

1. **C-2025-172**  
Correspondence dated September 18, 2025 from the Canadian Federation of University Women Welland and District respecting a request for continued participation in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign.
2. **C-2025-173**  
Correspondence received September 22, 2025 from the Wainfleet Township Public Library respecting the October 2025 Newsletter.
3. **C-2025-174**  
Correspondence dated September 22, 2025 from Quad Niagara respecting a request for fee waiver related to the facility rental for their third annual Breast Cancer Event.
4. **C-2025-175**  
Correspondence dated September 22, 2025 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting circulation of the Watershed Monitoring Technical Report 2024.
5. **C-2025-176**  
Correspondence dated September 24, 2025 from the Town of Lincoln respecting a motion to support the Region of Niagara resolution regarding the Elect Respect Pledge.
6. **C-2025-177**  
Correspondence dated September 24, 2025 from the Town of Lincoln to the Right Hon. Prime Minister, Mark Carney, respecting a resolution of support for the City of Thorold correspondence regarding Bail Reform to Strengthen Community Safety and permitting public access to the sex offender registry.
7. **C-2025-178**  
Correspondence dated September 23, 2025 from the Municipality of Shuniah respecting a resolution of support for the Township of Perry correspondence regarding Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans.

**To:** Brian Grant  
**Subject:** Wainfleet letter-2025

----- Original message -----

From: "Gwenn Alves (via Google Docs)" <[gwennralves@gmail.com](mailto:gwennralves@gmail.com)>  
Date: 2025-09-18 11:34 a.m. (GMT-05:00)  
To: Brian Grant <[BGrant@wainfleet.ca](mailto:BGrant@wainfleet.ca)>  
Subject: Wainfleet letter-2025

## Gwenn Alves attached a document



Gwenn Alves ([gwennralves@gmail.com](mailto:gwennralves@gmail.com)) has attached the following document:

 Wainfleet letter-2025

*Snapshot of the item below:*  
September 15, 2025



To: Mayor Brian Grant and Wainfleet Councillors,  
On behalf of Birchway Niagara and Canadian Federation of University Women Welland and District, we look forward to your continued participation in the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign which begins Tuesday, November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends December 10, International Human Rights Day.  
We are asking you to proclaim November 25th as the International Day for the End of Violence Against Women and to raise a Wrapped in Courage flag (purple) to create awareness and promote gender equality.  
As well, we are requesting permission to display Red dresses on the tree in front of the library, to acknowledge Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2S+ (MMIWG2S+) . This is an opportunity for each mayor and council to issue a reaffirming statement of support and promote awareness of this violence and the need for resources and help for victims. Please inform us at what time you will be raising the flag on the 25th and we will be there to support you and to provide a speaker if you wish. Below is a suggested proclamation for use as you decide.  
We wish to thank you for your consideration of this request and for all you have done other years to raise awareness of domestic violence and to support our organizations. If there is additional information which we can

provide, please let us know. If your town is planning any additional activities during the 16 Days of Activism, we will be happy to participate and assist in any way possible.

Please confirm your receipt of this email.

Sincerely,

Gwenn Alves

Advocacy Committee CFUW Welland and District

[gwennralves@gmail.com](mailto:gwennralves@gmail.com) 905-892-6988

The Town of Wainfleet does hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 25th as The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

WHEREAS November is Woman Abuse Prevention Month and

November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women; and

WHEREAS violence is the greatest gender inequality rights issue for women, girls, and gender-diverse individuals, and our community is committed to ending femicide and all forms of gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS femicide rates are on the rise in Ontario; and

Whereas 37 different cities and towns in Ontario had a femicide occur in their community last year; and

WHEREAS Indigenous, Black, South Asian, and Southeast Asian women and girls continue to experience high rates of violence, including femicide; and

WHEREAS men's violence has taken the lives of women and girls across the lifespan with femicide victims in the 2023/24 femicide list ranging between the ages of 2 months old to 89 years old; and

WHEREAS this month and throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we acknowledge our community's support of the Wrapped in Courage campaign and commitment to ending gender-based violence; and

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for greater investment and action to end gender-based violence in our community and throughout Ontario by all three levels of Government; and

WHEREAS a Wrapped in Courage Campaign flag will be raised during Woman Abuse Prevention Month in recognition that the courage of a woman alone is not enough, it takes an entire community to end gender-based violence;

Now, therefore, I, Mayor Brian Grant, proclaim and declare that November 25th, 2025 shall be known as

"The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women"

and urge all citizens to recognize this day by taking action to support survivors and becoming part of Ontario-wide efforts to end gender-based violence.

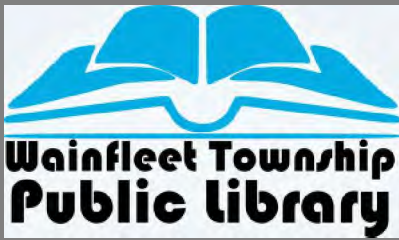
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## OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Phone: 905-899-1277 | Fax: 905-899-2495 | Website: [www.wainfleetlibrary.ca](http://www.wainfleetlibrary.ca)



### Hours:

Monday & Thursday:  
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday:  
Closed



### Winners of our TD Summer Reading Club Bookmark Contest

Alex K., Stella S., Emmett A. & Evyn A.

