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Correspondence received May 22, 2026 from the Town of Parry Sound respecting a resolution of support for the Halton Hills request for review of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal Framework.
2. **C-2026-132**
Correspondence dated May 11, 2026 from Ken Kadwell respecting a request for access to policies relating to By-law and POA investigations.
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7. **C-2026-137**
Correspondence dated May 22, 2026 from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan respecting a resolution of support for the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors correspondence requesting Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns.
8. **C-2026-138**
Correspondence dated May 22, 2026 from the Ministry of the Attorney General respecting follow-up to updates to "Tailgate Event" Permits under the Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019
9. **C-2026-139**
Correspondence dated May 13, 2026 from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming respecting a resolution of support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.

10. **C-2026-140**
Correspondence received May 25, 2026 from Niagara Region respecting Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1 - Niagara Region Transportation Plan 2051 (Transportation Master Plan Study).
11. **C-2026-141**
Correspondence received May 25, 2026 from Dr. Raj Khanuja, OMC, DDS respecting a Proclamation Request for National Dental Care Day.
12. **C-2026-142**
Correspondence received May 26, 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 resolution of support for the Niagara Region correspondence regarding A New Deal for Niagara.
13. **C-2026-143**
Correspondence received May 26, 2026 from the Town of Fort Erie to The Regional Clerk respecting a resolution of support for the City of Thorold correspondence regarding Lower-Tier Municipal Representation in Regional Decision-Making on Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction.
14. **C-2026-144**
Correspondence received May 26, 2026 from the Age-friendly Advisory Committee respecting approved April meeting minutes.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2026 - 063

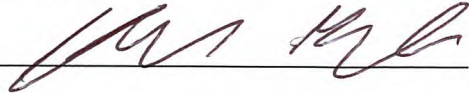
DIVISION LIST

YES NO

DATE: May 19, 2026

Councillor	G. ASHFORD	_____	_____
Councillor	J. BELESKEY	_____	_____
Councillor	P. BORNEMAN	_____	_____
Councillor	B. KEITH	_____	_____
Councillor	D. McCANN	_____	_____
Councillor	C. McDONALD	_____	_____
Mayor	J. McGARVEY	_____	_____

MOVED BY:

 a.

SECONDED BY:



CARRIED: DEFEATED: _____ Postponed to: _____

That the Town of Parry Sound Council hereby supports the Town of Halton Hills Resolution 2026-0071 which respectfully requests that the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with AMO, FCM and other municipal partners, undertake a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, with a view to strengthening long-term sustainability and alignment of responsibilities;

AND FURTHER THAT this review considers opportunities to:

- better align funding responsibilities with service delivery expectations;
- explore sustainable, growth-related revenue tools that reflect the demands placed on municipalities; and
- support a funding framework that enables municipalities to accommodate growth while protecting affordability for residents;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be encouraged to continue working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that funding frameworks become responsive to community needs and evolving growth pressures;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Minister of Finance; The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure; AMO; FCM; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP and MP; and all Ontario municipalities.



Mayor Jamie McGarvey

Received May 20, 2026
C-2026-132

Ken Kadwell
Hamilton, Ontario

May 11, 2025

Mayor and Members of Council
Corporation of the Town of Wainfleet
31940 Highway 3
Wainfleet, Ontario L0S 1V0

Re: Follow-Up – MFIPPA Request for Policies Relating to By-Law and Provincial Offences Act Investigations

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to follow up on a request I previously submitted to the Town by email, regarding access to the Town's policies relating to by-law and Provincial Offences Act investigations, pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA).

As I have not yet received a response, I am resubmitting this request by registered mail to ensure it is received. I respectfully remind you that MFIPPA establishes defined timelines for responding to access requests, and I would ask that this matter be treated as time-sensitive accordingly.

I thank the Mayor and Members of Council for their consideration of this request and look forward to receiving a timely response.

Yours truly,

Ken Kadwell

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing to formally request a review of the Township's handling of a by-law complaint I submitted concerning a vehicle and trailer storage operation located at 22181 Abbey Road in Wainfleet. The address is a farm (agricultural land) by definition. I initially spoke to Mark Tardif in September of 2025 at which time he advised there is no by-law in place regarding my situation, and they do enforcement under provincial legislation.

My formal complaint was made in December 2025 and raised concerns regarding apparent non-compliance with provincial legislation, including the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, and the Repair and Storage Liens Act. These concerns arose directly from my experience as the owner of a trailer formerly stored at this location under a bailment arrangement.

Through materials obtained under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, a meeting with the by-law officer, and personal observations I submit the following:

- * No formal investigation was conducted;
- * A statement was not taken from me;
- * The response was limited to a drive-by observation of the property;
- * A warning was issued without further inquiry, inspection, or enforcement steps;
- * The authorities contained in the Township of Wainfleet By-Law 016-2021 Section 7 and 8 conflict with the actions taken;
- * The building on said property is still operating as a storage facility.

I am concerned that this approach does not reflect a reasonable or impartial investigation of a complaint involving potential by-law, provincial offences and consumer protection issues. The absence of a documented investigation raises questions regarding procedural fairness, consistency of enforcement, and adherence to statutory responsibilities.

In addition, I have serious concerns regarding the disclosure of my identity to the subject of the complaint. I did not consent to the release of my personal information. Following this disclosure, the business operator initiated a complaint to the Niagara Regional Police Service alleging harassment. My only interaction with that individual consisted of lawful service of civil court documents. The disclosure of my identity appears to have been unnecessary to the administration of the complaint and directly contributed to adverse consequences.

This raises significant concerns regarding compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, particularly with respect to the use and disclosure of personal information.

Further, during my meeting with the by-law officer, I was advised that my complaint was viewed as less valid because I do not reside within the Township and was characterized as being motivated by dissatisfaction with a private dispute. I respectfully submit that such considerations are irrelevant to the objective assessment of potential by-law or provincial statutory violations and give rise to concerns regarding impartiality. The method by which the complaint was dismissed according to Tardif, was with no actual investigation. Information was disclosed directly to the business owner by the Chief Building Official Ben Hopkins via a telephone call.

In light of the above, I respectfully request:

1. A formal review of the Township's handling of this complaint, including the decision not to conduct a substantive investigation;
2. Clarification of policies, training, and oversight relating to by-law enforcement where provincial legislation may be engaged;
3. A review of the conduct of the by-law officer involved, including statements made regarding complainant eligibility and motivation;
4. An explanation of the authority and rationale for disclosing my identity to the subject of the complaint;
5. Confirmation of what steps, if any, will be taken to address potential privacy breaches and prevent recurrence.

Please note that I am seeking clarity and accountability in order to better understand the Township's processes and to ensure that applicable legal standards are consistently applied. I trust that Council will recognize the importance of maintaining public confidence in both enforcement practices and the protection of personal information.

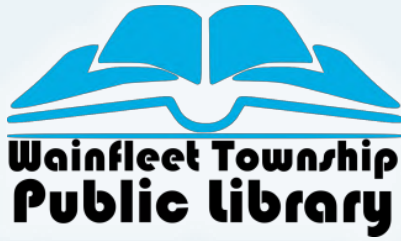
I would appreciate a written response outlining the findings of this review.

Sincerely,

Ken Kadwell
(905)941-0941
kenkadwell@gmail.com

CHECK IT OUT @ YOUR LIBRARY

JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER



31909 Park Street, P.O. Box 118, Wainfleet, ON L0S 1V0
Phone: 905-899-1277 | Fax: 905-899-2495 | Website: 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



You're Invited To
Wainfleet Township Public Library's
60th Anniversary Celebration
Monday, June 1
from 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Drop-in throughout the day and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some snacks and reminisce about the library's past 60 years with fellow patrons and staff.

SUMMER PROGRAMS @ YOUR LIBRARY!


See page 4 for details



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Tuesdays
June 9 to September 8
from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Vegetables • Fruits • Baked Goods • Honey • Jams
Frozen & Hot Food • Artisans • Direct Sales • and much more!


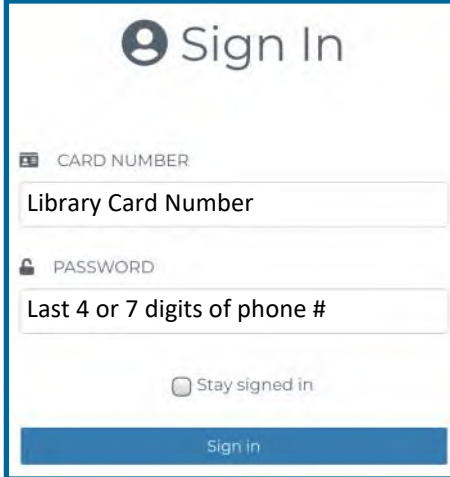
Market is held in the Pavilion behind the Arena.

