

1. **Council Information Package**

Council Information Packages are circulated to Council and made publicly available every Friday.

These packages include correspondence for Council's information such as memos from staff regarding various Township information, public notices, tenders, notices to residents, news releases, requests for support/donations, resolutions from other municipalities and other information items as deemed by the Clerk. Council members may request, at any time, that a Council Information Item be placed on the next Council agenda under "Correspondence", along with a recommendation to accompany the item.

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- 2.1. Township of Springwater Newsroom -
<https://www.springwater.ca/Modules/News/en>
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234-2025-1873

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,



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



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF MIDLAND**

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June 26, 2026

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

RE: Request for the Province of Ontario to Declare Intimate Violence as an Epidemic

On behalf of the Town of Midland Council, we are writing to respectfully request that the Province of Ontario declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic.

Please be advised that at its Regular Meeting on June 24, 2026, Council of the Town of Midland passed the following Resolution:

COW- 2026-49

Moved by: Mayor Gordon
Seconded by: Councillor Ball

WHEREAS more than 4 in 10 Canadian women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 10 experience it almost daily; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police have determined that in 2024 there was an 18% increase in intimate partner violence victims compared to the previous year; and

WHEREAS Simcoe County Violence Against Women Agencies received 12,870 crisis calls in 2025; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Town of Midland declares intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and

THAT the Town of Midland requests the Province of Ontario to declare intimate partner violence as an epidemic; and



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**THAT this Resolution be circulated to all Municipalities in Ontario, the local
County of Simcoe MPPs, and the Premier of Ontario.**

Carried

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MIDLAND

Sherri Edgar

Sherri Edgar
Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Municipalities
MPP Jill Dunlop

June 26, 2026

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS / PROPERTY OWNERS

Midhurst Heights External Forcemain Construction

Notice of Construction for works on Finlay Mill Road from Spence Avenue to Cowdray Park Lane

Please be advised that the Midhurst Heights External Forcemain Construction project ("Works"), awarded to JB Enterprises ("Contractor"), will continue throughout July and August along Finlay Mill Road.

Overview

The Contractor will be working along **Finlay Mill Road from just north of Spence Avenue south to Cowdray Park Lane.**

Schedule

Construction is scheduled to commence **approximately July 6, 2026** and continue until **approximately August 7, 2026.**

Traffic Control Plan

The traffic control plan that will be in place throughout July and August will be as follows:

- **Single lane closure** of Finlay Mill Road from Cowdray Park Lane to Spence Avenue.
- **Traffic signals:** will be in place 24/7 for eastbound and westbound lanes
- **DAD's (driveway assisted devices):** will be implemented at the end of each driveway within the work zone to advise residents of traffic flow
- **Flagmen:** will be utilized as needed to control traffic

Safety and Construction Signage

Similar to previous phases of construction, signage will be erected prior to construction works. We advise that when driving or walking through and around the construction work zone, that you follow and obey the construction signage for your safety and for the safety of the workers.

We Appreciate Your Patience


We recognize that this project may cause delays and inconvenience. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated as we work to complete this important infrastructure improvement efficiently and safely.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to this project, please contact the following project team:


<u>Public Liaison</u>	<u>Consultant Construction Manager</u>	<u>Consultant Site Representative</u>
<p>Amanda McArthur JB Enterprises 555 Bryne Dr., Unit P Barrie, Ontario, L4N 9Y3 Cell: 705-627-7450 Email: amanda.jbenterprises@gmail.com</p>	<p>Craig Kryslak, C.E.T. C.F. Crozier & Associates Inc. 70 Huron, Suite 100 Collingwood, ON L9Y 4L4 Office: 705-446-3510 Email: ckryslak@cfcrozier.ca</p>	<p>David Duni C.F. Crozier & Associates Inc. 70 Huron Street, Suite 100 Collingwood, ON L9Y 4L4 Office: 705-446-3510 Email: dduni@cfcrozier.ca</p>

In the event the resident of the house is not the property owner, we would request that this letter also be forwarded to the appropriate person/property owner.



Legend	 SINGLE LANE CLOSURE
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Project	MIDHURST EXTERNAL ROADWORKS TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER
Drawing	SINGLE LANE CLOSURE PLAN FORCEMAIN/ROADWORKS COORDINATION


CROZIER
 CONSULTING ENGINEERS

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357-2026-1745

June 26, 2026

TO: Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities

SUBJECT: Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* with respect to budget and apportionment matters

I am writing with regards to the transition of Ontario's conservation authority system to a consolidated regional model. Pursuant to my authority under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), I am issuing a direction ("Direction") to conservation authorities on budget and apportionment matters leading up to the transition date – please see attached Direction.

The purpose of this Direction, effective from June 26, 2026 to the transition date under the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations), is to require conservation authorities to complete the budgetary process for the 2027 calendar year budget before the transition date, and in accordance with the CAA and applicable budget and apportionment regulations.

This Direction establishes deadlines for key budget process milestones, including the holding of meetings to approve apportionment amounts and final budgets, and the sending of notices of apportionment to participating municipalities. Conservation authorities are also required to notify the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) as certain steps of the budget process are completed. This Direction applies to all conservation authorities listed in Appendix A, with additional guidance set out in Appendix B of the attachment.

The Direction is intended to ensure that the transition to consolidation is successful with minimal disruptions to conservation authorities' governance, programs and services.

If you have any questions regarding this Direction, please contact the Conservation Authorities Section of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at ca.office@ontario.ca.

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Sincerely,



Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosures

c: The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

ATTACHMENT A

Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (this "Direction")

Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) provides the Minister with the authority to issue a direction to a conservation authority in relation to various matters for the purpose of facilitating the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities. The types of directions that can be issued by the Minister are set out in clauses 1.14(1)(a) to (d):

- (a) prohibiting the authority from making a decision in relation to its exercise of any of its powers under this Act or any other Act in the circumstances specified in the direction and subject to any specified conditions;
- (b) requiring the authority to give notice, in accordance with the direction, of a decision that it has made;
- (c) requiring the authority to send notices under subsection 25 (2), 27 (3) or 27.2 (3) by the date specified in the direction;
- (d) governing budgetary and apportionment matters relating to the authority that are otherwise addressed in a regulation made under clause 40 (1) (c), (e) or (f) or clause 40 (3) (k).

Section 1.14 further provides that an authority that receives such a direction shall comply with the direction within the time specified in the direction.

