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# Memo

**TO: Mayor and Council**

**FROM: Carlie Fisher, Acting Director of Financial Services / Treasurer**

**DATE: June 19, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Development Charges 2025 Statement of Treasurer**

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## Report Summary

This report is prepared in accordance with Section 43 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, which requires the Treasurer of a municipality to provide an annual statement relating to development charge by-laws and reserve funds.

The purpose of this report is to provide transparency regarding the collection and use of development charges.

The Township maintains development charge reserve funds in accordance with applicable by-laws and legislation. These funds are used to finance growth related capital costs.

## Development Charge Reserve Fund Activity

The following table summarizes the activity in the Township's development charge reserve funds for the year ended December 31, 2025:

Description	Amount (\$)
Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	3,788,926
Add: Development Charges Received	213,072
Add: Interest Earned	111,394
Less: Development Charges Refunded	(171,928)
<b>Closing Balance (December 31, 2025)</b>	<b>3,941,464</b>

Development charge reserve funds increased by \$152,538 during the year.

## Capital Projects Funded by Development Charges

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Township did not fund any capital assets using development charge reserve funds.

As no capital assets were funded from development charge reserve funds during the year, there were no related capital costs requiring funding from other sources. Development charge reserve funds have been retained for future growth-related capital projects.

The Treasurer confirms that development charge reserve funds have been maintained and used in accordance with the Development Charges Act, 1997 and the Municipality's applicable development charge by-laws.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carlie Fisher  
Acting Director of Financial Services / Treasurer



# Memo

**TO: Mayor Clarke and Council**

**FROM: Brittany Wilson, Director of Human Resources/ Health & Safety/ Recreation**

**DATE: June 26, 2026**

**SUBJECT: Township of Ramara & Sportsklub Flag Football Program**

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I am pleased to provide Council with an update on the successful delivery of the Spring Football Program, offered in partnership with Sportsklub.

This inaugural program saw a total of 98 participants, demonstrating strong community interest and engagement. Of these participants, 52 were residents of Ramara, while 46 participants traveled from surrounding municipalities, including Orillia, Severn, Washago, Oro-Medonte, Beaverton, Barrie, and Gravenhurst. This regional draw highlights both the quality of the program and the growing reputation of recreation opportunities within Ramara.

The program provided a valuable opportunity for youth to develop skills, stay active, and participate in organized sport in a supportive environment. It also contributed to increased utilization of municipal recreation spaces and fostered connections both within the community and with neighboring municipalities.

I would like to extend sincere appreciation to Sportsklub for their collaboration, expertise, and commitment to delivering a high-quality program. Their partnership was instrumental in the success of this initiative.

In addition, I would like to recognize and thank the dedicated volunteers and coaches whose time, energy, and mentorship were critical to the program's success. Their efforts helped create a positive and engaging experience for all participants.

Staff look forward to continuing and expanding this relationship with Sportsklub and exploring future partnership opportunities that enhance recreation programming and community engagement in Ramara.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Wilson, CHRP  
Director of Human Resources / Health & Safety / Recreation

**Atherley Community Centre Board**  
**Adopted Minutes (prepared by Jan Leonard for Leslie**  
**Kitchen)**

Meeting Location: Station 2 Fire Hall, Atherley

Meeting Type: Regular

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Chair: Steve Hinton

Treasurer: Christine Newman

Secretary: Leslie Kitchen

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members Present:**

- Steve Hinton
- Bob Keys
- Michael Kitchen
- Leslie Kidd
- Pat Clements
- Susanne Scannell
- William Leslie
- Jan Leonard

**Voting Members Absent:**

- Leslie Kitchen
- Christine Newman
- Tony Stong

**Quorum:** Confirmed by the Chair.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve agenda as presented

Moved by Joe Gough, Seconded by Leslie Kidd

Motion carried.

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2026 Meeting as amended (prepared by Leslie Kitchen).

Moved by Pat Clements, Seconded by Michael Kitchen

Motion carried.

