

## Township of The Archipelago



### COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE Regular Meeting of Council June 20, 2025

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★ Township of The Archipelago has already endorsed this resolution, or action has already been taken

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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[02] [Parry Sound – Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith](#)

RE: July 8, 2025 E-News – Celebrating Progress: Two Key Milestones Reached

[03] [Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks](#)

RE: Proposed amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 and planning for small IC&I collection

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[05] [Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response](#)

RE: Invitation to AMO breakout session on August 17, 2025

[06] [Ministry of Energy and Mines](#)

RE: Launch of the Ontario's first-ever Integrated Energy Plan

[07] [Ministry of Rural Affairs](#)

RE: Rural Ontario Development Program is now accepting applications

#### ARCHIPELAGO CORRESPONDENCE - OUTBOUND

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#### WEST PARRY SOUND AREA MUNICIPALITIES

[09] [Request to Province to not close the Cecil Facer Youth Centre in Sudbury](#)

RE: Town of Parry Sound

**ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES**

\*[10] Resolutions in opposition to the proposed Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy

RE: Municipality of Magnetawan

RE: City of Pickering

RE: Municipality of Wawa

RE: Township of Alberton

RE: Township of Southgate

RE: City of Pickering

RE: Town of Cobourg

\*[11] Request to Province to amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources

RE: Municipality of Tweed

[12] Resolutions in opposition to the proposed amendments to O.Reg 530/22 to Expand Strong Mayor Powers

RE: Town of Renfrew

RE: Township of McNab/Braeside

RE: Town of Prescott

RE: Municipality of West Nipissing

[13] Request to Provincial and Federal governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers

RE: Township of Mulmur

[14] Request to Federal government to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single person household and Canadian Veterans

RE: City of Port Colborne

[15] Resolution supporting, in principle, pursuing an Integrated Watershed Management approach for the Muskoka River Watershed

RE: Town of Huntsville

[16] Request to Province to significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program

RE: City of Pickering

RE: City of Port Colborne

**FIRST NATIONS**

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**RATEPAYER ASSOCIATIONS**

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**RATEPAYERS/OTHERS**

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**AGENCIES**

[20] [Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations \(FOCA\)](#)  
RE: June 2025 E-news

[21] [Independent Electricity System Operator \(IESO\)](#)  
RE: Launch of Long-Term 2 procurement process

[22] [North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit](#)  
RE: 2024 Annual Report

[23] [Parry Sound Downtown Business Association](#)  
RE: Thank you letter for contribution toward the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival

[24] [Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce](#)  
RE: Thank you letter for 2025 monetary contribution  
RE: Tri-Regional Tariff Roundtable – July 16, 2025

[25] [Rotary Club of Parry Sound](#)  
RE: Thank you letter for supporting the Fathers Day weekend 3-pitch event

[26] [West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board](#)  
RE: Annual Report 2025

**ENVIRONMENT**

[27] [Georgian Bay Guardians](#)  
RE: Response to the May 23, 2025 Georgian Bay Geopark Deputation

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[28] [Courageous Companions](#)  
RE: 2025 Sponsorship Request

From: Graydon Smith MPP <graydon.smith@pc.ola.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 3:22:08 PM  
To: Bert Liverance - Reeve <bliverance@thearchipelago.ca>  
Subject: Celebrating Progress: Two Key Milestones Reached



Hi Bert,

It's been a big and important week here in Parry Sound–Muskoka as we recognize the hard work of so many and celebrate two major milestones for our region.

On Monday, I had the honour of helping cut the ribbon on our area's first-ever MRI machine. With \$900,000 per year committed by our government for operational funding, this incredible achievement was made possible thanks to the inspiring generosity of local donors and the leadership of community partners. Our government remains deeply committed to strengthening rural healthcare, and Monday's celebration is a proud reflection of that commitment.

Then today, I had the opportunity to take part in the official groundbreaking for the new Parry Sound pumping station. With a \$14 million investment from our government, this critical infrastructure project will help improve essential services, support the development of more accessibly priced homes, and help keep municipal taxes in check. This initiative is part of a broader commitment to infrastructure renewal. Our government has also invested \$50 million into the District of Muskoka to upgrade sewer and water systems.

Since June 2022, new funding for Parry Sound–Muskoka has now reached \$600 million (not including the \$1 billion commitment for two, new acute care hospitals) —and is still growing. We continue to make smart, strategic investments that enhance the quality of life for residents right across our region.

There's more good news to come. To stay updated on all that's happening in Parry Sound–Muskoka, I encourage you to follow me on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/graydonthempp/>).

Wishing you a fantastic summer, and I look forward to seeing you at a local event soon!

Warm regards,  
Graydon Smith MPP

Parry Sound–Muskoka

Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

## Alana Torresan

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**From:** RRPB, Mail (MECP) <RRPB.Mail@ontario.ca>  
**Sent:** June 26, 2025 3:55 PM  
**To:** Alana Torresan  
**Subject:** Proposed amendments to the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 and planning for small IC&I collection

Dear Township of Archipelago,

In response to your previous letter to the ministry on blue box services for small industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I) locations, I wanted to inform you of the proposed amendments to the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*, which would strengthen Ontario's blue box program by improving transparency, cost disclosure, and collection of materials.

Maintaining blue box services for IC&I locations that previously received municipal services is an important part of this proposal.

We understand that some municipalities are taking steps this summer to plan for continued collection.

That is why on June 4, 2025, the Minister wrote to Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) requesting that they not wait until the proposed amendments are finalized, and that they begin to plan immediately for how they will continue to offer small IC&I service to municipalities in 2026 and beyond.

The Minister has directed PROs to prioritize providing offers for municipalities and small IC&I establishments that received services during the transition period. The Minister's expectation is that this should be in place as soon as possible to ensure there is no disruption in service for these locations upon full implementation in 2026.

The intent is that PROs and municipalities are able to discuss arrangements before legislative amendments are finalized so that local communities and businesses have more certainty as soon as possible.

PROs will be working on their response to the Minister's request this summer. We encourage municipalities to reach out to PROs if they are interested in having PROs continue small IC&I collection in their communities beyond 2026.

We appreciate your municipality's commitment to an effective and orderly transition to producer responsibility and welcome your feedback on the proposed changes. As a reminder, the [comment period](#) for proposed changes closes on July 21, 2025.

If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact Marc Peverini, Manager, Resource Recovery Policy Branch at [marc.peverini@ontario.ca](mailto:marc.peverini@ontario.ca) or (416) 908-1528.

Sincerely,

Charles O'Hara  
Director, Resource Recovery Policy Branch  
Environmental Policy Division  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Ministry of Natural Resources

# 2025 Wildland Fire Season

In-Season Situational Awareness Briefing



June 19, 2025

Ontario 



# Purpose and Agenda Outline



## To provide:

- An overview on the current Ontario Wildland Fire Season for situational awareness.
- Information sources to support ongoing situation awareness.
- Messaging for the audience to consider in their own respective preparedness activities.

## Information presented will include:

1. Current Fire Situation
  - Number of active fires and location
  - Number of hectares burning
  - Resources committed
  - Resources available
  - Minister's Orders (EAO, IO, RFZ)
2. Updated Weather and Fire Outlook
3. Preparedness and Planned Next Steps
  - AFFES Suppression and Operational Priorities
  - Fire Management Strategies and Tactics
  - Actions: Emergency Response, Prevention and Mitigation, Preparedness
4. Municipal Updates and Information
5. Appendices (Resources, Information Sources and Contacts)

- We would like to begin by acknowledging the Indigenous peoples of all the lands that we are on today.
- While this session takes place on a virtual platform, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the lands we each call home.
- We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between Nations, and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures.





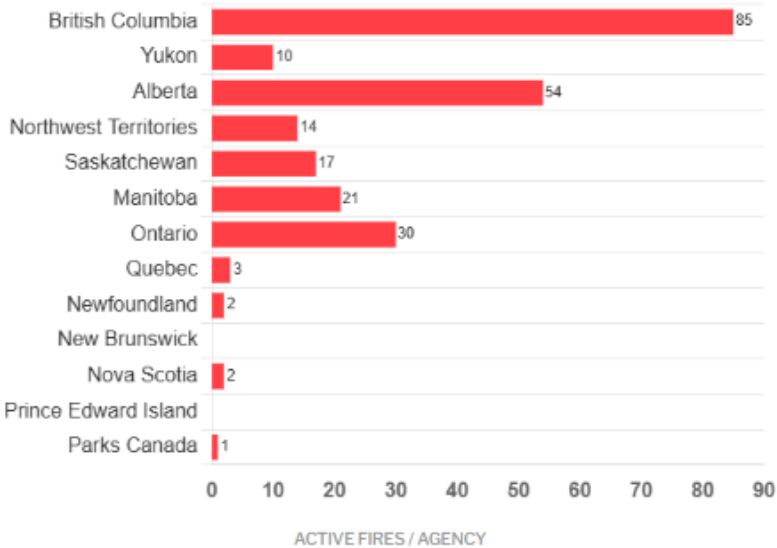
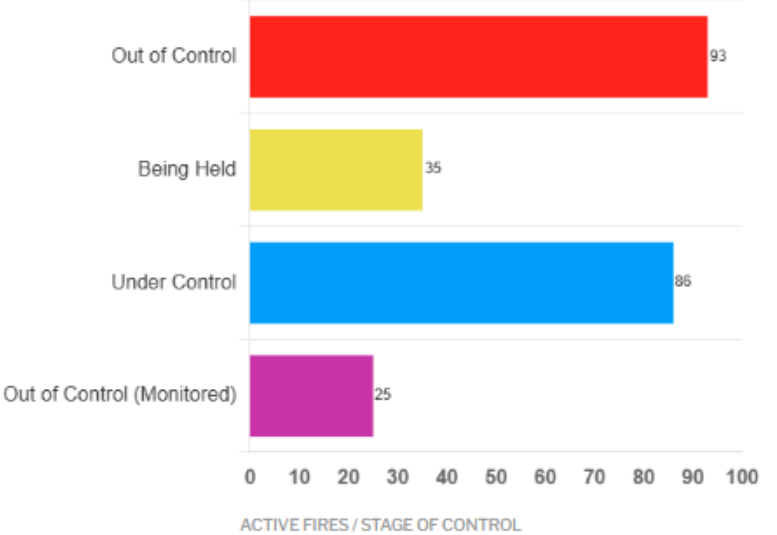
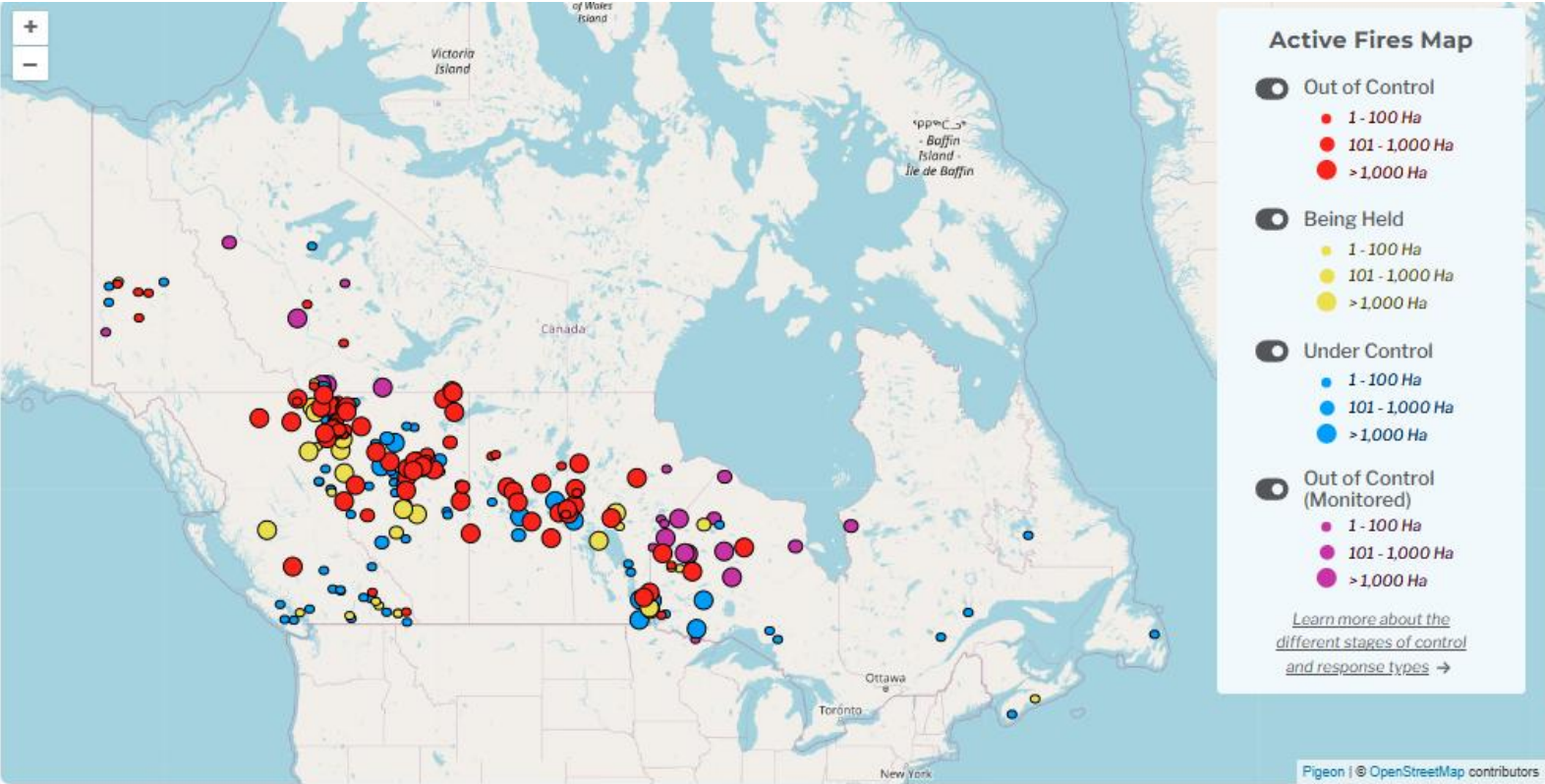
# 2025 Wildland Fire Season

## In Season Situational Awareness Briefing

- These briefings are focused on delivering general wildland fire situational awareness information.
- The briefings are not designed for urgent, emergency decision-making or to determine courses of action (strategies and tactics) related to safety.
  - Information for decision-making is provided through regular established planning venues (e.g., community level, joint command, Ministry and partner decision-making tables).
- During the fire season, AFFES will manage the frequency and content of in-year briefings according to the provincial preparedness level and fire hazard, or escalation.
- As the fire situation is highly dynamic, briefing information provided as well as information provided through sources/links may not be the most current information.



# Current Fire Season Situation – National *(As of June 18, 2025)*



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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL

Wildland fire activity is significant within one or more jurisdictions. Firefighters and equipment in every jurisdiction in Canada is put to use, and international help has been requested.

[Learn more about the NPL →](#)

**June 18, 2025**

NATIONAL FIRE SITUATION REPORT

[Read the full report →](#)

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**16**

NEW FIRES TODAY

**239**

ACTIVE FIRES

**2,061**

YTD FIRES

**3.9M**

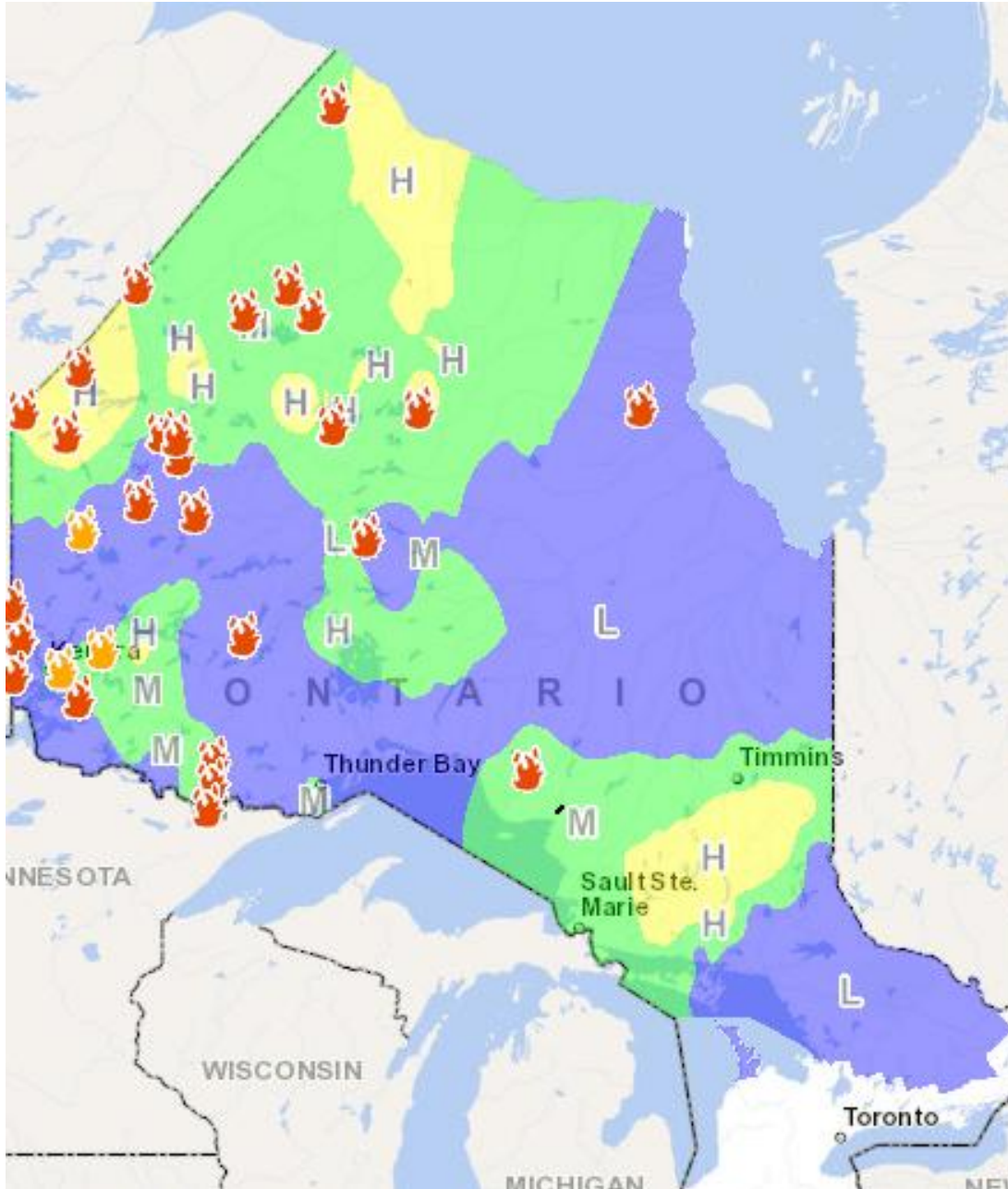
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*CIFFC is at Preparedness Level 5 – Ontario is at Preparedness Level 4*





# Ontario's Fire Danger Rating for June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Ontario monitors the fire danger through the use of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System (CFFDRS) and a network of weather stations strategically located across the province.

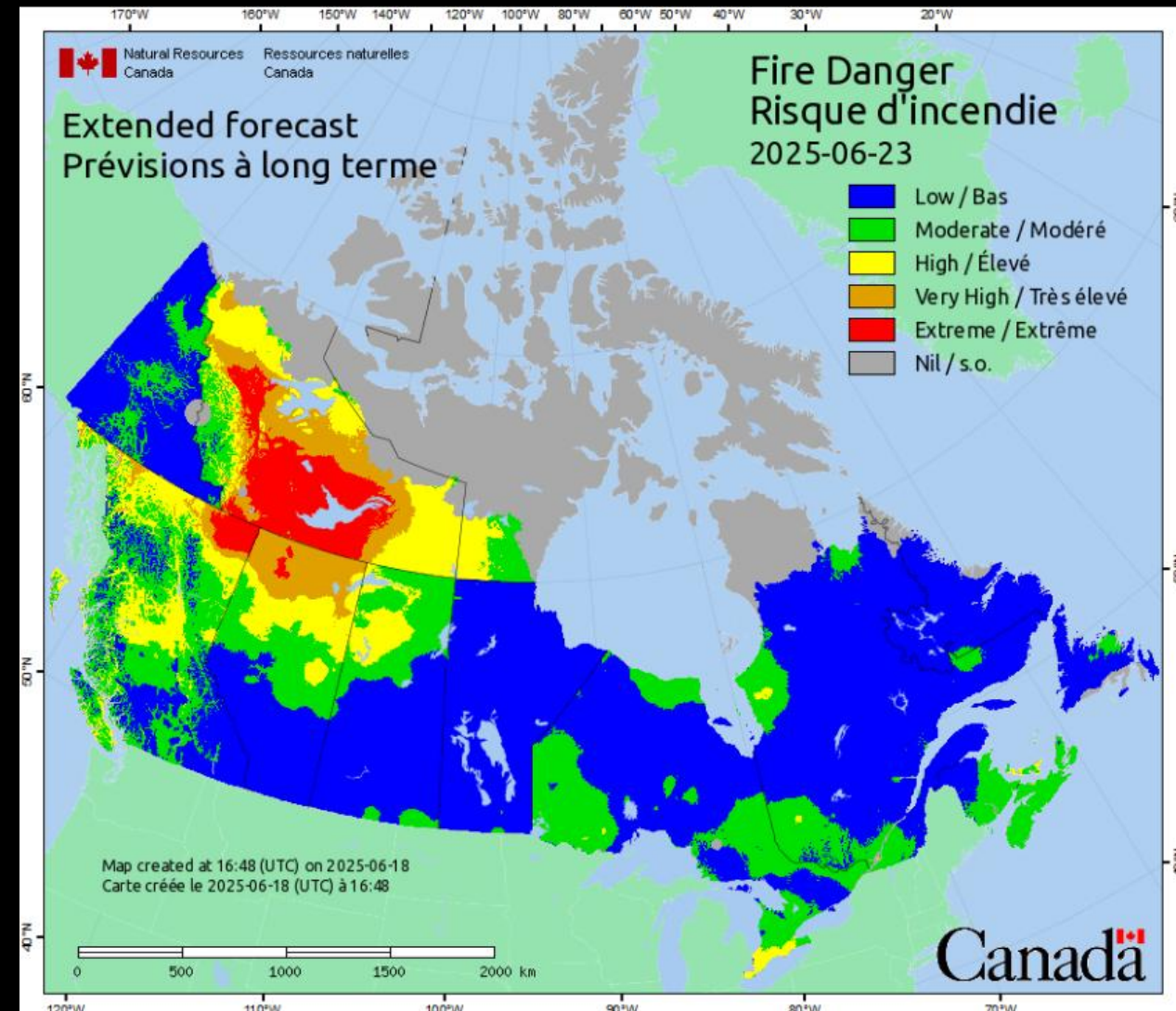
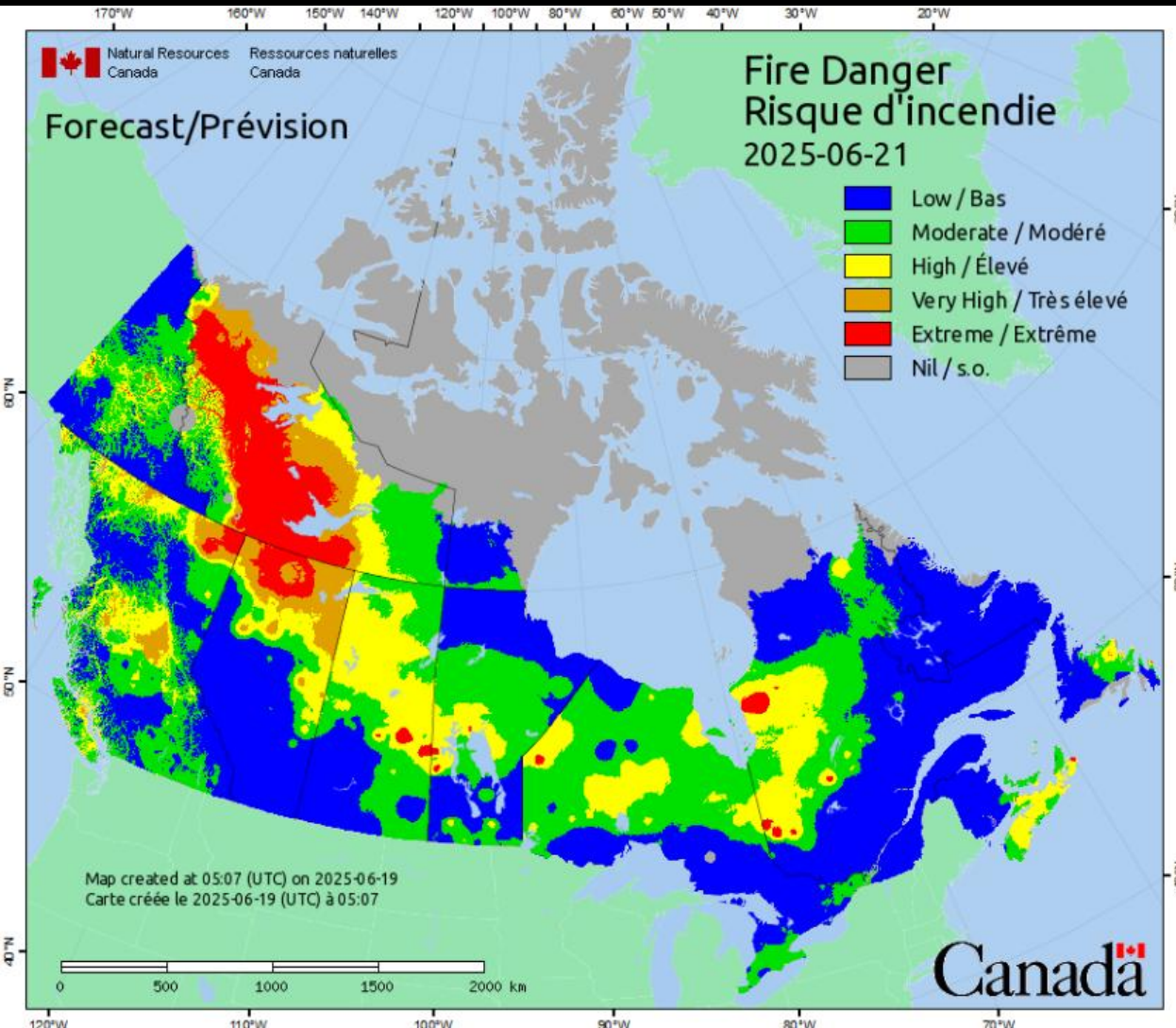
The System takes weather readings like temperature, windspeed, humidity and rainfall, and calculates a series of indicators of forest fuel conditions, ignition potential, and potential fire behaviour.

The Daily Fire Danger or Hazard rating shown on roadside signs and MNR's interactive Fire Information Map is a general indicator of the condition of the forest in an area; how easily a fire could start, and how intense or fast a fire could spread if it started.

Fire hazard ratings are colour coded (Blue – Low, Green – Moderate, Yellow – High, Red – Extreme).

A high to extreme fire danger rating or fire hazard indicates that forests are extremely dry and in general are highly susceptible to fires starting and spreading, with extreme and aggressive fire behaviour.

# National Fire Danger Outlook – June 21 and June 23, 2025





# Current Fire Season Situation

(As of June 19, 2025 @ 08:00 hrs)

2025 Wildland Fire Information	West	East	Total
New Fires Yesterday (June 18)	6	0	6
Active Fires Today (June 19)	26	3	29
Total Fires to Date	150	54	204
Total Hectares Burned to Date	316,766.7	1,158.8	317,925.5
Historical Wildland Fire Information	Last Year (2024)		10-year Average
Total to Date	109		194
Total Hectares Burned to Date	6,400.1		106,484.1

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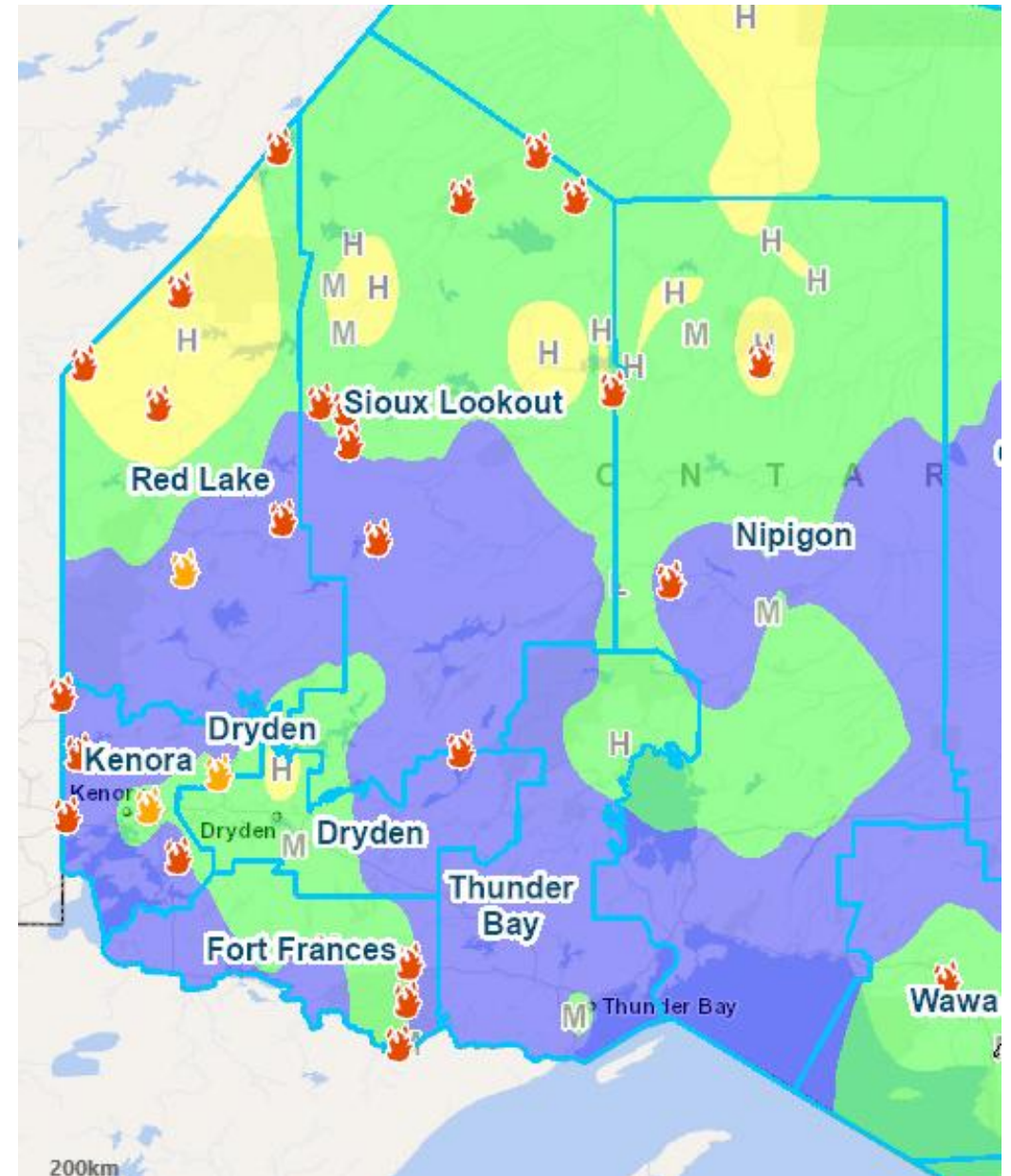


# Northwest Region

[Forest Fire Info Map \(gov.on.ca\)](http://gov.on.ca)

At the time of this update there are 26 active fires in the Northwest Region. 6 fires are not under control, 3 are being held, 6 are under control, and 11 are being observed.

124 fires called out to date.



# Northwest Region – Fires of Note *(as of June 19)*

Fire	Location (approx.)	Size (ha)	Status	Comments/Description/Update
RED012	Deer Lake First Nation	177,087	Not Under Control (NUC)	An incident management team is assigned to the fire. Fire crews continue to make progress consolidating hose lines near the community of Sandy Lake First Nation. Bucketing helicopters have been used to support this objective.
NIP005	Webequie First Nation	10,816	Not Under Control (NUC)	Minimal fire behaviour was observed yesterday with no reported growth in several days. The northeast and southeast portions remain the focus for fire crews. Infrared scanning will take place on the fire over the next several days to identify hotspots.
SLK018	East of Cat Lake First Nation	23,816	Not Under Control (NUC)	An incident management has now been assigned to the fire. Fire Ranger crews continue to focus on values protection and establishing hose lines on the southwest side of the fire nearest to the community of Cat Lake First Nation.

