sponsorship that you can choose from:

- **Osprey Sponsor:** \$1,000 or more. Get your logo in our newsletters, annual report, website and a social media post
- **Eagle Sponsor:** \$500 or more. Get your logo in our annual report, website and a social media post
- **Hawk Sponsor:** \$250 or more. Get your logo on our website and a social media post
- **Falcon Sponsor:** Under \$250. Get your name on our website

And, of course, you are ensuring the continued protection and conservation of the lands we all cherish in the Central Algoma region.

To renew, simply fill out the enclosed card and return it with your payment, or visit our website to renew online.

Thank you for being a part of this important conservation work.

With gratitude,

Carter Dorscht  
Executive Director

Please consider the Central Algoma Land Trust in your estate plans and will. Visit our website to learn about how you can leave a lasting impact on local conservation.



Algoma District Services Administration Board  
Conseil d'administration des services du district d'Algoma

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April 15, 2026

Member Municipalities

Re: ADSAB General Meeting of Member Municipalities

The Algoma District Services Administration Board (ADSAB) will be holding a General Meeting as follows:

**ADSAB General Meeting of Member Municipalities**  
**Thursday, May 7, 2026**  
**Head Office Board Room at 7:00PM**  
**1 Collver Road, Little Rapids**

**Virtual attendance will also be available**

An Agenda for the meeting will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will provide a general information presentation including an overview of the Board, overview and highlights of Board Programs, 2025 Financial Statement and an overview of the 2026 Budget.

If you will be sending delegates from your municipal council, please RSVP to Crystal Serre, Executive Assistant, at [crystal.serre@adsab.on.ca](mailto:crystal.serre@adsab.on.ca) no later than April 30, 2026. Please also indicate whether delegates will be attending in person or viewing the presentation virtually, and provide virtual attendees' e-mail addresses, as they will require a personal link and instructions to access the meeting.

Sincerely,

Keith Bell, CAO

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