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 and click on Catalogue in the upper right corner. 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.

PROGRAMS



Wainfleet Township Public Library's 60th Anniversary Celebration

Monday, June 1 from 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Drop-in throughout the day and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and some snacks and reminisce about the library's past 60 years with fellow patrons and staff.

Stay Safe / Babysitting Training - Friday, June 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Each program costs \$75 and payment 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 downloaded from our website or picked up at the library.

Flex First Aid



Dakota Braiser

P. A. Day Program - Father's Day Spice - Friday, June 5 at 10:15, 11:15 a.m., 1:15 & 2:15 p.m.

Join us as we guide you, step-by-step through building a card and mixing up some BBQ spices for Father's Day.

This program is for ages 5 and up. Spaces are limited. Registration required and closes 2 days before the program.



Some Pig Paint Night - Monday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we lead you step-by-step in creating a beautiful spring painting.

This program is for all ages, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration required and closes 2 days before the program.



Summer Programs Registration Day - Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

See page 4 for complete details on how to sign up for our summer programs.

Homeschool Craft - Monday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m. or Friday, June 19 at 2:00 p.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.



Time For Tots and Craft: Teddy Bears Picnic Special - Thursday, June 18 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Join us with your favourite stuffie for teddy bear themed stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers.

Registration required and closes 2 days before the program.



Seniors Bingo - Thursday, June 18 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Seniors Month with an afternoon filled with FREE BINGO fun!

This program is for seniors and friends. Many prizes available to be won.

Registration required by Monday, June 15. Call the library or register online.



Service Canada in Your Community - Thursday, June 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

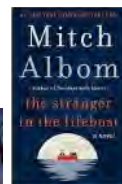
CDB, CPP, OAS/GIS, CDCP and EI help is available. A representative will be on site to help with questions, update addresses or banking info and to accept applications. Valid government issued photo ID and your SIN Number is required for some services. If you need a SIN Number this service is also available. Service is first come, first served. Passport service is not available at this clinic.



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *The Stranger in The Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom.

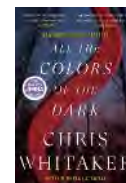
Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration required.



Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

This month's book is *All The Colors of The Dark* by Chris Whitaker

Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration required.



SUMMER PROGRAMS



Summer Programs Registration Day!
Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Spaces in summer programs are limited and registration is in person at the library.



FITastic Drop-In Playtime @ Arena

Monday, July 6, 13, 20, 27 & August 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Wainfleet Arena for unstructured, free playtime; play hoops, climb on our soft play equipment, hula, skip, bounce and more. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



Summer Camp @ Your Library

July 7 - August 14, Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cost is \$35/week if registered by June 30 or \$40/week after deadline. Register in person beginning Saturday, June 13. This program is for elementary school children who have completed at least one year of school. It includes crafts, activities, stories, time outdoors and a snack. Payment is due upon registration by cash or cheque ONLY.



TD Summer Reading Club & Magic of Stories Sessions

Join the reading club and compete with other readers to win top reader prizes. Join our Magic of Stories sessions that include a weekly story, craft and activity on Mondays from July 6 - August 10 for tots/caregivers from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. and school-aged children from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Get Ready for Kindergarten

August 24 - 28 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Register online beginning Tuesday, August 4. This 1 hour drop off and go program is for children starting school in September. Send them with their snack, shoes, backpacks, jackets, etc. We will practice opening containers, tying shoes, zipping jackets, abc's, 123's and writing our names.



Storywalk®

Our story boards will pop-up over the summer. Enjoy a story, panel by panel outdoors on a warm summer walk.



ONTARIO PARKS AND NPCA PASSES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Library patrons can borrow day-use passes for Ontario Parks and Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) parks. Passes are available throughout the year and can be borrowed for 2 weeks (no renewals).



For information on individual parks, including opening dates and hours of operation, visit ontarioparks.com.



For information on conservation areas, including opening dates and hours of operation, visit npc.ca.

Check out our BOARD & STAFF PICKS



Lorrie's Pick



Dianne's Pick



Joan's Pick



Rosalie's Pick



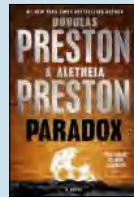
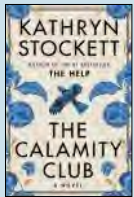
Carrie's Pick



Cheryl's Pick

NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

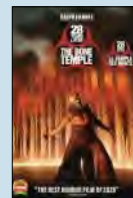
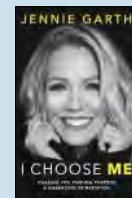
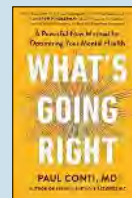
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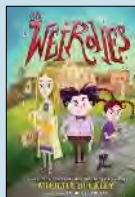
DVDs



Adult Non-Fiction Books

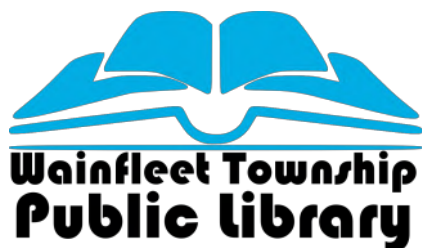


Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Chairperson

Lynn Gibson
Vice-Chairperson

Joan Anderson
Council Representative

Lois Johnson
Trustee

Chris Summerhayes
Trustee

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

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Library's 60th Anniversary Open House Celebration	2 Class Visits	3	4 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft	5 9 a.m. Stay Safe/ Babysitting Training Various Times - Father's Day Card & BBQ Spice	6
7	8 Class Visits 6 p.m. Paint Night	9 Class Visits	10 10 a.m. Library Board Meeting Class Visits	11	12	13 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Summer Programs Registration Day
14	15 2 p.m. Homeschool Craft	16 Class Visits	17	18 10:30 a.m. Teddy Bears Picnic 1 p.m. Seniors Bingo	19 2 p.m. Homeschool Craft	20
21	22	23	24	25 1 p.m. Service Canada 2 p.m. Afternoon Book Club	26	27
28	29 6:30 p.m. Evening Book Club	30				



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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May 6, 2026

RE: Canada Post Rate Reduction for Libraries

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-09
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Perry to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Perry, Minister of Government Transportation, Public Services and Procurement, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tammy Thompson'.

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026-078

Moved By: Joe Lumley Seconded By: Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried:

Defeated:


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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



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May 6, 2026

RE: Ontario Veterinary College Expansion of Enrollment Capacity

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-05-06-11

Moved by: Councillor Quade

Seconded by: Councillor Keller

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding Ontario Veterinary College Expansion of Enrollment Capacity, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, AMO, and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

4861 Highway 17, P.O. Box 630, Mattawa ON P0H 1V0
Office: (705) 744-5610 • Fax: (705) 744-0434 • Garage: (705) 744-5072
Website: www.papineaucameron.ca

DATE: **February 24, 2026**

RESOLUTION NUMBER: **2026-50**

MOVED BY:

Shelley Belanger

SECONDED BY:

M. Chenier

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED:

Robert Corriveau
(Mayor)

NOT CARRIED:

(Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____)

Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

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May 6, 2026

RE: Opposition to ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in its Current Form

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Resolution No: 2026-05-06-10
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Eastern Wardens' Caucus to oppose the ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in its Current Form, and;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Transportation, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier of Ontario, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, ROMA, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, Eastern Ontario First Nations partners and all Ontario Municipalities."

