

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

August 12, 2026

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Correspondence dated August 6, 2026 from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks respecting new regulation to focus municipal environmental assessment requirements.
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Correspondence dated August 5, 2026 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the Prince Edward County correspondence regarding sustainable funding for Public Health Units.
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Correspondence dated August 10, 2026 from Afterglo Wellness Society Ltd respecting an invitation to their Answer the Call national community-engagement initiative in Welland.
7. **C-2026-210**
Correspondence received August 11, 2026 from CUPE Local 2276 respecting a request to proclaim June 23, 2027 as Developmental Services Worker Appreciation Day.

Subject: New regulation to focus municipal environmental assessment requirements

From: EA Modernization (MECP) <EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca>

Sent: August 6, 2026 3:46 PM

To: EA Modernization (MECP) <EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca>

Subject: New regulation to focus municipal environmental assessment requirements

Good afternoon,

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is continuing to modernize the environmental assessment framework by creating a [streamlined environmental assessment regulation for municipal infrastructure projects](#) that will help municipalities deliver critical infrastructure faster while protecting the environment.

Effective January 1, 2027, the new regulation will replace the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) with the Municipal Project Assessment Process (MPAP) for more complex municipal infrastructure projects. The new approach maintains strong environmental oversight while streamlining requirements and providing a clearer, more predictable process. For designated projects, public review and consultation can be completed in as little as five months.

The regulation also introduces an Archaeological Assessment Process (AAP) for certain other projects to identify potential impacts to archaeological resources and maintain opportunities for input from Indigenous communities.

Over the coming months, the ministry will develop guidance and work with Ontario municipalities and the municipal development sector to support implementation of the new framework and a smooth transition ahead of the January 1, 2027, effective date.

As part of our ongoing efforts to modernize the environmental assessment program, the ministry will be reviewing the remaining Class EA processes and will consult on any proposed changes before they are made. Streamlining approvals while maintaining strong environmental protections is part of the government's plan to protect Ontario by supporting housing, accelerating infrastructure delivery and driving economic growth across the province.

More information about these changes, including which projects will be subject to the new requirements, process details and transition provisions, is available on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#). Until the new regulation comes into force, the Municipal Class EA process will continue to apply.

If you have questions, please contact the EA Modernization team at:
EAmmodernization.mecp@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Cross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "A" being large and prominent.

Annamaria Cross

Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Modernization Branch

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Multiculturalism**

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English version begins on page 3.

6 août 2026

Mesdames et Messieurs les présidentes et présidents de conseil :

Je vous écris pour vous présenter une mise à jour concernant l'échéance du 1^{er} janvier 2027 visant la désignation des biens patrimoniaux non désignés (« inscrits ») figurant aux registres municipaux du patrimoine. Je remercie toutes les personnes qui ont communiqué avec nous pour faire valoir leurs points de vue à ce sujet.

Notre gouvernement demeure résolu à veiller à ce que les biens patrimoniaux qui revêtent une importance pour les collectivités de l'ensemble de l'Ontario soient protégés et préservés, tout en appuyant la croissance à venir de la province et les efforts continus du gouvernement pour construire plus de logements.

Les modifications apportées à la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario* (LPO) dans le cadre de la *Loi de 2022 visant à accélérer la construction de plus de logements* exigeaient que les municipalités désignent ou retirent les biens inscrits à leur registre du patrimoine au plus tard le 1^{er} janvier 2025.

En réponse aux demandes des municipalités, la *Loi de 2024 sur la protection des propriétaires de logements* a reporté cette échéance au 1^{er} janvier 2027, afin de permettre aux municipalités de publier un avis d'intention de désigner (AID) avant que les biens inscrits de longue date ne doivent être retirés des registres.

Ce report a accordé aux municipalités deux années supplémentaires pour évaluer les biens inscrits aux registres du patrimoine, tout en appuyant un cadre clair et uniforme visant à réduire les pressions administratives.

L'échéance reportée du 1^{er} janvier 2027 demeure en vigueur, et je n'ai aucune intention de la reporter de nouveau.

