

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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Township of Springwater Sale of Land by Public Tender (when

available) -

<https://springwater.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

Simcoe County Meeting Portal -

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EXTERNAL EMAIL. Please check sender.

Good morning Town Clerks,

On behalf of the Town of New Tecumseth, please find an upcoming Council resolution on the **Canada North Vehicles Initiative** which will be brought forward on Monday, June 15th, 2026.

This email is being shared as a follow-up to the recent Simcoe County Council session.

Canada North Vehicles:

A proposed national brand and symbol to identity Canadian-built vehicles to strengthen domestic awareness and support export diversification.



The resolution will:

- Endorse the Canada North Vehicles Initiative
- Support the creation of a national brand identity
- Further collaboration with municipal, industry and government partners
- Advocate for integration into the Federal Auto Strategy

We encourage member municipalities to bring forward a similar resolution at their next Council meeting.

A copy of the full resolution, a recent advocacy letter submitted on behalf of the Simcoe Auto Mayors and response from the Prime Minister, is attached for your review.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or wish to discuss further.

Kind regards,



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Canada North Vehicles Initiative

WHEREAS the automotive sector is a foundational industry in the Town of New Tecumseth and Simcoe County, with over 40 years of investment and employment supported by major manufacturers, including Honda Canada Manufacturing;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian automotive industry is facing increasing pressures due to evolving global trade dynamics, tariffs, and market uncertainty, creating a need for greater economic resilience and diversification;

AND WHEREAS Canada's auto sector remains highly concentrated within North American export markets, increasing vulnerability to external trade pressures;

AND WHEREAS Canadian-built vehicles are recognized for their durability in extreme climates, high safety and quality standards, resilience to corrosive conditions, and strong environmental and technological performance;

AND WHEREAS there is currently no unified national identity or branding that distinguishes Canadian-built vehicles in domestic or international markets, limiting awareness and competitive positioning;

AND WHEREAS the Town of New Tecumseth is the founding municipality of the Canada North Vehicles Initiative, which has been advanced in collaboration with the Simcoe County Auto Mayors to create a unified national branding and market-positioning effort for Canadian-built vehicles;

AND WHEREAS the Canada North Vehicles Initiative proposes the creation of a recognizable symbol for Canadian-made vehicles to promote domestic awareness, support export diversification, and strengthen Canada's global automotive identity;

AND WHEREAS the Town of New Tecumseth, through the Simcoe County Auto Mayors, has formally advocated to the federal government for structural improvements to the Federal Auto Strategy, including the inclusion of the Canada North Vehicles Initiative;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through the Prime Minister's Office, has acknowledged this advocacy and indicated its intention to continue dialogue on strengthening Canada's automotive sector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council formally endorses the Canada North Vehicles Initiative as a strategic effort to strengthen the resilience, competitiveness, and global positioning of Canada's automotive sector;
2. Council supports the development and promotion of a unified "Canada North Vehicles" identity, including the use of a recognizable symbol for Canadian-built vehicles in both domestic and international markets;
3. Council directs staff to continue to lead and collaborate with municipal partners, industry stakeholders, and other orders of government to advance the Canada North Vehicles Initiative and identify opportunities for implementation and advocacy;
4. Council requests that the Government of Canada formally consider and integrate the Canada North Vehicles Initiative into its broader Federal Auto Strategy to support export diversification, industry competitiveness, and domestic awareness;
5. Council directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:
 - The Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada
 - The Minister of Industry
 - The Minister of Transport
 - The Minister of Environment and Climate Change
 - The Premier of Ontario
 - Local Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament
 - Simcoe County municipalities and the Simcoe County Auto Mayors Association



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DATE: May 21st 2026

RE: Request for Structural Changes to the Federal Auto Strategy

Dear The Right Honourable Prime Minister Carney

We appreciate the work to support the automotive industry, especially the repeal of the federal zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) sales mandate, but we remain concerned about aspects of the Federal Auto Strategy. As it stands, the strategy risks undermining Canada's auto sector, exacerbating challenges for an industry already facing headwinds.

We believe it is imperative to revise the strategy to unlock investment and allow the sector to recover and thrive. We respectfully urge your government to consider and prioritize the following changes:

- 1. Recognition and Integration of Canadian-made Hybrid Vehicles –** Formally acknowledge and integrate made-in-Canada non-plug-in hybrid vehicles as part of the core pillars of the Federal Auto Strategy. These hybrids, produced in New Tecumseth by Honda, represent a significant portion of local manufacturing and represent an important on ramp on a consumer's transition journey towards a zero emissions vehicle.
- 2. Work with Quebec and British Columbia to repeal their ZEV Mandates –** We recommend urging Quebec and British Columbia to repeal their respective EV mandates until adequate charging infrastructure, consumer demand, and incentives exist. Keeping these mandates in place forces Canadian manufacturers to pay foreign companies such as Tesla or Chinese OEMs millions of dollars annually in compliance credits. Quebec's new Premier signaled openness to suspend the mandate but British Columbia has been adamant on keeping theirs.
- 3. Enable fair competition with new market entrants –** Canadian OEM's are not structurally setup to compete against low cost, imported EV's. For companies having signaled their interest in building in Canada, we must ensure there is a level playing field with manufacturers already building in Canada and put guardrails in place so that they invest in the Canadian supply chains and talent, and not establish "knockdown facilities".



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- 4. Inclusion of the Canada North Vehicles Initiative** – a proposed national branding and market-positioning effort that would create a unified “Canada North Vehicles” identity for Canadian-made vehicles, highlighting strengths Canada is already known for—durability in extreme climates, high safety standards, resilience in heavy salt conditions, and strong environmental and technological performance. The intent is to give manufacturers a recognizable symbol they can use in domestic and international markets to build traction, support export diversification, and strengthen Canada’s automotive reputation globally. The initiative also aims to encourage “buy Canadian” purchasing while elevating Ontario- and Canada-based advanced manufacturing communities.