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Resolution: The EOWC Opposes ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in Its Current Form

Date: March 19, 2026

Moved by: Warden Richard Kidd, Lanark County

Seconded by: Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

WHEREAS the Federal Government has identified ALTO high-speed rail as a nation-building project with an estimated cost of \$60 to \$90 billion, to deliver faster, more reliable passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS ALTO is advancing plans for a high-speed passenger rail project between the Quebec City-Toronto corridor, cutting through eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS there is only currently one proposed stop across the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus' (EOWC) 50,000 square kilometre region, benefitting urban residents at the cost of rural residents and lands; and

WHEREAS portions of the proposed project will traverse and impact eastern Ontario communities, infrastructure, residential and agricultural lands, municipal trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, and with no long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS the closure and/or dead-ending of roads will have significant ongoing and unknown costs to municipalities, as well as service delivery and emergency response implications to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS eastern Ontario municipalities and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are responsible for protecting local interests, ensuring compatibility with existing planning frameworks, as well as safeguarding environmental, community, and resident mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS the EOWC and its member municipalities are actively trying to engage with ALTO through a truly meaningful consultation process to understand the impacts of both proposed high speed rail train routes to our residents, lands, trails, and businesses; and

WHEREAS the EOWC is eastern Ontario's united advocacy voice representing 103 communities who value and will advocate for the region's beautiful lands that hold deep

agricultural and cultural roots, and that are home to our rural and small-urban communities that will be impacted by ALTO.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EOWC formally opposes the ALTO project in its current form; and

THAT this opposition is based on concerns related to insufficient municipal consultation, unclear rural and small-urban impacts, potential environmental effects, and alignments with existing eastern Ontario planning and infrastructure priorities; and

THAT the EOWC urge our member municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to share their questions and comments with ALTO and federal representatives as part of the engagement process; and

THAT the EOWC look to gather detailed information from ALTO to more fully understand the project and its impacts across eastern Ontario; and

THAT the EOWC advocates that the Federal Government and ALTO fully explore train route options along existing infrastructure corridors, such as VIA Rail and/or Highway 401; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier Doug Ford, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, and Eastern Ontario First Nations partners.

CARRIED

Signed by:



EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark

info@eowc.org



**TOWNSHIP OF
BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN**

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May 6, 2026

RE: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on May 6th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

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

“Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Transportation, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP and MPP, AMO, AORS and all Ontario Municipalities.”

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



AORS
PROMOTING COMPLAINTS. PURSUING RESOLUTION.

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

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Attorney General

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général adjoint

Division des politiques

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Toronto ON M7A 2S9



MEMORANDUM TO: Heads of Council - Ontario Municipalities

DATE: May 22, 2026

FROM: Tom McKinlay,
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

RE: **Follow-up to Updates to “Tailgate Event” Permits** under
the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019*

Further to my earlier letter dated January 13, 2026, I am writing to provide clarification regarding bring-your-own event permits.

What is the change?

Recent amendments to Ontario Regulation 747/21 (Permits) under the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* (LLCA) introduce a new bring-your-own event permit. This change expands what was previously called the tailgating permit.

This permit allows individuals aged 19 and older to bring and consume their own liquor within a designated area of a cultural or community event that has been approved by a municipality **or** held in connection with, and in proximity to, a professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting event.

What action should municipalities take?

Municipalities have the option to designate community or cultural events as eligible for the new bring-your-own event permit. **Importantly, municipalities are not required to designate any events as eligible.**

Event organizers who are interested in the bring-your-own permit will need to approach the municipality where they would like to hold the event and seek designation as a community or cultural event. The government recognizes that municipalities are best positioned to understand local needs and contexts, and therefore to determine whether and how to designate eligible events.

Municipalities may establish their own local processes to determine which events qualify and the form of the municipal designation.

There would be two routes a municipality could take:

- Review each request on a case-by-case basis before their council or;
- Delegate the authority to designate events to a municipal official, such as the clerk

Municipalities that do not wish to allow bring-your-own events may choose to express their position by way of a resolution.

These amendments do not affect existing municipal approval requirements for events held on municipal property (e.g., parks).

What about events tied to sporting events?

Unlike the cultural or community permitting process, bring-your-own events that are held in proximity to a professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting event are unchanged and do not require a designation by the responsible municipality.

What action do organizers take once a municipality designates their event as community or cultural?

It is up to event organizers to confirm with the responsible municipality that their event qualifies as a designated cultural or community event.

Once confirmed, organizers may apply for a bring-your-own event permit through the [iAGCO portal](#). **The AGCO will issue a permit only where the applicant provides proof of municipal designation.**

Why did the Government make this change?

This change is intended to provide greater flexibility for some event organizers, potentially reducing costs and increasing attendance. For example, a movie screening in a municipal park may invite more of a “picnic atmosphere” and thus, organizers may prefer the bring-your-own permit.

The province recognizes that this permit may not be relevant to all. Events that rely on alcohol sales and do not use a bring-your-own model may continue to operate as usual.

What considerations were made for safety?

All permitted events will continue to be subject to the existing health and safety requirements under the LLCA. Permit-holders are responsible for ensuring these standards and requirements.

What if I still have questions?

If you have any questions about these regulatory changes, please contact Armina Samadi, Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch at Armina.Samadi@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about AGCO permits and the application process, please contact Ruxandra Ilicea, Senior Eligibility Officer at Ruxandra.Ilicea@agco.ca.

Yours truly,



Tom McKinlay
Assistant Deputy Attorney General

c: Armina Samadi
Director, Agency and Tribunal Relations Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General

Leslie Fenton
Director, Corporate Affairs, Governance and Agency Oversight, AGCO



Date: 13 May 2026 15

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

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

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

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

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

Niagara Region Transportation Plan 2051 (Transportation Master Plan Study)

The Study

Niagara Region is developing a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan. This plan will update the Region’s existing Transportation Master Plan that was approved in 2017. The new TMP will extend that vision to 2051 and beyond, focusing on the Region’s long-term transportation needs. The TMP will address key concerns such as:

- **Connectivity:** Improving connections between communities and economic centres.
- **Active Transportation and Transit:** Supporting options for active transportation and public transit by connecting key destinations and corridors.
- **Goods Movement:** Supporting the movement of goods and regional freight corridors.
- **Resilience and Adaptability:** Ensuring the transportation system can adjust to future mobility trends.
- **Infrastructure and Services:** Identifying the infrastructure and service needs for a growing region.
- **Tourism Demand:** Planning for travel demand related to tourism.

The new TMP will outline the necessary infrastructure and service requirements to accommodate the Region’s projected growth to 2051. It will act as a long-term guide to help improve the Region’s transportation system, making sure it is safe, affordable, accessible, efficient, sustainable, and ready for growth. The new TMP will help shape the future of transportation in Niagara, making sure it meets both today’s needs and those of the future, and will incorporate recommendations from other initiatives across Niagara Region. The TMP Study Area is shown in Figure 1 below.

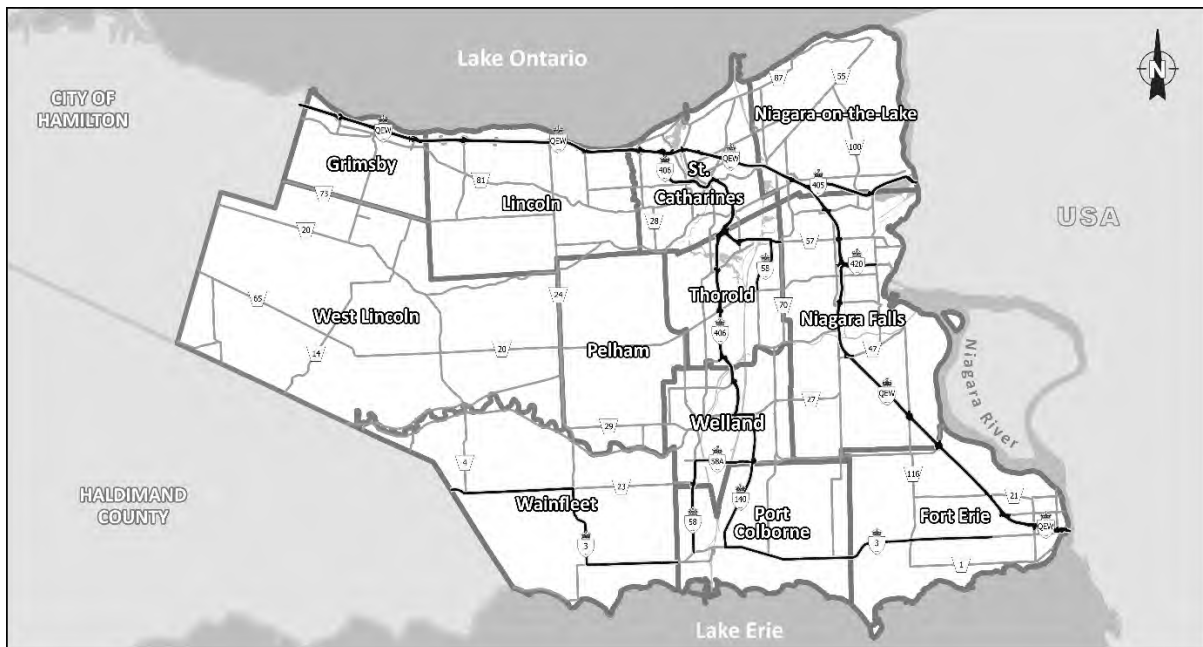


Figure 1: Transportation Plan Study Area - Niagara Region

The Process

The study follows the approved environmental planning process for infrastructure projects (Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, or Municipal Class EA). It will complete the first two steps of that process (Phases 1 and 2) that look at different options for how the Region provide the necessary infrastructure and service requirements to 2051. The project will follow Approach #1 for Master Plans based on the MCEA process.