Pursuant to the authority of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under clauses 1.14(1)(c) and (d), the conservation authorities set out under Appendix "A" of this Direction (the "**authorities**" or each, an "**authority**") are hereby directed as follows:

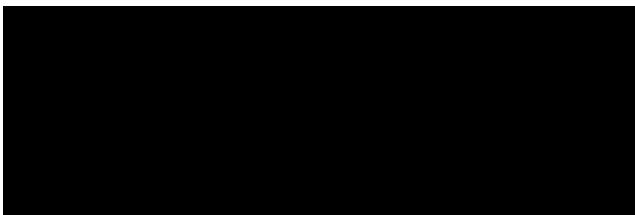
1. Each authority shall take all necessary steps to develop and approve its budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with the CAA, to ensure that the authority complies with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Direction.
2. No later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Hold a meeting to approve apportionment amounts for its participating and specified municipalities as required by section 16 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Hold a meeting to approve a final budget as required by section 22 of O. Reg. 402/22.
3. Prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Provide a copy of its final budget to the Minister and each of its participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 24 of O. Reg. 402/22, and in addition, provide a copy of the approved final budget to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).
 - ii. Send notices to the authority's participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25(2) (notices of apportionment of capital

costs), 27(3) (notices of apportionment of operating expenses) and 27.2(3) (notices of amounts owed by specified municipalities) of the CAA.

4. Upon completion of each of the following steps, each authority shall provide written notice of the completion of the step to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks and the OPCA:
 - i. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes in accordance with section 14 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Approval of apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 18 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iii. Approval of a final budget in accordance with section 23 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iv. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25 (2), 27(3) and 27.2(3) of the CAA.

General

5. This Direction applies to the authorities listed in Appendix “A” to this Direction.
6. This Direction is effective from the date of its issuance to the transition date, within the meaning of the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations).
7. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.



Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
[June 26, 2026]

APPENDIX A

LIST OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THE DIRECTION APPLIES

Ausable Bayfield CA	Lower Trent Region CA
Cataraqui Region CA	Maitland Valley CA
Catfish Creek CA	Mattagami Region CA
Central Lake Ontario CA	Mississippi Valley CA
Credit Valley CA	Niagara Peninsula CA
Crowe Valley CA	Nickel District CA
Essex Region CA	North Bay-Mattawa CA
Ganaraska Region CA	Nottawasaga Valley CA
Grand River CA	Otonabee Region CA
Grey Sauble CA	Quinte Region CA
Halton Region CA	Raisin Region CA
Hamilton Region CA	Rideau Valley CA
Kawartha Region CA	Saugeen Valley CA
Kettle Creek CA	Sault Ste. Marie Region CA
Lake Simcoe Region CA	South Nation River CA
Long Point Region CA	St. Clair Region CA
Lower Thames Valley CA	Toronto and Region CA
	Upper Thames River CA

APPENDIX B

Guidance document for the Minister's Direction issued under section 1.14 of the CAA with respect to budget and apportionment matters

The Minister's Direction issued June 26, 2026 under s.1.14 of the CAA aims to preserve operational and budget process continuity through the transition to a regional governance model for conservation authorities.

While Ontario Regulation 402/22 (Budget and Apportionment) does not set out specific dates or deadlines for the completion of the various phases of the budget and apportionment process, this Direction sets the following timing requirements and additional notification requirements:

Item/Task	Deadline
i. Holding of meeting to approve apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities (s. 16 of O. Reg. 402/22)	No later than 30 calendar days before the transition date
ii. Holding of meeting to approve final budget (s. 22 of O. Reg. 402/22)	
i. Providing copies of the approved final budget (s. 24 of O. Reg. 402/22)	Prior to the transition date
ii. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities (s. 25(2), 27(3), and 27.2(3) of the CAA)	
i. Providing a notice to the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) when each of the following steps is completed: a. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes b. Approval of apportionment amounts c. Approval of the final budget d. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities	Upon completion of each step

With respect to any documents and notice required to be given to the MECP and OPCA (e.g., approved final budget and notice of completion of various steps), please send those documents and notices to MECP at ca.office@ontario.ca and OPCA at CCEO@ontario.ca.

2027 Annual Budget

Conservation authorities will carry out the 2027 calendar year budget process in accordance with Ministers Directions, the CAA and its regulations. The determination of revenue, expenses and costs under Section 5 of O. Reg. 402/22 and determination of reduced amounts to be apportioned under Section 6 of O. Reg. 402/22 should reflect continuity of normal operations of an authority according to current organization's

governance, financial structures, and programs and services. Any anticipated impacts from regional consolidation should not be considered or incorporated into the preparation of the budget for the 2027 calendar year under this direction.

Municipal Consultation

Current participating and specified municipalities are to be consulted on the draft budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with existing legislative/regulatory requirements.

Voting

Budget-related votes are conducted using current authority membership and existing governance rules and in accordance with regulations, where that is set out.

Final Approval and Posting

Authorities approve, post, and provide copies of the final budget for the 2027 calendar year in accordance with existing requirements and the Minister's Direction.

Municipal Apportionment

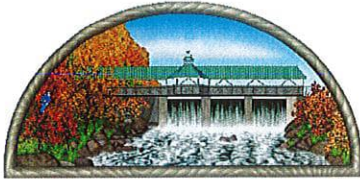
The approach to municipal apportionment will not change for 2027 calendar year budgets and will follow the existing methods set out in O. Reg. 402/22 and O. Reg. 401/22 (Determination of Amounts Under Subsection 27.2 (2) of the Act) and apply to the current participating and specified municipalities of each authority per the apportionment percentages distributed by the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks.

Once apportioned amounts are determined and approved by authorities, notices of apportionment are sent to each participating municipality and notices setting out amounts owing are sent to each specified municipality. Each municipality shall be required to pay the amount apportioned to it even after the transition date under the CAA, at which point the payment will be due to the regional conservation authority.

Future Annual Budget

Budget alignment across regional conservation authorities will occur following the transition date.

The ministry will assess whether any changes need to be made to the budgeting process as set out in the budget and apportionment regulations as a result of the regional consolidation of authorities and will consider amendments to those regulations in Fall 2026, where appropriate.



The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: AB Date: June 16, 2026

Seconded By: N.K Resolution # 2026-168

Be it resolved;

THAT the Council of The Village of Burk's Falls receives the presentation from Austin Toth;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to allow the collection of signatures via a copy of the available petition to the public at the municipal office.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to distribute this resolution to all municipalities.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

Ryan Baptiste	for / opposed
Ashley Brandt	for / opposed
Sean Cotton	for / opposed
Chris Hope	for / opposed
Nancy Kyte	for / opposed

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

Chris Hope

Mayor

Cancer Clinic Petition Huntsville

Petition Mission Statement - We the undersigned would like to ensure the Cancer Clinic remains in the Huntsville District Memorial Site. We affirm the strategic and equitable treatment option of the Huntsville cancer clinic and its continuing operation".