For over 40 years, the auto sector has been a dominant industry in New Tecumseth and regionally across Simcoe County thanks to Honda’s continued investments. Honda is a valued partner and major employer contributing tremendously to our community as well as the local and national economy. We believe the changes suggested above will support Honda securing another 40 years of presence, investment and beyond in Canada.

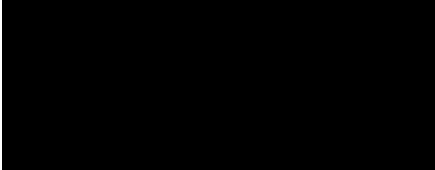


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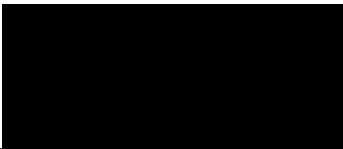
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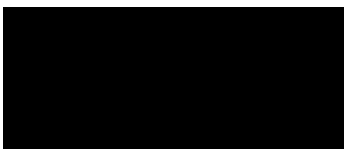
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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, Ontario
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June 3, 2026

Dear Mayor Norcross and Co-Signatories:

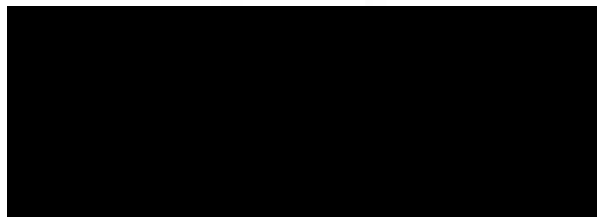
I would like to thank you for writing to me regarding our strategy to transform Canada's auto industry.

Given that this matter falls within the responsibilities of my colleagues, the Hon. Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Hon. Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport, and the Hon. Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry, I have asked that a copy of our exchange be sent to them for consideration.

I am pleased that your commitment to Canada remains strong and look forward to continuing our dialogue as we move this work forward.

Please accept my warmest regards.

Sincerely,



His Worship Richard Norcross
Mayor
City of New Tecumseth

Katja Awender

From: Natural Hazards Management Policy (MNR) <hazard.policy@ontario.ca>
Sent: June 12, 2026 2:28 PM
To: Natural Hazards Management Policy (MNR)
Subject: Notice of ERO Proposal: MNR Flood Hazard Technical Guidance
Attachments: Flood Hazard Technical Guide Letter.June 12 2026.pdf

EXTERNAL EMAIL. Please check sender.

Good afternoon,

A critical step in protecting people and property from flooding starts with identifying where flooding is expected to occur. This is most often achieved through flood hazard mapping. Actions in [Protecting People and Property: Ontario's Flooding Strategy](#) commit the province to updating existing technical guidance used to support implementation of the natural hazard policies outlined within the [Provincial Planning Statement 2024](#), and in conducting flood hazard mapping.

As part of its multi-staged approach to updating this technical guidance, today, the Ministry of Natural Resources released proposed updates to a technical guide and a new companion technical bulletin on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) (ERO), posting [026-0329](#), to support municipalities and conservation authorities with flood hazard modelling and mapping activities. They include:

1. *Technical Guide - River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit*; and
2. *Technical Bulletin - Special Flooding Hazard Conditions in River and Stream Systems*

The proposed technical guide provides updated guidance on recommended hydrologic and hydraulic methodologies to be used when conducting flood hazard analyses. The new proposed technical bulletin provides guidance on when and how flood mitigation structures are to be considered in flood hazard modelling and mapping. If the updates are accepted, this guidance is intended to be the definitive source of hydrologic and hydraulic methodologies for use in Ontario and would replace the primary chapters of the existing *Technical Guide - River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002)*.

To support the Environmental Registry posting, the ministry will be hosting two identical webinars on June 23, 2026 1:30 – 3:00 pm and June 25, 2026 1:30 – 3:00pm. To register to attend one of the webinars, please complete this [webinar registration form](#). Feedback on the draft technical guide and companion technical bulletin will be accepted until August 11, 2026 through the Environmental Registry.

Sincerely,

John Dungavell
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch
Ministry of Natural Resources



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- _____ Elaine Fic
- _____ Annie Keft
- _____ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

- _____ Louanne Caza
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- _____ Annie Keft
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RESOLUTION # 139/2026

DATE: June 9, 2026

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 are critical transportation corridors connecting Northern Ontario communities and supporting national trade, tourism, emergency response, and economic development; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents, travelers, commercial drivers, and emergency services rely on safe and accessible year-round highway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS many stretches of Highways 11 and 17 lack sufficient rest areas, washrooms facilities, truck parking, warming centres, fuel access, and safe pull-offs locations, particularly in remote areas of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS inadequate rest stop infrastructure contributes to driver fatigue, safety concerns, limited accessibilities, and challenges for Tourism and commercial transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of McGarry calls upon the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveler infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT such infrastructure include year-round washrooms, safe parking areas, commercial truck parking, warming shelters, electric vehicle charging stations, fuel access, tourism information, and improved emergency communication services where feasible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, FONOM, NOMA, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to identify priority locations for investment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, and Ontario municipalities.

Recorded vote requested by _____

I declare this motion

	For	Against
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

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Second By Councillor Fic BC.

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Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



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RESOLUTION # 136/2026

DATE: June 9, 2026

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for services;

AND WHEREAS unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

AND WHEREAS residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

AND WHEREAS the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significant lower contribution level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of the Solicitor General, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and neighboring municipalities for their support.

Recorded vote requested by _____

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Signature of Chair:

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RESOLUTION # 140/2024

DATE : June 4, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of Northern Ontario Policing Grant.

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increase in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario’s economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

AND THAT the grant includes a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

AND THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognized the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

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June 17, 2026

RE: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Michael Kerzner:

At its Council in Committee meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Petawawa respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Billy Denault MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Carried

The Town of Petawawa respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario implements a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements. We look forward to your favourable reply.

