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ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

## Council Agenda

May 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council will meet in the Council Chambers at 82133 Council Line, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and can be live streamed at [www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes](http://www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes).

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

3. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026

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**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council hereby adopts the April 21, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as written.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

This item gives members of the public the opportunity to speak on any current agenda item. For a virtual participation option, contact the Clerk prior to 4 p.m. the day before the meeting.

5. **DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS**

5.1 9:00 a.m. Committee of Adjustment - Minor Variances

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*Agenda enclosed as attachment.*

**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council hereby adjourns the regular Council Meeting and opens the Committee of Adjustment meeting to review Minor Variance Application MV01-2026 Miller.

**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Council reconvene the regular Council meeting.

5.2	<u>9:15 a.m. Huron Hospice - Willy Van Klooster and Lisa Taylor</u> We have provided Council with the request for delegation submitted and the presentation that will be made by Willy Van Klooster and Lisa Taylor of the Huron Hospice Bender House.  STAFF COMMENTS: None.	22
5.3	<u>9:30 a.m. Maitland Valley Conservation - Phil Beard</u> We have provided Council with the supporting documentation provided. Mr. Beard will update Council on the status of the proposed amalgamation of Ontario's conservation authorities.  STAFF COMMENTS: None.	36
5.4	<u>9:45 a.m. Quality of Water in Dungannon - Carrie Hunter</u> We have provided Council with the delegation request and documentation submitted by Carrie Hunter.  STAFF COMMENTS: None.	43
6.	<b><u>TREASURY DEPARTMENT</u></b> No items scheduled.	
7.	<b><u>PLANNING DEPARTMENT</u></b>	
7.1	<u>Bill 98 Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act 2026 - Planning Changes</u> We have provided Council with the report prepared by Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planner and Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning.  STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.	46
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8.1	<u>Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program – 2026 Inspection Start</u> We have provided Council with the report prepared by CBO Joy Lindsay.  STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.	53
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12.	<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT</u></b>	
12.1	<u>Public Works Activity Report</u> We have provided Council with the report prepared by PWS Thomas McCarthy.  STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.	55

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	As requested by Council at the previous meeting, we have provided Council with the report prepared by PWS Thomas McCarthy.	
	STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.	
12.3	<u>Water Tank Quotes</u>	60
	We have provided Council with the report prepared by PWS Thomas McCarthy.	
	STAFF COMMENTS: That Council accept the quote by adopting the following motion.	
	<b>MOTION</b>	
	Moved by _____	
	Seconded by _____	
	THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council accept the quotation for one 2600 Gallon Water Tank with Water Pump and Frame from Precision Industries for \$37,061.53 excluding H.S.T.	
13.	<b><u>COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b>	
14.	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b>	
	Items to be brought forward to a future meeting.	
15.	<b><u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR DIRECTION</u></b>	
	No items scheduled.	
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17.1	<u>AMO Conference</u>	
	August 16-19, 2026 - Mayor McNeil and Councillor Miltenburg are registered.	
	STAFF COMMENTS: Reminder only.	
18.	<b><u>BY-LAWS</u></b>	
	No items scheduled.	
19.	<b><u>CLOSED SESSION</u></b>	
	<b>MOTION</b>	
	Moved by _____	
	Seconded by _____	
	That Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council move into a Closed Session in accordance with Section 239(2) (e) of the Municipal Act, with the CAO and Clerk remaining in attendance at ____ a.m. for the purpose of discussing litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality.	

19.1 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal OLT-22-003971 (Z07-21 Lobo Sand & Gravel)  
(litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals,  
affecting the municipality)

19.2 Rise from Closed Session

**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council rise from the Closed Session at  
\_\_\_\_ a.m.

20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

21. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

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**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 29-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of  
the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council meeting held on May 5, 2026, and that it  
now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

22. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council does now adjourn to meet again on May  
19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.



## Council Minutes

April 21, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:	Mayor Glen McNeil Deputy Mayor Bill Vanstone Councillor Curtis Blake Councillor Wayne Forster Councillor Evan Hickey Councillor Anita Snobelen
Members Absent:	Councillor Jennifer Miltenburg
Staff Present:	Clerk Florence Witherspoon CAO/Deputy-Clerk Mark Becker Treasurer Ellen McManus PWS Thomas McCarthy Deputy Clerk/Communications Co-ordinator, Kelly Thomson

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**3. COUNCIL MINUTES**

3.1 Council Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2026

**MOTION 1**

Moved by Bill Vanstone  
 Seconded by Evan Hickey

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council hereby adopts the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes as written.

**Carried**

**4. OPEN FORUM**

This item gives members of the public the opportunity to speak on any current agenda item. For a virtual participation option, contact the Clerk prior to 4 p.m. the day before the meeting.

None.

**5. DELEGATIONS / PUBLIC MEETINGS**

5.1 9:00 a.m. Volunteer Recognition Awards

Recognizing individuals and community groups who make significant contributions to the ACW Community, Council will present two awards at today's meeting; The Outstanding Community Group Award and the Outstanding Individual Award.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

Council proudly awarded the Outstanding Community Group Award to the Brookside Public School Council, and the Outstanding Individual Award to Barb and Ron Snowden.

**6. TREASURY DEPARTMENT**

6.1 Payment of Current Accounts

**MOTION 2**

Moved by Curtis Blake  
Seconded by Wayne Forster

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council hereby authorizes the payment of the April 2026 accounts as presented.

**Carried**

6.2 Payment of Previous Month Actual Accounts

**MOTION 3**

Moved by Anita Snobelen  
Seconded by Curtis Blake

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council hereby approves the payment of the March 2026 accounts in the amount of \$2,970,581.67.

**Carried**

6.3 Summary Revenue/Expenditure Reports

**MOTION 4**

Moved by Wayne Forster  
Seconded by Bill Vanstone

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council adopts the summary revenue/expenditure reports as written for the Township, Lucknow & District Medical Centre, and Lucknow & District Recreation from January to March 2026.

**Carried**

**7. PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

No scheduled items.

**8. BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

No scheduled items.

**9. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

9.1 Employee Appreciation & Engagement Committee - Spring Update

We have provided Council with the report prepared by Treasurer Ellen McManus.

STAFF COMMENTS: For your information purposes.

ACTION: Noted and filed.

9.2 Petrie Park Committee

We have provided Council with the report prepared by CAO Mark Becker.

STAFF COMMENTS: That Council supports the recommendations of staff and approves the dissolution of the Petrie Park Committee, with municipal staff assuming responsibility for all park-related matters, with the understanding that any items requiring direction will be brought forward to Council.

Furthermore, that Council approves municipal staff assuming responsibility for grass cutting at Petrie Park in order to mitigate potential liability risks.

ACTION: Supported by Council.

**10. WATER DEPARTMENT**

10.1 Veolia Water Operations and Maintenance Report - March 2026

We have provided Council with the operations and maintenance report prepared by Veolia Water Canada.

STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.

ACTION: Council requested a report on the quality of water in Dungannon.

**11. DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT**

No scheduled items.

**12. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

12.1 Traffic By-Law Amendment

As a follow-up from the previous meeting, we have provided Council with the draft traffic by-law amendment, in Section 18, to reflect a reduced rate of speed on a portion of Amberley Road west of Highway 21.

STAFF COMMENTS: That Council consider the amending by-law in Section 18.

ACTION: Council agreed to consider the amending by-law in Section 18.

12.2 Waste Management - Household Waste Collection Update

We have provided Council with the report prepared by PWS Thomas McCarthy.

STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.

ACTION: Noted and filed.

12.3 Benmiller Parkland Accessible Pathway Update

We have provided Council with the report prepared by Public Works Superintendent Thomas McCarthy.

STAFF COMMENTS: For your information.

**MOTION 5**

Moved by Bill Vanstone  
Seconded by Curtis Blake

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council create a path from parking lot to the playground at the Benmiller Community Hall;

AND FURTHER THAT the path be constructed with asphalt:

AND FURTHER THAT a path be constructed from the parking lot down to the basement patio.

**Carried**

12.4 Asphalt Program 2026

We have provided Council with the report prepared by Public Works Superintendent Thomas McCarthy.

STAFF COMMENTS: THAT Council accept the quote for the 2026 Asphalt Program by adopting the following motion.

**MOTION 6**

Moved by Wayne Forster  
Seconded by Bill Vanstone

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council accept the quotation for the 2026 Asphalt Program from Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for a total cost of \$753,428.50 plus H.S.T.

**Carried**

**13. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Hickey attended and reported on the most recent Maitland Valley Conservation Authority meeting.

Councillor Blake attended and reported on the most recent Benmiller Community Hall Committee meeting.

Councillor Snobelen attended and reported on the most recent Community Safety and Well Being Plan meeting.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

Items to be brought forward to a future meeting.

**MOTION 7**

Moved by Bill Vanstone  
Seconded by Evan Hickey

THAT staff prepare a report on the cost of converting the waste management system to pickup every two weeks Township wide.

**Defeated**

**MOTION 8**

Moved by Wayne Forster  
Seconded by Bill Vanstone

THAT staff prepare a on accepting bale wrap for recycling/disposal at the landfill.

**Carried**

**15. CORRESPONDENCE FOR DIRECTION**

No items scheduled.

**16. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

No items scheduled.

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

17.1 AMO Conference

August 16-19, 2026 - Mayor McNeil and Councillor Miltenburg are registered.

STAFF COMMENTS: Reminder only.

**18. BY-LAWS**

18.1 27-2026 Traffic By-Law Amendment

**MOTION 9**

Moved by Wayne Forster  
Seconded by Anita Snobelen

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 27-2026 being a by-law to amend By-law 05-2013, being a by-law to regulate the traffic and the placing, standing, stopping or parking of an object or vehicle on highways and parking lots within the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

**Carried**

**19. CLOSED SESSION**

No items scheduled.

**20. REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report.

**21. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**MOTION 10**

Moved by Wayne Forster  
Seconded by Evan Hickey

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 28-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council meeting held on April 21, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

**Carried**

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 11**

Moved by Anita Snobelen

Seconded by Bill Vanstone

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council does now adjourn to meet again on May 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

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Mayor, Glen McNeil

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Clerk, Florence Witherspoon



## Committee of Adjustment Agenda

May 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hold a Committee of Adjustment to consider Minor Variances to Zoning By-Law 32-2008.

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3. **APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIANCE**

3.1 **Minor Variance Application File ACW MV01-2026 Miller**

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We have provided Council with a copy of the report prepared by the County Planner, Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, regarding this application. The Planner will review the application with the Committee of Adjustment.

STAFF COMMENTS: That this application for minor variance be approved subject to the following conditions:

- The proposed structure be constructed consistently with the site plan and elevation drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township's Chief Building Official and
- The variance's approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPLICANT COMMENTS:

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approve Minor Variance Application MV01-2026 Miller on the basis that the proposed amendment supports

agriculture related uses while maintaining compatibility with sensitive uses;

AND FURTHER THAT the variance be subject to the following conditions.

- The proposed structure be constructed consistently with the site plan and elevation drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township's Chief Building Official and
- The variance's approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.

**Effect of Public and Agency Comments on the Decision**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council closes the Committee of Adjustment.



## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

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To: Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Mayor and Members of Council  
From: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planner  
Date: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Re: **Minor Variance File MV01-2026**  
Concession 10, North Pt Lot 19; RP 22R1381 Part 2, Wawanosh, Ashfield-Colborne-  
Wawanosh  
Address: 37735 Belfast Road  
Owners/Applicants: Joseph Miller c/o Edward Miller

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### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Minor Variance application MV01-2026 be approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed structure be constructed consistently with the site plan and elevation drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township's Chief Building Official and
2. The variance's approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this application, that if approved, would grant one variance from the ACW zoning by-law in order to construct an agricultural livestock building within the required setback from the settlement boundary of St. Helens.

### REVIEW

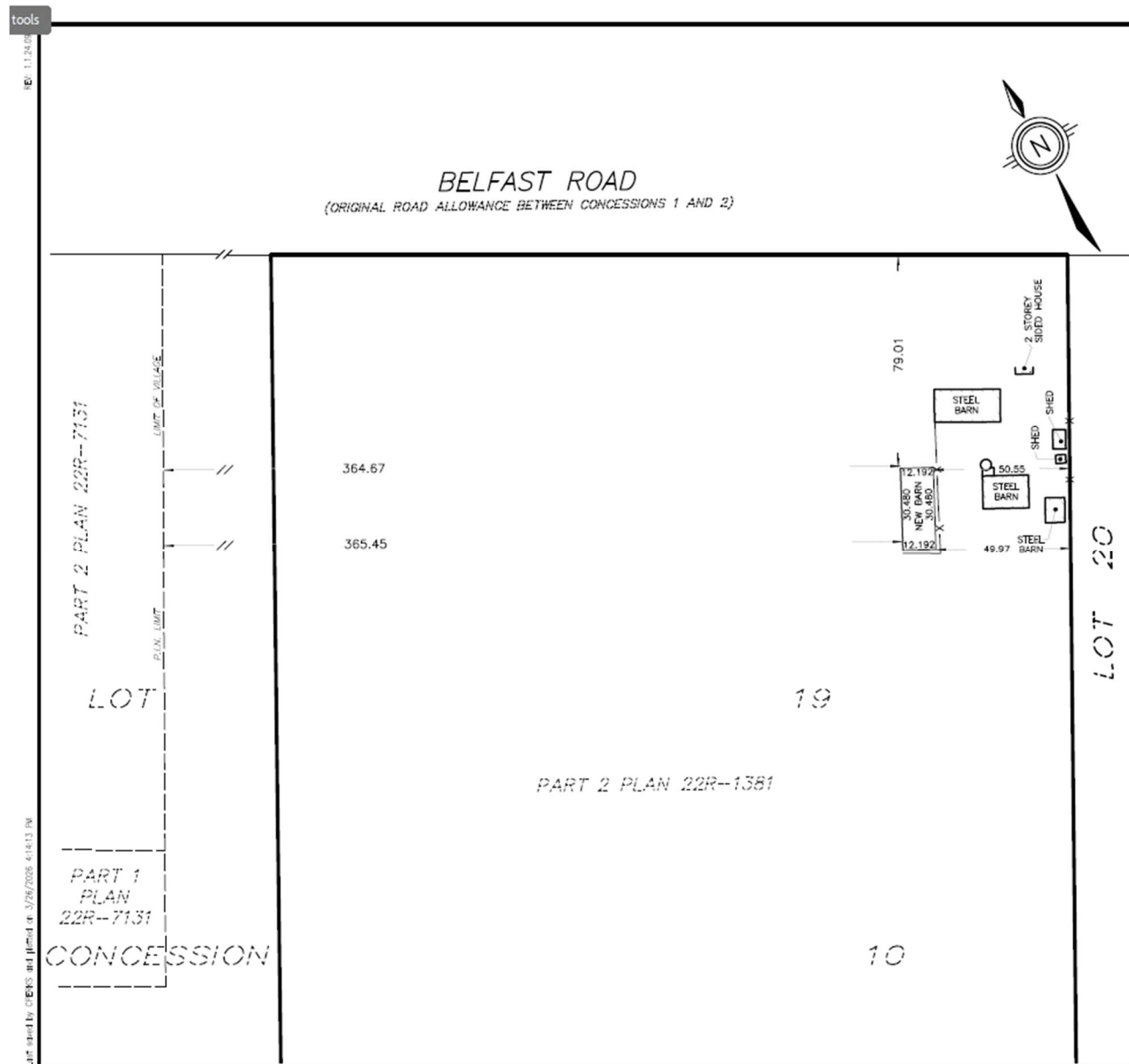
Notice was given for a variance to construct a new 40 ft x 100 ft livestock barn to expand the existing farm operation to include swine. Section 3.45 and 4.4.4 of the ACW Zoning By-law stipulates that no new or expanding livestock facility may be established unless it complies with the minimum distance separation formulae (MDS II). The minimum required setback to a settlement boundary is 398m (1,306 ft). The proposed barn location would provide a setback of 364m (1,194 ft). Therefore, relief is required to permit a decreased setback of 34m (111 ft) resulting in an approximate 9% reduction from the required setback. The property currently contains an existing dwelling, shed and livestock barn for cattle.

The subject property is designated Agriculture and Natural Environment in the ACW Official Plan. It is zoned AG1 (General Agriculture), NE1 (Natural Environment) and NE5 (Natural Environment) in the ACW Zoning By-law.