Bookmarks will be available for Canadian Library Month!



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*New and exciting things are happening at the Wainfleet Township Public Library!*





October is Canadian Library Month! During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

In Ontario, the first week of October is First Nation Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 6 to 10. First Nation Public Library Week was initiated in 2000 by Indigenous libraries. There are 46 public libraries on First Nation communities in Ontario. Check out the display in the library of our newest Indigenous titles.

The third week of October is Ontario Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 19 to 25 and the theme is "Libraries for Life."

## One-on-One Computer Training



**First hour FREE!**  
**\$10 per hour thereafter**

1-hour training sessions can be tailored to a program or topic of your choice.

*Contact library staff for more information!*

## Visiting Library Service

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed specifically for those who cannot come to the Library.

For further information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



## Wainfleet Township Public Library is part of Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC)

LiNC is a partnership of many Niagara public library systems to share resources and a catalogue system called Evergreen.

LiNC Public Libraries include: Lincoln Pelham, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold, Grimsby, Welland, Port Colborne, West Lincoln and Wainfleet.

If you have a Wainfleet Township Public Library Card you are automatically a LiNC cardholder. You can visit any LiNC library and borrow in person, or you can place holds and have items sent to Wainfleet for pick up. Items can be returned to any of the LiNC Libraries. Books and audiobooks can be borrowed for 3 weeks; magazines and DVDs can be borrowed for 1 week.

The Library catalogue allows you to search our Library or the entire LiNC catalogue. You can place holds, renew items, create reading lists and track your reading history.

To access the catalogue, go to [www.wainfleetlibrary.ca](http://www.wainfleetlibrary.ca) and click on Catalogue. To sign in, enter your library card number and your password is either the last 4 digits or last 7 digits of your phone number.

 Sign In

 CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

 PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

☐ Stay signed in

Sign in

# PROGRAMS

## Drop-In Lego Club - Saturday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us from October to March on Saturdays for Lego Club! Bring your friends and family and build with our awesome Lego collection. This program will run on a drop-in basis (children must be supervised by their parents / caregivers).



## Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, October 9, 16 & 23 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, October 6.



## Stay Safe / Babysitting Training - Friday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.

Each program costs \$75 and is due at time of registration. Stay Safe (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) is for children ages 9 to 11. Babysitting (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) is for children ages 11+ (must be 11 within 30 days of the course date). Your registration is confirmed once payment is received (cash or cheque ONLY payable in person at the library). Registration forms can be picked up at the library.



## Drop-in Fall / Halloween Crafts - Friday, October 10 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Come to the library with your friends and family and make some crafts with us. This program will run on a drop-in basis (children must be supervised by their parents / caregivers).



## Service Canada In Your Community - Thursday, October 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Service Canada will be in your community to help you apply for and answer questions you may have about the following programs and services: Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), Old Age Security (OAS), Employment Insurance (EI). Social Insurance Number and valid photo ID needed for some services. Visit Canada.ca for a complete list of required documents to bring with you.



## Homeschool Craft - Friday, October 17 at 2:15 p.m. or Monday, October 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for one of these crafting programs just for our homeschool families. Registration required. Project details can be found in the registration form.



## Patron Appreciation Day - Wednesday, October 22

Drop-in and enjoy coffee, tea and treats in the meeting room as a small thank you for your loyal patronage.



## Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *Bloodless* by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



## Book Lovers Paint Night - Thursday, October 23 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Join us as we guide you, step-by-step through painting a unique fall painting. This program is for ages 8+. Spaces are limited, registration required by Friday, October 17.



## Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair - Saturday, October 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The library will have a booth at the Wainfleet Lions Spooktacular Halloween Fair this year. Stop by and visit our booth, learn more about the library, our services and upcoming programs. Located at 12166 Lakeshore Road. See you there!

## Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *The Laundryman's Boy* by Edward Y. C. Lee. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



## Paint Your Own Glow-in-the-Dark Trick-or-Treat Bag - Thursday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and learn how to make a glow-in-the-dark trick-or-treat bag! This program is for anyone ages 4+. Registration required by Monday, October 27.



## Trick-or-Treat @ Your Library - Friday, October 31

Pop in anytime on October 31st, show off your costume and pick up a treat from the library.






## Wainfleet Township Public Library book bags only \$5 each!



*They make great gifts!  
These bags are made of cotton  
canvas and are washable.  
Bags measure 16 x 15"*





What are you reading this Fall?




**Libby.**  
The one-tap reading app from our library.

### We are a FamilySearch affiliate library!

Access FamilySearch from any of the library's public computers or via WTPL wifi for a vast collection of records, resources and services designed to help you learn more about your family history. Build your family tree today!

## Discover Your Family's HISTORY



Available @ your local library branch



## PRINTING, COPYING, LAMINATING AND FAXING

The library now has wireless printing capability. Just scan a QR code from your device and you are connected to our printer. Printing from your phone or tablet is fast and easy now! Please see staff for assistance.



### PRINTING & COPYING

We offer black and white or colour printing and copying. Black and white starts at \$0.30 and colour starts at \$0.60. Quantities of 25+ and 100+ are discounted. We can copy and print up to 11 x 17" size.