# Northwest Region – Evacuations *(as of June 19)*

Evacuations	
Sandy Lake First Nation	<p>Evacuation due to RED012.</p> <p>Community evacuation began on June 7<sup>th</sup>, and has now been completed, and community members remain evacuated.</p>
Deer Lake First Nation	<p>Evacuation due to RED012.</p> <p>Community evacuation concluded on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and community members remain evacuated.</p>
Keewaywin First Nation	<p>Evacuation due to RED012.</p> <p>Community evacuation began on June 7<sup>th</sup> with phase 1 and 2 of the evacuation now complete.</p>
Webequie First Nation	<p>Evacuation due to NIP005.</p> <p>Community members are beginning to return to the community, with return flights underway. It is anticipated that the return of evacuees from the host site in Barrie should be completed by end of day today.</p>



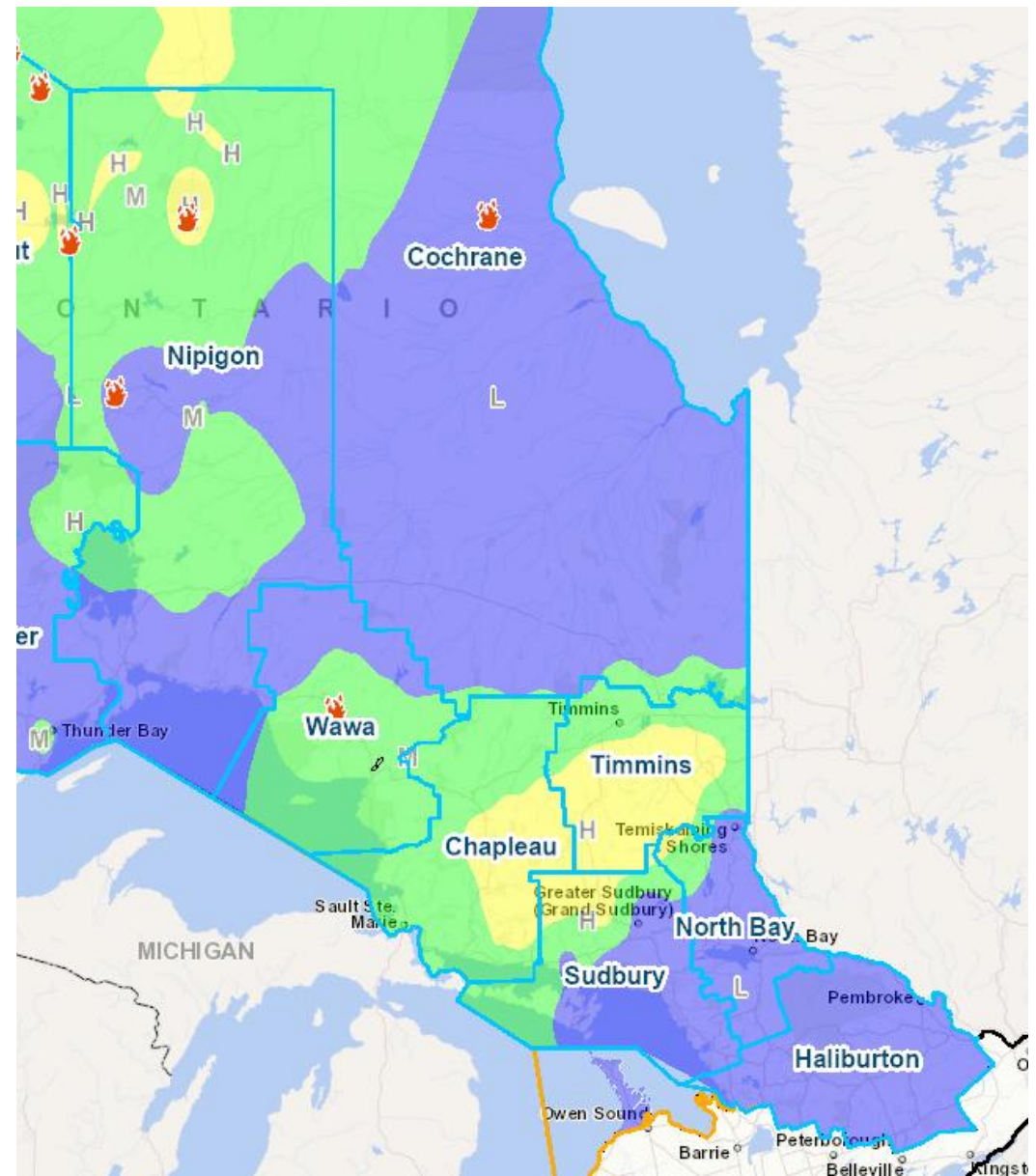
# Northeast Region

[Forest Fire Info Map \(gov.on.ca\)](http://gov.on.ca)

**At the time of this update there are 3 active fires in the Northeast Region. 2 fires are currently being observed and 1 is under control.**

**To date, 51 fires have been called OUT.**

**There are currently no fires of note.**



# Current Fire Season Situation - Resources

(As of June 19, 2025)

2025 Wildland Fire Resource	West	East	Total
Resources Committed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>51 crews</li><li>30 aircraft</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>0 crews</li><li>0 aircraft</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>51 crews</li><li>30 aircraft</li></ul>
Resources Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>32 crews</li><li>24 aircraft</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>33 crews</li><li>11 aircraft</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>65 crews</li><li>35 aircraft</li></ul>

## Out of Province Resources Imported to Ontario

Quebec	2 – CL415 (water bombers)
Wisconsin	1 – 5p Crew
Alberta	Forest Fire Suppression Equipment
New Brunswick	Forest Fire Suppression Equipment

## Incident Management Teams

Brown Team	On Alert
Hurley Team	No Alert
Horan Team	Committed (RED012)
Yanni Team	Committed (SLK018)

### Personnel

- Permanent Full Time Staff: ~421
- Command and Control Staff: ~210
- Support Staff: ~270
- Front Line Fire Rangers: ~800 positions\*\*  
*Includes allocation of approximately 180 4/person Type 1 Initial Attack Crews in 16 bases across Ontario.*

### Aircraft

- 10 private sector fire detection aircraft
  - 9 CL-415 heavy water bombers
  - 4 Twin Otter medium water bombers
  - 13 initial attack helicopters (9 commercial and 4 MNR-owned)
  - 7 private sector birddog aircraft
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# Current Fire Season Situation – Emergency Orders, Implementation Orders and Restricted Fire Zones

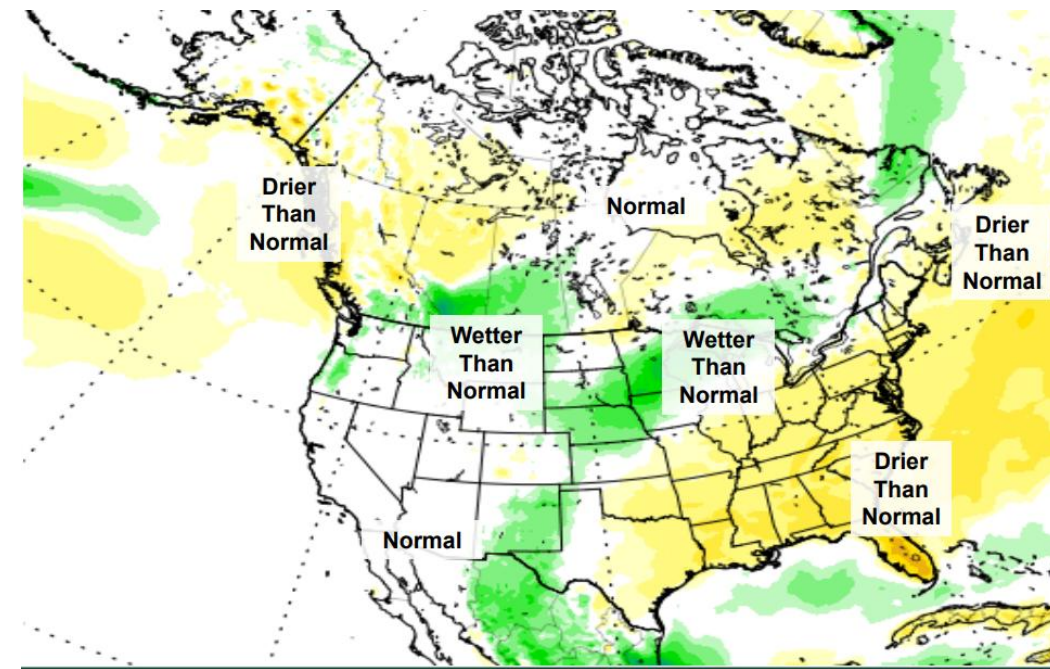
(As of June 19, 2025)

Current Orders	Location / Fires	As of Date	Comments/Description
Restricted Fire Zone (RFZ)	None		All Restricted Fire Zone Orders have now been revoked.
Emergency Area Orders	None	June 19, 2025 at 00:01	All Emergency Area Orders have now been revoked.
Implementation Orders	None	June 19, 2025 at 00:01	All Implementation Orders have now been revoked.

# General Weather Outlook (5-15 days)

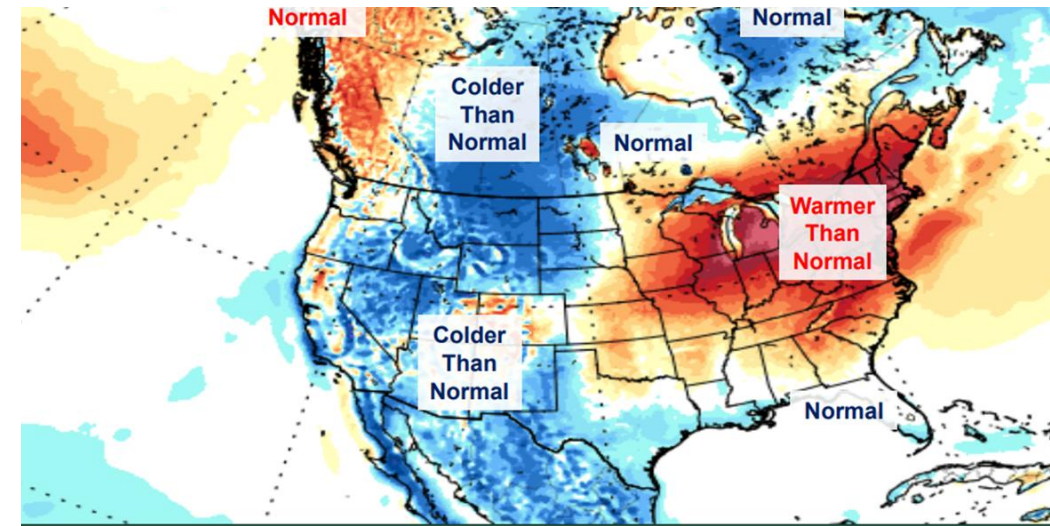
(As of June 17, 2025)

- Zonal flow with an upstream trough continues to put Ontario in a pattern where precipitation over the Great Lakes will be higher than normal, with slightly drier conditions along the Manitoba border. Temperatures trend towards warmer than normal as we close in on July.
- Drier and warmer than normal conditions slowly build in Western Canada while the east coast sees a return to zonal flow and more seasonal precipitation.



## 4-10 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns

valid: June 20 to June 27, 2025



## 6-10 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns

valid: June 22 to July 2, 2025





# Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook

*(As of June 19, 2025)*

## Current NER:

- A mix of sun and cloud to cloudy skies except in the south which sees increasing showers and occasional thunderstorms.
- Precipitation amounts will range from a few mm to upwards of 30mm running from along the French River southwards.
- Areas to the north will also see drier conditions with much lower RH values while areas under the main cloud deck hold in the 50 to 60% plus range.

## Current NWR:

- The north sees mainly sunny skies as an east west ridge of high pressure lies from the Manitoba Elbow eastwards to a high centre in northern James Bay keeping conditions mainly sunny as temperatures in the mid teens to low 20's and RH values in the 20 to 30% range.
- Area's south of a line from Poplar Hill to Ogoki Post see cloud, showers, and a risk of developing thunderstorms by late afternoon and overnight.
- Winds remain light and somewhat variable through the day.

# Current and 3-5 Day Weather Outlook

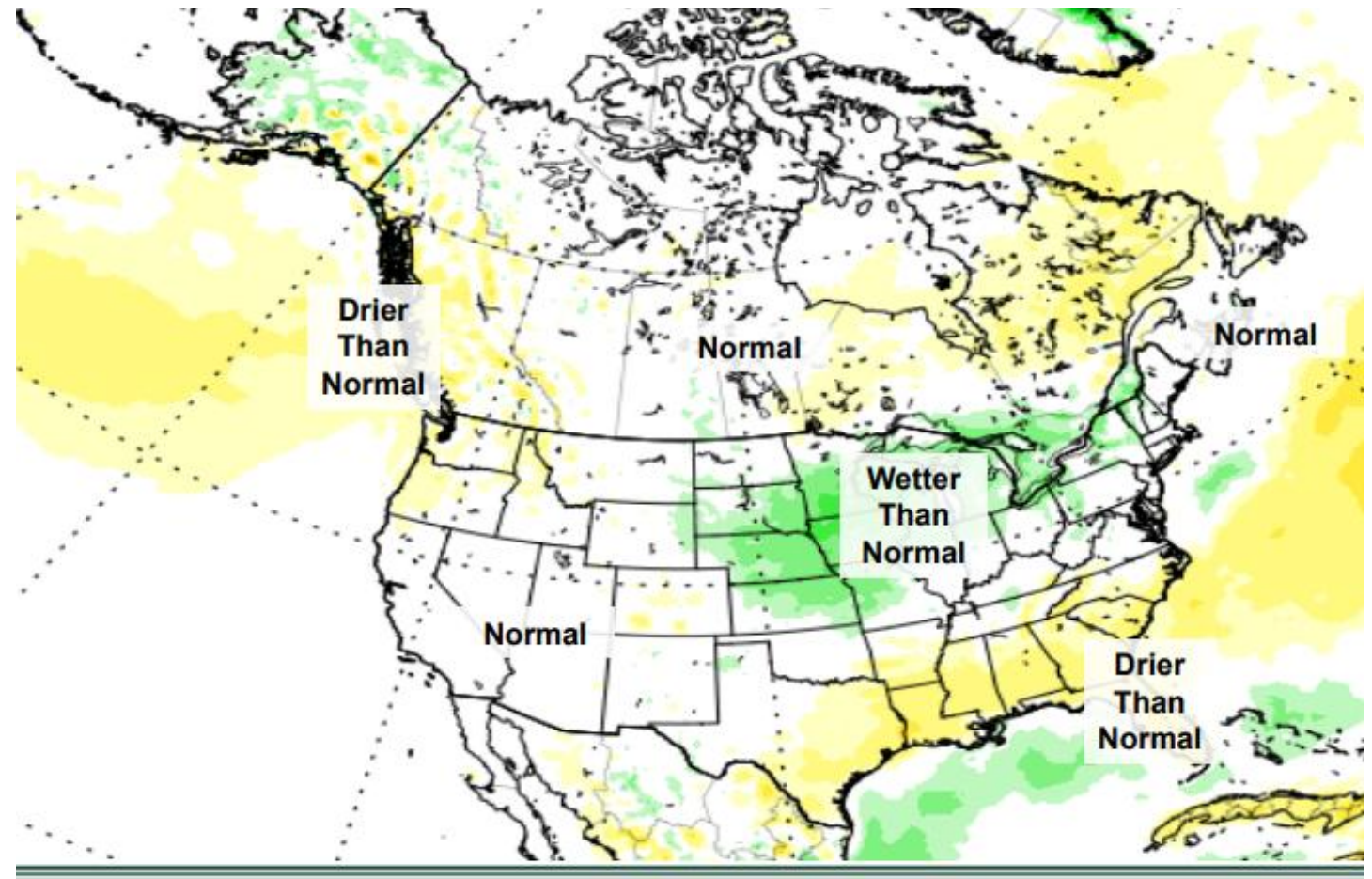
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## 3-5 Day Outlook:

- Lots of unsettled weather ripples across the province throughout the course of the weekend.
- The driest period will be held by the northern half of the province on Friday as some high pressure will hold position.
- Rain, showers, and thunderstorms become increasingly widespread through Saturday and Sunday as frontal waves orient themselves from east to west, rainfall especially heavy on Sunday.
- 3-day convective totals could get as high as 50-150mm particularly along the central and upper Great Lakes and along the Hwy 11 corridor.
- Turbulent and gusty winds will accompany a lot of that wet weather, but RHs will stay largely saturated. Expect temperatures to start cooling down into next week.

# Wildland Fire Outlook *(As of June 19, 2025)*

- 9-15 day precipitation patterns showing wetter than normal precipitation in southern Ontario and normal to drier than normal in central and normal Ontario.
- Resources are adequate for the anticipated fire load.



## 9-15 Day Precipitation Anomaly Patterns

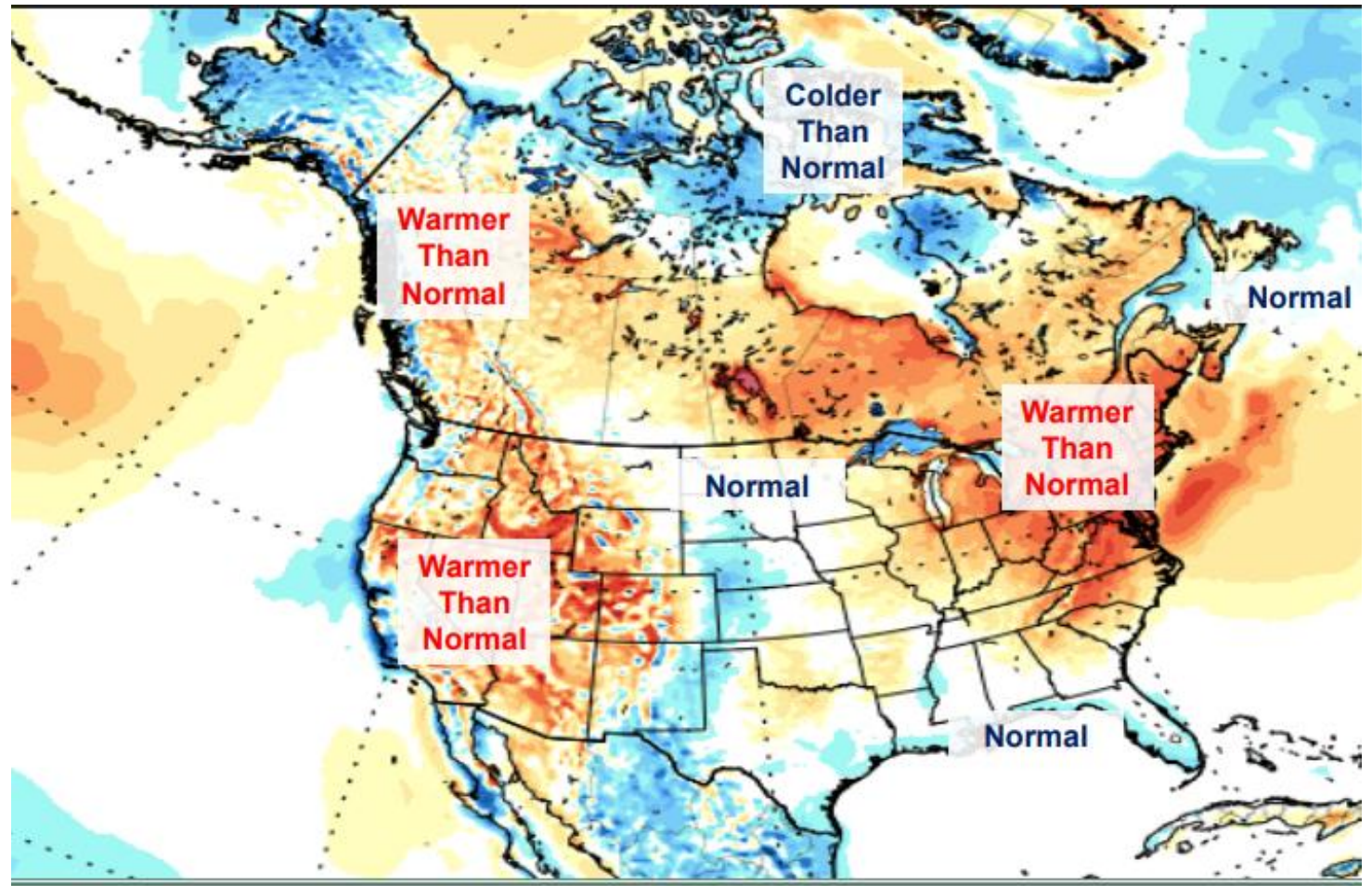
*valid: June 25 to July 2, 2025*





# Wildland Fire Outlook *(As of June 19, 2025)*

- A forecasted drying trend could see a rebound in the fire hazard depending on the precipitation received.
- 11-15 day temperature patterns showing warmer than normal temperatures are expected across the province.
- Resources are adequate for the anticipated fire load.



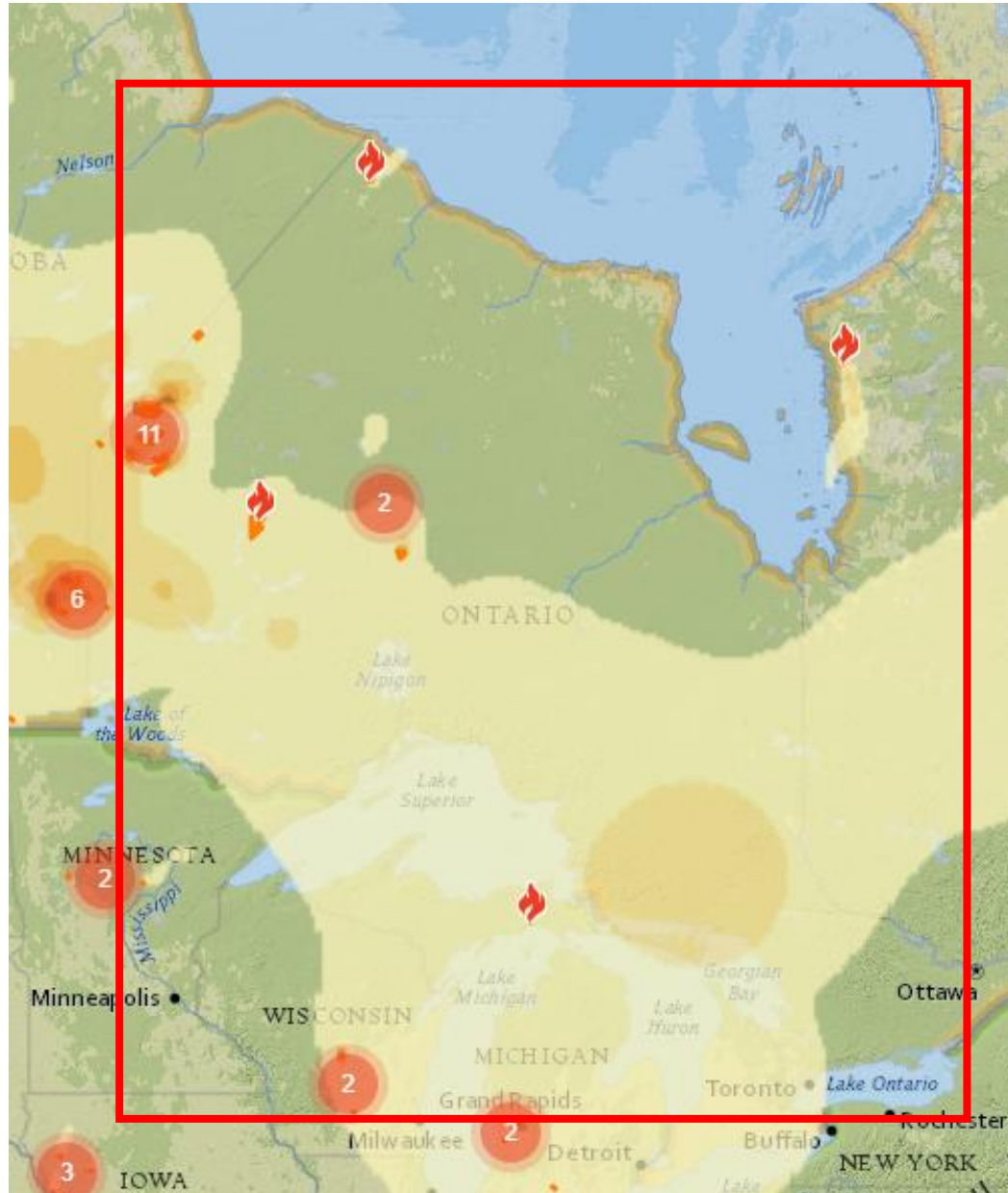
**11-15 Day Temperature Anomaly Patterns**

*valid: June 27 to July 2, 2025*

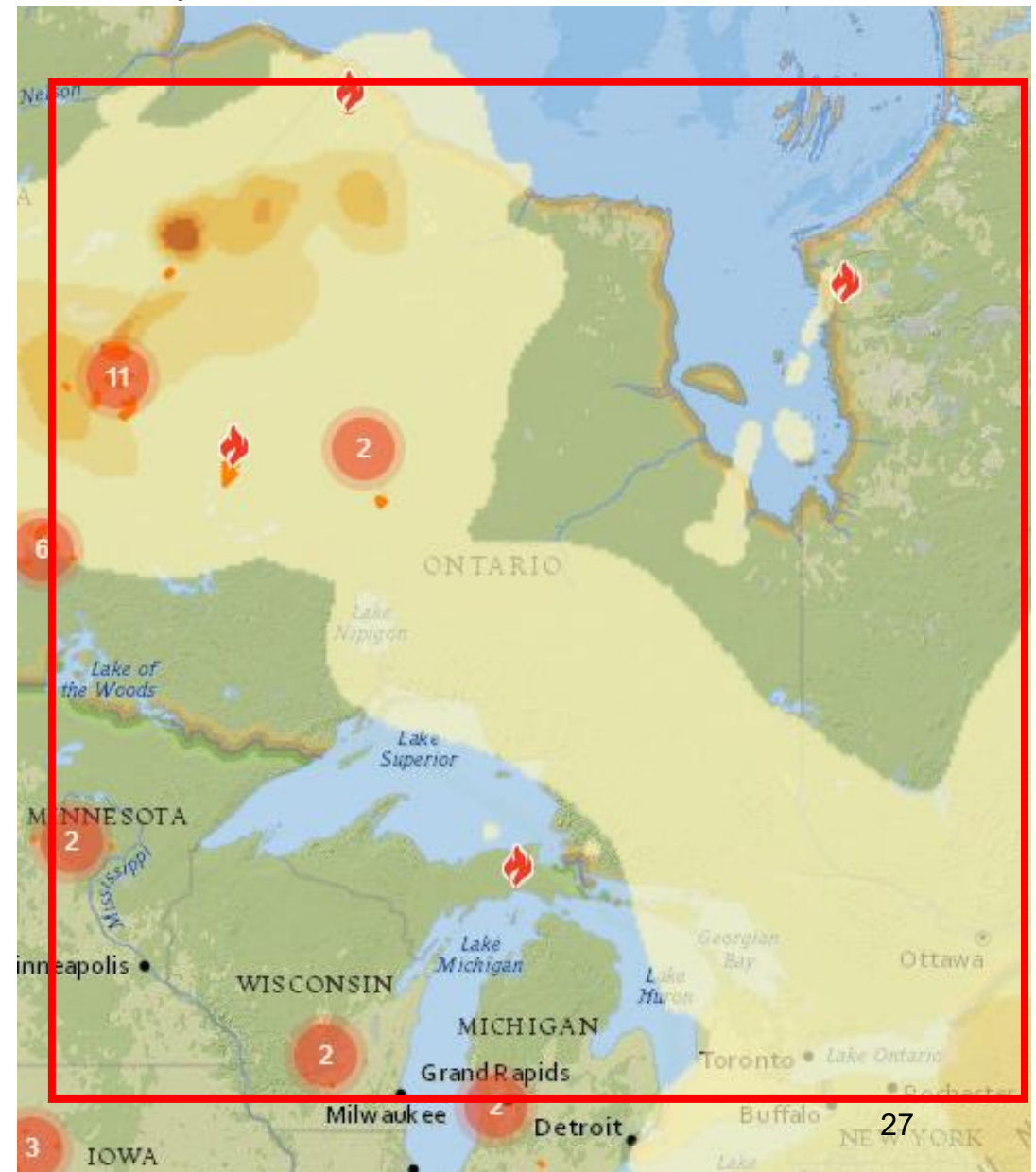




June 19, 18:00 hrs



June 20, 08:00 hrs



# Preparedness and Planning Next Steps

## Overall Focus:

- ✓ Reviewing all incident reports for safety trends.
- ✓ Actively monitoring weather to predict fire activity, occurrences and behaviour across the province.
- ✓ Modeling and forecasting fire growth projections.
- ✓ Actively personnel forecasting to account for availability, days off, priority actions.
- ✓ Exploring and acquiring additional resources to support capacity (mutual aid agreements, contracted support, emergency firefighting hires, etc.). This includes exploring national and international resources.
- ✓ Mobilizing resources and personnel as required to ensure appropriate response capabilities to meet the forecasted conditions.
- ✓ Replenishing inventory levels and ensuring fire suppression equipment is serviceable.
- ✓ Conducting regular maintenance on all aircraft.
- ✓ Utilizing legislative and regulatory authorities as required.

## ✓ **MNR Priorities**

- Safety, Initial Attack, Protection of Communities and Infrastructure

## ✓ **Fire Management Strategies and Tactics:**

- Incident Management Team (IMT) alerts/deployments
- Adaptive strategies (e.g., ignition, values protection, aggressive initial attack)
- Fire prioritization

## ✓ **Emergency Response Actions (as required)**

- Emergency Area Orders & Implementation Orders
- Evacuations
- NOTAM's (airspace restrictions)

## ✓ **Prevention and Mitigation Actions:**

- Restricted Fire Zones – Compliance efforts will be increasing
- FireSmart - Resources for protecting your home and property



# Thank you for joining today!



# **Appendices – General Information**



## Municipal Partners Information of Interest



# Wildland Fire Reporting



North of the French and Mattawa Rivers, call [310-FIRE \(3473\)](tel:310-FIRE).



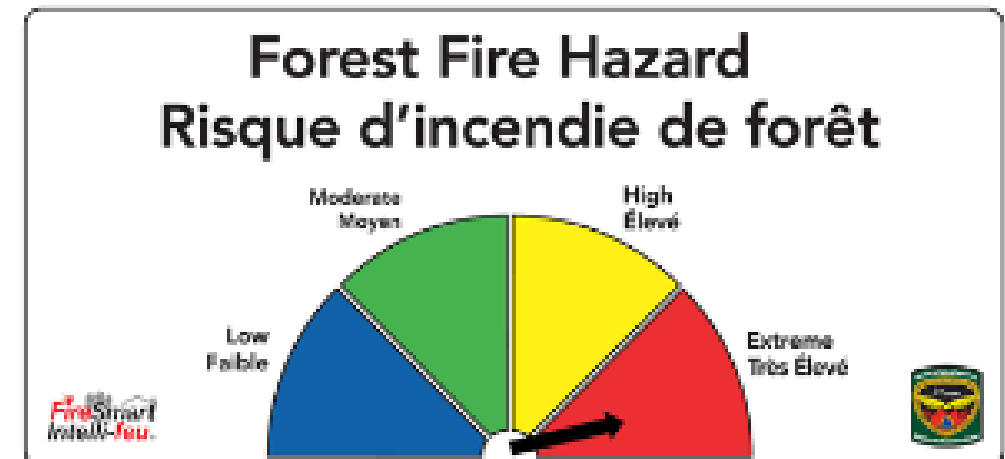
South of the French and Mattawa Rivers, call 911.