A person diagnosed with cancer is assessed at a major cancer treatment centre located in Barrie or Sudbury, and provided certain criteria are met can be referred for ongoing treatment at home or if required, to an oncology treatment centre staffed by registered nurses such as is in Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. For the Almaguin Area, most patients attend Royal Victoria Hospital – Hutson Regional Cancer Centre in Barrie, Ontario, which has an association with Huntsville Memorial Hospital. The type of cancer, treatment required, available resources and individual patient needs as it relates to the need for treatment closer to home to maximize results are the criteria for admission into the satellite programs.

The East Parry Sound Area (including Almaguin Highlands) is in a unique position depending on your address. People diagnosed with cancer are typically referred to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie, located 146 to 187 km away, for assessment and initial treatment. If the patient is fortunate they can receive treatment at an Oncology treatment centre like the one located in Huntsville. These centres require specialized staff, and resources to meet the treatment needs of Cancer patients. Huntsville Memorial Site has that kind of specialized, dedicated medical staff and services which Cancer Patients consider as excellent.

For those residing in the Almaguin Area, attending the Huntsville Oncology Clinic can be from 26 km to 80 km from their residence.

We have heard with concern of the possibility of the Cancer Clinic being moved to Bracebridge. For those residing in the Almaguin Area this would be a significant increase driving for treatment. The extra distance would have more impact during winter months.

It should be noted that the Cancer Clinic was originally located in the Bracebridge Hospital location many years ago. At that time, it was decided to move it Huntsville due to location being one of the rationales.

A further obstacle for many Cancer patients is that they should not drive right after treatment, and someone needs to attend with them.

Cancer Patients in Bracebridge have access to both the Orillia Cancer Clinic (56 km) and the Huntsville Clinic (37km).

While there is apparent discussion of providing "public transportation" from Huntsville to Bracebridge, there are concerns which include but are not limited to:

- 1) Having compromised immunity system(Cancer patients) being on public transportation is risky
- 2) The side effects of treatment include nausea and Gastrointestinal issues, which would put patients at further risk on public transportation, not to mention the embarrassment for the patients involved.
- 3) Having to wait around for public transport would be difficult for the same reasons listed above.

In Summary, the current situation is working well *and equitably for cancer patients. It would be unfortunate to change that.*

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234-2026-2235

June 29, 2026

Jonathan Magill
County Clerk
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Dear Jonathan Magill:

The *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*, (the Act) received Royal Assent on May 7, 2026. I am writing to advise Simcoe County Council of my intention to make an order under section 218.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to appoint the next head of council of the County of Simcoe for the council term beginning November 15, 2026, and ending November 14, 2030, or as determined by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The Act is intended to better align shared provincial-municipal priorities and strengthen the governance tools available to support growth in impacted regions. Beginning on November 15, 2026, the appointed head of council would also be granted “strong chair” powers – an enhanced leadership model that mirrors the strong mayor framework. If you are interested in strong mayor framework training, please contact your [Municipal Services Offices \(MSOs\)](#). For more information about the strong mayor framework, please see [the Ontario Municipal Councillor’s Guide, Chapter 10](#).

Individuals being considered for appointment as the County Warden of the County of Simcoe must be eligible to vote in a lower-tier municipality within the upper-tier municipality under section 17 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* (MEA) and eligible to serve on council under sections 257 and 258 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Under the MEA, a person is eligible to vote if, on voting day, he or she:

- a) resides in the municipality or is the owner or tenant of land or spouse of such owner or tenant;
- b) is a Canadian citizen;
- c) is at least 18 years old; and
- d) is not prohibited from voting under the MEA or otherwise by law.

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Individuals are not eligible for appointment if they are:

- an employee, clerk, treasurer, Integrity Commissioner, Auditor General, Ombudsman, registrar for lobbying matters, closed meeting investigator, or other holder of an administrative position of the municipality, unless they have taken a leave of absence;
- a judge of any court;
- a member of Ontario's Legislative Assembly or of Canada's Senate or House of Commons; or
- a public servant within the meaning of the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006*, unless authorized by the public servant's ethics executive.

Individuals are expected to possess exemplary leadership skills and should demonstrate the following competencies and experience:

- previous elected political experience and a strong understanding of regional and provincial priorities, including those specific to the upper-tier municipality to which they are applying;
- civic engagement and stakeholder management skills;
- innovative with experience leading major change initiatives in large organizations;
- effective communicator with proven ability to act as a facilitator and build trust;
- commitment to delivering exceptional service to customers/stakeholders; and
- Decisive and strategic thinker.

Individuals interested in being considered for the County Warden position must apply through the Public Appointments web page on the [Ontario Government's website](#). Applicants must first create a profile on this site and then select the position to which they wish to apply. Applications close on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and invited to participate in an interview.

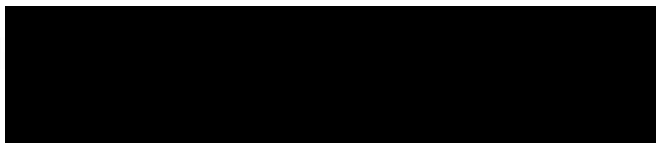
I would appreciate your assistance in posting this information on the municipality's website outlining the appointment process, timelines, the mandatory eligibility criteria and desired skills and competencies for the heads of council in the in-scope upper-tier municipalities.

We are committed to working collaboratively with the County throughout this process and will provide you with further details as we work to finalize the appointment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nathaniel Aguda, Regional Director, Central Ontario Municipal Services Office -Priority Projects Branch at nathaniel.aguda@ontario.ca or 647-287-0637.

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Regional councils play an important role in delivering shared priorities, like housing and housing-enabling infrastructure. I appreciate the County's continued commitment to effective and efficient local governance and collaboration on shared provincial-municipal priorities.

Sincerely,



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

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The Corporation of the Township of
NORTH STORMONT
RESOLUTION

Date: June 23, 2026

Resolution No. 163-2026

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

Mayor F. Landry _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____
Councillor A. Bugelli _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor C. Shane _____ *eg*

Mayor F. Landry _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____ *AD*
Councillor A. Bugelli _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor C. Shane _____

BE it resolved that the Council of the Township of North Stormont support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle, as presented.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalry, Minister of Finance; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation; the Ontario Big City Mayors; the Western Ontario Wardens 'Caucus; the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and all EOWC municipalities."

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED

F. Landry

Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: _____

- Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest
- Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE

Councillor C. Shane _____
Councillor A. McDonald _____
Councillor A. Bugelli _____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham _____
Mayor F. Landry _____



Road Talk

Ontario's Transportation
Technology Transfer

Digest

Ministry of Transportation

Summer 2026

Improving Sightlines for Drivers

Improving the drive by tackling invasive species

Ontario's Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is evaluating a new approach to improving sightlines for drivers by getting rid of invasive species growing along highways. MTO is using native plants and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi (AMF) to get rid of unsightly roadside obstructions, making it easier for drivers to get where they're going.