You Are Invited to Participate!

The Niagara Region is planning to host the first of two Public Information Centres for this study. Public Information Centre #1 will provide an overview of the Study, including how the study will contribute to Niagara's overall growth plan to 2051, and how you can have your voice heard.

<p>St. Catharines Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre – Meridian Room (240 St. Paul Street West, L2S 2E7) June 9th, 2026 5:30pm-7:30pm</p>	<p>Welland Welland Community Centre – Activity Room (145 Lincoln Street, L3B 6E1) June 10th, 2026 5:30pm-7:30pm</p>
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In addition, the information materials related to Public Information Centre #1 will be available on the project webpage starting June 9th, 2026, and comments will be received until June 30th, 2026.

Get Involved!

Public input and comments are encouraged throughout the Study. Here is how you can be involved:

1. Two (2) Public Information Centres will be held to present and collect feedback on the study.
2. Provide feedback to the Region's project webpage at www.niagararegion.ca/projects/transportation-master-plan-update.
3. Join the study mailing list by emailing the project team at tmp@niagararegion.ca.

Except for personal information, all comments received during the process will become part of the public record of the Study.

Stay Connected!

As the study progresses and more information becomes available, it will be posted on the project webpage: www.niagararegion.ca/projects/transportation-master-plan-update.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, or wish to be added to the email list for receiving notices, please contact the project team:

Amy Shanks, MCIP, RPP
Transportation Infrastructure Planning Project Manager
Niagara Region
905-980-6000 ext. 3532
tmp@niagararegion.ca

Personal information collected or submitted in writing will be collected, used and disclosed by members of Regional Council and Regional staff in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). The written submissions including names, contact information and reports of the public meeting will be made available. Questions should be referred to the Privacy Office at 905-980-6000 ext. 3779 or FOI@niagararegion.ca.

If you require any accommodation for a disability in order to attend and participate in meetings or events, please let us know in advance so that arrangements can be made in a timely manner. Please contact the Accessibility Advisory Coordinator at 905-980-6000 ext. 3252 or accessibility@niagararegion.ca.

This notice was first issued on May 1, 2026.

Archived: May 25, 2026 4:11:47 PM

Subject: Proclamation Request – National Dental Care Day (October 10, 2026)

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

From: Raj Khanuja <rajdds@yahoo.com>

Sent: May 25, 2026 3:29 PM

To: Raj Khanuja <rajdds@yahoo.com>

Subject: Proclamation Request – National Dental Care Day (October 10, 2026)

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the National Dental Care Day Foundation, I respectfully request that the City/Town/Municipality proclaim October 10, 2026 as “National Dental Care Day.”

National Dental Care Day is a Canadian public-awareness initiative dedicated to promoting oral health education, preventive dental care, and equitable access to oral healthcare services. The initiative raises awareness about the importance of oral health and its connection to overall health and wellness while recognizing the contributions of dental professionals, educators, volunteers, and community organizations that support healthier communities.

The initiative encourages preventive care, oral hygiene, early intervention, and greater awareness regarding access to oral healthcare services for underserved and vulnerable populations across Canada.

National Dental Care Day has also been recognized within Ontario’s dental community through public awareness and access-to-care initiatives supporting healthier communities across the province.

Attached for your consideration are:

- * Draft proclamation wording
- * Organization overview
- * Supporting background information

We would be honoured to receive your support in recognizing October 10, 2026 as National Dental Care Day in your community.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Raj Khanuja, OMC, DDS
Founder – National Dental Care Day

Recipient – Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship
Recipient - Canada's Volunteer Awards

Email: rajdds@yahoo.com

Telephone: 647-244-2273

[National Dental Care Day Foundation](#)

**National Dental Care Day - Free Dentistry Across
Canada**

Join us in celebrating National Dental Care Day, providing free dental services to those in need across Canada.

Regards & gratitude,

Raj Khanuja, O.M.C., B.A., D.D.S., M.P.H., F.I.D.I.A., M.A.G.D.

Proclamation Draft

National Dental Care Day
October 10, 2026

WHEREAS oral health is an essential component of overall health and well-being, and access to preventive dental care and oral health education contributes to healthier individuals, families, and communities;

AND WHEREAS National Dental Care Day is a Canadian public awareness initiative dedicated to promoting oral health education, preventive care, and equitable access to oral healthcare services, particularly for underserved and vulnerable populations;

AND WHEREAS this initiative recognizes the valuable contributions of dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, educators, volunteers, and community organizations that work to improve oral healthcare outcomes and support healthier communities;

AND WHEREAS increasing awareness about preventive dental care, oral hygiene, and early intervention can help improve long-term health outcomes, reduce barriers to care, and strengthen public health and community wellness initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor _____, on behalf of _____ Council, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2026 as “National Dental Care Day” in the _____ of _____ and encourage residents to recognize the importance of oral health and support initiatives that promote accessible dental care, preventive education, and community wellness.



National Dental Care Day Foundation is a Canadian public-awareness and community-impact initiative dedicated to improving access to oral healthcare, promoting preventive dental education, and restoring dignity through compassionate care.

National Dental Care Day mobilizes volunteer dental professionals, students, clinics, educators, and community partners across Canada to provide free essential dental care to underserved individuals and families — without cost, barriers, or judgment.

What began as a local act of service has evolved into a growing national movement grounded in compassion, accessibility, volunteerism, and health equity. The initiative emphasizes the importance of oral health as an essential component of overall health and well-being.

The initiative has received recognition from municipalities, academic institutions, members of the dental profession, and public leaders across Canada for its contribution to community wellness, preventive healthcare awareness, and access-to-care initiatives.



National Dental Care Day

*Dignity begins
when pain ends.*

A national movement restoring oral health,
dignity, and hope across Canada.

National Impact Report | Canada | 2025

One Chair. One Day. One Nation.

Why This Report Matters

This Impact Report documents the national outcomes of National Dental Care Day 2025 — a coordinated, volunteer-powered day of care delivered across Canada.

It reflects the collective efforts of dentists, hygienists, students, partners, and communities who came together on one day to remove barriers to essential oral health care and restore dignity to those who needed it most.

The data, stories, and insights that follow represent real people, real clinics, and real outcomes — captured to learn, to improve, and to demonstrate what is possible when compassion is organized at a national scale.

All care was provided at no cost, without judgment, and with dignity at the center.

Inside This Report

- The need for National Dental Care Day
- Our model and theory of change
- National impact and insights
- Stories of dignity and care
- Recognition, partners, and the road ahead

THE CANADIAN CALL TO COMPASSION

Across Canada, pain still silences too many people.

Dental pain is not just a health issue —
it is a barrier to dignity, confidence, and opportunity.

On National Dental Care Day, something different happens.

Clinics open not for profit, but for people.

Professionals give not because they must,
but because they believe no one should suffer in silence.

On one day, across one nation, compassion becomes action.

National Dental Care Day exists to remove barriers to essential oral health care by mobilizing the dental profession, students, partners, and communities across Canada in a single, coordinated day of care. It is a model built on trust, professionalism, and the belief that dignity is restored when pain ends.

One Chair. One Day. One Nation.

A national movement restoring dignity through care.

A Note to Canada



*This movement began with a simple belief:
no one should live with preventable pain.*

Dr. Raj Khanuja; OMC, DDS
Visionary • Advocate • Citizen of Compassion

Across Canada, I have witnessed how untreated dental pain quietly erodes dignity, confidence, and opportunity.

A hurting mouth affects far more than physical health — it disrupts sleep, work, nutrition, and mental well-being. Too often, this suffering is endured in silence, driven by cost, fear, stigma, or lack of access.

National Dental Care Day exists to interrupt this cycle — not with debate or delay, but with **immediate action**. By opening dental clinics across the country on one coordinated day, we replace barriers with access, and delay with dignity.

What began as a single day of service has grown into a nationally coordinated movement grounded in **compassion, professionalism, and trust**. Each year, thousands of dental professionals, students, and volunteers come together: **with one shared purpose**: to care for those who have been living without options.

On National Dental Care Day, clinics open their doors at **no cost**. Pain is relieved. Infections are treated. Smiles are restored. And for many, it is the first time in years they are seen — truly seen — within the healthcare system.

National Dental Care Day proves that when care is **coordinated, it scales**.

Our responsibility now is to protect what works, strengthen what can be improved, and ensure that dignity through care becomes a national standard — not an exception.