### LAMINATING

We laminate from card-size up to 11 x 17". The cost ranges from \$0.65 to \$2.65 per sheet depending on the size.



### FAXING

The cost to send or receive faxes is \$2.50 plus long distance charges if applicable. There is no limit on the amount of pages per fax.





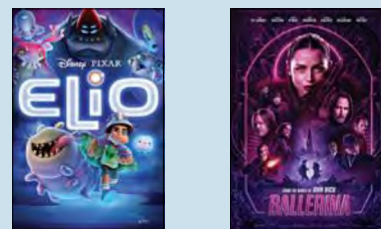


## NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

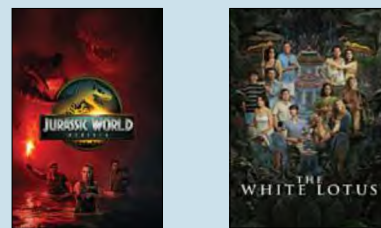
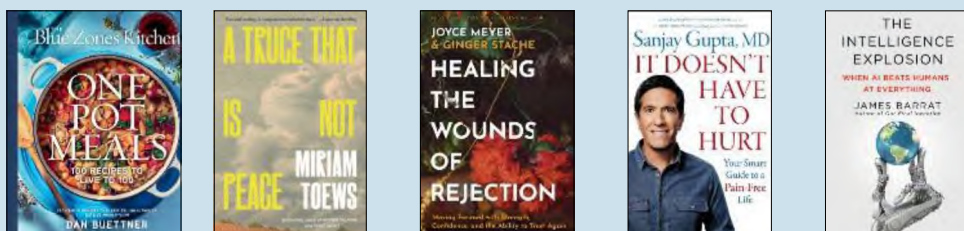
### Adult Fiction Books



### DVDs



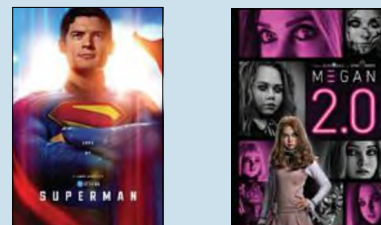
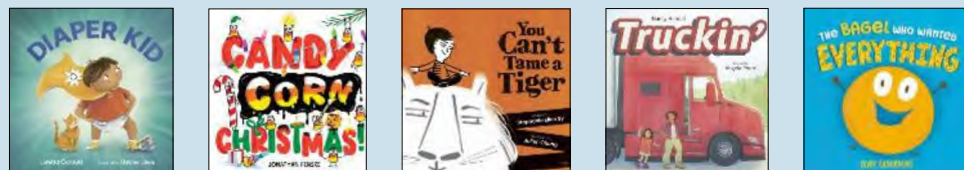
### Adult Non-Fiction Books



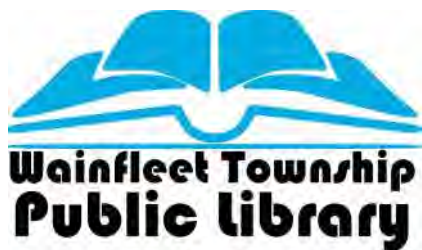
### Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



### Juvenile Picture Books







## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Wainfleet Township Public Library cultivates a welcoming and vibrant environment that serves and enriches our community.*

### LIBRARY STAFF

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Library Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of February, April, May, June, September, October, November and December and are open to the public.

# October 2025

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**From:** Tracy Lynn Bell <Tracy.Lynn.Bell@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** September 22, 2025 7:05 PM  
**To:** Amber Chrastina  
**Subject:** Waving Fees for Pavilion

Hi Amber

It's Tracy-Lynn from Quad Niagara. I would like to know if you can take this to council and ask, if possible, to wave the fees for October 3rd and 4th for our Breast Cancer Event. We have provided insurance that was requested. This will be my third year doing the event. It would be greatly appropriated if we could have the support from Wainfleet pertaining to this matter.

With great thanks,  
Tracy-Lynn

President of Quad Niagara



September 22, 2025  
**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

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Received September 22, 2025  
C-2025-175

City of Hamilton  
Haldimand County  
Regional Municipality of Niagara  
Local Area Municipalities

**RE: Watershed Monitoring Technical Report 2024**

At the NPCA's Full Authority Meeting held on September 19, 2025, the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution No. FA-93-2025**

Moved by: Robert Foster

Seconded by: Mark Tadeson

**THAT** Report No. FA-46-25 RE: Watershed Monitoring Technical Report 2024 **BE RECEIVED;**

**AND THAT** a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED to NPCA** watershed municipalities, Indigenous partners, local Public Health Units, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

A copy of Report No. FA-46-25 has been attached for your convenience, and the NPCA Watershed Monitoring Technical Report can be found [here](#).

The Watershed Monitoring & Reporting team is available to present findings and best practices to support restoration efforts in the community. If Council or staff are interested in learning more about the results and supporting initiatives, please reach out via email at [mdavis@npca.ca](mailto:mdavis@npca.ca).