In Ontario, invasive plants such as phragmites australis—a tall, dense reed—often form thick patches on the roadside that are difficult to manage and costly to maintain. Spraying or cutting phragmites offers only short-term results. That's why MTO is evaluating a new approach: using native tallgrass prairie plants and AMF to prevent phragmites from growing back.

Why Invasive Plants Are a Problem

Invasive plants dominate landscapes, creating safety hazards by obstructing sightlines and drainage systems while driving up maintenance costs.

What AMF Does

AMF forms symbiotic relationships with plant roots, strengthening soil and reducing erosion. AMF has been linked to notable declines in invasive and non-native plants. MTO is using AMF that is highly compatible with conditions found in southern Ontario.



Figure 1: Wild bergamot (*Mondarda fitulosa*), cup plants (*Silphium perfoliatum*) and Virginian mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*)

Pilot Design: Highways 401 and 402

MTO set up two study locations along Highways 401 and 402 in western Ontario to evaluate five treatment methods for eliminating phragmites:

- **Conventional:** Spray with glyphosate and cut dead material.
- **Standard:** Spray, cut and drill-seed MTO's standard roadside mix.
- **Native Seed:** Spray, cut and drill-seed native grasses and forbs.
- **Native Fungus:** Spray, cut and drill-seed native AMF.
- **Native Restoration:** Spray, cut and drill-seed native grasses, forbs and AMF.



Figure 2: Phragmites have a simple root system. Deep-rooted native prairie plants can establish themselves easily and strengthen the soil.



Figure 4: West Operations Vegetation Coordinator Jessica Smeekens showing a 13-metre-long phragmites rhizome.

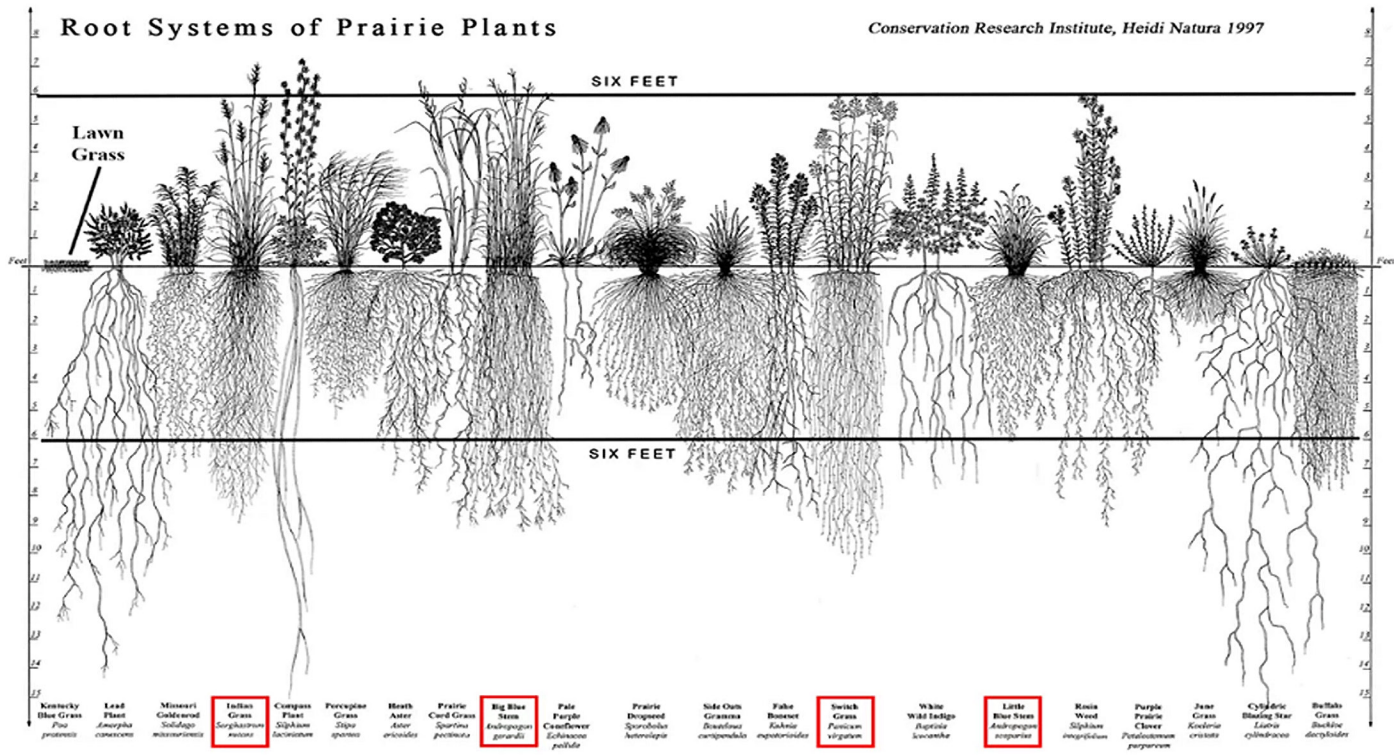


Figure 3: The rooting structure of prairie plants. The grasses highlighted in red are part of MTO's pilot.



Figure 5: West Operations Vegetation Coordinator Jessica Smeekens measuring species composition.

Plot Treatments



Figure 6: Conventional plot treatment. Bull thistle (a noxious weed) is the most dominant plant. Vacant soil invites more invasive and noxious species.

Figure 9: Native fungus plot. This approach attempts to determine whether the key to ecosystem recovery is driven by plants or fungus. Preliminary results show a combination achieves the greatest restoration.



Figure 7: Standard plot treatment. An abundance of phragmites.



Figure 8: Native seed plot. Dense native plant cover lowers the risk of erosion and invasive and noxious species.





Figure 10: Native restoration plot. Native tall prairie grasses hold back phragmites but are difficult to establish on sites with degraded soil.

Preliminary Results

Early observations are encouraging. Plots treated with native seed and AMF showed little to no reinvasion by phragmites or other aggressive weeds, while conventional treatments experienced rapid recolonization.

Monitoring the 401/402 Pilot

MTO is expanding the pilot project by:

- Monitoring vegetation and soil composition, soil erosion and stability, and using geospatial records to link treatments with outcomes
- Conducting spring and fall surveys
- Standardizing data for year-over-year reporting

These metrics will support annual reporting, cost-benefit analyses and recommendations going forward.

Benefits for Highways

Operational advantages: Safer, cleaner rights-of-way improve sightlines and drainage while increasing resilience to invasive species.

Economic efficiency: Fewer repeat treatments and chemicals improve long-term outcomes.

Environmental gains: Native plants and AMF restore biodiversity and improve pollinator habitats, resulting in healthier soils, enhanced water infiltration and reduced sediment runoff.

Conclusion

Pending the pilot's outcome, MTO may consider using native plants and AMF in maintenance contracts going forward.