Why National Dental Care Day Exists

The Need

Canada's health system is a source of pride — yet oral health remains largely excluded. For millions of Canadians, dental care is still inaccessible due to cost, fear, geography, or circumstance. Pain is often endured quietly until it becomes impossible to ignore.

This is not a failure of individuals.

It is a gap in the system.

Access

Many Canadians delay or avoid dental care altogether due to cost or lack of coverage.

Pain

Untreated dental pain affects sleep, nutrition, employment, and mental health — far far beyond the mouth.

Silence

Those most affected often suffer quietly, navigating stigma, fear, or competing priorities.

National Dental Care Day exists to interrupt this cycle — not with policy debate, but with immediate care.

By opening clinics across Canada on one coordinated day, NDCD creates a moment where access replaces barriers, and dignity replaces delay.

This is where compassion becomes action.

From One Free Dental Day to a National Movement

National Dental Care Day did not begin as a national initiative.

Its roots trace back to 2012, when a single Free Dental Day was launched to respond to the urgent, unmet dental needs of individuals suffering in silence. What began as a local act of service became an annual commitment — delivered **year after year**, without interruption.

Over the next thirteen years, thousands of hours of volunteer care were provided, communities were served, and a clear truth emerged:

The need was persistent, widespread, and systemic.

Each year reinforced the same reality — one day of care could restore dignity, relieve pain, and change lives. But the impact deepened and multiplied when clinics, professionals, and communities acted together.

As participation grew and lessons were learned, the initiative evolved. What began as a single-clinic effort expanded into a coordinated model — aligning dental professionals, students, partners, and institutions around one shared day of service.

In 2025, after thirteen consecutive years of free dental care delivery, this evolution culminated in the launch of National Dental Care Day — a nationally coordinated movement grounded in experience, trust, and over a decade of proven service.

National Dental Care Day is not a new idea.

It is thirteen years of compassion, refined into a national model.

2012 → 2025

From one Free Dental Day to a national movement of coordinated care.

The NDCD Model

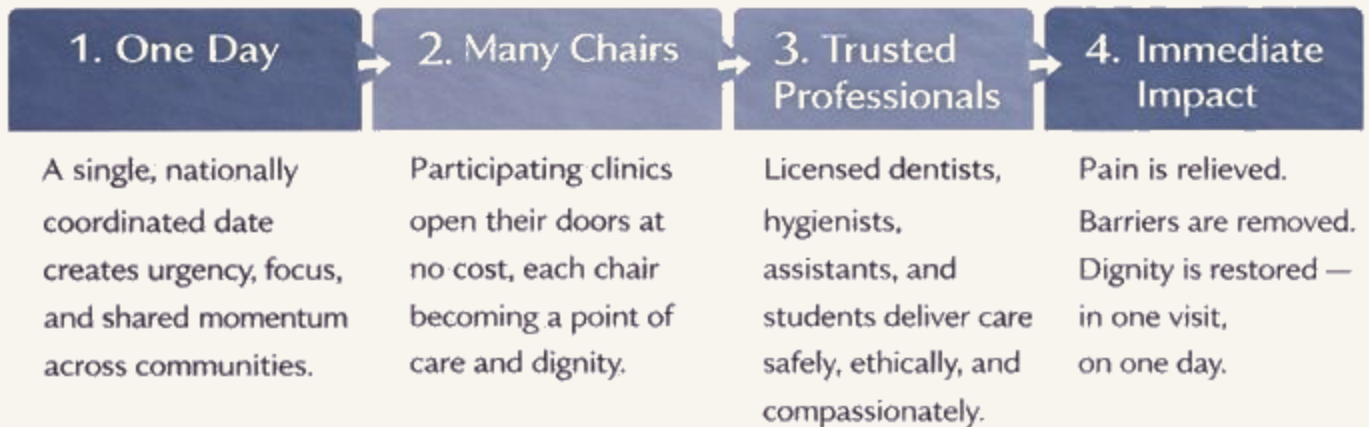
How One Day Works

Longitudinal Context

This model is grounded in thirteen consecutive years of free dental care delivery, refined through real-world practice since 2012. It reflects what has been learned through sustained service – not theory or pilot projects, but repeated delivery across communities year after year.

National Dental Care Day is built on a simple but powerful idea: when care is coordinated nationally, its impact multiplies locally.

By aligning clinics, dental professionals, students, partners, and communities around one shared day, NDCD transforms individual acts of generosity into a collective national response.



This model does not replace long-term solutions. It meets people where they are — immediately — while building momentum for broader change.

What happens when this model comes to life across Canada is measurable.

National Impact Snapshot – 2025

NDCD's reach across Canada in one coordinated day

219 Canadians Served



16

Clinics



550

Volunteer Hours



\$121,000

In Free Care



\$553

Avg. Value per Patient

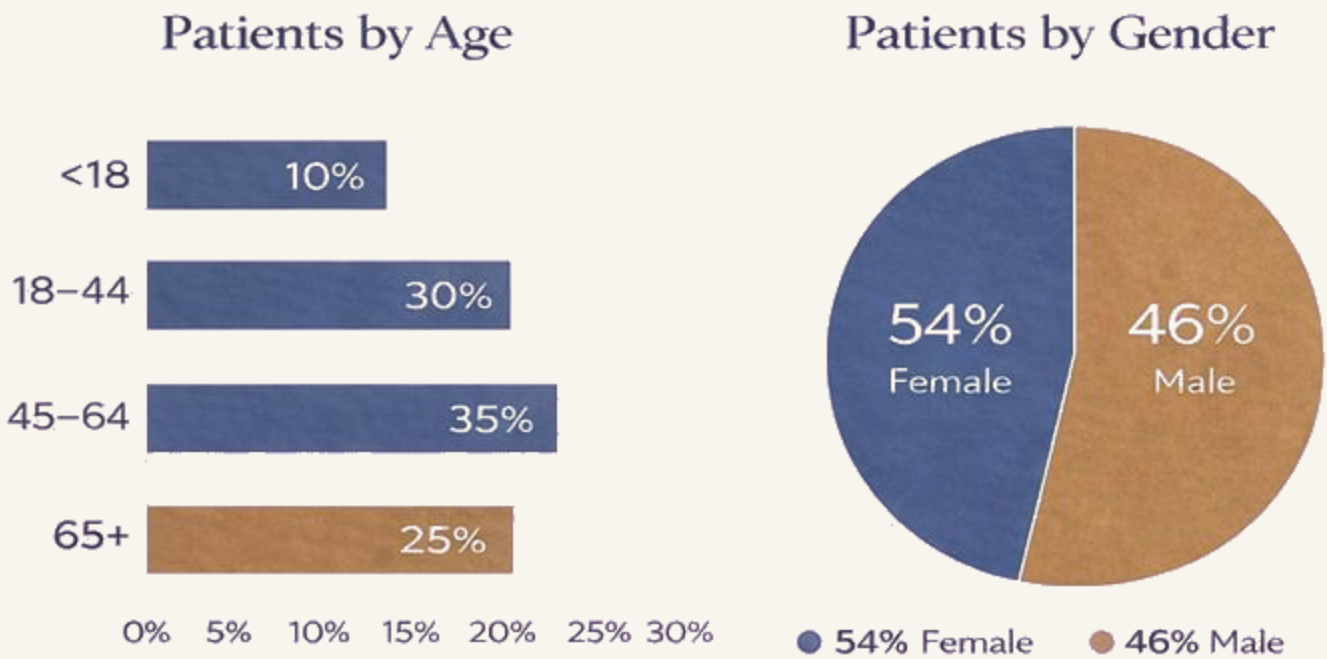
One National Day. 219 Lives Touched.

Who We Served – 2025

A national breakdown of the Canadians we cared for through NDCD.

One chair, one day. Nationally diverse Canadians experiencing dental vulnerability.

Here is a demographic profile of those who received care.



Over half of our patients were adults 45 and older, highlighting that dental needs do not diminish with age.

Meanwhile, 54% of those served identified as female, reinforcing the importance of gender-responsive healthcare even in dental care.