**Members of Council:**

Councillor Dana Tuju - Present

Councillor Joe Gough – Present

**Ramara Township Staff Liaison:**

Abby Harper, Recreation Co-Coordinator – Not Present

**Guests:** NA

## 5. BUSINESS ARISING and CORRESPONDENCE

### 2026 Ramara Harvest Festival

- Pat Clements reported that the sub-committee met on May 12, 2026
- **Vendors, Participants and Entertainment Update:**
  - Susanne Scannell advised that of the 46 vendors from 2025, 31 have confirmed their participation for 2026. Bob Keys advised that the space layout plan could accommodate up to 60 vendors if required.
  - Round table discussion regarding entertainment. While still looking at other options, Susanne Scannell reported that she has sourced a solo guitar player who is interested and available at a cost of \$150.00. Susanne also advised that availability of entertainers for summer weekend events is quickly booking up. Pat Clements expressed concern about committing to additional costs while the cost of insurance remains unresolved.
  - Dana Tuju secured an estimate from “Scales Nature Park” to feature a display of turtles, frogs and snakes, \$850.00 for four hours (10am-2pm). As the cost is prohibitive, Dana will pursue further to see if there is opportunity to negotiate a better deal.
- **Event Insurance:**
  - Dana Tuju proposed further investigation into options regarding financial help from Ramara Township, as has been the case with the Brechin Farmers Market. She will follow up.
  - Joe Gough proposed that ACCB write a letter to Ramara Township Council seeking financial support specifically for insurance. Steve Hinton to draft the letter and forward to the Council Clerk ([clerk@ramara.ca](mailto:clerk@ramara.ca)). Letter must be received on or before June 1, 2026, at least one week prior to next Council Meeting scheduled on June 8, 2026.
  - **Motion:** That a letter be sent to Ramara Township requesting financial assistance with regard to the purchase of insurance for the Ramara Harvest Festival event. Moved by Michael Kitchen. Seconded by Leslie Kidd. Motion Carried.
- **Event Signage Update:**
  - Steve Hinton has taken delivery of the Festival banner from Muskoka Signs. He passed the invoice for \$81.36 to Dana Tuju to arrange for reimbursement. Michael Kitchen advised that the banner will be installed on the baseball backstop facing Creighton and Winchester Streets in mid-to-late June.

### Armour Stone Project

- Joe Gough advised that quarry owner, Bill Sisson, has confirmed that he is still on board regarding the provision of armour stone material at no charge.

- Joe Gough has also been in contact with a supplier regarding the transport and installation of the armour stone pro bono. He expects to have news on that front by the end of May.
- Dana Tuju advised that Laura Pye and Chris Stewart of Ramara Township are also investigating/sourcing alternative (non pro bono) suppliers, as fall back or Plan B alternatives.
- The Board is in agreement that key objectives are to complete the armour stone project prior to the Ramara Harvest Festival (within the permit time lines) and at no cost to the Board/Ramara Township.

#### **Atherley Community Park Memorial Bench Program**

- Jan Leonard circulated copies of updated proposed/draft of Atherley Community Park Memorial Bench Program Guidelines and donor Application Form for discussion. Next steps: to forward a copy to Ramara Township for their review and consideration accompanied by a cover letter from Steve Hinton; followed by a meeting with Township Staff to be set up by Dana Tuju to discuss and provide input and comments. Once the guidelines and application form are finalized the Board can move forward on securing memorial bench donors.
- Jan Leonard also circulated visuals, overview and cost estimates of three (composite wood) bench designs: Henderson “Orillia/Vista” Bench as previously discussed; and two additional bench options, U-line “Laguna” and U-line “Plaza”. On March 31/26 Abby Harper advised via email that Christopher Stewart had confirmed that any one of these three bench options would be acceptable to Ramara Township for use in the Atherley Community Park Memorial Bench Program.
- Round table discussion regarding determination of preferred bench design. Colour of composite boards and bench supports to be confirmed pending further discussion and confirmation of bench supplier.
- **Motion:** ACCB recommends that the Henderson “Orillia/Vista” composite bench design be designated as standard bench design for the Atherley Community Park. Moved by Bob Keys. Seconded by Michael Kitchen. Motion carried.
- Round table discussion regarding passing “real” costs of the memorial bench program on to the donors (includes bench, shipping, memorial plaque, concrete pad construction, and labour to install bench), but not including ongoing repair/maintenance for the duration of the donor contract. Some concern as to how much is too much while keeping opportunity financially attractive to potential donors in the community especially during initial 6 bench launch phase.
- Round table discussion with regard to taking delivery of six benches in a single order to manage freight charges and avoid potential for price increases in future. Current Henderson quote includes a 20% discount as a “local customer” (they have customers all over North America). This scenario may require temporary access to storage in Ramara Township while six donors are confirmed and concrete pad installation schedule is finalized. Currently, three donor families (Hinton, Moase, Bunker-Kneiling) are keen to commit pending finalization of acceptable donor cost and contract duration. Board feels that securing three additional donors is doable. Jan Leonard to request an estimated freight charge which was not included in the Henderson quote.