## What to Report:

- Location
- Flame height
- What is burning
- Fire size

# Wildland Fire Prevention and Education

- **Restricted Fire Zones**
  - Temporary measure under the Forest Fires Prevention Act
  - Open air fires like campfires are restricted, with exceptions for cooking and warmth meeting prescriptions under the Outdoor Fires Regulation
- **Local fire bans**
  - Imposed by organized municipalities or Office of the Fire Marshal (in UT's)
  - Can be in place at the same time as RFZ
  - Must meet or exceed provisions set out in FFPA and O.Reg 207/96
- **Fire Hazard**
  - A general indicator of the condition of the forest in an area, how easily a fire could start, and how intense or fast a fire could spread if it started.
  - Important to maintain currency on Municipal hazard or danger rating signage
  - Providing reminders to your community members and visitors about exercising caution in high to extreme hazard conditions and to follow Outdoor Burning Regulations and local fire by-laws.
- **Fire prevention Communications**
  - Fireworks – not restricted under RFZ
    - FFPA provisions – restricting fireworks in or within 300 metres of forest area
    - Starting a fire from unextinguished hot residue can be charged under the Act & pay for cost of suppression
  - Municipal by laws and burn bans can allow for the restriction fireworks





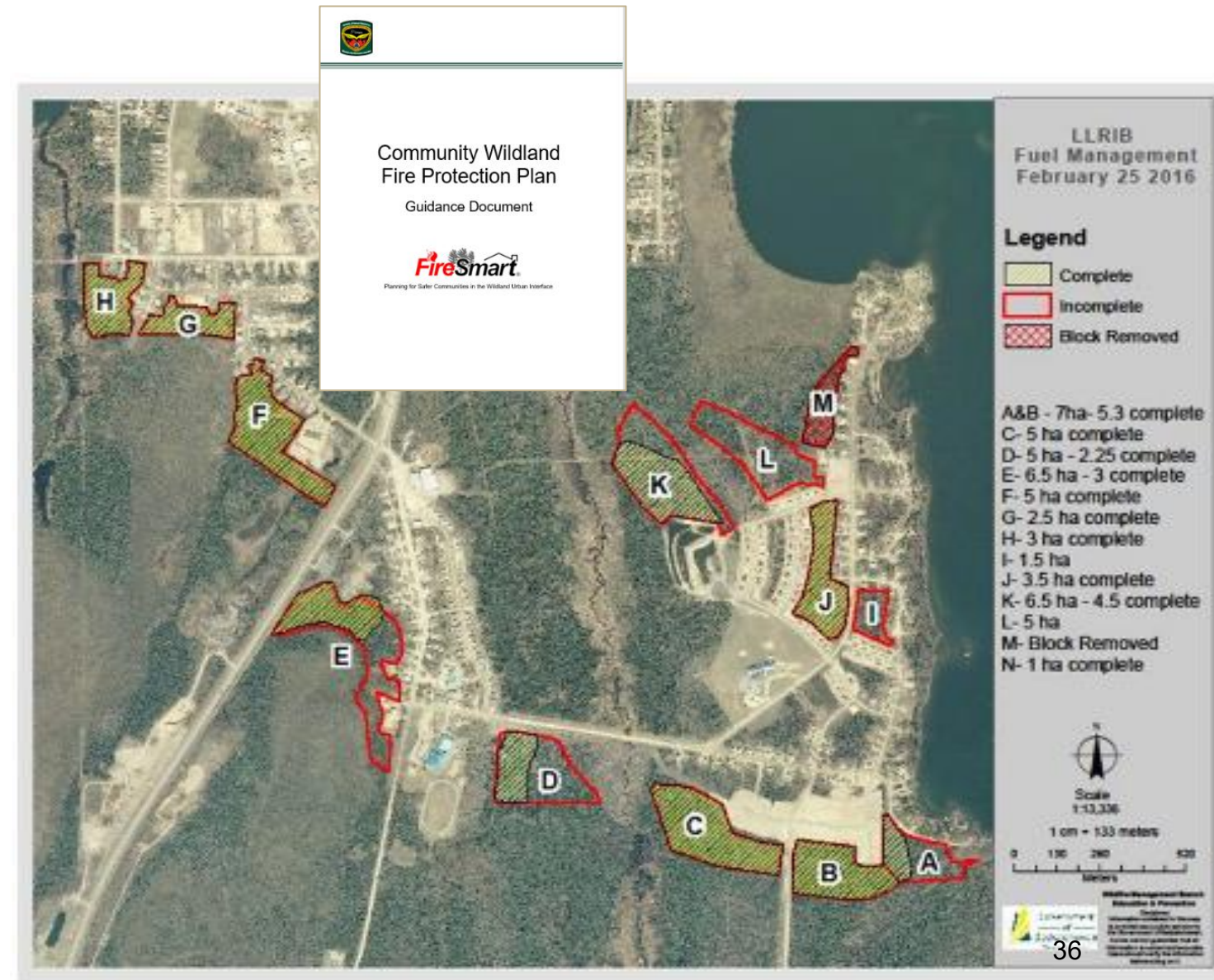
# Wildland Fire Mitigation – FireSmart Program

- FireSmart is a national program administered by FireSmart Canada through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC), founded over 20 years ago under Partners in Protection.
- Ontario adopted the FireSmart Program in 2004 as part of its wildland fire management program.
- FireSmart focuses on the wildland urban interface, and helps homeowners, neighborhoods and communities to reduce their wildland fire risk, and increasing their wildland fire resilience.
- **Key Concepts:**
  - Seven disciplines:
    - Education, Emergency Planning, Vegetation Management, Legislation, Development, Interagency Cooperation, and Cross training.
  - Home Ignition Zones:
    - Immediate Zone
    - Intermediate Zone
    - Extended Zone
- **Getting Started:**
  - [FireSmart Begins at Home Guide](#)
  - [FireSmart 101](#)
  - FireSmart Begins at Home app
- **Programs and Resources:**
  - [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#)
  - [Neighborhood Recognition Program](#)
  - [Brochures, Factsheets and Guides](#)



# Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans

- Emergency Planning is a key principle of the FireSmart program;
  - Includes the development of Community Wildland Fire Protection Plans (CWPP).
- CWPPs identify and assess vulnerabilities, and risks to communities.
- Key Components:
  - Identify stakeholders,
  - Community Description,
  - Community hazard identification and risk assessment (HIRA),
  - Wildland fire hazard forest map,
  - Prevention and Mitigation planning and strategies, and,
  - Wildland Fire Response Planning.



## Ontario FireSmart Communities Grant

- Limited funding opportunity for organized municipalities within the legislated fire region to support the development of CWPPs, fire hazard maps, and mitigation strategies.
- All organized municipalities within the fire region are eligible and invited to apply;
  - Previously closed/invitational,
  - Applications are open annually from April to September.
- Recipients receive \$15,000 over 2-year term\*
- Since the 2016, 23 Municipalities have successfully completed the grant program;
  - 9 municipalities approved for funding as part of the 2024-2026 cycle,
  - Applications are now open for new applicants (closes September 2025).



# CIFFC National Preparedness Levels

	Provincial Escalation Levels				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Fire Hazard	Low	Low-Mod	Mod-High	High-Extreme	Extreme
Current Fire Load	Low	Low-Mod	Mod-High	High	High-Extreme
Anticipated Fire Load (7 days)	Low	Moderate	High	High-Heavy	Heavy
Resource Levels	Adequate	Adequate	Assistance May Be Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required
Ability to respond to resource requests	Excellent	Good	Mod-Poor	Poor-Nil	Nil
Potential to request resources from CIFFC	Nil	Nil	Possible	Likely	Certain

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVELS

National Preparedness Levels (NPL) describe the wildland fire situation and the availability of firefighting resources in Canada.

**NPL CONSIDERS:**

- Availability of and demand for firefighters or equipment
- Current environmental conditions
- Potential for new wildland fires
- Current active wildland fires

**NPL 1**

Wildland fire activity is minimal, and most jurisdictions experience light/moderate wildland fire danger.

The demand for firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is light.

**NPL 2**

Wildland fire activity is increasing within one or more jurisdictions.

The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is light.

**NPL 3**

Wildland fire activity is increasing within one or more jurisdictions.

The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is moderate.

**NPL 4**

Wildland fire activity is significant within one or more jurisdictions.

The demand for mobilization of firefighters and equipment from other jurisdictions is high.

**NPL 5**

Wildland fire activity is significant within one or more jurisdictions.

Firefighters and equipment in every jurisdiction in Canada is put to use, and international help has been requested.





## Stages of Control

describing fire suppression



### Not Under Control

A wildland fire that either has not yet been suppressed to the point where it is being held, or a wildland fire not responding or only responding on a limited basis to suppression action, such that perimeter spread is not being contained.




### Being Held

A wildland fire that indicates, with currently committed resources, sufficient suppression action has been taken so that the fire is not likely to spread beyond existent or predetermined control boundaries under prevailing or forecasted conditions.




### Under Control

A wildland fire that has received sufficient suppression action to ensure no further spread of the fire.




### Out

A wildland fire that is extinguished is called out.



### Being Observed

A wildland fire that is being monitored to allow the natural ecological benefits of wildland fires to take place as they would in the natural environment without human intervention.



## STAY CLEAR OF WATERBOMBERS



When waterbombers approach a body of water, move close to the shore so they can perform their scoop safely.

A waterbomber will not scoop from a lake or river if encroaching watercraft pose a safety hazard.

Help fight forest fires by staying clear of waterbombers!

See all active Ontario forest fires at [ontario.ca/forestfire](http://ontario.ca/forestfire), or learn more about us at [ontario.ca/AFFES](http://ontario.ca/AFFES).

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## DRONE FREE ZONE



DO NOT fly drones within 3 km of a forest fire area.

You can put the safety and lives of pilots, firefighters and emergency workers at risk. It's dangerous and illegal.

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## NOTICE TO AIRMEN RESTRICTED AIRSPACE AROUND FOREST FIRES



Notice to Airmen: Section 601.15 of the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) states that the airspace around forest fires is restricted to forest fire suppression aircraft only.

It is unlawful to operate any aircraft over a forest fire or within 5 NM / 10 km of a wildland fire at an altitude less than 3000 ft AGL. This includes private planes and UAVs.

Aircraft could interfere with low flying water bombers or helicopters and endanger the safety of pilots and crew.

Pilots are reminded that NOTAMs concerning forest fires can be found in the FIR (Flight Information Region) section when flight planning.

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## Guiding principles:

Safety, Efficiency and Responsibility

## Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Goals:

- Healthy resilient ecosystems
- Support economic prosperity for Ontario
- Leadership in natural resource knowledge
- Protection from natural resource hazards
- Partnership and community involvement
- Organizational excellence for high quality public service

## AFFES Wildland Fire Management Goals:

- Prevent loss of life and injury
- Prevent and mitigate property losses, economic disruption and social disruption
- Promote the understanding of the ecological role of fire and use fire to benefit resource management

# Information Sources



# Wildland Fire Management Information



**FireSmart Program**

[Ontario.ca/firesmart](https://ontario.ca/firesmart)  
[www.firesmartcanada.ca](https://www.firesmartcanada.ca)



**Wildland fire prevention**  
(campfires, ATV safety,  
fireworks, etc.)

[Ontario.ca/fireprevention](https://ontario.ca/fireprevention)



**Outdoor Fire Rules and  
Permits**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-rules-and-permits>



**Outdoor Fire Restrictions**  
(Restricted Fire Zones, the  
law, penalties)

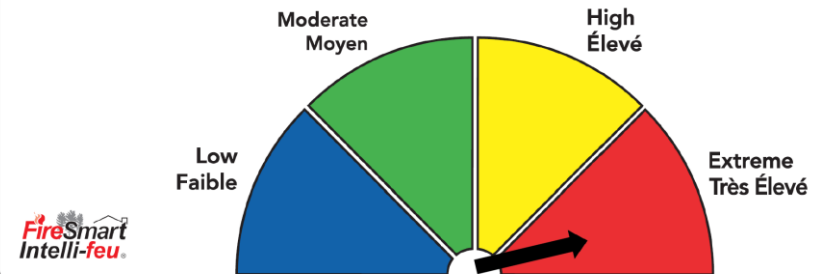
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**Drone/RPAS, Restricted  
Airspace and Waterbomber  
Safety**

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/drones-waterbombers-restricted-airspace-during-forest-fires>

## Forest Fire Hazard Risque d'incendie de forêt



- AFFES utilizes its Twitter page to provide updates and key information throughout the wildland fire season.

**Facebook: @ONforestfires**

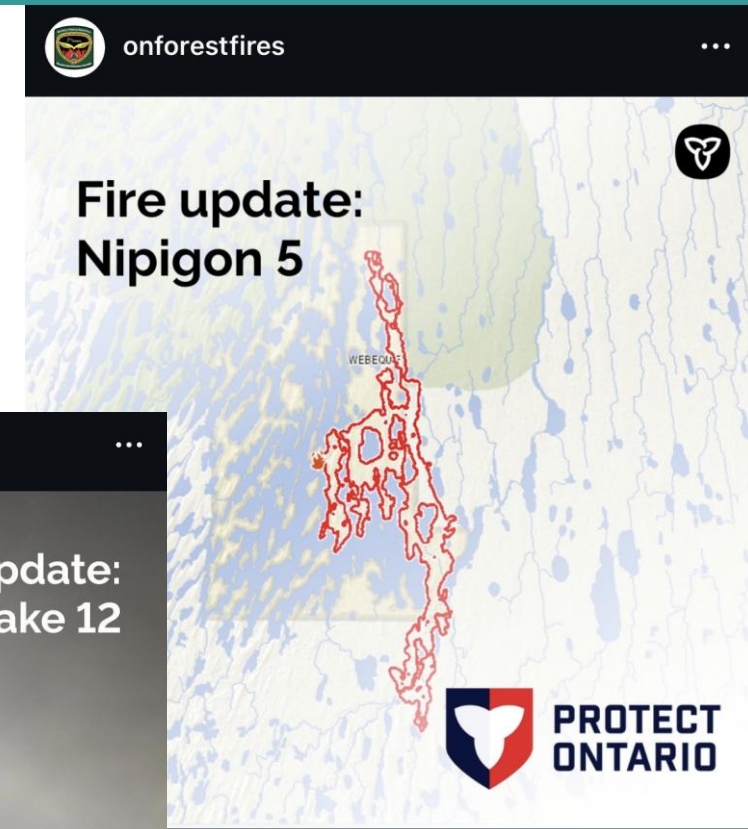
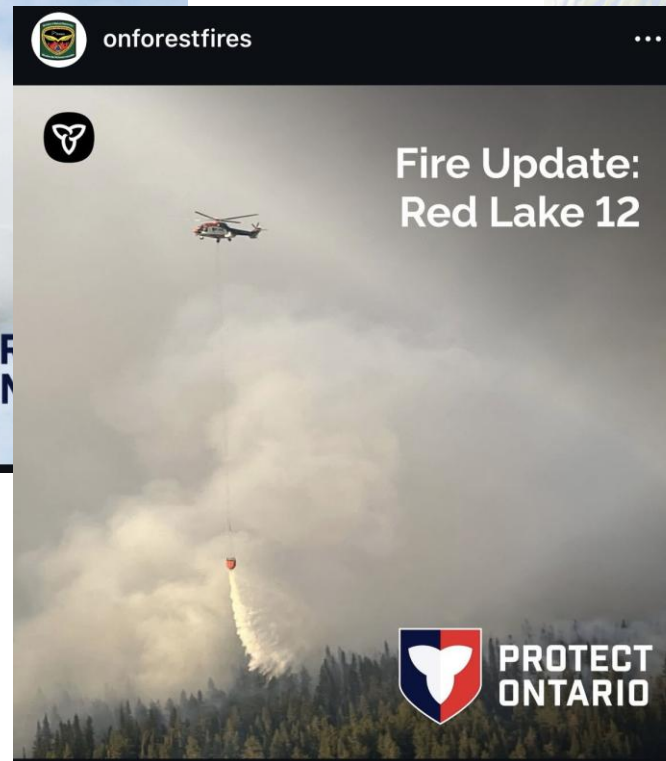
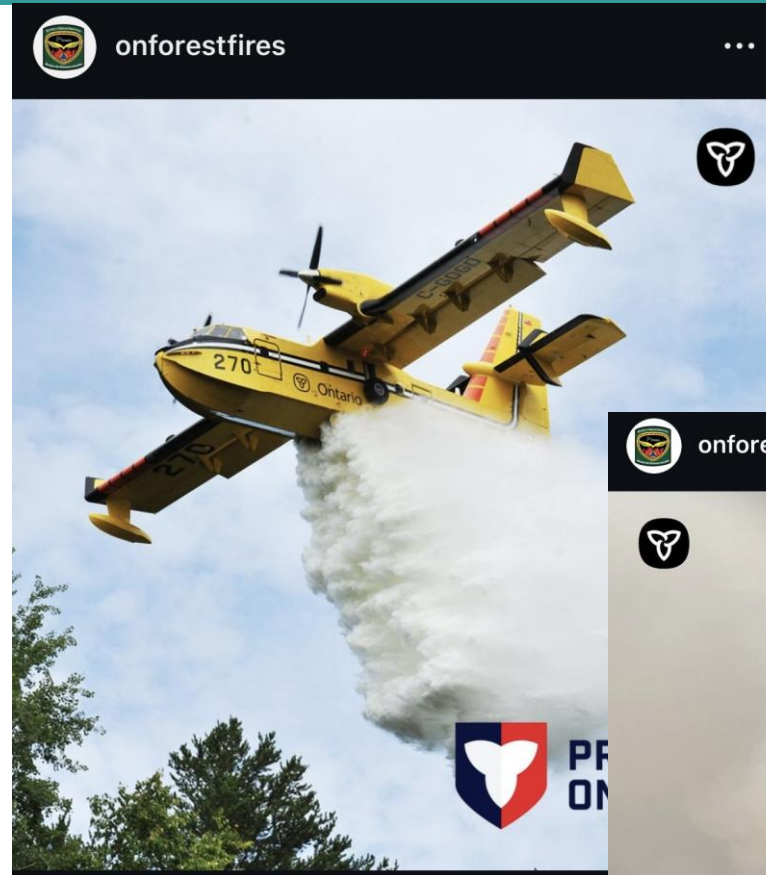
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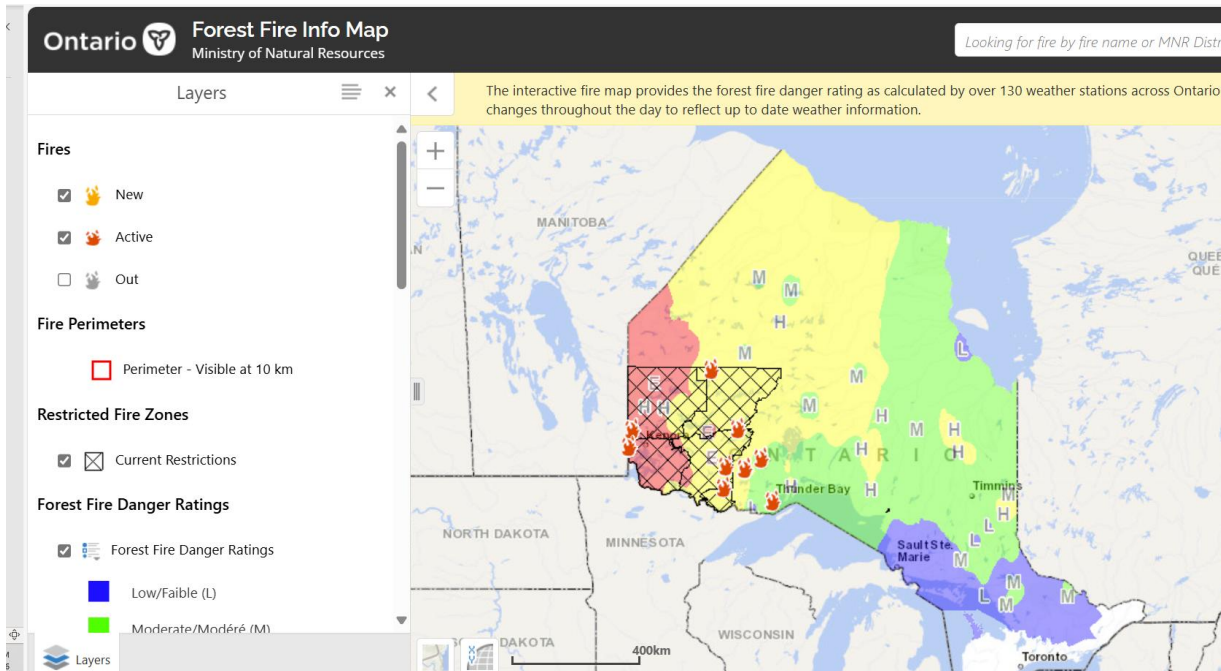
- Additionally, the Ministry social media pages may provide updates and information.

**Facebook: @ONresources**

**Instagram: @ONresources**



# Daily Information Sources



- Forest Fire Information Map and Website – [Ontario.ca/forestfire](https://www.ontario.ca/forestfire)**
  - General information updates and wildland fire season status summaries can be found at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.
  - Stay informed of the location, size, and status of all active wildland fires.
  - Also shows extinguished fires, existing fire perimeters, the current restrictions (e.g., restricted fire zone), the current forest fire danger ratings, 24-hour weather observations, and boundaries of the fire management areas, etc.
- Daily Fire Situation Updates (AFFES)**
  - End of day fire situation reports from Northwest and Northeast Region – daily fire situation summary emailed to AFFES' media outlet contacts to provide the most up to date information for the next operational period.
  - Contact [AFFES.communications@ontario.ca](mailto:AFFES.communications@ontario.ca) to request being added to the mailing list
- Smoke Information – General Predictions and Health Information**
  - [Smoke Forecast - FireSmoke.ca](https://www.fire-smoke.ca/)
  - [FireWork: National Wildfire Smoke Model - Environment Canada \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://www.environment.gc.ca/ceaweb/eng/forecast/index.html)
  - [Air Quality Health Index \(weather.gc.ca\)](https://www.weather.gc.ca/health/index.html)
  - [Forest Fire Smoke and Your Health - Emergency Management Branch - Ministry Programs - Public Information - MOHLTC \(gov.on.ca\)](https://www.ontario.ca/gov/en/forest-fire-smoke-and-your-health-emergency-management-branch-ministry-programs-public-information-mohlrc)

# Contacts



# Ontario Wildland Fire Mitigation and FireSmart Contacts

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<b>General Inquiries</b>	<a href="mailto:affes.mitigation@ontario.ca">affes.mitigation@ontario.ca</a>	

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<b>Red Lake</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF P.O. Box 5003, Red Lake, ON POV 2M0 Phone: <a href="tel:807-727-2000">807-727-2000</a> Fax: 807-727-3182	<b>Sioux Lookout</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF P.O. Box 309, Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1A6 Phone: <a href="tel:807-737-1145">807-737-1145</a> Fax: 807-737-3530	<b>Thunder Bay</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 1580 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, ON P7K 1A6 Phone: <a href="tel:807-476-2200">807-476-2200</a> Fax: 807-476-2312	

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<b>Chapleau</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 190-192 Cherry Street, Chapleau, ON P0M 1K0 Phone: <a href="tel:705-864-1710">705-864-1710</a> Fax: 705-864-1376	<b>Cochrane</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF Box 730, 2 Third Avenue, Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0 Phone: <a href="tel:705-272-7141">705-272-7141</a> Fax: 705-272-7140	<b>Haliburton</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 1204 Stanhope Airport Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Phone: <a href="tel:705-754-1902">705-754-1902</a> Fax: 705-754-3297	<b>North Bay</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 40 Voodoo Crescent, North Bay, ON P1C 0B7 Phone: <a href="tel:705-475-5551">705-475-5551</a> Fax: 705-475-5559
<b>Sudbury</b> Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF 6150 Skyline Drive, Postal Bag 500, Garson, ON P3L 1W3 Phone: <a href="tel:705-564-6083">705-564-6083</a> Fax: 705-564-6033	<b>Timmins</b> Fire Management Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF Ontario Government Complex, Highway 101 East, P.O. Bag 3090, South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0 Phone: <a href="tel:705-235-1300">705-235-1300</a> Fax: 705-235-1373	<b>Wawa</b> Fire Management Fire Management Headquarters, MNRF Box 1160, Highway 101, Wawa, ON P0S 1K0 Phone: <a href="tel:705-856-2396">705-856-2396</a> Fax: 705-856-4849	

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- **Staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year**
- Coordinates provincial supports and resources for the response to community emergencies and incidents, including evacuations.
- Can assist in facilitating the support to any requests for assistance from a community in response to an emergency or incident

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June 26, 2025

Good afternoon,

Building strong partnerships with municipalities is a critical part of Ontario's success.

Under Premier Doug Ford's leadership, we are building a stronger and more resilient Ontario where municipalities are at the forefront of our success.

That's why I'd like to personally invite you and your delegation to the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response breakout session, titled "**Activating Provincial Support for Emergency Preparedness and Response**" at this year's Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa. The breakout session is scheduled to take place on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.

When disaster strikes, municipalities are on the frontlines of keeping their communities safe. But effective emergency management requires strong collaboration and coordination with all levels of government. This session will share how you can work with Ontario's new Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response to prepare for and respond to emergencies using Ontario's new one-window approach. It will also cover how to activate Ontario Corps resources to augment municipal response, access provincial grants, and how Ontario's newly proposed legislation will provide more flexibility and reduce red tape for municipalities.

Strong emergency management requires a Team Ontario approach, and I look forward to working closely with your team to ensure we have effective measures in place to protect our wonderful province.

I look forward to seeing you in Ottawa!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Dunlop".

The Honourable Jill Dunlop  
Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response



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June 2025

To Ontario's Energy Community:

I'm proud to share that our government has released Ontario's first-ever Integrated Energy Plan: [\*Energy for Generations: Ontario's Integrated Plan to Build the Strongest Economy in the G7.\*](#)

This Plan lays out a clear path to ensure Ontario families, businesses and communities have the affordable, secure, reliable and clean energy they need – not just today, but for decades to come.

Ontario is growing fast. People are coming here to build their lives, invest in growing industries and create good jobs. That growth is driving record demand for electricity and continued demand for fuels – from homes and transit, to factories, farms and data centres.

This Plan responds with action. It advances the largest expansion of nuclear generation on the continent, accelerates transmission development, maintains access to natural gas and other fuels, and embraces new solutions like distributed energy resources, hydrogen, battery storage and carbon capture. It ends siloed planning by bringing electricity, fuels and natural gas under one co-ordinated vision.

At every step, the focus is on building a more competitive, self-reliant and affordable energy future – while keeping costs down.

Thank you for the role you play in shaping Ontario's energy future. Together, we're building an energy system that will power our economy, support our communities, and provide for our children and grandchildren for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen Lecce".

Stephen Lecce  
Minister

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**Fw: Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs / Lettre de l'honorable Lisa Thompson, ministre des Affaires rurales**

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**From** Alana Torresan <atorresan@thearchipelago.ca>

**Date** Wed 7/2/2025 9:21 AM

**To** Alana Torresan <atorresan@thearchipelago.ca>

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**From:** noreply@salesforce.com <noreply@salesforce.com> on behalf of Minister MRA <minister.mra@ontario.ca>

**Sent:** June 24, 2025 3:55 PM

**To:** Bert Liverance - Reeve <bliverance@thearchipelago.ca>

**Subject:** Letter from the Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs / Lettre de l'honorable Lisa Thompson, ministre des Affaires rurales

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Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Reeve Bert Liverance

Township of The Archipelago  
bliverance@thearchipelago.ca

<Voir version française ci-après>

Dear Reeve Bert Liverance:

As the Minister of Rural Affairs, I am pleased to announce that the newly expanded [Rural Ontario Development \(ROD\)](#) program is now accepting applications.

This enhanced program is part of [Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy](#), our government's blueprint for protecting rural Ontario and helping rural communities and businesses to grow and thrive.

Ontario is investing \$20 million, doubling the funding over two years, to support rural municipalities, not-for-profits, Indigenous communities, local

service boards and rural small businesses to attract investment and create new jobs and opportunities for rural workers.

The ROD program introduces four new enhanced funding streams and expands program eligibility to include more rural communities and rural small businesses:

### **Economic Diversification, Competitiveness and Capacity Building**

Projects that support communities with building economic development capacity and implementing strategies to increase competitiveness and retain businesses, attract investment and enhance growth. There are three sub-streams for applicants to explore:

- Strategies and plans – Up to \$50,000 (50 per cent cost share)
- Economic diversification and competitiveness – Up to \$150,000 (50 per cent cost share)
- Capacity building events – Up to \$10,000 (35 per cent cost share)

### **Workforce Development, Attraction and Retention**

Projects that support communities to implement strategies and/or undertake initiatives for attracting and retaining workers. Applicants can apply for up to \$150,000 (50 per cent in cost share).

### **Community Infrastructure Enhancements**

Projects that update or transform community assets that have been identified as important to the community's economy. Applicants can apply for up to \$25,000 (35 per cent cost share) for small projects or up to \$250,000 (35 per cent cost share) for large projects.

### **Business Development**

Projects that support small brick-and-mortar businesses in rural Ontario with between one to 20 employees. Applicants can apply for up to \$10,000 (35 per cent cost share).

Whether you're an applicant or a connector in your community, we hope you will help us spread the word about this program and its expanded eligibility. Applicants can find full program details, instructions and applications at [www.ontario.ca/RODprogram](http://www.ontario.ca/RODprogram).

Applications will be accepted until September 24, 2025, at 5 p.m. On the ROD program homepage, applicants can register for a free information session, stay up to date on future program intakes and learn more about opportunities for applicant support. To learn more about Ministry of Rural Affairs programs and to stay connected, please visit this page and follow the Ministry of Rural Affairs on LinkedIn, Facebook or X.

Our government is committed to protecting Ontario's rural communities, enabling them to take advantage of economic development opportunities, address workforce challenges and encourage business attraction and investment.

Please accept my best wishes as you explore the opportunities that are possible through the Rural Ontario Development program.



Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

Lisa M. Thompson  
Minister of Rural Affairs

c: Hannah Anderson, Chief of Staff  
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister  
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Rural Affairs Division

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Bonjour,

En tant que ministre des Affaires rurales, j'ai le plaisir d'annoncer que le nouveau [Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario](#) accepte maintenant les demandes.

Ce programme amélioré fait partie des [Meilleures perspectives : Stratégie ontarienne de développement économique des collectivités rurales](#), le plan directeur de notre gouvernement pour protéger les régions rurales de l'Ontario, et aider les entreprises et les collectivités rurales à croître et à prospérer.

L'Ontario investit 20 millions de dollars, soit le double du financement sur deux ans, pour soutenir les municipalités rurales, les organismes sans but lucratif, les communautés autochtones, les régies locales des services publics et les petites entreprises rurales en vue d'attirer des investissements et de créer de nouveaux emplois et de nouvelles occasions pour les travailleurs ruraux.

Le Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario met en place quatre volets de financement améliorés et étend l'admissibilité au programme pour inclure un plus grand nombre de collectivités rurales et de petites entreprises rurales.

### **Diversification économique, compétitivité et renforcement des capacités**

Des projets qui aident les collectivités à renforcer leur capacité de développement économique et à mettre en œuvre des stratégies visant à accroître la compétitivité et à retenir les entreprises, à attirer des investissements et à stimuler la croissance. Les demandeurs peuvent explorer trois sous-volets :

- Stratégies et plans – Jusqu'à 50 000 \$ (50 % de partage des coûts)
- Diversification économique et compétitivité – Jusqu'à 150 000 \$ (50 % de partage des coûts)
- Activités de renforcement des capacités – Jusqu'à 10 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts)

### **Perfectionnement, attraction et rétention de la main-d'œuvre**

Des projets qui aident les collectivités à mettre en œuvre des stratégies ou à entreprendre des initiatives visant à attirer les travailleurs et à les maintenir en poste. Les demandeurs peuvent demander jusqu'à 150 000 \$ (50 % de partage des coûts).

### **Amélioration de l'infrastructure communautaire**

Des projets qui mettent à jour ou transforment les actifs communautaires qui ont été désignés comme importants pour l'économie de la collectivité. Les demandeurs peuvent demander jusqu'à 25 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts) pour les petits projets ou jusqu'à 250 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts) pour les grands projets.

### **Développement des affaires**

Des projets qui soutiennent les petites entreprises physiques dans les régions rurales de l'Ontario comptant entre un et 20 employés. Les demandeurs peuvent demander jusqu'à 10 000 \$ (35 % de partage des coûts).

Que vous soyez un demandeur ou un connecteur dans votre communauté, nous espérons que vous nous aiderez à faire connaître ce programme et son admissibilité élargie. Les demandeurs peuvent trouver tous les détails du programme, les directives et les demandes à l'adresse suivante :

[www.ontario.ca/RODprogram](http://www.ontario.ca/RODprogram).

L'organisme acceptera les demandes jusqu'au 24 septembre 2025 à 17 h. Sur la page d'accueil du Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario, les candidats peuvent s'inscrire à une séance d'information gratuite, se tenir au courant des futures admissions et en apprendre davantage sur les possibilités de soutien aux candidats.

Pour en savoir plus sur les programmes du ministère des Affaires rurales et pour rester connecté, veuillez consulter cette page et suivre le ministère des Affaires rurales sur LinkedIn, Facebook ou X.

Notre gouvernement s'est engagé à protéger les collectivités rurales de l'Ontario, leur permettant ainsi de tirer parti des possibilités de développement économique, de relever les défis liés à la main-d'œuvre et d'encourager l'attraction d'entreprises et l'investissement.

Je vous prie d'accepter mes meilleurs vœux en explorant les possibilités offertes par le Programme de développement des collectivités rurales de l'Ontario.

Sincèrement,

*Original signé par*

Lisa M. Thompson  
Ministre des Affaires rurales

c. c. Hannah Anderson, chef de cabinet  
Martha Greenberg, sous-ministre  
Laurie Miller, sous-ministre adjointe, Division des affaires rurales

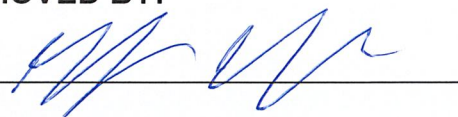

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PARRY SOUND  
RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

NO. 2025 – 085.

DIVISION LIST	YES	NO	DATE: July 2, 2025
Councillor <b>G. ASHFORD</b>	_____	_____	<b>MOVED BY:</b> 
Councillor <b>J. BELESKEY</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>P. BORNEMAN</b>	_____	_____	<b>SECONDED BY:</b> 
Councillor <b>B. KEITH</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>D. McCANN</b>	_____	_____	
Councillor <b>C. McDONALD</b>	_____	_____	
Mayor <b>J. McGARVEY</b>	_____	_____	
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WHEREAS the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) is now planning on closing Cecil Facer Youth Centre in 2027, the Sudbury area’s only youth detention facility, and;

WHEREAS this is an issue that affects northern Ontario communities including Parry Sound, and;

WHEREAS the closure will further complicate prisoner transport requiring increased manpower resources and time in transporting to out-of-jurisdiction centres, and that every kilometre traveled is at minimum with two special constables, and that alone in the Greater Sudbury area there were 80 local-jurisdiction trips to and from Cecil Facer in 2024, and that out-of-jurisdiction travel amounted to 11,218 kilometres in that same year, and that additional manpower resources and time will be required to transport youth from Northern Ontario communities including The Town of Parry Sound, and;

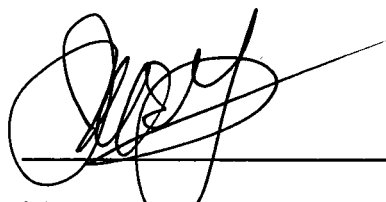
WHEREAS the closest is located in Brampton, with other centres including Ottawa, Hamilton and Thunder Bay, the last requiring airlift, and;

WHEREAS the closure of Cecil Facer will render a psychological toll associated with removing youths from their home communities where family and guardian support are more likely to be forthcoming, and that farther locations can invoke travel and visitation difficulties, if not made impossible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Parry Sound advocates for non-closure of Cecil Facer Youth Centre allowing for continuing and ongoing service to youth and their families in Northern Ontario with a letter to the Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and;



AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to neighbouring municipalities in the West Parry Sound District, also to Graydon Smith, MPP, Parry Sound–Muskoka, Scott Aitchison, MP, Parry Sound–Muskoka, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the City of Greater Sudbury and to Jamie West, MPP, Sudbury.



