

1. **C-2026-096**
Correspondence dated April 16, 2026 from the Town of Fort Erie to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and The Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting a response to the Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance.
2. **C-2026-097**
Correspondence dated April 16, 2026 from The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Premier of Ontario respecting a request for authorization to reduce the Council composition for the 2026 municipal election.
3. **C-2026-098**
Correspondence dated April 16, 2026 from the Town of Lincoln to the Regional Clerk respecting approval of the extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3).
4. **C-2026-099**
Correspondence dated April 17, 2026 from the Ontario Energy Board respecting 2026 Generic Proceeding to Review the Model Franchise Agreement - Extension of Intervention Deadline.
5. **C-2026-100**
Correspondence dated April 11, 2026 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respecting a resolution of support for the Niagara-on-the-Lake correspondence regarding Swim to Survive.
6. **C-2026-101**
Correspondence dated April 11, 2026 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respecting a resolution of support for various correspondence items (Blue box regulations, OPP funding and AORS Health & Safety concerns).
7. **C-2026-102**
Correspondence received April 21, 2026 from the Wainfleet Age-friendly Advisory Committee respecting approved minutes of the March 2026 meeting.



Legal and Legislative Services

April 16, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal
Affairs and Housing
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Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Response to Provincial Proposal on Regional Governance

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its Regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026 passed the following resolution:

Whereas Canada is one of the oldest and most stable democracies in the world; and

Whereas Ontario is the most populous province in Canada; and

Whereas one of the hallmarks of a democracy is the right to elect its leaders by popular vote; and

Whereas another hallmark of democracy is rule by the majority as exercised through elected representatives; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario has introduced legislation, the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*, that will alter governance in the Regions of Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York and Simcoe County; and

Whereas the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* proposes the appointment by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the Chairs of those Regional Councils and the Warden of Simcoe County; and

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Whereas those unelected, appointed Regional Chairs and County Warden will also be given the power to veto decisions made by the popularly elected members of those Councils, which represents a significant departure from established democratic practices and undermines both the right of residents to elect their leaders and the principle of majority rule; and

Whereas significant changes in local governance should be informed by evidence, financial analysis, sound justification and public consultation, none of which has been the basis for the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*.

Now therefore be it resolved,

1. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing remove from the pending legislation any provision that grants to an appointed Regional Chair and County Warden extraordinary (“strong”) powers, including the power to veto decisions made by the majority of the popularly elected mayors or members of those Regional or County Councils; and
2. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ensure that any weighted voting process imposed on the Niagara Region Council respects fair representation by population and ensures that every local municipality has a meaningful voice reflecting the geographic diversity of the Region and the needs of both urban and rural communities; and
3. **That:** The Premier and Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing reconsider appointing Regional Chairs and the Simcoe County Warden in favour of direct election by the residents or election by a majority of the members of the Council which they represent; and
4. **That:** The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing consult the local municipalities in Niagara before establishing any weighted voting system in Niagara or proceeding with “Strong Chair” powers for the appointed Chair in Niagara; and
5. **That:** The Mayor and Town staff provide comments to the Provincial Government during the commenting period for the proposed *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*; and

6. **That:** This resolution be circulated to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack, Niagara's four MPPs, the Niagara Region, all local area municipalities in Niagara, the Regions of Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Peel, Waterloo and York and Simcoe County, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for support.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk

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April 16, 2026

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C-2026-097

Premier of Ontario
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EMAIL: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

RE: Council Composition – The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on March 24, 2026, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has expressed interest in reviewing municipal governance structures within the Niagara Region, including the number of elected officials serving on municipal councils; and

WHEREAS municipal leaders across Niagara have discussed opportunities to improve governance efficiency, transparency, and decision-making through potential adjustments to council composition; and

WHEREAS Council directed Staff to return with an information report respecting council composition across Niagara municipalities and outlining considerations associated with a potential reduction in council size effective for the 2026 Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS the current composition of Niagara-on-the-Lake Council is the Lord Mayor and eight Councillors elected at-large; and

WHEREAS Council has considered the potential benefits of a streamlined council structure in support of effective governance and decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorse, in principle, a revised council composition for the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake consisting of one Lord Mayor and six Councillors, to be elected at-large; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Lord Mayor be directed to communicate this position to the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, requesting that the Province provide the necessary legislative authority to permit the implementation of this council composition for the 2026 Municipal Election; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of this resolution be circulated to Niagara municipalities, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Grant Bivol', written over a light blue grid background.

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

c.c. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Regional Municipality of Niagara
All local area municipalities with the Region of Niagara



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April 16, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca

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

RE: Extension of the Niagara Regional Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3)

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on April 13, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: RC-2026-31

Moved by: Councillor J.D. Pachereva; Seconded by: Councillor Dianne Rintjema

That Niagara Region Report PW 10-2026, dated March 10, 2026, respecting the Extension of the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (Amendment 3), be received and filed for information; and

That Council for the Town of Lincoln support the continuation of the Red Light Camera (RLC) Program as outlined in Niagara Region Report PW 10-2026; and

That Council for the Town of Lincoln approve the execution of Amendment 3 to the Niagara Region Courts Inter-Municipal Agreement (NRCIMA) to extend the term of the agreement for a further period of three (3) years; and

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute Amendment 3 to the NRCIMA, subject to final approval by all participating local area municipalities; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of Niagara for its information.