- Further round table discussion with regard to proposed duration of donor contract, ie. 10 years versus 15 years. Shorter duration (10 yrs) may provide more frequent turnover opportunities for future donors. Longer duration (15 yrs) likely to be more attractive and better value to interested donors.
- Also, some discussion regarding memorial plaque treatment. Jan reported that further investigation is required with regard to memorial bench plaques. Viewing samples of bench plaques used in Orillia's Tudhope Park has demonstrated that many plaques have not weathered well to the point that legibility is an issue. The general consensus of the Board is that a simple engraved brass plate would be the preferred style.

#### **Memorial Bench Location Considerations and Recommendations**

- Jan Leonard confirmed the current proposed memorial bench locations as: 4 benches facing beach behind the armour stone wall (2 on each side of the armour stone wall opening), plus 2 other benches located away from the beach area, in the tree gaps facing Lake and Narrows (southwest of flagpole, and near the parking lot).
- Jan presented another line-of-thought for consideration regarding beach area bench locations:
  - Bench location discussions to date have not taken beach picnic tables into consideration. Currently, 3-4 picnic tables typically sit directly on the sand beach. There have been previous discussions recommending moving the tables up off the sand to the lawn area behind the armour stone wall, freeing up limited beach space for swimmers and kids playing.
  - A combination of multiple picnic tables and benches all set behind the stone wall will result in crowded space and cluttered appearance. Instead, Jan proposed that consideration be given to placing 2 of the 4 memorial benches slightly further back to the shady side of recently planted trees. The rationale with regard to tree planting was forward thinking to provide much needed shade in vicinity of the beach which would be further enhanced by provision of seating, and also of interest to potential bench donors.
- More discussion is required. Final bench location recommendations are to be confirmed and will subject to approval by Ramara Township.

#### **Benches Other – Existing “Art Bench”**

- Michael Kitchen shared a recent photo of the Art bench installed by the Township two years ago, near flagpole, overlooking Lovely Day Playground. A round table discussion followed, raising concerns about the bench's deteriorating state-of-repair.
- **Motion:** That the Art bench, which has become an eyesore and a potential safety hazard, be removed until such time that it can be repaired. Moved by William Leslie. Seconded by Pat Clements. Motion carried.

### **New Maple Trees (Ego's Donation)**

- Jan Leonard reported that she is pursuing fencing spec recommendations for the three new maple trees to protect them from dogs and other wildlife. She will be contacting Ego's Garden Centre, and in the meantime she did reach out to "Ask a Master Gardener" (Simcoe County Master Gardeners) who advised that: dog urine is detrimental to young trees; that fencing around the trees should extend to beyond the current drip line to prevent urine from damaging young tree roots and trunk; and, eventually trees will get to an age where this will no longer be an issue, but assume for the next few years that protective fence will be effective.