J'encourage les municipalités à continuer de faire de la désignation des biens patrimoniaux une priorité et de progresser dans leurs décisions afin de préserver le patrimoine culturel au

sein de leurs collectivités.

Je vous invite également à tirer parti des outils et des ressources disponibles pour appuyer votre travail essentiel, notamment la Série Protégeons le patrimoine ontarien qui offre des conseils pratiques et des ressources concernant la conservation du patrimoine en Ontario, ainsi qu'un guide exhaustif sur la [désignation des biens patrimoniaux](#).

L'équipe du ministère demeure à votre disposition pour répondre à vos questions concernant la désignation de biens en vertu de la LPO, et vous pouvez communiquer avec elle à l'adresse heritage@ontario.ca.

Notre gouvernement reconnaît les efforts soutenus des municipalités et de l'ensemble du secteur du patrimoine dans le cadre de la réalisation de ce travail, et il continuera de suivre la mise en œuvre de ces modifications.

Veuillez agréer mes salutations distinguées.



L'hon. Graham McGregor
Ministre des Affaires civiques et du Multiculturalisme

English text follows.

August 6, 2026

Dear Heads of Council:

I am writing to provide an update on the January 1, 2027, deadline for designating non-designated ('listed') heritage properties on municipal heritage registers. Thank you to all who wrote in to share their considerations on this matter.

Our government remains committed to ensuring that heritage properties that are important to communities across Ontario are protected and conserved, while also supporting Ontario's future growth and our government's continued efforts to build more housing.

Amendments to the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) introduced as part of the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, required municipalities to designate or remove listed properties on their heritage registers by January 1, 2025.

In response to requests from municipalities, the *Homeowner Protection Act, 2024*, extended the deadline to January 1, 2027, for municipalities to issue a Notice of Intention to Designate (NOID) before legacy listed properties must be removed from registers.

The extension provided municipalities an additional two years to evaluate properties on heritage registers, while supporting a clear and consistent framework intended to alleviate administrative pressures.

The extended timeline of January 1, 2027, remains in place and I have no intention of extending the deadline.

I encourage municipalities to continue prioritizing and moving forward with designation decisions to conserve cultural heritage in their communities.

I also encourage you to leverage the tools and resources available to support you and this important work, including the Ontario Heritage Tool Kit, which provides practical guidance and resources on heritage conservation in Ontario, as well as a comprehensive guide to [Designating Heritage Properties](#).

The ministry team is also available to answer any questions you may have related to designation of properties under the OHA and can be reached at heritage@ontario.ca.

Our government acknowledges the ongoing efforts of municipalities and the broader heritage sector in undertaking this work and will continue to monitor the implementation of these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. McGregor'.

Hon. Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism



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August 5, 2026

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

RE: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Bruce Mines.

Resolution No: 2026-08-05-05
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Quade

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Bruce Mines resolution regarding Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines

Item 4b

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MUNICIPAL CLERK: JUDY DAVIS

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May 14, 2026

Sent by email: Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

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

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

Re: Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026 – Schedule 7

At its Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2026, the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines reviewed the changes introduced through Schedule 7 of Bill 97, which amends the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

At that meeting, Council adopted a resolution expressing concern regarding these amendments and their impact on transparency and public access to information.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution supported by Bruce Mines Council.

Sincerely,

Tarra Lapensee
Deputy Clerk
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cc:

The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Bill Rosenberg, Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, Patricia Kosseim
All Ontario Municipalities

WHEREAS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1987, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1988; AND

WHEREAS THE MUNICIPAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (MFIPPA) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT IN 1990, COMING INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1991; AND

WHEREAS BOTH ACTS PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WITH A LEGAL RIGHT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT-HELD INFORMATION, REFLECTING THE PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH INFORMATION BELONGS TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS THERE IS A VALID REASON TO WITHHOLD IT; AND

WHEREAS THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO HAS REINFORCED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION IS "ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTHY FUNCTIONING OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" AND TO TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

WHEREAS BILL 97 (2026): PLAN TO PROTECT ONTARIO ACT (BUDGET MEASURES) RECEIVED ROYAL ASSENT ON APRIL 24, 2026, INTRODUCING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RULES, INCLUDING NEW EXEMPTIONS FOR MINISTERS' OFFICES; AND