Short-term fixes cannot address persistent invasive species. A restoration-based approach offers a promising blueprint for improving sightlines, protecting infrastructure and reducing long-term costs.

Effect	Conventional	Standard	AMF Alone	Native Seed	Native Seed + AMF
Prevalence of phragmites	Medium	High	Low	Low	Lowest
Prevalence of non-native plants	High	High	Medium	Low	Lowest
Prevalence of native plants	Low	Lowest	Medium	High	High
Stem density	Lowest	Medium	Medium	High	High

Table: Preliminary observations of Highway 402 median treatment plots.

The differences between the Native Seed and Native Seed + AMF treatments were less pronounced, likely because the Native Seed plot was bordered on both sides by Native Seed + AMF plots, allowing AMF to spread naturally.

For more information, contact:

Jessica Smeekens, Vegetation Coordinator,
 Ministry of Transportation, West Operations, at:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Province provides criteria and opens application process for full-time, appointed County of Simcoe Head of Council

Midhurst/June 30, 2026 – The Government of Ontario has opened the application process for the County of Simcoe Head of Council (currently known as 'Warden/County Chair') with applications due by July 13, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.

The Head of Council plays an important leadership role. As outlined by the Province, Heads of Council help guide municipal priorities, chair Council meetings, represent the region at official events, and support coordination among local municipalities. They help ensure decisions are carried out and that local government remains accountable and transparent.

The Province's Public Appointments Secretariat is now accepting applications for this provincial appointment. To be considered, applicants must meet the eligibility requirements under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, including being eligible to vote in a lower-tier municipality within the County of Simcoe.

Role of the Head of Council

- Leads County Council and supports strategic direction
- Chairs Council meetings and guides decision-making
- Represents the County at regional and provincial events
- Supports collaboration across all lower-tier municipalities
- Promotes accountability in local government

Application Information

Qualified individuals are encouraged to review the posting and apply through the Province's Public Appointments Secretariat.

For more information or to apply:

- [Regional Head of Council – Province of Ontario](#)
- [Public Appointments Secretariat Posting](#)

The appointment of a full-time Head of Council became legislation as part of the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*, passed by the Ontario Government on May 7, 2026. Prior to this Provincial change the role of the Head of Council was selected by County Council from among their 32 members. The Act also reduced the size of County Council from 32 to 17 (16 Mayors and a full-time Head of Council).

About the County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at simcoe.ca.

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MISSISSAUGA

RESOLUTION 0147-2026
adopted by the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Mississauga
at its meeting on June 24, 2026

0147-2026 Moved by: Councillor N. Hart

Seconded by: Councillor C. Fonseca

WHEREAS women and children experiencing intimate partner violence rely on emergency shelters as a critical component of their safety, recovery, and transition to stable housing;

WHEREAS adequate lengths of stay in emergency shelters are often necessary to support safety planning, access to social services, legal supports, mental health resources, and housing stabilization;

WHEREAS funding formulas and service benchmarks directly influence shelter capacity, operations, and the ability of service providers to meet community needs;

Whereas The City of Mississauga declared Intimate Partner Violence an epidemic on September 13th 2023;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario utilize varying approaches to shelter funding and length-of-stay expectations, providing opportunities for benchmarking and best-practice review;

WHEREAS any reductions to funding based on the formulas may have unintended consequences on service levels and the availability of supports for individuals fleeing intimate partner violence;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local Members of Provincial Parliament requesting a provincial review of benchmarking, funding formulas, and length-of-stay standards for emergency shelters serving women and children experiencing intimate partner violence, with a view to ensuring adequate shelter stays and preventing reductions in funding that could negatively impact service delivery and client outcomes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish				
Councillor S. Dasko	X			
Councillor A. Tedjo	X			
Councillor C. Fonseca	X			
Councillor J. Kovac	X			
Councillor N. Hart	X			
Councillor J. Horneck	X			
Councillor D. Damerla	X			
Councillor M. Mahoney	X			
Councillor M. Reid	X			
Councillor S. McFadden	X			
Councillor B. Butt	X			

Carried (11, 0)



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www.puslinch.ca

June 19, 2026

RE: 10.5 Proposed Planning Act Changes Schedule 7 of Bill 119, the Proposed Protecting Ontario Streets and Communities Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 17, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-212:

Moved by Councillor Goyda and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That Correspondence Item 10.5 Proposed Planning Act Changes Schedule 7 of Bill 119, the Proposed Protecting Ontario Streets and Communities Act be received for information; and,

Whereas the Province of Ontario has proposed amendments to the Planning Act through Schedule 7 of Bill 119, the Protecting Ontario's Streets and Communities Act, 2026, to authorize municipalities to utilize Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) for zoning by-law contraventions related to prohibited land uses; and

And Whereas the current enforcement process for zoning by-law violations requires prosecution through the Provincial Offences Court system, which can be time-consuming, costly, resource-intensive, and result in lengthy delays before compliance is achieved; and

And Whereas rural municipalities often face unique challenges in enforcing zoning by-laws due to limited staffing resources, large geographic areas, and increasing complexity of land use issues; and



And Whereas the proposed AMP framework would provide municipalities with a more efficient and responsive compliance tool while maintaining procedural fairness through administrative review and appeal mechanisms; and

And Whereas the proposed changes would reduce pressure on the Provincial Offences Court system by resolving appropriate zoning enforcement matters through an administrative process rather than requiring formal court proceedings; and

And Whereas a streamlined administrative process would provide greater certainty and timelier outcomes for both municipalities and property owners, encouraging voluntary compliance and reducing enforcement costs; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Puslinch supports the Province's proposed amendments to the Planning Act under Schedule 7 of Bill 119 permitting the use of Administrative Monetary Penalties for zoning by-law contraventions relating to prohibited land uses; and,

That Council recognizes these amendments as providing municipalities, particularly rural municipalities, with a practical, efficient, and cost-effective enforcement tool that will improve compliance outcomes while reducing administrative and legal burdens; and,

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), MPP Joseph Racinsky, and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

CARRIED

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

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

From: protection, source (MECP) <source.protection@ontario.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2026 12:15 PM
Subject: Regulatory changes to the Clean Water Act to accelerate and improve protection for Ontario's drinking water sources

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Please check sender.

Hello,

We are writing to share important updates about recent regulatory changes under the *Clean Water Act, 2006* (CWA) and the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* that will come into effect on July 1, 2026 and on January 1, 2027. These regulatory changes implement legislative amendments to the Clean Water Act that were passed in fall 2025.

These amendments support timely approvals and process improvements while continuing to ensure safeguards remain in place to protect drinking water sources.