Sincerely,

Melanie Davis  
Manager, Office of the CAO & Board  
Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

cc: Natalie Green, Director, Watershed Strategies & Climate Change  
Joshua Diamond, Manager, Watershed Monitoring & Reporting

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**Report To: Board of Directors**

**Subject: Watershed Monitoring Technical Report 2024**

**Report No: FA-46-25**

**Date: September 19, 2025**

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**Recommendations:**

**THAT** Report No. FA-46-25 RE: Watershed Monitoring Technical Report 2024  
**BE RECEIVED;**

**AND THAT** a copy of this report **BE CIRCULATED** to NPCA watershed municipalities, Indigenous partners, local Public Health Units, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC).

**Purpose:**

To provide an overview of the key findings presented in the Watershed Monitoring Technical Report 2024, which highlights Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's (NPCA) environmental monitoring program, provides insight into the health of the watershed, and offers recommendations to improve environmental conditions.

**Background:**

For decades NPCA has led several monitoring initiatives across the watershed (e.g., surface water quality) and has become a trusted source of scientific information. As part of its commitments in the 2021–2031 Strategic Plan and with Board endorsement (through resolution FA-88-2024), NPCA launched its enhanced Integrated Watershed Monitoring Program (IWMP) in 2024 to improve and coordinate monitoring efforts across its watershed jurisdiction. The primary goal of the IWMP is to comprehensively assess the ecological health and resilience of the NPCA watershed through coordinated monitoring initiatives that support evidence-based conservation and watershed management strategies.

The IWMP is comprised of three core program areas: Long-Term Watershed Monitoring (i.e., surface water, groundwater, hydrometrics (water quantity), and terrestrial ecosystems), Corporate Support Services (monitoring for NPCA-specific needs), and Monitoring Service Provider (environmental monitoring services to its watershed partners such as



municipalities, provincial and federal agencies as well as private companies). Together, these components form a cohesive framework for delivering effective and integrated watershed monitoring across the NPCA's jurisdiction.

## **Discussion:**

The 2024 Watershed Monitoring Technical Report provides a comprehensive overview of the most recent environmental monitoring results of the NPCA's IWMP. Data collected through the program informs watershed health assessments, identifies pollution sources, and supports flood forecasting. The complete report can be found on the NPCA's website: <https://npca.ca/watershed-health#water-quality-monitoring>

A summary of the findings for each of the core program areas is provided below. Appendix 1 *Watershed Monitoring: Highlights and Key Insights* is a plain-language summary of the report to further support information sharing with the community and other interested parties.

### Long-Term Monitoring Program

#### *Surface Water Quality Monitoring*

NPCA monitors surface water quality monthly across 84 stations during the ice-free season, using chemical indicators such as chloride, nitrate, phosphorus, suspended solids, metals, and *E. coli* to calculate the Canadian Water Quality Index. In addition, benthic invertebrates are used as biological indicators of stream health due to their sensitivity to localized environmental conditions.

Monitoring results show that many watercourses in the Niagara Peninsula watershed exhibit poor or impaired water quality, primarily due to pollutants from both non-point sources (e.g., agriculture, septic systems, road salt) and point sources (e.g., urban stormwater runoff, combined sewer overflows). However, watercourses influenced by groundwater discharge, the Great Lakes, or located in well-forested areas, tend to have better water quality ratings.

#### *Groundwater Quality Monitoring*

NPCA collects groundwater quality data from 46 monitoring wells, including 15 wells from the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network (PGMN) and 31 NPCA-operated wells. These wells are distributed across the watershed to assess ambient conditions in various bedrock and overburden aquifers.

Monitoring results show that groundwater quality is highly variable, with some wells exceeding Ontario Drinking Water Standards. Most exceedances are attributed to naturally occurring geological conditions and have been investigated through MECP protocols, with notifications sent to the appropriate local Public Health Department. One monitoring well, however, showed elevated nitrate levels linked to anthropogenic sources. This exceedance has also been investigated by MECP and public health authorities. The required follow-up action, as part of the PGMN exceedance notification protocol, is for NPCA to continue

notifying the owner of the monitoring well about the ongoing or new groundwater quality exceedance.

### *Terrestrial Quality Monitoring*

NPCA's newly developed terrestrial monitoring was implemented to assess ecological integrity across the watershed. In 2024, a statistical power analysis was conducted to guide the design of the program, ensuring appropriate sampling effort, time scale, and resource allocation. Forests, wetlands, and birds were identified as key components for long-term monitoring. Based on this analysis, NPCA initiated the first phase of its forest monitoring program, establishing 30 deciduous forest plots within its conservation areas (17 installed in 2024 and 13 added in 2025). These plots follow standardized Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network protocols to track forest health indicators such as species composition, tree health, regeneration, invasive species presence, and coarse woody debris. This data will support adaptive management and inform broader conservation planning across the watershed.

### *Hydrometric Monitoring*

NPCA's Hydrometric Monitoring Program is a critical component of its watershed monitoring efforts, providing continuous data on surface water quantity and climate conditions. The program includes 21 water level stations, 7 flow stations, 11 precipitation stations, 7 wind stations, and 7 snow monitoring sites, with readings taken every 5 to 15 minutes or seasonally, as appropriate. This data supports NPCA's mandated Flood Forecasting and Warning function under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and *O. Reg. 686/21*, enabling timely flood messaging to municipalities and media when flooding is possible or imminent. These flooding advisories help local governments activate emergency response plans and protect public safety.