Sincerely,



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June 16, 2026

Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

VIA EMAIL: mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Sir:

Re: Resolution Supporting Canada North Vehicles Initiative

Please be advised that the Town of New Tecumseth Council passed the following resolution at their meeting of June 15, 2026:

The automotive sector is a foundational industry in the Town of New Tecumseth and Simcoe County, with over 40 years of investment and employment supported by major manufacturers, including Honda Canada Manufacturing.

The Canadian automotive industry is facing increasing pressures due to evolving global trade dynamics, tariffs, and market uncertainty, creating a need for greater economic resilience and diversification.

Canada's auto sector remains highly concentrated within North American export markets, increasing vulnerability to external trade pressures.

Canadian-built vehicles are recognized for their durability in extreme climates, high safety and quality standards, resilience to corrosive conditions, and strong environmental and technological performance.

There is currently no unified national identity or branding that distinguishes Canadian-built vehicles in domestic or international markets, limiting awareness and competitive positioning.

The Town of New Tecumseth is the founding municipality of the Canada North Vehicles Initiative, which has been advanced in collaboration with the Simcoe County Auto Mayors to create a unified national branding and market-positioning effort for Canadian-built vehicles.

The Canada North Vehicles Initiative proposes the creation of a recognizable symbol for Canadian-made vehicles to promote domestic awareness, support export diversification, and strengthen Canada's global automotive identity.

The Town of New Tecumseth, through the Simcoe County Auto Mayors, has formally advocated to the federal government for structural improvements to the Federal Auto Strategy, including the inclusion of the Canada North Vehicles Initiative.

The Government of Canada, through the Prime Minister's Office, has acknowledged this advocacy and indicated its intention to continue dialogue on strengthening Canada's automotive sector.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Resolution supporting Canada North Vehicles Initiative be received;

And Further That Council formally endorses the Canada North Vehicles Initiative as a strategic effort to strengthen the resilience, competitiveness, and global positioning of Canada's automotive sector;

And Further That Council supports the development and promotion of a unified "Canada North Vehicles" identity, including the use of a recognizable symbol for Canadian-built vehicles in both domestic and international markets;

And Further That Council directs staff to continue to lead and collaborate with municipal partners, industry stakeholders, and other orders of government to advance the Canada North Vehicles Initiative and identify opportunities for implementation and advocacy;

And Further That Council requests that the Government of Canada formally consider and integrate the Canada North Vehicles Initiative into its broader Federal Auto Strategy to support export diversification, industry competitiveness, and domestic awareness;

And Further That Council directs that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to: the Right Honourable Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Industry, the Minister of Transport, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the Minister of Economic Development, the Premier of Ontario, Local Members of Parliament and Provincial Parliament, Simcoe County and Simcoe County municipalities and the Simcoe County Auto Mayors Association.

Yours truly,



Pamela Slowleigh
Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk

Cc: The Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Industry, melanie.joly@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature, julie.dabrusin@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, vic.fedeli@pc.ola.org
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Simcoe County Auto Mayors Association

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June 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Information on the new Development Charge Reduction Program (FIN-06-26)

Please be advised that at its Special Council meeting held Monday, June 15, 2026, the Council of the City of Burlington approved the following resolution:

Whereas on March 30, 2026, the federal and provincial government signed the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build agreement to support the shared goals of building more homes faster, making housing more affordable and accelerating key infrastructure projects to protect jobs and help communities grow, and the agreement included \$8.8 billion in federal and provincial funding over 10 years to support housing-enabling infrastructure investments for municipalities; and

Whereas on June 1, 2026, the Province released information on the Development Charge Reduction Program, including details on the application process, eligibility and assessment criteria and funding requirements; and

Whereas municipalities had limited opportunity to provide input on the program design prior to its release, despite the commitment of up to \$8.8 billion for housing enabling infrastructure representing a significant investment in municipal infrastructure and housing priorities; and

Whereas eligible projects must primarily enable the construction of new housing units, accelerate the delivery and implementation of shovel-ready infrastructure projects in the municipality's DC background study and capital plan, begin construction by July 31, 2030, and be complete by October 31, 2035; and

Whereas applications will also be assessed based on the percentage of committed DC rate reduction, the number of housing units projected to be built as a result of the proposed DC relief, and the municipality's financial contribution, with at least 10 per cent of eligible project costs to be funded by the municipality; and

Whereas the City supports the objectives of the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build and recognizes the importance of senior government investment in housing-enabling infrastructure; and

Whereas the City has already taken significant Council-approved actions to reduce its DC rates, which are among the lowest in Halton Region and low compared to other GTHA municipalities, and has also used other municipal and planning tools, including the City of Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan, to support housing supply, affordability and complete communities; and

Whereas the current DCRP design, including the requirement for an across-the-board 30 per cent to 50 per cent residential DC reduction, the minimum municipal contribution requirement, the March 30, 2026 measurement date and the absence of a mechanism to cap municipal exposure, presents significant municipal financial exposure; and

Whereas in addition to the risk that the program could result in a subsidy from City taxes, there does not appear to be consideration given to early and creative actions already enacted by municipalities to support the creation of new housing while also meeting specific housing targets and goals to deliver complete communities; and

Whereas a number of Council-approved actions have been implemented that support the creation of housing and do not impact the tax base, including:

- Staff-driven initiative to reduce the proposed DC rates to mitigate the proposed increase in the DC Background Study that has been in effect since June 2024, resulting in residential DC rates being reduced by 28 per cent and non-residential DC rates being reduced by 32 per cent;
- Development of the City's first Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan, including 10 programs in 2025;
- Amendments to the Affordable Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan in May 2026 to broaden the scope of the CIP and develop a suite of new temporary programs in the now named City of Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan, approved in May 2026 and currently within the appeal period, including DC grant programs to incentivize purpose-built rental units and ownership units with criteria related to built form, bedroom numbers and unit size, including within midrise and tall buildings, as well as other temporary programs including a Missing Middle Municipal Fee Waiver, Tax Increment Equivalent Grants and Accessible Design Grant;
- Modernized Official Plan policies and associated Residential Zoning By-law to support the creation of new residential units;
- Completion of all Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan items; and