Regulatory amendments will:

- Accelerate protection of drinking water sources by streamlining the source protection plan amendment process. These regulatory changes will come into effect on July 1, 2026. This will include:
 - Expanding the types of minor amendments that can proceed without approval or consultation.
 - Specifying the types of plan amendments where source protection authorities (i.e., generally conservation authorities) approve certain amendments.
 - Specifying the process for how a source protection authority approves plan amendments, including that the source protection authority must first obtain the Director's approval of the assessment report.
 - Simplifying and speeding up consultation requirements by combining the two phases of public consultation into one, while maintaining meaningful opportunities for public and Indigenous community input.
 - Modernizing consultation requirements, including by removing the requirements to publish newspaper notices and to make source protection plan documents available for inspection at locations that are sufficiently accessible, and instead maintaining the requirement to publish documents on the Internet and requiring publication of notices in a manner that will bring the notice to the attention of the public.
 - Specifying documents and information that comprise a "complete submission" of a proposed source protection plan amendment that requires Minister's approval. The Act provides that upon a "complete submission" of the proposed amendment to the Minister, the Minister has 120 days to exercise an option to approve the amendment or require revisions and re-submission, otherwise the amendment is deemed to be approved.
- Enable the use of new municipal drinking water sources (such as wells and intakes) faster, where protections are already in place, including by providing an exception to when the prohibition on

supplying drinking water must be imposed in a municipal drinking water system licence or permit, if the source protection authority is of the opinion that such a condition is not necessary. This regulatory change will come into effect on July 1, 2026.

- Improve and streamline how policies affecting “prescribed instruments” (such as permits and licences issued by MECP and other ministries) can be used to manage risks to municipal drinking water, including increasing transparency regarding how significant threats are managed. This regulatory change will come into effect on January 1, 2027.

Additional details are included in the regulatory decision notice titled “Regulatory changes for accelerating and improving protections for Ontario’s drinking water sources” ([ERO #025-1104](#)).

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to protect Ontario’s drinking water sources. We appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,

Leo Luong, Director, Great Lakes and Inland Waters Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



Township of Puslinch
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Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0
www.puslinch.ca

June 30, 2026

Dear Municipal Clerks

RE: 6.15 Town of Iriquois Falls Request for Support Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 17, 2026 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-201: Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Goyda

That the Consent Agenda item 6.15 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Town of Iroquois Falls's 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



June 4, 2026

Request for Support – Ontario Firefighter Certification Requirements

Dear Municipal Clerks,

The Town of Iroquois Falls is seeking support from neighboring municipalities regarding the implementation of Ontario Regulation 343/22 (Firefighter Certification), which requires firefighters performing certain suppression and extrication activities to obtain prescribed certifications by July 1, 2026.

While we support the importance of firefighter training and safety, The Town of Iroquois Falls has concerns about the impact these requirements may have on volunteer and composite fire departments, particularly in rural and northern communities.

Council recently passed a resolution requesting that the Office of the Fire Marshal revisit the mandatory certification program and consider greater flexibility while maintaining high standards of public and firefighter safety.

We respectfully ask that you share the attached resolution with your Fire Chief for review and consideration. If your municipality shares similar concerns, we welcome your support and advocacy on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Maureen Reeder, Clerk
The Town of Iroquois Falls

ADDRESS

253 Main Street, PO Box 230
Iroquois Falls, Ontario P0K1G0

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF IROQUOIS FALLS

REGULAR MEETING

DATE: May 25, 2026

RESOLUTION NO.:2026-129

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 9. B) 3)

MOVED BY: R. Charlebois

SECONDED BY: C. Tremblay

THAT Council authorizes the Town of Iroquois Falls to engage and advocate with the Fire Marshall's Office to revisit the mandatory certification program in hopes of keeping training requirements consistent with how our local department currently delivers training and certification to ensure we can continue to meet and exceed our expectations towards emergency response and extrication.

AND THAT a copy of this motion be sent to municipalities and fire chiefs along the highway 11 corridor, CDSB and the provincial government.

DECLARED THE MOTION:

Dated at Iroquois Falls,
this 25th day of May 2026.

- CARRIED**
- DEFEATED**
- AMENDED**
- DEFERRED**



MAYOR (CHAIR)

RECORDED VOTE

NAME	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor (Jamy) Bernier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Keval) Brahmhatt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Richard) Charlebois	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Gilles) Giguere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Ben) Lefebvre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor (Claude) Tremblay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor (Tory) Delaurier	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Choose an item.

DISCLOSED HIS/HER INTEREST(S)

VACATED HIS/HER SEAT

Abstained from discussion and did not vote on this item.



Hon. Mike Harris
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June 30, 2026

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RE: 6.16 Halton Hills Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 24, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-202:

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Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.16 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Towns of Halton Hills' 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

June 5, 2026

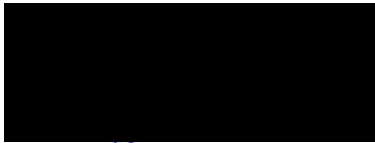
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



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

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Halton area MPs and MPPs
Region of Halton
HRFA
OFA
Conservation Halton
Credit Valley Conservation
Grand River Conservation Authority
AMO
ROMA
FCM
Ontario Invasive Plant Council
Landscape Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association
All Ontario municipalities



TOWN OF
HALTON HILLS

THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; (Ontario Invasive Plant Council)

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;


AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



December 2025

Attention Clerks Department/ Public Works Department,

Re: Notification of Tree Harvesting Operations within the Simcoe County Forest

Please be advised that tenders have been issued for selective tree harvesting within the parcels indicated on the enclosed maps. Operations should commence and be completed within one year.

All active forestry harvesting locations within the County Forest can also be viewed at the following link:

<https://maps.simcoe.ca/public/?THEME=Forestry%20and%20Recreation>

Please forward to all appropriate staff, and direct any questions or concerns from staff or residents to the undersigned.