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**Mayor Jamie McGarvey**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

177

JUNE 25, 2025

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

*Brad Kneller*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan receives the correspondence items as copied and circulated;

AND FURTHER endorses items the following motions:

- 4.1 Township of Archipelago Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025
- 4.2 Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐

*John Hetherington*  
John Hetherington, Deputy Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			



Knowing our heritage  
we will build our future

Sent by Email

June 30, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park Room 281  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1  
[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Subject: Opposition to Bill 5 and Request to Repeal

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Durham; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Resolution # RC25101	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

**WHEREAS** the Ontario government has fast-tracked Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 (Bill 5), such that it was referred to the Standing Committee on the Interior on May 6, 2025, after being first read on April 17, 2025, and

**WHEREAS** the written submission deadline for participation on Bill 5 is May 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM (EDT), and

**WHEREAS** Bill 5 would enact the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025; amend/repeal the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and replace it by enacting the Species Conservation Act, 2025; and amend various Acts including the Ontario Heritage Act, the Mining Act, the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, and the Electricity Act, 1998 and to revoke various regulations in relation to development and procurement, and

**WHEREAS** Bill 5 will allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to create zones anywhere in Ontario where municipal and provincial laws will not apply, and where projects or proponents can be exempted from requirements under provisions of an Act or of a regulation, including environmental and heritage laws, and

**WHEREAS** the provisions of Bill 5 as written include anti-democratic principles and risks undermining civil liberties, Indigenous rights, the environment and local government oversight, and

**WHEREAS** The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa believes that the provincial priorities of housing, resource development and economic development can be achieved without subverting existing laws, undermining municipal authority, threatening the environment, restricting industry growth, or undermining informed consent with Indigenous communities;

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## The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

### RESOLUTION

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby opposes Bill 5; and that Council formally express its opposition to Bill 5 in favour of preserving democracy, transparency, accountability, the environment, civil liberties, and Indigenous rights and;

That Council encourage the province to prioritize democratic principles and governance systems that support responsible development, environmental preservation, and acknowledge our responsibility to future generations; and

That Council formally request that the Ontario government reject Bill 5; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; MPP Lisa Thompson; all Ontario municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Standing Committee on the Interior.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

#### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

- ☐ Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL





# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALBERTON

Session Date: June 19, 2025

Resolution No.: 2025 - 116

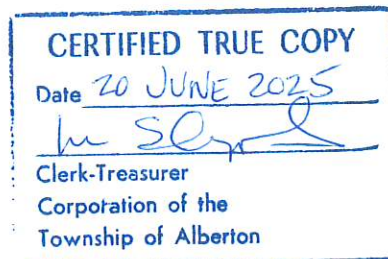
Moved By: *[Signature]*

Seconded By: *[Signature]*

## BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS Council for the Township of Alberton having considered correspondence from the Township of Archipelago opposing the provisions in Bill 5: Protecting Ontario By Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025; that would undermine environmental safeguards, Indigenous Rights, or local planning authority and respectfully urging the Province to withdraw the Bill, and ask the Province of Ontario to pursue housing and infrastructure development through policies that maintain robust environmental protections and respect for local planning regimes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Alberton support this correspondence and request a copy of this resolution be sent to the Township of Archipelago.



Pecuniary Interest	Recorded Vote	Council Member	Nay	Yea
		FORD, Mike		
		DENNIS, Tyson		
		GLOWASKY, Diane		
		SPENCE, Shawn		
		SPUZAK, Peter		

*[Signature]*  
MAYOR or designated Alternate Deputy Mayor

CARRIED: ☒

DEFEATED: ☐

**Township of Southgate  
Administration Office**

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June 23, 2025

**Re: Bill 5 – Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act**

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At their regular Council meeting held on June 18, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate adopted the following:

No. 2025-343

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Dobreen

**Seconded By** Councillor John

**Be it resolved that** the Township of Southgate receives and supports the correspondence from the City of Woodstock - Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025, and by virtue of that the correspondence, supports the resolution from City of Kingston; and

**Whereas** the Township of Southgate supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes; and

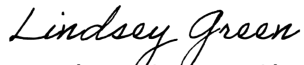
**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Township of Southgate oppose all provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections and Ontario's proud legacy of protections of Endangered Species, that override the rule of law and that nullify municipal planning authority; and

**That** the Council of the Township of Southgate urge the Province of Ontario to rescind Bill 5 and instead support housing and infrastructure development in ways that aligns with sound environmental planning and wildlife protection, respects the sovereignty and stewardship of Indigenous peoples, and empowers municipalities with appropriate planning tools; and

**That** this resolution be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier; The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; The Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines; The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, MPP Paul Vickers Bruce Grey Owen Sound, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA); Conservation Ontario; Saugeen Ojibway Nation Chief Conrad Ritchie; Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Chief Greg Nadjiwon; Six Nations of the Grand River Chief Sherri-Lyn Hill; Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda DeBassige; Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) President Margaret Froh; and all Ontario Municipalities. **Carried**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

cc: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Conservation Ontario  
Conrad Ritchie, Chief, Saugeen Ojibway Nation  
Gregory Nadjiwon, Chief, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation  
Sherri-Lyn Hill, Chief, Six Nations of the Grand River  
Linda DeBassige, Chief, Anishinabek Nation Grand Council  
Margaret Froh, President, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

Sent by Email

June 30, 2025

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[premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Subject: Opposition to Bill 5 and Request to Repeal

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Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

SC:am

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Chief Administrative Officer



# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Town of Cobourg  
55 King Street West,  
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### **Delivered via email**

Doug.fordco@pc.ola.org  
premier@ontario.ca

July 4, 2025

### RE: Ontario's Bill 5 and its Impact on the Local Food System and the Environment

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on June 25, 2025, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS a significant amount of farmland is already lost each year to development pressures; and

WHEREAS food systems depend on healthy ecosystems, which are already under significant threat in Ontario due to a host of human-caused threats to wildlife and habitat; and

WHEREAS Ontario Bill 5 significantly undermines ecological protections and local decision making, both of which are essential to local food systems and food security; and

WHEREAS the existing Provincial Planning Statement emphasizes the need for agricultural impact and environmental assessments; supports broad community consultation; and encourages municipalities to explore alternative areas before developing prime agricultural land; and

WHEREAS development of housing and important resources are possible without sacrificing the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democratic norms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Cobourg opposes Bill 5 in its current form, and calls upon the Government of Ontario to





# The Corporation of the Town of Cobourg

## Resolution

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strive to uphold the long-term health of our food systems, environment, and democracy in any future version of this bill; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be circulated to Premier Doug Ford and all Ontario municipalities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. All Ontario Municipalities

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting**



**Resolution No.** 274  
**Title:** Notices of Motion  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025

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**Moved by** D. DeGenova  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

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

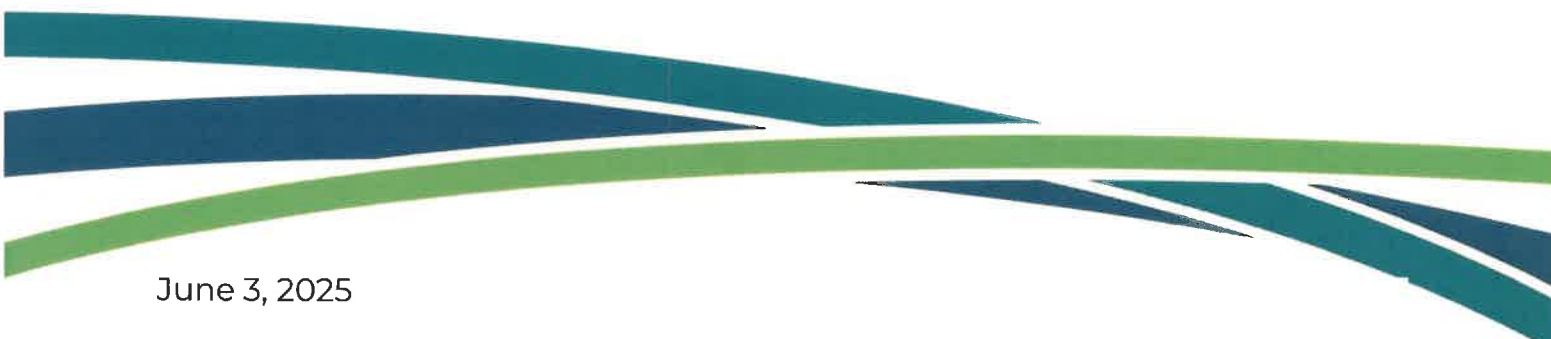
AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**



June 3, 2025

Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON K7A 1A4  
Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

The Council of the Town of Renfrew is writing to formally express its strong opposition to the Province of Ontario's decision to designate the Town of Renfrew as a "Strong Mayor" community, with enhanced mayoral powers that came into effect on May 1, 2025.

The Strong Mayor framework significantly alters the balance of governance at the municipal level, undermining the role of Council in decision-making, diminishing collaborative governance, and weakening the principle of majority rule that is foundational to local democracy.

The Town of Renfrew has a long history of local governance built upon a foundation of Council debate and shared decision-making. At no time did the Town request, seek, or support designation under the Strong Mayor legislation. This designation, imposed without consultation, has raised serious concerns within the community and among elected officials across Ontario.

The Town of Renfrew is not alone in this position. A growing number of municipalities and municipal leaders throughout the province have voiced their opposition to this governance model and are calling for its reconsideration or repeal.



Accordingly, the Town of Renfrew respectfully requests the following:

1. That the Government of Ontario immediately remove the Town of Renfrew from the list of municipalities designated under the Strong Mayor legislation.
2. That a copy of this letter be shared with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all regional Members of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their awareness and support.

The Council of the Town of Renfrew thanks you for your attention to this matter and urges the Province to respect the democratic will of our Council and community.

Yours sincerely,

Gloria Raybone

Chief Administrative Officer on behalf of the Town of Renfrew Council

CC: The Honorable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)  
Regional Members of Provincial Parliament  
All Ontario Municipalities  
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: May 20, 2025 No: RESOLUTION - 267-2025  
Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Disposition: CARRIED  
Seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien Item No: 12.4

Description: Strong Mayor Powers

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS** the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor power to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities;

**AND WHEREAS** research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario has identified that:

- a. There is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and
- b. Strong Mayor Powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative offices threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership;

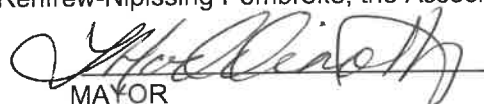
**AND WHEREAS** strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of McNab/Braeside has received requests from The Town of Parry Sound, the Municipality of North Middlesex and the Municipality of North Perth for our support to reject strong mayor powers and have strong mayor powers removed from their municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside encourages the Provincial government to repeal this legislation;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Township support all municipalities requesting the rejection of strong mayor powers.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Fack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.

  
MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	___	___
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	___	___
Councillor Kevin Rosien	___	___
Councillor Robert Campbell	___	___
Councillor Jill Campbell	___	___

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),  
abstained from discussion and did not vote



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### Regular Council

### June 2, 2025

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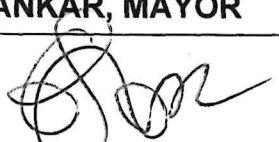
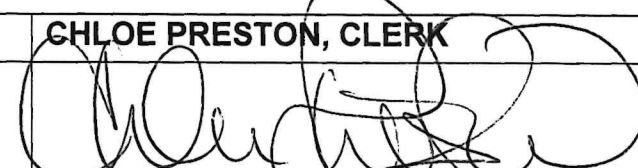
Moved by: Lee McConnell

Seconded by: Justin Kirkby

THAT Council endorse the attached draft letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing expressing the Town of Prescott's position on the Strong Mayor Powers; AND

THAT Council direct staff to send the letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and copy the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Red Tape Reduction, Member of Provincial Parliament for Leeds, Grenville and Rideau Lakes Steve Clark, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and all municipalities across the province.

REQUESTED BY:			
RECORDED VOTE		YES	NO
Councillor Leanne Burton			
Councillor Mary Campbell			
Councillor Justin Kirkby			
Councillor Ray Young			
CARRIED:	✓		
TABLED:			
DEFEATED:			
RECORDED VOTE:			
Councillor Tracey Young			

GAURI SHANKAR, MAYOR	CHLOE PRESTON, CLERK
	

June 3, 2025

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 2J3  
Att: Minister Rob Flack

RE: Strong Mayor Powers – Town of Prescott Position

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott, we are writing regarding the Province's recent decision to expand Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities, including our own.

While we recognize the Province's stated intent to accelerate housing development across Ontario, Council remains unclear on how these powers—especially in the context of smaller municipalities—provide a practical or effective mechanism to build more homes, faster. We have identified some alternatives to the centralization of authority in the office of the Mayor to the complex housing challenges we face that would have a direct result in getting housing and infrastructure completed.

We would like to see the province and municipalities be fully aligned and develop a strong working relationship that addresses the barriers to housing development. These barriers are often beyond a municipalities control but are well within the provincial authority to reduce red tape and delays. Whether it be in planning approvals, environmental assessments, or infrastructure coordination, municipalities often face significant holdups not of their own making, but as a result of slow or opaque bureaucratic processes.

We would like to see the same concept of Strong Mayors be used at the provincial level to veto or override provincial-level bottlenecks that stall housing progress. By having conduit, through which municipalities can identify the issues they are facing on specific projects to the province, we would be able to get shovels in the ground quicker and projects completed within months and not years.

This Council remains firmly committed to addressing the housing crisis and to doing our part to enable more homes and more opportunity in Prescott and beyond our borders in neighbouring communities. We believe the path forward must be grounded in bi-lateral efforts, shared accountability, and a commitment to strengthening local governments to make decisions for their communities.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and would welcome further dialogue with the Province to develop housing solutions that are truly effective and locally appropriate by removing unnecessary and non-valued added steps to the process.

Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gauri Shankar', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Gauri Shankar on behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Prescott



Council - Committee of the Whole

Resolution # 2025-214  
Title: Authorize Resolution & Letter to the Minister - Strong Mayor Powers  
Date: June 17, 2025

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Moved by: Councillor Roland Larabie  
Seconded by: Councillor Georges Pharand

**WHEREAS** the Government of Ontario has expanded Strong Mayor Powers to an additional 169 municipalities across the province;  
**AND WHEREAS** the Municipality of West Nipissing values a democratic, collaborative approach to municipal governance in which all members of Council are equal participants in the decision-making process;  
**AND WHEREAS** Council believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine democratic accountability, diminish transparency and centralizes excessive power in a single elected official;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of West Nipissing does not support the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers within its jurisdiction;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council directs the Mayor to send a letter to Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing communicating this position;  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for their information and support.

CARRIED



**West Nipissing Ovest**

**Joie de vivre**

The Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing  
La Corporation de la Municipalité de Nipissing Ovest  
101-225, rue Holditch Street, Sturgeon Falls, ON P2B 1T1

P/T (705) 753-2250 (1-800-263-5359)  
F/TC (705) 753-3950

June 17, 2025

The Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building  
Queens Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A4  
Via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Attn: The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Dear Mr. Ford,

**Subject: Strong Mayor Powers – Municipality of West Nipissing**

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At its meeting of June 17, 2025, the Council for the Municipality of West Nipissing considered the recently expanded Strong Mayor Powers granted to an additional 169 municipalities across Ontario.

Following a review of the legislation and a discussion of its potential impacts, Council wishes to express its opposition to this legislative framework. West Nipissing, along with many other municipalities, believes that the Strong Mayor Powers undermine the fundamental principles of local democracy, transparency, and collaborative decision-making, which are essential to effective municipal governance.

The Municipality of West Nipissing takes pride in its inclusive, community-driven approach to leadership, where all members of Council contribute meaningfully in shaping the municipality's future. The legislated concentration of executive powers in the office of the Mayor runs counter to these values and traditions.

While Council acknowledges that the legislation is currently in force, we respectfully urge the Province to reconsider its implementation. We further recommend that any structural changes of this magnitude be preceded by robust consultations with municipalities, residents, and key stakeholders to ensure that local governance continues to reflect the democratic will of the communities it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Council remains available for further dialogue and would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns in greater detail.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Thorne-Rochon  
Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing

cc: AMO, ROMA, FONOM, Local MPP





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June 17, 2025

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor – 777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
Via email: [rob.flack@pc.ola.org](mailto:rob.flack@pc.ola.org)

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Thorne-Rochon  
Mayor, Municipality of West Nipissing

cc: AMO, ROMA, FONOM, Local MPP



# Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**June 25, 2025**

Right Honourable Mark Carney (Prime Minister of Canada)  
Honourable Philip Lawrence (MP for Northumberland-Clarke)  
Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario)  
Honourable Victor Fedeli (Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade)  
Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)  
Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities  
All Ontario municipalities

**Re: Correspondence, Township of Mulmur  
'Procurement and Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions'**

At a meeting held on June 18, 2025 Northumberland County Council approved Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508, adopting the below recommendation from the June 3, 2025 Finance and Audit Committee meeting:

**Moved by:** Councillor John Logel

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott Jibb

"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

**Council Resolution # 2025-06-18-508**

**Carried**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at [matherm@northumberland.ca](mailto:matherm@northumberland.ca) or by telephone at 905-372-3329 ext. 2238.

Sincerely,  
Maddison Mather



Manager of Legislative Services / Clerk  
Northumberland County

## Council Resolution

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Moved By J. Logel (SL)  
Seconded By S. Dibb (SS)

Agenda  
Item 10

Resolution Number  
2025-06-18- 508

Council Date: June 18, 2025

"That Council adopt all recommendations from the six Standing Committees, as contained within the Committee Minutes (meetings held June 2, 3 and 4, 2025).

Recorded Vote  
Requested by

Councillor's Name

Deferred

Warden's Signature

Carried

Warden's Signature

Defeated

Warden's Signature

## Finance & Audit Committee Resolution

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Committee Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Agenda Item: 7.a

Resolution Number: 2025-06-03- 444

Moved by: M. Martin

Seconded by: B. Ostrander

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

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"**That** the Finance and Audit Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Township of Mulmur regarding 'Procurement Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions', recommend that County Council support this correspondence and direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the stakeholders listed in the correspondence, as well as the MP for Northumberland - Clarke, MPP for Northumberland-Peterborough South, and Northumberland County's 7 Member Municipalities."

Carried 

Committee Chair's Signature

Defeated \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature

Deferred \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair's Signature



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April 11, 2025

## **Procurement & Advocacy for Trade Agreement Exemptions**

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At the meeting held on April 2, 2025, Council of the Township of Mulmur passed the following resolution:

### **Moved by Lyon and Seconded by Cunningham**

Whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes that tariffs may increase the costs of goods and services sought by the Township;

And whereas the Township of Mulmur recognizes the importance of supporting Canadian businesses and workers through responsible procurement practices;

And whereas municipalities have significant purchasing power but are bound by international trade agreements;

And whereas trade agreements such as the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) impose restrictions on municipalities, and prevent municipalities from giving preference to Canadian suppliers in procurement decisions above certain thresholds;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Township of Mulmur commits to considering Canadian suppliers for goods and services when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so for procurements under trade agreement thresholds:

And that the Township of Mulmur commits to continue to utilize cooperative purchasing groups to explore cost-saving measures and Canadian suppliers when it is feasible and fiscally responsible to do so.

And that the Township of Mulmur calls upon the Canadian federal and provincial governments to enact legislative changes to exempt municipalities from trade agreement restrictions while tariffs are imposed, allowing them to give preference to Canadian suppliers for goods, services, and infrastructure projects.



And further that a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- The Prime Minister of Canada
- The Premier of Ontario
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- All Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.

**Carried.**

Sincerely,

*Roseann Knechtel*

Roseann Knechtel, Clerk



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The Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury –  
Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of June 24, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the Town of Gwillimbury regarding Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans.

The correspondence is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

ec: The Honourable Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs;  
The Honourable Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition  
Fred Davies, Member of Parliament for New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury;  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
The Association of Municipalities (AMO)  
All Ontario Municipalities

June 17, 2025

VIA EMAIL

**Re: Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Veterans**

At its Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council ratified the following motion:

Resolution 2025-185

**Moved by:** Councillor Harper

**Seconded by:** Councillor Scott

WHEREAS the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury recognizes the selfless service and enduring sacrifices made by Canadian Armed Forces veterans in the defence of our country and values;

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury formally calls on the Government of Canada and all federal parties to increase the eligibility threshold for the Income Replacement Benefit (IRB) program from \$20,000 to no less than \$40,000 annually for a single-person household; and

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

THAT this motion be formally endorsed and sent to:

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

THAT a copy of this resolution be published on the Town's official website and communicated through the Town's official channels to raise awareness and gather public support.

Regards,



Tara Reynolds  
Clerk, Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury  
(905) 775-5366 Ext 1104  
[treynolds@townofbwg.com](mailto:treynolds@townofbwg.com)

CC: Hon. Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
Hon. Jill McKnight, Minister of Veterans Affairs  
Hon. Andrew Scheer, Acting Leader of the Official Opposition  
Scot Davidson, MP New Tecumseth-Gwillimbury  
All Ontario Municipalities  
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HUNTSVILLE

## General Committee

**Date: June 25, 2025**

No. GC 76-25

**Moved by:** Nancy Alcock

**Seconded by:** Dione Schumacher

**WHEREAS:** Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) is a modern approach to environmental management which integrates information and decisions made to achieve collective, watershed-wide goals;

**AND WHEREAS:** watershed boundaries do not follow political boundaries and frequently cross into multiple jurisdictions;

**AND WHEREAS:** management of the Muskoka River Watershed requires coordination among regional and local watershed municipalities, First Nations and Indigenous Peoples, the provincial government, and environmental interest holders;

**AND WHEREAS:** one of the next steps in bringing an IWM approach to the watershed is to form a Muskoka River Watershed IWM staff working group;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Council of the Town of Huntsville supports in principal an IWM approach for the Muskoka River Watershed;

**AND FURTHER THAT:** staff be directed to participate in the IWM staff working group and report back to Council on the future state of the Muskoka River Watershed IWM plan and potential Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

### **RECORDED VOTE**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	YEA	NAY
Mayor Alcock		
Deputy Mayor Armour		
Councillor Clarke		
Councillor Clouthier		
Councillor FitzGerald		
Councillor Morrison		
Councillor Renwick		
Councillor Schumacher		
Councillor Stone		
TOTAL:		

### **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL	PERSONAL	BUSINESS	EMPLOYMENT	OTHER
Mayor Alcock				
Deputy Mayor Armour				
Councillor Clarke				
Councillor Clouthier				
Councillor FitzGerald				
Councillor Morrison				
Councillor Renwick				
Councillor Schumacher				
Councillor Stone				

Carried. 





**Department:** Planning Department  
**Staff Name:** Sean O'Callaghan, Planner  
**Date:** 20 Mar 2025  
**Report Number:** Report PL-025-25  
**Subject:** Advancing Integrated Watershed Management Planning in the Muskoka River Watershed – Potential Next Steps

**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council support and direction for staff to participate in the Muskoka River Watershed Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) staff working group.

**Background:**

Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) is a modern approach to environmental management which integrates information and decisions made to achieve collective, watershed-wide goals. Such IWM goals typically include one or more of the following pursuits: maintaining/improving water quality, flood control, climate change adaptation, forest management, effective planning, and community development, and/or economic development. IWM manages human activities and natural resources within areas defined by watershed boundaries rather than jurisdictional ones while aiming to protect and manage those activities and functions today and into the future. Management of land and water to conform with natural boundaries and pathways is often more successful than management which may change with the municipal and other political borders.

Watershed management in Muskoka is complex as all levels of government (including several provincial Ministries and multiple local municipalities) have various, crucial roles and responsibilities pertaining to the Muskoka River Watershed (Figure 1), as do Indigenous Communities. A list of Municipalities and Communities that are within the watershed is provided in Appendix A. As a result, the current decision-making approach is distributed among lower and upper-tier municipalities and the provincial government, often fragmented, and without one centralized or 'lead' body providing comprehensive oversight and leadership for holistic watershed management.

To advance IWM in the Muskoka River Watershed, active participation and engagement is required from all levels of government, Indigenous Communities, and the community at-large. In recent years, there has been significant initiatives to advance IWM in the Muskoka River Watershed including but not limited to:

- The Province of Ontario establishing the Muskoka Watershed Conservation and Management Initiative, including an investment of \$5 million to support IWM initiatives (2018);

- The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks appointing the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group (MWAG) to provide advice and recommendations to the Minister to help protect and safeguard the Muskoka River watershed and support economic growth in the Muskoka Watershed region;
- Muskoka Watershed Council's development and delivery of its 2020 report 'The Case for Integrated Watershed Management' and its establishment of an ongoing Community Round Table;
- District of Muskoka's completion of 12 technical IWM studies funded by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (2023);
- Ongoing advocacy efforts from District of Muskoka, Area Municipalities, and community organizations to encourage active engagement from other levels of government;
- First Nations incorporation and application of IWM-related data to support land management efforts; and
- Various, ongoing community and/or governmental IWM outreach, communications, and education initiatives.

There is a more detailed listing of these and other activities in Appendix B - Background on Recent IWM Initiatives of this report. This background information illustrates the range of active participants, and the varied, dedicated work completed or underway to advance IWM across the Muskoka River Watershed, as highlighted in the Analysis section of this report.

#### **Discussion:**

An IWM Plan for the Muskoka River Watershed would begin with the identification and collective confirmation of a central and galvanizing issue(s) (e.g., water quantity, water quality, and/or climate) of shared concern across the watershed. An IWM Plan would focus on an approach to address and effectively manage this issue across the region. Such IWM plans often result in more effective outcomes that minimize redundancy and increase watershed-wide consistency.

#### **Analysis**

On November 28, 2024, the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Lake of Bays hosted an invite-only event staff and elected officials from five First Nations communities and 16 municipalities from across the Muskoka River Watershed, including representatives from the Ontario Government (MNR), Muskoka Watershed Council, and high schools. The purpose of this event was to build on the event hosted by Muskoka Watershed Council on February 9, 2024, while seeking to gain insight into the interest of communities and municipalities in collaborating on issues that affect the entire watershed. Additionally, the event provided the opportunity to start discussions around guiding principles, decision making, and governance for a collaborative effort.

Attendees from 13 municipalities and two First Nations were treated to a series of informative presentations before being divided into five smaller groups to discuss several topics; each group was given the opportunity to respond to each of the topics. Following the breakout session, District of Muskoka staff summarized the feedback provided, with include over 50 responses for each of the five topics.

Comments and feedback provided throughout the November 28, 2024, event indicated that focusing on the collaboration between communities and municipalities, provincial government, and private partners, can lead to a new and effective management of the region. The integration of local knowledge, community engagement, and advanced analytical tools is critical in crafting a responsive and responsible approach to watershed scale issues. Furthermore, recognizing the importance of Indigenous perspectives through truth and reconciliation efforts can enrich the planning process,

ensuring a more inclusive and equitable strategy. Overall, participants emphasized the need for and an interest in being part of a coordinated and knowledgeable approach to effectively tackle pressing issues faced in the Muskoka River Watershed.

**Next Steps (short-term)**

With the strong emphasis on collaboration, knowledge sharing, evidence-based strategies, and proactive cooperation, the next steps in the short-term for IWM in the Muskoka River Watershed must involve rightsholders and stakeholders working together towards sustainable outcomes that benefit both the watershed at large.

Embracing an iterative governance model and fostering collaboration across the watershed through the establishment of an Accord or MOU could serve as a next step while helping to ensure that principles are articulated and understood by all involved. An example of what this document could look like is provided in Appendix C.

The following is offered as potential short-term next steps for communities and municipalities:

- Staff and elected officials share with their respective council/committee to seek direction on future participation. Ideally this would occur by no later than late May or early June 2025. The resolution offered at the beginning of this report could be used as a template for formalizing approvals.
- Staff representatives from communities and municipalities attend a meeting in early summer 2025 to discuss and seek to refine an Accord or MOU that would provide foundational values, understanding, and commitments. As of the date of this report, the Town of Gravenhurst has shown some interest in hosting an IWM meeting in the first half of 2025.

At this time, and given the input received during the IWM event held on November 28, it is recommended that at least the initial meeting be comprised of staff from any/all participating municipalities/communities as a working session to determine preliminary, collective and workable administrative approaches and processes for eventual review and approval by elected officials. In parallel, non-government agencies and organizations, including Muskoka Watershed Council, would be encouraged to continue to work towards increasing knowledge and understanding of IWM and its benefits across the region, and to advise and support the emerging IWM collective initiative.

**Next Steps (medium-term)**

Following the summer 2025 meeting, it is currently proposed that a subcommittee or working group be established from municipal staff to refine and finalize a draft Accord or MOU based on feedback provided at that meeting.

In fall 2025, finalization and execution of the Accord or MOU could take place. Once the Accord or MOU is in place, depending on the content of that document, the establishment of a steering committee and scientific advisory board could be contemplated.

**Next Steps (long-term)**

As part of the long-term direction of this work, a watershed management plan or larger framework to direct actions within the watershed should be considered. Development of a plan or framework should

be led by communities, municipalities, and other interested organizations from across the watershed through a collaborative process.

In the meantime, the following actions could be considered as part of the long-term objectives for IWM across the Muskoka River Watershed including but not limited to:

- Identification and adoption of an effective and appropriate governance structure. This could include the establishment of scientific advisory boards (with potential representation from local organizations such as Muskoka Watershed Council, provincial Ministries, and/or related and evidence-based academic programs).
- Alignment of, and/or increasing the consistency of, planning policies;
- Bridging economic programs;
- Sharing resources; and
- Exchanging ideas and solutions.

### **Strategic Plan**

This report has a direct link to the following points of Council's Corporate Strategic Plan:

#### **Growth and Development**

Proactive Investment in our Community to support sustainable growth.

#### **Environmental Stewardship**

Environmental stewardship in all decisions.

Demonstrated leadership in minimizing the Township and community environmental footprint.

Reduced landfill waste.

Strengthened promotion and support of the protection of lake health.

#### **Infrastructure Needs**

Assurance that Algonquin Highland's current and future assets are managed to be sustainable to meet our long-term needs.

#### **Service Excellence**

Exceptional Service Delivery.

#### **Community Engagement**

Expanded and enhanced communication and engagement practices.

#### **Community Well Being**

A vibrant and healthy community with abundant opportunities for recreation, events, arts and culture.

### **Financial Impact:**

There are no immediate financial considerations associated with this staff report. As the IWM initiatives move forward, staff may bring financial requests forward for consideration by the respective Councils.

### **Recommendation:**

WHEREAS Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) is a modern approach to environmental management which integrates information and decisions made to achieve collective, watershed-wide goals;

AND WHEREAS management of the Muskoka River Watershed requires coordination between the provincial government, regional and local watershed municipalities, First Nations and environmental stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS one of the next steps in bringing an IWM approach to the watershed is to form a Muskoka River Watershed IWM staff working group;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Algonquin Highlands supports in principle pursuing an IWM approach for the Muskoka River Watershed;

AND THAT staff be directed to participate as a member of the Muskoka River Watershed Consortium;

AND THAT this resolution of support be circulated to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Muskoka Watershed municipalities and First Nations.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

Sean O'Callaghan, B.U.R.PI, MCIP, RPP  
Planner

**Attachments:**

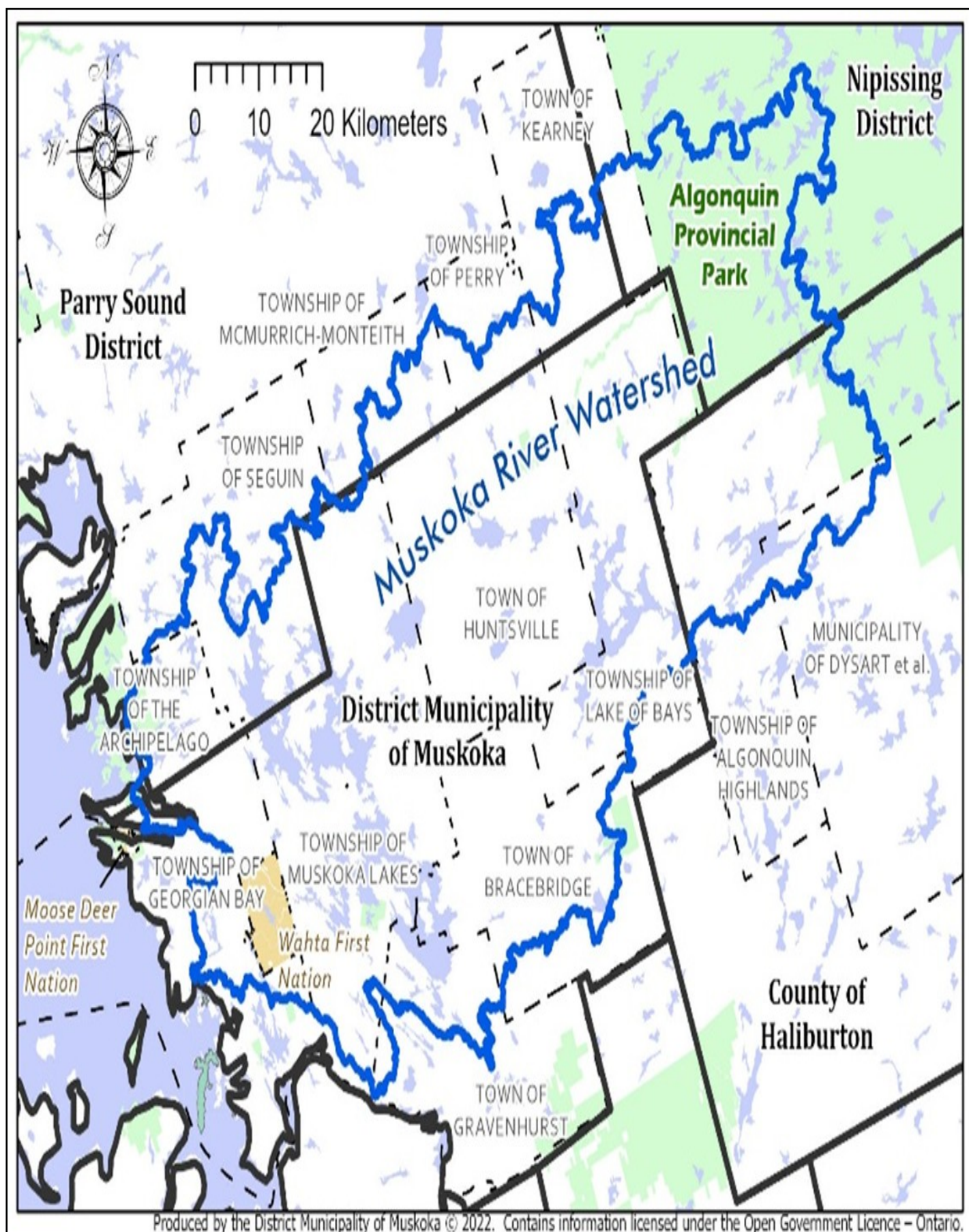
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**Appendix A – Watershed Municipalities and Communities**

County of Haliburton

District Municipality of Muskoka

Moose Deer Point

Town of Bracebridge

Town of Gravenhurst

Town of Huntsville

Town of Kearney

Township of Algonquin Highlands

Township of Dysart et al.