**Figure 1. 2020 Aerial Image of Subject Property (Subject Property outlined in orange)**



**Figure 2. Proposed Site Plan (showing the existing two storey house, steel barns, sheds and proposed location of new barn)**



## COMMENTS

No comments were received from neighbours as a result of the application.

ACW staff have reviewed the proposal with regards to the construction of the barn and have no concerns.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority provided comments that a portion of the property is considered regulated due to the presence of a wetland and its associated buffer on an adjacent property. All proposed development is outside of the Regulation Limit and therefore no concerns were raised.

## PLANNING REVIEW

Section 3.4.10 of the ACW Official Plan requires development to comply with the Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) I and II formulae. Section 45(1) of the Planning Act provides the following four tests of a minor variances:

- Is the variance minor?
- Is the variance considered to be desirable for the appropriate development of the land, building or structure?
- Does the development maintain the intent of the ACW Zoning By-law?
- Does the development maintain the intent of the ACW Official Plan?

The subject property is an established agricultural parcel that currently contains a single detached dwelling, a shed, and an existing livestock barn used for cattle. The surrounding area is characterized by active agricultural uses. The applicant is proposing to construct a new 40 ft x 100 ft livestock barn to expand the operation to include swine. The barn is proposed to be located within the existing farmstead area in a manner that supports the efficient use and function of the agricultural operation while maintaining separation from surrounding land uses.

The proposal can be seen as minor in nature as the variance for the proposed setback is a 34m decrease from the required 398m setback which is an approximate 9% reduction. The proposed location maintains significant separation from the settlement boundary and continues to provide a buffer between the livestock facility and potential sensitive land uses.

The variance can be considered appropriate for the subject site and the surrounding area. The proposed location is a logical and functional siting of the barn within the existing farming operation, allowing efficient use of the property while maintaining appropriate separation from surrounding uses. Supporting the viability and growth of existing farm operations is desirable and consistent with agricultural land use objectives.

The development maintains the intent of the ACW Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The reduced distance continues to provide separation from the settlement boundary and achieves the underlying purpose of the regulation by limiting potential impacts such as odour, noise and nuisance. The variance supports the long-term viability of the agricultural operation while maintaining a separation from sensitive uses, thereby balancing agricultural growth with compatibility considerations and maintaining the general intent and purpose of both the Zoning By-law and the Official Plan.

**SUMMARY**

The application can be considered to meet the criteria for minor variances as contained in the Planning Act. It is recommending that MV01-2026 be **approved**, subject to the following conditions:

1. The proposed structure be constructed consistently with the site plan drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township’s Chief Building Official; and
2. The variance’s approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee’s decision.

Sincerely,



Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk  
 Planner

**Effect of Public and Agency Comments on Decision of Council to the Planning application  
 (Pursuant to Sections 17, 22, 34, 35, 45, 51 and 53 of the Planning Act, RSO, 1990, as amended)**

	<b>A. Effect of Public Comments on Decision of Council</b>	<b>B. Effect of Agency Comments on Decision of Council (e.g. Planning, Public Works, Health Unit)</b>
<b>1. Council agrees with effects of input as contained in the planning report</b>	Council concurs with the planning report regarding the effect of public and agency comments on the decision.	
<b>2. No comments received</b>	No public comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision.	No agency comments were received on this application so there was no effect on the decision.
<b>3. Supportive comments received</b>	Public comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.	Agency comments were received in support of the application, the effect of which resulted in a decision to approve the application.
<b>4. Concerns raised were addressed through conditions to approval or changes to mapping or text amendment</b>	Public comments were received on the issue(s) of _____. The comments were address through (conditions to approval/changes to the mapping or text of the amendment).	Comments were received from agencies on the issues of _____. The comments were addressed through (conditions to approval/changes to the mapping or text of the amendment).
<b>5. Concerns raised did not influence the decision</b>	Public comments were received on the issue(s) of _____. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to (approve/deny) the application.	Comments were received from agencies identifying the issue(s) of _____. Comments were thoroughly considered but the effect did not influence the decision of Council to (approve/deny) the application.
<b>6. Concerns raised did influence the decision</b>	Public comments were received on the issue(s) of _____, the effect of which influenced the decision of Council to (approve/deny) the application.	Agency comments were received on the issue(s) of _____, the effect of which influenced the decision of Council to (approve/deny) the application.
<b>7. Comments received in support and opposition to the application</b>	Options from above 1A/3A/4A/5A/6A	Options from above 1B/3B/4B/5B/6B
<b>8. Other</b>	Additional wording deemed appropriate by Council	Additional wording deemed appropriate by Council



# Notice of Public Hearing

For a Proposed Minor Variance to Zoning By-law 32-2008  
Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, cP. 13., S. 45 (5)

[www.acwtownship.ca](http://www.acwtownship.ca) 519-524-4669 82133 Council Line, RR5 Goderich, ON N7A 3Y2

## FILE: MV01-2026 Miller

You are invited to participate in a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

To consider a Minor Variance to the Zoning By-Law. During this time, the Township Committee of Adjustment will consider the change.

### OWNER/APPLICANT:

Joseph Miller c/o Edward Miller

### LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

37735 Belfast Road, Concession 10  
Pt N Pt Lot 19

## A change is proposed in your neighbourhood.

A Minor Variance Application has been received, that if approved, would grant relief from Section 3.45 and Section 4.4.4 (Minimum Distance Separation - Livestock Facilities) of the ACW Zoning By-law in order to construct a new barn within the required setback from the settlement boundary of St. Helens.

You are being notified of this application because your name appears on the assessment roll for properties within 60 metres of the subject lands, or you are an agency requiring notice.



## The Proposed Change

The applicant is seeking to construct a new 40 ft x 100 ft livestock barn to expand the existing farm operation to include swine. Sections 3.45 and 4.4.4 of the ACW Zoning By-law stipulates that no new or expanding livestock facility may be established unless it complies with the minimum distance separation formulae (MDS II). The minimum required setback to a settlement boundary is 398m (1,306 ft). The proposed barn location would provide a setback of 364m (1,194 ft). Therefore, relief is required to permit a decreased setback of 34m (111 ft) resulting in an approximate 9% reduction from the required setback. The property currently contains an existing dwelling, shed and livestock barn for cattle.

The subject property is designated Agriculture and Natural Environment in the ACW Official Plan. It is zoned AG1 (General Agriculture), NE1 (Natural Environment) and NE5 (Natural Environment) in the ACW Zoning By-law.

## Learn More

Further information regarding this application can be found at <https://acwtownship.ca/develop-build/planning-development>. Questions may be directed to the Planner Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk at [mtydd-hrynyk@huroncounty.ca](mailto:mtydd-hrynyk@huroncounty.ca) or by calling 519-524-8394 extension 3.

## Have Your Say

Comments and opinions submitted on this proposal, including the originator's name and address, become part of the public record, and may be viewed by the general public and may be published in a planning report and Council agenda.

1. You can submit comments, objections, or concerns by mail (address above) or email to [clerk@acwtownship.ca](mailto:clerk@acwtownship.ca). For correspondence to be included as a part of the Agenda package distributed to Council please ensure that the Clerk has received it prior to 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the hearing.
2. You can speak during the public hearing. *\*Individuals are strongly encouraged to submit their comments prior to the hearing for consideration.*

If you are aware of any person interested in or affected by this application who has not received a copy of this notice, you are requested to inform that person of this hearing.

If you are receiving this notice because you are the owner of property in the area of the amendment that contains seven or more residential units, you must also post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents of your property.

## How to Access the Public Hearing

The hearing will be held at 82133 Council Line, Goderich, Ontario N7A 3Y2. It will also be Live Streamed on the Township's Website at [www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes](http://www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes).

You are entitled to attend this public hearing to express your views about this application, or you may be represented by counsel for that purpose.

For those persons who wish to make verbal comments at the hearing virtually, there is an option to join the hearing electronically. Please contact the Clerk's Department directly for a specific hearing invitation at [clerk@acwtownship.ca](mailto:clerk@acwtownship.ca). If you intend to speak by this option, please contact the Clerk prior to 12:00 p.m. on the Monday before the hearing.

For information on how to participate in the public hearing, please visit the municipal website at <https://www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes>. The agenda for this public hearing will be published at the end of the business day on the Friday before the hearing. If you have any questions regarding how to participate in the hearing, please call the municipal office at 519-524-4669, or email [clerk@acwtownship.ca](mailto:clerk@acwtownship.ca).

## Failure to Attend

If you do not attend the hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

## Stay Informed

If you would like to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment, you **must** make a written request to the Clerk at the municipal address above, or by email to [clerk@acwtownship.ca](mailto:clerk@acwtownship.ca). This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) hearing if the decision of this application is appealed.

**DATED** April 15, 2026

<b>Subject land information</b>				
Names and addresses of any mortgages, holders, charges or other encumbrances: N/A				
Nature and extent of relief applied for: Relief for setback from MDS to Settlement Boundary				
Why is not possible to comply with the provisions of the by-law? Size and location of barn as well as existing structure, existing operations of farm				
Is any of the subject land in Wellhead Protection Area C? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				
Property access by Municipal road maintained all year around				
Will this proposal result in adding or changing the location of any driveway/accessed/entrances? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>Dimensions of Land affected:</b>				
	<b>Frontage</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Depth</b>	<b>Width of Street</b>
	295	50	677	20
<b>Particulars of all buildings and structures on or proposed for the subject land (specify ground floor area, number of storeys, width, length, height, etc.)</b>				
Existing 2 storey dwelling 2,000sqft barn - 40' x 60' barn - 24' x 30' Drive shed - 40' x 80'		Proposed barn - 40' x 100'		
<b>Location of all buildings and structures on or proposed for the subject land (specify distance from side, rear, and front lot lines)</b>				
Existing N/A		Proposed Barn - front - 79m east side - 50m		
Date of construction of all buildings and structures on subject land 1980-01-01		Date of acquisition of subject land 1995		
Existing uses of the subject property Farmland and residential		Existing uses of abutting properties Farmland and residential		
Length of time the existing uses of subject property have continued Since construction				
Municipal services available (check all that apply)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Water - Connected	<input type="checkbox"/> Public owned	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Privately owned		
<input type="checkbox"/> Communal well	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage disposal - Connected		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary Sewers	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Privy		
<input type="checkbox"/> Storm drainage - Connected	<input type="checkbox"/> Storm sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ditches		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swales	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			

Is the property assessed to a Municipal Drain? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is there a tile drain loan for this property or has an application for a tile drain loan been submitted to the Municipality within the last 90 days? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Present Official Plan provisions applying to the land Agriculture and Natural Environment	
Present Zoning By-law provisions applying to the land AG1, NE1, NE5	
Has the owner previously applied for relief in respect of the subject property? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the County and speak/meet with the Planner to the Municipality before submitting an application for information.	
Date of Applicant's consultation meeting with County Planner 2026-01-14	Has the Planner advised the Applicant that this application needs to be reviewed by the Huron County Biologist for comments on Natural Heritage matters? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Please submit a fee of \$220.00 made payable to the Treasurer, County of Huron <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the subject property the subject of a current application for consent or plan of subdivision under the Planning Act? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

**Instructions**

Each copy of this application must be accompanied by a plan showing the dimensions of the subject land and all abutting land; the location, size and type of all existing and proposed buildings and structures on the subject land indicating the distance of the buildings from the lot lines; approximate location of all natural and artificial features on the subject and adjacent lands; location, width and name of roads; location of easements; and use of adjacent lands. The Committee of Adjustment may require that the plan be signed by an Ontario Land Surveyor.

**BELFAST ROAD**  
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**MINOR VARIANCE SKETCH**

OF PART OF

**LOT 19**

**CONCESSION 10**

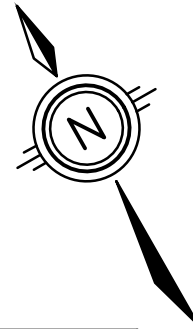
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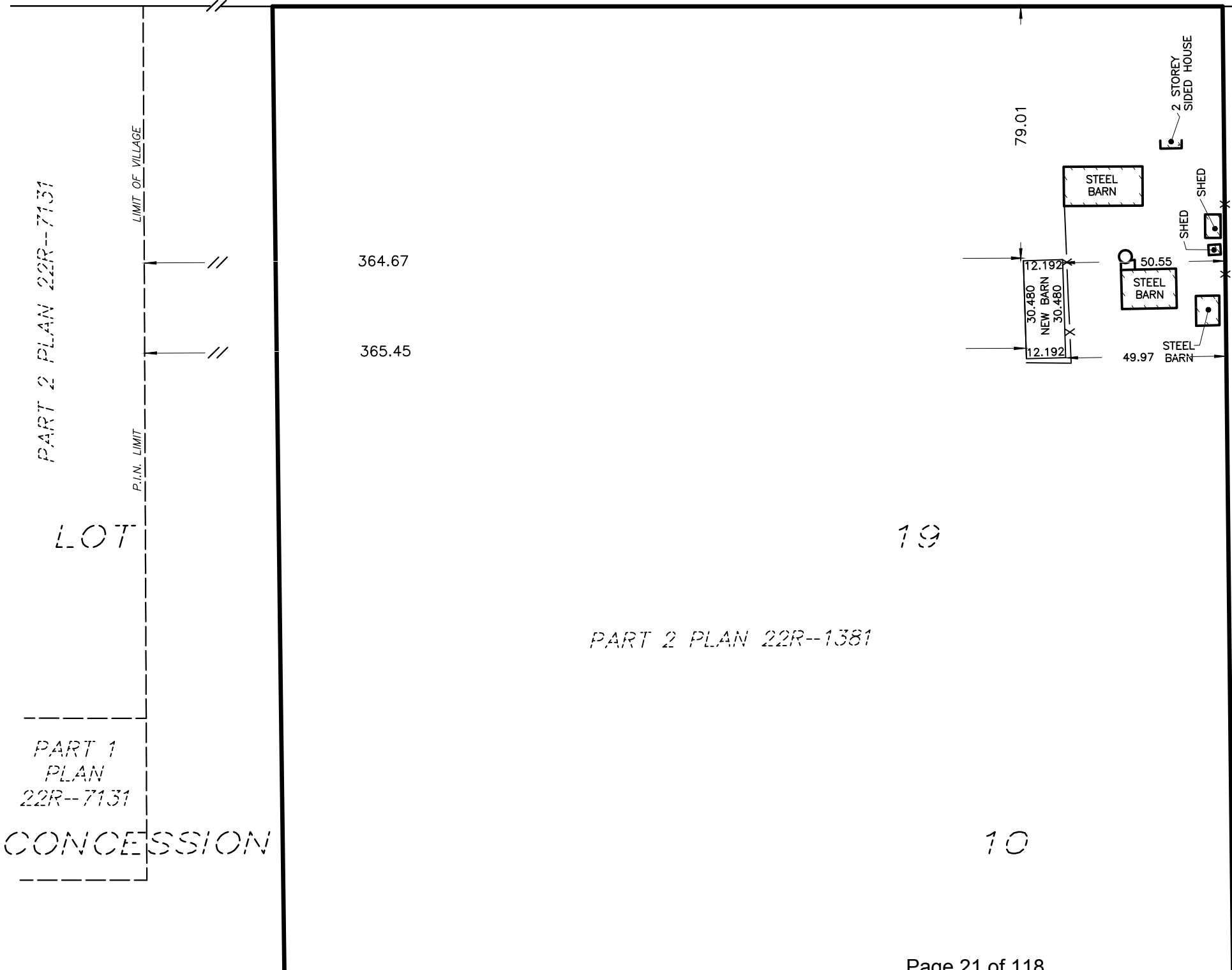
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**ONTARIO LAND SURVEYORS**

ZONING STATISTICS		
TOWNSHIP OF ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH ZONING BY-LAW 32-2008		
	REQUIRED	MEASURED
MINIMUM FRONT YARD TO BARN	60.00 m.	79.01 m.
MINIMUM INTERIOR SIDERYARD	30.00 m.	49.97 m.
MINIMUM TO VILLAGE LIMIT	m.	364.67 m.