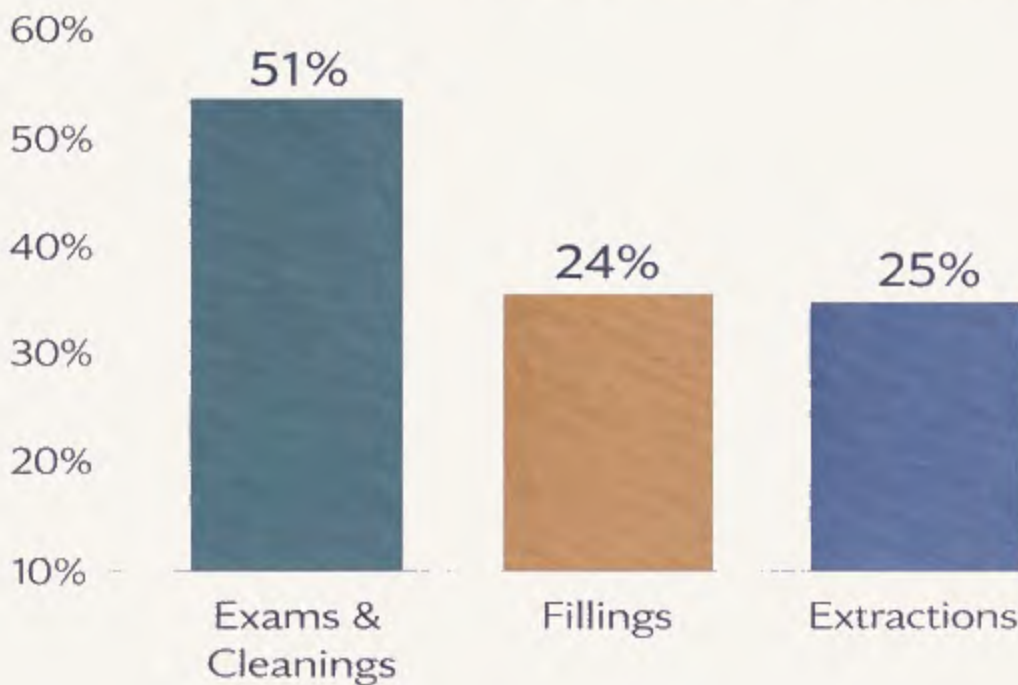
How We Helped – 2025

A national breakdown of the essential dental procedures provided to Canadians in need.

NDCD delivered immediate relief across Canada for those suffering silently without care.

Here is a breakdown of essential dental services provided to those in need.

Treatments Provided by Procedure



Over half of all procedures were preventive exams and cleanings, addressing immediate pain and long-term oral health.

Meanwhile, one quarter of all treatments entailed extractions, emphasizing the urgent need for dental intervention.

What the Data Tells Us

A look at comprehensive national patient demographics.

To understand who needed our help, we present one focus chart highlighting the demographics of patients treated.



Oral Health Needs Span All Ages

Patients from all age groups were represented, highlighting the universal need for accessible dental care, from the elderly to children and teenagers.



Caregivers and Women are Prominent

The patient demographics skewed female and showed significant needs among working-aged adults. This reflects the caregiving roles that many women play, who often put others' health before their own.



Preventive Care Was Critical

Over half of all treatments provided were **preventive exams and cleanings**, demonstrating the importance of maintaining oral health to prevent future complications.



High Demand for Urgent Care

A significant portion of care was dedicated to urgent needs, such as extractions, due to prolonged dental neglect and untreated decay.

Voices of NDCD

Real experiences from Canadians who received free dental care.



Flo (Ontario)

With permission. In loving memory.

“ Now I can be in the pictures.
– Flo, Ontario

“ My teeth really are part
of my dignity.
– Lisa, Nova Scotia

“ I am grateful to see my
mother smile again.
– Leila, Ontario

“ I will sleep tonight for
the first time in months.
– Patient

“ I will sleep tonight for
the first time in months.
– Patient

“ The pain is gone. Thank you.
– Senior

“ I felt seen today.
– Youth

Stories of Dignity

Every smile restored through National Dental Care Day represents more than dental care — it represents dignity, relief and compassion.

These stories reflect the people NDCD serves across Canada and the human impact behind a single day of coordinated care.

Story 1 — Flo (Ontario)

“Now I can be in the pictures.”

Flo used a wheelchair and lived for years without access to dental care. She dreamed of being able to smile at her daughter's wedding.

After receiving care through **National Dental Care Day**, she looked at her dentist and said with a shy smile. *“Now I can be in the pictures.”*

In her final months in hospital, nurses shared that her restored smile brightened the entire room.

Flo's story lives at the heart of NDCD — a reminder that restoring a smile restores dignity.

Story 2 — Lisa (Nova Scotia)

“My teeth really are part of my dignity.” *A Daughter's Gift*

Lisa grew up being bullied for her teeth. As though our oral health had fallen to the bottom of basic health priorities.

“I never thought my teeth were part of my dignity — but they are.”

Lisa's story is at the heart of NDCD — expanding access and restoring confidence. One restored smile restores dignity.

Story 3 — Leila (Ontario)

Leila gave up her own appointment so that her mother — shy, in pain, and suffering from long-ignored dental issues — could be treated first.

Once the infection was removed, her mother smiled for the first time in months.

Leila said quietly. *“I'm grateful to see my mother smile again.”*

This is the heart of National Dental Care Day: One Chair. One Day. One Act of Compassion.

One restored smile restores dignity.

Recognition & National Endorsement

National acknowledgement of leadership, service, and impact

Provincial Recognition

“National Dental Care Day reflects the spirit of those who step up for others. By ensuring access to essential dental care, it helps build a stronger community — one grounded in kindness, unity, and shared responsibility.”

— The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
October 10, 2025



Municipal Proclamation – Birthplace of a National Movement

City of Brampton

“Position Brampton as the birthplace of a national movement rooted in compassion, dignity, and healthcare equity.”

— Mayor Patrick Brown, City of Brampton



City of Brampton

Professional Regulation



Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario

RCDSO Connect, Spring 2025

“Because when we choose to serve, we don't just *change the world* – we *elevate the profession*, *uplift communities*, and become the very best version of ourselves.”

Academic Leadership



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

FACULTY of DENTISTRY

Academic Leadership

“Your leadership in launching National Dental Care Day is both timely and deeply impactful.”

— Anil Kishen, B.D.S. M.D.S. Ph.D,
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto



Academic Leadership

Training the Future Dentists of Canada – *with Compassion*

On June 25, 2025, the Flower City Institute received official approval from the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE), confirming the Institute as a nationally recognized provider of high-quality continuing dental education.

This approval positions the Institute as a trusted educational body shaping the future of compassionate dental practice.

RCDSO Category 1 Core Course Approval (2025–2028)

“A Profession with Purpose: Compassion, Accessibility and Service.”

On November 10, 2025, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario approved the Institute’s course, *“A Profession with Purpose: Compassion, Accessibility and Service,”* as a Category 1: Core Course for the maximum three-year period.

Category 1 Core Course Name	Category 1 Core Course	Competency Area of Focus	Delivery Format	Presenter(s)	CE Points
A Profession with Purpose: Compassion, Accessibility and Service	2025-LV-1745	Access to Care	Live	Dr. Raj Khanuja	2

This course strengthens professional understanding of dignity-based care and advances NDCD’s mission through formal education.

Why We Volunteer

Clinicians, students, and clinic teams share why they choose to give back.



“By offering free care, we honour our belief that no one should be denied a confident smile.

Dr. Aparna Narvekar, General Dentist



“NDCD is my way of honouring my grandfather’s legacy — restoring dignity, not just teeth.

Dr. Madhavi Kolli, General Dentist



“Participating in NDCD brings personal fulfillment, connection with peers, and direct impact in the community.

Dr. Jaspreet Bhalla, General Dentist



We want our careers to begin with compassion.

Dental Students

Learning dentistry means learning responsibility — to patients, communities and dignity.



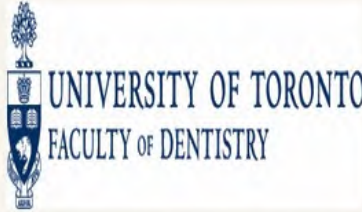
For one day, our clinic became a community.

Clinic Teams

From reception to sterilization, every role mattered.

Partners & Supporters

Organizations who stood with National Dental Care Day.



University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry



CDSPI



Flower City Institute for Dental Advancements



Lotus Plaza



Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship



Canadian Business Excellence Award



CDMS Dental Supplies



City of Brampton

Looking Ahead: 2026–2030

Our vision for the future of National Dental Care Day across Canada.



Expanded Reach

Increase the number of participating clinics nationwide, ensuring every province and territory is involved, so that no Canadian is left behind in accessing essential dental care.



Broader Services

Extend the range of dental services offered, addressing not only urgent needs but also preventive and restorative care to support long-term oral health.



Youth Engagement

Inspire the next generation of dental professionals by strengthening partnerships with universities and dental schools, and creating meaningful volunteer opportunities for students.



Sustainable Funding

Secure stable, ongoing sponsorship and public-sector support to ensure National Dental Care Day can continue delivering free dental care year after year.