### **New Business:**

- William Leslie has observed this year an increased volume of Osprey Hawks frequenting the park area and even sitting on the top of the hydro pole behind the baseball backstop. He suggested that pursuing the placement of a pole mounted nest platform in the area would be a great addition to the Park.
- Steve Hinton expressed concern regarding vehicles failing to obey the Yield sign when exiting the parking lot, endangering vehicles pulling out from Tivnon Lane and creating potential for accidents. Dana Tuju to inquire about replacing the parking lot Yield sign with a Stop sign.
- Michael Kitchen pointed out that the beach has been significantly eroded as a result of the heavy winter/spring run-off and that it would benefit from the addition of more sand. Dana Tuju indicated that Township may be able to assist in this regard given other projects elsewhere in the Township.
- Michael Kitchen also noted the following concerns within the park in recent weeks: a floating bulrush island has beached itself at south end of beach; portable toilet service provider has supplied one instead of two units as in previous years, and unit has been placed in a different location than previous years; mallet/stick for upright musical activity in playground is no longer tethered to equipment, it has been placed nearby but is at risk of going missing; dog poop bags have been replenished, however dog owners have been observed taking considerably more bags than required.

### **6. COMMITTEE AND LIASON REPORTS (Dana Tuju, Council Liaison)**

- New doctor is opening practice in Brechin as of July 2026. She will be taking on new patients and priority will be given to Ramara residents.
- Ramara Township has implemented a new system of By-Law Enforcement that will improve efficiency and reduce delays. By-Laws affected include: Parking; Long Grass/Weeds; Short Term Rentals; Licensing; and Canine Control.
- Municipal election takes place in October 2026. Councilor Dana Tuju will be running for re-election.

## 7. MAIN MOTIONS

- **Motion:** That a letter be sent to Ramara Township requesting financial assistance with regard to the purchase of insurance for the Ramara Harvest Festival event.
- **Motion:** ACCB recommends that the Henderson “Orillia/Vista” composite bench design be designated as the standard bench design for the Atherley Community Park.
- **Motion:** That the Art bench, which has become an eyesore and a potential safety hazard, be removed until such time that it can be repaired.

## 8. ACTION ITEMS AND NEXT STEPS

Steve Hinton

- Draft letter to Ramara Clerk regarding request for financial assistance regarding insurance for Harvest Festival. Deadline for receipt by Clerk, June 1/26
- Draft cover letter for Memorial Bench Program Guidelines & Application to Ramara Township

Leslie Kitchen

- Send approved minutes for April 16/26 meeting to the Township.

Jan Leonard

- Request freight cost estimates from Henderson (based on single shipment of 6 benches).
- Explore memorial plaque options.
- Follow up with Ego’s Garden Centre re protective fencing specs for new trees

Michael Kitchen

- Installation of Harvest Festival banner mid-to-late June
- Forward list of concerns requiring attention, ie, untethered musical play equipment mallet, etc. to Dana Tuju for followup.

William Leslie

- Installation of Harvest Festival banner mid-to-late June
- Explore options with regard to Osprey nesting platforms

Dana Tuju

- Investigate opportunities with Ramara Township regarding the addition of sand to the beach to address erosion loss.

- Investigate opportunities with regard to financial assistance in the matter of event insurance for the Harvest Festival.
- Investigate possibility of negotiating reduced fee with regard to Scales Nature Park participation at the Harvest Festival.
- Inquire about replacing the parking lot Yield sign with a Stop sign.
- Once cover letter for Bench Program and draft document sent to Township, set up meeting with Ramara Township staff, Dana Tuju, Steve Hinton and Jan Leonard to review the proposed draft Memorial Bench Program Guidelines and application form.

Joe Gough

- Continue to pursue supplier pro bono opportunities with regard to armour stone transport and installation.

#### **9. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2026

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Station 2 Fire Hall, Atherley

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm

Moved by William Leslie, Seconded by Pat Clements

Motion carried.

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**Fw: Registration is open: AMO's Local Leadership Foundations**

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**From** Nate Harrington <NHarrington@ramara.ca>  
**Date** Thu 2026-06-25 9:21 AM  
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## AMO's Local Leadership Foundations: Registration Now Open

Hi AMO Member,

Registration is now open for [AMO's Local Leadership Foundations](#), a new learning program for Ontario's municipal elected officials, from AMO, the expert voice of municipalities, developed in partnership with the Institute on Governance.

A seat at the council table comes with complex challenges, big decisions, public scrutiny, and a steep learning curve, often from the first week. *Local Leadership Foundations* is here to help: a practical introduction to leading on council that gives newly elected and returning officials the best possible start to the term.

