

1. **C-2026-162**
Correspondence received June 9, 2026 from the Niagara Home Builders' Association regarding the Development Charge Reduction Program.
2. **C-2026-163**
Correspondence dated June 10, 2026 from the Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron respecting a resolution of support for the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.
3. **C-2026-164**
Correspondence dated June 10, 2026 from the Niagara SPCA respecting Wainfleet monthly statistics.
4. **C-2026-165**
Correspondence dated June 12, 2026 from Niagara Health respecting a proclamation request for World Hepatitis Day.
5. **C-2026-166**
Correspondence dated June 15, 2026 from the Ministry of Natural Resources respecting updates to operational policies under the Aggregates Resource Act.
6. **C-2026-167**
Correspondence dated June 15, 2026 from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority respecting a notice of public open house events regarding the Upper Welland River Tributaries Flood Study.
7. **C-2026-168**
Correspondence dated June 16, 2026 from the Wainfleet Age-Friendly Advisory Committee respecting minutes from the May 2026 meeting.
8. **C-2026-169**
Correspondence dated June 17, 2026 from the Town of Petawawa to The Honourable Doug Ford and The Honourable Michael Kerzer regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario.
9. **C-2026-170**
Correspondence dated June 17, 2026 from Oak's Tree of Love regarding a proclamation request for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness.



Mayor Brian Grant & Council Members
Township of Wainfleet
31940 Highway 3, PO Box 40
Wainfleet, ON

RE: Immediate Action Required – Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) Application Deadline June 19, 2026

Dear Mayor Grant & Council,

On behalf of the Niagara Home Builders' Association (NHBA), we respectfully urge the Township of Wainfleet to take immediate action to submit an application to the newly announced Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) before the June 19, 2026 deadline.

This program represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for municipalities to secure significant funding for growth-related infrastructure while reducing development charges to stimulate housing construction, improve affordability, attract investment, and strengthen local economic growth. Through the DCRP, municipalities may be eligible to receive funding covering up to 90 percent of eligible infrastructure costs related to roads, water, wastewater, and transit projects, provided they commit to reducing development charges by at least 30 to 50 percent over a three-year period.

At a time when housing construction has slowed considerably across Ontario, affordability challenges continue to intensify, and municipalities are competing for both investment and new housing development, Wainfleet must position itself to remain competitive. Municipalities across the province have already moved quickly to capitalize on this opportunity. Communities such as Mississauga, Vaughan, York Region, and Barrie are taking proactive steps to secure substantial infrastructure funding while improving their attractiveness for residential investment and growth.

The cost of inaction is significant.

Currently, development charges on a new single-detached home in Wainfleet total approximately **\$28,128 per unit**, consisting of:

Municipality	Local DC	Regional DC	Total DC per new home
Wainfleet	\$11,263	\$16,865	\$28,128

These charges represent a substantial cost burden that ultimately impacts housing affordability and project viability.

Under the DCRP, Wainfleet has the opportunity to significantly reduce these costs while securing infrastructure funding from senior levels of government. A reduction in the Town's local development charges would result in the following savings:

Municipal DE Reduction Scenario (Local Only)	Savings/Unit
30% reduction on Wainfleet local DC (\$11,263)	\$3,379
50% reduction on Wainfleet local DC (\$11,263)	\$5,632

Should the Regional Municipality of Niagara also participate in the program, additional savings per unit could be reached.

Importantly, the DCRP applies retroactively to March 30, 2026. This means building permits issued on or after that date may be eligible for development charge refunds or credits if the municipality submits a successful application. Builders and homeowners can begin realizing these savings immediately, but only if action is taken before the June 19 deadline.

This opportunity extends well beyond housing policy. It is an economic competitiveness initiative, an infrastructure funding initiative, a job creation initiative, and a city-building initiative. Municipalities that demonstrate a strong commitment to growth and housing affordability will be best positioned to attract future residential investment, support local employment, expand their tax base, and strengthen their long-term economic prosperity.