While hydrometric data is not included in the watershed monitoring technical report, real-time and historical streamflow and water level information is available through the NPCA's online Flooding and Stream Flow Monitoring portal at [www.npca.ca/watershed-health#flooding-stream-flow-monitoring](http://www.npca.ca/watershed-health#flooding-stream-flow-monitoring).

### Corporate Support Services

The Corporate Support Services program area is comprised of several monitoring projects/programs that provide NPCA staff with crucial data to inform operational activities across multiple departments and divisions. The type and number of Corporate Support Services that the NPCA implements is dynamic and driven by its program and project needs.

In 2024, this program area included conservation area water quality monitoring, conservation area ecological studies, conservation area beach monitoring, and Lake Niapenco Perfluorinated Compound Monitoring.

## Monitoring Service Provider

The IWMP's Monitoring Service Provider program area enables NPCA staff to respond to the needs of its watershed partners such as municipalities, provincial and federal agencies as well as private companies to provide high-quality, cost-effective environmental monitoring services. Through NPCA's dedicated team of experts specializing in hydrometric, groundwater, surface water, and terrestrial monitoring and trained to utilize state-of-the-art technologies, monitoring protocols, and data analyses, NPCA is readily equipped to provide environmental monitoring services for a variety of needs.

In 2024, NPCA provided monitoring services for the following projects: Hamilton International Airport Monitoring, Glanbrook Landfill Monitoring, and the Unrated Drain Classification Fish Sampling Program under the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

## Conclusion & Next Steps:

Overall, findings indicate that watershed health remains degraded due to historical impacts, but targeted restoration efforts—such as nutrient management, riparian buffer expansion, and forest cover enhancement—can help reverse these trends over time. To build on the progress made through the IWMP, NPCA will continue to invest in and expand its monitoring efforts to support watershed health and strategic priorities. Continued monitoring is essential to track progress, guide decision-making, and ensure alignment with provincial and federal water quality standards.

Key next steps include communicating with partners and other interested parties to share information about IWMP findings, maintaining long-term monitoring programs to ensure up-to-date data, continuing to enhance data management systems, and strengthening partnerships with internal and external stakeholders.

## **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications associated with the receipt of the Watershed Monitoring Technical Report for 2024. NPCA's Integrated Watershed Monitoring Program is included in the annual operating budgets.

## **Links to Policy/Strategic Plan:**

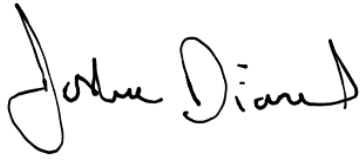
Goal 1.1: Support evidence-based decision-making for climate-resilient watersheds and shorelines.

## **Related Reports and Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Watershed Monitoring: Highlights and Insights

**Authored by:**

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Manager, Watershed Monitoring and Reporting

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*Original Signed by:*

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Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary-Treasurer



# WATERSHED MONITORING: HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS

## PROGRAM GOALS

Establish baseline conditions by understanding natural variability and ecological thresholds in the Niagara Peninsula watershed.

Assess temporal and spatial conditions of aquatic and terrestrial resources against established baselines.

Identify potential stressors and emerging threats for management through other programs.

**INTERESTING FACT:** Monitoring of aquatic bugs that live in the sediment as well as fisheries provide additional information about the biological condition waterbodies.

### Surface Water

Surface water chemistry monitored monthly at 84 stations during the ice-free season. Using indicators like chloride, nitrate, phosphorus, suspended solids, metals, and E. coli, staff calculate the Canadian Water Quality Index to provide a standardized rating. This monitoring helps assess watershed health, identify pollution sources, and guide effective management and restoration.

- Most sites show poor water quality due to levels of phosphorus, E. coli, and chlorides.
- The best water quality is found in the Upper Twelve Mile Creek, one site in the Upper Welland River, and areas influenced by the Great Lakes.
- Areas with natural cover (e.g., forests, wetlands, riparian zones) generally have better water quality than those without.



**771**  
Surface Water Samples Collected in 2024



**29**  
Benthic Macro-Invertebrate Samples

### Groundwater

Groundwater quality data is collected from 46 monitoring wells (15 from the Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network and 31 operated by NPCA). This monitoring assesses conditions in bedrock and overburden aquifers, helping evaluate aquifer health, detect contaminants, and ensure safe groundwater for communities.

- Most groundwater monitoring stations meet Ontario Drinking Water Standards.
- Any exceedances are generally due to natural conditions (e.g., bedrock).
- One groundwater well in Pelham exceeds nitrate levels, likely due to human sources (e.g. fertilizer application).



**52**  
Groundwater Samples Collected in 2024



**2**  
Landowner Groundwater Wells Decommissioned

### Terrestrial

NPCA's terrestrial monitoring program assesses ecological integrity through standardized forest plots, tracking forest health to support long-term conservation planning.

- Terrestrial monitoring is an enhanced program area with data collection initiated in 2025.
- Monitoring network established across the watershed, starting with 30 deciduous forest plots in conservation areas.
- Data will inform long-term watershed management.