[Learn more and register](#)

### **About the program:**

- We've built it as a **fresh approach to onboarding**, shaped through consultation with members and municipal associations across the province, and developed and delivered in collaboration with experts and elected officials.

- **It's flexible:** modules you can fit around a busy schedule over time, covering the ground every official needs, from governing in practice and making decisions to finance, integrity, and community engagement.
- It's **built to engage rather than lecture.** Each module opens with video interviews with officials and experts from across the sector, then moves into a live virtual session where you put theory into practice alongside peers and experienced elected officials.

Municipalities and elected officials can register for the full **Learning Series** and earn a **Local Leadership Foundations Certificate** or register for **individual modules** as needed. Municipalities can register for incoming council members and provide names post-election.

The program is led by [Dr. Kate Graham](#), an award-winning professor of local governance, podcaster, researcher, and former municipal public servant, along with experienced Ontario elected officials.

**Early-bird rates** hold through September 30, and a limited number of **\$150 bursaries** are available to AMO members, first-come, first-served, thanks to sponsors Guardian Capital and PH&N Institutional. Full pricing is on the program page.

We got an early start so the program is ready when you are, and we're excited to be supporting AMO members getting the next municipal term off to a great start.

[Learn more and register](#)

Questions? Reach out to us at [education@amo.on.ca](mailto:education@amo.on.ca).

The AMO Education team and the [Institute on Governance](#)



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**Fw: Approaches to Housing & Homelessness – Register Now.**

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## **Housing Pressures are Rising, See What's Working**

AMO Conference – City of Ottawa

August 16-19

Hi AMO Member,

Ontario's housing and homelessness crisis has reached a tipping point, and municipalities are on the front lines.

Join us in Ottawa for the 2026 AMO Conference to connect with key policymakers and hear how municipalities across Ontario are responding to housing and homelessness pressures, and what's making a difference in their communities.

[Register Now](#)

Featured Housing and Homelessness Sessions:

- Concurrent Session on Tuesday:
  - **Health and Supportive Housing Partnerships to Address Homelessness**

Permanent supportive housing with wraparound supports and medical care can help reduce chronic homelessness. Explore case studies about how relationship building with health and housing providers can produce benefits for people, communities and municipal governments.

- Plenary Session on Wednesday:

- **The Future of Affordable Housing Panel**

With new federal initiatives on the horizon, this panel will examine what it takes to strengthen cross-government and cross-sector partnerships, and where municipalities can play a role in accelerating housing supply.

- Don't miss, on the Plenary Stage:

- **The Hon. Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Canada** (invited)
- **The Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

This is just one of the many municipal priorities we're addressing at the conference this year. By coming together, developing partnerships, and engaging directly with decision-makers, this is how change starts in your community.

Your participation makes a difference.

### More Program Info

See you in Ottawa.

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#### **Remember - choose a caucus when registering.**

When you register for the AMO Conference, the caucus you choose provides you access to vote for AMO Board members in that caucus, and to the Caucus lunch on Monday, August 17th.

Elected officials are asked to choose one caucus. All other delegates, including municipal staff, will be assigned to the "non-voting lunch".

The deadline to change caucus selection is July 31, 2026. Changes must be submitted in writing to [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca). Visit the conference page for more information on caucus selection.

**Questions?** Contact [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca).

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## What to Watch: Registration Open for Local Leadership Foundations

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June 25, 2026

### Registration Now Open: AMO's Local Leadership Foundations

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Municipalities can register now to reserve spots for their incoming council members. A limited number of bursaries are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Register Here](#)

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#### Don't Miss: Housing & Homelessness at AMO 2026

Take part in plenary and concurrent sessions addressing various municipal priorities, including housing and homelessness. For program information and to register, click here.

[Program Info](#)

#### June is Indigenous History Month

Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ people continue to experience higher rates of violence due to the ongoing effects of colonialism. Find resources developed with and for Indigenous and 2SLGBTQ+ communities to support this work.