WHEREAS RECORDS HELD BY THE PREMIER, CABINET MINISTERS, PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS, AND THEIR OFFICES ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS AND ARE NO LONGER CONSIDERED FOI-ELIGIBLE RECORDS; AND

WHEREAS COUNCIL IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 REPRESENTS A STEP BACKWARD FROM LONG-STANDING PROVINCIAL COMMITMENTS TO OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BRUCE MINES FORMALLY EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN WITH THE PASSAGE OF BILL 97 (2026) AND FINDS THAT IT CONSTITUTES A REGRESSION FROM ESTABLISHED PRINCIPLES OF TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL URGES THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO REPEAL THIS PROVISION OF THE LEGISLATION; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, DOUG FORD; THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF ONTARIO, DOUG DOWNEY; THE MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, BILL ROSENBERG; THE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF ONTARIO (AMO); THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES (FONOM); AND THE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER OF ONTARIO, PATRICIA KOSSEIM, AND THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO ALL MUNICIPALITIES IN ONTARIO.



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August 5, 2026

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

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

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Halton Hills.

Resolution No: 2026-08-05-06
Moved by: Councillor Banks
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Halton Hills resolution regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the County of Renfrew, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

June 5, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

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

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

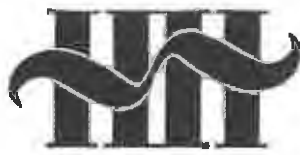
Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



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

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



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

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

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

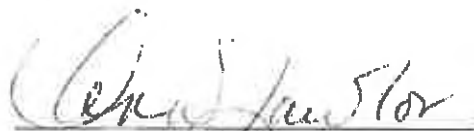
AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

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

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

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

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



Mayor Ann Lawlor



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August 5, 2026

RE: Support for Sustainable Funding for Public Health Units

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 5th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from Prince Edward County.

Resolution No: 2026-08-05-04
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Prince Edward County's resolution regarding Sustainable Funding for Public Health Units.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

May 29, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of May 26, 2026 the following resolution seeking support for sustainable funding for Public Health Units was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-244

DATE: May 26, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Nleman

WHEREAS Ontario public health units and agencies provide a vital service to Ontarians that keeps people healthy, out of hospitals and out of the acute care system;

WHEREAS rural-urban equity in Ontario's public healthcare delivery is essential for a thriving provincial economy that keeps people at work and contributing;

WHEREAS Ontario's public health units & agencies sector has received a mere 1% in its annual budget increase from Queen's Park since 2018, a sum significantly below inflation and real-world cost increases;

WHEREAS public health faces steadily increasing demands, such as a 231% increase in respiratory outbreaks supported in Ontario's long-term care homes, hospitals, and retirement homes since 2018, as well as a 637% increase in Infection Prevention & Control complaints follow-ups;

WHEREAS according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities across Ontario spend close to \$4 billion on health despite receiving less than \$2 billion in provincial grants, and Canada's Constitution Act 1867 clearly asserts provincial responsibility for health;

WHEREAS Ontario consistently ranks at the bottom for provincial health spending per capita, at \$876 below the average of other provinces using 2022-2023 data;

WHEREAS 60% of Ontario's hospitals are overwhelmed and in dire operating deficits, yet the Canadian Public Health Association asserts that investment in Ontario public health's preventative and health promotion initiatives delivers a 4:1 return on investment, for example, for every dollar spent on upstream public health vaccine immunization of children, \$16 in downstream hospital and primary health care costs are saved;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to shoulder an escalating percentage of public health unit costs while also asked to solve complex social determinates of health such as rural homelessness and food Insecurity but with limited revenue tools;

WHEREAS the province and federal governments continue to collect significant revenue from local/municipal property transactions through the Land Transfer Tax and Goods & Services Tax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of the Corporation of the County of Prince Edward requests:

1. **THAT** the Provincial Government redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax to municipalities to address public health funding gaps and the rising % share of municipal contributions to public health units;
2. **THAT** when the province announces its new Ontario Public Health Standards, It also commits to minimum annual funding increases tied to Ontario's consumer price inflation, currently holding at 2.4%;
3. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Bay of Quinte Member of Parliament, Chris Malette, and Member of Provincial Parliament, Tyler Allsop; and
4. **THAT** this resolution be forwarded to all 444 Municipalities in Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, CLERK