**30**  
Terrestrial Monitoring Forest Plots

### Hydrometric

NPCA's hydrometric monitoring collects continuous water level and climate data to support flood forecasting and public safety across the watershed.

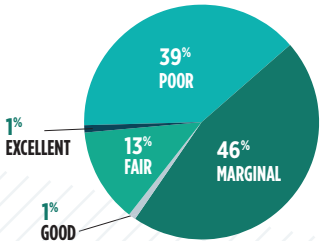
- Informs flood forecasting and warning across the watershed.
- Real-time and historical streamflow and water level data are available through NPCA's online Flooding and Stream Flow Monitoring portal.



**11**  
Flood Bulletins Issued

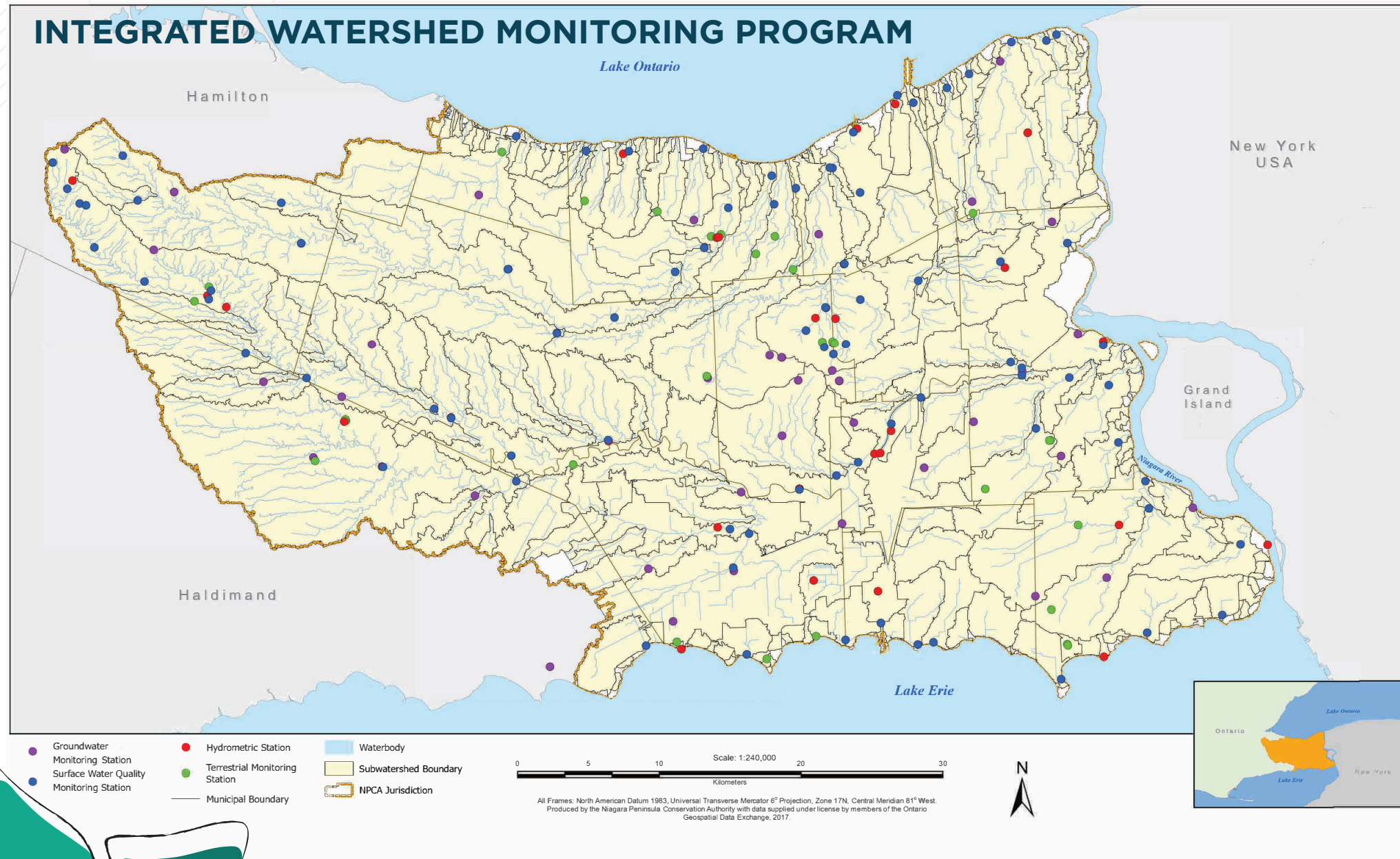
### The State of Our Streams 2024:

Station Ratings by Percentage



*nature for all*

# INTEGRATED WATERSHED MONITORING PROGRAM



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Plant native vegetation
- Limit pesticide & fertilizer use
- Don't oversalt your driveway – a little goes a long way
- Pick up pet waste and dispose in the trash
- Regularly maintain your septic system
- Install rain barrels or rain gardens to conserve water
- Don't litter and properly dispose of household chemicals
- Volunteer with conservation activities

## Report a problem

**REPORTING POLLUTION:** Contact MECP Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060 or online here: [report-pollution.ene.gov.on.ca](https://report-pollution.ene.gov.on.ca)