Township of Georgian Bay

Township of Lake of Bays

Township of McMurrich Monteith

Township of Muskoka Lakes

Township of Perry

Township of Seguin

Township of the Archipelago

Wahta Mohawks

## **Appendix B – Background on Recent IWM Initiatives**

Many recent initiatives related to advancing IWM have been undertaken across the Muskoka River Watershed. Some, though not all, key initiatives are identified and summarized below for information.

### **District Municipality of Muskoka**

In November 2023, the District concluded its 12 technical IWM projects as funded through the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and more specifically through the Province's Muskoka Watershed Conservation and Management Initiative. The focus of that work was to expand the understanding of existing watershed conditions within the Muskoka River Watershed (Figure 1) to inform the development of a future IWM Plan for the region.

Since then, and to advance IWM approaches, the District has:

- continued its ongoing collaboration with Muskoka Watershed Council (MWC);
- initiated development of new IWM related policy initiatives;
- engaged with various Ministries and Municipalities across the Muskoka River Watershed at a staff-level to informally exchange and share information;
- requested and occasionally delegated with elected provincial representatives including at AMO (2023), ROMA (2024), AMO (2024);
- delivered presentations to Committees and Councils of neighbouring and Area Municipalities to provide a high-level overview of its 12 technical projects;
- increased sharing and release of ecological and monitoring data through the Muskoka GeoHub and the Great Lakes Datastream; and
- updated recreational water quality monitoring programs where possible within approved resource levels.

In June 2024, the District launched its Official Plan review. This review is providing an opportunity to revise and update policies and reflect new IWM information. More specifically, the District's Official Plan update will include new floodplain mapping. With two-thirds of the District of Muskoka now having up-to-date floodplain mapping available, the next step is to incorporate this mapping into the District's current Official Plan. This will directly help address flood impacts by ensuring that future development is directed to areas outside of the flood plain. District staff will also support watershed and Area municipalities wanting to incorporate new floodplain mapping into their own Official Plans.

Finally, District staff are in the process of updating the District's Lake System Health Policy including the data brought forward through the recently completed Causation Studies. Lake System Health Program policies are being reviewed to ensure their alignment with current science and conditions of the watershed.

**Province – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Ministry of Natural Resources**

Engagement with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is key as it is responsible for the Muskoka River Water Management Plan, which was first implemented in 2006 and takes an ecosystem-based approach to water management by considering the interests and concerns of all water users within the watershed (e.g. fish, wildlife, navigation, hydro generation, recreation, flood control, etc.). It should be noted that the existing Muskoka River Water Management Plan is different from an integrated watershed management plan. The former is focused entirely on how water levels are managed within the watershed, while the latter takes a more comprehensive approach to addressing issues that includes considerations of environmental, social, and economic factors. Also, given that the headwaters of the Muskoka River Watershed are within Algonquin Park, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) must also be engaged.

Over the past few years, direct Provincial engagement with Muskoka's various IWM initiatives has been minimal, however over the last half of 2024 and beginning of 2025, discussions with the Province have been more fruitful. Requests for provincial attendance and/or engagement by the District of Muskoka at various conferences including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) (August 2023), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) (January 2024), and Muskoka Watershed Council's IWM symposium (February 2024) were declined; however, a requested delegation comprised of District and Area Municipal representatives with the Minister of Natural Resources (MNR) was accepted and occurred at AMO 2024. [Correspondence](#) from MNR to the District was provided in late November 2024 as a result of that delegation.

Since the Province's IWM initiatives concluded in 2023, District staff have met with senior staff at both MECP and MNR to exchange information and share collected data. Conversations have been positive and continue as of the date of this report, including provincial staff participation in a municipal meeting held in November 2024 (see below). In late January 2025, MNR announced that the Ministry is in the process of reviewing recommendations from the District's IWM technical projects for potential amendments to the Muskoka River Water Management Plan.

**Indigenous Engagement**

Certainly, no truly Integrated Watershed Management approach can be advanced without significant, consequential engagement and consultation with Indigenous Councils and communities.

Since 2020, senior staff from the District of Muskoka's Watershed/GIS Team and, separately, members from Muskoka Watershed Council have delivered several IWM related presentations to the Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table (MAILT).

Additionally, the District is in the process of updating their Archaeological Master Plan with Indigenous engagement forming a fundamental component of the process.

As the District continues its IWM efforts and, in parallel, embarks on its review of its Official Plan, receiving Indigenous input and knowledge is vital. Going forward, financial and/or staff support from municipalities for consultation with Indigenous Communities to develop and deliver environmental policies and programs may be required. Many municipalities across Ontario (i.e., City of Toronto, City of Peterborough, etc.) are presently pursuing the recruitment of temporary or permanent staff 'liaisons' to facilitate meaningful consultation with Indigenous communities.

### **Muskoka Watershed Council**

In 2021, Muskoka Watershed Council established its Community Round Table (CRT) to provide a venue for community input and consultation for the District's 12 technical IWM projects. The CRT is comprised of approximately 15 people including MWC members, local community members and professionals, District staff, (and anyone else) and typically meets monthly, or more frequently as needed.

In February 2024, MWC hosted a Symposium entitled "A Case For Integrated Watershed Management". The Symposium was open to elected officials, senior municipal staff, Indigenous Communities, and a select few residents and invited experts. Through hosting this event, MWC wanted to increase broad knowledge and understanding of IWM and how it may benefit the Muskoka River Watershed, including a talk on possible governance models for IWM in the region. The full day event was well attended with many Watershed Municipalities in attendance with senior staff and elected representatives. Discussions held during and following the event indicated a varied response from the audience as to overall interest for an IWM approach in the Muskoka River Watershed. The event concluded with MWC indicating its interest in holding an additional similar event in late 2024. Through the summer and fall of 2024, Muskoka Watershed Council participated in the development and delivery of the Town of Huntsville/Township of Lake of Bays IWM workshop that was held in November of that year (see below for additional details).

### **Township of Muskoka Lakes**

In 2023, the Township of Muskoka Lakes partnered with the District on a delegation request to the MECP at AMO to discuss flood management in Muskoka. An additional delegation request was made at ROMA in 2024. Neither of these delegation requests were approved. A joint request for delegation at AMO 2024 was accepted, as noted above. Following the delegation, Minister Smith provided a [letter](#) to District Chair Lehman in November 2024.

In April 2024, the Township of Muskoka Lakes passed a resolution that a letter be sent to the MNR formally requesting participation by the Province on issues related to the Muskoka River Watershed with a specific focus on addressing flooding. This resolution



includes actions to reach out to other municipalities to sign onto the Township's letter to the Province. In turn, MNRF has promised to review its Muskoka River Watershed Management Plan and consider amendments based on data within the various IWM technical documents.

**Town of Huntsville & Township of Lake of Bays**

In June 2024, the Town of Huntsville's mayor and senior staff convened a meeting with District staff and Muskoka Watershed Council members to discuss structure and content for a future meeting of Muskoka River Watershed municipalities to further the establishment of an IWM approach to the region. The ad-hoc steering committee worked together over the next several months to develop and deliver a half-day event hosted by the Town of Huntsville and in conjunction with the Township of Lake of Bays. The event focused on:

- Increasing general awareness of what IWM is (and isn't);
- Identifying key concerns/issues routinely faced by each watershed municipality (e.g., flooding, water quality, etc.); and
- Laying the groundwork for a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)/Accord that can be signed by all interested governments and Indigenous Communities across the watershed to affirm shared principles and interests in undertaking IWM in the Muskoka River Watershed.

On November 28, 2024, the Town of Huntsville and the Township of Lake of Bays hosted an invite-only event staff and elected officials from five First Nations communities and 16 municipalities from across the Muskoka River Watershed, including representatives from the Ontario Government (MNRF), Muskoka Watershed Council, and high schools. Participants in the event indicated general support for collaboration between communities and municipalities, provincial government, and private partners, to support management of the region. The integration of local knowledge, community engagement, and advanced analytical tools were identified as being critical in crafting a responsive and responsible approach to watershed scale issues. Overall, participants emphasized the need for a coordinated and knowledgeable approach to effectively tackle pressing issues faced in the Muskoka River Watershed.

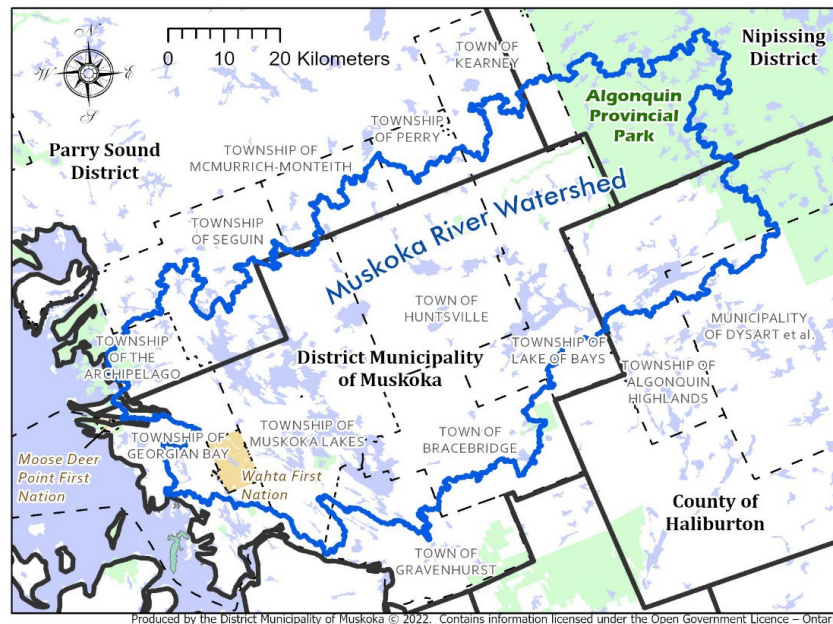
**County of Haliburton**

Through the District's Floodplain Mapping project, regulatory mapping was developed for Kawagama Lake, Trading Bay and a portion of the Hollow River all of which are in the County of Haliburton. This mapping, and the associated technical report, was provided to County senior staff in May 2024.

## Appendix C – Example Accord

### THE MUSKOKA RIVER WATERSHED ACCORD

The Muskoka River Watershed is a place where people live, work, and play. Stretching across 5,100 Km<sup>2</sup>, the Muskoka River Watershed includes three Indigenous Communities, four Upper-tier Municipalities, and 13 Lower-tier Municipalities. The overall prosperity of the watershed requires the integration of a vibrant economy and a healthy natural environment along with caring communities that foster a sense of belonging and supports those in need. The natural environment, especially water, is the key asset in the Muskoka River Watershed and it must be protected for the values it provides including culture, heritage, diverse ecosystems, and a vibrant economy.



### Guiding Principles of the Accord

The following interdependent principles will guide activities in the Muskoka River Watershed:

- Ecological, social, cultural, and economic considerations are integral parts of decision-making and natural resources and human activities are to be managed together.
- The Accord is watershed-based (not bounded by political or administrative boundaries).
- Best practices and best available data and evidence are to be employed to contribute to sustaining the natural attributes of watersheds for present and future generations through new and existing obligations, jurisdictions, and plans.
- Effective collaborative watershed governance is to be conducted in a transparent, accountable, and inclusive manner.

- Effective working relationships are to be developed and maintained through open communication, trust, and cooperation.
- Decisions are to be based on the best available scientific information and traditional Indigenous ecological knowledge, with the goal of sustaining the natural attributes of watersheds for present and future generations.
- Effective watershed management is to be integrated with land-based resource objectives and activities on a watershed scale.
- Watershed governance is to include shared responsibilities and enable those affected to have input in decision-making processes.
- Integrated Watershed Management will require evaluation, re-evaluation, and updates over time to ensure its ongoing efficacy.

**Purpose of the Accord**

To encourage all orders of government (local, Indigenous, provincial, and federal), organizations, and commercial interests across the Muskoka River Watershed to work collaboratively to address issues related to water quality and water quantity within the Muskoka River Watershed. The signatories of this Accord will encourage:

- interest in watersheds throughout the province to adopt these principles;
- participation of those active in watersheds to engage collaboratively in watershed planning processes;
- implementation of measures in support of collaborative watershed planning and management;
- the exchange of data and best practices where possible; and
- application of lessons learned from other models of collaborative watershed governance.

Sent by Email

June 6, 2025

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Subject: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on May 26, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** individuals and families receiving income support through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are facing increasing challenges in meeting basic needs due to rising costs of living;

**And Whereas** Statistics Canada notes that people with disabilities have a higher poverty rate and a lower rate of employment than the overall population;

**And Whereas** the annual income support for Ontario Works is currently \$8,796.00 and \$16,416.00 for Ontario Disability Support Program. These supports have not increased sufficiently to keep up with inflation and the cost of living. Such costs are anticipated to continue increasing;

**And Whereas** the low income measure for a single person in Greater Toronto Area is estimated to be approximately \$27,343 annually, and the deep income poverty threshold is determined to be \$20,508;

**And Whereas** Food Banks, including our local Food Banks, provide a necessary service with increasing demands in our communities;

**And Whereas** the Pickering Food Bank served 1,722 adults, and 1,054 children in February 2025;

**And Whereas** food banks are already reducing their distribution capacity; and it is anticipated that due to developing economic circumstances, such as the current tariff war, there will be increased unemployment, increased food prices, and a heightened demand for food distribution, while donations continue to decline;



**And Whereas** these economic trends will continue to erode the purchasing power of OW and ODSP recipients, increasing reliance on food banks and placing additional pressure on municipalities and community organizations;

**Now therefore it be resolved** that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. That staff send a letter to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Finance, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to strongly urge that the Ontario Provincial Government significantly raise the payments of Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Regional Municipality of Durham, all Municipalities in the Province of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel  
City Clerk

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Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy:

**Re: City of Port Colborne Supports the City of Pickering regarding Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)**

Please be advised that, at its meeting of July 8, 2025 the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne supported the resolution received from the City of Pickering regarding Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

The City of Pickering resolution is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Madden  
City Clerk

ec: Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services  
Raymond Sung Joon Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility  
Niagara Region MPPs, Jeff Burch, Wayne Gates, Sam Oosterhoff, Jennifer Stevens  
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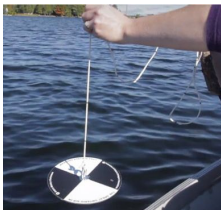
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### At First Light: Top Cottage Country News



#### Lake Partner Program (LPP) is Confirmed

**Our voices were heard!** FOCA has a signed agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) that enables us to continue the LPP over the coming five years, with the support of our hundreds of volunteer Lake Stewards throughout the province.

Thank you to everyone who copied FOCA on your letters to the Premier and Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

We are also pleased to report that the **2023 and 2024 LPP data** have been released by the Ministry and are accessible via links on our webpage, including new **sulfate data** from 2017 onward. Click 'more' to reach our webpage with all the news and links.

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FOCA: Impact, Thought Leadership & Advocacy



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## Floating Accommodations (FA)

FOCA's partners at the **Floating Homes Not Vessels Coalition** have released a **position paper** to inform municipal partners about FA and possible regulatory pathways forward. Click 'more' to read the latest news in **FOCA's media release** and **download the position paper**. Then, share with your local municipal representatives. What is *your* Council doing to manage these structures?

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## Salt Responsibly Campaign

FOCA has participated over the past five years in partner efforts to reduce salt impacts across Ontario because of environmental risks but also infrastructure damage and particularly snowplow liability insurance costs as a result of slip-and-fall lawsuits. Watch for a summary article about salt in the upcoming **FOCA Ontario Lake Stewards Magazine** this July. In the meantime:



FOCA's partners at the **Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition (OSPC)** have a campaign to encourage the Province to act on oversalting. Click 'more' to read the latest news from FOCA's webpage, and join the OSPC **letter writing campaign** by August 10, 2025. OSPC has also posted a '**Municipal Resolution Toolkit**' and a dozen municipalities have already signed on! Share this news and toolkit with your local Council.

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## Boat Parades



Many lake communities mark Canada Day or other summer long weekends with festive boat parades—a cherished tradition that brings members together in celebration! While these events are a highlight of the summer, it's important for Associations to consider the liability and risk management implications involved.

Whether it's ensuring participants follow a clear route, encouraging safe boating practices, or confirming appropriate insurance coverage for the organizing Association, proactive planning helps keep the fun afloat. To support your efforts, FOCA and Cade Associates created a video outlining key considerations for hosting a safe and successful boat parade. Whether you're organizing your first event or continuing a long-standing tradition, this is a 5-minute must-watch. Click 'more' to be taken to the video posting on the FOCA website. **Happy Canada Day!**

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An update from our partners in risk management - administrators of the **FOCA Association Insurance Program** and **CottageFirst** group insurance for cottagers

## FOCA: Offering Highly Relevant Programs & Services



### Protect Ontario's Waters: Clean, Drain and Dry

Invasive species pose a serious threat to our lakes and rivers—but you can help stop their spread. If you're a boater, paddler, or angler, it's now the law in Ontario to **Clean, Drain, and Dry** your boat, trailer, and gear before moving to a new waterbody.

These simple steps help prevent the transfer of harmful species that can disrupt ecosystems, damage equipment, and cost millions to manage:

- **Clean** all visible mud, plants, and debris.
- **Drain** water from your boat, motor, live wells, and other equipment.
- **Dry** everything thoroughly before launching elsewhere.

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Let's work together to keep Ontario's waters healthy for generations to come. Stay informed. Click to learn 'more' on FOCA's website.

### Source Water Protection



*Recent kick off meeting, Halls Lake*

Building on the success of our 2024 pilot, FOCA is working with three member associations this year, to help them develop and deliver their own volunteer-led **source water protection community planning**, including mapping vulnerable areas and identifying potential risks. Thank you to our 2025 'Phase 2' participant associations:

- Lake Bernard Property Owners
- Halls & Hawk Lakes Property Owners
- Little Silver & Rainbow Lakes Property Owners



Phase 2 participants will apply the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' *Best Practices for Source Water Protection*, to lead their own community-based efforts and create localized protection plans, contributing to a user-friendly 'roadmap' that other communities can follow in the future.

In related news, **Conservation Ontario** has released a new video about **source water protection**, marking the 25th anniversary of the Walkerton drinking water tragedy. Click 'more' to watch on YouTube.

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## Attention Cottagers & ATV Enthusiasts: Help Stop the Spread of Invasive Phragmites!

Phragmites, a fast-spreading invasive plant, is threatening Ontario's wetlands and shorelines, and recreational activities like ATVing can unknowingly make the problem worse. Seeds spread easily through wind, water, and especially human activities like trail riding, landscaping, and moving soil.

If you're heading to the cottage or exploring backroads this summer, remember: **clean your ATVs and gear (boots, boats, decoys) before and after use**. Let's keep Ontario's ecosystems healthy—ride responsibly and help stop the spread! Click 'more' for information on invasive Phragmites and how it spreads.

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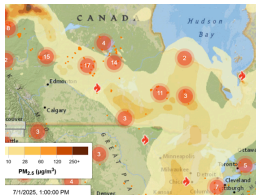
## Invasive Carps Awareness

Cottage country folks along the Great Lakes: although invasive carps are not established in Canadian waters, please be on the look-out for them!

There are four species of carps that are invasive to North America: Silver Carp, Bighead Carp, Black Carp and Grass Carp. All four have a short dorsal fin and no barbels (whisker-like appendages at the corners of their mouths).

Click 'more' for FOCA's infographic to learn how to ID invasive carps and what to do if you spot one. Share the news with others on the Great Lakes.

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## Passing the Torch: Cottage Succession Corner

### Upcoming Webinar



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### Ask the Expert: Passing the Torch

Each month, estate lawyer **Peter Lillico** answers a **FOCA member question** about cottage succession planning. This month's question comes from Barbara B. Click 'more' to reach our webpage, where members can login to read Peter's response to this, and earlier questions.



*"I'd like to leave my cottage to my three adult children. I own no other dwelling now and live in a retirement home. Can I designate my cottage as my principal residence since I spend more than a month there every summer?"*

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FOCA: Delivering a Meaningful Member Experience

## FOCA is Hiring



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## Welcome our 2025 Summer Student

Please join us in welcoming **Dana Zashi Ventenilla**, FOCA's 2025 Summer Student!

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She has launched a fun and interactive FOCA Stewardship BINGO game (see more, below) that is



playing out on Instagram this summer. Click to learn 'more' about Dana Zashi and the whole FOCA team.



## Play Stewardship BINGO with FOCA!

**Download your BINGO card** from FOCA's Instagram Story or Linktree, or click 'more' to be taken to a PDF version posted on the FOCA Welcome webpage. Each square is a small action you can take to protect, enjoy, and sustain cottage country.

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**Follow FOCA on Instagram:** [@ontariocottagers](#) for weekly BINGO updates and featured actions, and post & tag us on your photo or video actions (or direct message us and we'll share for you).

Play continues until August 15th. **What you get for playing:** bragging rights!, a possible feature on our social channels, and the title Cottage Country Steward of the Summer. Let's BIN-GO!



## Sharing Member Initiatives

The **Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA)** in eastern Ontario has written to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Minister of Natural Resources, to ask about the Province's lack of **invasive species prevention messaging at Ontario Provincial Parks**. FOCA has forwarded this message up the chain to our partners as well. We encourage our members to share a similar message with your own local provincial park. Click 'more' to read RLPOA's letter for inspiration.

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## Member Benefits & Web Login



Every "Friend of FOCA" and member of our Member Associations can create a **unique login** to access **members-only materials** on the FOCA website, including publications and the access codes for offers! Click 'more' to visit FOCA's member benefits webpage.

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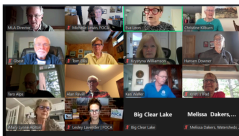
## FOCA on the Road



### Event Recap: Watersheds Canada Conference

May 1-2, 2025 in Haliburton - FOCA participated in the inaugural national conference with fellow lake and watershed enthusiasts.

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### Event Recap: Lake Networking Group

May 15, 2025 - FOCA participated in the virtual Spring Meeting of the **Lake Networking Group** with member association representatives from eastern Ontario, together with local Conservation Authorities and other partners.

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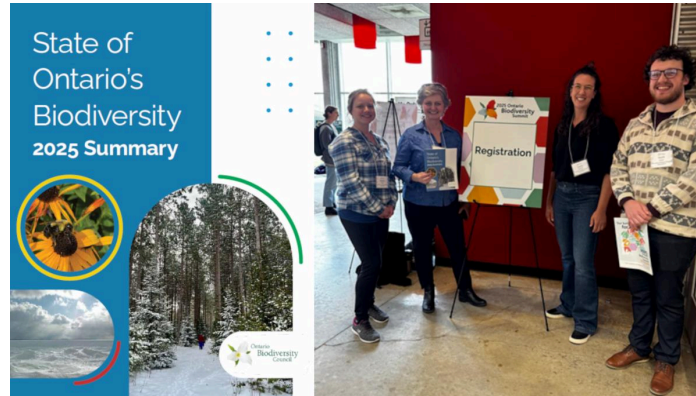
### Event Recap: Ontario Biodiversity Summit

May 21-22, 2025 in Peterborough - the FOCA staff were out in force to participate with 100 colleagues in the **Ontario Biodiversity Summit**, titled "**Our Turning Point for Nature**" as part of 20th anniversary celebrations of the Ontario Biodiversity Council. Click 'more' to review the event schedule,

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and download the new **State of Ontario's Biodiversity 2025 Summary** from links on FOCA's webpage.



FOCA Board Member  
Carol Armstrong with  
Programs Coordinator  
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## Event Recap: KLSA Spring Meeting

May 24, 2025 - FOCA was pleased to attend the **Kawartha Lake Stewards Association (KLSA) Annual Spring Meeting**. The event was a celebration of community science and the shared responsibility of caring for our waterfronts. We enjoyed many engaging conversations with attendees and exhibitors, and were inspired by the strong community commitment to environmental stewardship.

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## Event Recap: Kawarthas Alliance

June 21, 2025 in Lakefield - FOCA participated in the annual gathering of lake association representatives, municipal representatives, and regional organizations in the Kawarthas. Thank you to the Lakefield Herald for the image at the side.

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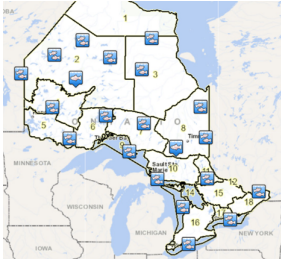
## Partner Updates, Events & Regional Notices

### Your Lakes, Your Views Survey



FOCA's partners at **Safe Quiet Lakes** have launched the 4th edition of their lakes survey, and everyone is encouraged to participate! Please spread the word and add your voice by July 21. Reach the survey by clicking 'more'.

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### Fish for Free until July 2

Fish for free across Ontario from June 28 to July 2, 2025 during 'Family Fishing Week.' You must still follow fishing regulations! Click 'more' to learn about fish species and regulations in your area from the Ministry of Natural Resources' **Fish ON-Line**.

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2025 Student Poster Contest

### July is Lakes Appreciation Month

The **North American Lake Management Society** is once again celebrating Lakes Appreciation Month with their **annual student poster contest**. This year's theme is "Why are lakes special?" and kids from kindergarten through grade 12 are encouraged to participate! Click 'more' for the details.

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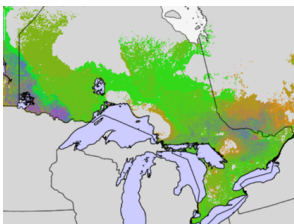


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### Tent Caterpillar Outbreak in Northeastern Ontario

As reported on CTV News in early June, northeastern Ontario is currently experiencing an outbreak of **forest tent caterpillars** that is expected to last for another couple of weeks. Click 'more' for the story (source of the image).

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source: Natural Resources Canada's Forest Vulnerability

### Forest Vulnerability Tool

**Natural Resources Canada** has a tool that visually tracks the vulnerability of trees species to climate change over time. Click 'more' and Zoom in to investigate forecasted tree vulnerability to drought over the coming century. (Shown: 2071-2100. Green and blue areas are

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*Assessment Tool*

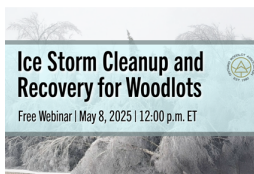
least vulnerable in the map image; pink and orange areas are most vulnerable.)



## Composting Toilets Update

Click 'more' to read the Conference edition of the **Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association's** newsletter with an article by a building inspector outlining recent changes to the **Ontario Building Code**. The article suggests composting toilets (at least in new constructions?) may need to drain into a septic system rather than grey water pit, as previously.

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## Partner Webinar Recap: Ice Storm Cleanup & Recovery for Woodlots

Following the March 2025 ice storm, the **Ontario Woodlot Association** hosted a webinar on woodlot cleanup and recovery, including chainsaw safety. Click 'more' to reach the YouTube posting of the webinar.

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## Lakehead Coastal Resilience

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025** from 3-7pm in Thunder Bay: members of the public are invited to an Open House about the **Lakehead Coastal Resilience Management Plan Project**. Come out to hear how coastal natural hazards and climate change are shaping life along the Lake Superior coastline. Click 'more' for information about the event.

[More...](#)



## Aquatic Invasive Plants Guide

Our partners at the **Ontario Invasive Plants Council (OIPC)** have released a summary guide with **Best Management Practices for Aquatic Invasive Plants**. Click 'more' to reach our invasive species webpage, where the link to the guide is posted under 'Latest News'.

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## Twilight Reflections (a final thought, or two...)



### Loon Watch on Salerno Lake

Photographer and FOCA member, **Kevin Pepper**, has sent us amazing photos like the one at left, and this recent update:

*"Having a great year with 5 loons on Salerno and 1 new born chick. The lake people have named it Loonlet. Very appropriate. Please enjoy and share."*



### Happy Canada Day!

The FOCA office will be closed on Tuesday, July 1st for the **Canada Day holiday**.

On behalf of the FOCA Board of Directors and Staff, **we wish each of you and your families the very best on July 1st and beyond.**

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Dear Members of Council,

## **Re: Update from IESO on LT2 Procurement Process**

Please accept this letter to be shared with relevant staff and members of your Council to help municipalities prepare as the [Independent Electricity System Operator](http://www.ieso.ca) (IESO) launches the Long-Term 2 (LT2) procurement. The IESO recognizes the importance of collaborative efforts between stakeholders and communities to advance Ontario's energy infrastructure while meeting municipal planning goals and is committed to keeping municipalities informed as work progresses. This letter aims to provide a fact-based view of the province's growing need for electricity, the important role that securing new electricity infrastructure plays in ensuring Ontario continues to have a reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity system today and into the future and offers a suite of online resources to support municipalities through the procurement process.

The IESO works at the heart of Ontario's electricity system. We maintain reliability by overseeing the operation of the grid in real time – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We also conduct ongoing planning and procurement processes to ensure Ontario's electricity system has the infrastructure and tools in place to meet our needs 20-years into the future.

The growth of Ontario's electricity system must accelerate at an unprecedented pace. The IESO forecasts annual electricity demand to grow 75 per cent by 2050 due to economic growth, electrification, and evolving technologies. To ensure reliable and affordable electricity is available where and when it is needed, the IESO is moving forward with ambitious plans to build a significant amount of new supply and transmission infrastructure, as well as to expand energy efficiency programs.

To address Ontario's growing electricity needs, the IESO has initiated several electricity supply acquisition mechanisms, including the LT2 procurement process. The LT2 Request for Proposal (RFP) seeks to procure new supply resources and will include multiple proposal submission windows, that will be run on approximately an annual basis. The LT2 RFP will take an "all of the above" approach to eligibility and may see wind, solar, bioenergy, energy storage, combined heat and power, hydroelectric and natural gas projects come forward under the first submission window. Successful projects will be awarded a 20-year contract term.

Municipalities play a critical role in Ontario's energy transition and local decisions are shaping the future of Ontario's electricity system. Municipal governments determine whether their community will be a willing host of electricity projects by issuing a Municipal Support Confirmation (MSC) and oversee local development approvals. The MSC does not guarantee that the project will be awarded an IESO contract and does not supersede any applicable permits or approvals under applicable Laws and Regulations. If you would like more information, you can review our [LT2 RFP webpage](#).

While the IESO always encourage developers to conduct early engagement with communities, for the LT2 RFP, the IESO is empowering municipalities to determine the appropriate levels of engagement required in their communities. Each community in Ontario is unique and should be engaged in a manner that works best for their community members. This means that municipalities will be able to determine minimum engagement standards that developers must meet, as part of their issuance of an MSC.

To help inform discussions, the IESO is sharing the following resources:

- The [Annual Planning Outlook Engagement webpage](#) which provides IESO's forecast of Ontario's electricity system needs out to 2050.
- A dedicated [community engagement webpage](#) which provides key information to aid municipal decision-making.

