THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
COUNCIL ADDENDUM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

1. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christmas 2026 Closure

Recommendation: Be it resolved that the report from the CAO/Clerk regarding the 2026 Christmas Holiday shutdown be received; and

That Council authorizes the closure of the municipal office from 12:30 pm on Thursday, December 24 until 9 am on Monday, January 4, 2027; and

That the Johnson Tarbutt Joint Landfill be closed on Boxing Day, Saturday, December 26, and resume regular hours on Wednesday, December 30 and Saturday, January 2, 2027.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter and Declaration from the Town of Ganonoque
   Re: Declaration against religious violence

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: October 21, 2026

From: Carol Trainor, CAO/Clerk

Re: Christmas Holiday Shutdown

BACKGROUND / OVERVIEW

Staff respectfully request Council's approval to close the municipal office between December 24 at 12:30 and the new year to allow for staff vacation and regeneration. The request is to reopen the office on Monday, January 4.

Historically the office is closed half of Christmas Eve, December 24, which falls on Thursday. As December 26 is a statutory holiday which falls on Saturday, the following Monday, December 28 is considered a stat holiday to be taken in lieu of the 26th. Two and one half days, December 29, 30, and half of December 31 would be unpaid, to be taken by staff as personal time (vacation, banked or personal days).

Staff request that the municipal office return to regular hours on Monday, January 4. Staff are able to monitor and respond to e-mail as required during the shutdown.

The Johnson Tarbutt Landfill should be closed for the statutory holiday on Saturday, December 26, but would be open on Wednesday, December 23, Saturday, December 30 and Wednesday, January 6, 2027.

The Roads department will be closed during the proposed shutdown as well, but staff will work as needed to maintain winter operations.

If this recommendation is approved, the municipal office would be closed from 12:30 on Thursday, December 24 until reopening on Monday, January 4, 2027.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no negative financial impact as a result of this report but savings can be realized through reduced operational expenses and wages.

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Carol O. Trainor, CAO/Clerk/Deputy Treasurer

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14 October 2026

The Municipal Councils of Ontario

Request for Endorsement - Declaration Against Religious Violence

Colleagues,

I write to you today knowing that we are all aware of the horrible trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted. In light of this, and following recent tragic events at the Sons of Jacob synagogue in Belleville I drafted, put forward and signed the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence at the October 7th meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque.

As a 30-year veteran of the Canadian Forces with service all across Canada, in Europe, as a UN Peacekeeper in the Middle East, and service in Afghanistan, I have witnessed what happens when intolerance and "othering" are allowed to take root and grow.

I believe that the importance of publicly stating the fundamental principles for which we stand, that we refuse to compromise and will defend, and the kinds of behaviour we oppose and will stand against, cannot be overstated. Central to this is the defence of the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

Therefore, and on behalf of the Council of Gananoque, we invite you to join us by endorsing the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence and ask if you would please forward to us a copy of your endorsement with cc Minister Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism of the Province of Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration,

John S. Beddows

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Declaration

In light of, and having reflected on the tragic trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted, I am writing today as the Mayor of Gananoque to publicly articulate a simple message of what I believe we stand for in our Town, and what we stand against.

Here in Gananoque we stand for community, understanding, communication, caring, supporting our neighbours, courtesy, kindness, the value of hard work, the fact that respect must be earned by the way we comport ourselves and conduct our lives as individuals and a simple and unshakable belief that a stranger is a friend you haven't met yet.

We believe that all people share, at core, the same hopes and aspirations. We all want our children to be able to attend school, move freely, live, play and congregate without fear or concern. We want our children to have the same opportunities or better ones than we had to grow, learn, love, laugh, experience, travel, work and succeed on their own terms and as they define success. We all want security of place, security from hunger, security of our persons and security of our property. We believe in building bridges, not fences. We believe in the power of debate, that facts matter, and of understanding. We believe in providing help to those who need it and in doing our best to ensure that everyone has a place to find help, warmth and hope when they need it, without judgement.

We believe that faith is a personal choice and that the individual and collective quest for truth brings hope and light into a world which need them very badly.

We assert and we will stand and defend the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

The other side of the coin. Here is what Gananoque stands against.

We stand against "othering". We stand against the objectification of people. We stand against any person or group that denies that all persons are equal in rights, dignity and freedoms. We stand against any person or group that seeks to use or that uses violence or intimidation as tools to target persons or groups or to try to change our society, our way of life and who we are as Canadians.

Here in Gananoque when a neighbour's house is on fire, we run towards the flames and not away. This will not change.

Hate has no home here.

Signed and dated this 7th day of October, 2026.

John S. Beddows, Mayor