LOT 20  
LOT 19

PART 2 PLAN 22R-1381

PART 1 PLAN 22R-7131  
CONCESSION

**CAUTION:**

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### Date of Request

3/20/26

### Council Meeting Date Requested

5/5/26

### Phone Number

5195257352

### Email

chris.walker@huronhospice.ca

### Organization (if applicable)

Huron Hospice

### Name(s) of Speaker(s)

Willy Van Klooster, Lisa Taylor

### Email Address(es) of Speaker(s)

willy.vanklooster@huronhospice.ca

### Purpose of Presentation

Information

Request Support

Other:

### Key Points of Delegation (Please attach full presentation)

We will request assistance from the ACW Council to secure provincial operational funding for the new bedrooms at Huron Hospice Bender House. We will ask to attend the AMO Conference with municipal officials from Huron County municipalities. When we attend the AMO Conference, we will present our case to senior MOH officials for funding for two additional bedrooms. We will present the steps we have taken over the past six years to secure funding, including obtaining provincial approval to build the new

All presentation materials (ie. Powerpoint, handouts, etc.) must be attached to this Delegation Request Form. Do you have any accompanying presentation materials?

Yes

No

*Allowed extensions pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif, ppt, pptx*

### The desired action of Council that I am seeking on this issue is:

We would like Council's support to present our case to senior Ministry of Health officials at the Annual AMO Conference in Ottawa in August, 2026.

We want to ask Council to write a letter in support of our request for funding of new beds at Huron

### How would you like to make your delegation?

In-Person

Remote

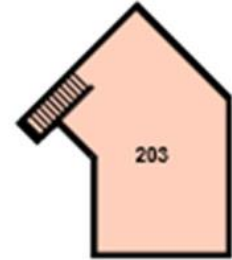
Huron Hospice Presentation To  
Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh Council  
May 5, 2026



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SECOND FLOOR OVER STORAGE ROOM 121



SECOND FLOOR OVER PROGRAMMING 112



# The Problem With The Four-Bed Hospice Model

- There is a reason why there are only 2 four-bed hospices in Ontario
- Hospice Palliative Care Ontario is on record with the government that 4-bed hospices are not sustainable
- Not enough time given by the Ministry of Health to open as a six-bed in 2018
- Money provided by MOH to have architectural drawings for a 6-bed hospice completed before the 4-bed opened in May 2018



# Gifts of \$10,000 Or More To The Capital Campaign

Ontario Health

Town of Goderich

Municipality of Bluewater

Bayfield Community Group

Bruce Power

Tuckersmith Communications

Goderich Rotary Club

Usborne & Hibbert Mutual Insurance

Howick Mutual Insurance

Allan Avis Architects

Allen Ische & Nancy Arthur-Ische

McGavin Farm Equipment

Nancy and Kevin Kale

Margaret Roney & Family



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Maple Leaf Chapter IODE Goderich

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Bryan & Lynda Vincent

Catherine & Michael Strickland

Estate of Jim Shanahan

Diane Aitken

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Daryl Ball

Estate of Doris Stanworth

Janmaat Family

JP Bickell Foundation

Orr Insurance

Mary and Harold Smith

Estate of Rita Coombs

Two Anonymous Gifts

David and Susan Bender



# A Short Chronology Of Events



- ✓ **January 2020:** First inquiry by Huron Hospice to Ministry of Health asking about the process to expand hospice from 4 to 6 beds in terms of capital and operating.
- ✓ **March 2020:** Capital campaign launched.
- ✓ **August 2020-August 2022:** Attended 3 meetings with ministry officials in which they indicated they could not approve capital funding to expand to six beds without first approving operating funding for the additional 2 beds. During this time Huron Hospice was directed by the capital division of the MOH to various branches of the ministry for the operating funds. Each branch said they were not responsible for this.
- ✓ **Early 2023:** The ministry had approved the 3 required steps in the capital approval process without following their policy of first approving operating funds. The Huron Hospice documents included 15 references to a 6-bed (not 4-bed) hospice and included completed drawings for a 6-bed hospice.

# A Short Chronology Of Events

- ▶ **May 2023:** Provincial direction was given to proceed with the capital expansion. With respect to the operating funds for the 2 beds, direction was given to obtain 2 letters of recommendation from local officials. A letter of recommendation was received from the Huron Perth Area Ontario Health Team. The letter from the West Region system planners, though requested, was not received (no letter was provided by them either recommending or not recommending funding).
- ▶ **Mid 2024 - mid 2025:** Huron Hospice was requested to maintain an average occupancy of 80% over 12 months to demonstrate need, after which the operating funding for the two beds would be considered. Occupancy over those 12 months was 79.9%. The operating funding was not provided. Over the past 18 months, occupancy has been 82%.
- ▶ **August 2024:** The ministry invited us to apply for 2 beds from the new 84 hospice beds announced in that year's provincial budget. We applied and were not funded.
- ▶ **Mid 2025:** The ministry informed us we can apply for operating funds for the 2 beds when the next round of hospice bed funding opens (based on historical trends, that is likely to be between 3 and 8 years).



# Consistent Support From Our MPP



# Summary And Current Situation

- ❑ 6 years of using regular channels.
- ❑ 14 meetings with ministry officials and several letters from the Huron Hospice board to ministry officials.
- ❑ Huron Hospice has acted in good faith by following every direction and recommendation from the ministry to obtain operating funding.
- ❑ In our view the Ministry of Health did not follow their policy of approving operating funds before approving capital funds.
- ❑ We have now turned away 71 people in the 18 months the beds have been closed because our 4 beds are full (the average number of people who die at HH each year is 45).
- ❑ Huron Hospice has the 6<sup>th</sup> highest rating (83% pre-admission death rate) of hospices in Ontario for those who die elsewhere when they wanted to die at Huron Hospice.
- ❑ Report of the Four County Labour Market Planning Board indicating that, from 2014-2024, there was an increase of 42% in those aged 65 and over (highest in Ontario) with a 10% decrease in the number of healthcare workers (the only region in Ontario).
- ❑ Hospice beds cost less than half a hospital bed and hospital beds are often taken by someone who would prefer to die at the hospice.



# Moving Beyond Regular Channels After 6 Years



- ❑ Since early January 155 letters have been written by family members of those who have died at the hospice, donors, volunteers, community partners and others to Minister Jones asking her to fund the beds.
- ❑ These letters have been personal and compelling.
- ❑ We are not aware of anyone having received a response from the Minister of Health's office (including the Board of Directors who wrote first).
- ❑ The Huron Hospice board has now determined the next strategies we are using in the coming weeks and months.

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## Members Report #22-2026

TO: Members, MVCA  
FROM: Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer  
DATE: April 9, 2026  
SUBJECT: Bill 97 Schedule 3 A Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures)

### Purpose:

To summarize the proposed changes that the Province is making to the Conservation Authorities Act.

### Background:

On March 26, 2026 the Province introduced Bill 97. Schedule 3 of this Act proposes major amendment to the Conservation Authorities Act.

### List of Amendments:

1. Transitional Matters:
  - a) Committees to be established by the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, to prepare for the amalgamation of predecessor Authorities.
  - b) Predecessor CAs must appoint two members to Committee within 90 days of Bill 97 Royal Assent (One conservation authority member that is a member of municipal council, and either the CAO/GM or other Authority officer or senior staff).
  - c) OPCA may appoint members (if the above is not completed or as they consider advisable). Members can be replaced by their appointing body.
  - d) OPCA may issue direction to Committee (roles, responsibilities, practices, etc.)
  - e) Dissolution of a transition committee by OPCA not to be earlier than the transition date (i.e., February 1, 2027, or later date prescribed in regulation)
  - f) Committees must develop a transition plan for submission and review by OPCA (date to be specified).
  - g) OPCA will review and may provide edits / comments.
  - h) Final copy of Plan to be provided to OPCA and predecessor CAs. Also, to members of new Authority on or after transition date.
  - i) Summary of transition plan also provided to all current and new participating municipalities.

- j) New CAs will implement the transition plan and may request amendments to OPCA.
- k) Progress reports to OPCA required further to OPCA direction (requirements)
- l) Project Executives (PE) appointed by the OPCA to serve as Chair of Transition Committee.
- m) PE not an employee of the OPCA and shall be paid compensation and expenses as agreed to with the OPCA.
- n) PE may request information from predecessor CAs (cooperation required).
- o) OPCA may replace the PE.
- p) On the transition date (February 1, 2027, or later date per regulation), the PE will become the new CAO of the new Authority for a term of 2-years.
- q) During 2-year term, OPCA may remove and replace CAO, or, if no replacement named, new CA will appoint CAO.
- r) Participating municipalities need to appoint members by the day before the transition date.
- s) Regulations establish a method for determining # of members, (minimum of 1 each).
- t) Method for determining # of members based on municipal population within area of jurisdiction (AoJ), in proportion to the total population in AoJ.
- u) Regulations will establish a maximum # to be appointed by a single participating municipality, as well as by all participating municipalities.
- v) Members appointed for term up to 4 years.
- w) Municipal councils need to notify the OPCA of appointments in writing. 10

2. Governance Matters:

- a) Regulations to establish methods for appointment of members (number of members, minimum, maximum per municipality and maximum overall).
- b) Method for determining number of members based on municipal population in proportion to the total population within CA area of jurisdiction.
- c) All participating municipalities may enter into alternative agreement re: appointment of members. Agreement provided to Agency and on website.
- d) Legislation (and potentially regulations) set out matters for municipalities to consider when appointing member not on council.
- e) Members are appointed for a term up to four years, and members can be replaced by their appointing council. Members are eligible for re-appointment.
- f) Chairs and vice chairs may serve a term of two years, and not more than eight years total (whether served consecutively or otherwise)

- g) Minister may appoint additional agricultural sector member with same voting limitations as in current CA Act.
  - h) Authority will appoint CAO responsible for duties as provided in CA by-laws.
  - i) Authority shall establish one or more watershed council.
  - j) Authorities shall make by-laws necessary for proper administration.
3. New Regulation Making Authorities:
- a) Prescribing a “transition date” (legislated as February 1, 2027, or later)
  - b) Prescribing member details (method for determining number of members, maximum members appointed by a single participating municipality, maximum members appointed to an Authority)
  - c) Prescribing criteria for consideration when appointing a member who is not a member of municipal council.
  - d) Prescribing any additional “transition rules”
  - e) Governing watershed councils (# that may or must be established, requirements for composition, functions, powers duties, activities and procedures)

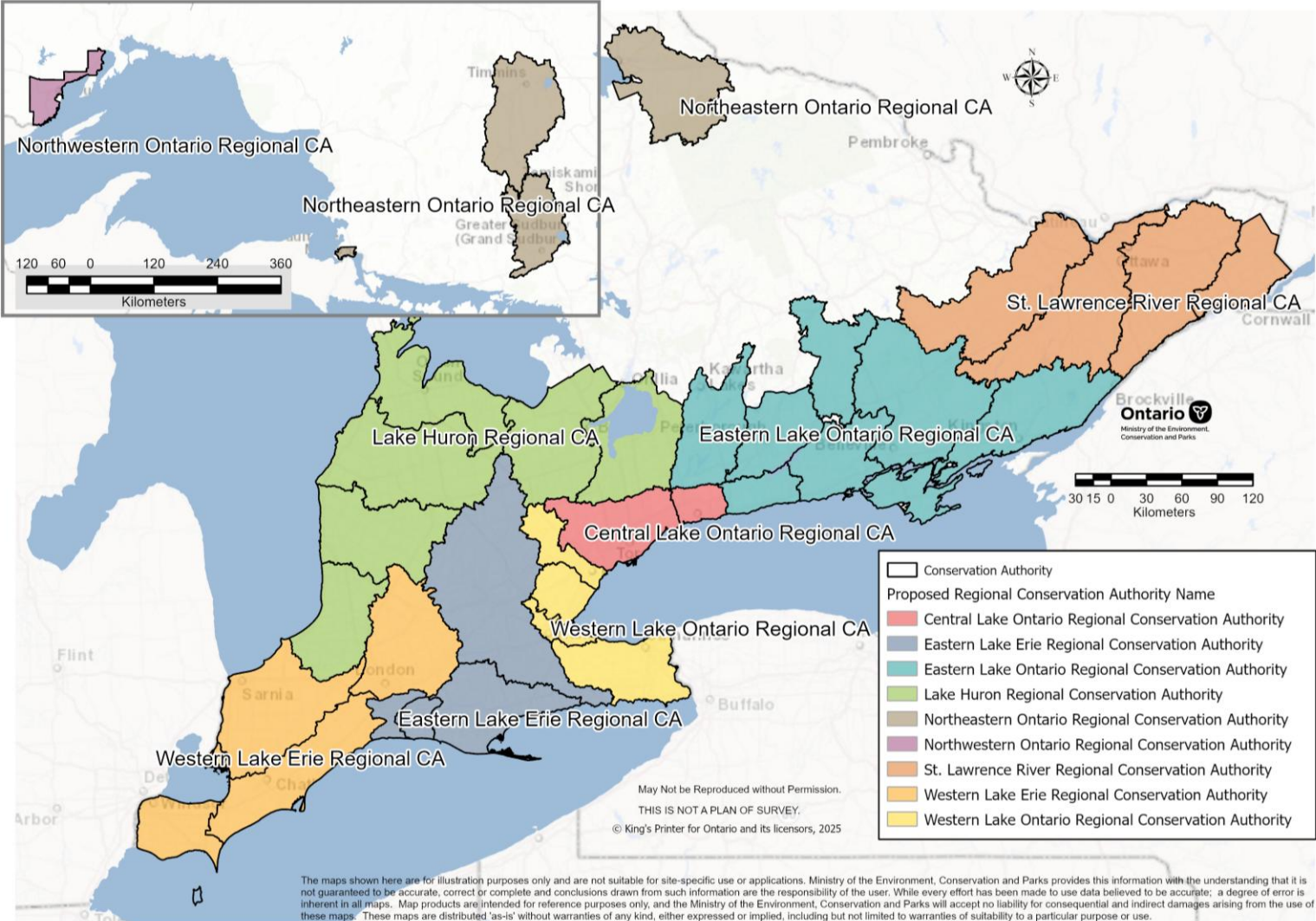
Summary:

At the May Members meeting a decision will need to be made on who will represent MVCA on the Transition Committee.

A key gap that needs to be addressed is how authorities can have representation on the transition committee between November and February as the current members will no longer be members.

We also require more guidance from the Province regarding the development of a work plan and budget for 2027.

# Appendix: Boundaries for Ontario's 9 new regional CAs\*



\*Plan is for this to take effect in early 2027, subject to amendments being proposed to the *Conservation Authorities Act*

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Maitland Conservation Raises Concerns Over Amalgamation of Conservation Authorities**

*April 23, 2026*

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) is expressing significant concerns following the Province's move to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into nine regional entities.

Maitland Conservation will become part of the new Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority along with the Ausable Bayfield, Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Nottawasaga and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities.

This new regional Conservation Authority will encompass watersheds that vary greatly in land use, watershed characteristics, population and environmental pressures.

Amalgamation is not likely to reduce costs, increase housing builds, improve the level of customer service in permitting, increase the safety of Ontarians from flood and erosion hazards, or improve local, watershed-based representation for the people who live, work, farm, or visit this beautiful province.

"For the sake of the people of Ontario, please do not amalgamate the Conservation Authorities," commented Ed McGugan, Chair of Maitland Conservation.

"We're calling on the Province to halt this amalgamation plan and commit to improving the unique watershed-based conservation system we all benefit from in this province."

The MVCA membership (comprised of Councillors from lower tier member municipalities), has outlined several specific related to costs, governance and conservation outcomes.

#### Key Concerns Identified by MVCA

1. Lack of Business Case

MVCA members noted that the Province has not developed a business case demonstrating that the proposed amalgamation will improve watershed health, resilience, or public safety in Ontario.

2. No Evidence of Improved Efficiency or Effectiveness

The Province has provided no evidence to show that consolidating Conservation Authorities into large regional corporations will result in more effective or more efficient service delivery across diverse watersheds.

3. Risks to Natural Hazard Management

Conservation Authorities have been delegated by the Province to regulate development in areas subject to flooding and erosion. These regulations are critical to reducing risks associated with flood damage, social disruption and loss of life.

The MVCA is concerned that larger, regionally governed authorities may weaken the ability to apply local watershed knowledge when managing flood and erosion hazards. Future development must not be directed into areas that are subject to flooding and erosion.

4. Threats to Watershed-Based Conservation

Conservation Authorities were established by the Province at the request of municipalities to restore and protect the health and resilience of natural resources in Ontario's watersheds. Healthy soils, rivers, lakes, wetlands and forests are essential to Ontario's economy and quality of life. It is our responsibility to maintain and enhance local natural resources to build a foundation for future generations.