Whereas in considering the DCRP, staff also note that Council recently reviewed options to support housing through development-related financial incentives, and through that work, broad DC reductions were identified as presenting financial and implementation risks, including reduced flexibility in future DC by-law updates, limitations in targeting specific housing policy objectives and pressure on tax-supported funding sources; and

Whereas Council ultimately approved amendments to the City's housing-related Community Improvement Plan as a more targeted, temporary and controlled approach to supporting housing while protecting existing taxpayers;

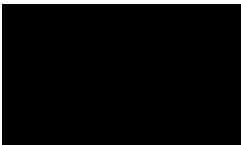
Therefore, be it resolved that staff submit a list of projects and apply to the Development Charge Reduction Program on the basis that, through the application, the City requests to receive credit for:

1. The significant development charge reductions for new residential units, being 28 per cent, already made and in effect; and
2. The development charge exemptions available for a broad range of housing through the amended Community Improvement Plan; and
3. The City's 10 per cent portion being eliminated or funded from non-tax-supported sources, including Housing Accelerator Fund funding and development charges;

Therefore, be it further resolved that the CAO provide an accompanying letter to the City of Burlington's application under the DCRP detailing these considerations and requesting that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada evaluate program applications with fair consideration for previous municipal actions to reduce DCs and provide flexibility in working with municipalities to ensure successful program implementation;

Therefore, be it further resolved that a copy of this motion be shared with the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, Halton Regional Council, all Ontario municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Mike de Rond
City Clerk, Director of Legislative Services

June 17, 2026

Via Email

City of Richmond Hill Council
York Region Council
Daisy Wai, MPP – Richmond Hill; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
Michael Parsa, MPP – Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Natalia Kuzendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
County of Simcoe municipalities for information

Re: Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution in support of the City of Richmond Hill's correspondence regarding Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities.

Resolution No. CR.143.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Joe Gough

THAT the City of Richmond Hill correspondence dated May 13, 2026, regarding Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities be received and supported;

AND THAT the Township provide the County of Simcoe with a copy of the resolution and request the County's support.

CARRIED

The Township of Ramara supports the recommendations outlined by the City of Richmond Hill with the goal of enhancing the quality of life, inclusion, and long-term housing stability for adults with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Please find enclosed correspondence from the City of Richmond Hill as referenced in the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington

Nate Harrington

Assistant Clerk
Township of Ramara

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16. Other Business

16.1 Member Motion - Councillor Thompson - Integrated Living and Participation Model for Adults with Developmental Disabilities

Moved by: Councillor Thompson
Seconded by: Councillor Cui

Whereas individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities often experience a significant reduction in structured supports and programming upon reaching adulthood, particularly after the age of 21; and

Whereas many of these individuals remain reliant on aging parents or caregivers, creating growing concern among families regarding long-term housing, care, and quality of life; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has, over time, transitioned away from large institutional models of care toward more community-based and inclusive approaches for individuals with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas while these changes have improved opportunities for inclusion and independence, the current system of supports is often delivered across multiple programs and providers and may not fully address the long-term need for integrated living environments that combine housing, supports, and meaningful daily participation; and

Whereas there is an increasing need for innovative, sustainable, and inclusive models of care that support independence, dignity, and community integration for adults with developmental disabilities; and

Whereas opportunities may exist to explore models that provide safe and supportive living environments for adults with developmental disabilities while also offering structured, voluntary, and supported participation in day-to-day activities that foster a sense of purpose, skill development, and social connection; and

Whereas such models, if thoughtfully designed, could complement existing care environments and contribute positively to the overall well-being of both participants and residents; and

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Whereas the Regional Municipality of York is responsible for a range of human services including housing, community services, and the operation of long-term care homes, and is therefore well-positioned to explore integrated and interdisciplinary approaches to care.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of the City of Richmond Hill request that the Regional Municipality of York consider exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with developmental disabilities, including the potential for an “Integrated Living and Participation Model”; and

That such consideration includes opportunities for co-location or partnership with existing regional services, including long-term care and community housing, where appropriate; and

That this model emphasizes voluntary, supported, and meaningful participation in activities that enhance quality of life, social inclusion, and community engagement, without displacing existing workforce roles; and

That Council request that the Region engage with relevant stakeholders, including developmental service organizations, families, and advocacy groups, in considering such approaches; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to:

- York Region Council
- Daisy Wai, MPP – Richmond Hill; Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- Michael Parsa, MPP – Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Natalia Kuzendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Ontario municipalities for information

Carried Unanimously

June 17, 2026

Via Email

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Council
Township of Perry Council
Minister of Government Transportation, Public Services and Procurement
Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP
County of Simcoe municipalities for information

Re: Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution in support of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan correspondence regarding Canada Post Reduction for Libraries.

Resolution No. CR.146.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Keith Bell

THAT the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan correspondence dated May 6, 2026, regarding Canada Post Reduction for Libraries be received and supported.

CARRIED

The Township of Ramara supports the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's support of the Township of Perry's request to the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials.

Please find enclosed correspondence from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan as referenced in the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington

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**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

May 6, 2026

RE: Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-09

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Perry to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Perry, Minister of Government Transportation, Public Services and Procurement, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,



Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026-078

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried:

Defeated:


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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

June 17, 2026

Via Email

County of Simcoe Warden and Council
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
All County of Simcoe Members of Provincial Parliament
Mark Aitken, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Simcoe
Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services
County of Simcoe municipalities for information

Re: Community Paramedicine Funding

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution in support of the County of Simcoe's correspondence regarding Community Paramedicine Funding.

Resolution No. CR.147.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Keith Bell

THAT the County of Simcoe correspondence dated May 22, 2026, regarding Community Paramedicine Funding be received and supported.

CARRIED

The Township of Ramara supports the County of Simcoe's correspondence advocating for revised policy to provide permanent base funding inclusive of annual inflationary adjustments and capital depreciation for Community Paramedicine Funding.