[Get the Resources](#)

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### Provincial Updates

## Energy Reporting Deadline Less Than a Week Away

Report your annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by July 1! This helps manage costs, identify energy-saving opportunities, and reduce emissions. [Click here for more information.](#)

## Applications Open – Hydro One Community Partnership Grant

Municipalities and municipality-endorsed charitable partners are invited to apply for Hydro One's Community Partnership Grant, supporting initiatives enhancing emergency preparedness, critical infrastructure, or community well-being. [Applications close on June 30.](#)

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## Events & Education

- **JUN 30 - Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities - Session Four (Community Members)**

For community members considering running for office, this free workshop is session two in the series and will cover how to prioritize and protect mental health and well-being. [Register here.](#)

- **AUG 16 - Indigenous-Municipal Relations Workshop**

Looking to improve Indigenous-Municipal relations? Don't miss this hands-on workshop happening in person in Ottawa with special conference rates. You don't have to be registered for the conference to participate. [Register here.](#)

- **AUG 16 - Preventing Escalated Behaviours Workshop**

Gain practical strategies for safer municipal workspaces with this educational workshop happening in person in Ottawa with special conference rates. You don't have to be registered for the conference to participate. [Register here.](#)

[See the Full Event Calendar](#)

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## LAS AMO Business Services

### Reduce Employee Group Benefits Costs

The LAS Group Benefits program offered by Mosey & Mosey helps reduce your employee group benefit costs. The plan offerings are customizable to your municipality's needs, and quotes are free of charge. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

### The All Risk Municipal Grant Winners Will Be Announced at the AMO Conference

The [All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency](#) recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. Three

municipalities will receive \$10,000 towards their project. The winners will be announced at the AMO Conference in August.

### **Combine Group Buying Power for your Healthcare Buying Needs**

Combine group buying power and knowledge for public health departments and long-term care facilities with our [HealthPRO Canada asset service](#). Municipalities can access high-quality, safe health-care-related products and services while saving both time and money.

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## **Municipal Wire\***

### **It's Not Too Late: Complete Your Census Questionnaire**

Municipalities are encouraged to spread the word that it's not too late to complete the 2026 Census. It only takes a few minutes and makes a big difference. This data helps to paint a portrait of Canadians and their stories – from small communities to entire provinces and territories. [Share the website](#).

### **Applications Open - 2026/27 MHS4PSP Grant Program**

Applications for the MHS4PSP Grant are now open to eligible Ontario Public Safety Organizations in the EHS, fire, and police sectors. The [deadline to submit your application is July 7, 2026](#), at 4:00 p.m.

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## **Careers**

[Manager, Planning & Heritage - Municipality of Meaford](#). Closing Date: July 10, 2026.

[Supervisor of Utility, Revenue and Billing - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: July 5, 2026.

[Director, SVC System Planning & Integrity - City of Toronto](#). Closing Date: July 13, 2026.

[Asset Management Analyst - City of Belleville](#). Closing Date: July 14, 2026.

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## **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

### **AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal**

AMO calls for the province to restore local voice and keep local governance accountable to the communities they serve by reversing the appointment of Regional Chairs through Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act*. [Read the AMO Policy Update](#).

### **Canada-Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program**

On June 1, the federal and Ontario governments launched The Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program. Municipalities have until June 19, 2026 to submit

projects for funding consideration. [Read AMO's Policy Update for more information.](#)

### **New Code of Conduct Bill Passes,**

Bill 9, the Municipal Accountability Act, passed third reading, a significant achievement for the municipal sector. Read the [AMO Policy Update](#).

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To: Nate Harrington, Assistant Clerk, Township of Ramara

**Attention: Mayor Clarke & Ramara Councillors**

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

CFUW Orillia has been encouraged by the strong leadership demonstrated through the declaration of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as an epidemic by the Township of Ramara.

As we continue our work with municipalities on meaningful next steps following this declaration, we would like to bring the following resources and opportunities to your attention:

- [Neighbours, Friends and Families](#) offers a free, one-hour online training program designed to increase awareness of the warning signs of abuse and provide practical guidance on how to respond. We encourage all municipal staff and elected officials to complete this valuable training.
- [After the Declaration – What AMO Members Can Do to Help Prevent Femicide](#) provides practical information and recommendations to assist municipalities in building and strengthening a coordinated community response to IPV.
- An important next step in addressing IPV is the incorporation of prevention and mitigation strategies into Community Safety and Well-Being Plans. For your reference, we have attached an example from [Lanark County and the Town of Smiths Falls](#).
- The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence will take place from November 25 to December 10, 2026, and includes the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on December 6. We encourage the Township of Ramara to consider how it may recognize these important dates through initiatives such as a flag-raising ceremony, community vigil, public education event, or other awareness activities.