We recognize that the Province has established an exceptionally compressed timeline and that preparing a competitive application will require collaboration between Council and staff. Nevertheless, the urgency of this opportunity cannot be overstated. Opportunities of this scale are rare, and municipalities that fail to act risk being left behind while others secure substantial infrastructure investments and gain a competitive advantage in attracting future growth.

The NHBA fully supports the Township of Wainfleet in pursuing this funding opportunity and is prepared to assist Council and staff in any way possible. We would be pleased to provide industry expertise, housing market insights, economic analysis, development pipeline information, and stakeholder support to strengthen the Town's application.

We respectfully encourage Council and staff to act swiftly and submit the strongest possible application before the June 19, 2026 deadline. By doing so, Wainfleet can secure transformative infrastructure investment, support housing affordability, stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and position itself as a leader in attracting future residential and economic development.

Sincerely,



Kelly Anderson
NHBA Chair



Chuck McShane
NHBA CEO



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June 10, 2026

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Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford

Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their June 1, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

258-2026

Moved By: Aaron Neeb

Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the May 13, 2026, correspondence of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, the Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, AMO, ROMA and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
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519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc:

Minister of the Solicitor General, Hon. Michael Kerzner, michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org; Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Kinga Surma, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org; Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, info@oafc.on.ca; Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, admin@ontariofirefighters.org; Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, communication@ffao.on.ca; AMO resolutions@amo.on.ca; ROMA, roma@roma.on.ca; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Date: 13 May 2026

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Moved By: Deputy Mayor Netty McEwen

Seconded By: Councillor John van Klaveren

Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

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

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

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

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Carried

Defeated

Deferred

Archived: June 15, 2026 11:09:15 AM

Subject: Niagara Health System - Request For Proclamation - World Hepatitis Day 2026 and Community Event

Importance: Normal

Sensitivity: None

From: Usick, Karen <Karen.Usick@niagarahealth.on.ca>

Sent: June 12, 2026 2:58 PM

To: wayne.redekop@niagararegion.ca; marvin.junkin@niagararegion.ca; Brian.Grant@niagararegion.ca; frank.campion@niagararegion.ca; bill.steele@niagararegion.ca; Jdiodati@niagarafall.ca; jeff.jordan@niagararegion.ca; sandra.easton@niagararegion.ca; Cheryl.Ganann@niagararegion.ca; terry.ugulini@niagararegion.ca; Mathew.Siscoe@niagararegion.ca; Gary.Zalepa@niagararegion.ca

Subject: Niagara Health System - Request For Proclamation - World Hepatitis Day 2026 and Community Event

Greetings everyone!

Hope you are having a fantastic Friday so far! 😊

I am contacting you today on behalf of the Niagara Health System - Addiction Services - Hepatitis C Care Clinic. Our program will be hosting our 11th World Hepatitis Day event on Friday July 24, 2026, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our annual street-based health and social services fair will be held again this year at Montebello Park in St Catharines and free to everyone. Each year our goal is to raise awareness of World Hepatitis Day, liver health, hepatitis testing, treatment and care! We want to ensure that everyone has access to hepatitis testing, care and treatment from wherever they live within the Niagara Region. We truly appreciate your yearly support with proclaiming July 28th - World Hepatitis Day in your municipality. This helps to raise awareness of our event and campaign. As well, to join the Global Campaign to eliminate hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030. The support you provide through the proclamations help us to support the residents of Niagara! Thank you so very much! I realize that some of the 12 municipalities of Niagara do not do proclamations, and I understand. In place of a proclamation, I am wondering if you could please consider sending us a letter of support for our awareness day and event's promotion.

The World Hepatitis Day event will showcase our program's care and in addition the services of our community partners from throughout Niagara! We are hoping the community event helps individuals to come and access the care and services they may be looking for. We are hoping that you will be able to join us at Montebello Park on Friday July 24th, 2026, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. 😊

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out. I would be delighted to share more about the Hepatitis C Care Clinic, our upcoming events, and the global significance of World Hepatitis Day.