Please find enclosed correspondence from the County of Simcoe, as referenced in the above resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington

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May 22, 2026

Sent via email
Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Re: Community Paramedicine Funding

Minister Jones,

I am writing to inform you that at a meeting held on May 12, 2026, Council of the County of Simcoe adopted the following resolution:

“That item CCW-2026-140, dated April 28, 2026, regarding Community Paramedicine Funding Update, be received; and

That the Warden send a letter to the Minister of Health, copying the Minister of Long-Term Care, local MPPs and all municipalities serviced by the County of Simcoe, advocating for revised policy to provide permanent base funding inclusive of annual inflationary adjustments and capital depreciation; and

That the letter from the Warden further request additional funding for the period 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 for annual inflationary adjustments incurred during that timeframe.”

On behalf of County of Simcoe Council, I am writing to inform you of an urgent matter regarding the 2026/2027 Community Paramedicine funding and the need to transition this program to permanent base funding that includes annual inflationary adjustments and provisions for capital sustainability. We would like to express our continued support for the Community Paramedicine Program and the significant and positive impact it has had in our communities.

The Community Paramedicine Program has become an essential component of our local health system. Through proactive, in-home care, it supports medically complex and high-risk residents, helping them remain safely in their homes while reducing reliance on emergency services and hospital-based care. The program delivers measurable value not only to patients and families, but to the broader healthcare system.

While we acknowledge and appreciate the Province’s commitment to maintaining program funding at \$2,330,700 for the 2026/2027 fiscal year, this level has remained unchanged since 2023/2024. Over this four-year period, rising salary obligations and inflationary pressures, particularly in a program where approximately 89% of costs are staffing-related, have significantly eroded purchasing power and program capacity.

As a result, the County of Simcoe is now facing difficult operational decisions. Without additional funding, the program is projected to experience an operating shortfall of approximately \$300K and will

be required to reduce staffing levels and limit patient intake. Currently, the County of Simcoe program has a roster of approximately 1000 patients, with a wait list of 355 individuals. Many of the individuals on the wait list are high-risk, medically complex, and experiencing frequent interactions with the healthcare system.

The implications of constrained program capacity extend beyond local service delivery. Data from our program demonstrates that individuals awaiting enrollment have accounted for hundreds of 9-1-1 calls and hospital admissions within a short timeframe, representing significant resource requirements that could be reallocated more appropriately within the healthcare system. The Community Paramedicine Program plays a critical role in mitigating these pressures through early intervention, chronic disease management, and coordinated care in the community.

Given the significant impact to our communities with the most recent funding announcement, County Council is respectfully requesting that the Province:

- Adjust funding for the period 2026/2027 to include inflationary increases accumulated since the 2023/2024 fiscal period;
- Transition Community Paramedicine Program from one-time to permanent base funding, ensuring long-term program stability;
- Incorporate annual inflationary adjustments in the base funding model; and
- Include provisions for capital replacement within the funding model.

We recognize and appreciate the Province's stated intent to move toward permanent funding for this program. Timely action on this commitment is essential to ensure that Community Paramedicine programs across Ontario can continue to deliver high-quality, cost-effective care and support the broader goals of the healthcare system.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for your consideration of this important matter. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and to share additional insights from our local experience.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached by email at Warden@Simcoe.ca or by phone at 705-726-9300 Ext 1260.

Sincerely,



Basil Clarke, Warden
County of Simcoe

Encl. Staff Report CCW 2026-140 – Community Paramedicine Funding Update

CC Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care (Itcminister@ontario.ca)
All County of Simcoe Members of Provincial Parliament
County of Simcoe Lower-Tier Municipalities serviced including City of Barrie and City of Orillia
Mark Aitken, Chief Administrative Officer, County of Simcoe (mark.aitken@simcoe.ca)
Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services (jane.sinclair@simcoe.ca)

June 17, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of June 9, 2026 the following resolution regarding a request to the Province to extend the deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-268

DATE: **June 9, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor MacNaughton**

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee and Heritage Designation Working Group are comprised of a handful of dedicated volunteers who are not able to review the current non-designated register containing over 200 properties on or before the deadline of January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the County of Prince Edward, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake the evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS the Heritage Designation Working Group, heritage consultants or staff members would need to review the municipal heritage register, research the heritage value and interest of listed non-designated properties, contact owners of such properties, determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of

Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above noted work involving over 200 listed properties in the County of Prince Edward is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by January 1, 2027 with the current resources available given other competing interests including reviewing and supporting new housing development proposals; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Built & Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of June 3, 2026, discussed and supported advocating to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on the municipal heritage non-designated register; and

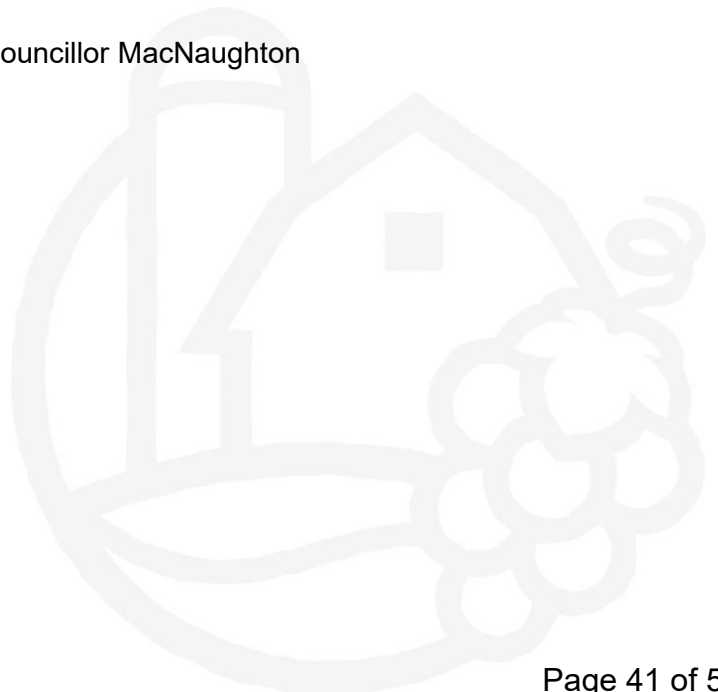
THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte M.P.P. Tyler Allsopp, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Community Heritage Ontario, and all Ontario municipalities.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Hirsch, Councillor MacNaughton



June 18, 2026

Via Email

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Sylvia Jones Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health
Honourable Marjorie Michel, Minister of Health
Ontario Medical Association
Ontario Hospital Association
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
County of Simcoe municipalities for information

Re: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Township of Ramara passed the following resolution in support of the Township of Puslinch's correspondence dated May 25, 2026, regarding Support for the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus resolution – Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform.