5. Loss of Local Representation

Under the proposed governance structure, members of regional Conservation Authority boards will be appointed by upper-tier municipalities such as counties or regional governments. A representation-by-population model risks underrepresenting rural Conservation Authorities on regional boards. Rural municipalities will lose an effective voice in local watershed management and decision making.

6. Call for Reinvestment

The MVCA is calling on the Province to reinvest in the existing Conservation Authority model. Conservation Authorities were intended to be a partnership between the Province and local municipalities, guided by the founding principle that conservation efforts are most effective when led by the people who live and work within the watershed.

## Moving Forward

The MVCA remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province, member municipalities and partners to protect and enhance the Maitland watershed and the communities it serves. However, the MVCA strongly believes that watershed-based governance, supported by adequate provincial investment, remains the most effective approach to conserving local natural resources and managing natural hazards.

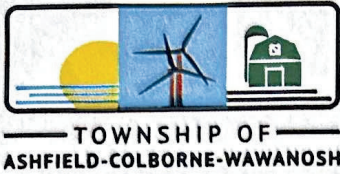
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### **Contact:**

Ed McGugan, Chair

Maitland Conservation

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Date of Request

Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Council Meeting Date Requested

Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Phone Number

226 930 4922

Email

chunter@live.ca

Organization (if applicable)

N/A

Name(s) of Speaker(s)

Cassie Hunter

Email Address(es) of Speaker(s)

chunter@live.ca

Purpose of Presentation

Information     Request Support     Other:

Key Points of Delegation (Please attach full presentation)

Arsenic levels compared to municipality of Kincardine, staining of items due to water issues, the cost of the filtration system mentioned back in 2018 compared to what we are paying and the amount spent on upgrading the building for the Municipality was more than enough for filter setup.

All presentation materials (ie. Powerpoint, handouts, etc.) must be attached to this Delegation Request Form. Do you have any accompanying presentation materials?

Yes     No

- 3 photos of My humidifier purchased before last winter  
- The jug of water from Jan. 4/26  
- Previous humidifier build up from one winter

Allowed extensions pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx, jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tif, ppt, pptx

The desired action of Council that I am seeking on this issue is:

Re visit the filtration option or do something more to provide lower arsenic levels in water because consuming the level we are at on a regular is extremely bad for your health and can cause extreme health issues. 5.2 compressed .3 and

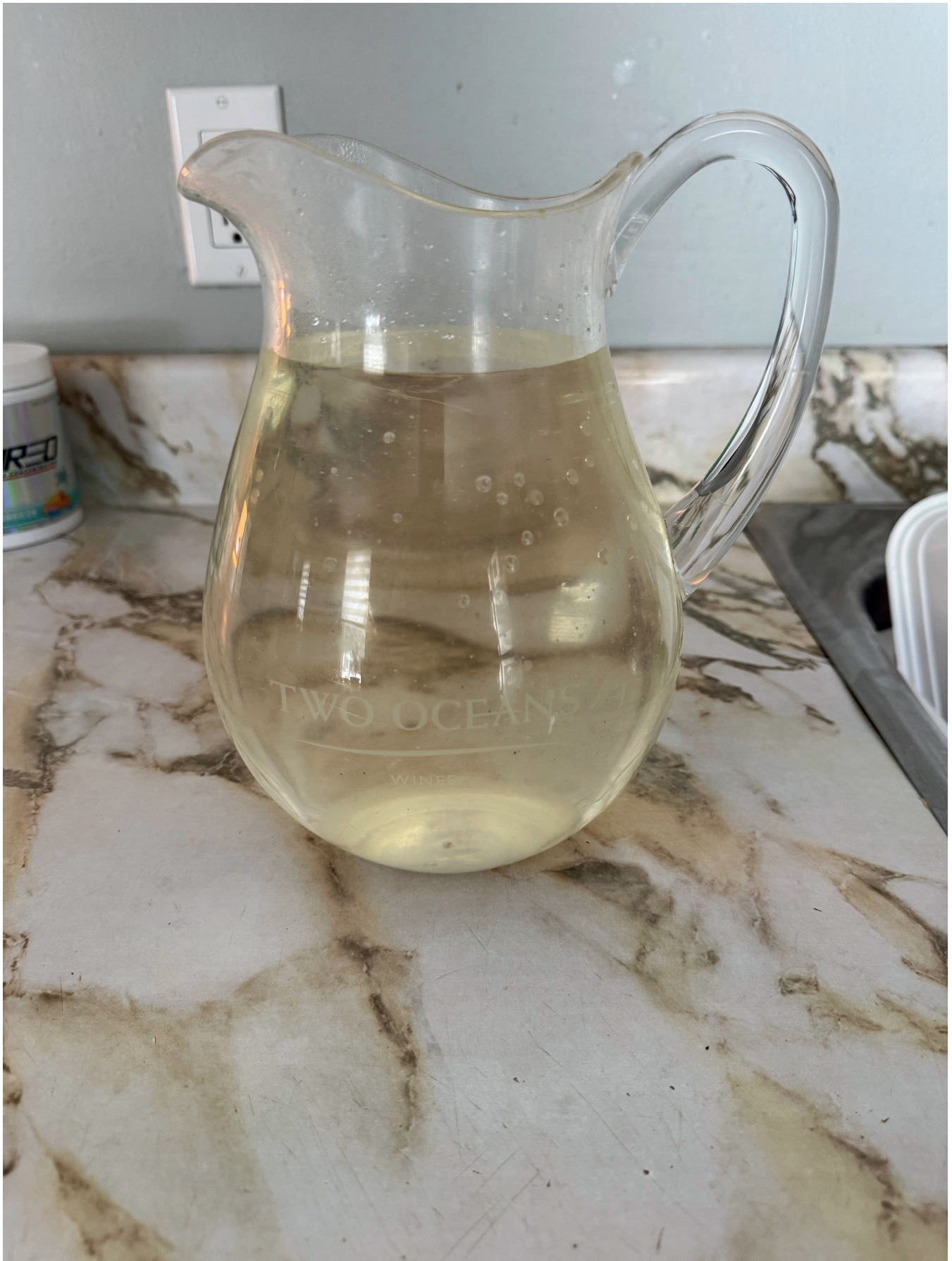
How would you like to make your delegation?

In-Person     Remote

where else in Kincardine

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To: Mayor and Members of Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council  
From: Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planner & Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning  
Date: May 5, 2026

**Re: Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026 - Proposed Planning Changes**

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh receive the report by Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk dated May 5, 2026 titled Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026, for information.

### Background

The Province has introduced Bill 98, Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026 which includes changes to the Building Code Act, Planning Act, Municipal Act and City of Toronto Act. The proposed legislation reflects a continued focus on modernizing Ontario's planning framework, reducing complexity, improving consistency across municipalities and enabling faster, more predictable approvals to help get more homes built and infrastructure delivered.

Bill 98 received first reading on March 30, 2026. The commenting period for the corresponding Regulations for the changes to the Planning Act was open until April 26, 2026 on the Environmental Registry of Ontario. This deadline has since been updated to May 14, 2026.

In addition to Bill 98, the Province has introduced proposals for a series of changes to the planning framework in Ontario; a summary of the changes and related ERO postings is included in Appendix 1 to this report.

### COMMENTS

This report focuses on the proposed changes to the Planning Act and the corresponding Regulation and provides an overview of the changes most relevant in Huron County.

### Contents of an Official Plan

Under Bill 98, all Official Plans in Ontario are required to follow the "new official plan framework" which includes prescribed chapters, sections and schedules and limits which land use designations can be used.

The County of Huron provided comments on proposed changes to Official Plan structures in November of 2025, noting that the Official Plans in Huron County are designed to provide flexible and streamlined land use planning direction which effectively implements the Provincial direction in our rural and small urban areas and responds efficiently to development.

Local Official Plans maintain standardized land use designations presently. The proposed list was prepared in consultation with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and includes many of the same designations used presently (eg. Mixed-Use Areas, Parks and Open Space, Natural Environment, Prime Agricultural Areas, Shoreline Areas, etc). There will be shifts required to accommodate the new list of designations including, for example, from 'Industrial' to 'Employment Areas' and 'Major Facilities' and from 'Residential' to 'Neighbourhoods' (which will include residential, small scale commercial and institutional uses).

The main impact will be the staff time required to rewrite the ten (10) Official Plans and prepare new schedules (mapping). As proposed by the Province, all local Official Plans will be required to adopt the standardized Provincial framework by January 1, 2029. With reduced staffing levels in the Department as a result of budget decisions, this may require the hiring of consultants to complete this work in the required timeframe.

### **Upper Tier Official Plans and Secondary Plans**

In addition to the changes to the official plan framework, the Province continues to consult on additional changes for upper tier Official Plans, such as the County Official Plan, and Secondary Plans. Proposed modifications include limiting duplication between upper tier and lower tier Official Plans, identifying when Secondary Plans can be used and separating Secondary Plans from the primary Official Plan so they would exist as a standalone document.

It is recommended that Council provide feedback that while Secondary Plans have not been widely used within Huron in recent years, they are an excellent and flexible planning tool for guiding change in defined areas. Secondary plans being prepared in accordance with Planning Act standards would remove the duplication of integrating the Secondary Plan direction into the local Official Plan.

In terms of upper tier plans, the recommended feedback is that upper tier Official Plans do not require land use designations to be effective in providing high level, regional direction. The County of Huron Official Plan is a higher order policy document which is limited in length (45 pages) and detail but provides critical, overarching policy direction to ensure consistent interpretation and application of Provincial direction within Huron County. Huron was the first County in Ontario to have an Official Plan (approved in 1973); the County OP has never been subject to a privately initiated Official Plan Amendment and Huron's OP has never contained land use designations over its' 50-year implementation. Maintaining land use designations in the local municipal Official Plans rather than at the County level avoids duplication and is a long standing approach that has been proven to be efficient and effective and should be allowed to continue.

Should Huron be forced to include land use designations in the County Official Plan, there would need to be further discussions with partner municipalities to develop an approach that would be more efficient and practical than maintaining two tiers of designations.

### **Projection Methodology**

Population and employment forecasts are important tools for planning authorities to plan communities. As required under Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, planning authorities must base population projections on Ministry of Finance forecasts with modifications, as appropriate. The proposed changes are an update to the 1995 Projection Methodology Guidance, including the Land Needs Assessment methodology.

For Huron, Land Needs Assessments are important exercises, undertaken at the time of local Official Plan Five Year Reviews and may result in changes to settlement area boundaries. Flexibility to adapt Land Needs Assessments to rural contexts is important moving forward. In terms of employment lands, the County last completed an Employment Lands Study in 2015 with Watson & Associates Economists; this study requires updating to meet the direction in the 2024 PPS and proposed methodology for forecasting employment areas.

### **Complete Application Requirements - Prescribed Professionals**

Continuing from Bill 17 (Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025), the Province is seeking input on identified additional 'prescribed professions' for the purpose of a complete application. To date, professional engineers have been deemed to be 'prescribed' which means that municipalities are required to accept studies for the purposes of a complete application prior to any peer review.

In Huron, technical studies are often received from the following professional designations: Ontario Land Surveyor, Architect, Licensed Technologists, Licensed Archaeologist, Landscape Architect, Registered Professional Planner, Professional Geoscientist, Professional Hydrologist, and Professional Geomorphologist. It is recommended that this list be provided to the Province as comments with the notation that the County supports engagement with Indigenous Nations as a mandatory requirement for the Provincial Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

For the purpose of this change, it is noted that a municipality may still choose to peer review a study from a prescribed professional after the application is deemed complete; in this instance, municipal Councils will continue to be subject to the decision-making time limitations under the Planning Act.

### **Complete Application Requirements – List of Studies**

The Province is proposing to create more clarity and predictability regarding complete applications requirements across Ontario. Currently, municipalities determine which studies are required to support development applications.

Feedback is sought on a proposed list which includes two types of studies and when they could be required: core studies and contingent studies. Core studies are those that could always be required and address fundamental planning matters such as environmental impacts, servicing capacity, transportation impacts and public health and safety. Contingent studies could only be required when a specific on-site or surrounding condition exists such as lands near an airport, rail corridor, significant natural hazards, or on-site environment features.

For Core Studies, the following are included: Environmental Impact Study, Environmental Impact Assessment, Functional Servicing Report, Geotechnical Report, Hydrogeological Report, Planning Justification Report, and Transportation Impact Study.

Contingent Studies include: Aeronautical Report, Aggregate/Mineral/Petroleum Impact Assessment, Agricultural Impact Assessment, Air Quality/Odour Study, Arborist Report, Archaeological Assessment, Contaminant Management Plan, Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment, Economic Viability Assessment, Electromagnetic Field Management Plan, Financial Impact Analysis, Human-made Hazard Impact Study, Impact Assessment for Waste Disposal Sites and Former Landfills, Lakeshore Capacity Assessment/Water Quality Impact Assessment, Land Use Compatibility Study, Minimum Distance Separation Formulae, Natural Hazard Impact Study, Noise/Vibration Study, Rail Safety and Risk Mitigation Report, Servicing Options Report, Wildland Fire Assessment, and Wind Study.

In terms of the impact for Huron, the County's complete application requirements are very similar to the lists proposed by the Province. If approved, studies which will need to be removed from the County and local Official Plans include: urban design review, residential market justification study, Section 59 Notices under the Ontario Clean Water Act, snow storage plan, shadow study, lighting study and public consultation strategy.

### **Minimum Lot Size for Urban Residential Land**

Bill 98 introduces a regulation-making authority to allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to set a minimum lot size on parcels of urban residential land, outside the Greenbelt Area. A parcel of urban residential land is defined as a parcel within a settlement area that is zoned for residential use and is fully serviced by public water and wastewater.

On-going consultation proposes to set the minimum residential lot size at 175 square metres (1884 square feet). A municipality would not be able to deny a lot creation application for a lot of this size, even if it does not conform to the minimum frontage or depth requirements.

The proposed lot size is considerably smaller than the average lot size in established, fully serviced neighbourhoods across Huron. Huron eliminated minimum lot depth requirements for fully serviced areas as part of the Housing Friendly Review, relying on lot frontage and area to inform lot sizes. For context, in Goderich, the minimum lot size is currently 450 square metres for a single detached dwelling and 190 square metres for the interior unit of a rowhouse (no side yards). For a lot size of 175 square metres, with forty percent coverage, the maximum building footprint would be 754 square feet.

In Huron, the impact will be to ensure that smaller lot sizes (and thereby increased density of established areas) are appropriately serviced with stormwater management infrastructure. It is recommended that Council provide comment that continued funding for infrastructure upgrades will be required to facilitate this new lot size in established neighbourhoods.

### **Parkland Dedication**

The Province is consulting on a proposal to prescribe criteria for developer-identified parkland and related implementation matters for the conveyance of parkland as part of the development proposal. The criteria include lands which are accessible, visible and comfortable to facilitate public use and in particular, must be accessible and readily visible from the public realm and must be of a size and shape capable of servicing park or public recreation purposes. Ineligible lands include those which are contaminated or contain human-made or natural hazards.

The proposed criteria align well with current practice across the County. Lands within and adjacent to natural heritage features are eligible on the condition that a park would not interfere with or compromise the natural area; this is positive from staff's perspective as it enables the creation of urban forest environments, similar to Maitland Woods in Goderich.

### **Communal Water and Wastewater Systems**

Amendments are proposed to the Municipal Act, 2001, and Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, to enable regulations that set out requirements for municipal consent of non-municipal communal drinking water and wastewater systems (public utility) and to require municipalities to consent if requirements are met.

Municipalities, while required to provide consent, would be able to require certain conditions be met, including the requirement to enter into an agreement or impose limits if necessary to ensure the safe, sustainable operation of the utility. For local municipalities, both fiscal and operational capacity is required to support and/or take on these systems.

In Huron, there are limited communal systems as there are 15 fully serviced settlement areas, an additional 9 settlement areas with municipal water, and a large section of the shoreline serviced by municipal water. Communal systems can be considered at the time of development.

### **Electric Vehicle Equipment in Private Parking Lots**

Bill 98 prohibits zoning bylaws from requiring electric vehicle supply equipment in connection with parking facilities.

In Huron, several private companies have opted to provide electric vehicle charging stations within their parking facilities including Tim Hortons (Exeter), The Old Mill, Cowbell Brewing, McGavin Farm Supply, Deer Park Lodge, White Squirrel Golf Club, etc. Based on the proposed amendments, this will continue on a voluntary, market-based approach rather than as a zoning requirement.