Accountability & Learning

Looking ahead, National Dental Care Day will continue to measure reach, participation, and patient experience to inform future growth, strengthen coordination, and ensure the movement remains responsive to community need.

Join the National Movement

Let's build a future where no Canadian goes without dental care.

Let's build a future where no Canadian goes without dental care.

Whether you're a dental professional, a student, a potential sponsor, or a community member, there's a role for you in ensuring brighter smiles for everyone.

Get involved, spread the word, make an impact for those in need.



Volunteer



Advocate



Donate

Connect online and be part of the movement:

website: www.nationaldentaldareday.ca

email: info@nationaldentaldareday.ca



SENATE of Canada SÉNAT

National Recognition

“But it does more than treat teeth.

It restores dignity, builds trust,
and reminds us all of the power of service.”

— Senator Mohamed-Iqbal Ravalia, Senate of Canada

Parliamentary Record

On October 8, 2025, National Dental Care Day was formally recognized in the Senate of Canada and entered into the Hansard Record—Canada’s official parliamentary archive.

This moment marked National Dental Care Day not only as a day of service, but as a matter of national public record, affirming that:

- Oral health is not a luxury
- Compassionate care is a shared responsibility
- Volunteerism has a place in Canada’s highest institution

This is what happens when a nation
chooses to restore dignity with compassion.

Senate of Canada, Debates, 45th Parliament, 1st Session (October 8, 2025).

ONE CHAIR. ONE DAY. ONE NATION.



Certificate of Incorporation

Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act

Certificat de constitution

*Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non
lucratif*

National Dental Care Day Foundation
Fondation nationale pour la Journée des soins dentaires

Corporate name / Dénomination de l'organisation

1700187-8

Corporation number / Numéro de
l'organisation

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above-named
corporation, the articles of incorporation of which
are attached, is incorporated under the *Canada
Not-for-profit Corporations Act*.

JE CERTIFIE que l'organisation susmentionnée,
dont les statuts constitutifs sont joints, est
constituée en vertu de la *Loi canadienne sur les
organisations à but non lucratif*.

Hantz Prosper

Director / Directeur

2025-05-17

Date of Incorporation (YYYY-MM-DD)
Date de constitution (AAAA-MM-JJ)



Form 4001
Articles of Incorporation
Canada Not-for-profit Corporations
Act (NFP Act)

Formulaire 4001
Statuts constitutifs
Loi canadienne sur les
organisations à but non lucratif
(Loi BNL)

- 1 Corporate name
Dénomination de l'organisation
National Dental Care Day Foundation
Fondation nationale pour la Journée des soins dentaires

- 2 The province or territory in Canada where the registered office is situated
La province ou le territoire au Canada où est maintenu le siège
ON

- 3 Minimum and maximum number of directors
Nombres minimal et maximal d'administrateurs
Min. 3 Max. 10

- 4 Statement of the purpose of the corporation
Déclaration d'intention de l'organisation
See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe

- 5 Restrictions on the activities that the corporation may carry on, if any
Limites imposées aux activités de l'organisation, le cas échéant
None

- 6 The classes, or regional or other groups, of members that the corporation is authorized to establish
Les catégories, groupes régionaux ou autres groupes de membres que l'organisation est autorisée à établir
See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe

- 7 Statement regarding the distribution of property remaining on liquidation
Déclaration relative à la répartition du reliquat des biens lors de la liquidation
See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe

- 8 Additional provisions, if any
Dispositions supplémentaires, le cas échéant
See attached schedule / Voir l'annexe ci-jointe

- 9 **Declaration:** I hereby certify that I am an incorporator of the corporation.
Déclaration : J'atteste que je suis un fondateur de l'organisation.

Name(s) - Nom(s)

Original Signed by - Original signé par

GAGANDEEP KHANUJA

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GAGANDEEP KHANUJA

BHUPINDER KHANUJA

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RAJVIR KHANUJA

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A person who makes, or assists in making, a false or misleading statement is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months or to both (subsection 262(2) of the NFP Act).

La personne qui fait une déclaration fautive ou trompeuse, ou qui aide une personne à faire une telle déclaration, commet une infraction et encourt, sur déclaration de culpabilité par procédure sommaire, une amende maximale de 5 000 \$ et un emprisonnement maximal de six mois ou l'une de ces peines (paragraphe 262(2) de la Loi BNL).

You are providing information required by the NFP Act. Note that both the NFP Act and the *Privacy Act* allow this information to be disclosed to the public. It will be stored in personal information bank number IC/PPU-049.

Vous fournissez des renseignements exigés par la Loi BNL. Il est à noter que la Loi BNL et la *Loi sur les renseignements personnels* permettent que de tels renseignements soient divulgués au public. Ils seront stockés dans la banque de renseignements personnels numéro IC/PPU-049.

Schedule / Annexe
Purpose Of Corporation / Déclaration d'intention de l'organisation

English:

The purpose of the corporation is to promote, support, and coordinate initiatives that improve access to oral health care for underserved populations across Canada. The corporation shall organize National Dental Care Day events, facilitate free dental services, and promote oral health awareness and volunteerism in the dental community.

Français :

La mission de la société est de promouvoir, soutenir et coordonner des initiatives visant à améliorer l'accès aux soins bucco-dentaires pour les populations mal desservies à travers le Canada. La société organisera des événements de la Journée nationale des soins dentaires, facilitera des services dentaires gratuits et encouragera la sensibilisation à la santé bucco-dentaire ainsi que le bénévolat dans la communauté dentaire.

Schedule / Annexe
Classes of Members / Catégories de membres

The Corporation is authorized to establish one class of members. Each member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the members of the Corporation.

Schedule / Annexe

Distribution of Property on Liquidation / Répartition du reliquat des biens lors de la liquidation

Any property remaining on liquidation of the Corporation, after discharge of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more qualified donees within the meaning of subsection 248(1) of the Income Tax Act.

Schedule / Annexe
Additional Provisions / Dispositions supplémentaires

If authorized by a by-law which is duly adopted by the directors and confirmed by ordinary resolution of the members, the directors of the corporation may from time to time:

- i. borrow money on the credit of the corporation;
- ii. issue, reissue, sell, pledge or hypothecate debt obligations of the corporation; and
- iii. mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the corporation, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any debt obligation of the corporation.

Directors shall serve without remuneration, and no director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his or her position as such, provided that a director may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in performing his or her duties. A director shall not be prohibited from receiving compensation for services provided to the corporation in another capacity.

The directors may appoint one or more directors, who shall hold office for a term expiring not later than the close of the next annual general meeting of members, but the total number of directors so appointed may not exceed one-third of the number of directors elected at the previous annual general meeting of members.

The corporation shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the corporation shall be used in furtherance of its purposes.



Form 4002	Formulaire 4002
Initial Registered Office Address and First Board of Directors	Adresse initiale du siège et premier conseil d'administration
<i>Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (NFP Act)</i>	<i>Loi canadienne sur les organisations à but non lucratif (Loi BNL)</i>

1 Corporate name
Dénomination de l'organisation

National Dental Care Day Foundation
Fondation nationale pour la Journée des soins dentaires

2 Complete address of the registered office
Adresse complète du siège

9 GRAFTON CRES
Brampton ON L6P 0L9

3 Additional address
Autre adresse

4 Directors of the corporation
Administrateurs de l'organisation

BHUPINDER KHANUJA	9 Grafton Crescent, Brampton ON L6P 0L9, Canada
Gagandeep Khanuja	9 Grafton Crescent, Brampton ON L6P 0L9, Canada
Rajvir Khanuja	9 Grafton Crescent, Brampton ON L6P 0L9, Canada

5 Declaration: I hereby certify that I am an incorporator of the new corporation or that I am a director or an authorized officer of the corporation continuing into or amalgamating under the NFP Act.
Déclaration : J'atteste que je suis un fondateur de la nouvelle organisation ou que je suis un administrateur ou un dirigeant autorisé de l'organisation se prorogeant ou se fusionnant en vertu de la Loi BNL.

Original signed by / Original signé par
BHUPINDER KHANUJA

BHUPINDER KHANUJA
(647) 244 - 2273

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Legal and Legislative Services

May 26, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Robert Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
College Park, 17th floor, 777 Bay Street,
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
rob.flack@ontario.ca

Honourable and Dear Sirs:

Re: Support of Niagara Region's Correspondence - A New Deal for Niagara

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 25, 2026 received and supported correspondence from the Niagara Region respecting A New Deal for Niagara dated May 5, 2026.