While the IESO is responsible for planning the system and executing the procurement process, other Ministries and government authorities are responsible for overseeing environmental assessment processes and setting standards for the safe maintenance and operation of electrical equipment. As part of the IESO's contracts, proponents are required to obtain and comply with all relevant permits and processes. Additional resources include:

- Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) [Location/Site Considerations Checklist for Renewable Energy Projects](#).
- MECP's [Technical Guide to Renewable Energy Approvals](#) which provides information on land use planning, siting considerations and decommissioning.
- To support the completion and review of the Agricultural Impact Assessment requirements the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness has published guidelines documents here: [OMAFRA Guidelines for the LT2 AIA Component One Requirement](#).
- The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, the Canadian Renewable Energy Association and Energy Storage Canada released the [Solar Electricity and Battery Storage Systems Safety Handbook for Firefighters](#).
- A [toolkit](#) created by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) to guide municipalities on the development of electricity projects.
- The Ontario government requires all renewable energy proposals to acquire [Renewable Energy Approvals](#) before moving forward with development. More information on the approval process can be found via the link above.
- More information about wind turbine noise can be found on [Health Canada's page](#).

The current electricity system will not meet electricity demand projected for 2050. Ontario requires more electricity, and we must work together to secure it. Municipalities like yours are

key partners in Ontario's energy transition and local decisions play a critical role in shaping the province's electricity system. Municipalities determine whether they are willing hosts for new supply resources and are therefore essential to securing the energy resources needed to meet Ontario's growing electricity needs. For this reason, it is essential that municipalities remain engaged and informed in the procurement process. To stay up to date please subscribe [here](#).

The IESO is committed to continuing our engagement with municipalities as work progresses, and we welcome your feedback and involvement in these important matters.

If you would like more information, please email our Regional and Community Engagement team at [communityengagement@ieso.ca](mailto:communityengagement@ieso.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Nell', is positioned above the printed name.

Carla Y. Nell

Executive Vice-President, Corporate Relations, Engagement and Strategy, IESO

# LT2 Procurement Steps and Requirements for Municipalities

June 2025

## Purpose

This document aims to provide further details on the steps a municipality can expect during the IESO's Long-Term 2 (LT2) procurement process and the specific requirements that developers and municipalities must complete if the proposed project is to be supported by the municipality and be eligible to compete for an IESO contract. It also includes details on the approximate timelines for both developers and municipalities as contemplated in the LT2 procurement process.

## Step 1: Engagement with Developer

- Municipalities can expect to be approached by developers to discuss potential projects. As all developers are required under the LT2 RFP to provide the Local Municipality with a **Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice** at least 60 days prior to Proposal Submission Deadline, this may be the first form of formal engagement. A sample of the Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice will be provided as part of the [Prescribed Form\(PF\): Evidence of Municipal Support](#).
- The Pre-Engagement Confirmation Notice serves the purpose of sharing preliminary project details, including a request that the Local Municipality confirms the land use designation of the proposed project site, and begins the collaborative work between the Local Municipality and the developer to establish an agreed upon community engagement plan.
- Municipalities are encouraged to set expectations and minimum community engagement standards with developers directly. This allows municipalities to determine what is sufficient community engagement based on their local needs and preferences and allows the IESO to rely on a Municipal Support Confirmation as a measure that engagement has been completed in a manner that is satisfactory to the host community.

## Step 2: Protections for Agricultural Lands – applicable to Project Sites located on Prime Agricultural Land as defined by the PPS, 2024 and designated in the Local Municipality's Official Plan

- Municipalities can expect to be asked by the developer to confirm the land-use designation of the proposed project site. There are additional requirements if the project is proposed to locate in a Prime Agricultural Area.
- Per the Ministerial Directive all new electricity projects are prohibited in Specialty Crop Areas, and all new ground mounted solar projects are prohibited in Prime Agricultural Areas. All eligible projects that are proposed in Prime Agricultural Areas require the completion of an Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA). There are three components of an AIA (avoid, minimize, and mitigate), which may be completed in two different stages for projects proposed under the LT2 RFP:
  - Stage 1: AIA Component One Requirement considers ways to avoid potential impacts (e.g., prevent impacts, where possible, through a project location process that considers options outside prime agricultural areas and lower priority soils, if necessary).
  - Stage 2: AIA Components Two and Three Requirement considers strategies to minimize potential impacts (e.g., keep impacts to a minimum by incorporating specifics in the design of a project or operational plan) and approaches to mitigate potential impacts (e.g., adopt measures to reduce the severity of impacts such as noise, dust and traffic).
- **The AIA Component One Requirement** must be met as of the Proposal submission deadline and the **AIA Components Two and Three Requirement** must be met within 18-months of the IESO awarding a Contract. These requirements are completed by the developer and then reviewed to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality. To support the completion and review of the AIA requirements the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness has published guidelines documents here: [OMAFA Guidelines for the LT2 AIA Component One Requirement](#). The OMAFA Guidelines for the LT2 AIA Component Two and Three Requirement have not been published yet.
- Confirmation that the AIA Component One Requirement has been completed to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality is evidenced via the Municipal Support Confirmation.
- Confirmation that the AIA Components Two and Three Requirement has been completed to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality is evidenced via Exhibit T: Form of AIA Confirmation Certificate of the [LT2 Contract](#).

### Step 3: Municipal Support Confirmation

- Once a developer has completed, (or has committed to completing) the agreed upon community engagement plan, the developer will ask the Local Municipality to issue a **Municipal Support Confirmation (MSC)**. A MSC is required as a part of the Proposal submission and serves as confirmation that community engagement has been completed by the developer in a manner that is satisfactory to the municipality and that the municipality is supportive of the developer submitting their proposed project to the IESO.
- The MSC does not guarantee that the proposed project will be awarded an IESO Contract and does not supersede any applicable permits under applicable Laws and Regulations.



- The MSC can be in the form of a **Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission** or a **Blanket Municipal Support Resolution** provided together with a Blanket Municipal Support Confirmation Letter.
- Municipalities are welcome to develop their own resolution, however, to make the process easier, a writable form that includes all necessary information will be posted as part of the **Prescribed Form: Evidence of Municipal Support** once the LT2 RFP documents are finalized. Municipalities can work with the proponent on filling in the relevant details. Municipalities developing their own resolution should follow the instructions included in the [Prescribed Form: Evidence of Municipal Support](#).

## Step 4: Contract Awarded

- After a project is awarded an IESO LT2 contract, municipalities continue to work with developers to ensure that projects align with their community interests and requirements. Municipalities and developers have the ability to negotiate community engagement requirements and community benefit agreements. Additionally, before construction, successful projects must obtain a number of permits and approvals, including:
  - a site plan approval;
  - zoning permits or amendments (if required);
  - environmental approvals (including engagement and consultation requirements with Indigenous communities);
  - Regulatory approvals;
  - grid connection approvals; and
  - permits for new roads and other infrastructure.
- Other government organizations will also play an oversight role to ensure projects are safe and appropriately sited. Some examples include:
  - **Environmental Assessments (EA):** The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks may conduct a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) assessment for some wind, solar and bioenergy projects. There are several other EA's that can be undertaken. More information on types of EAs can be found [here](#).
  - **Land Use and Municipal Requirements:** The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing provides guidance on legal and regulatory requirements related to land use, such as zoning and buffer zones for specific types of generation.
  - **Agricultural Land:** The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness provides guidance on zoning requirements and other regulatory restrictions.
  - **Crown Land:** The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources provides guidance on the use of crown lands, including approvals, rules for access, and the role of municipalities.
  - **Fire and Safety:** Third parties, such as the Electrical Safety Authority and Technical Standards and Safety Authority, ensure that project proposals and development comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

- Over the course of the project's development, municipalities engage directly with project developers to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and local requirements.
- Additionally, projects that are **unsuccessful and are not awarded a contract** could participate in subsequent procurement windows, if the Municipality and developer are interested. This would require further engagement between the two parties to ensure compliance with the LT2 RFP and the potential to be awarded a contract in one of the multiple procurement windows.

# Annual Report 2024



North Bay Parry Sound District

**Health Unit**



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## Land Acknowledgement

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit) operates on the traditional territory of Dokis First Nation, Henvey Inlet First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation, Nipissing First Nation, Shawanaga First Nation, and Wasauksing First Nation. The district also includes the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin people. These lands and waters have been under stewardship of Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial and continue to be home to diverse Indigenous communities, including First Nations, Inuit, and Metis from across Turtle Island and around the world. The Health Unit is also situated on land covered by the Robinson Huron Treaty, and the Williams Treaties.

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# Message from the Board Chair

On behalf of the Board of Health, thank you to the staff at the Health Unit for their ongoing commitment, care and collaborative efforts over the past year and beyond. Having served on the board for nearly 20 years since 1998, I have seen how important their work is to the communities we serve. I would also like to express the board's gratitude to Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, who in her first year as Medical Officer of Health has hit the ground running, setting the stage to ensure we are ready and able to take on the public health needs facing our communities today and into the future.



Much of this work was informed by you – clients, community members, community partners and Health Unit staff. Highlighted in this report, the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan is based on your perspectives. It renews our vision, mission and values, seeks to improve the well-being of our organization, address the needs of the population we serve and enhance the relationships we hold. The board thanks everyone who was part of this process and is looking forward to seeing the outcomes over the next few years as we work together toward a healthy community for all.

This year raised some uncertainty about the future, as we and other health units were encouraged to explore merger possibilities with the intention of strengthening Ontario's public health sector. Although this did not result in our organization merging, it was insightful to have genuine, in-depth discussions with our neighbouring counterparts about how we can better serve our respective communities. We were reminded that the delivery

of public health services is impacted by the vast and rural nature of our districts; the diverse and complex populations we serve; the great number of municipalities in our region, and the many impactful community partnerships we have built. As such, the Board of Health continued advocacy efforts throughout 2024 to ensure the northern public health voice was heard amid the ongoing provincial funding review, and emphasized the need for equitable funding across Ontario's health unit regions that will account for northern Ontario's unique context.

A milestone the Board of Health is particularly proud of is the relocation of the Parry Sound branch office. Now conveniently located at 90 Bowes St., opening this bright, modern space allows us to bring pivotal oral health care to children, adults and seniors in the Parry Sound area who may not have had the opportunity to receive it otherwise. It is a testament to the Health Unit's commitment to offering equitable health services across the region.

Warm Regards,



Rick Champagne  
**CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF HEALTH**

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# Message from the Medical Officer of Health

The year was filled with opportunities to discuss, listen and reflect. First, with neighbouring health units through potential merger discussions; then, with clients, staff, partners and community members in the development of our 2024-2027 strategic plan. These conversations provided me with a rich understanding of where we are, what matters most to the people we serve, and in which direction we need to head to meet our communities' emerging public health needs efficiently and effectively. While exploring change was a common theme in 2024, I commend our staff for engaging in the many intensive processes that came along with this, while still delivering on core work.

As I reflect on the year, I am full of gratitude for our dedicated community partners who have worked with our passionate staff in ways big and small to build a healthy community for all. With only a one percent annual budget increase to Ontario's health units introduced this year, we will need to continue to be proactive and adaptable to emerging threats to population health, while at the same



time recognizing that complex issues will require united, community-wide efforts. In 2024, I have seen deep engagement between the Health Unit and community partners, and I have full confidence that in the years ahead we will come together like never before to improve the conditions that contribute to the overall health and well-being of people in the Nipissing and Parry Sound districts.

I am proud to bring back the annual report, as it brings awareness to the scope of work we do in public health and illustrates a resilient return to programming after an organization-wide pandemic response. I hope you enjoy these stories as much as I do, and that you will join us in shaping the stories still to come.



Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, CCFP, MPH  
**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH/EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

# Opening Doors to Better Oral Health in Parry Sound

Public Health Week was celebrated in due fashion as the Health Unit welcomed community partners to celebrate the opening of the new Parry Sound Office. The 8,827 square-foot professional space features a modern administrative vicinity, and bright and spacious client areas, including a private room for breastfeeding families, and areas for sexual health appointments, vaccinations, and harm reduction supplies.

Expanding the range of services offered at the former Parry Sound location, the new space also provides a fully functional dental clinic to support eligible children, adults, and seniors. Since its opening, clients who have used the dental clinic have expressed immense gratitude for both the much-needed local access and quality of care:

“I cannot express to the degree of importance having this clinic available means to me. The care, time taken, thoroughness of a non-rushed examination gives me confidence for a positive long term health results. The treatment and respect received is much appreciated,” says one.

The Health Unit’s dental clinics in Parry Sound and North Bay offer services for children up to age 17 who are registered under the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) program. These services include teeth cleaning, check-ups, dental

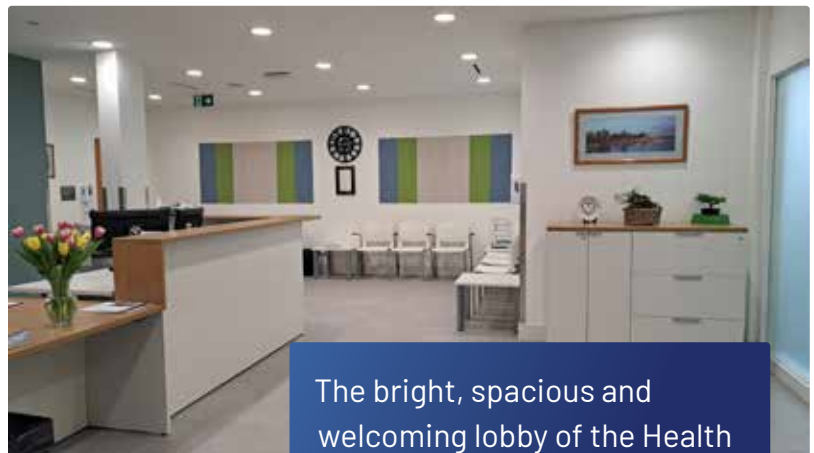


treatment, and urgent or emergency oral health concerns. The Health Unit provides the same care to people aged 65 and older who qualify for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) with the addition of referrals for dentures.

In addition, the clinics provide an outlet for individuals aged 18 years and older who meet specific eligibility requirements. The Health Unit accepts Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Ontario Works (OW), and Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) for First Nations and Inuit individuals.

"We are lucky to have the ability to make a positive difference in the health and well-being of our clients," says Julie Patenaude-Bouffard, Acting Manager of the Oral Health program at the Health Unit. "Previously, we would have to send clients from the Parry Sound district to North Bay for critical dental care, and now we can offer them quality care closer to home."

Rebecca Hill, Certified Dental Assistant, shows off the main client area of the Health Unit's dental clinic in Parry Sound.



The bright, spacious and welcoming lobby of the Health Unit's Parry Sound location

L-R: James King, Constituency Assistant for MPP Graydon Smith; Mayor Jamie McGarvey of the Town of Parry Sound; Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, Medical Officer of Health, and Rick Champagne, Board of Health Chairperson, cut the ribbon to commence the opening of the new Health Unit office in Parry Sound.



The Health Unit is pleased to share some heart-warming comments from clients about what accessing care at the Parry Sound dental clinic has meant to them:

“

This means EVERYTHING. It has been 30 years since I have had dental done and I am so grateful for the senior's program.

“

I feel very happy to be able to smile now after having my cleaning, I feel confident again. It meant so much to be treated respectfully and I was not rushed. I felt the time that was taken to explain and teach new things by the hygienist was great. She was caring, gentle and kind.

“

It has meant everything because without your service I wouldn't be able to afford dental care on my own.

“

Staff are very personable and make me feel at ease, they are also attentive to my issues with dentists.

“

It's like winning the lottery.

“

Very thankful that I have this. I have difficulty swallowing and I need help to keep teeth to be able to eat so this means everything to me and with the possibility of getting dentures, it will help with my self- esteem and able to really smile again.

“

My daughter had a ton of anxiety, and the hygienist was unbelievably accommodating. I can't thank you enough.

“

I cannot express to the degree of importance having this clinic available means to me. The care, time taken, thoroughness of a non-rushed examination gives me confidence for a positive long term health results. The treatment and respect received is much appreciated.

When the Parry Sound dental clinic first opened its doors, one grateful client brought staff tomato plants as a thank-you gift and shared, "This changed my life."

# IPAC Hubs

The Health Unit's Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) Hub is one of 31 localized teams across Ontario who work toward enhancing infection prevention and control measures in group living settings. This involves working closely with the settings' staff to build customized practices, offer guidance, and facilitate opportunities for networking, training and education.

In 2024, the Health Unit's IPAC Hub responded to 1,390 requests for support across 28 group living settings, including:

- **Long-term care homes**
- **Retirement homes**
- **Emergency shelters, including shelters for survivors of gender-based violence**
- **Homes for adults with developmental disabilities**
- **Supportive housing for individuals experiencing complex mental health and addictions**
- **Youth justice licensed facilities**
- **Indigenous health and wellness strategy residential programs**

The IPAC Hub also did 14 assessments of long-term care homes and retirement homes to assess IPAC practices, such as:

- **Measures to prevent and prepare for outbreaks**
- **Signs and notices**
- **Visitor policies**
- **Vaccination policies**
- **Hand hygiene**

- **Cleaning and disinfection**
- **Personal protective equipment**
- **Ventilation**
- **Construction and renovation projects**

IPAC Hubs were initiated by the Ontario Ministry of Health in Fall 2020 in response to the impact of COVID-19 on congregate living settings. Since its inception, the Health Unit's IPAC Hub has helped to safeguard the health and well-being of some of our region's most vulnerable populations. The Hub has also established ongoing collaboration with the broader health system, to ensure that infection prevention and control practices remain strong, effective, and sustainable well into the future.

# Pertussis Outbreak

## *Whooping cough*

On May 29, the Health Unit declared a pertussis outbreak in the Municipality of West Nipissing. Within a week, the outbreak had expanded throughout the broader Health Unit region. To help slow the spread, the Health Unit garnered the support of primary health care providers, facilitated vaccination clinics in the most high-risk areas, and issued reminders to the public to ensure their pertussis vaccinations were up-to-date. The outbreak concluded with a total of 38 cases reported between May 29 and October 17, including two hospitalizations and one death.

On average, the Health Unit reports about 3.8 cases of pertussis per year.

# Healthy Hands

Did you know teaching children to wash their hands can reduce stomach illnesses like diarrhea by about 30%? Or that 80% of common illness and infections are spread by hands?

While children are taught the basics of hand washing early on in life, frequent reminders help them develop strong life-long habits that maintain good health.

To encourage children to wash their hands, the Health Unit partnered with third-year nursing students at Nipissing University and Canadore College. Together, they offered handwashing lessons to elementary school students and children in childcare centres from January to April, and again from September to November. The lessons focused on helping children understand when, how, and why to wash their hands to prevent illness.

In total, 798 children from eight schools and four childcare centres learned about germs, how they are spread, and how to protect themselves and others through proper handwashing.

This partnership demonstrates the Health Unit's mission to foster healthy communities through partnership, preparedness, prevention, promotion, and protection, and represents another step toward realizing the vision of a healthy community for all.





# Protecting Students from Disease

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many Health Unit services that are offered within the school system came to a halt. As a result, families and students faced challenges accessing vaccine services, leading to a drop in school vaccination coverage rates by as much as 10%. These lower vaccination rates increased the likelihood that schools would experience outbreaks related to meningitis, whooping cough, measles, and other vaccine preventable diseases.

In the 2023/2024 school year, the Health Unit resumed its full school-based vaccine services, holding 99 clinics and ensuring that over 93% of school students received all required vaccines. In total, 16,811 student vaccination records were reviewed and brought up to date and follow-up took place with 2,443 students whose vaccine records were outdated. This provincial requirement is an important process that supports a healthy learning environment and optimal student well-being by reducing the burden of illness in schools.

According to Public Health Ontario, the vaccination rates in the Health Unit region have now returned to pre-pandemic rates, with a coverage rate of over 80% for all required vaccine antigens. This is among the highest rates in the province, exceeding the provincial average. This highlights the importance of the Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990 in achieving high immunization rates to minimize the risks of disease outbreaks in schools and communities.

# GetaKit

Bringing GetaKit to the Nipissing and Parry Sound districts marked a new partnership between the Health Unit and the University of Ottawa, working to break down barriers to accessing care for HIV and sexually transmitted infections.

Individuals who participate in the GetaKit program receive kits with the proper tools and instructions to test themselves for sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections. They can order their kit online and have it mailed to their address, and if eligible, access confidential testing recommendations tailored to their needs without having to book an appointment. Knowing not everyone has a fixed address or the ability to order online, the Health Unit has made it possible for people to sign up for and pick up their kit at the Health Unit.

“What’s great about GetaKit is not only does it allow more people the opportunity to get tested, but it goes one step further and links these people to places that can support them with their result, be it through medicine to prevent HIV, treatment services, or whatever is most relevant to them,” says Julie Pabillar, Manager of the Sexual Health program at the Health Unit.

The GetaKit service is offered as part of a study by the University of Ottawa, who is conducting research on how many people use these tests, their test results, and whether people who test positive get connected to professional care.

In 2024, 136 testing orders were placed throughout the Health Unit region, 74 per cent of which belonged to a priority population for general sexually-transmitted blood-borne infection screening, 39 percent of which were part of a priority population for HIV screening, and 23 per cent of which represented someone using this service to access testing for the first time.

# Home Commercial Kitchens

The Health Unit's public health inspectors are making themselves at home when it comes to commercial kitchen inspections. In 2024, the government of Ontario empowered homeowners to operate food premises from their home kitchen, providing an accessible entry point into the food industry. This sector of home-based businesses has grown significantly across the Health Unit region, becoming one of the fastest-growing types of food businesses.

There were 23 new home-based businesses registered in 2024, a 17% increase from 2023. By the end of 2024, the Health Unit was working with 73 registered businesses, helping them to meet high food safety standards at home. While this growth does present some challenges, inspectors work closely with the business owners to help them interpret the new provincial regulations and retrofit their home kitchens when necessary.

# Growing Through Play

The Health Unit offers the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program to families across the region who need extra support helping their child to achieve positive developmental outcomes. It involves a public health nurse and family home visitor meeting new and expecting parents where they are at, and working as a team to build strengths within the family unit and ensure the child has access to the community resources they need to develop and thrive. The service is free and voluntary for families to participate in after consulting a public health nurse, and families can also be referred to the program by other organizations. The following story of Rachel and Justin is based on actual events in 2024, and illustrates a typical experience for families who develop positive parenting practices through participating in the program.

Rachel and Justin live together with their three children: a baby, a preschooler, and one in public school. At home, Rachel tends to be the main caregiver, doing her best to look after the little ones while Justin spends his time playing video games and paying little attention to the family and household needs. With Rachel having social anxiety and a history of depression, the family spent most of their time in the house, which had become cluttered with little to no space for play. Being in this environment fostered challenging behaviours among the children and a great deal of frustration for Rachel and Justin. Despite their frustrations, the couple had been resistant to new ideas and information that could transform their family's interactions.

After getting to know the parents and children, the public health nurse and family home visitor knew they would need a creative approach to help parents realize their family's potential. They asked themselves, "how do we create space for the children to play and develop, and how do we motivate

the parents to want good developmental outcomes for their children?" Their answer was to focus on building small successes, and work toward experiential learning through demonstration, role modeling and coaching.

Their next visits with the family took place outdoors in a shared green space near Rachel and Justin's home.


The children were engaged in inexpensive games such as hopscotch, scavenger hunting, or picking flowers. The goal was to expand the play environment and show that parenting is easier when children are happy. Rachel and Justin were not convinced at first, but after a few visits, they started bringing their own lawn chairs to sit in.

With time, the couple shared they had been going outside as a family during the week. Eventually the outdoor play expanded to the local park, where the children were exposed to a larger environment and other children to interact with. The parents were able to see that the children were happier when they were able to get outside and play and there appeared to be a shared sense of joy. The public health nurse and family home visitor continued reinforcing positive family interactions, building problem-solving skills, and supporting new ideas from the parents.

In 2024, the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program in Nipissing-Parry Sound received an additional \$74,500 in provincial funding. More than 450 families were referred to the Health Unit's program.

*Names in this story have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.*





# Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey

In the 2022/2023 school year, the Health Unit was involved in an oversample of the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey conducted by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. This oversample included 14 elementary schools (361 students across grades seven and eight) and 6 secondary schools (374 students in grades 9 to 12) in the Health Unit region.

The dataset was released in 2024, and the Health Unit used it to identify patterns and trends related to student drug use, mental health and overall well-being, and how health behaviours vary across different student demographics. The data is also being used to help educators, policy-makers, and health professionals in the Health Unit region make informed decisions about student health and well-being programs.

## Highlights from the data revealed:

- 57% of students in the region reported feeling connected to their school (responded “somewhat agree” or “strongly agree” to feeling safe in their school, close to people at the school and feeling like they are a part of the school).



- 64.3% of locally surveyed students reported having been bullied at least once a month or more since the beginning of the school year.
- 48.3% of students met the criteria for moderate-to-serious psychological distress in the last month (at time of survey), with female students being 1.8 times more likely to meet these criteria compared to males (63.3% versus 34.5%, respectively).
- Students from the region were significantly more likely than Ontario students to report trying electronic cigarettes (vaping), alcohol, and tobacco cigarettes in their lifetime (36%, 64.2%, 15% locally versus 25%, 52.5%, 9% provincially).



# Advancing Child and Youth Well-being

Focusing on child and youth well-being is essential to public health, as early experiences affect how the brain and body develop and influence learning, behaviour, and lifelong health (Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, n.d.).

Recognizing this, the Health Unit is working collaboratively with community partners to create environments that support healthy development and resilience among children and youth. Under the Muskoka, Nipissing, and Parry Sound Child and Youth Planning Table (CYPT), four action-oriented groups, representing 37 organizations, are advancing four key priorities to improve child and youth well-being:

## **Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience Working Group:**

Raising awareness among service providers and community leaders about how childhood experiences shape health, and how supportive relationships and environments build resilience.

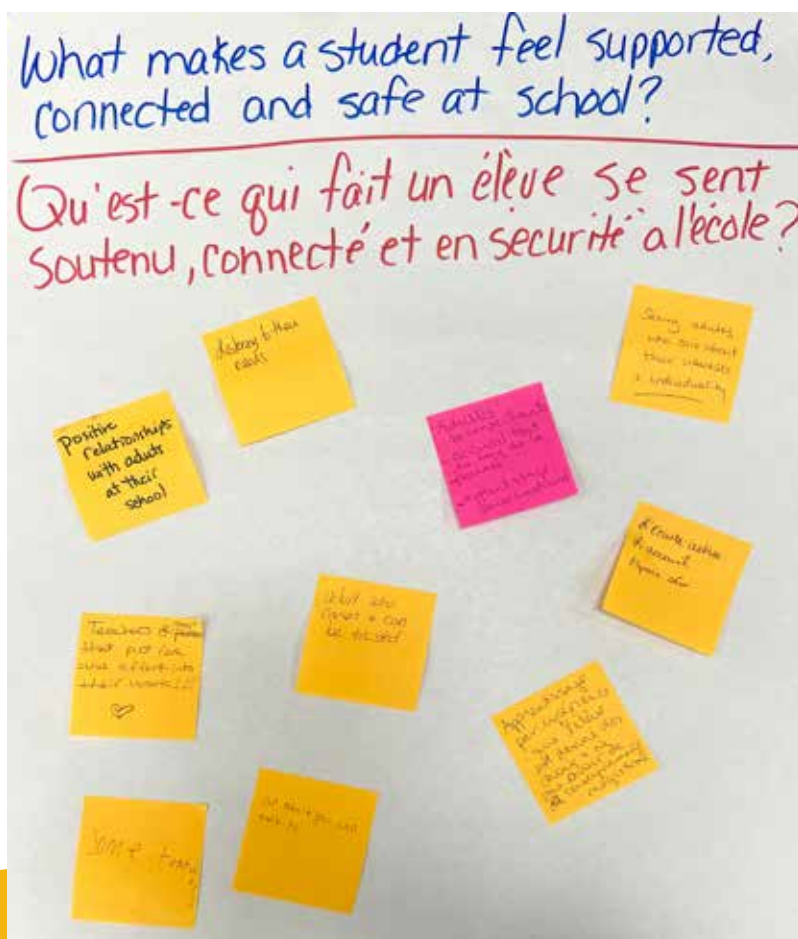
**Planet Youth Nipissing:** Using data and collaboration, address the root causes of early substance use by strengthening protective factors such as positive relationships with family and friends, involvement in extracurricular activities, and school engagement.



**Positive Parenting Strategy Group:** Coming together to identify emerging issues affecting parents and caregivers of children in our region. A community-wide action plan is under development aimed at helping families manage stress, build knowledge, skills and confidence related to parenting, and increase access to supportive resources.

**CYPT Data Framework:** Working with the Muskoka, Nipissing, and Parry Sound Data Collaborative and the CYPT to develop a **series of digital dashboards** reflective of community-well-being factors. The first in the dashboard series displays data on income, housing, food, and employment security, guiding interventions to improve health equity.

These collective efforts strengthen the capacity of our communities to address mental health and substance use challenges, reduce risks, and foster community resilience, laying the foundation for a future of healthier individuals, families and communities.



# Meeting Youth Where They're At

Public health nurses from the Health Unit celebrated the first full calendar year of offering pre-pandemic level of services to secondary school students. They were able to facilitate 581 interactions in schools, with a vast majority of students attending on a drop-in basis. The most common services were condom pickups, birth control counselling, pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection testing, along with provision of sexual health information. Partnering with the designated secondary schools to reintegrate these important sexual health services is another example of the Health Unit delivering on equitable access to health services, and collaborating to foster better health and well-being outcomes for youth.

# Student Exposure to Public Health

The Health Unit had the privilege of supporting 40 Nipissing University students in completing their placement during their third year of study in the BScN Nursing program, as well as 12 one-to-one student placements from disciplines including social work, education, administration, nursing and dietetics. Throughout the year, students contributed to handwashing education campaigns in schools and childcare centres, an evaluation of the GetaKit program, and a research initiative aimed at reducing the environmental footprint of the oral health clinics.

From the latter, it was recommended the Health Unit's dental clinic invest in a distilled water unit at a one-time cost of \$1,200. This investment would result in significant reductions to plastic, cost and physical labour. Students found that the Health Unit's dental clinic in North Bay had been spending \$1,050 – \$2,100 per year to receive monthly shipments of more than 30 plastic bottles of distilled water each month. Oral Health staff would then be required to unpack, load and recycle the bottles, taking time away from providing important client care. By purchasing the distilled water unit, the North Bay dental clinic now saves up to 768 four-litre bottles a year in plastic waste, saves at least \$87.51 per month, and is able to give more time back to clients.

"Student placements play an integral role in building a capable and dedicated public health workforce and in advancing our Health Unit's vision," says Terry Smith, Professional Practice Manager. "We deeply value the energy and expertise the students bring to our programs and are committed to supporting their professional growth."



Julie Patenaude-Bouffard, Acting Manager of the Health Unit's Oral Health program, adds, "The students' research was effective and greatly appreciated. We wish them the best as they continue to pursue rewarding careers, and look forward to continuing our partnerships with post-secondary institutions."





# The Amazing Race

It's become tradition for first-year Nipissing University students to drop by the Health Unit on their route for The Amazing Race, a component of the school's annual student orientation week. The Health Unit's 2024 Amazing Race segment was another success, with about 230 students participating in safe needle pick-up and disposal, navigating the effects of alcohol on mobility, and testing their knowledge on safer sex practices before hurrying to their next destination. Students left with items representative of the diverse Health Unit programs, including a recipe card for easy, affordable and nutritious meals; magnets with a guideline of safe internal cooking temperatures; a toothbrush, condoms, and much more.



# Maternal Child Update

On October 2, approximately 200 healthcare providers attended the 2024 Maternal Child Update in-person at the North Bay Regional Health Centre online. The education day focused on breastfeeding, perinatal mental health, and the significance of early relational health. Dr. Carol Zimbalatti, Medical Officer of Health, opened the day with a presentation on the importance of providing safe, stable nurturing relationships in early childhood. Attendees expressed their appreciation for the event, agreeing it was informative and beneficial to their work.

# Aging with Confidence

More than 500 older adults across the Health Unit region were connected directly to social clubs, social and medical services, municipal resources and much more at the 2024 Aging with Confidence Symposium.

Held throughout June in North Bay, Parry Sound and Sturgeon Falls, the event featured around 26 organizations whose services help to maintain the independence, health and well-being of individuals as they grow older. The event also worked to foster social connections, bringing attendees together over a nutritious lunch.

The Health Unit's Stay on Your Feet representatives continue to support organizations in the Nipissing and Parry Sound districts who are interested in promoting the ways older adults can be active, social, and participating members of their communities.



# Health Equity Training Funds

Every day, health and social service agencies work hard to offer essential and meaningful services to people who are greatly impacted by systemic inequities. Recognizing the challenging and ever-evolving nature of this work, the Health Unit provided funding to 29 non-profit, charitable and/or government funded agencies across the region to help cover professional development opportunities related to health equity. These agencies chose where and how to apply these funds, acting on areas such as homelessness, mental health, trauma-informed care, 2SLGBTQ+ positive spaces, decolonization and Indigenous cultural awareness. In seeking knowledge and skill building in these areas, staff and volunteers of these organizations are recognizing how important it is to understand the populations we serve as health and social service providers, and how to work from a place of respect towards more inclusive and equitable communities.

# Indigenous Engagement

Moving forward on its our commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 91 Calls to Action, the Health Unit got to work on retrofitting their North Bay office to include an indoor and outdoor smudging space. With the goal of providing anti-racist, culturally safe practices and to establish trusting relationships with Indigenous partners, members of the Health Unit's Indigenous Wellness Circle advocated for these new additions and were consulted throughout the process. They will continue to be part of the conversation as the layout of the room is updated in 2025. Upon completion, these spaces will be made available for community groups to use for ceremonies, meetings and other gatherings as appropriate. While a smudging space at the Health Unit's Parry Sound facility is not yet a possibility, alternative options such as a sage candle lighting are being explored.