Take care and have a lovely day!

Karen

Karen Usick – Reg. N

Hepatitis C Care Clinic | Community Coordinator

Niagara Health System | Addiction Services

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HCCC Website Address - www.niagarahealth.on.ca/site/hepatitis-c-care

NHS Addiction Services - www.niagarahealth.on.ca/services/addiction-recovery

#WorldHepatitisDay | #NoHep | #GetTested | #LearnYourOptions

niagarahealth

 **WE'RE NOT WAITING**
#HepCantWait

WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

July 28th, 2026

WHEREAS, approximately 214,000 Canadians are living with hepatitis C and over 250,000 people are living with hepatitis B;

WHEREAS, people living with hepatitis B and C have an increased risk of developing cirrhosis, liver failure and related illnesses;

WHEREAS, Ontario has over 110,000 people living with hepatitis B or C, both of which are slow and progressive diseases; and

WHEREAS, there are vaccines available for Hepatitis A and B; effective Hepatitis C treatment therapies can cure over 95% of cases; and

WHEREAS, World Hepatitis Day provides an opportunity to reach out to millions of Canadians and encourage hepatitis testing, provide treatment and care for those affected while paving the way towards elimination of hepatitis as a public health concern in Canada by 2030;

THEREFORE, I, Brian Grant, Mayor of Wainfleet, do hereby proclaim **July 28th, 2026 World Hepatitis Day in Wainfleet.**

JOURNÉE MONDIALE CONTRE L'HÉPATITE

Le 28 juillet 2026

ATTENDU QUE, au Canada, quelque 214 000 personnes vivent avec l'hépatite C et environ 250 000 avec l'hépatite B;

ATTENDU QUE le risque de cirrhose, d'insuffisance hépatique et de maladies connexes est plus élevé chez les personnes qui vivent avec l'hépatite B ou C;

ATTENDU QUE l'Ontario compte plus de 110 000 personnes vivant avec l'hépatite B ou C, deux maladies lentes et progressives; et

ATTENDU QU'il existe des vaccins pour protéger contre l'hépatite A et B ainsi que des traitements efficaces pouvant guérir plus de 95 % des personnes atteintes d'hépatite C; et

ATTENDU QUE la Journée mondiale contre l'hépatite est une occasion de joindre des millions de Canadiennes et de Canadiens, d'encourager le dépistage de l'hépatite et de fournir traitements et soins aux personnes touchées tout en ouvrant la voie vers l'élimination de l'hépatite en tant que problème de santé publique au Canada d'ici 2030;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, Brian Grant, maire de Wainfleet, proclame par la présente le **28 juillet 2026 Journée mondiale contre l'hépatite à Wainfleet.**

**Brian Grant
Mayor / Maire**

Ministry of Natural Resources

Development and Hazard Policy
Branch
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Ministère des Richesses Naturelles

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June 15, 2026

RE: Updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregates Resource Act*

Greetings,

Further to a letter from the ministry dated August 8th, 2025, I am writing to inform you that a decision notice has been posted regarding the updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resources Act* (ERO # [025-0216](#)).

These policies were updated as part of the ministry's initiative to modernize operational policies that support the effective delivery of Ontario's *Aggregate Resources Act* program. The updates are intended to clarify requirements and improve program efficiency.

Policies related to the following have been updated:

- Cultural Heritage Report
- Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence
- Water Report
- Maximum Predicted Water Table Report (New Policy)

These updates better align policy guidance with the requirements of the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Standards. Details of the decision and revised policies are available through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO #[025-0216](#)) and will be posted soon on the aggregates policies and procedures page.

In addition, the ministry has rescinded 28 policies that were outdated or no longer needed. Rescinding these policies is expected to provide greater certainty and clarity to industry and the public about current program requirements and processes.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact us by email at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Dungavell".