A copy of the Niagara Region correspondence dated May 5, 2026 is attached for your information.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Todd', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk

ptodd@forterie.ca

PT:dlk

Attach

c.c. The Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada mark.carney@parl.gc.ca
Niagara Region MPP's wgates-co@ndp.on.ca ; JStevens-CO@ndp.on.ca ; JBurch-QP@ndp.on.ca ;
sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario amo@amo.on.ca
Federation of Canadian Municipalities resolutions@fcm.ca
Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities

May 5, 2026

CL 7-2026, April 30, 2026

CSC 3-2026, April 15, 2026

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Motion Respecting A New Deal for Niagara

Regional Council, at its meeting held on April 30, 2026, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Niagara Region is a critical economic driver within Ontario and Canada, and a globally recognized tourism destination, welcoming approximately 14 million visitors annually (Niagara Falls Tourism/Ontario's Destination Niagara) and generating approximately \$3 billion in tourism-related economic activity;

WHEREAS the Niagara Region is one of the busiest border crossings between Canada and the U.S. and is bounded on 3 sides by water, which increases vehicular traffic traversing Niagara and policing and rescue responsibilities for our municipalities;

WHEREAS Niagara's visitor economy and border location place unique and sustained pressures on regional and local infrastructure, including roads, waste management (Public Works), transit (Niagara Transit), policing (Niagara Regional Police), paramedic services (Niagara EMS), water and wastewater systems, and public spaces;

WHEREAS Niagara municipalities are responsible for delivering essential services that support both residents and visitors, while relying only on property tax revenues that do not scale with tourism or trade corridor demands;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has identified that Ontario's current provincial-municipal fiscal framework is unsustainable, citing ongoing provincial downloading and a structural mismatch between municipal responsibilities and available revenue tools;

WHEREAS AMO has called for a comprehensive review of municipal service delivery responsibilities ("who does what") and the development of new fiscal tools to ensure municipalities can meet growing service demands;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has advocated for a modernized federal-municipal partnership, including predictable, long-term infrastructure funding, expanded housing investments, and direct federal engagement with municipalities to address national priorities;

WHEREAS Niagara Region is experiencing increasing financial pressures related to housing affordability, homelessness, transit expansion, climate adaptation, and state-of-good-repair infrastructure, all of which are compounded by population growth and visitor impacts; and

WHEREAS the economic benefits generated by Niagara's tourism sector and commercial trade significantly contribute to provincial and federal revenues, yet municipalities bear a disproportionate share of the costs required to sustain this economic activity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **CALL UPON** the Province of Ontario to initiate, in partnership with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), a comprehensive review of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework, including a reassessment of municipal service responsibilities; the elimination or mitigation of ongoing provincial downloading; the identification of new, sustainable municipal revenue tools, with the Region of Niagara as the pilot;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **ADVOCATES** for a "New Deal for Niagara" that recognizes the Region's unique role as Canada's leading tourism destination and includes dedicated, predictable funding for tourism-supporting infrastructure; investment in regional transit and transportation networks; all emergency services; public health; support for housing and homelessness initiatives; revenue-sharing mechanisms that reflect visitor-driven economic activity;
3. That the Province of Ontario **BE REQUESTED** to ensure that any future transfer of responsibilities to municipalities is accompanied by full and ongoing funding in line with inflation;
4. That the Government of Canada, consistent with recommendations from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), **BE REQUESTED** to expand permanent, direct federal funding streams to municipalities; increase investments in affordable housing and enabling infrastructure; recognize and support high impact tourism and trade corridor regions such as Niagara;
5. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** that both the federal and provincial governments formally recognize the infrastructure and service demands associated with hosting approximately 14 million visitors annually and generating approximately \$3 billion in tourism activity, as reported by Niagara Falls Tourism and Ontario's Destination Niagara; and

6. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Rob Flack, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Jennie Stevens, MPP for St. Catharines, Sam Oosterhoff, MPP for West Niagara, Jeff Burch, MPP for South Niagara, Wayne Gates MPP Niagara Falls, Prime Minister of Canada; Mark Carney, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and all Niagara-area municipalities requesting their support.

Yours truly,



Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk
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CLK-C 2026-041

Distribution List:

- Prime Minister of Canada
- Premier of Ontario
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- J. Burch, MPP
- W. Gates, MPP
- S. Oosterhof, MPP
- J. Stevens, MPP
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Local Area Municipalities



Legal and Legislative Services

May 26, 2026

Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk
Niagara Region
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, P. O. Box 1042
Thorold, ON L2V 4T7
ann-marie.norio@niagararegion.ca

Dear Ms. Norio:

Re: City of Thorold Correspondence - Lower-Tier Municipal Representation in Regional Decision-Making on Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction

Please be advised the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of May 25, 2026 received and supported correspondence from the City of Thorold regarding the Lower-Tier Municipal Representation in Regional Decision-Making on Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction and requesting the Niagara Region to take the following actions:

- take concrete steps to enhance the integration of lower-tier municipal perspectives into its work,
- explore updates to the mandate, composition, or engagement practices of the Public Health and Social Services Committee to better reflect lower-tier municipal input,
- establish an
- advisory or engagement mechanism that includes greater representation from lower-tier municipalities and Councillors, and individuals with lived and living experience
- report back to its Public Health and Social Services Committee on potential options to strengthen such collaboration.

Attached please find a copy of the City of Thorold's correspondence dated May 13, 2026.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Todd,
Manager, Legislative Services / Town Clerk
ptodd@forterie.ca

PT:dlk

Attach

c.c. Local Area Municipalities



Thorold

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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

May 13, 2026

SENT ELECTRONICALLY

To Niagara Region

**Re: 14.2 Resolution Respecting Lower-Tier Municipal Representation in
Regional Decision-Making on Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold, at its meeting held on May 12, 2026, considered the aforementioned topic and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS mental health, homelessness, and addiction are urgent and growing challenges affecting residents across Niagara, with direct impacts in the City of Thorold;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Niagara is responsible for the delivery and coordination of public health, housing, and social services, including homelessness prevention and community well-being, through its Public Health and Social Services Committee;

AND WHEREAS the mandate of the Public Health and Social Services Committee includes oversight of policies, programs, and service delivery related to public health, housing, homelessness, and social assistance;

AND WHEREAS lower-tier municipalities are on the front lines of these challenges and bring critical local knowledge, experience, and accountability to residents;

AND WHEREAS meaningful collaboration with lower-tier municipalities, along with the inclusion of individuals with lived experience, can strengthen regional decision-making and improve outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Council of the City of Thorold has taken proactive steps to support housing solutions through the establishment of an Affordable Housing Working Group to identify and report back on potential opportunities within the City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Thorold passes the following:

1. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the Regional Municipality of Niagara to take concrete steps to enhance the integration of lower-tier municipal perspectives into its work on mental health, homelessness, and addiction;
2. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the Region of Niagara explore updates to the mandate, composition, or engagement practices of the Public Health and Social Services Committee to better reflect lower-tier municipal input;
3. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the Region of Niagara establish an advisory or engagement mechanism that includes greater representation from lower-tier municipalities and Councillors, and individuals with lived and living experience;
4. That Thorold City Council **REQUESTS** the Region of Niagara report back to its Public Health and Social Services Committee on potential options to strengthen such collaboration; and
5. That City Staff **BE DIRECTED** to circulate this motion to the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Niagara-area municipalities for their consideration.

Thank you,



Nicholas Debono
City Clerk, City of Thorold

cc. Niagara Area Municipalities



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

C04/20
April 20, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT”

M. Grace
L. Gibson
D. Flagg
S Van Vliet
K Krause

REGRETS: A. Stapleton

STAFF PRESENT: S. Akins, Administrative Assistant

C04/20

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:14 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 March 23, 2026 are approved
4. **Delegations**
None.
5. **Business**
 - a) Senior of the Year 2026 – the committee reviewed and read the nominations – Winner is Janet Hodgkins – Allison to contact
 - Age Friendly Committee to attend June Council meeting
 - Add for criteria next year, nominee must be currently active in the community
 - No longer going to present award at Senior Center luncheon as it is before the council meeting and committee feels it minimizes the importance of the award.
 - Sherri to bring flowers to the council meeting to present to Janet along with certificate.

- b) Community Day – March 31st 4pm-6pm – was quiet this year, not as many people – 2 notes left people would like to see more flowers around the township, and a splash pad/water park for kids
- c) Upcoming Niagara Older Adult Alliance Meeting (NOAA) – April 15th, 11:30-4pm Grimsby – review in May meeting

6. Action Items from Previous Meeting

Other Business

- 7. **Next Meeting Date**
May 25, 2026

8. Adjournment of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

A. Stapleton, CHAIR

S. Akins, RECORDING SECRETARY

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