### **Site Plan Control**

The Province is consulting on the utility of Site Plan Control as a land use planning function as there is concern that the process, which is intended to be limited to a 60-day review period, is leading to delayed approvals and increased costs.

To date, the Province has made numerous changes to the Site Plan Control function including changes in Bills 60, 17, 185, 23 and 109. Changes include removal of municipal ability to apply site plan control to residential buildings with less than 11 units, removal of ability to regulate external design, removal of the ability to require a pre-consultation meeting, removal of ability to require building standards that exceed Ontario Building Code, and required delegated approval to staff.

Current proposed reforms include: removing the tool entirely, limiting the number of resubmissions, scoping the review process to a standard checklist of functional aspects of a site, requiring a municipal arbitration process for applications that have exceeded the 60-day timeline, and establishing different processes for larger and more complex developments from less complex.

For Huron, site plan control is most commonly used for new commercial and industrial development and for larger residential developments (greater than 10 units). The County developed a Site Plan Servicing Guide with input from local municipal staff, municipal engineers and the representatives of the development community to create consistency, shared understanding and predictability in the site plan process. This Guide also distinguishes between 'major' and 'minor' site plan review processes which helps to expedite less complex site reviews. Local municipal staff prioritize attendance at preconsultation meetings to provide consistent and integrated responses early in the review process and a cloud-based application portal (CloudPermit) is used to ensure re-submissions are reviewed in an efficient and coordinated manner.

Within Huron, the most complex site plans of recent, include on-farm events facilities and specifically, the ability to meet Ontario Fire Code requirements. Residential site plan approvals have been very efficient – for example, a new apartment building in Clinton was approved within 2 months of submission and the municipality received a letter of thanks from the developer.

It is recommended that Council provide feedback to the consultation indicating that Site Plan Control is a critical tool for municipalities in reviewing new development. Many rural municipalities do not have enhanced building bylaws and thus the site plan control process is the only mechanism for addressing stormwater management. The process in Huron has been thoughtfully designed and is implemented efficiently.

### **Site Plan Control - Prohibition on Mandatory Municipal Enhanced Development Standards and Green Building Standards**

Bill 98 removes municipal authority to require Enhanced Development Standards at the lot level outside of buildings that are not required for health or safety. For example, permeable pavement cannot be required but stormwater management can continue to be required as it is a safety feature. The changes clarify that green building standards are voluntary.

This is not anticipated to have a significant impact in Huron; staff will implement this change by directing the removal of landscape plan, lighting plan, and waste/recycling facilities as site plan requirements.

### **Removing Authority for Consent Conditions**

This change involved a proposed regulation which would have the effect of removing Council's authority to require certain measures as conditions of land division approval.

Enhanced development standards (eg. permeable surfaces, vegetative landscaping, infiltration measures, tree planting standards, etc) vary amongst Ontario municipalities. This proposed change would limit mandatory requirements at the lot level (outside of buildings) to those required for health, safety, accessibility of protection of adjoining lands (eg. stormwater management).

In Huron, enhanced development standards have not been implemented readily. Some examples would be tree planting plans as a condition of Plan of Subdivision approvals, and re-planting plans to compensate for the removal of trees at the time of consent. It is recommended that Council submit comments clarifying that tree planting requirements for the purpose of shade is a health and safety consideration as shade is essential in mitigating heat-related illnesses, supporting comfortable public spaces and supporting climate resilience in urban areas.

### **Electronic Submission of Information under Planning Act**

This change would remove the requirement for information to include original and/or certified copies and would allow required notices to be submitted electronically to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

This change will support the goal of streamlining and expediting review of land use planning matters. Continued shift to electronic notification is supported.

### **NEXT STEPS**

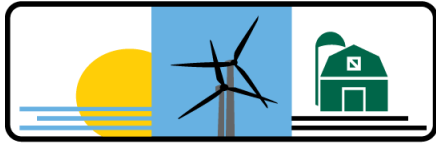
The Planning and Development Department will continue to monitor for implementing regulations relating to multiple, recent bills and provide information to Council.

'Original signed by'  
Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk, Planner

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Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning

**Appendix 1: Table of Related Environmental Registry of Ontario Postings**

<b>Posting</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Comments Due</b>
<a href="#"><b>026-300</b></a>	Consultation on all aspects of Bill 98	April 29, 2026
<b>Standardized Official Plans</b>		
<a href="#"><b>025-1099</b></a>	Summary of proposal in Bill 98 with proposed structure for all official plans	N/A
<a href="#"><b>026-315</b></a>	Consultation on possible changes that could relate to specific requirements for secondary plans and Site and Areas Specific Policies (SASPs)	April 29, 2026
<b>Communal Servicing</b>		
<a href="#"><b>026-0302</b></a>	Consultation on potential regulations to set out requirements for municipal consent of non-municipal communal drinking water and wastewater systems and to require municipalities to consent if requirements are met	April 29, 2026
<b>Projection Methodology</b>		
<a href="#"><b>026-0304</b></a>	Consultation on proposed update to the Projection Methodology Guideline	April 29, 2026
<b>Complete Applications</b>		
<a href="#"><b>026-314</b></a>	Consultation on potential regulation to add additional professions as “prescribed” for complete application requirements	May 14, 2026
<a href="#"><b>026-313</b></a>	Consultation on proposed regulation to provide a comprehensive list of studies that may be required as part of a complete application	May 14, 2026
<b>Minimum Lot Sizes</b>		
<a href="#"><b>026-0311</b></a>	Consultation on proposed regulation to establish a minimum lot size in serviced urban residential areas at 175 m2	May 14, 2026
<b>Site Plans</b>		
<a href="#"><b>26-310</b></a>	Consultation on “bold and transformational” changes to site plan control, possibly including eliminating site plan approvals	May 14, 2026
<b>General</b>		
<a href="#"><b>026-309</b></a>	Consultation on proposed regulation removing authority to require, as a condition of land division approvals, mandatory enhanced development standards at the lot level (outside of buildings), that are not specifically required for health, safety, accessibility or protection of adjoining lands (e.g., stormwater management)	May 14, 2026
<a href="#"><b>026-0305</b></a>	Consultation on proposal to facilitate electronic submission of information as part of the <i>Planning Act</i> process electronically	May 14, 2026



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## Council Report

STAFF: Joy Lindsay, Chief Building Official

DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program – 2026 Inspection Start

### Recommendation

For your information purposes.

### Background

The Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program started inspecting onsite sewage system in the Township during the summer of 2024. The program aims to inspect all onsite sewage systems in the Township by the summer of 2029. To date, 907 onsite sewage systems have been documented.

### Comment

This summer's inspections will start on June 9, 2026. Most inspections will occur west of Highway 21 ( Bluewater Hwy) south of Shoreline Road, moving inland to the settlement areas of Saltford, Benmiller, Carlow and Nile.

Staff propose to invite the public for a Septic Social on June 4, 2026 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Benmiller Community Hall. The afternoon will be a casual open house format to give the public an opportunity to learn more about preparing for the program and what happens during an inspection. Video will also be recorded at the event so it can be shared online afterward.

Residents that are eligible for inspections this season will receive notification in May and are asked to confirm their inspection dates within 10 days of receipt.

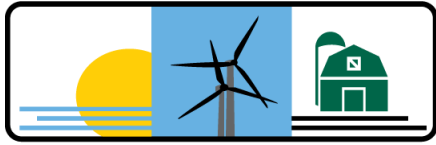
Should anyone have any questions they are encouraged to contact staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Joy Lindsay  
Chief Building Official

Mark Becker  
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## Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent      DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Dungannon Water Quality

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### Recommendation

For your information purposes.

### Background

Township staff were asked to bring back a report to facilitate discussion on the quality of water in Dungannon. Particularly, concerning what can be done to address concerns over the clarity and smell of the water. Staff have received one correspondence in 2026 about water clarity.

### Comment

In preliminary conversations with Veolia Water, their representative suggested first to increase the frequency and duration of their annual flushing program. They also suggested trying directional flushing. Directional (unidirectional) flushing is a precise, valve-controlled method that creates high-velocity flow to remove sediment. It is superior to conventional flushing—simply opening hydrants—which is less effective at scouring pipes and requires higher water volumes.

In the event that directional flushing is unsuccessful, the next step would be to look at advanced filtrations methods. These systems can be very costly to operate and maintain, therefore the recommendation from staff is to first try directional flushing and update Council on its efficiency before considering system upgrades.

Township staff have requested that a representative from Veolia Water be present at the meeting to discuss the issue and possible remedy.

### Others Consulted

Scott Gowan, Project Manager / Veolia Water

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

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## Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent      DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Works Activity Report - April 2026

### Recommendation

For your information purposes.

### Comment

Roads Administration:

- Attended the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference, visited the Trade Show and saw presentations on: Road Salt Usage, The Politics of Road Safety, Harmonizing of Road Construction Standards, Ontario Phragmites Action Plan, and the AORS Annual General Meeting.
- Drove all Lakeshore Roads with Waste Management to determine method of pickup after transitioning to Wheeled Carts.
- Attended Site Meeting at Ashfield Park with engineer to develop tender for the installation of stairs at the beach.
- Landscaping completed around new Benmiller playground and hazardous trees were removed.



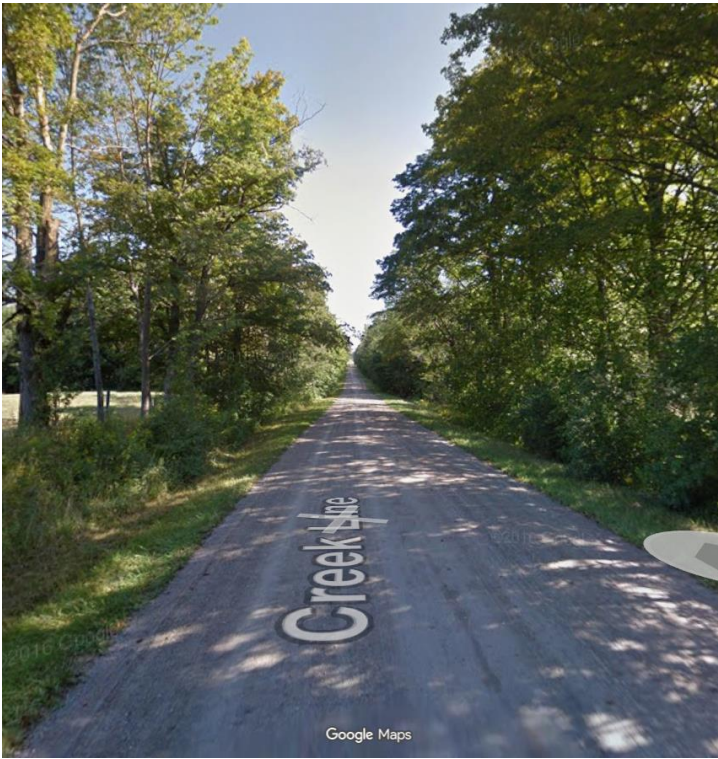
Roads Maintenance:

- Removed brush from Inglis Pit and St. Augustine Pit as required by the Ministry of Natural Resources following their visit last fall.
- Major spring washouts repaired at: Ashfield Park Road, Mackenzie Camp Road, Melbourne Street, Lanesville Line (needed an extended closure to repair), Little Lakes turnaround, School Road, Bissett's Hill, and Division Line.
- Major erosion issues encountered at: Division Line Bridge, Cransford Bridge (where a drain was added to the bridge deck), and Birch Beach Bridge.
- Ditching various locations at Lanesville Line and Division Line.
- Swept intersections at various locations.
- Mulched roadside brush all of Creek Line and Harper Line. Also mulched portions of St. Augustine Line, Nile Road, Pinery Line, and Gore Road.
- Spring Grading is underway in preparation for fresh gravel and dust control.



#### Gravel Road Upgrades:

- Staff have had a rubber-tired excavator brush many of the problem areas beginning last fall and this spring to positive results. (before bottom left, after bottom right)
- The areas on Creek Line that received extra gravel last year have seen an improvement in surface quality this spring. Staff will proceed with adding additional gravel as outlined in the 2026 budget.
- A cross culvert on Creek Line was damaged during the installation of the drainage tile and water is being held on the west side of the road. Staff will replace the culvert and monitor the situation.



Water Department:

- A chlorine leak at the Huron Sands Pumpouse was repaired and a precautionary boil water advisory was issued.
- Spring flushing beginning all locations to be completed by Mid-May.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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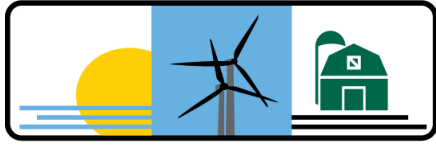
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## Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent      DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Bale Wrap

### Recommendation

For your information purposes.

### Background

Township staff were asked to prepare a report examining the feasibility of accepting Bale Wrap at the Township Landfill as it is a service offered by the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

In January 2025 Huron-Kinloss was informed by their service provider (Clean farms) that the collection of bale wrap and other agricultural plastics was ending due to the Government of Canada ending the funding program. Bale wrap remained in their Township Rates & Fees Bylaw and can be accepted at the Huron Landfill with the only option available being landfilling.

In January 2026 Huron-Kinloss staff followed up with Switch Energy Inc (SEI) from the Stratford area. SEI can accept the following materials: bale wrap, bunker plastic, commercial shrink wrap, shavings bags, water softener salt bags, greenhouse poly, binder twine and boat wrap.

As of this report Huron-Kinloss has not processed any Bale Wrap through this program. They are charging \$6 per bag to receive the Bale Wrap and \$140 per ton to transfer it to the recycler.

### Comment

If the Township is interested in pursuing a bale wrap program, there are a few items to consider:

- Bale wrap needs to be reasonably cleaned to be accepted. There can be no mud or debris on it making recycling very difficult. Unclean loads will be rejected and will require landfilling.
- This program is intended to be revenue neutral so as the full the costs of running the program as determined the billing will have to be adjusted.
- The Township does not have a recycling depot; all commercial enterprises, including farms and other agricultural operations, are responsible for arranging their own recycling.

Township Staff do not recommend instituting a Bale Wrap program at the Township Landfill – it is however recommended that information about Switch Energy Inc. is distributed through our

social media channels so that farmers may take part in the program. Switch Energy Inc. offers the service at a cost of \$6.50 per bag. There is a minimum pickup of 15 bags per call for service. All disposal costs are included in the bag purchase.

### Others Consulted

Geoff Aitken, Township of Huron-Kinloss Environmental Manager  
Janine Poppe, Switch Energy Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:



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Thomas McCarthy  
Public Works Superintendent



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Mark Becker  
Chief Administrative Officer

## Council Report

STAFF: Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent      DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Water Tank Quotations

### Recommendation

That Council accept the quotation for one 2600 Gallon Water Tank with Water Pump and Frame from Precision Industries for \$37,061.53 excluding H.S.T.

### Background

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has two steel water tanks that are used to water gravel roads before grading and applying calcium. Both have significant rust holes from age; the better of the two tanks is pictured below. One of the tanks belonged to the County of Huron until it was replaced with a tank from Precision Industries.



### Comment

Township staff budgeted \$50,000 with the initial intention of purchasing two round bottom tanks and purchasing the plumbing and pumps separately. After pricing out all of the components and considering the lengthy wait time to have a pump delivered, staff is recommending purchasing one complete water tank system and to refurbish one of the existing metal tanks.

The following quotations were received, one of the companies stipulated that their bid be confidential.

Company	Tank Type	Price excluding H.S.T
Precision Industries	Poly 2600 Gallon	\$37,061.53
Confidential Bid	Poly 2600 Gallon	\$41,000.00
Husky Industries Ltd.	Metal 3170 Gallon	\$41,000.00

Township staff followed the procurement policy and obtained three competitive quotations for this purchase and chose not to use a tender, due to the time sensitive nature of the purchase. Precision Industries works with Viking-Cives to provide tanks for their tandem trucks and as previously mentioned Huron County recently purchased one of their water tanks.



**Others Consulted**

Donald Hastings, Huron County Public Works

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Thomas McCarthy  
Public Works Superintendent

Mark Becker  
Chief Administrative Officer

# Delegation Meetings

## AMO 2026 Municipal Delegation Requests Now Open

The [AMO 2026 Municipal Delegation Request Form](#) is now open. You can select either French or English using the global icon in the top right corner of the form.