Thank you for your continued commitment to addressing the serious issue of Intimate Partner Violence and for your leadership in supporting safer communities.

Sincerely,

*Diane Porteous*  
CFUW Orillia President  
Intimate Partner Violence Committee

*Heather Lewis*  
CFUW Orillia Past President  
Intimate Partner Violence Committee Chair

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June 23, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to inform you of recent changes to the strong mayor framework, which apply to your municipality.

These changes were made through regulatory amendments to O. Reg. 530/22, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and are intended to strengthen accountability for decision-making during a municipal election year by ensuring that certain rules which currently apply in non-strong mayor municipalities similarly apply to strong mayor municipalities.

Specifically, heads of council in strong mayor municipalities are subject to the following rules which came into force on June 22, 2026:

- **Election year budget rules:** Outgoing heads of council are limited from proposing the municipal budget for the year immediately following a regular municipal election, aligning strong mayor municipalities with existing municipal budget rules.
- **Restricted acts rules:** Heads of council are restricted from appointing or removing the chief administrative officer and other municipal division heads, changing the organizational structure of the municipality, or, if not already authorized in the municipality's budget, exercising their by-law power to dispose of property valued over \$50,000 or authorize expenditures or liabilities over \$50,000. These restrictions would apply if it can be determined that either three-quarters of the outgoing members of council will not be members of the new council, or the outgoing head of council will not be the new head of council.

As head of council, you may wish to ensure that any relevant delegations you wish to establish are in place in advance of nomination day on August 21, 2026. The regulation provides that delegable strong mayor powers that may later become restricted can continue to be exercised where they were delegated to the CAO and or council prior to nomination day.

For more information on strong mayor powers and duties please see:

- Regulations made under the Municipal Act, 2001 that relate to strong mayor powers and duties: [O. Reg. 530/22](#); [O. Reg 580/22](#)
- Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001 – [Special Powers and Duties of the Head of Council](#)
- The Strong Mayor chapter of the [Ontario Municipal Councillor's Guide](#)

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If you have any questions about the strong mayor framework, your staff may wish to contact your local [Municipal Services Office](#) within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the Minister.

Hon. Robert J. Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff  
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister  
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division  
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal and Housing Operations Division  
Municipal Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer



June 25, 2026

**Re: Request for Provincial Action on the Accuracy of Municipal Voters Lists**

Please be advised that at its regular County Council meeting held Wednesday, June 24, 2026, the Council of the County of Peterborough passed the following Resolution:

**Resolution No. 129-2026**

Moved by Councillor Carolyn Amyotte

Seconded by Councillor Carol Armstrong

**Whereas** the Province of Ontario shifted responsibility of the municipal election voters list from MPAC to Elections Ontario by amending the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, through the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, 2020, effective after the 2022 municipal election; and

**Whereas** many of the eight lower-tier Township elector lists presented by Elections Ontario have discrepancies in voter counts from the 2022 municipal election, specifically in the number of eligible non-resident property owners which are significantly lower than the 2022 numbers; and

**Whereas** Elections Ontario has acknowledged the discrepancies and is planning to address them;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Corporation of the County of Peterborough urges the Province of Ontario to immediately encourage prioritization of the review of data specifically related to non-resident property owners to ensure voter lists are as accurate as possible prior to August 14, 2026; and

**That** this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPPs, AMO, ROMA, AMCTO, EOWC, FOCA, all Ontario municipalities and the eight lower-tier Township Clerks for support.