CARRIED

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

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp



Ontario
Energy
Board | Commission
de l'énergie
de l'Ontario

BY EMAIL

April 17, 2026

TO: All Municipalities
All Natural Gas Utilities
Frequent Intervenors
Information Session Participants

**Re: 2026 Generic Proceeding to Review the Model Franchise Agreement
Extension of Intervention Deadline
Ontario Energy Board File Number: EB-2026-0009**

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) wishes to thank all municipalities, gas utilities, and other interested parties who attended the recent municipal franchise generic proceeding information session on April 15, 2026. The high level of engagement and thoughtful questions underscored the importance of this proceeding and the value of broad participation.

As explained in the [Notice of Hearing](#), municipalities, gas utilities, and other interested parties who wish to actively participate in this proceeding must apply for intervenor status and, where applicable, cost eligibility using the [OEB's online Intervention Form](#).

Following the information session, the OEB noted a common concern that some municipalities may be unable to meet the pre-established deadline for requesting intervenor status in this proceeding. In response to this concern, the OEB is extending the deadline to apply for intervenor status to **May 1, 2026**.


The OEB also acknowledges comments from various municipalities regarding potential challenges for active municipal participation in this proceeding due to the upcoming municipal election cycle. The OEB intends to consider this in designing its procedural schedule, which will be issued at a later date.

The commissioners assigned to this proceeding are: David Sword (presiding), Robert Dodds, and James Sidlofsky.

Should you have any questions regarding this proceeding, please contact Natalya Plummer at natalya.plummer@oeb.ca.

Yours truly,

Ritchie
Murray

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Murray
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Ritchie Murray
Registrar



Date: 11 March 2026 8

Moved By: Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded By: Councillor Bob Woolvett

That Council support correspondence item 'a' from Niagara-on-the-Lake regarding Swim to Survive.

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Carried Defeated Deferred

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Gary L. Atkinson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netty McEwen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alex Boughen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristen Rodrigues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John van Klaveren	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Vasey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Woolvett	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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February 26, 2026

Ministry of Education
438 University Ave, 15th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Attention: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education

Dear Minister Calandra:

RE: Swim to Survive

Please be advised the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the Lake, at its regular meeting held on January 27, 2026, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

WHEREAS evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

WHEREAS many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

WHEREAS several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Town of Niagara-on-Lake respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact my office at 905-468-6488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Grant Bivol', with some overlapping strokes.

Grant Bivol
Town Clerk/ Manager of Legislative Services

c.c. Local Members of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities



March 17, 2026

RE: Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box

The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 regular meeting:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Hessel

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only; and

WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include industrial, commercial, and institutional locations (IC & I) such as businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources; and

WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling; and

WHEREAS changes may result in many small businesses and not-for-profit organizations losing access to comparable recycling services and force them to seek providers at a much higher cost than the previous services rendered through the Blue Box collection system; and

WHEREAS the rising costs of collection of recycling for industrial, commercial and institutional recycling may lead to the abandonment of recycling entirely, increasing environmental damage; and

WHEREAS landfilling needs throughout the Province of Ontario are already at capacity in many communities; and

WHEREAS The Municipality of Bluewater has approximately 150 or more "non-eligible" sources that will not be provided service from the Producer Responsibility Organization;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipality of Bluewater Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from small businesses and not-for-profit organizations within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors; and

FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs and the local MPP for Huron-Bruce.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chandra Alexander
Acting CAO
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

March 13, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111

DATE: **January 29, 2026**

MOVED BY: **Councillor Roberts**

SECONDED BY: **Councillor Hirsch**

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

WHEREAS policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of rising costs to implement provincial mandates;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework enabling municipalities provided critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship;

WHEREAS double digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness challenges that place police resources under enormous financial strain;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (the Act);

WHEREAS the costs of other measures such as providing provincial court security are increasing and are not part of providing core, adequate and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities are especially negatively impacted by these developments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward (Council) requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act and not general increases to police budgets; and

THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so that communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

THAT this resolution of Council be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch





Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
14th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott
Interim Executive Director
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)
Premier Doug Ford

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET
AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES**

C03/23
March 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: A. Stapleton
 M. Grace
 L. Gibson
 D. Flagg

REGRETS: S Van Vliet
 K Krause

STAFF PRESENT: S. Akins, Administrative Assistant

C0323

1. **Call to Order**
 The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Declarations of Interest and the General Nature Thereof**
 None.
3. **Adoption of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - a) Minutes of the regular meeting held Feb 23, 2026 are approved
4. **Delegations**
 None.
5. **Business**
 - a) Senior of the Year 2026 – applications are available at the Library, Townhall and Seniors Center as well as online on website, so far 5 application received – Shelly to scan and email nominations to Committee members to review
 - b) Community Day – March 31st 4pm-6pm – Allison and Katharina to attend – Deanna also offered to go if needed.
 - c) Upcoming Niagara Older Adult Alliance Meeting (NOAA) – April 15th, 11:30-4pm Grimsby – Allison to attend

6. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

Other Business

7. **Next Meeting Date**

April 20, 2026

8. **Adjournment of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

A. Stapleton, CHAIR

S. Akins, RECORDING SECRETARY

Approved April 20, 2026