Delegation meetings with Cabinet Ministers are a key feature of the AMO Conference experience. These meetings are a unique opportunity for your council to engage with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants and senior Ontario Government officials on local matters that impact your municipality.

The deadline for submitting requests is **Thursday May 21st, at 5:00 PM EST.**

### MMAH Delegation Contact

A reminder to AMO members that MMAH is your key contact on delegation meetings. If you have questions you can reach out to: [delegations@ontario.ca](mailto:delegations@ontario.ca).

### Preparing for Ministerial Delegation Meetings

AMO has developed a guide to support members in requesting, preparing and participating in delegation meetings. You can access the guide [here](#).

\*Only paid conference delegates have access to the delegation meetings.



## Dungannon Community Alliance Committee Minutes

November 26, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:                   Angela B  
  Logan C  
  Susanne C-P  
  Jane H  
  Ken L

Staff Present:                       Kelly T

Absent:                               Evan H

**The Dungannon Community Alliance Committee will meet at the Dungannon Community Centre at 78 Albert Street, Dungannon.**

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1.     **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ken L called the meeting to order.

2.     **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION 1**

Moved by Susanne C-P  
Seconded by Angela B

THAT the Minutes dated September 10, 2025 of the Dungannon Community Alliance Committee be adopted as circulated.

**Carried**

3.     **BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE**

3.1    Dungannon Park

3.1.1 Grounds Update

Benches will be repaired early spring 2026.

No updates on the Cenotaph Project.

A new basketball net has been installed.

3.1.2 Christmas in the Park

Each member to bring goodies to the Christmas in the Park.

Kelly T to purchase hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Ken L to inquire about sound systems with microphones.

Ang B and Kelly T to bring fire tables and candles.

3.1.3 Events in 2026

Food Booth on Friday's - starting May 29, 2026 until August 28, 2026. There will be no food truck on July 3, 2026.

Children's Market dates - July 17 and August 14, 2026.

Other ideas for Friday nights - Dungannon Scavenger Hunt, End of School Celebration, Specials at the Food Truck.

3.2 2026 Meeting Schedule

2026 Meeting schedule has been set and as follows: April 22, June 3, September 30 and November 25, 2026.

3.3 ACW Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Awards

Deadline to submit nominations - Friday, March 20, 2026

Susanne C-P and Jane H are working together to prepare and submit a nomination form.

**5. DCA MEMBER REPORTS**

Dungannon Pro Rodeo - Gearing up for bigger and better event in 2026. Expanding to a three-day experience, complete with a newly constructed ring and an incredible lineup of music performers.

Dungannon Agricultural Society - The hall has been booked every weekend this fall with community events and private rentals. They are investigating grants into upgrading the facility.

Dungannon Community Centre - Had a successful year with the Food Booth. With the new generator at the Centre, the committee is exploring the development of a emergency plan.

Mackay Centre - Dungannon - The Centre continues to offer a wide variety of programs and is focusing on increasing participation and community engagement.

Dungannon YOUth Group - Are planning on hosting their Kids Korner again at the Dungannon Christmas Market and are looking for donations. Family Bingo is taking place on Friday, November 28, 2025. The Halloween Spook House was a success, scaring 60 kids and 34 adults.

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Dungannon Community Alliance is on April 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 2**

Moved by Angela B  
Seconded by Susanne C-P

THAT the Dungannon Community Alliance does now adjourn to meet again on April 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

**Carried**

## Benmiller Committee Hall Director Meeting Minutes

BCH – April 15, 2026, 7:00pm

**Directors:** Gina McDonnell, MacKenzie Deuschle, Annelies Schuttel, Carole Weber, Brad Vanstone, Laurie Ginn

Ex. Officio ACW Rep. Curtis Blake

Regrets: Shawna Baxter

**Call to Order:** 1900hrs

### AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was presented for approval.

**MOTION:** Carole/Curtis to approve the meeting agenda as presented. CARRIED

### MINUTES APPROVAL

The January 21, 2026 meeting minutes were presented for approval.

**MOTION:** MacKenzie/Annelies to approve the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes.  
CARRIED

### TREASURER'S REPORT (Laurie G.)

Paper deposit forms sent via email to Committee members by Carole.

**MOTION:** Curtis/Brad to approve the Treasurer's report. CARRIED

### EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

#### *Dinner Events* (Annelies S.)

Spring Dinner Date: June 4, 2026 - Cardiff's roast beef

Fall Dinner Date: TBD - Holy Smokes Caterer, possible pig roast

***ACTION ITEM:*** Amelies to contact Holy Smokes to set a fall dinner date and to finalize menu.

#### *Family Themed Events* (MacKenzie)

All winter events canceled due to weather.

**Hot Dog BBQ Fundraiser:** July 3 & 4, Zehrs.

**Euchre** (Laurie, Carole)

Winter euchre was well received. Carole has offered to take over managing euchre for the 26/27 season.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Benmiller Playground Project:** Carole brought up concerns about the proposed pathway/trail behind the baseball diamonds. Some residents in the subdivision voiced their concerns to her, to Council and Township staff.

BCH Committee unaware of plans for a pathway behind the diamonds. It was our impression that there would be an accessible pathway from the front parking lot to the new playground along with a barrier fence.

Discussion was had about a further option to add an accessible pathway leading from the front parking lot to the lower level patio and picnic area at the back of the hall.

**ACTION ITEM:** MacKenzie to respond by email to Twp staff's request for BCH Committee's immediate input regarding the pathway.

**Internet** (Carole): Currently there is no Hurontel fibre optic option for the BCH. Hurontel will conduct a survey to determine availability and timing.

**ACTION ITEM:** Carole to contact Eastlink for possible equipment updates and fee restructuring.

**Donor recognition sign:** MacKenzie has been in touch with Sign Guys (Pete Do). More information to come when available.

**Recruiting new BCH Committee Members:** Nothing to report.

**Remembering Glen:** Gina has researched tree options. An oak tree will be planted at a later date and a memorial plaque installed.

**Update from Sommer Brothers:**

**Siding repair:** Back ordered corner siding now on hand, installation and repairs to be done soon.

**Ball diamond netting:** ordered, should be in place for first week of May.

**Electrical panel:** moisture in panel was due to condensation from air exchanger above which has a broken part. Fergusons trying to source a replacement part.

**BCH sign:** A leg of the frame broke through the winter.

***ACTION ITEM: Curtis to remind Tom McCarthy at Township of the needed repair.***

**NEW BUSINESS**

8 of 11 broken chairs have been repaired. 1x 8' table broken beyond repair.

**Motion to Adjourn: Curtis 2006hrs**

**Next Meeting: July 15th, 2026 @ 1900h**

April 22, 2026

Dear Members of Huron Perth Councils,

At the April 10, 2026, meeting of the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) Board of Health, the Board received a staff report: *Household Food Insecurity* with recommendations to direct staff to share the Board of Health report (including appendix) to all municipalities in Huron and Perth Counties. This report outlines the public health concerns of food insecurity which often leads to poorer physical and mental health outcomes and higher healthcare utilization.

Supported by HPPH, municipalities can support policies and initiatives to reduce food insecurity through various evidence-informed income strategies as outlined in the [Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities](#).

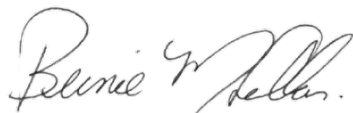
Municipalities can act by advancing poverty reduction plans, supporting partnerships, promoting living wages, expanding tax-filing supports, increasing affordable housing, improving service affordability, and raising awareness that food insecurity is an income issue.

Municipalities can also champion stronger provincial and federal income policies, including higher minimum wages, increased OW/ODSP rates, enhanced federal benefits, and exploration of basic income.

The resource, [Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities](#), aims to continue the conversation about food insecurity and the strategies to reduce food insecurity in our local communities. HPPH will continue to monitor data trends, emerging concerns, health inequities, and opportunities for collaboration across Huron and Perth Counties.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Bernie MacLellan, Chair  
Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health

## Huron Perth Public Health | Staff Report

### Report to HPPH Board of Health | April 10, 2026

**Date submitted:**

**Prepared by:** Shannon Edmonstone, Public Health Nutritionist; Angela Willert, Health Promotion and Wellbeing Manager; Tanya Sangster, Director of Community and Family Health

**Subject:** Food Insecurity (including a Primer for Municipalities and alPHa Resolution)

### Report Recommendation

1. That the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health (BOH) receives this report for information purposes and directs staff to share this report (including appendix) to all municipalities in Huron and Perth counties on behalf of the BOH.
2. That the Huron Perth Public Health Board of Health co-signs the Association of Local Public Health Agencies' draft Resolution submission AXX-2026, *Enhancing the Ontario Works Benefit*, led by Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), with endorsement from Southwestern Public Health and Windsor Essex County Health Unit.

### Background

Household food insecurity, defined as inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints, is a significant public health issue across Canada. Food insecurity is associated with poorer physical and mental health outcomes and higher healthcare utilization.<sup>1</sup> Public health units monitor food insecurity and food affordability to support health equity and the conditions required for residents to meet basic needs.<sup>2</sup> Huron Perth food insecurity and affordability data was published in the HPPH report, [The Real Cost of Eating, 2024](#) and shared with HPPH's Board of Health in April 2025.

Food insecurity is fundamentally an income problem, not a food supply or food literacy issue. Charitable food programs may reduce short-term hunger but do not reduce food insecurity prevalence. Sustainable improvement comes from income-based policies, such as adequate wages, social assistance rates, tax credits, and income supports.<sup>2</sup>

Municipalities influence key social determinants of health through housing policy, transportation systems, local economic development, childcare availability, and access to municipal programs and services. Rising housing and transportation costs reduce the resources households have available for food.<sup>2</sup>

*Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities* (appendix) was developed by Ontario Dietitians in Public Health and adapted by Huron Perth Public Health to support municipalities in implementing evidence-informed, income-focused strategies. These include strengthening local poverty reduction plans, supporting living wage initiatives, enhancing affordable housing supply, improving access to municipal programs, and championing provincial and federal policies that strengthen income security.<sup>2-3</sup>

Across Ontario, several municipalities have passed motions recognizing food insecurity as an urgent issue, endorsed basic income, adopted living wage employer status, or expanded affordability policies such as reduced-income transit and recreation programs. This demonstrates growing momentum for local action.

## **Discussion**

Given the significant health impacts of food insecurity and the opportunities for municipal partnership, this report presents key evidence and recommended strategies to support local and provincial governments in addressing the financial conditions that underpin food insecurity. Public health is positioned to provide data, leadership, and health equity expertise to support long-term solutions.<sup>2</sup>

### Household Food Insecurity in Huron and Perth

Food insecurity remains a persistent issue that reflects household financial strain. Locally, one in four households (or 26.1%) are food insecure.<sup>4</sup> Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario (MFAO) data show that rising housing costs leaves many households with insufficient resources for food and other essentials.<sup>2</sup>

### Association of Local Public Health Agencies: Household Food Insecurity

alPHa previously endorsed various resolutions in support of social assistance reform and income-based solutions to household food insecurity including:

- [A24-05: Early Childhood Food Insecurity: An Emerging Public Health Problem Requiring Urgent Action](#)
- [A23-05: Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates](#)
- [A18-02: Public Health Support for a Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage](#)
- [A18-04: Extending the Ontario Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Nutritional Allowance to 24 Months](#)
- [A15-04: Public Health Support for a Basic Income Guarantee](#)
- [A05-18: Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Participants and Low Wage Earners](#)

## Key Considerations

Public Health contributes to household food insecurity work by providing local data and analysis, supporting municipalities with evidence and policy options, and sharing evidence-informed solutions with decision makers. Food insecurity results from inadequate income. Community food programs cannot address the underlying economic causes of food insecurity. Income-focused municipal strategies can improve residents' financial security.<sup>2</sup> Municipal policies influence housing supply, transit affordability, childcare access, recreation fees, and financial supports – all of which affect disposable income.<sup>5-8</sup>

The following are key considerations for evidence-informed municipal actions, drawn from *Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities*:<sup>3</sup>

- **Poverty Reduction Strategies:** Develop or refresh municipal plans with clear targets and actions.
- **Partnerships:** Support and participate in local poverty, food system, and income-security tables.
- **Living Wage:** Explore municipal certification and encourage uptake among local employers.
- **Income Tax Filing Clinics:** Expand access, locations, navigation support, and transportation options.
- **Affordable Housing:** Utilize planning tools to increase supply and diversity, support the Housing First approach, protect affordable stock, and coordinate supportive housing investment.
- **Municipal Service Affordability:** Expand reduced-income transit fare programs, childcare subsidies, recreation supports, and navigator roles.
- **Public Awareness:** Communicate that food insecurity reflects income inadequacy, not gaps in food literacy or availability.
- **Champion income policies:** Municipalities may communicate to provincial and federal leaders, that income policies to reduce food insecurity are required, including:
  - Adequate minimum wage
  - Increased and indexed OW/ODSP rates
  - Enhanced federal benefits (e.g., CCB, CDB)
  - Exploration of basic income models

## Conclusion

Household food insecurity has significant health impacts and is driven by inadequate income rather than lack of food availability. Municipalities have practical, evidence-based levers to reduce financial strain and improve affordability for residents. All municipalities in Huron and Perth can play an essential role in advancing poverty reduction, improving access to affordable housing and services, supporting living wage

initiatives, strengthening income-support mechanisms, and raising awareness of food insecurity as a community priority.

Sharing [Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities](#) with municipal partners will help strengthen a consistent, informed local approach. HPPH will continue to monitor data trends, emerging concerns, health inequities, and opportunities for collaboration across Huron and Perth Counties.

## Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## Board of Health Priorities

This report supports Focused Program Delivery, helping ensure HPPH programs remain evidence-based and responsive to community needs.

## Supporting Documentation

- Appendix A: [Food Insecurity: A Primer for Municipalities](#)

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## **Mayor Martin Ritsma & Stratford City Council**

In co-operation with the

### **Stratford Festival**

Are pleased to invite Municipal Staff, Elected Officials,  
their friends and families to join us for

## **Civic Night**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2026**  
**"Guys & Dolls"**

**Festival Theatre - 55 Queen Street, Stratford**  
**Performance: 8:00 p.m.**

**Please join us prior to the performance in the  
Paul D. Fleck Marquee for a Reception beginning at 6:30 pm**

"In the bustling streets of New York, a smooth-talking gambler wagers he can charm a pious missionary, while another high roller desperately fights to keep his game alive and his fiancée from walking away. In a city ruled by chance, love takes unexpected turns and both men soon discover they are risking far more than money."

For this performance, the Stratford Festival is offering a **Two for One** deal. Tickets will sell out quickly for this performance, so please purchase your tickets early.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Box Office at 1-800-567-1600 or on-line at [www.stratfordfestival.ca](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca) and providing the **Promotion Code 119613**. The ticket price on the website, is the discounted price. Additional information regarding this performance is available through the Stratford Festival's website.

If you should have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Gerber, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, at 519-271-0250 extension 5236 or by email [lgerber@stratford.ca](mailto:lgerber@stratford.ca). We look forward to seeing you on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Building our strength **at home.**

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# Expanding our reach

**O**ver the past year, the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII) has continued to strengthen its role within Canada’s nuclear sector—undertaking sector-leading transformation projects that start with process improvements that make the industry’s operations safer and its workers’ lives better.

With laser focus, the team advanced these initiatives designed to solve today’s operational challenges and boost the industry’s long-term competitiveness, resilience and readiness. Strengthening the industry from the inside out, these efforts are helping position Canada’s nuclear sector for sustained success in an increasingly complex global energy landscape.

Deepening partnerships and expanding its reach well beyond the Clean Energy Frontier region of Bruce, Grey and Huron counties, NII solidified its role as a trusted connector and collaborator through national and international engagement. The NII team brought together industry leaders, all levels of government and communities to address shared challenges and opportunities on a wide range of topics.

Building the conversation on clean energy policy, large-project readiness, AI and data centres, energy security, resilient communities, all while supporting collaboration between diverse groups—

NII demonstrated the value of having a strong, coordinated voice for the sector.

This year also marked a period of meaningful progress for the Green Ribbon Panel, a coalition of leaders from business, labour, not-for-profit and the energy sector. As Chair of the Panel, I have seen firsthand the impact of NII’s leadership as Secretariat—convening leaders in Washington, D.C. on tariff response and launching a 100-day action plan for Canada’s energy policy. NII helped position the Panel as a credible, solutions-focused voice advancing a clean energy economy.