Inviting partners and guests into organizational spaces acts as a cultural exchange. It can provide staff with necessary teachings and understanding of how intricate and complex Indigenous ways of knowing truly are, and can in turn help to break down stereotypes, to humanize, and familiarize both parties. Prior to colonization, the traditional health practices of ceremony, rites of passage, storytelling, oral history, and governance systems were in place and continue to be utilized by Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island. These cultural practices are not past-tense and teach us that individual and communal health and wellbeing are holistic and directly linked to the relationship and dependence humans have on the land, the waterways, and all our relations. It is through these practices that *mino-bimaadiziwin* (the good life) is achieved: where emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual health share equal importance and seek to remain in balance.

# Planting the Seeds for Community Climate Action

The health of all people depends on the health and stability of natural systems. However, systemic forces such as poverty and colonialism create vulnerabilities through social, economic or environmental circumstances. A local report confirms that in northern Ontario, residents are already seeing impacts across five categories: extreme temperatures, extreme weather events, food and water security, vector-borne diseases such as Lyme and West Nile, as well as mental health – and we are not alone. The Public Health Agency of Canada has declared that climate change is the largest health threat facing all Canadians.

In 2024, the Health Unit received a grant from the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation that strengthened capacity building for long-term climate action across the region. The Health Unit brought community partners together for the first Climate Change Symposium, where they discussed the influence of climate change on the future of northern Ontario, and identified areas where more work could be done to help mitigate the predicted effects on population health and well-being. The event was successful in building a shared understanding of planetary health and a shared responsibility to do more. It resulted in a new group of multi-disciplinary organizations across the region who are continuing to share ideas and resources, and work together to prepare and protect our communities from climate threats.



# Doing More for Perinatal Mental Health



Perinatal mood and anxiety disorder (PMAD) is the term used to describe distressing feelings people experience during pregnancy and throughout the first year after pregnancy. These feelings include depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), and in rare cases psychosis. They can range from mild to moderate to severe. Without treatment, symptoms may last a few weeks, several months or even years, depending on the severity.

Untreated depression or anxiety during pregnancy is associated with adverse perinatal outcomes such as preterm birth, low birth weight and poor infant development. It is estimated that 20% of mothers/birth parents experience perinatal mood disorders. As such, mental health issues that occur around the time of pregnancy have been deemed a major public health issue.

In 2022, the Health Unit region saw much higher rates than the provincial average:

	Health Unit region	Provincial average
Anxiety during pregnancy	41.5%	18.3%
Depression during pregnancy	26%	10.5 %
History of postpartum depression	8.3%	4.4%

In 2024, the Health Unit:

- Actively participated as a member of the Nipissing Parry Sound Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorder Network, a group of community service providers working together to lessen the impact of PMADS on local families and children.
- Designed a perinatal mental health referral pathway for Nipissing and Parry Sound districts
- Increased PMAD knowledge among community partners and healthcare providers
- Provided public education and awareness about perinatal mental health through social media, direct service delivery, and group presentations.
- Invested in training for Health Unit staff in the Healthy Families program, enhancing the ability of public health nurses to identify early warning signs of PMAD and intervene with clients during home visits.



# Quality Improvement

**Automated Tasks:** The Health Unit's Environmental Health program oversees 514 small drinking water systems throughout the region, and is required to follow up on any of the systems that fall short on their sampling standards – something that was typically done every three months. Since implementing technology to automate routine administrative tasks such as email forwarding and data extraction, public health inspectors have each earned back an average of 8-11 hours over three months, now check drinking water system compliance monthly, and respond more quickly to the non-compliant systems. With this change, the program has been able to achieve a near 100% follow-up rate on non-compliant drinking water systems, further lowering the risk of waterborne illness.

**HealthEd Connect:** The Health Unit said goodbye to faxing with schools and launched HealthEd Connect, an online platform that securely streamlines communication between the Health Unit, school boards and school administrators. The new approach maintains compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

**Vaccine Consent Forms:** The Health Unit introduced two new ways for parents and guardians to submit their consent forms to have their children vaccinated at school. These digital alternatives to in-person form submission reduce the burden on parents and children whose consent forms go



missing between the time they are sent home and the time of the vaccine clinic at school. Since implementing the platforms, the Health Unit has noticed an increase in the number of consent forms coming in. This has led to more students being protected against illness and has helped the program to know how they can organize effective vaccine clinics in schools.

**Dental Meets Digital:** Similarly, the Oral Health program transitioned entirely to electronic data collection, saving time and reducing redundancies when it comes to screening school students for oral health concerns. They are also responding to patient inquiries more quickly and keeping up with their program's growing and evolving needs after implementing a new dental software program.



# 2024 Stats at a Glance

## Environmental Health

### Vector Borne Disease Surveillance

**169** human acquired ticks submitted for testing

### Safe Drinking Water

**7953** private water samples submitted by homeowners

**97** boil water advisories

**12** drinking water advisories

**141** inquiries responded to about reducing risks in home water systems, understanding their health effects, and preventing harmful algal blooms

### Inspection of Food Premises

**1,692** food facility compliance inspections completed

**251** food premises required re-inspections with a total of 353 re-inspections completed

### Responding to Complaints at Food Premises

**205** food-related complaints received; 45 of these complaints necessitated an inspection

**15** food handler certification courses offered

**63** exams proctored

**98%** of food handlers certified through the course

### Inspection and Consultation with Organizers of Community Food Events

**835** non-exempted special event applications reviewed

**24** inspections of non-exempted special events completed

**67** exempted event applications reviewed

## Inspection of Public Pools and Spas

**97** inspections of 35 public pools

**17** inspections of six public spas

**6** inspections of two public wading pools

**13** inspections of nine splash pads

## Investigation of Animal Exposure Incidents

**622** animal bite reports investigated

**66** mandatory vaccination letters issued to animal owners

## Inspection of Facilities to Prevent Infectious Diseases and Hazards

**34** inspections at recreational child camps, group homes, active treatment centres and special care homes

**67** of 69 licensed childcare centres inspected and 13 re-inspections

**208** of 219 personal service establishments inspected, with 24 re-inspections

## Education to Tobacco Vendors

**145** tobacco vendors inspected and six re-inspections.

**110** vapour product vendors inspected and three re-inspections

**10** tobacco vendor warnings

**6** vapour product vendor warnings

**100%** of inspections resulted in tobacco vendor education

## Inspection of Workplace/Public Places under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act

**196** inspection of workplaces/public places and 12 re-inspections

**68** warnings issued

**0** tickets issued to workplaces/public places for non-compliance



## Communicable Disease Control

**91** reported cases of Diseases of Public Health Significance

**37** cases of invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) infections (up from the Health Unit's annual average of 16 cases)

**106** outbreaks responded to:

- 23 enteric outbreaks in congregate living settings (long-term care homes, retirement homes, group homes and hospitals) and licensed childcare settings.
- 83 respiratory outbreaks in congregate living settings and the community

## Vaccinations

**9,475** vaccines provided at in-house clinics

**8,362** ministry funded vaccines provided in-office

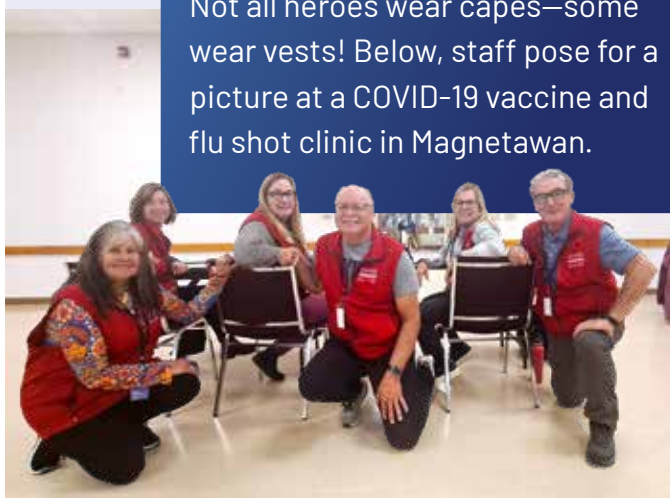
**1,115** payable vaccines provided in-office

**7,645** influenza and COVID-19 vaccines administered (in-office and community clinics)

**21,465** doses of Influenza vaccine distributed to community partners

- 2,345 to long-term care and retirement homes
- 2,765 to hospitals
- 16,355 to health care providers and agencies

Not all heroes wear capes—some wear vests! Below, staff pose for a picture at a COVID-19 vaccine and flu shot clinic in Magnetawan.



**4,829** doses of COVID-19 vaccine distributed to long-term care homes, retirement homes and hospitals

**2,500+** doses of RSV vaccine and antibody treatment distributed to community partners

**113** doses of RSV vaccine administered by the Health Unit

## Vaccinating Students at School

**16,811** student immunization records assessed for 2024 vaccine eligibility

**99** school clinics held:

- 84 in grade 7/8 schools
- 15 in secondary schools

**1,937** students immunized in schools:

- 1,459 grade 7/8 students
- 478 secondary schools students

**3,991** vaccines administered at school:

- 3,292 grade 7/8 students
- 699 secondary schools students

## Immunization Record Assessments in Childcare Centres

**59** Childcare Centres records were assessed:

- 1,455 student and staff immunization records assessed at registration
- 616 staff, volunteers, family member immunization records assessed during the year
- 1,976 records assessed during the annual assessment process

## Other

**122** fridge (vaccine storage) inspections completed

**17,324** calls received and responded to

## Oral Health

**5,475** eligible students screened in school

**3,027** in-clinic appointments

- 1,405 appointments with eligible clients aged 17 and under
- 560 appointments held with eligible clients aged 18 and older
- 1,062 in-house appointments held with eligible clients aged 65 and older

**1,112** appointments facilitated by external service providers for eligible clients aged 65 and older

**305** dentures completed and paid for

**1,353** minutes spent navigating calls for the Canadian Dental Care Program

# Sexual Health

**1,665** unique client interactions  
in clinics

**2,385** appointments  
(in-person or virtual)

**4,134** client  
interactions

**52** booked appointments with  
students in secondary schools

**467** drop-in appointments with  
students in secondary schools

# Healthy Families

**1,891** encounters on the Family  
Health Information Line

**742** home visits to  
families at risk

**469** families referred to the Healthy  
Babies Healthy Children program

**438** follow-up calls with  
individuals postpartum

**226** children actively screened for  
developmental milestones

**181** breastfeeding  
clinic encounters

**16** families enrolled in  
online prenatal education

**15** eligible families participated in the  
16 week Families in the Kitchen food  
skills program



# 2024–2027 Strategic Plan

On June 27, the Health Unit launched its 2024–2027 Strategic Plan. Informed by 847 clients, district residents, Health Unit employees, board members and community partners, the strategic priorities and goals outlined in the plan will guide Health Unit activities and interventions over the next three years, in conjunction with the Ontario Public Health Standards.

## PRIORITY 1

### Organizational Well-Being

**Goal:** To enhance engagement, learning, wellness and development in our culture.

## PRIORITY 2

### Health Equity

**Goal:** To catalyze community attention and allocation of Health Unit resources to address social determinants of health.

## PRIORITY 3

### Communication, Connection and Collaboration

**Goal:** To bolster external relationships to enhance public health outcomes.

Hearing from community members and re-aligning priorities brought a natural opportunity to renew the organization's vision, mission and values. As such, included in the Strategic Plan are principles that will guide, inspire, motivate and align the Health Unit's efforts and culture going forward:



## Vision

A healthy community for all.

## Mission

To foster healthy communities through partnership, preparedness, prevention, promotion, and protection.

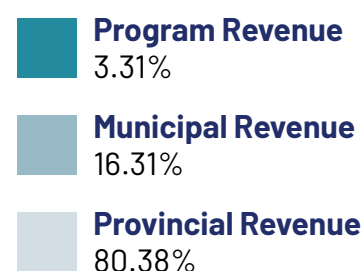
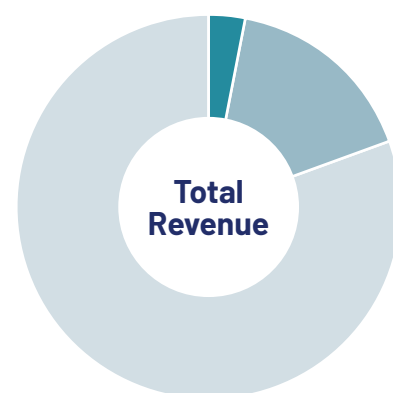
## Values

- Accountability** We serve responsibly with honesty and transparency.
- Adaptability** We respond flexibly to emerging trends and circumstances.
- Collaboration** We increase capacity and connection through partnership.
- Equity** We act justly and fairly, respecting unique needs.
- Empathy** We are compassionate and understanding.

This roadmap will guide the Health Unit in fostering healthy communities across the district. Appreciation is expressed to each individual who took part in the Strategic Plan development process and the time taken to express such exceptional ideas, views and perspectives in surveys, interviews and focus groups. Individuals can view the full Strategic Plan in English and French at [myhealthunit.ca/strategicplan](https://myhealthunit.ca/strategicplan).

# 2024 Unaudited Expenditures

Program & Service	Dollars (\$)
Foundational Standards	1,514,898
Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being	3,400,202
Substance Use and Injury Prevention	1,095,715
Food Safety	970,535
Healthy Environments	326,276
Healthy Growth and Development	1,135,579
Immunization	1,593,482
Infectious and Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control	2,749,930
Safe Water	811,428
School Health	2,410,999
Indirect Costs	4,917,941
Miscellaneous One Time Expenses	657,748
Other Programs	1,360,823
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,945,557</b>





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**Parry Sound Downtown Business Association**  
52 Seguin Street, Parry Sound, ON P2A 1B4  
(705) 746-6426

June 11, 2025

To: Reeve Liverance, Council and Staff with The Township of the Archipelago,

On behalf of Parry Sound Downtown Business Association's Board of Directors and Events Committee, thank you for your generous contribution toward our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Maple Syrup Festival in Downtown.

Your support played an essential role in making the event a success and bringing our community together in such a meaningful way!

The event is strategically held in the shoulder season for our community and your partnership ensured a prosperous kickstart to the season for each participating business and vendor.

We deeply appreciate your commitment to local initiatives and your continued dedication to fostering a vibrant and connected community.

Sincerely,

April Denman  
Executive Director

Meredith McCaffrey  
Chair of the Board



Friday June 20, 2025  
Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce  
1 College Drive  
Parry Sound, ON  
P2A 0A9

To: Township of the Archipelago Mayor, Council and Staff,

The Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce would like to express their gratitude for your generous contribution of \$1540 to our organization in your 2025 budget. Your commitment to support the local business community and economic development is greatly appreciated and we are grateful to have you as a partner.

Sincerely,

Chris McDonald  
Executive Director

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## Fw: Tri-Regional Tariff Roundtable

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**Subject:** Tri-Regional Tariff Roundtable

Greetings!

You're invited to a dynamic post-election roundtable that brings together regional business leaders, policymakers, and economic experts to explore the future of trade, tariffs, and economic resilience in Parry Sound–Muskoka–Almaguin. Hear directly from key voices from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Business Development Bank of Canada, and Global Affairs Canada—plus opening remarks from Muskoka District Chair Jeff Lehman.

**WHEN :** Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm.

**WHERE:** District of Muskoka Council Chambers at 70 Pine Street in Bracebridge.

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**I am pleased to report that we had a very successful Fathers Day weekend 3-Pitch event. It was much more a family event than previous years with no late evening partying. All who participated thoroughly enjoyed the event. All funds generated will stay in our community with the principal share going to our hospital for cancer care.**

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*Mary Lynne Black*

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**Treasurer**



## **WEST PARRY SOUND OPP DETACHMENT BOARD**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

#### **PART 1**

The Ontario Community Safety, and Policing Act (CPSA) was passed in 2019 and came into effect on April 1, 2024. Under this legislation, The West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board was formed and is composed of one member from each of the following municipalities and First Nations: Henvey Inlet First Nation, the Township of Carling, the Municipality of McDougall, the Township of McKellar, the Township of Seguin, the Township of the Archipelago, the Municipality of Whitestone and the Town of Parry Sound. Two additional members are jointly appointed by the above municipalities and the First Nation. These individuals must not be members of a municipal or band council, nor employees of any of the participating municipalities or the First Nation. The final two members are appointed by the Provincial Minister.

Section 68 of the CSPA sets out the rules, responsibilities and governance structure of the board. Among these responsibilities is the requirement to submit an annual report to the participating municipalities and band council by June 30 of each year. As this board was only established in October 2024 it is still in the early stages of development. The following report outlines the progress and activities of the board from October 16, 2024, to May 2025.

#### **LEXICON:**

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CSPA - Community, Safety and Policing Act

DB – Detachment Board

DC -Detachment Commander

TOC – Township of Carling

WPSOPPDB – West Parry Sound Ontario Provincial Police Detachment Board

OPC – Ontario Police College

APSB - Association of Police Service Boards

RAP – Rules and Procedures.

## **BOARD STRUCTURE**

The Ontario regulation 135/24 under the CSPA outlines the composition of the new detachment board for the West Parry Sound OPP detachment area. This board is to be comprised of seven municipal representatives, and one representative from Henvey Inlet First Nation, two appointed community representatives and two Provincial appointed representatives. At present, there are vacancies for both the community appointed representatives and provincial appointed representatives. Eligible applicants have submitted applications for the two community representative positions which are currently under review. In addition, the provincial appointments have not occurred.

Initially it was agreed by the Board that the Municipality of McDougall would provide the administration for the board however, in April 2025 there was a transition to the Township of Carling.

The DB's administrative functions are supported by the Chief Administrative Officer – Municipal Clerk / Treasurer who serves as the Board Secretary and Treasurer, as well as a Recording Secretary who assists with meeting documentation and coordination.

Attached to the report is the role and responsibilities of the board.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

We plan to develop a record management and retention policy long with and organized filing system to ensure the proper storage and accessibility of DB records.

## **BOARDS MEETINGS**

The appointments to the DB have been made in accordance with the eligibility criteria set out in the CSPA. The appointed board members were required to undergo a criminal record check which was filed in the DB records. Additionally, the appointed members have successfully completed all the mandatory training provided by the OPC.

All appointed members have taken the oath/affirmation of office and prescribed code of conduct. The signed documents have been filed in the DBs official records.

As previously stated, the rules and procedures established under section 46 of the CSPA outline the operational framework of the board. A copy of these procedures is attached to this report. Once approved by the Board, the annual report will be filed on the Municipality of McDougall's website. We are intending to create a specific DB website in the future to enhance accessibility and transparency. As stated earlier, the board is still in the early stages of development and is working towards meeting all the requirements set out in the CSPA.

In accordance with legislative requirements a Chair and Vice Chair have been elected or acclaimed for the 2024 and 2025 term.

Board meetings are held quarterly on the fourth Thursday of the month. As of April 2025, public meetings are now being held at the Township of Carling

Council Chambers, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Special meetings may be called at the request of the chair as needed.

Distance and availability of members were factors in the board's decision to hold hybrid meetings. One meeting was held in 2024 and three meetings were held in 2025 to support the timely completion of the annual report and the review of the draft 2025 budget in accordance with legislative requirements.

The DC has been in attendance for all board meetings and has provided statistical reports for the West Parry Sound area, engaging in meetings and offering updates on current policing initiatives. The strategic plan currently in place spans from 2023 through the end of 2025.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Municipality of McDougall's webpage until a specific DB website is established.

The Board has expressed strong support for the Crisis Mobile Response Team (CMRT) initiative which is a newer program that the local detachment is operating in the area. This initiative pairs a mental health worker with a police officer to respond to individuals in crisis, ensuring timely, compassionate and appropriate support. The team provides ongoing referrals and support as needed. A joint deputation was presented to the Board outlining the program's objectives and outcomes. CMRT members are currently in the process of providing deputations to the municipal councils and Henvey Inlet First Nation explaining the program. This program appears to be making a positive impact in helping to reduce crime rates, lowering calls for service and contributing to the overall safety and well-being of the community.

## **FINANCE**

All member municipalities have agreed to equally share the financial cost associated with operating the Detachment Board.

The 2025 budget was reviewed by the board and approved in principle; however, it is still pending formal approval from the municipal councils and the Henvey Inlet First Nation.

The Board has reviewed liability insurance and has selected a provider to ensure appropriate coverage for board members.

Council board members and First nation representatives do not receive additional compensation for their participation on the board.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

There is still significant work ahead as the board continues to build its foundation. The process to develop a new strategic plan will begin in the near future.

The board intends to review and establish appropriate remuneration for the provincial and community representatives on the board. In addition, ongoing effort will focus on enhancing administrative processes, information technology systems and the development of local policies to support effective governance. A key priority will be to ensure clear and consistent communication about the Board's operation, roles, and responsibilities while maintaining a transparent and accountable budgeting process.

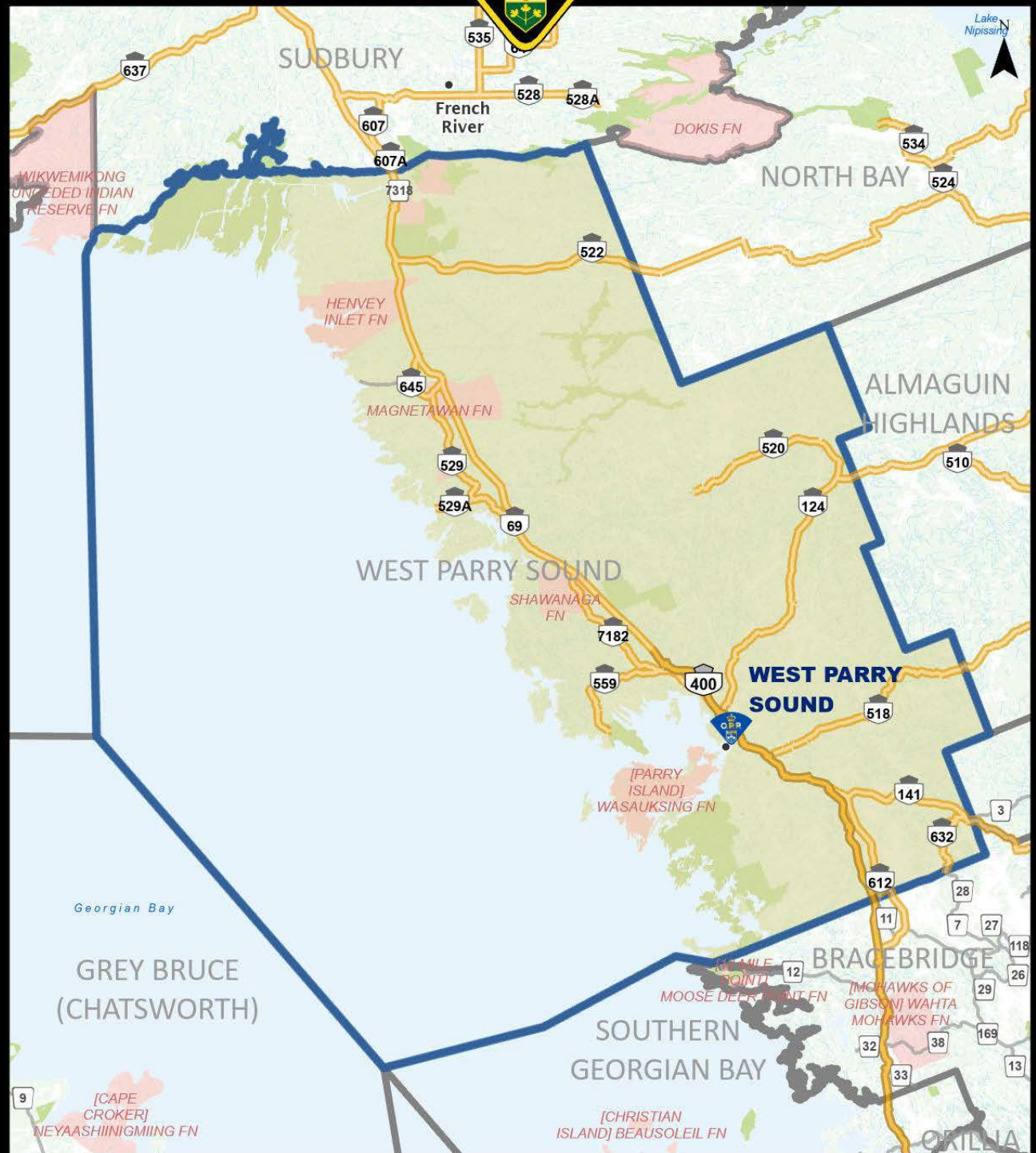




# WEST PARRY SOUND DETACHMENT WPSOPPDB ANNUAL REPORT PART 2

**2024 DETACHMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**





	GENERAL HEADQUARTERS		SATELLITE		400 Series Highway		Detachment Boundary		First Nation
	REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS		OPP ADMINISTERED FN		Provincial Highway		Township Boundary		Provincial Park
	HOST DETACHMENT		OPP FN		Major Road		Non-OPP Policed		

# 2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

## Priorities and Commitments



### PEOPLE

#### **A healthy and resilient OPP**

We will strive to support all members in achieving their professional and personal best.

### WORK

#### **A responsive and evolving OPP**

We will empower our members to ensure the best possible policing services are delivered to Ontarians.

### COMMUNITIES

#### **A collaborative and progressive OPP**

We will partner and build relationships with a shared vision for safety and well-being.

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# Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the West Parry Sound Detachment – 2024 OPP Detachment Board Annual Report. This report includes crime, traffic enforcement and community well-being data, and highlights initiatives and successes from the past year. 2024 represents the midway point of the West Parry Sound Detachment 2023-2025 Action Plan and this report provides updates on our progress in meeting our Action Plan commitments.



I am proud of the work undertaken by our detachment. In 2024,

- The OPP saw an increase in illicit drug activity and responded by enhancing targeted enforcement initiatives, increasing patrols in high-risk areas and collaborating with specialized units to disrupt trafficking networks
- We maintained our commitment to traffic safety by prioritizing enforcement efforts, targeting dangerous and impaired driving. As a result, we observed a 50% decrease in related incidents.
- We saw an increase in drug charges and responded by conducting targeted enforcement initiatives, increasing patrol presence in high-risk areas and strengthening partnerships with specialized units. These actions helped disrupt local trafficking activity and enhanced community safety.
- We maintained our commitment to traffic safety and prioritized impaired driving and aggressive driving enforcement. This resulted in a notable increase in charges laid and proactive stops, reinforcing our dedication to safer roads throughout the detachment area.
- Based on concerns from community members, we increased community patrols in the Parry Sound downtown. This resulted in greater police visibility, a reduction in calls for service and improved community engagement and trust.
- In response to repeated concerns regarding loitering, drug activity, we intensified proactive patrols in the downtown area of Parry Sound. As a result, officers were able to identify and address recurring problems more effectively.
- We continued to leverage technology, including In-Car Cameras, ALPR, to support the collection of evidence, increase transparency and enhance public and officer safety.
- We worked alongside our policing partners, including municipal, regional and First Nations police services, to support cross-jurisdictional initiatives, such as joint traffic enforcement blitzes, coordinated drug investigations and shared intelligence efforts targeting organized crime.
- We partnered with community-based organization Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), to develop/implement co-response models that enhanced our ability to respond to mental health-related calls.
- The Offender Management Program offered several key benefits for the West Parry Sound detachment. Its primary goal is to reduce reoffending and enhance community safety through proactive supervision, intervention and support. We had the ability to target individuals at high risk of reoffending, using evidence-based strategies to reduce their likelihood of committing further crimes.

In 2025, we will be working with the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board to form the 2026-2029 West Parry Sound Detachment Action Plan. This work will include engaging with community members to ensure the needs of the communities we serve will be reflected in the commitments we make. Development of the 2026-2029 West Parry Sound Detachment Action Plan will coincide with the creation of the 2026-2029 OPP Strategic Plan to ensure organizational alignment and support.

The West Parry Sound Detachment – 2024 OPP Detachment Board Annual Report begins to bridge the gap between *Police Services Act* (PSA) and *Community Safety and Policing Act* (CSPA) reporting requirements. In collaboration with relevant OPP program areas, working groups and West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board, this report will continue to develop in the years to come to include content from the OPP Detachment Board Chair(s) and additional data and updates from the OPP.

From detachment administrative staff to frontline uniform members to specialty units to supervisors, our members continue to serve with pride, professionalism and honour. As we anticipate future challenges and opportunities for policing and community safety, we remain dedicated to our mission of serving our communities by protecting citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety.

Staff Sergeant  
Wall, Helena  
WEST PARRY SOUND



## Summary of Commitments

Through analysis and consultation, the following areas of focus were identified for the years 2023-2025.

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Community Well-Being
<p>Reduce harm and victimization in the areas of:</p> <p>1) Violent Crime Assault Sexual Assault Robbery</p> <p>2) Property Crime Theft Over \$5000 Have Stolen Goods Fraud Break and Enter</p> <p>3) Illicit Drugs/Drug-Related Deaths</p> <p>4) Cyber-Crime and Phone Scams</p>	<p>To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the “Big Four” causal factors of fatal, personal injury, and property damage collisions by changing driver behaviours responsible for injuries and deaths on roadways, waterways, and trails:</p> <p>1) Impaired (alcohol/drug) 2) Speeding/aggressive driving 3) Distracted driving 4) Lack of occupant restraint and safety equipment</p>	<p>To identify co-response solutions for non-police related demands for service that impact police resourcing.</p> <p>Ensure our communities have service delivery that is focused on:</p> <p>1) Investigative excellence 2) Mutual trust and respect</p> <p>To provide support and liaise with First Nations communities.</p>

## 2024 Crime Progress Updates

Commitment	Progress Update
<p>Reduce harm and victimization in the areas of:</p> <p>1) Violent Crime Assault Sexual Assault Robbery</p> <p>2) Property Crime Theft Over \$5000 Have Stolen Goods Fraud Break and Enter</p> <p>3) Illicit Drugs/Drug-Related Deaths</p> <p>4) Cyber-Crime and Phone Scams</p>	<p>1) Solid partnerships have been developed with several organizations, including the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Committee, Domestic Violence Coalition, Manitoulin-Northshore Victim Services, Domestic Violence Court Advisory Committee, VWAP and the Anti-Human Trafficking Committee. These partnerships also provide educational opportunities and outreach initiatives that endeavour to raise awareness in our communities relating to crimes against persons. Crimes such as domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking will continue to be our priority.</p> <p>The review of every domestic violence occurrence by the Victim Response Support Unit has ensured 100% compliance with the OPP Domestic Violence Protocol</p> <p>Detachment analyst provided potential suspect reports based on the type of crime to assist in identifying and apprehending of suspects. The reports helped assess our community's needs and identified areas of concern. It provided information to members on wanted persons. The enhancements to the analytical reports have provided investigators with potential suspects based on specific indicators. The report provided tangible information in a concise tactical analysis format. The report is utilized to promote a quick response to criminal activity. The analytical report also assisted in tailoring our preventative activities to ensure proper education and support is being provided to identified at risk groups.</p> <p>2) The Regional Operational Analyst continues to complete and disseminate detailed Weekly Operational Reports to frontline members, Crime Unit members and local policing partners. Information pertaining to multi-jurisdictional criminal activity is distributed to neighbouring OPP detachments and other police services as required.</p> <p>Crime Alerts are tactical reports designed to provide intelligence information based on current information. Crime Alerts that are responsive to officer safety concerns, crime patterns, high risk offenders and wanted persons to have been completed and disseminated to members.</p>

	<p>The lock it or lose it campaign continues to educate members of the public with crime prevention tips directly related to the securing of property and locking of vehicles, which was identified as a priority. Officers conducted strategic foot patrols and engaged local businesses to increase visibility and awareness that many of these types of crimes are crimes of opportunity.</p> <p>3) The Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) officer has proven to be an asset to the detachment.</p> <p>The identification of new or emerging drugs trends specific to our area, combined with the gathering and sharing of information between all involved agencies or units, will continue to reduce the number of illicit drugs in our communities and the apprehension of those who perpetrate these crimes.</p> <p>4) Several international fraud investigations and phishing scams have been reported. The engagement of the Crime Unit, Cybercrime Unit and Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre have been instrumental in the support of investigations. Immediate investigative action has resulted in several victims being reimbursed for their losses. Presentations to seniors regarding online frauds were completed in 2024</p> <p>Timely media releases outlining internet safety and current scams are disseminated to members of our communities to reduce victimization.</p>
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## 2024 Roadways, Waterways and Trails Progress Updates

Commitment	Progress Update
<p>To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the “Big Four” causal factors of fatal, personal injury, and property damage collisions by changing driver behaviours responsible for injuries and deaths on roadways, waterways, and trails:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Impaired (alcohol/drug)</li> <li>2) Speeding/aggressive driving</li> <li>3) Distracted driving</li> <li>4) Lack of occupant restraint and safety equipment</li> </ol>	<p>All frontline members have received training in Standard Field Sobriety testing (SFST) and additional members have received Drug Recognition Evaluator training</p> <p>Strategic directed patrols that increase visibility in identified areas of concern will act as a deterrent and have an influence on driving behaviours. A multi-faceted approach by frontline members to include traffic stops, safety messaging and enforcement has contributed to increased safety on our roadways.</p> <p>In 2024, West Parry Sound Detachment members fully participated in all provincial traffic initiatives. A local Detachment Traffic Plan outlining the enforcement activities and targets was distributed to all members.</p>

## 2024 Community Well-Being Progress Updates

Commitment	Progress Update
To identify co-response solutions for non-police related demands for service that impact police resourcing.	West Parry Sound OPP continues to explore co-response strategies to address non-police-related service demands that impact frontline resourcing. Initiatives such as online reporting, the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) program and the SAFECAM initiative are key examples aimed at ensuring appropriate responses, while enhancing overall community safety and service efficiency
Ensure our communities have service delivery that is focused on: 1) Investigative excellence 2) Mutual trust and respect	We are committed to ensuring our communities receive service that prioritizes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Investigative excellence</b> – through thorough, professional and accountable policing; and</li> <li>2. <b>Mutual trust and respect</b> – by fostering strong relationships with the public, built on transparency, integrity and collaboration.</li> </ol>
To provide support and liaise with First Nations communities.	Members of the West Parry Sound Detachment and our First Nations policing partners provide mutual support to one another by attending calls for service and providing back-up when required. We continue to enjoy an ongoing mutually respectful policing relationship.  Members of the West Parry Sound Detachment are deployed to support our northern First Nations communities with every opportunity that presents itself, while still ensuring operational needs are met in the Detachment area.