**FOR FISH DIE-OFF:** Contact Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Fish Die-Off Hotline at 1-800-387-7011

## Learn More

Full Technical Report – available on NPCA website  
Data Requests – [watershedmonitoring@npca.ca](mailto:watershedmonitoring@npca.ca) or scan below



3350 Merrittville Hwy #9, Thorold, ON L2V 4Y6  
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SENT VIA EMAIL: [ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca](mailto:ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca)

Region of Niagara  
Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way  
Thorold, ON, L2V 4T7

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – “Elect Respect” Campaign**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on September 22, 2025, endorsed the attached correspondence from the Niagara Region, dated July 24, 2025, regarding the “Elect Respect” Campaign, with the following motion:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-75

Moved by: Councillor Greg Reimer; Seconded by: Councillor Tony Brunet

That Council support and endorse the resolution within the correspondence received regarding the “Elect Respect” Campaign.

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos  
Town Clerk  
[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

- c.c. Niagara MPs and MPPs
  - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
  - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - Niagara Region
  - Ontario's Big City Mayors
  - Niagara Regional Police
  - Ontario Provincial Police
  - Royal Canadian Mounted Police
  - Local Area Municipalities



August 1, 2025

**CL 11- 2025, July 24, 2025**

***DISTRIBUTION LIST***

***SENT ELECTRONICALLY***

**Motion Respecting “Elect Respect” Campaign**

Regional Council, at its meeting held on July 24, 2025, passed the following motion:

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 Niagara Regional Council **SUPPORTS** the 'Elect Respect' pledge and commits to:
  - a) Treat others with respect in all spaces; public, private, and online;
  - b) Reject and call out harassment, abuse and personal attacks;
  - c) Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks;
  - d) Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office;
  - e) Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats; and
  - f) Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **CALLS** on elected officials, organizations, and community members to support the 'Elect Respect' campaign and sign the online pledge at [www.electrespect.ca](http://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, 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.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2025-081

Distribution List:

Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario's Big City Mayors  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Local Members of Parliament  
Local Members of Provincial Parliament  
Niagara Regional Police  
Ontario Provincial Police  
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September 24, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL: [mark.carney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:mark.carney@parl.gc.ca)

Right Hon. Prime Minister, Mark Carney  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

**RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Bail Reform to Strengthen Community Safety**

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council meeting held on September 22, 2025, endorsed the attached correspondence from the City of Thorold dated September 10, 2025, regarding Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry, and the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, dated September 10, 2025, regarding Bail Reform, and passed the following motion regarding Bail Reform to Strengthen Community Safety:

Resolution Number: RC-2025-82

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Greg Reimer

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln shares in the grief, shock, and outrage of the City of Welland and all Niagara residents following the recent tragic and violent act that has shaken the community's sense of safety; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities are on the front lines of community safety, bearing the direct impact when criminal laws and justice systems fail to adequately protect residents from repeat violent offenders; and

**WHEREAS** the Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Doug Ford, has joined the call of the City of Welland by urging the Government of Canada to deliver urgent and lasting reforms to criminal laws and the bail system to ensure that violent offenders are not released back into communities where they pose ongoing risks to public safety as attached as Appendix 'A'; and

**WHEREAS** residents across Niagara and Ontario are calling for meaningful change to restore confidence in the justice system and provide stronger protections for vulnerable populations, particularly children; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the City of Thorold, recognizing these same urgent concerns, has adopted the resolution attached as Appendix 'B', requesting that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 to permit public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, thereby empowering residents with information to take informed precautions while balancing transparency, safety, and individual privacy; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln stands in solidarity with the City of Welland and the City of Thorold and affirms that local voices must be amplified to all levels of government to ensure lasting reforms that prioritize community safety and justice.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Lincoln:

1. Strongly support the call of the City of Welland and the Premier of Ontario for the Government of Canada to implement urgent reforms to criminal laws and the bail system, ensuring that repeat violent offenders are not released into communities where they may reoffend and endanger public safety; and
2. Endorse the resolution of the City of Thorold requesting that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000 to allow public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry, with appropriate safeguards to protect privacy while prioritizing community safety and the protection of children; and
3. Affirm that meaningful legislative reform at both the federal and provincial levels is urgently required to restore public trust, protect communities, and ensure that the justice system prioritizes victims and community well-being; and
4. Requests that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all Niagara-area Members of Parliament (MPs), all Niagara-area Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Niagara and all Niagara local municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

**CARRIED**

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos

Town Clerk

[jkirkelos@lincoln.ca](mailto:jkirkelos@lincoln.ca)

JK/dp

c.c. Premier of Ontario  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
Attorney General of Ontario  
Solicitor General of Ontario  
Niagara MPs and MPPs  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Niagara Region  
Local Area Municipalities

## Appendix A



**Premier of Ontario**  
**Premier ministre**  
**de l'Ontario**

Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1A1

Édifice de l'Assemblée législative  
Queen's Park  
Toronto (Ontario)  
M7A 1A1

September 10, 2025

Mayor Frank Campion  
City of Welland

Dear Mayor Campion:

I was horrified to learn about the disgusting assault of a young, innocent child that took place in your community during a recent home invasion. This scumbag deserves to rot in prison for the rest of their life. Our justice system must do everything possible to prioritize the safety of the public over criminals.

