



# Council Information Package

## Corporation of the Township of Tay

Monday, June 22, 2026

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# Joint Advisory

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Electric Vehicle Show returns to Simcoe County

**Midhurst/June 17, 2026** – The County of Simcoe is once again partnering with regional experts to bring the Electric Vehicle Show back to our region. On June 23, residents and interested partners are invited to explore the benefits of transitioning to electric vehicles, with experienced EV owners and businesses on-site to share insights and showcase their vehicles.

Attendees will have the opportunity to explore a range of electric vehicles and learn from knowledgeable regional experts. Supported by Plug'n Drive and the EV Society – Barrie Orillia Chapter, the event will also feature Plug'n Drive's test-drive program, offering participants a firsthand look at the experience of driving an electric vehicle.

<b>EVENT:</b>	<b>Electric Vehicle Show</b>
<b>Date</b>	Tuesday, June 23, 2026
<b>Time</b>	10 a.m. to 6 p.m. <i>Media availability: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.</i>
<b>Location</b>	County of Simcoe Administration Centre – Parking Lot 1110 Highway 26, Midhurst, ON
<b>Registration</b>	This free event does not require pre-registration

#### About Plug'n Drive

Plug'n Drive is a non-profit organization committed to accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in order to maximize their environmental and economic benefits. Since 2011, Plug'n Drive has established itself as a Canadian leader in the electric vehicle industry, a trusted and unbiased source of information about electric cars, charging stations and the electricity sector.

#### About Electric Vehicle Society

The EV Society is a not-for-profit organisation comprised of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts who advocate for electric mobility. EV Society was founded in 1994, when all electric cars were hand-crafted one-off conversions. Now we help to increase EV adoption through education, advocacy, meetings, events and partnerships.

#### 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](http://simcoe.ca).

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **County of Simcoe Recognizes Local Employers for Leadership in Workplace Inclusion**

**Midhurst/June 19, 2026** – The County of Simcoe is proud to recognize three local employers for their outstanding achievements in advancing workplace inclusion through the Simcoe County Local Immigration Partnership (SCLIP) *Workplace Inclusion Charter*. These recognitions were presented during this year’s Workforce Connect Conference, where employers, community partners, and industry leaders gathered to strengthen workforce development across the region.

As part of the Workplace Inclusion Charter’s tiered recognition program, the County celebrated the following organizations:

- **Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care - Gold Achiever:** Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care is a 321-bed specialized academic hospital that provides critical psychiatric, addiction, and geriatric care, while also operating Ontario’s sole high-security forensic mental health units for individuals involved with both the justice and mental health systems.
- **Empower Simcoe - Gold Achiever:** Empower Simcoe is a multi-service, not-for-profit organization, providing a wide range of supports and community initiatives for individuals of all abilities and their families across Simcoe County. Established in 1953, the agency is committed to empowering people to lead meaningful and inclusive lives in our community.
- **Hörmann Innovative Door Systems - Gold Achiever:** Hörmann is a globally recognized, family-owned manufacturer renowned for premium residential, commercial, and high-performance industrial doors as well as loading technology and more. Hörmann has one state-of-the-art factory in Oro Medonte as well as three sales centers in Western Canada. Hörmann’s Canadian division incorporates the legacy of TNR Industrial Doors, solidifying their reputation as the North American leader in custom-built, high-performance rubber doors and CHILLFAST freezer doors.

Introduced by the SCLIP, the *Workplace Inclusion Charter* is a voluntary, no-cost initiative that provides employers with practical tools, measurable commitments, and recognition opportunities to help build more welcoming, diverse, and equitable workplaces.

To learn more or begin the process, please visit: <https://immigration.simcoe.ca/workplace-inclusion-charter/>

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*General Manager, Social & Community Services, Mina Fayed-Bahgat poses with Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care*



*General Manager, Social & Community Services, Mina Fayed-Bahgat poses with Empower Simcoe*



*General Manager, Social & Community Services, Mina Fayed-Bahgat poses with Hörmann Innovative Door Systems*

## Tay Township strengthens health care and physician recruitment

### Immediate Release

June 19, 2026

Midland, ON – Tay Township is continuing its commitment to strengthening local healthcare with a \$37,500 investment supporting Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) and care in North Simcoe. The contribution includes \$25,000 to the GBGH Foundation's *We See You: Inside and Out* campaign, along with \$12,500 toward physician recruitment efforts.