NII’s work this year showed what is possible when expertise, trust and leadership come together, positioning nuclear as a central pillar of Canada’s clean energy future.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to our Founding Members and partners for your continued engagement and leadership. NII is well situated in 2026 to build on this momentum of a strong, innovative and connected nuclear sector.



James Scongack  
NII Board Chair

# Building our clean energy path

“...to build our strength at home, and to act together.  
That is Canada’s path. We choose it openly and confidently.”

—The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada

**T**his year at NII, our work took shape with unified purpose—each project, each partnership, each conversation adding strength to a growing, pan-Canadian network of clean energy leadership.

Here in the Clean Energy Frontier region, we’ve built this strong story. But in 2025, the reach of our work extended farther than ever before.

Sector transformation projects improving processes and operational efficiency. National conversations about AI and nuclear, tariffs and energy policy. Community resiliency research. Unique STEM opportunities. Signature events. This year was proof that local efforts can shape national outcomes.

We also sharpened our focus. With the approval of our 2026–2028 business plan, NII is stepping confidently into the future with clear goals, strong governance and a commitment to deliver meaningful, measurable value for our members. This plan reflects the evolving needs of a sector that is growing in impact and

complexity. It positions us to be proactive partners—supportive, strategic and ready to help drive the next generation of clean energy innovation.

Across every pillar of our work, collaboration was the common link. Whether we were helping streamline industry processes, producing research that shaped federal conversations, or hosting events that brought hundreds of partners together, the strongest outcomes happened when we worked as one.

Thank you for your trust, your insight and your partnership. Together, we are building something that reaches far beyond our region—something that will help shape Canada’s path.

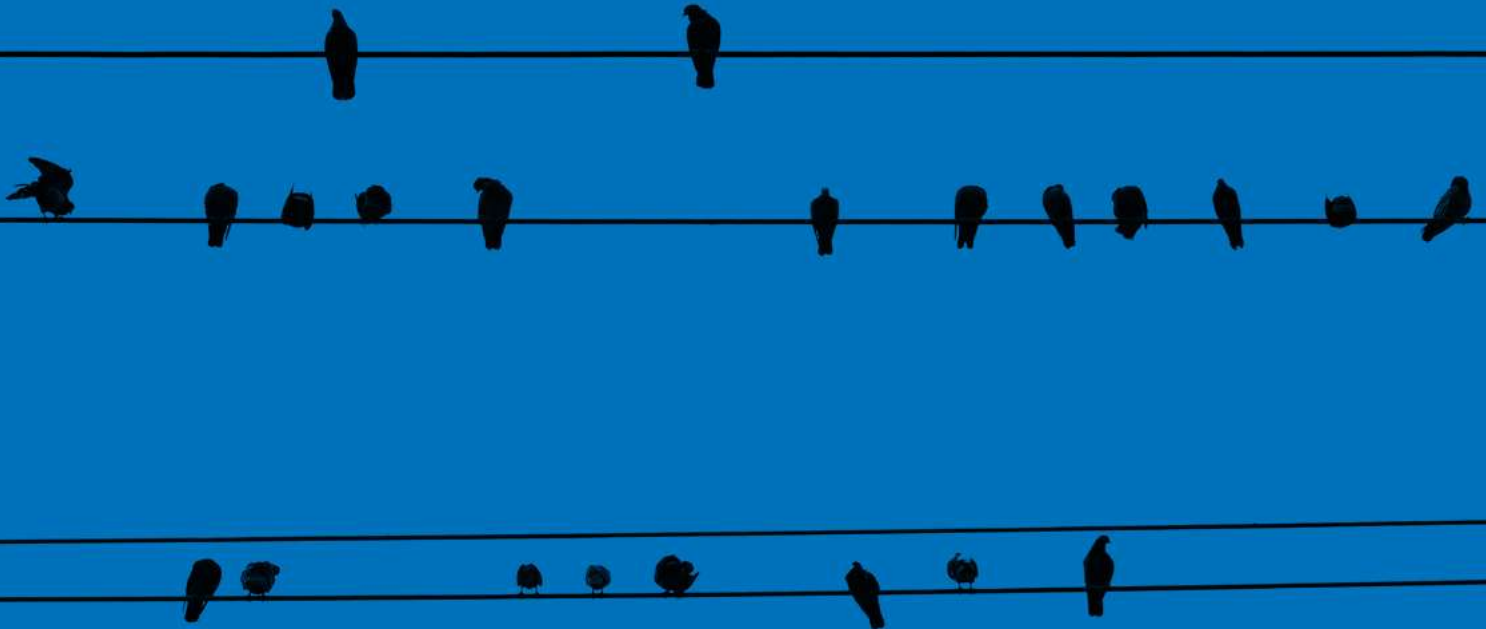


Jessica Linthorne  
President & Chief Executive Officer



# Board of Directors

The Nuclear Innovation Institute is supported by its Founding Members: engaged, forward-looking organizations working towards a clean energy future while also creating lasting local impact in the communities of Bruce, Grey and Huron counties.



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# Our strength at home

Established in 2019, the Nuclear Innovation Institute is Canada’s premier research institute for the clean energy sector. A member-based not-for-profit located in the heart of rural Ontario, NII’s focus is on advancing the nuclear industry’s innovative capacity, operational excellence and skill development—leading projects that enhance safety, quality and workers’ daily lives.

NII is located on the territory of the Anishinaabe Nation: the People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway/Chippewas, Odawa and Potawatomi Nations, now homeland of the Chippewas of Saugeen and the Chippewas of Nawash, the keepers of the land. We also recognize the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.



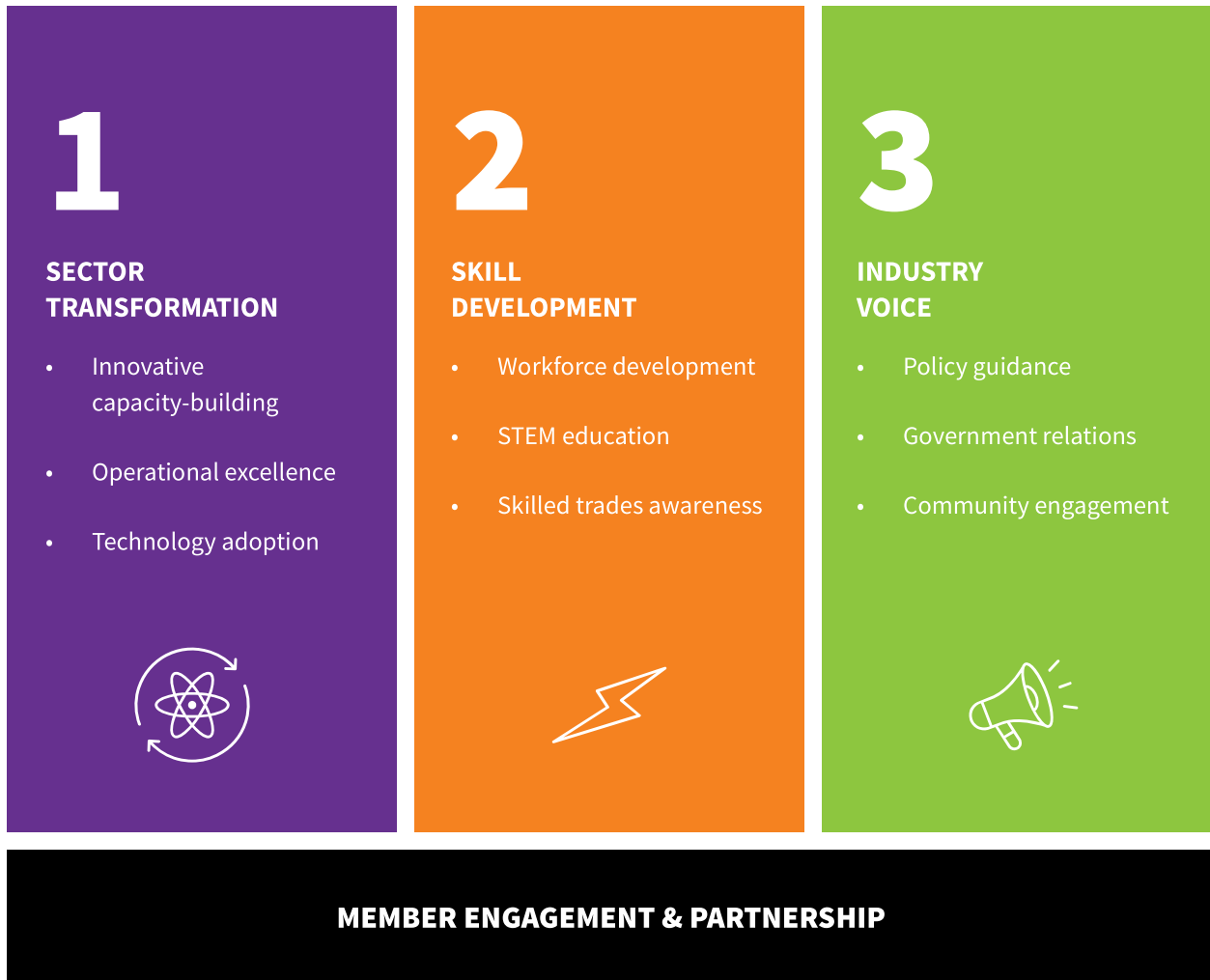
**VISION**

A Canadian landscape that celebrates an innovative nuclear industry as an integral part of the clean energy future.

**MISSION**

To drive sector transformation, skill development and an innovative nuclear voice to support members and encourage collaborative engagement with communities, industries and governments.

This mission is built on work that happens under three pillars:



# Securing the future

## CLEAN ENERGY FRONTIER CONFERENCE

The 2025 Clean Energy Frontier Conference brought more than 150 delegates together for one of the industry's most dynamic clean energy events.

Panels, workshops and presentations explored economic development, innovation and the role of rural regions in building Canada's energy future. Founding Members were featured throughout the program and the event drew significant media attention across southern Ontario.

“Today, in this room, we have over 150 professionals from the nuclear industry, elected officials, community leaders, academic and service partners, vendors and entrepreneurs. I cannot think of another sector conference that welcomes this diverse of an audience.”

—Jessica Linthorne, NII President and CEO



“That’s how you  
secure the future.  
So, my question to  
you is: Are you ready?”

—Eric Chassard, President & CEO, Bruce Power





# 2025 by the numbers

These numbers only tell part of the story—but together, they show a growing national network tied together by the strengths of the Clean Energy Frontier region.

**150+**

attendees at the Clean Energy  
Frontier Conference with 84  
organizations represented  
across sectors

**350+**

students participating  
in the Built to Lead  
skilled trades event

**7K**

students taking part in  
STEM and energy-related  
education events

**430K**

impressions on NII's  
social media channels and  
200 media mentions

**28**

organizations engaged in  
the Community Resiliency  
Strategy consultations

**39**

organizations represented  
at NII Connects: Community  
conversations on mental health

# Sector transformation

A critical part of Ontario's innovation ecosystem, NII's sector transformation projects include process improvement activities that increase operational excellence through projects that boost safety, enhance quality and make life better for workers.



# Process improvement: strengthening the system from the inside out

## KAIZEN FOR NUCLEAR

In 2025, the team focused on sector-changing Kaizen projects that brought teams together to share expertise and strengthen practices that keep this industry moving.



**TIMESHEET  
& INVOICING**

Improved data integrity, reduced administrative burden and created new standards for timelier invoice approvals.




**MEETING  
COLLABORATION**

Early results showed clearer expectations, better engagement and shared practices across two major industry players.



**ACCRUAL  
REPORTING**

Significant labour savings and a model of excellence for future adoption across the sector.



**HISTORY  
DOCKETS**

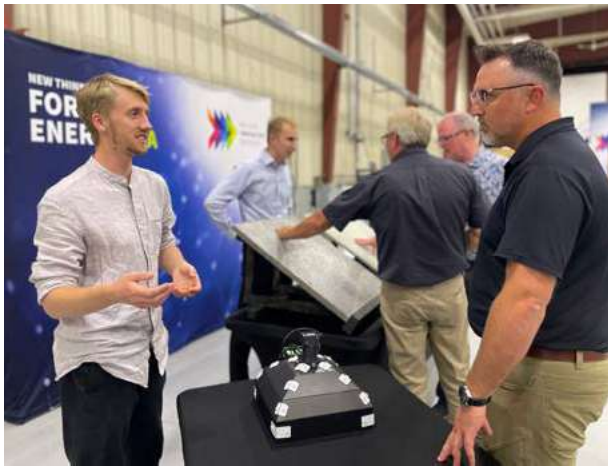
Built a future-state workflow to reduce rework, increase efficiency and improve the timely delivery of nuclear-grade components.

# Cutting-edge tech showcases

## INNOVATION DAY

Innovation Day events offer exclusive access to Founding Members and partners to learn about emerging technologies and leading-edge work happening in the nuclear sector, connecting Members with academic research and technology developers to discuss potential applications.

In September, NII brought together industry, municipal partners and academic experts for a showcase of new technology that could transform the way critical infrastructure is inspected and maintained using advanced lighting techniques and AI to improve the accuracy and efficiency of concrete inspections.



# Skill development

NII has developed a unique set of STEM education programs, resources and events targeting children and youth that help support our communities. Through ongoing engagement with local school boards, NII's work is aligned with the Ontario curriculum and advanced education opportunities.



# Inspiring the province's future tradespeople

## BUILT TO LEAD

This year's Built to Lead event welcomed more than 350 students from Grades 7–12 for hands-on engagement with the skilled trades. The event gave young women across the region a direct look at real career pathways in the trades: by hearing from women already working in these roles and connecting with unions and employers, students left with excitement, confidence and new opportunities ahead of them.

## ENERGY CO-OP

NII ran the Energy Co-op program, which immersed 12 students from Kincardine District Senior School and 12 students from Saugeen Ojibway Nation in the world of power generation. Through the willingness of our nuclear industry partners, students gained 17 weeks of hands-on training to introduce them to the industry.





## STEM education & outreach

NII provided content for or hosted 81 events with the local school boards, from classroom activities for Grade 6 electricity classes and Grade 7 environmental classes to large event programming like the NII Science Olympics and the new NII Model UN program, providing rural students with the same opportunities as their urban counterparts.

Some new developments this year came through our teacher professional development programs where NII hosted all of the secondary teachers from the Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board for sessions on the nuclear industry, providing them with career messaging for students. In addition, NII met with students and guidance counselors from across the Bluewater District School Board to speak about future workforce issues.

NII also continues to advance Indigenous engagement opportunities in the local Saugeen Ojibway Nation (SON) communities by leading dynamic outreach programs and by attending community-hosted events and gatherings raising awareness about employment opportunities and promoting youth education.

This year NII participated in the Assembly of First Nations National Natural Resources Forum and the New Brunswick Assembly of First Nations, speaking on the role of nuclear power in the clean energy economy. NII's Explore program also took part in meaningful youth activities throughout the year with SON, including the annual two weeks of Summer STEM camp for 40 students each week, STEM-themed PD Day programs, job fairs and cultural events like Sconefest and Orange Shirt Day.



# Industry voice

As an industry voice with deep connections across government, industry and communities, NII advances clean energy leadership by engaging diverse audiences, building broader awareness of Canadian nuclear innovation, and reinforcing public confidence in the role that nuclear energy plays in powering a resilient, clean and competitive economy.



# Charting the national path forward

## GREEN RIBBON PANEL

As Secretariat for the Green Ribbon Panel, NII helped redefine the Panel's mission and expand its membership, while coordinating major events in Washington and Toronto. The year delivered:

- A Canada-US statement on energy cooperation
- A 100-day action plan with four federal recommendations
- A response to the federal budget highlighting key progress

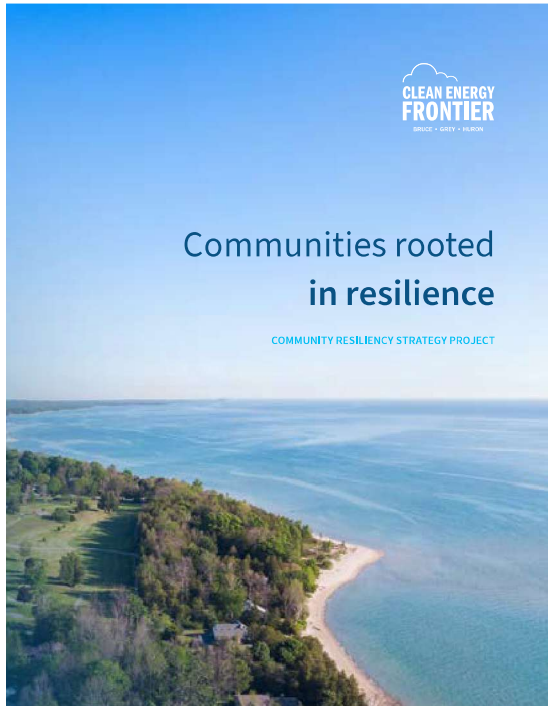
Together, these efforts helped cement the Panel's position as a national voice on clean energy policy and economic resilience.