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Nieman

Archived: August 10, 2026 12:03:34 PM

From: [Afterglo Wellness Society Ltd](#)

Received August 10, 2026
C-2026-209

Mail received time: Sat, 8 Aug 2026 14:57:08

Sent: August 8, 2026 10:57:09 AM

To: [Amber Chrastina](#)

Subject: Wainfleet Community Business Invitation — Answer the Call, September 20

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

Attachments:

[Care_After_Service_Veteran_Community_Engagement_Partner.pdf](#) 

Hello Township of Wainfleet Team,

AfterGlo Wellness Society Ltd. is bringing our Answer the Call national community-engagement initiative to Welland on Sunday, September 20, 2026, with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 4 serving as the Niagara Region anchor location.

We are reaching out because Wainfleet's local business and community connections can help create practical pathways for Veterans, first responders and military families to employers, entrepreneurship, education and community resources across Niagara.

We would be pleased to invite the Township to participate, share the event with local businesses and community partners, and help connect interested employers or business owners who may wish to attend.

I have attached our Veteran Community Engagement Partner overview for additional context.

If this aligns with your community and economic-development work, I would be happy to connect briefly and discuss how Wainfleet might participate.

Warm regards,

Paul Farrell

Founder and Director

AfterGlo Wellness Society Ltd.

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AfterGlo Wellness Society Ltd. is a Veteran-led Canadian nonprofit working with organizations across Canada to build trusted connections with Veterans, first responders and their families.

Through community engagement, research partnerships, and education, we help create the conditions for better mental health outcomes and future, properly authorized clinical-trial opportunities.

HOW WE SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

We help organizations meaningfully engage with the Veteran community through:



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Consultations, town halls, focus groups and advisory panels to ensure Veteran voices shape decisions.



EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Public education initiatives that improve understanding and reduce the stigma around mental health.



RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting researchers, clinicians and institutions with Veteran communities in a responsible and ethical way.



EMPLOYEE & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Meaningful outreach and engagement opportunities for your team.



FUTURE FOCUS

Supporting the path toward properly authorized clinical trials and improved care for Veterans.

WHY PARTNER WITH US?

- ✓ Veteran-led and mission-focused
- ✓ Trusted relationships across Canada
- ✓ National reach with local impact
- ✓ Ethical, compliant and privacy-conscious
- ✓ Real outcomes that strengthen communities

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Dear Mayor Grant,

On behalf of CUPE Local 2276 and developmental service workers across Niagara, I am writing to respectfully request that the town of Wainfleet formally recognise June 23 annually as Developmental Services Worker Appreciation Day, beginning June 23, 2027.

Developmental service workers are skilled professionals who help people with developmental disabilities live safely, participate in their communities and exercise greater independence and choice. Their work can include personal care, medication support, behavioural and crisis intervention, supported living, employment assistance and meaningful community participation.

Although this work is essential, it often takes place quietly and receives far less public recognition than it deserves. Developmental service workers regularly navigate complex responsibilities, staffing shortages, workplace violence and increasing service demands while continuing to provide compassionate and dependable support.

Municipal recognition would send a powerful message to developmental service workers who live and work in [Municipality]: their contribution matters, their professionalism is valued and their community stands behind them.

We respectfully ask the municipality to:

- formally proclaim June 23, 2027 as Developmental Services Worker Appreciation Day;
- consider recognising June 23 annually in future years;
- share the recognition through municipal communications and social-media channels; and
- provide an opportunity for local developmental service workers to attend a council meeting or receive the proclamation publicly.

This is a meaningful action that carries little or no financial cost but would have a significant impact on workers who dedicate their careers to supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

I would be pleased to provide suggested proclamation wording or any additional information required by the Mayor's Office or Municipal Clerk.

Thank you for considering this request and for helping Niagara recognise the people who make inclusion, dignity and community participation possible every day.

Sincerely,

Michael Macpherson

President
CUPE Local 2276