Sincerely,



Kari Stevenson

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 4.4.2.  
**Resolution Number** 2026-074  
**Title:** Correspondence - South Huron - Ontario Heritage Organization  
Development Grant Advocacy  
**Date:** April 15, 2026

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**Moved by:** Councillor Laframboise  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Lachance

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution Number 125-2026 passed on March 16, 2026 by the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron regarding the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

MAYOR



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March 24, 2026

Via email: [stan.cho@pc.ola.org](mailto:stan.cho@pc.ola.org)

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
438 University Ave.  
Toronto, ON M7A 1N3

Dear Hon. Stan Cho,

**Re: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy**

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Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting:

125-2026

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Ted Oke

**That South Huron Council supports the February 17, 2026 correspondence of the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy; and**

**That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, Stan Cho, Lisa Thompson, MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.**

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator

Municipality of South Huron

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cc: MPP Lisa Thompson, [lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org](mailto:lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org); AMO, [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca) ; and all municipalities in Ontario.



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**McNab/Braeside**

Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026  
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED  
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

**WHEREAS** Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

**WHEREAS** Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

  
MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	_____	Yes	No
Mayor Lori Todd	_____	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),  
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

June 25, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

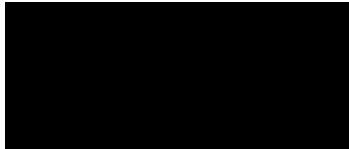
Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



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REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Hooper

Resolution # **270-06-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Elliott

**Carried**

WHEREAS the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) has passed a resolution calling on the Province of Ontario to fix the severe underfunding of community and rural hospitals;

AND WHEREAS inadequate provincial funding has caused compromised patient care across Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assiginack Township supports NEMI's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario immediately inject \$3.2 billion into hospital funding, followed by annual increases of 6% thereafter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, and the Town of NEMI.

Mayor

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Brenda Reid

Clerk

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Stasia Carr



**June 25, 2026**

Please be advised that at the **June 23, 2026** Township of Cramahe Council Meeting the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution Number: 2026-165**

**Moved:** Councillor Hamilton

**Seconded:** Councilor Schriver

**WHEREAS** amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act established timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, with the current deadline set for January 1, 2027; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities require additional time and resources to evaluate listed properties and determine whether designation is warranted under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Cramahe Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of May 29, 2026, recommended that Council advocate for a further extension of the current deadline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Township of Cramahe endorse the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and

**THAT** the Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and

**THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Result: **CARRIED**

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Nicole Newton  
Municipal Deputy Clerk  
Township of Cramahe  
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RE: 6.5 Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-172:** Moved by Councillor Sepulis and  
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

**That the Consent Agenda item 6.5 be received; and**

**Whereas Council supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework resolution that Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.



Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston  
Municipal Clerk

CC: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Region of Halton MPPs  
Region of Halton  
City of Burlington  
Town of Milton  
Town of Oakville  
All Ontario municipalities

April 28, 2026

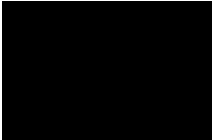
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday April 20, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0071 regarding Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0071.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
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THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0071  
Title: Request for review of Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework  
Date: April 20, 2026  
Moved by: Councillor J. Brass  
Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

Item No. 12.2

**WHEREAS** municipalities, including the Town of Halton Hills, play a critical role in delivering essential services and infrastructure that support growing and evolving communities;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities are increasingly contributing to areas that intersect with provincial responsibilities, such as housing, social services, and certain capital obligations, placing additional pressure on property tax-based revenue systems;

**AND WHEREAS** municipal revenue tools, particularly property taxes, are limited in their ability to keep pace with growth, inflation, and the expanding expectations placed on local governments;

**AND WHEREAS** the Town of Halton Hills continues to invest in critical infrastructure, including roads, water, stormwater, emergency services, and recreation, to support both existing residents and future growth;

**AND WHEREAS** the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have identified opportunities to better align municipal funding tools with the realities of modern service delivery and growth pressures;

**AND WHEREAS** ensuring long-term financial sustainability for municipalities is essential to maintaining service levels, supporting housing targets, and protecting affordability for residents;

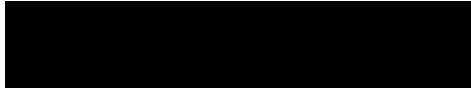
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Town of Halton Hills respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this review considers opportunities to:

- o better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- o explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- o support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; The Region of Halton MPP's and MP's; Halton area Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.



Maydr Ann Lawlor