

1. **C-2025-158**
Correspondence dated August 13, 2025 from the City of Thorold respecting a resolution of support for the Elect Respect Pledge.
2. **C-2025-159**
Correspondence dated August 1, 2025 from United Way Niagara respecting an invitation to participate in the 2025 Municipal Challenge events.
3. **C-2025-160**
Correspondence received August 15, 2025 from Niagara SPCA respecting monthly statistics.



Thorold

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk
3540 Schmon Parkway, P.O. Box 1044
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August 13, 2025

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SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To All Concerned Organizations

Re: 12.3 Support for Elect Respect Pledge – City of Thorold Council Resolution

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on August 12, 2025, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

The Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

WHEREAS social medial platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

WHEREAS H.E.R. has launched a campaign called “Elect Respect” to promote the importance of a healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process; and

WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan ‘Parliamentary Civility Pledge’ to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the City of Thorold Council **SUPPORTS** the ‘Elect Respect’ pledge and commits to:
 - Treat others with respect in all spaces; public, private, and online;
 - Reject and call out harassment, abuse and personal attacks;
 - Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks;
 - Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office;
 - Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats; and
 - Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct;
2. That the City of Thorold Council **CALLS ON** elected officials, organizations, and community members to support the ‘Elect Respect’ campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca;
3. That a copy of this resolution **BE SENT** to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Niagara’s MPs and MPPs, the Niagara Region, Niagara Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police; and
4. That this resolution **BE SENT** to all of Niagara’s local area municipalities with a request that their Councils pass a similar motion.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold





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August 1, 2025

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Received August 14, 2025
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Dear Mallory,

I hope this message finds you well. As we gear up for another impactful year of community engagement, I'm pleased to invite you and your team to once again take part in the **Municipal Challenge**, proudly hosted by **United Way Niagara**.

Your continued partnership is instrumental in helping us support the most vulnerable individuals and families across the region. The Municipal Challenge unites municipalities under a shared cause, encouraging staff to get involved through workplace fundraising and special events. The municipality that raises the most per employee will proudly take home the **2025 Municipal Cup** at our annual celebration.

To kick off the 2025 campaign, we're excited to invite your municipality to participate in these inspiring fall events:

- **4th Annual Firetruck Pull** – *Thursday, September 18 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*
Seymour-Hannah Sports & Entertainment Centre
Teams of 10 will pull a 12-tonne firetruck 100 feet in a fun, high-energy competition. All funds raised count toward your Municipal Challenge campaign total.
Register here: <https://unitedwayniagara.org/event/4th-annual-firetruck-pull/>
- **United Way Flag-Raising Ceremony** – *Friday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m.*
Niagara Region Headquarters
This shared flag-raising event brings together municipalities across Niagara in a powerful symbol of unity and collaboration.
Please RSVP to Jessica by September 10, 2025.

We hope you'll rally your team once again for some friendly competition—and help us create lasting impact in our community. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please feel free to contact Jessica Steeves at jessica@unitedwayniagara.org or 905-688-5050 x 2110.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and support.

Warm regards,

Frances Hallworth
CEO

Jessica Steeves
Development Officer



United Way
Niagara

4th Annual Firetruck Pull

September 18, 2025 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Seymour-Hannah Sports & Entertainment Centre

Sponsored & Supported by:



Get ready to experience the thrill of United Way Niagara's Annual Firetruck Pull! **This event is more than just a test of strength; it's the starting point for United Way Niagara's community-wide fundraising campaign.**

By bringing teams, sponsors, and supporters together, we're not just pulling a truck; we're pulling our community closer!

About the Event

Registered teams of 10 people will work together to pull a 12-tonne fire truck 100 feet and raise funds to support the community. With a participation fee of \$1,500 – 100% of proceeds will directly fund essential programs in Niagara!



**Want more
information or ready
to register your team?**



Scan the QR code or visit our event page at,
<https://unitedwayniagara.org/event/4th-annual-firetruck-pull/>

Wainfleet	2025	Niagara SPCA												
Canine Control & SPCA(Animals picked up by A/S)														
Calls Received	Totals	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Stray Dogs	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	2						
Stray Cats	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0						
Wild life	65	6	7	6	8	10	15	13						
Bylaw Infractions	23	2	2	2	4	3	5	5						
Kennel Inspections	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0						
	0													
Monthly Totals		9	11	10	12	15	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual Total	98													
Total		Bylaw infractions												
Loose Dog	12	1	2	2	1	1	3	2						
Excrement	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1						
Barking Complaint	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	0						
Dog Bites	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0						
Muzzle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Other	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2						
Monthly Totals		2	2	2	4	3	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual Total	23													
Mileage	3962	435	486	514	575	630	688	634						
Patrols	146	13	16	19	22	24	27	25						
calls & patrols		22	27	29	34	39	48	45	0	0	0	0	0	
			Shelter Services											
Total		Admissions(public drop off animals)												
		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Stray Dogs	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0						
Stray Cats	28	2	3	1	1	1	7	13						
O/Surr. Dog & Cat	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0						
wildlife	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0						
Monthly Totals		2	4	3	1	1	8	13	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual Total	32													
Total		Adoptions												
Dogs	6	5	0	0	0	1	0	0						
Cats	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	5						
Monthly Totals		5	1	0	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual Total	13													
Total		Claimed												
Dogs	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						
Cats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Monthly Totals		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual Total	1													
Total		Euthanized												
Dogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Cats	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0						
Wildlife	56	6	5	6	8	8	13	10						
Monthly Totals		6	5	6	9	8	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	
Annual Total	57													