Presented in recognition of the essential role GBGH plays in the community, the investment reflects Tay Township's dedication to ensuring residents have access to high-quality care close to home — today and into the future.

"Tay Township is proud to support initiatives that strengthen local healthcare," said Mayor Ted Walker, Tay Township. "This donation reflects our commitment to ensuring our residents have access to high-quality care and to supporting physician recruitment that will serve our community for years to come."

Funding directed to the GBGH Foundation will advance priorities through the *We See You* campaign, helping ensure patients and families feel seen, heard, and supported throughout their care experience. Contributions to the campaign enable the hospital to invest in essential equipment and modern technology, like new operating suite lighting and an ultrasound for vascular (IV) access.

"This kind of leadership from Tay Township has a meaningful impact on our hospital and the people GBGH cares for," said Perry Esler, Interim CEO, GBGH Foundation. "Through the *We See You* campaign, Tay Township is supporting patients, families, and care teams by investing in the tools and spaces that make a real difference in the experience of care."

The \$12,500 investment in physician recruitment will help attract and retain skilled physicians to the region — a key priority in meeting the healthcare needs of a growing population and ensuring timely access to care.

"Recruiting physicians is fundamental to the long-term strength of healthcare in our region," said Dr. Jeff Golisky, chair, Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment. "Support from Tay Township helps us offer our community as a desirable place for new and experienced physicians to practice, improving health care access close to home."

Tay Township has demonstrated ongoing support for GBGH, recognizing that strong local healthcare contributes to a vibrant and healthy community for residents, families, and visitors alike.

For more information about the *We See You* campaign and how donations are making an impact at GBGH, visit [gbghf.ca](http://gbghf.ca). To learn more about physician recruitment in North Simcoe, visit [georgianbayphysicianrecruitment.com](http://georgianbayphysicianrecruitment.com).

**Cutline 1:** Tay Township is continuing its commitment to strengthening local healthcare with \$37,500 to support the Georgian Bay General Hospital (GBGH) Foundation's We See You campaign, and Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment. From left: Perry Esler, interim CEO, GBGH Foundation; Mayor Ted Walker and Councillor Paul Raymond, Tay Township; Matthew Lawson, president & CEO, GBGH; Dr. Jeff Golisky, chair, Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment; and Usman Chaudry, healthcare talent acquisition specialist, GBGH.

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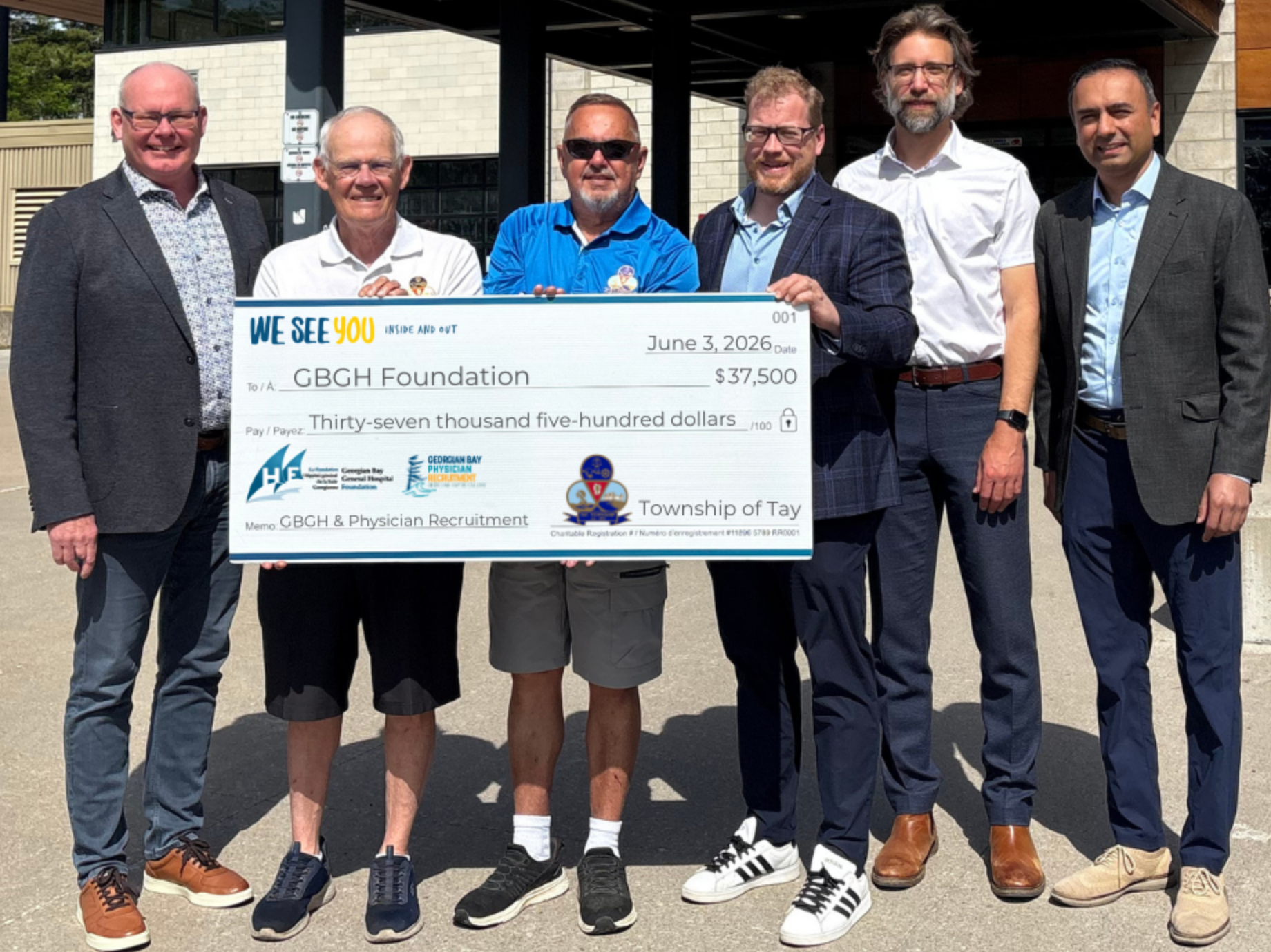
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# EMERGENCY / URGENCE



