

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

September 23, 2026

1. **C-2026-226**

Correspondence dated September 16, 2026 from the City of Thorold to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for other municipal correspondence advocating for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.

2. **C-2026-227**

Correspondence dated September 16, 2026 from the City of Thorold to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Armour correspondence regarding Sustainable Provincial Funding for Ontario Public Libraries.

3. **C-2026-228**

Correspondence received September 23, 2026 from the Municipality of the Village of Burk's Falls respecting Sustainable Provincial Funding for Ontario Public Libraries.



Thorold

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk
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September 16, 2026

Received September 16, 2026
C-2026-226

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,

**Re: 11.5 Resolution Respecting Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant
Funding for Fire Services in Ontario**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on September 15, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

1. That the Corporation of the City of Thorold **SUPPORTS** the municipalities of Plympton-Wyoming and St. Charles's resolution regarding Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Infrastructure; the Minister of the Solicitor General, Local Area MPPs; the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs; the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association; the Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Niagara Region; and Niagara Area municipalities.

Thank you,

Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

Appendix 1 CWCD 331-2026 - 2026-05-22 Plympton-Wyoming - Sustainable
Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Appendix 2 CWCD 331-2026 - MSC Res 2026-158 - Plympton-Wyoming - Sustainable
Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

cc. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Minister of Infrastructure
Minister of the Solicitor General
Local Area MPPs
Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Niagara Region
Niagara Area municipalities



Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

From Lisa Smeekens <LSmeekens@plympton-wyoming.ca>

Date Fri 2026-05-22 04:30 PM

To info@oafc.on.ca <info@oafc.on.ca>; clerk <clerk@county-lambton.on.ca>; admin@ontariofirefighters.org <admin@ontariofirefighters.org>; communication@ffao.on.ca <communication@ffao.on.ca>; 'amo@amo.on.ca' <amo@amo.on.ca>; AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>; ROMA Communications <roma@roma.on.ca>; steve.pinsonneault@ontario.ca <steve.pinsonneault@ontario.ca>; bob.bailey@pc.ola.org <bob.bailey@pc.ola.org>; minister.solgen@ontario.ca <minister.solgen@ontario.ca>; kinga.surma@pc.ola.org <kinga.surma@pc.ola.org>; Flack, Rob <rob.flack@pc.ola.org>; Premier of Ontario | Premier ministre de l'Ontario <premier@ontario.ca>; Alnwick/Haldimand <info@ahtwp.ca>; Addington Highlands <clerk@addingtonhighlands.ca>; Adelaide-Metcalfe <mbarnier@adelaidemetcalfe.on.ca>; Adjala-Tosorontio <clerk@adjtos.ca>; Admaston/Bromley <info@admastonbromley.com>; Ajax <contactus@ajax.ca>; Alberton <albertonadmin@alberton.ca>

 1 attachment (153 KB)

Plympton-Wyoming Resolution - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.pdf;

Good afternoon,

At their meeting on May 13th, 2026, the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming passed the attached motion regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.

Have a great weekend!

Lisa Smeekens
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk



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Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- The County of Lambton
- Lambton County Fire Chiefs Association
- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs
- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

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

- Steve Pinnsoneault MPP Lambton-Kent-Middlesex
- Bob Bailey MPP Sarnia-Lambton
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

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Carried	Defeated	Deferred

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.2.
Resolution Number 2026-158
Title: Correspondence - Plympton-Wyoming - Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario
Date: June 17, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution No. 15 passed by the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding the sustainable Provincial grant funding for fire services in Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Infrastructure, our local Member of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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September 16, 2026

Received September 16, 2026
C-2026-227

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,

Re: 11.6 Resolution Respecting Support for Sustainable Provincial Funding for Ontario Public Libraries

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on September 15, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

1. That the Corporation of the City of Thorold **SUPPORTS** the municipality of Armour's resolution regarding Support for Sustainable Provincial Funding for Ontario Public Libraries; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; Local Area MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Ontario Library Association (OLA); and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL); the Niagara Region; and Niagara Area municipalities.

Thank you,

Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

Appendix 1 CWCD 328-2026 - Armour Resolution 2026-236 - Library OPL Funding

cc. Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
Local Area MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Ontario Library Association (OLA)
Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL)
Niagara Region
Niagara Area municipalities



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Date: August 11, 2026

Motion # 2026-236

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Township of Armour and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at \$13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Armour's contribution to library services has increased from \$14,097.99 in 2001 to \$98,722 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Moved by:

Blakelock, Rod	☐
Brandt, Jerry	☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☒
Ward, Rod	☐
Whitwell, Wendy	☐

Seconded by:

Blakelock, Rod	☐
Brandt, Jerry	☒
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☐
Ward, Rod	☐
Whitwell, Wendy	☐

Carried / Defeated

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by:



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Date: **August 11, 2026**

Recorded vote requested by:

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

Brandt, Jerry

Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

Ward, Rod

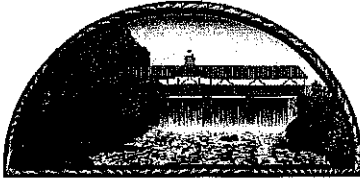
Whitwell, Wendy

For

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Opposed

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Received September 23, 2026
C-2026-228

The Municipality of the
VILLAGE OF BURK'S FALLS

Moved By: RB Date: September 15, 2026

Seconded By: NK Resolution # 2026- 256

Be it resolved;

WHEREAS public libraries provide essential services including literacy, education, technology access, employment resources, and community programming;

AND WHEREAS the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library serves the residents of the Village of Burk's Fall and surrounding communities;

AND WHEREAS the provincial funding received by the Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library has remained at \$13,914 annually since 1990, despite significant increases in the cost of providing library services;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Burk's Falls contribution to library services has increased from \$11,788.00 in 2001 to \$64,738 in 2026, placing an increasing financial burden on municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Library Association and Federation of Ontario Public Libraries have called for increased and sustainable provincial funding for public libraries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Burk's Falls petitions the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Library Association (OLA), and the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries (FOPL) for their support and advocacy;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to municipalities across Ontario for their consideration and support.

Recorded Vote requested by: _____

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

X
Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Pecuniary Interest declared by:

[Signature]
Mayor