Resolution No. CR.148.2026

Moved by Dana Tuju
Seconded by Joe Gough

THAT the Township of Puslinch correspondence dated May 25, 2026, regarding Support for the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus resolution - Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform be received and supported.

CARRIED

The Township of Ramara supports efforts to strengthen emergency room services across Ontario and encourages the province to consider the recommendations outlined in support of Finlay's Law, with the goal of improving access to timely and reliable emergency care for residents.

Please find enclosed the Township of Puslinch correspondence as referenced above.

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Harrington
Assistant Clerk
Township of Ramara



Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Via Email:
premier@ontario.ca

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Deputy Premier of Ontario
and Minister of Health
Via Email:
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Township of Puslinch
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May 25, 2026

Honourable Marjorie
Michel, Minister of Health
Via Email:
hcminister.ministresc@hc-
sc.gc.ca

The Ontario Medical
Association
Via Email: info@oma.org

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-128, Regarding Consent item 6.8
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-128:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.8 be received; and

**Whereas Council supports the WOWC 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:
The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA)
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Big City Mayors
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus



Monday, April 20, 2026

Premier of Ontario
Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1
Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform

At its regular meeting on April 10, 2026, the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus adopted the following motion in support of Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform:

#11 Moved by D. Bailey seconded by B. Clark:

WHEREAS growing pressures across the Ontario healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ER), requiring more complex care, and contributing to longer patient wait times in ERs for residents in Ontario's largest municipalities; and

WHEREAS Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients needing admission to the hospital waited an average of 19-20 hours, with high-urgency patients waiting close to 5 hours on average to be seen by a physician; and

WHEREAS in December 2023, the Auditor General of Ontario reported that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that ER wait times were increasing significantly with the longest wait times recorded in over 15 years and that provincial funding was \$21.3 billion short to maintain current health programs through 2028; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018; and

WHEREAS according to the OHA, approximately 4,200 alternate level care (ALC) patients remain in acute beds (40% awaiting long term care), worsening ER delays; and

WHEREAS Canadian ER researchers have highlighted that between 8,000 and 15,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of ER overcrowding; and

WHEREAS reports of patients dying in crowded ERs across Canada are increasing, such as 16-year-old Finlay van der Werken who waited over 8 hours in an Oakville ER without being seen by a physician and tragically passed away on February 9, 2024 from pneumonia that developed into sepsis; and

WHEREAS ER delays are contributing to excessive ambulance offload times, adding undue strain on response capacity of municipal paramedic services across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve health care in Ontario, however additional funding and staffing resources for hospitals to reduce ER wait times and increase capacity to provide timely access to care for all patients in ER's remains critical; and

WHEREAS despite growing concerns regarding staffing shortages in and closures of ERs across Ontario, as well as failure to meet federal standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale, the Provincial Government continues to receive full contributions of Canada Health Transfers from the federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce ER wait times with consideration for the importance of enhanced ER triage protocols and increased funding to strengthen emergency readiness;

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Provincial Ministry of Health to introduce Finlay's Law to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care in hospitals by:

- Setting legal maximum ER wait times for children under 18 (e.g., physician assessment within 2 hours, admission within 8 hours).
- Mandating safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient ratios in emergency settings.
- Establish independent oversight to audit hospitals, investigate pediatric ER deaths, and enforce compliance.
- Mandate public, independent, and timely (within 1 year) inquiry by the Chief Coroner of Ontario of every pediatric death in an ER waiting area.
- Fund better pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training and infrastructure

AND THAT the Western Ontario Wardens Caucus calls on the Federal Ministry of Health to enforce the principles and requirements of the Canada Health Act through its spending power of Canada Health Transfers to Ontario by:

- monitoring compliance to national health standards, such as Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) in ERs;
- and establishing and ensuring compliance with a new sepsis care

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Marcus Ryan
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

cc.
Hon. Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health
Ontario Medical Association
Ontario Hospital Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Big City Mayors
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Western Ontario Municipalities



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

June 17th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Primer of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 15th, 2026 Council meeting:

The Council of the Town of Smiths Falls respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to:

- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs*
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association*
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association*
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- Scott Reid, M.P. Lanark-Frontenac*
- John Jordan, M.P.P. Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston*
- Minister of the Solicitor General*



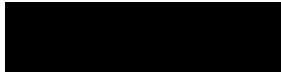
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- *Minister of Infrastructure*
- *Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing*
- *All Ontario Municipalities*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,



Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

cc: Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association
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Elmvale BIA Memo

June 19, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

From: Elmvale BIA

Date: June 19, 2026

Re: Elmvale BIA Video Project - Welcome to Elmvale!

After a year in the making, the [Elmvale BIA](#) is excited to officially share the release of our video project: Welcome to Elmvale!

Created in collaboration with the [Township of Springwater](#), the Flos Agricultural Society ([Elmvale Fall Fair](#)), and the [Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival](#), this project celebrates the people, businesses, traditions, and experiences that make Elmvale such a special place to live, work, visit, and explore.

From unique shops, restaurants, and professional services to talented local artisans, community events, and beloved festivals, Elmvale offers something for everyone.

Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL9txCSJ9f0>



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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,

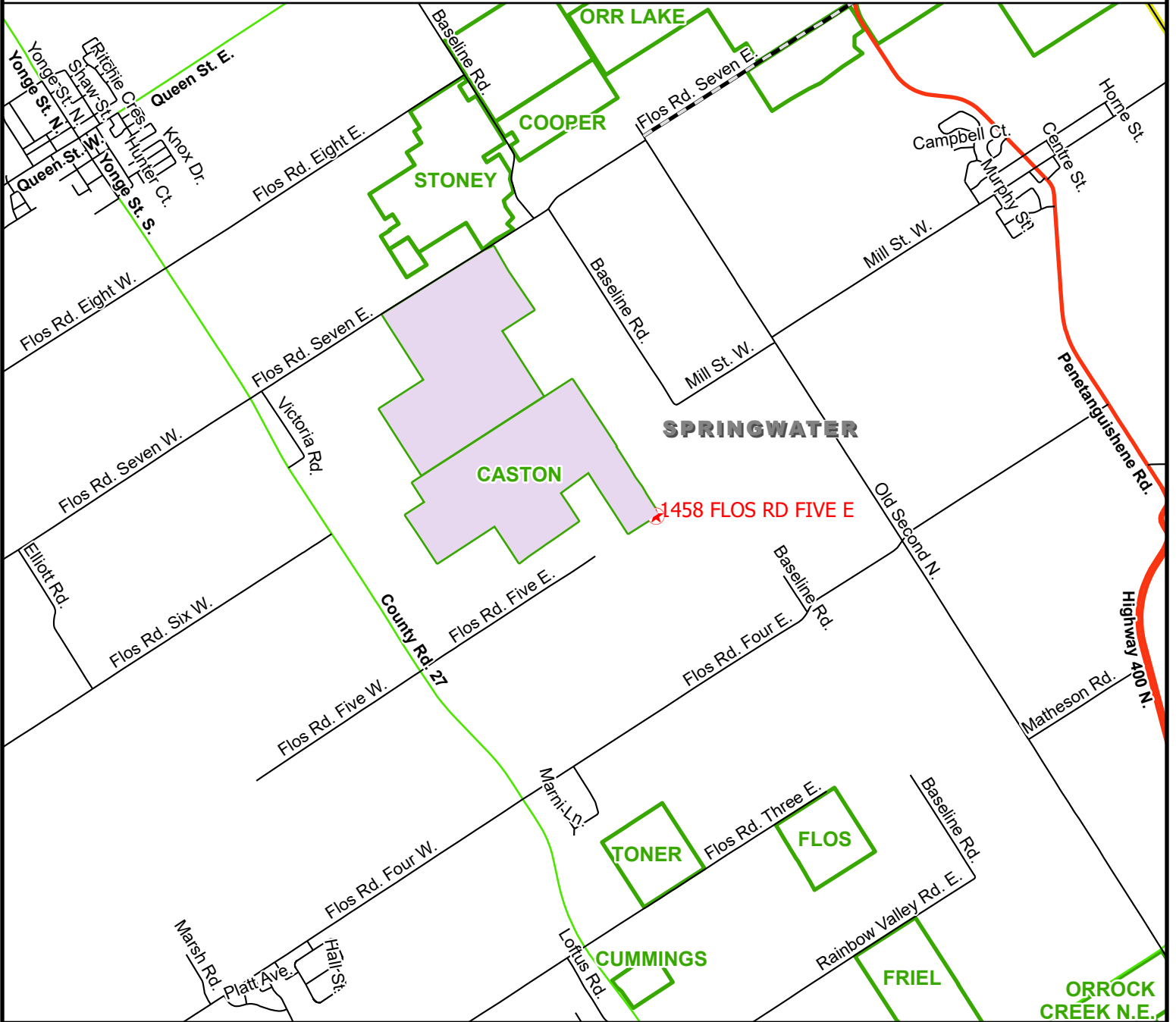


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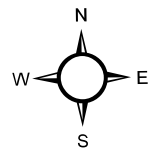
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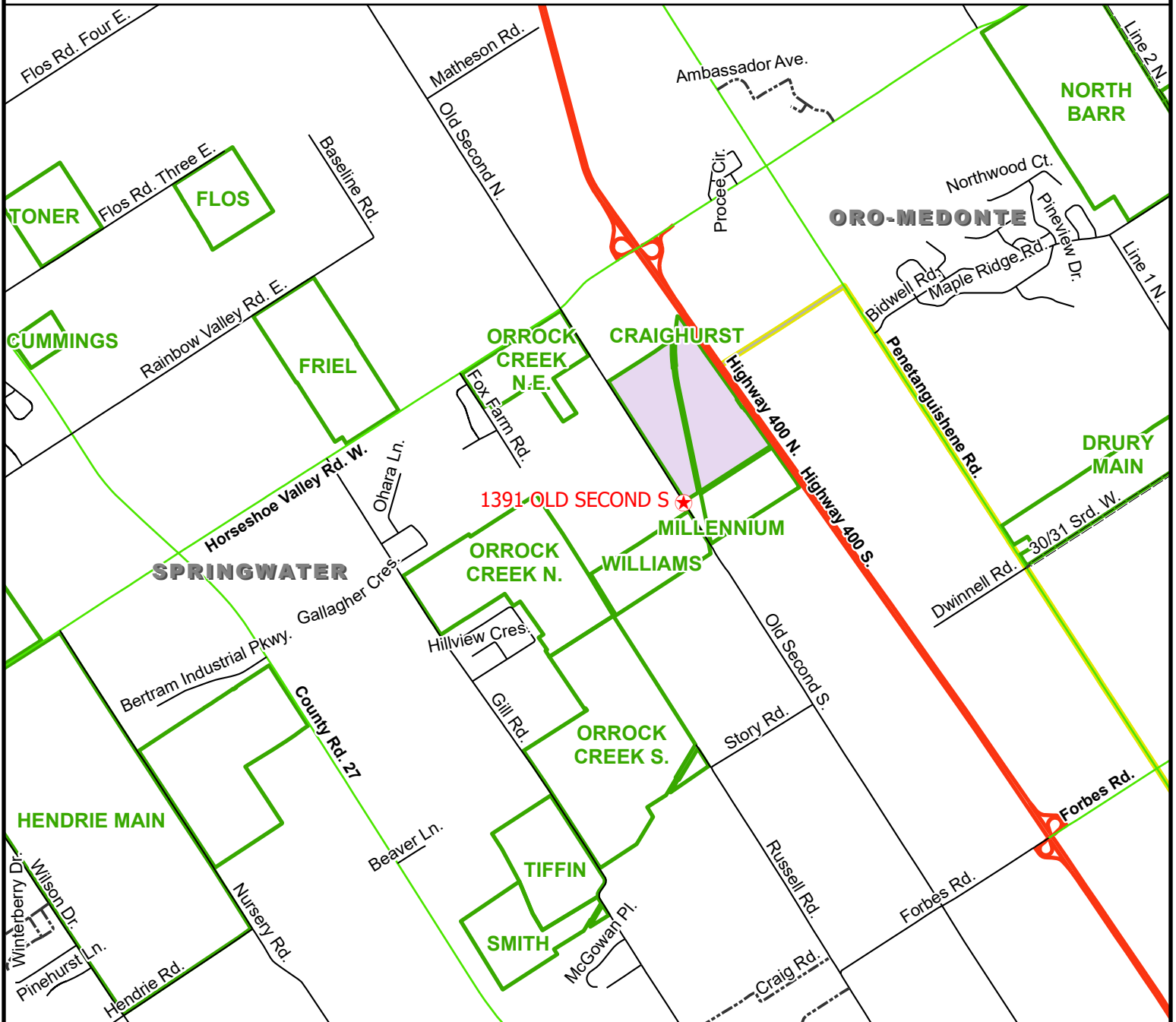