Kind regards,

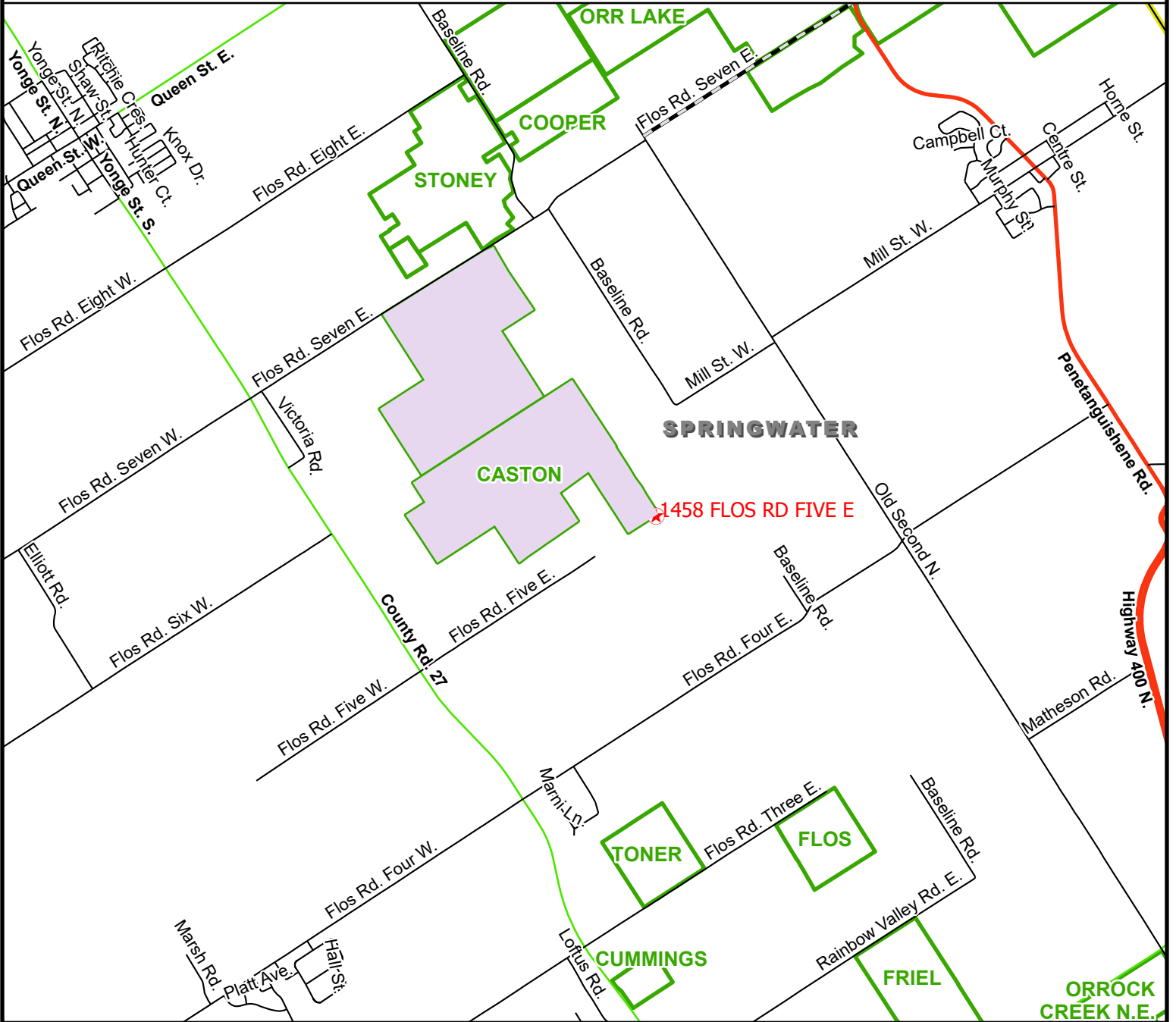


Brett Dixon, R.P.F.
Operations Forester

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705-726-9300 extension 1172

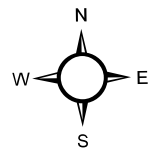
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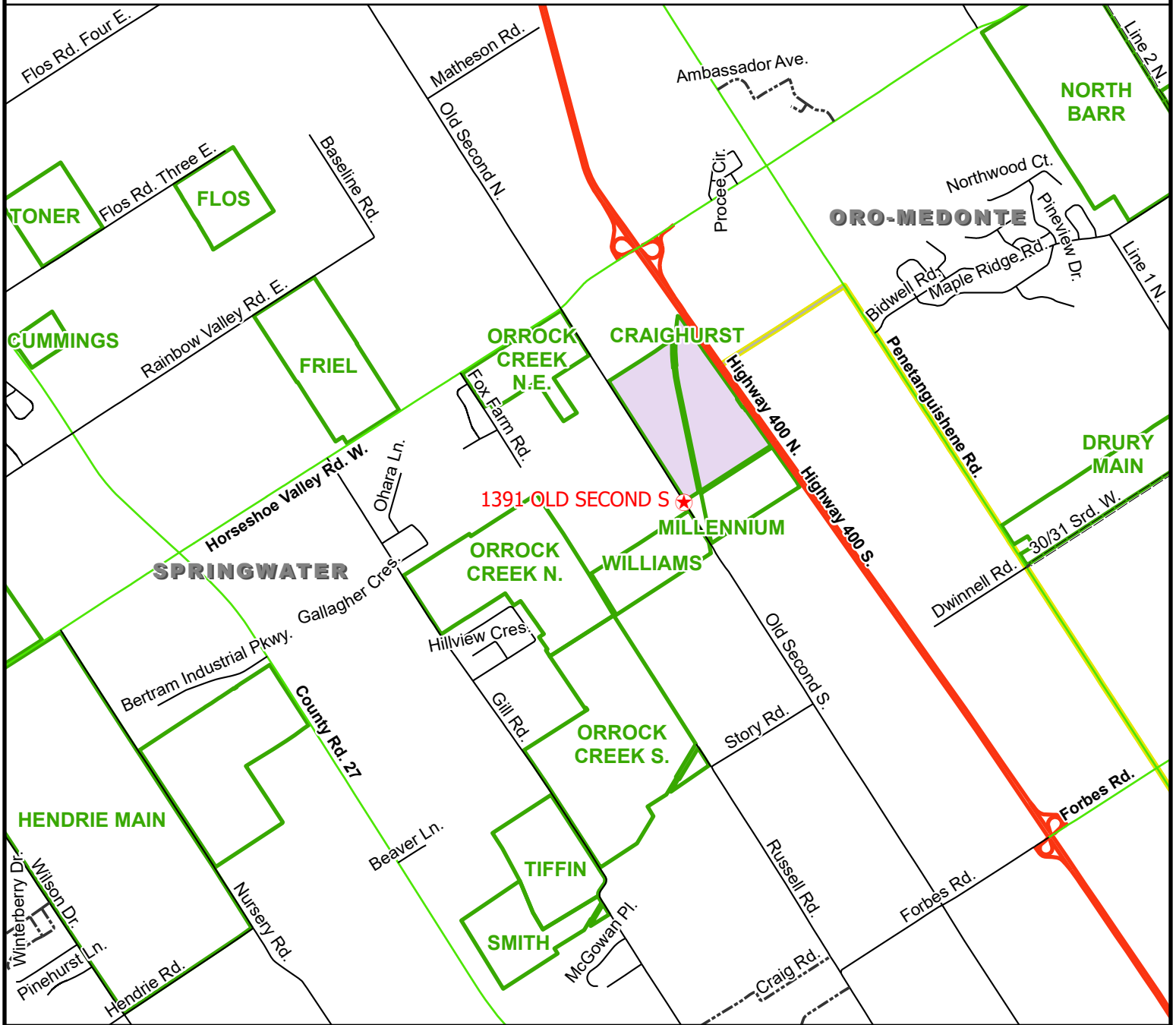
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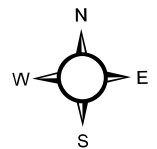
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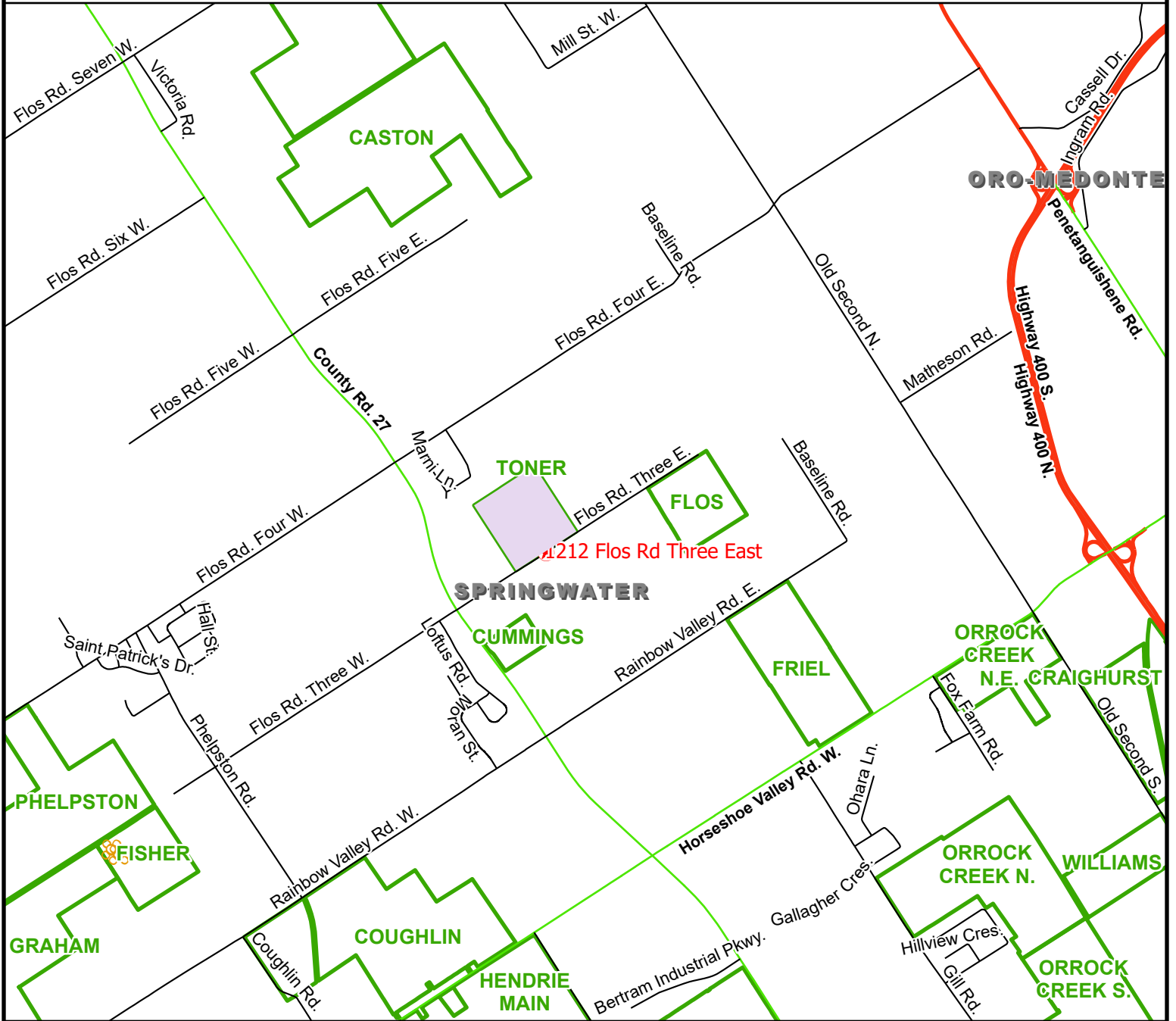
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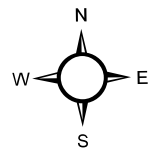
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TONER TRACT
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June 26, 2026

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS / PROPERTY OWNERS

Midhurst Heights External Forcemain Construction

Notice of Construction for works on Finlay Mill Road from Spence Avenue to Cowdray Park Lane

Please be advised that the Midhurst Heights External Forcemain Construction project ("Works"), awarded to JB Enterprises ("Contractor"), will continue throughout July and August along Finlay Mill Road.

Overview

The Contractor will be working along **Finlay Mill Road from just north of Spence Avenue south to Cowdray Park Lane.**

Schedule

Construction is scheduled to commence **approximately July 6, 2026** and continue until **approximately August 7, 2026.**

Traffic Control Plan

The traffic control plan that will be in place throughout July and August will be as follows:

- **Single lane closure** of Finlay Mill Road from Cowdray Park Lane to Spence Avenue.
- **Traffic signals:** will be in place 24/7 for eastbound and westbound lanes
- **DAD's (driveway assisted devices):** will be implemented at the end of each driveway within the work zone to advise residents of traffic flow