## COMMUNITY READINESS PROJECT

Through research and a regional workshop, NII helped local leaders understand the impacts of large-scale infrastructure projects and identify strategies to proactively prepare communities. This work is already influencing discussions across municipal councils and community groups.





### COMMUNITY RESILIENCY STRATEGY

This work explored how rural communities can strengthen support systems in the face of mental health challenges, housing pressures, substance use and more. Identifying key opportunities to build impactful connections and to support the incredible work already underway in this region, the strategy helped ensure a coordinated path for the energy sector to work alongside community partners towards a stronger and more resilient future.



## CLEAN ENERGY FRONTIER AWARDS

Presented at the Canadian Nuclear Association Conference, the awards recognized outstanding leadership in innovation, community building and economic growth—showcasing the region’s strength and momentum.





## **ECONOMIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR NEW NUCLEAR**

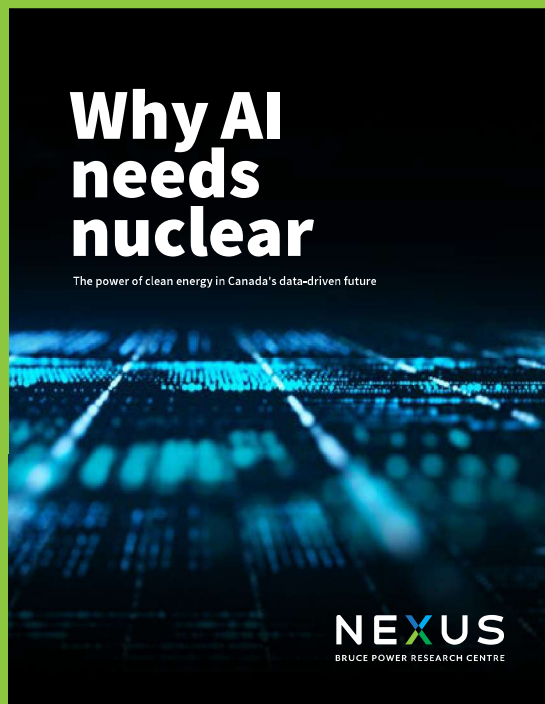
In partnership with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, NII advanced critical research to support the proposed Bruce C project. Early findings were shared with delegates at the Clean Energy Frontier Conference and will continue to inform government and public discussions into 2026 and beyond.

# Thought leadership for a cleaner future

## BRUCE POWER NEXUS RESEARCH CENTRE

Amplifying the Bruce Power Nexus Research Centre’s role as an industry voice, this year’s research explored big questions facing Canada’s clean energy economy:

- **Why AI needs nuclear:** A national conversation sparked by a timely report connecting data centre growth with clean, reliable nuclear energy. The report reached federal leaders, industry partners and international audiences.
- **Energy and land use mapping:** Research showing what our region would look like if nuclear generation were replaced with alternative energy sources.





Economic Club of Canada



## Isotope ecosystem development

### SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO ISOTOPE COALITION

The Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition released its Review of regional opportunities, offering 12 grounded recommendations for supporting isotope innovation and investment in the region. The report launched alongside national nuclear leaders and is guiding the next phase of isotope development in southwestern Ontario.

NII also supported the isotope student track program at the Canadian Radiotheranostics Leaders' Summit held by the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council (CNIC), which brought post-secondary students face-to-face with employers and industry leaders, helping inspire the next generation of nuclear medicine and energy professionals.

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# Building what comes next



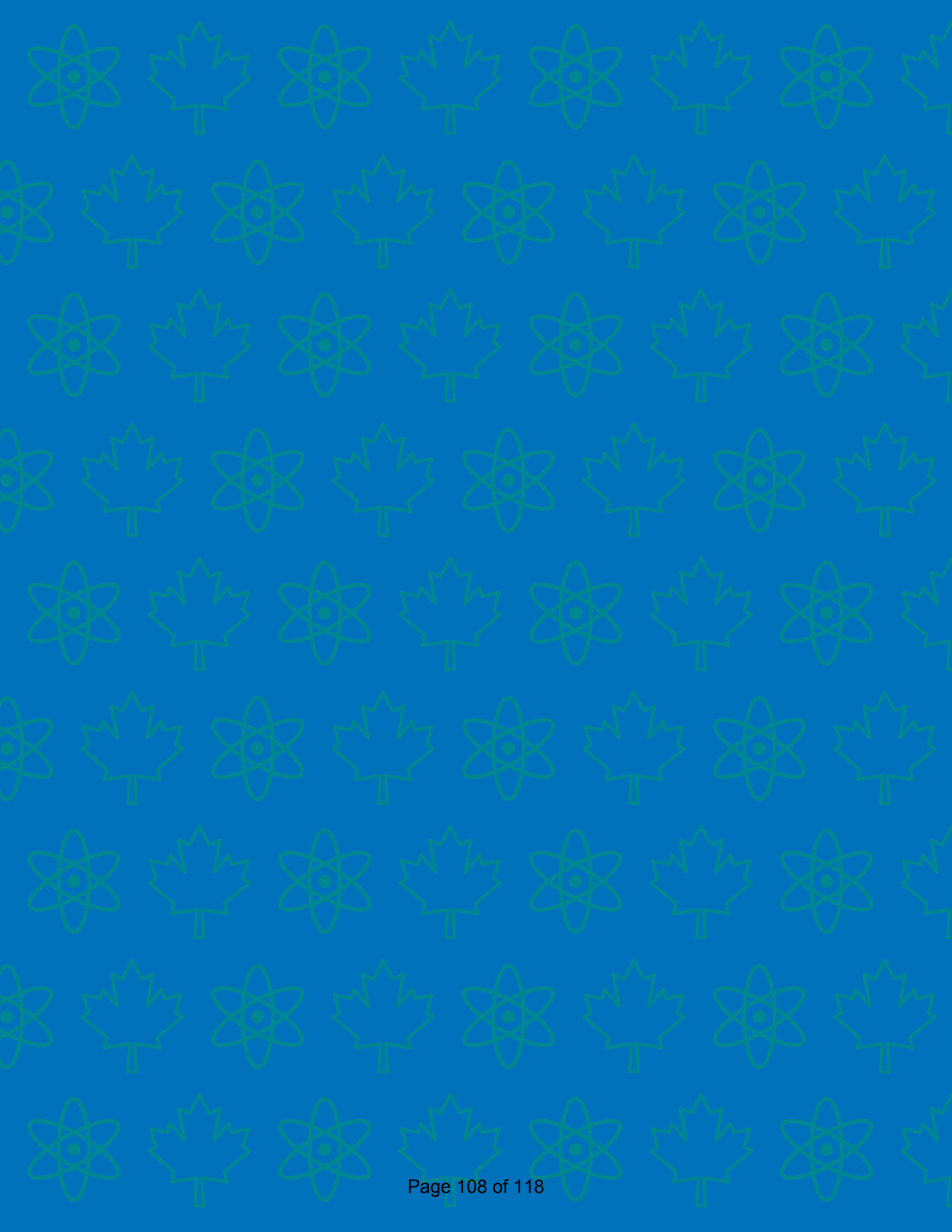


n every corner of NII's work this year, the theme was connection— from shop floors to classrooms to boardrooms to the national stage. What starts here in the Clean Energy Frontier region reaches far across the country, shaping Canada's clean energy future and driving a stronger, more resilient industry.

Together, our Founding Members, partners and communities created something meaningful in 2025. And together, we're ready for what comes next.

Already in 2026, NII is pushing further into the work that matters most: deepening our sector transformation work as a driver of real, employee-led operational change; expanding skill development pathways that connect the region's next generation of energy workers to meaningful careers; and advancing the collaborative projects that only happen when industry, government, education and community partners move together.

Stay in touch and join us in our work building a clean energy future!





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The Nuclear Innovation Institute is committed to doing our part in helping protect our local environment and the resources we use in all our work.

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# The Last Mayor of Rusty River

WRITTEN BY DAVID SCOTT AND GIL GARRATT  
ORIGINAL SONGS BY JOHN POWERS

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026**

**5:30PM RECEPTION WITH GUESTS | 7:00PM PERFORMANCE**

**ON THE MARGARET STEPHENS STAGE | BLYTH, ON**



Fed up with politics, two upstart councillors run a cat for mayor and all h\*ll breaks loose. The campaign explodes, the town goes wild, and nothing is off-limits. A toe-tapping musical about power, protest, and the precipitous descent into purr-fect pandemonium.

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## Membership Meeting #3-2026

March 18, 2026

**Members Present:** Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Megan Gibson, Matt Duncan, Anita Van Hittersum, Evan Hickey, Ed Podniewicz, Vanessa McMillan, Andrew Fournier, Alison Lobb, Sharen Zinn

**Staff Present:** Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer  
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator  
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Services Coordinator  
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant  
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Supervisor of Planning & Regulations

**Others Present:** Cory Bilyea, Midwestern News Media  
Paul Seebach, Seebach and Company

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, welcome everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

### 3. Minutes

#### Motion FA #21-26

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #1-2026 held on January 28, 2026, and Meeting #2-2026 held on February 25, 2026, be approved.  
(carried)

### 4. 2025 Draft Audit, Paul Seebach, Seebach and Company Report #11-2026

Paul Seebach from Seebach and Company, Chartered Professional Accountants, made a presentation and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #22-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Matt Duncan

THAT the Auditor’s report for 2025 be approved as presented.

(carried)

**5. Provincial Announcement regarding the Consolidation of Conservation Authorities: Report #12-2026**

Report #12-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #23-26**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT a draft response for the municipalities and public is to be developed and discussed at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

(carried)

**6. Business Requiring Direction and or Decision of the Minutes**

a) 2026 Work Plan, Budget, and Cost Apportionment: Report #13-2026

Report #13-2026 was presented and the following motions were made:

**Motion FA #24-26**

**Moved by:** Vanessa McMillan

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the cost apportionment increase be approved at \$175,000 for 2026;

AND THAT the cost be apportioned to each municipality in accordance with the 2026 schedule.

(carried)

Chair McGugan called for the Member’s to vote on behalf of their respective Municipality on the levy apportionment as outlined in Report #13. The approval of the work plan and budget requires a motion and a majority of the Members to be approved.

Municipality	Member	Assessment Value (%)	In Favour	Not In Favour	No Comment	Absent
Central Huron	Alison Lobb	9.44	✓			
ACW	Evan Hickey	12.5	✓			
Goderich	Vanessa McMillan	10.63	✓			
Howick	Megan Gibson	4.40	✓			
Huron East	Alvin McLellan	10.26	✓			
Huron Kinloss	Ed McGugan	6.08	✓			
Mapleton	Ed Podniewicz	0.89	✓			
Minto	Ed Podniewicz	7.12	✓			
Morris-Turnberry	Sharen Zinn	5.14	✓			
North Huron	Anita van Hittersum	5.57	✓			

North Perth	Matt Duncan	22.92	✓			
Perth East	Andrew Fournier	1.76	✓			
South Bruce	Ed McGugan	0.07	✓			
Wellington North	Ed Podniewicz	2.76	✓			
West Perth	Andrew Fournier	0.46	✓			

The results of the recorded vote was 100% in favour therefore the following motion was carried:

**Motion FA #25-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT the 2026 Work Plan and Budget be approved as outlined in Report #13-2026.  
(carried)

b) Members Work Plan for 2026: Report #14-2025

Report #14-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #26-26**

**Moved by:** Evan Hickey

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the work plan for 2026 be adopted as outlined in Report #14-2026.  
(carried)

c) Appointment to Committees for 2026: Report #15-2026

Report #15-2026 was presented and the following motions were made:

**Motion FA #27-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT Ed McGugan be appointed as the MVCA's delegate to Conservation Ontario;  
AND THAT Matt Duncan and Evan Hickey be appointed as alternates.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #28-26**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Anita Van Hittersum

THAT Vanessa McMillian be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Maitland Conservation Foundation for 2026.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #29-26**

**Moved by:** Ed Podniewicz

**Seconded by:** Vanessa McMillan

THAT Alison Lobb be appointed to the John Hindmarsh Environmental Fund Board for 2026.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #30-26**

**Moved by:** Ed Podniewiz

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT a member will not be appointed to the Personnel Committee for 2026.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #31-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Anita Van Hittersum

THAT Alvin McLellan be appointed as the MVCA's representative to the Huron County Water Protection Steering Committee for 2026.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #32-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Matt Duncan

THAT Ed McGugan be appointed to the Carbon Footprint Initiative Leadership Team for 2026.  
(carried)

d) Appointment of Auditor, Solicitor and Bank: Report #16-2026

Report #16-2026 was presented and the following motions were made:

**Motion FA #33-26**

**Moved by:** Evan Hickey

**Seconded by:** Alvin McLellan

THAT the MVCA's banking transactions be handled by the Wingham and Goderich Branches of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce;  
AND THAT investments be made at the financial institutions offering the most favourable rate of interest to the maximum of the guaranteed limits set by the Canadian Depository Act.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #34-26**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the Members approve a bank borrowing by-law of \$200,000 for 2026 on revolving credit, at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Wingham Branch.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #35-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Alison Lobb

THAT the following solicitors be appointed to handle legal matters of the Conservation Authority for 2026: Darrell N. Hawreliak Professional Corporation, Kitchener and Greg Stewart, Donnelly & Murphy, Goderich.  
(carried)

**Motion FA #36-26**

**Moved by:** Anita Van Hittersum

**Seconded by:** Vanessa McMillan

THAT Seebach and Company be appointed as MVCA's auditor for 2026.  
(carried)

e) Meeting Schedule for 2026: Report #17-2026

Report #17-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #37-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Matt Duncan

THAT the meeting schedule for 2026 be approved as outlined in Report #17-2026.  
(carried)

f) Carbon Footprint Report 2025: Report #18-2026

Report #18-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

**Motion FA #38-26**

**Moved by:** Megan Gibson

**Seconded by:** Evan Hickey

THAT MVCA's carbon footprint progress report and 2026 strategic actions be approved as outlined in Report # 18-26  
(carried)

## 7. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Report for January & February: Report #19-2026
- b) Agreements Signed: Report #20-2026
- c) Correspondence: Letter to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks from the Township of Huron Kinloss; Letter from Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks re: Fee Changes

**Motion FA #39-26**

**Moved by:** Matt Duncan

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT Report #19-2026 to Report #20-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.  
(carried)

## 8. Chair and Member Reports

Ed McGugan thanked MVCA, on behalf of Don Murray Mayor of Huron Kinloss and council, for their actions during the recent flooding event in Lucknow.

**9. Adjournment**

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

**Motion FA #40-26**

**Moved by:** Alison Lobb

**Seconded by:** Megan Gibson

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:46 PM.

(carried)

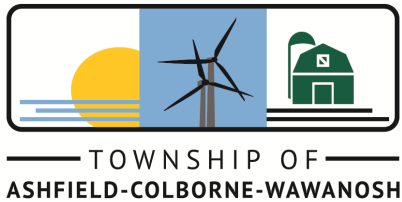


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Ed McGugan  
Chair

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Phil Beard  
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

**BY-LAW NUMBER 29-2026**

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**BEING A BY-LAW** to confirm the proceedings of the Corporation of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh at its meeting held on May 5, 2026.

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**WHEREAS** Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O., Chapter 23 as amended, requires that a municipal Council to exercise its power by By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** Council, or a Committee of Council often authorizes actions to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual By-Law;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient to confirm the proceedings of Council as its meeting hereinafter set out;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh enacts as follows:

1. The actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh at its meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by Council at its meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law.
2. The Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to do all the things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council referred to in the preceding section hereof.
3. The Mayor and the Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation.

**Read a first and second time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**

**Read a third time and finally passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**

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Mayor, Glen McNeil

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Clerk, Florence Witherspoon