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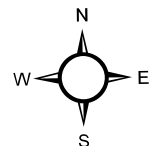
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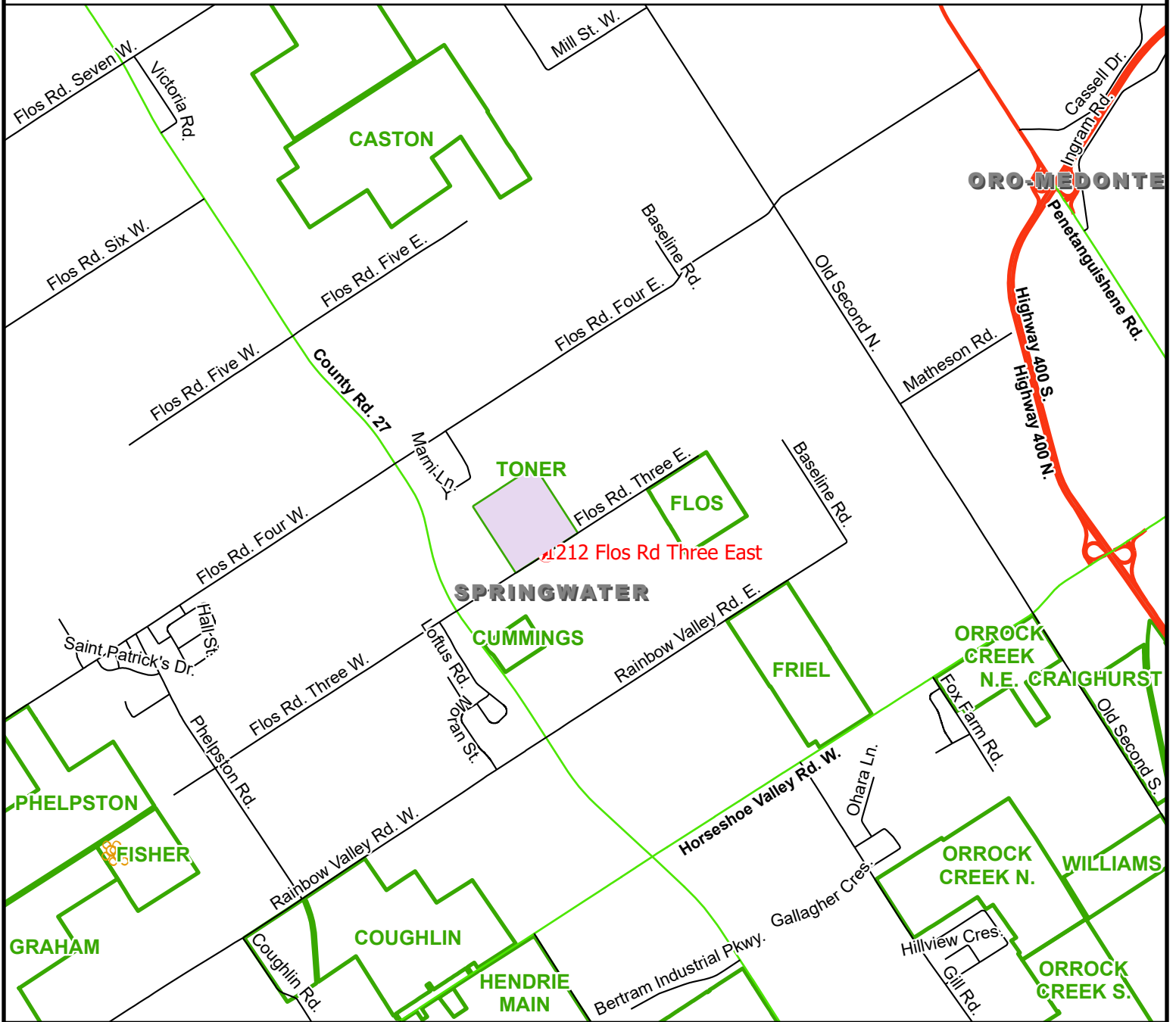
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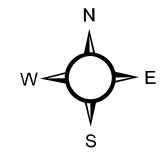
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TONER TRACT
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