## Other Community Updates

- In response to current crime trends and community concerns, the West Parry Sound Detachment prioritized crime prevention initiatives with a focus on fraud prevention. We collaborated with community partners, including the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, to enhance public awareness and education—particularly around issues such as elder abuse.
- In response to concerns from community members, the West Parry Sound Detachment increased patrols in designated Community Safety Zones. This proactive approach led to an increase in charges, a reduction in calls for service and positive feedback from residents and local businesses who reported feeling safer.
- West Parry Sound Detachment Emergency Response Team (ERT) members from West Parry Sound and across the Region recently led Grade 11 and 12 students through the ERT Task-Specific Standard fitness test. This popular annual event, held once or twice a year, is always well received by the students. The primary focus is on building strong interpersonal relationships, while promoting physical fitness and encouraging teamwork.
- West Parry Sound Detachment ERT members, the Crime Unit and the Administrative Sergeant from West Parry Sound attended a gathering on the WPSHC grounds focused on strengthening relationships with local First Nations communities. This meaningful event was part of our ongoing journey toward reconciliation and building trust through open dialogue and collaboration.
- West Parry Sound Detachment members visited Henvey Inlet First Nation to deliver a fraud awareness presentation to community members. The session was held in preparation for the upcoming distribution of the Robinson Treaty Funds, with the goal of empowering residents to recognize and prevent financial scams.
- Recognizing the growing need for mental health supports, the West Parry Sound Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) officer and clinician partnered with the CEO to attend various community events, including Seniors' and Health Awareness Day. These engagements provided an opportunity to connect with residents, raise awareness and promote available mental health resources.
- The West Parry Sound OPP actively participates in the Parry Sound Downtown Experience Committee meetings. These meetings focus on addressing community concerns related to minor theft, the rise in illicit drug use and overall public safety. By working collaboratively with local partners, we aim to develop effective strategies to enhance the safety and well-being of our citizens.



# Calls for Service

Table 1.1

All CAD Events*	Immediate Police Response Required**
15,469	4,942

\* This represents all Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event types created for each detachment area. Not all CAD events are dispatched to a frontline OPP detachment officer. Some events may have been actioned by another OPP member, diverted to another unit, or deemed a non-OPP event. This does not include officer or detachment generated events that have not been reported through the PCC, or any online reporting events.

\*\* This represents the total number of CAD events prioritized for an immediate police response, indicating the potential for extreme danger, catastrophic circumstances, injury, the threat of injury, death, and/or crime in progress.

# Crime and Clearance

## Violent Crimes

Table 2.1

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Homicide	0	0	0	-
02 - Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	-
03 - Attempted Murder	2	1	0	-
04 - Sexual Offences	41	48	32	68.75%
05 - Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	108	113	125	85.60%
06 - Offences Resulting in the Deprivation of Freedom	6	0	2	100.00%
07 - Robbery	3	3	0	-
08 - Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	61	87	69	55.07%
09 - Offences in Relation to Sexual Services	0	0	1	0.00%
10 - Total	221	252	229	73.80%

## Property Crimes

Table 2.2

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Arson	0	0	3	66.67%
02 - Break and Enter	33	30	36	52.78%
03 - Theft Over \$5,000	27	32	23	39.13%
04 - Theft Under \$5,000	160	183	168	33.33%
05 - Have Stolen Goods	6	4	4	75.00%
06 - Fraud	110	133	134	7.46%
07 - Mischief	102	91	82	26.83%
08 - Total	438	473	450	26.89%

## Other Criminal Code

Table 2.3

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Gaming and Betting	0	0	0	-
02 - Offensive Weapons	9	7	12	91.67%
03 - Other Criminal Code Offences	196	146	185	72.43%
04 - Total	205	153	197	73.60%

## Drugs

Table 2.4

Offences	2022	2023	2024	Clearance Rate
01 - Possession	11	9	13	69.23%
02 - Trafficking	7	13	26	96.15%
03 - Importation and Production	0	0	0	-
04 - Cannabis Possession	0	0	0	-
05 - Cannabis Distribution	0	1	0	-
06 - Cannabis Sale	0	0	0	-
07 - Cannabis Importation and Exportation	0	0	0	-
08 - Cannabis Production	0	0	0	-
09 - Other Cannabis Violations	0	0	0	-
10 - Total	18	23	39	87.18%

**Federal Statutes****Table 2.5**

<b>Offences</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Clearance Rate</b>
Federal Statutes	60	84	87	96.55%

**Traffic Violations****Table 2.6**

<b>Offences</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>Clearance Rate</b>
01 - Dangerous Operation	6	10	7	100.00%
02 - Flight from Peace Officer	6	4	9	77.78%
03 - Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	60	46	64	100.00%
04 - Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	3	2	1	100.00%
05 - Failure to Stop after Accident	1	3	1	0.00%
06 - Operation while Prohibited	5	12	10	100.00%
07 - Total	81	77	92	96.74%

**Youth Crime****Table 2.7**

<b>Offences</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Bail	0	0	0
Conviction	26	15	9
Diversion	14	6	3
Non-Conviction	91	59	12
Not Accepted	0	0	1
POA Ticket	0	1	0
NULL	7	6	34
Total	138	87	59

**Victim Referrals****Table 2.8**

<b>Offences</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Sum of Offered	563	684	694
Sum of Accepted	167	178	143
Sum of Total	730	862	837
Sum of % Accepted	22.88%	20.65%	17.08%

# Traffic and Road Safety

## Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

(Includes roadway, off-road and motorized snow vehicle collisions)

Table 3.1

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Injury Collisions	5	4	6
Non-Fatal Injury Collisions	61	46	73
Property Damage Only Collisions	534	535	591
Alcohol-Related Collisions	26	18	34
Animal-Related Collisions	201	204	235
Speed-Related Collisions	69	67	92
Inattentive-Related Collisions	79	79	95
Persons Killed	6	5	8
Persons Injured	87	59	103

## Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Table 3.2

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related	2	1	3
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related	0	0	1
Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor	0	0	1
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related	2	1	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related	0	0	0

## Fatalities in Detachment Area

Table 3.3

Fatality Type	Category	2022	2023	2024
Roadway	Fatal Incidents	4	3	3
Roadway	Persons Killed	5	4	5
Roadway	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	1
Marine	Fatal Incidents	0	3	0
Marine	Persons Killed	0	3	0
Marine	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	2	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	2
Off-Road Vehicle	Persons Killed	0	0	2
Off-Road Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	2
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	1	1	1
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Persons Killed	1	1	1
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	1

## Big 4

Table 3.4

Offences	2022	2023	2024
Distracted (HTA 78.1)	12	10	7
Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15)	115	91	129
Seatbelt (HTA 106)	32	30	62
Speeding (HTA 128)	699	856	715

**Charges****Table 3.5**

<b>Offences</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
HTA	1,360	1,574	1,578
Criminal Code Traffic	151	160	196
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	810	1,057	1,106
LLCA	105	103	106
Controlled Drug and Substance Act	61	57	125
Federal Cannabis Act	1	5	3
Provincial Cannabis Act	28	37	61
Other	240	239	205

# Policing Hours

The OPP has developed a Service Delivery Model (SDM) in response to several reviews and audit recommendations. The SDM is designed to:

- Promote officer wellness through balanced workloads
- Determine adequate staffing levels at each detachment
- Ensure the continued delivery of adequate and effective policing services in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA).

To implement the SDM, the OPP has submitted a seven-year staffing strategy to address required increases in detachment personnel. This model supports the OPP’s ability to:

- Respond rapidly to increasing calls for service
- Maintain safe communities through proactive patrols and community engagement
- Address municipal concerns about reduced police visibility

To monitor progress and guide detachment-level planning, the OPP has established time allocation targets for provincial constables (figure 1). These targets reflect how time should ideally be distributed by the end of the seven-year strategy.

The targets are based on a provincial average and variations are expected between detachments due to differences in geography, operational structure, recruitment and other absences.

In the short term, detachments may face challenges in achieving these targets. Continued improvements in scheduling tools, data integrity, and strategic deployment will support progress toward these goals.

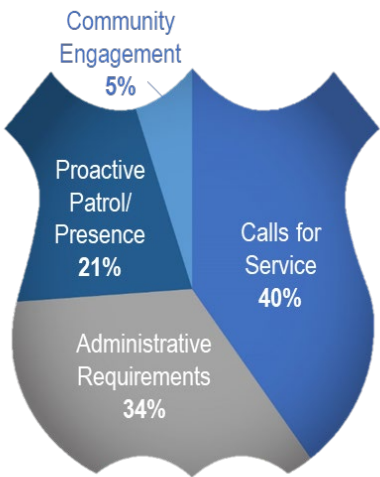


Figure 1: Service Delivery Model Provincial Target

Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Table 4.1

Calls for Service	Administrative Requirements	Proactive Patrol	Community Engagement
40.5%	38.6%	17.9%	3.0%

Hours (Field Personnel)

Table 4.2

	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL FRONTLINE HOURS	77,099	78,528	77,115



# Endnotes

## Tables 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2025/04/23)

Note:

- Statistics Canada’s Uniform Crime Reporting Survey was designed to measure the incidence of crime in Canadian society and its characteristics.
- Actual counts (2022, 2023 and 2024) and Clearance Rate for 2024 included.
- The most serious violation methodology (MSV) is used, which is the same as Statistics Canada’s methodology. The MSV counts only the first of up to four offences per incident that occurred in the specific time range.
- First Nation population is not included.
- Statistics Canada Verified (green checkmark) only.

### Table 2.1 Violent Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

- 01 Murder 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide
- 02 Criminal Negligence Causing Death, Other Related Offences Causing Death
- 03 Attempted Murder, Conspire to Commit Murder
- 04 Sexual offence which occurred prior to January 4, 1983, Sexual Assault, Level 3, Aggravated, Sexual Assault, Level 2, Weapon or Bodily Harm, Sexual Assault, Level 1, Sexual Interference, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Exploitation of a Person with a Disability, Incest, Corrupting Morals of a Child, Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to Children, Parent or Guardian Procuring Sexual Activity, Householder Permitting Sexual Activity, Luring a Child via Computer, Agreement or Arrangement - Sexual Offence Against a Child, Bestiality - Commits, Compels Another Person, Bestiality in, Presence of, or Incites, a Child, Voyeurism, Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images
- 05 Assault Level 3, Aggravated, Assault Level 2, Weapon/Bodily Harm, Assault Level 1, Unlawfully Causing Bodily Harm, Discharge Firearm with Intent, Using firearm/Imitation of Firearm in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm, Assault, Peace-Public Officer, Assault Against Peace Officer with a Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm, Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily, Harm, Trap Likely to or Causing Bodily Harm, Other Assaults
- 06 Kidnapping, Forcible Confinement, Hostage Taking, Trafficking in Persons, Abduction Under 14, Not Parent/Guardian, Abduction Under 16, Removal of Children from Canada, Abduction Under 14 Contravening a Custody Order, Abduction Under 15 by Parent/Guardian
- 07 Robbery, Robbery to Steal Firearm
- 08 Extortion, Intimidation of a Justice System Participant or a Journalist, Intimidation of a Non-justice System Participant, Criminal Harassment, Indecent/Harassing Communications, Utter Threats to Person, Explosives Causing Death/Bodily Harm, Arson - Disregard for Human Life, Other Violations Against the Person, Failure to Comply with Safeguards (MAID), Forging/Destruction of Documents (MAID)
- 09 Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration, Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration from Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Material Benefit from Sexual Services, Material Benefit from Sexual Services Provided by Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Procuring, Procuring a Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Advertising Sexual Services

### Table 2.2 Property Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

- 01 Arson
- 02 Break & Enter, Break & Enter to Steal a Firearm, Break & Enter a Motor Vehicle (Firearm)
- 03 Theft over \$5000, Theft over \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting over \$5000, Motor Vehicle Theft
- 04 Theft \$5000 or Under, Theft under \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting \$5000 or Under
- 05 Trafficking in Stolen Goods over \$5000, Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5000, Trafficking in Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under, Possession of Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under
- 06 Fraud, Identity Theft, Identity Fraud
- 07 Mischief, Mischief to Cultural Property, Hate-motivated mischief relating to property used by identifiable group, Mischief Relating to War Memorials, Altering/Destroying/Removing a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

## Table 2.3 Other Criminal Code

### Corresponding Violation Description

01 Betting House, Gaming House, Other Violations Related to Gaming and Betting

02 Offensive Weapons: Explosives, Weapons Trafficking, Possession and Distribution of Computer Data (Firearm), Altering Cartridge Magazine, Weapons Possession Contrary to Order, Possession of Weapons, Unauthorized Importing/Exporting of Weapons., Firearms Documentation/Administration, Unsafe Storage of Firearms

03 Failure to Comply with Order, Escape and being at large without excuse - escape from custody, Escape and being at large without excuse - Unlawfully at Large, Failure to Appear, Breach of Probation, Disturb the Peace, Child Pornography (Possessing or Accessing), Child Pornography (Making or Distributing), Public Communications to Sell Sexual Services, Offences Related to Impeding Traffic to Buy or Sell Sexual Services, Counterfeiting, Indecent Acts, Voyeurism (Expired), Corrupting Morals, Lure child via Computer (Expired), Obstruct Public/Peace Officer. Trespass at Night, Threatening/Harassing Phone Calls (Expired), Utter Threats Against Property or Animals, Advocating Genocide, Public Incitement of Hatred, Promoting or Advertising Conversion Therapy, Unauthorized Recording of a Movie/Purpose of Sale, Rental, Commercial, Distribution, Offences Against Public Order (Part II CC), Property or Services for Terrorist Activities, Freezing of Property, Disclosure, Audit, Participate in Activity of Terrorist Group, Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Instruction/Commission of Act of Terrorism, Hoax – Terrorism, Advocating/Promoting Terrorism, Firearms and Other Offensive Weapons (Part III CC), Leave Canada to Participate in Activity of a Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Leave Canada to Commit Offence for Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Commit Offence that is Terrorist Activity, Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max = Life), Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max Does Not = Life), Harbour/Conceal Person Likely to Carry Out Terrorist Activity, Offences Against the Administration of Law and Justice (Part IV CC). Sexual Offences, Public Morals and Disorderly Conduct (Part V CC), Invasion of Privacy (Part VI CC), Failure to Comply with Regulations / Obligations for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), Other Offences Against the Person and Reputation, Offences Against the Rights of Property (Part IX CC), Fraudulent Transactions, Relating to Contracts and Trade (Part X CC), Offences Related to Currency, Proceeds of Crime (Part XII.2 CC), Attempts, Conspiracies, Accessories, Instruct Offence for Criminal Organization, Commit Offence for Criminal Organization, Participate in Activities of Criminal Organization, Recruitment of Members by a Criminal Organization, All Other Criminal Code (includes Part XII.1 CC)

## Table 2.4 Drugs

### Corresponding Violation Description

01 Possession – Heroin, Possession – Cocaine, Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Possession - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)

02 Trafficking – Heroin, Trafficking – Cocaine, Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Trafficking - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Trafficking - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Trafficking – Opioid (other than heroin)

03 Import / Export – Heroin, Import / Export – Cocaine, Import / Export - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Import / Export - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Import / Export - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Import/Export – Opioid (other than heroin), Production – Heroin, Production – Cocaine, Production - Other Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, Production - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Production - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Production – Opioid (other than heroin), Possession, sale, etc., for use in production of or trafficking in substance

04 Possession of illicit or over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by adult, Possession of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by youth, Possession of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Possession of cannabis by organization

05 Distribution of illicit, over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by adult, Distribution of cannabis to youth, by adult, Distribution of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by youth, Distribution of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Distribution of cannabis by organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of distributing

06 Sale of cannabis to adult, Sale of cannabis to youth, Sale of cannabis to an organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of selling

07 Importation and exportation of cannabis, Possession of cannabis for purpose of exportation

08 Obtain, offer to obtain, alter or offer to alter cannabis, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by adult, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by youth or organization

09 Possess, produce, sell, distribute or import anything for use in production or distribution of illicit cannabis, Use of young person in the commission of a cannabis offence, Other C

cannabis Act

Table 2.5 Federal Statutes

Corresponding Violation Description

Bankruptcy Act, Income Tax Act, Canada Shipping Act, Canada Health Act, Customs Act , Competition Act, Excise Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, Human Trafficking (involving the use of abduction, fraud, deception or use of threat), Human Smuggling fewer than 10 persons, Human Smuggling 10 persons or more, Firearms Act, National Defence Act, Emergencies Act, Quarantine Act, Other Federal Statutes

Table 2.6 Traffic Violations

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Dangerous Operation Causing Death, Dangerous Operation Causing Bodily Harm, Dangerous Operation

02 Flight from Peace Officer

03 Operation - low blood drug concentration, Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (unspecified), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (unspecified), Operation while impaired (alcohol), Operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired (drugs), Operation while impaired (unspecified)

04 Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (drugs), Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (unspecified)

05 Failure to stop after accident resulting in death, Failure to stop after accident resulting in bodily harm, Failure to stop after accident, Operation while prohibited

Table 2.7 Youth Crime

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2025/04/24)

Note:

- Youth Charges by Disposition Type
- Only charges that have had a disposition type recorded in the OPP Niche RMS application are included.
- Youth charges without a disposition type are not included which may result in under stating the actual youth charges.
- “NULL” represents blanks, or where officers did not indicate the Disposition Type, however charges were applied.

Table 2.8 Victim Referrals

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2025/04/24)

Note:

- Number of Referrals to Victim Service Agencies

Table 3.1 Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2025/02/21)

- Note:
- Total Motor Vehicle Collisions (Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only): Reportable Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only Collisions entered into the eCRS for All Motorized Vehicles (MVC-Roadway, MSV- Snowmobile and ORV-Off Road Report Type) regardless of completion/approval status.
  - Alcohol/Drug Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
  - Animal Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.
  - Speed Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
  - Inattentive Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
  - Persons Killed or Injured: Number of Persons Injured or Killed in Reportable MVC collisions.

Table 3.2 Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2025/02/21)

- Note:
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
  - Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
  - Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor: Persons Killed in Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Victim is fatally injured AND a vehicle occupant AND where safety equipment reported to be not used but available.
  - Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
  - Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.

Table 3.3 Fatalities in Detachment Area

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2025/02/21)

- Note:
- Fatal Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
  - Persons Killed: Number of Involved Persons where Injury is fatal by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
  - Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle) where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.

Table 3.4 Big 4

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2025/02/21)

- Note:
- Speeding (HTA 128): Charges are based on date charged. Speeding = HTA s.128 charges.
  - Seatbelt (HTA 106): Charges are based on date charged. Seatbelt = HTA s.106 charges.
  - Distracted (HTA 78.1): Charges are based on date charged. Distracted = HTA s.78.1 charges.
  - Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15): Charges are based on date charged. Impaired = CCC s.320.14 & 320.15 charges.

Table 3.5 Charges

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2025/02/21)

Note:

- HTA: Charges are based on date charged. Highway Traffic Act Statute charges.
- Criminal Code Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. Criminal Code Traffic (CCC s320.13, 320.14, 320.15, 320.16, 320.17 & 320.18) charges.
- Criminal Code Non-Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. All CCC charges not included in the Criminal Code Traffic section above.
- LLCA: Charges are based on date charged. Liquor Licence and Control Act charges.
- Federal Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Act charges.
- Provincial Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Control Act charges.
- Controlled Drug and Substance Act: Charges are based on date charged. Controlled Drug and Substance Act charges.
- Other: Charges are based on date charged. "Other" charges is comprised of CAIA, Other Provincial & Federal Offences not already captured in sections above.

Table 4.1 Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: April 17, 2025

Note: Activity allocation percentages are based on the total reported hours of detachment provincial constables performing duties within their home detachment location.

Table 4.2 Hours (Field Personnel)

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: January 20, 2025

Note:

- Total reported hours, excluding paid duties.
- Includes Provincial Constable to Sergeant ranks only.
- Excludes First Nations badge numbers.
- Excludes administrative accounts and joint services accounts.
- Excludes incomplete DAR entries and those with errors.
- Excludes General Headquarters location codes.

# CONTACT THE OPP

## REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Know your location: Be ready to describe your surroundings. Look for addresses, landmarks and buildings that may help identify your location.
- Call 9-1-1 if there is immediate risk to someone's life or property.
- Don't hang up, stay on the line
- Call 1-888-310-1122 for non-life-threatening incidents that require police attention
- TTY 1-888-310-1133, or Agent 511 for registered subscribers (for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired)

## PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
- Visit [www.crimestoppers.ca](http://www.crimestoppers.ca)

## SPEAK WITH AN OFFICER FOR ALL OTHER MATTERS

To arrange to meet an officer at a detachment, go to [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca) to use the Local Detachment Finder and follow the prompts.

## REPORT AN INCIDENT ONLINE

You have the option to report select occurrences to police from the convenience of a computer.

Visit [www.opp.ca/reporting](http://www.opp.ca/reporting) to use the Citizen Self Reporting system. Specific incidents can be reported online without attending a detachment or waiting for an officer.

You can use this system to report:

- Theft Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- Driving Complaints
- Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000 including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
- Theft of any type of gasoline from a gas station
- Driving Complaints

**Do not use this system if this is an emergency! If it is, call 9-1-1.**

**9-1-1 is for police, fire or medical emergencies only.**

Accidental, hang-up or abuse of 9-1-1 calls tie up emergency lines, communicators and officers which could result in the slower response to a real emergency, risking the safety of people who need urgent help.

## #KnowWhenToCall

If you've dialed 9-1-1 in error, stay on the line. Your call will be connected to police. Answer all questions asked by the communicator. This eliminates a lengthy follow up process that may lead to officers attending your location to ensure your safety.

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Bert Liverance, Reeve and John MacKinnon, CAO  
Township of the Archipelago

July 2, 2025

Dear Reeve Liverance and Mr. MacKinnon,

I am requesting a delegation to Council to address some inaccuracies in the May 23, 2025 presentation to council from the Georgian Bay Aspiring Geopark, as well as to provide you with additional context.

One inaccuracy occurred [7:03 - 7:12](#), where Tony Pigott stated "*We are largely a volunteer group and self-funded, not self funded but **funded by private donors and research grants primarily.***"

Please see this [August 2024 announcement](#) from Fed Dev granting \$175,000 to the Georgian Bay Geopark to "*Develop and implement interpretive tourism programming for the Georgian Bay Geopark.*" The geopark's [December 31, 2024 Instagram post](#) also announced "**\$250,000 in support from FED DEV, the County of Simcoe and Destination Northern Ontario.**"

My background is that I am an Adjunct Professor of Strategy and Marketing at Schulich School of Business, York University. I have also worked as a consultant with Economic Development departments. I am a retired board member of the charity Georgian Bay Forever and lifelong lover of Georgian Bay. I have been a cottager on Parry Island since 1999. My unique combination of marketing expertise, economic development and extensive knowledge of Georgian Bay has armed me with the ability to understand the true intentions of the geopark – which is essentially to leverage Georgian Bay “assets” for the benefit of one county to the south.

Here is why you should be concerned:

1. The geopark is not a Georgian Bay initiative; it is a [Simcoe County initiative](#) dominated by people from southern Ontario attempting to “claim” all of Georgian Bay. Tony Pigott, geopark executive director and retired advertising executive, was initially hired by the Midland Bay Landing Development Corporation to undertake a feasibility study to designate Georgian Bay as a UNESCO Geopark to attract developers to build a UNESCO discovery centre in Midland. On September 15, 2021, in a deputation to Midland Council, Mr. Pigott presented that it was a [viable and valuable opportunity](#). Below is a question posed by a member of Midland Council, Jon Main. The response illustrates that North Simcoe is the top priority:

Jon Main – “*If Midland is claiming, or initiating the Georgian Bay Geopark, Georgian Bay is quite large, and it goes over Collingwood, Parry Sound, Owen Sound, Killarney, Manitoulin Island, how would those municipalities come into play or collaborate or partner with this opportunity?*”

Tony Pigott – “*In time, other areas of Georgian Bay will engage, but [North Simcoe has the opportunity to be the first mover, and to be the dominant \(I won't say dominant\) the gateway to the UNESCO Geopark and the place that people go to first, being adjacent as you are to four million people.](#)*”

2. If this project proceeds there will be a large increase in tourism in your municipality, as UNESCO geoparks are proven tourism generators. Because the proposed geosites are parks, towns, public land and facilities managed by municipalities, you will bear the costs without the fair share of the economic benefits. While you experience more tourism, you will likely receive less funding, as the geopark is competing with municipalities to secure RTO funding. In addition to the impact on quality of life for local and seasonal residents, increased pollution and impact on infrastructure, there are also ecological considerations pertaining to sensitive habitats and endangered species.

3. While GBA, GBF, GBLT and GGBR were all cited and presented as collaborative, you likely noticed there were no letters of support from any of them. In fact the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve published a [letter](#) on October 26, 2023 clarifying that they are not a part of this initiative, and stating that as of that date, *"GBMGB has not formally endorsed the aspiring Geopark."* I have sent the recording of the presentation to all four organizations in the event that they would like to provide clarification to you about how their relationship with the geopark was presented.
4. At minute 16:40 of the [presentation to the Township of the Archipelago](#), in discussing their website, Tony Pigott states *"We are also working, importantly, with an Indigenous design company out of Sudbury, where the platform is going to be fully integrated with Indigenous narratives and stories, traditional knowledge and so on. Some of it will be in parallel, because the whole principle of the geopark is to do it on the basis of what is referred to as two-eyed seeing – Western research and sensibilities with traditional knowledge."* This is reinforced in this [newspaper article](#), where Mike Robbins, the geopark tourism lead, is quoted as saying *"tourism is a form of reconciliation"* and they *"want to make sure that Indigenous stories are told"*. Their marketing material already leans heavily into Indigenous culture, including their logo being placed on the medicine wheel and promotion of sacred sites such as Giant's Tomb and pictographs in Collins Inlet. Yet I am sure you noticed in the presentation, like the conservation organizations, they did not show evidence of any letters of support from Indigenous communities.

If you review the organizations identified in Mr. Pigott's presentation as providing letters of support, you will see that all but one of the municipalities is from Simcoe County. Please also be aware that after hearing my presentation, the [Town of Gore Bay passed a resolution strongly opposing the geopark](#).

Meanwhile, the aspiring geopark is making important decisions that will impact your municipality. As you heard, The Township of the Archipelago is designated as part of "Deeptime Zone 3: The Ancient Himalayas" which stretches from Honey Harbour to Killarney. Signature geosites in your municipality include Pointe au Baril, Wreck Island, Sans Souci, Woods Bay Marina and Key Harbour. Please see the map which has been provided by the geopark at the end of this letter. While not identified on the map, in the presentation to council, Mr. Pigott also cited all of Massasauga Provincial Park.

I advise that it is in the Township of the Archipelago's best interests to stop this initiative. The geopark is not currently recognized by UNESCO. To secure this, it requires letters of support from all stakeholders, including every municipality and every First Nations community within its proposed boundaries. However, as an aspiring geopark, it can continue to promote Georgian Bay on a global basis for years even without these letters of support. To have the geopark withdraw its application, stop promoting tourism on a global level, and stop trying to be the voice of the Anishinaabek will require more letters of opposition, such as the one provided by the Town of Gore Bay.

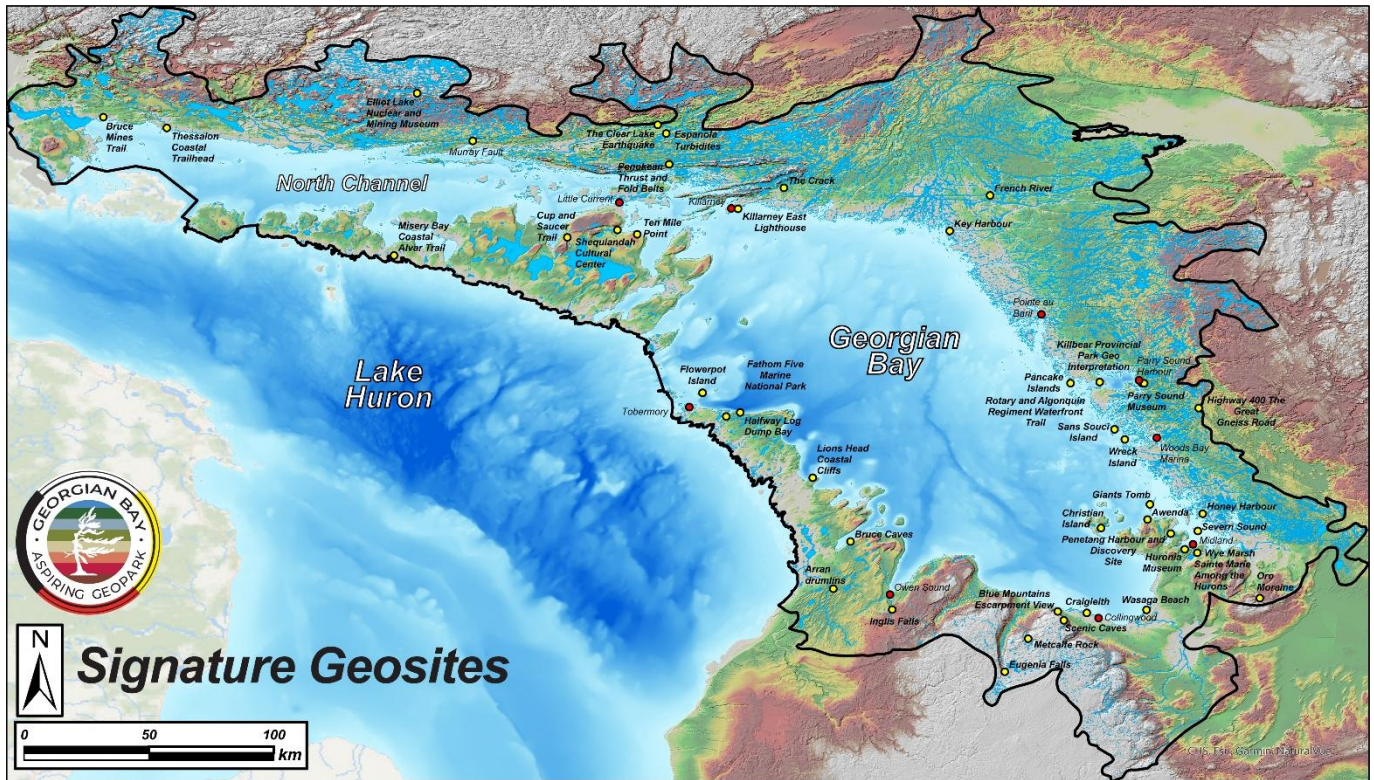
I would like to present a delegation to reinforce how this project is not optimal for the Township of the Archipelago.

Best regards,



Margaret Hastings  
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Adjunct Professor, Schulich School of Business, York University  
Retired Board Member, Georgian Bay Forever

## Exhibit – Signature Geosites



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**Fw: Courageous Companions Service Dog Program-2025-Sponsorship Request**

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**From** Alana Torresan <atorresan@thearchipelago.ca>

**Date** Wed 7/2/2025 9:21 AM

**To** Alana Torresan <atorresan@thearchipelago.ca>

**From:** sponsor@courageousk9.ca <sponsor@courageousk9.ca>

**Sent:** June 25, 2025 9:25 AM

**To:** Bert Liverance - Reeve <bliverance@thearchipelago.ca>

**Subject:** Courageous Companions Service Dog Program-2025-Sponsorship Request

Dear Reeve Liverance & Council,

I'd like to extend this email as our official sponsorship request for our 2025 campaign. I hope that you are all doing well! We'd be honoured to have Archipelago Township join us in support of Courageous Companions.

Courageous Companions is dedicated to transforming the lives of military veterans and first responders who have suffered physical or psychological injuries in service. By providing them with certified service dogs at no cost, we help restore independence, confidence, and a sense of hope. These dogs are more than companions-they're life-changing partners.

This important work is only possible thanks to the generous support of community champions like you. We're inviting you to consider sponsoring an ad or message of support in the upcoming annual edition of Courageous K9 Magazine. This publication not only highlights the incredible stories of resilience and recovery but also serves as a testament to the generosity of organizations like yours.

As a sponsor, you'll receive:

- \*Recognition in a widely circulated, full-color magazine.
- \*A certificate of appreciation to display your commitment to this cause.
- \*A copy of the magazine to share with your team or community.

By participating, you'll directly impact the lives of those who have given so much to protect and serve us all. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, **\*\*\*RATES\*\*\***, or the inspiring stories we've shared, please visit [www.courageousk9.ca](http://www.courageousk9.ca).

Your support would mean the world to the heroes we serve. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a tangible difference. I'd be happy to discuss further or answer any questions you might have.

Yours Truly,

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