John Dungavell,
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) is in the process of conducting a **Flood Study** for 19 watercourses in the City of Hamilton, Haldimand County, Township of Wainfleet, and Township of West Lincoln identified as **Upper Welland River Tributaries** (Figure 1). Members of the Niagara Peninsula watershed community are invited to attend a Drop-In Public Open House Event to learn more about the Upper Welland River Tributaries Floodplain Mapping.

About the Project

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority is continuing work on floodplain mapping for 19 tributaries of the Upper Welland River watershed. Updated floodplain mapping enhances community safety and informs local planning and emergency management. Draft floodplain maps are now available for public review.

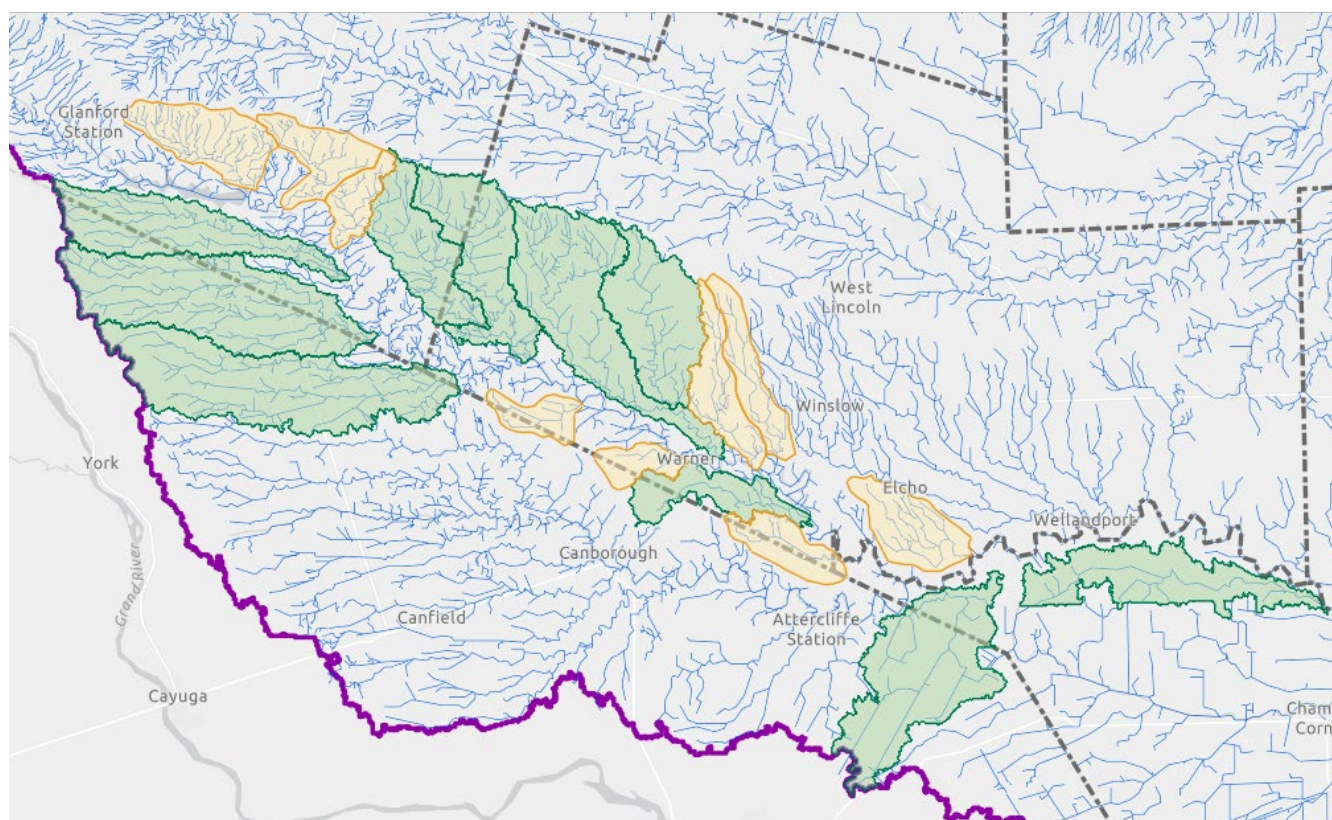


Figure 1: Upper Welland Tributaries Study Area

Public Open House Events

Two drop-in Public Open House Events are being held to provide a project update for interested parties looking to review the draft mapping and learn more about the project.