I want to thank you for your practical and common-sense proposals to reform Canada's broken bail system to ensure violent, repeat offenders remain behind bars. For our part, Ontario has and will continue to implement every measure possible to crack down on criminals and keep our streets safe. These include additional investments in police and correctional capacity, strengthened enforcement of bail requirements and stricter restrictions for sex offenders.

As you know, criminal law is a federal responsibility. Our government has both publicly and privately been pushing the federal government to get serious about strengthening bail requirements at every opportunity. I will continue to make the case for bail reform to Prime Minister Carney and his government, and I appreciate your support and collaboration as we do so.

Once again, please accept my thanks for your common-sense proposals. Violent and repeat criminals who commit disgusting, heinous crimes have no place on our streets or in our communities. My government will continue to do everything in our power to put criminals behind bars where they belong and keep our children and communities safe.

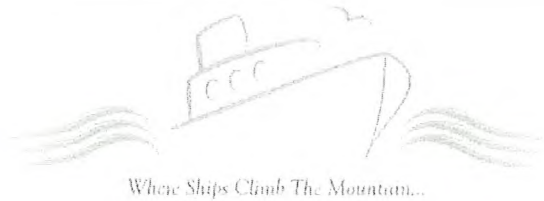
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Ford'.

Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General  
The Honourable Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General  
MPP Sam Oosterhoff



**Thorold****OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

Nicholas Debono, City Clerk  
3540 Schmon Parkway, P.O. Box 1044  
Thorold, ON L2V 4A7

September 10, 2025

**SENT ELECTRONICALLY**

To All Concerned Organizations

**Re: 14.3 Publication of the Sexual Offender Registry – City of Thorold Council Resolution**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on September 9, 2025, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

The Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

WHEREAS the current provisions of *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry)*, 2000, restrict access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry to law enforcement agencies, limiting public awareness of individuals convicted of sexual offences living within their communities;

WHEREAS public access to information about registered sex offenders can empower City residents to take informed precautions to enhance community safety, particularly for vulnerable populations such as children;

AND WHEREAS transparency and access to information are key components of public safety policy, and a public version of the registry could balance safety and privacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for Corporation of the City of Thorold enacts as follows:

1. That Council **FORMALLY REQUESTS** that the Government of Ontario amend Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000, to permit public access to the Ontario Sex Offender Registry; and
2. That a copy of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, and Niagara region municipalities.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono  
City Clerk, City of Thorold

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario  
The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
All regional Members of Provincial Parliament

- Sam Oosterhoff
- Jennifer Stevens
- Wayne Gates
- Jeff Burch

Niagara Regional Municipalities

- Niagara Falls
- Port Colborne
- St Catharines
- Welland
- Grimsby
- Lincoln
- Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Pelham
- Wainfleet
- West Lincoln
- Fort Erie

Niagara Region





MUNICIPALITY OF  
**SHUNIAH**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Received September 24, 2025  
C-2025-178

Resolution No.: 295-25

Date: Sep 23, 2025

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

THAT Council hereby receives and supports the resolution from Perry regarding Increased Income Support Thresholds for Veterans;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Minister of Veterans Affairs Jill Mcknight, Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois Yves-Francois Blanchet, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay Superior-North Patty Hajdu, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario Municipalities;

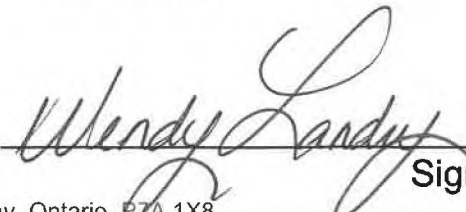
AND THAT the same be filed in the Clerk's Office.

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8





**The Corporation of the  
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: September 3, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025- 310

**Moved By:** Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

**Whereas** the Township of Perry recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

**Whereas** the 2021 Census, conducted by Statistics Canada, identified more than 460,000 veterans residing across Canada, a significant population segment deserving of comprehensive, accessible, and modernized federal support;

**Whereas** Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) currently administers income support programs to assist veterans in need, including the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program;

**Whereas** the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program which was created in 2019 – set at \$20,000 annually for a single-person household – fails to reflect today's economic reality, particularly in light of inflation, soaring housing costs, and the general increase in cost of living;

**Whereas** such low eligibility thresholds may disincentivize employment and community participation by penalizing veterans for earning beyond an outdated benchmark, thereby discouraging reintegration and contribution to civic life;

**Whereas** it is the duty of all levels of government to stand in unified support of our veterans and to advocate for policy changes that enable them to live with dignity and financial stability;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

**That** Council urges Veterans Affairs Canada to review all income support programs with the intent to modernize eligibility criteria in line with the current cost of living across Canada;

**That** this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

- The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
- The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;
- The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition;
- Scott Aitchison, Member of Parliament for Parry Sound-Muskoka;
- All 444 municipalities across the Province of Ontario;
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for broader distribution and endorsement;

Carried: ☒

Defeated: ☐

  
Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
<b>Councillors</b> Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhail		
Paul Sowrey		
<b>Mayor</b> Norm Hofstetter		