**WE SEE YOU** INSIDE AND OUT 001  
Date: June 3, 2026  
To / A: GBGH Foundation \$37,500  
Pay / Payez: Thirty-seven thousand five-hundred dollars /100  
Memo: GBGH & Physician Recruitment  Township of Tay  
Charitable Registration # / Numéro d'enregistrement #11896 5789 RR0001

**From:** [Lacey McKay](#)  
**Sent on:** June 19, 2026 10:49:16 AM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FW: SMDHU 2025 Annual Report

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**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2026 10:27 AM  
**Subject:** SMDHU 2025 Annual Report

**Sent on behalf of Ann-Marie Kungl, Board of Health Chair, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**

On behalf of the Board of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU), I am pleased to share our [2025 Annual Report](#) highlighting a year of progress in protecting and promoting public health across our region.

The past year brought changes to SMDHU's organizational structure and leadership. Building on our strong foundations, our agency has shown resilience in adapting to meet the needs of our growing communities. We have continued to advance our strategic priorities, deliver evidence-informed public health programs, strengthen partnerships, including with Indigenous communities, and explore innovative approaches to improve service delivery.

We encourage you to share our 2025 Annual Report and welcome your feedback. Please contact the health unit at 705-721-7520 or 1-877-721-7520 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays or visit our [website](#).

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26131	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>S. W. Opata</i>	Seconded by: <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

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

**WHEREAS** Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients requiring admission to hospital waited an average of 19 to 20 hours, while high-urgency patients waited close to five hours on average to be assessed by a physician; and

**WHEREAS** the Auditor General of Ontario reported in December 2023 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 emergency room wait times were increasing significantly, with the longest wait times recorded in more than fifteen years, and that provincial funding was projected to be \$21.3 billion short of maintaining current health programs through 2028; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Hospital Association has reported that Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018 and that approximately 4,200 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients remain in acute care beds, contributing to emergency room overcrowding and delays; and

**WHEREAS** emergency room overcrowding and prolonged wait times have been linked to adverse patient outcomes and place additional strain on Ontario's healthcare system, including municipal paramedic services experiencing excessive ambulance offload delays; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve healthcare in Ontario; however, additional funding, staffing resources, and capacity enhancements remain critical to ensuring timely access to emergency medical care; and

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

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**WHEREAS** concerns regarding emergency room staffing shortages, temporary closures, and failure to consistently meet national standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) continue to be raised by healthcare professionals, municipalities, and residents across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken on February 9, 2024, following an extended wait in an emergency department, has highlighted the urgent need for enhanced protections and standards for pediatric emergency care;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce emergency room wait times through enhanced triage protocols, increased hospital funding, and additional healthcare staffing resources to strengthen emergency readiness across Ontario; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the introduction of "Finlay's Law" to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care, including measures to:

1. Establish maximum emergency room wait time standards for patients under the age of 18;
2. Mandate safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient staffing ratios in emergency settings;
3. Establish independent oversight to audit hospital performance, investigate pediatric emergency room deaths, and enforce compliance with provincial standards;
4. Require timely and independent inquiries by the Chief Coroner of Ontario into pediatric deaths occurring in emergency room waiting areas; and
5. Provide funding for enhanced pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training, equipment, and infrastructure improvements;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Federal Minister of Health to utilize the Canada Health Transfer framework to ensure compliance with the principles of the Canada Health Act by monitoring adherence to national emergency care standards, including the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS), and supporting the establishment and implementation of national sepsis care standards; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health, The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health, The Ontario Medical Association (OMA), The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC); and the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA).

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DEFEATED</b>	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TABLED</b>	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)</b>	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED</b>	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

This document is available in alternate formats.





The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26130	Meeting Order: 4
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario is considering potential changes to school board governance structures, including the possible elimination of elected school board trustees;

**AND WHEREAS** elected trustees play an important role in representing local communities, providing accountability, and ensuring that the unique needs and priorities of students, families, and residents are reflected in educational decision-making;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities in Northern Ontario and rural regions face distinct challenges related to geography, transportation, population distribution, and access to educational services that require strong local representation within the education system;

**AND WHEREAS** any significant changes to school board governance should be informed by meaningful consultation with affected stakeholders, including municipalities, school boards, parents, educators, and community members across Ontario;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports the request of the Durham District School Board regarding school board governance and calls upon the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of elected trustees;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Province of Ontario ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Education, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Durham District School Board, the Near North District School Board, the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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June 15, 2026

Hon. Robert J. Flack  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Flack,

Re: Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP)

On behalf of Council for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, I am writing to acknowledge the Province of Ontario's Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) and its intent to support housing development and critical infrastructure investment across municipalities.

Council appreciates the Province's efforts to address housing supply challenges by incentivizing development and providing access to infrastructure funding. The objectives of increasing housing availability and supporting growth-related infrastructure are important priorities that align with the Town's long-term planning goals.

However, Council wishes to express concern that the current structure of the DCRP presents significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming. Municipalities are required to commit to substantial development charge reductions while also preparing competitive applications for large, shovel-ready projects within a limited timeframe.

The program's compressed application intake period provides limited opportunity for municipalities with constrained staffing and financial capacity to properly evaluate participation, identify eligible projects, and assemble a competitive submission.

Additionally, the requirement to prioritize large-scale infrastructure projects that clearly enable housing development, coupled with the expectation of upfront municipal financial contributions, places smaller municipalities at a disadvantage. Many rural communities do not have the same breadth of shovel-ready growth-enabling projects readily available, nor the internal resources required to mobilize applications within such tight timelines.

Council is concerned that, without adjustments, the current program design may limit participation from smaller municipalities and result in an inequitable distribution of funding, favouring larger urban centres with greater administrative capacity and project readiness.



In light of these concerns, Council respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario consider establishing a dedicated program stream for small, rural, and northern municipalities. Such a stream should include:

- More flexible and extended application timelines;
- Scaled project requirements that reflect community size and capacity; and
- Adjusted eligibility criteria that recognize the unique infrastructure funding models and operational realities of rural municipalities.

These modifications would help ensure that all municipalities, regardless of size, have a fair opportunity to participate in the program and contribute to the Province's shared objective of increasing housing supply.

The Town of Plympton-Wyoming remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province to support sustainable growth and infrastructure investment in our community.

A copy of this correspondence has been shared with our local Members of Provincial Parliament and Federal Parliament, as well as neighbouring municipalities, to encourage broader support for these requested program enhancements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Sobanski  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

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 Ramara

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**TOWNSHIP OF  
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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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
<b>Councillors</b> Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
<b>Mayor</b> 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

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[Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca](mailto:Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca)

Hon. Sylvia Jones  
Deputy Premier and Minister of Health  
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## 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](mailto: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 ([ltcminister@ontario.ca](mailto:ltcminister@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](mailto:mark.aitken@simcoe.ca))  
Jane Sinclair, General Manager, Health and Emergency Services ([jane.sinclair@simcoe.ca](mailto:jane.sinclair@simcoe.ca))

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*

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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 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  
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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  
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