- **Flagmen:** will be utilized as needed to control traffic

Safety and Construction Signage

Similar to previous phases of construction, signage will be erected prior to construction works. We advise that when driving or walking through and around the construction work zone, that you follow and obey the construction signage for your safety and for the safety of the workers.

We Appreciate Your Patience


We recognize that this project may cause delays and inconvenience. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated as we work to complete this important infrastructure improvement efficiently and safely.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to this project, please contact the following project team:


<u>Public Liaison</u>	<u>Consultant Construction Manager</u>	<u>Consultant Site Representative</u>
<p>Amanda McArthur JB Enterprises 555 Bryne Dr., Unit P Barrie, Ontario, L4N 9Y3 Cell: 705-627-7450 Email: amanda.jbenterprises@gmail.com</p>	<p>Craig Kryslak, C.E.T. C.F. Crozier & Associates Inc. 70 Huron, Suite 100 Collingwood, ON L9Y 4L4 Office: 705-446-3510 Email: ckryslak@cfcrozier.ca</p>	<p>David Duni C.F. Crozier & Associates Inc. 70 Huron Street, Suite 100 Collingwood, ON L9Y 4L4 Office: 705-446-3510 Email: dduni@cfcrozier.ca</p>

In the event the resident of the house is not the property owner, we would request that this letter also be forwarded to the appropriate person/property owner.



Legend	 SINGLE LANE CLOSURE
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Project	MIDHURST EXTERNAL ROADWORKS TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGWATER
Drawing	SINGLE LANE CLOSURE PLAN FORCEMAIN/ROADWORKS COORDINATION


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