Due to the span of the project's jurisdiction, two sessions are scheduled for the community's convenience, both sessions will provide the same information and opportunities for questions/feedback.

These sessions will be drop-in, in-person only, held at the following date and location:

SESSION 1:

Date: Monday, June 22, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Glanbrook Arena
4300 Binbrook Rd., Binbrook ON, L0R 1C0

Registration is encouraged, please click [HERE](#) to confirm attendance for Monday's session.

SESSION 2:

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Wellandport Community Centre
5042 Canborough Rd., Wellandport ON, L0R 2J0

Registration is encouraged, please click [HERE](#) to confirm attendance for Tuesday's session.

Learn More

Additional details on our Get Involved Portal [HERE](#). Interested parties are also invited to pose questions to staff through our Q&A tool on the portal and subscribe for project updates.

Unsure if the Flood Study is in your neighbourhood? [View the interactive Study Area Map here](#) to learn more!



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

C05/25
May 25, 2026
6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT”

M. Grace
L. Gibson
D. Flagg
A. Stapleton

REGRETS:

K Krause
S Van Vliet

STAFF PRESENT:

S. Akins, Administrative Assistant

C05/25

1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 April 20, 2026 are approved
4. **Delegations**
None.
5. **Business**
 - a) Senior of the Year 2026 – Winner confirmed
Presentation at the June Council Meeting
Allison to speak, Mayor to present award
Shelly will send out reminder email to Committee

Prepare for next meeting – thoughts on what went well, what can change, recap of the term

6. **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

Other Business

7. **Next Meeting Date**

June 15, 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

Approved June 15, 2026



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June 17, 2026

RE: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Michael Kerzner:

At its Council in Committee meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

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 Petawawa 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:

- 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:

- Billy Denault MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- 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

Carried

The Town of Petawawa respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario implements a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements. We look forward to your favourable reply.

Sincerely,



Dawn Recoskie, CMO, Dipl.M.A.

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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cc: All municipalities

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Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, admin@ontariofirefighters.org

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), resolutions@amo.on.ca

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), roma@roma.on.ca

Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, billy.denault@pc.ola.org

Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, rob.flack@ontario.ca.



Request for Proclamation, Flag Raising and Illumination – Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day & Month 2026

From Kristin Pichoskie <pichoskie7@gmail.com>

Date Wed 2026-06-17 12:56 AM

To Kristin Pichoskie <pichoskie7@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

My name is Kristin Pichoskie and I am the founder of Oak's Tree of Love, a Northern Ontario initiative created in memory of my son, Oak Beaudyn Noel.

Oak's Tree of Love respectfully requests that the Municipality proclaim October 15, 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and proclaim October 2026 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

We would also be grateful if the Municipality would consider a flag raising and/or illumination of City Hall, a municipal building, bridge, landmark, sign, or other public feature in pink, blue, and white in recognition of this important awareness initiative.

Pregnancy and infant loss affects thousands of Canadian families each year. This recognition would help raise awareness, honour babies gone too soon, support bereaved families, reduce stigma surrounding grief and loss, and encourage compassionate conversations about pregnancy loss, infant loss, stillbirth, and child loss within our communities.

Oak's Tree of Love provides memory boxes, remembrance projects, awareness initiatives, hospital partnerships, and support resources for families affected by the loss of a baby or child.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and support of bereaved families. We would be grateful to learn if the Municipality plans to participate through a proclamation, flag raising, illumination, or other form of recognition for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day and Month in 2026.

Sincerely,

Kristin Pichoskie

Founder, Oak's Tree of Love

pichoskie7@gmail.com

In loving memory of Oak Beaudyn Noel  