

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – June 9, 2026 (Encl.)

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

- (a) BDO 2025 Draft Financial Statements – Dean Decaire (Encl.)

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor – General Update
- (b) Staff Reports
- (c) Committee Reports
 - DRAFT Minutes, General Government, April 17, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, April 21, 2026 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
 - Letter, AECOM (MTO), Re: Rehabilitation of Highway 69 (Encl.)
 - AMO Policy Update Re: Bill 100, Build Communities Strong (Encl.)
 - Letter, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement Re: Bill 97 Amendments to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Encl.)
 - Resolution Support from Town of Petawawa Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Service in Ontario (Encl.)
 - Resolution Support from Wawa Re: Emergency Room Wait Times (Encl.)

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

- (a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Activity Report (Encl.)

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) DRAFT Summary of comments received from the MMAH and the Public for the Township of Chisholm Draft Official Plan Update – JL Richards (Encl, Schedules available at meeting)

12. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2026-21 being a by-law to adopt the 2026 budget (Encl.)
- (b) By-law 2026-22 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for property classes for 2026 (Encl.)
- (c) By-law 2026-23 being a by-law to establish tax rates for 2026 (Encl.)
- (d) By-law 2026-24 being a by-law to Regulate the Placement of Election Signs in the Township of Chisholm (Encl.)
- (e) Resolution Support from FONOM Re: Northern Ontario Policing Grant (Encl.)

13. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2026-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment

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MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 7:00 PM**

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., with Councillors present, Bernadette Kerr, and Paul Sharp and Councillor Claire Riley, and Nunzio Scarfone by zoom. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall There were 2 people in attendance in person and 1 online.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2026-101 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended to remove agenda item 6a. to be deferred to the Council Meeting June 23, 2026. 'Carried'

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – May 26, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 2026-102 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the May 26, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – May 26, 2026

Resolution 2026-103 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the May 2026 Payroll in the amount \$ 36,795.25 and the General Accounts Report in the amount of \$135,988.70 paid in accordance with the approved budget and delegated authority, be received. 'Carried'

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

- (a) BDO 2025 Draft Financial Statements – Dean Decaire (To Follow)
- (b) Susan Major – Amish Community non OHIP medical bills

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Resolution 2026-104 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the following Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be received:

- Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor – General Update
- Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- Committee Reports
 - Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, June 2, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Lake Nosbonsing OPP Detachment Board (Encl.)
 - DNSSAB's May Highlights
- Correspondence
 - Presentation, Improving Ontario's Conservation Authority System (Encl.)
 - Letter, Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response (Encl.)
 - Letter, Ministry of Municipal Affairs Re: Bill 119 (Encl.)
 - Resolution, Township of Armour Re: Hwy 11 and 17 (Encl.)
 - Resolution, Village of Merrickville Wolford, Traffic Calming and Speeding (Encl.)
 - Resolution, Township of North Glengarry, Property Tax Reassessment (Encl.)

'Carried'

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed June 5, 2026 (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-105 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed June 5, 2026, be received. **'Carried'**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- (a) By-law 2026-17, Powassan and District Union Public Library Agreement (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-106 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2026-17, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO Clerk Treasurer to enter into an agreement with the Municipality of Powassan and the Township of Nipissing for the maintenance of the Powassan and District Union Public Library. **'Carried'**
- (b) Amendment to Road Allowance Application – Mackinnon (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-107 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council receives the planning report update regarding the application from Kevin Mckinnon to purchase the full width of the unopened road allowance adjacent to 1507 Alderdale Road. **'Carried'**

12. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Memo From Planner Chris Jones Re: application for a ZBA Algonquin Pallets (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-108 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the report dated May 26, 2026, from Planner Chris Jones regarding an Application for a ZBA and Consent at 2589 Chiswick Line, be received and further that Council approves the following recommendations from the report:
 - That staff be directed to administer the application for consent upon receipt of a revised site plan illustrating the location of all existing buildings and structures on the lot to be severed;
 - That the application for zoning by-law be deferred and its administration be made a condition of Provisional Consent. **'Carried'**
- (b) Resolution support from Municipality of Calvin, Re: CVA-Based Apportionment for Shared Municipal and Provincial Mandated Services (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-109 Moved by Clare Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Municipality of Calvin requesting a provincial review of CVA-based apportionments for shared Municipal and Provincially Mandated Services. **'Carried'**

(c) Resolution support from Town of Parry Sound, Re: School Board Governance (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-110 Moved by **Bernadette Kerr** and **Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone**: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Town of Parry Sound requesting that the Province of Ontario undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees. And that the Province of Ontario ensure that any future governance model maintains strong local representation and reflects the diverse needs of communities across the province, including Northern and rural municipalities.
'Carried'

13. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2026-20 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
Resolution 2026-111 Moved by **Paul Sharp** and **Seconded by Bernadette Kerr**: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-20, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting, June 9, 2026, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this June 9, 2026.
'Carried'

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2026-112 Moved by **Claire Riley** and **Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone**: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting. Time 7:43 p.m. **'Carried'**

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE Wednesday, June 17, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

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Present: Mayor G. Degagne, Councillors P. Sharpe, N. Scarfone, C. Riley, B. Kerr. Staff: L. Marshall

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST- None Declared

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by Councillor Sharp

Be it resolved that the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented. **Carried.**

OPEN FORUM – None

Mayor G. Degagne shared a communication from a local OPP Inspector circulated to the Lake Nosbonsing Police Services Board members after recent losses suffered by the policing community.

MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Riley, Seconded by Councillor Scarfone

Be it resolved that the minutes of the February 2026 General Government meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by: Councillor Riley, Seconded by: Councillor Kerr

That the draft user fee schedules be received, and further that public notice be given before they are presented on a regular Council agenda. **Carried.**

Moved by: Councillor Sharp, Seconded by: Councillor Scarfone

That the draft election signage by-law be received, and further that it be loved to the next regular Council agenda. **Carried.**

Moved by: Councillor Riley, Seconded by: Councillor Sharp

That the Council remuneration report for 2025 be received. **Carried.**

Moved by: Councillor Sharp, Seconded by: Councillor Kerr

That the 2026 Draft Budget be received. **Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: Councillor Kerr, Seconded by: Councillor Riley

Be it resolved that this meeting be adjourned at 8:20pm. **Carried.**

Chairperson

CAO Clerk-Treasurer

THE GOLDEN SUNSHINE MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Common Room – April 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday April 21, 2026.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Markus, Dave Britton, Dave Yemm, Leo Patey, Amber McIsaac and Lynne Roy. Regrets Calvin Young

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bernadette Kerr

Resolution 2026-26:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation calls the Board of Directors meeting on April 21, 2026 at: 9:30am.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

2. Additions to Agenda- None noted.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Resolution 2026-27

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the agenda for April 21, 2026, board of directors meeting.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Leo Patey- Employer listed on 7b.

5. Approval of the Minutes from March 17, 2026

The minutes from the March 17, 2026 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Resolution 2026-28:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the minutes of the March 17, 2026.

Moved by: Dave B Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

6. Business Arising

a) COCHI Funding

No new updates on elevator repairs. Dave B. requested that photos of the concrete slab be taken once repairs begin to confirm no additional repairs are needed.

b) Fence Post Deterioration

Fence post repair set to begin in May- work will be warrantied for one year. A discussion took place.

c) Roof Heat Trace Quote

A quote from Lawrence Electrical for the installation of roof heat trace cables was presented to the Board and discussed. The Board directed Amber to contact the DSSAB to explore potential funding opportunities and eligibility for capital project support.

7. Correspondence

a/b) Financials

The Board reviewed and accepted all financial documents as presented.

Resolution 2026-29:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has received and approved the March 2026 financial transaction reports, as presented.

Moved by: Lynne Seconded by: Dave Y. Carried.

Resolution 2026-30:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has received and approved the March 2026 Income Statement, as presented.

Moved by: Leo Seconded by: Dave Y. Carried.

8. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-31:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved out of regular session and into closed session at 9:52.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

Resolution 2026-32:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved out of closed session and back into regular meeting at 10:23

Moved by: Leo Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

Resolution 2026-33:

That Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves updating the CRA director records to remove all previously listed directors, while retaining Dave Britton and adding Bernadette Kerr as directors of the corporation.

Moved by: Leo Seconded by: Dave Y Carried.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 19, 2026 @ 9:30am.

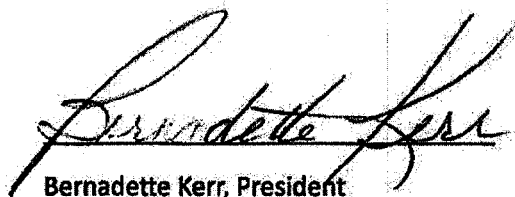
10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Resolution 2026-34:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors meeting of April 21, 2026 is hereby adjourned.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Lynne Carried.



Bernadette Kerr, President



Amber McIsaac, Secretary



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June 8, 2026

Township of Chisholm
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Project No: 60749086
Regarding: Notice of Study Commencement
Detail Design for the Rehabilitation of Highway 69
GWP 5239-21-00

To Whom It May Concern,

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **AECOM Canada ULC (AECOM)** to undertake the Detail Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the rehabilitation of Highway 69 from the north junction of Highway 529 northerly for 21.4 km (to 3.4 km north of Highway 522) (the "Project"). The study will also review opportunities for safety and operational improvements at the intersection of Highway 69 and Bekanon Road. The study area is located in the Geographic Townships of Mowat, Henvey, and Wallbridge, and within the Electoral Ridings of Nickel Belt and Parry Sound – Muskoka, in the Districts of Sudbury and Parry Sound.

The attached **Key Plan (Figure 1)** illustrates the location of the study area.

The purpose of the Project is to enhance safety by rehabilitating Highway 69 via pavement reconstruction. Additionally, concrete curb and gutter replacement, as well as guide rail and drainage improvements will be undertaken (where required).

This Study will follow the approved planning process for a Group C project under the *MTO Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (Class EA) (2024)*.

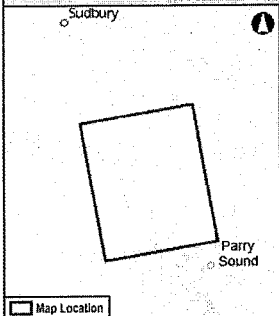
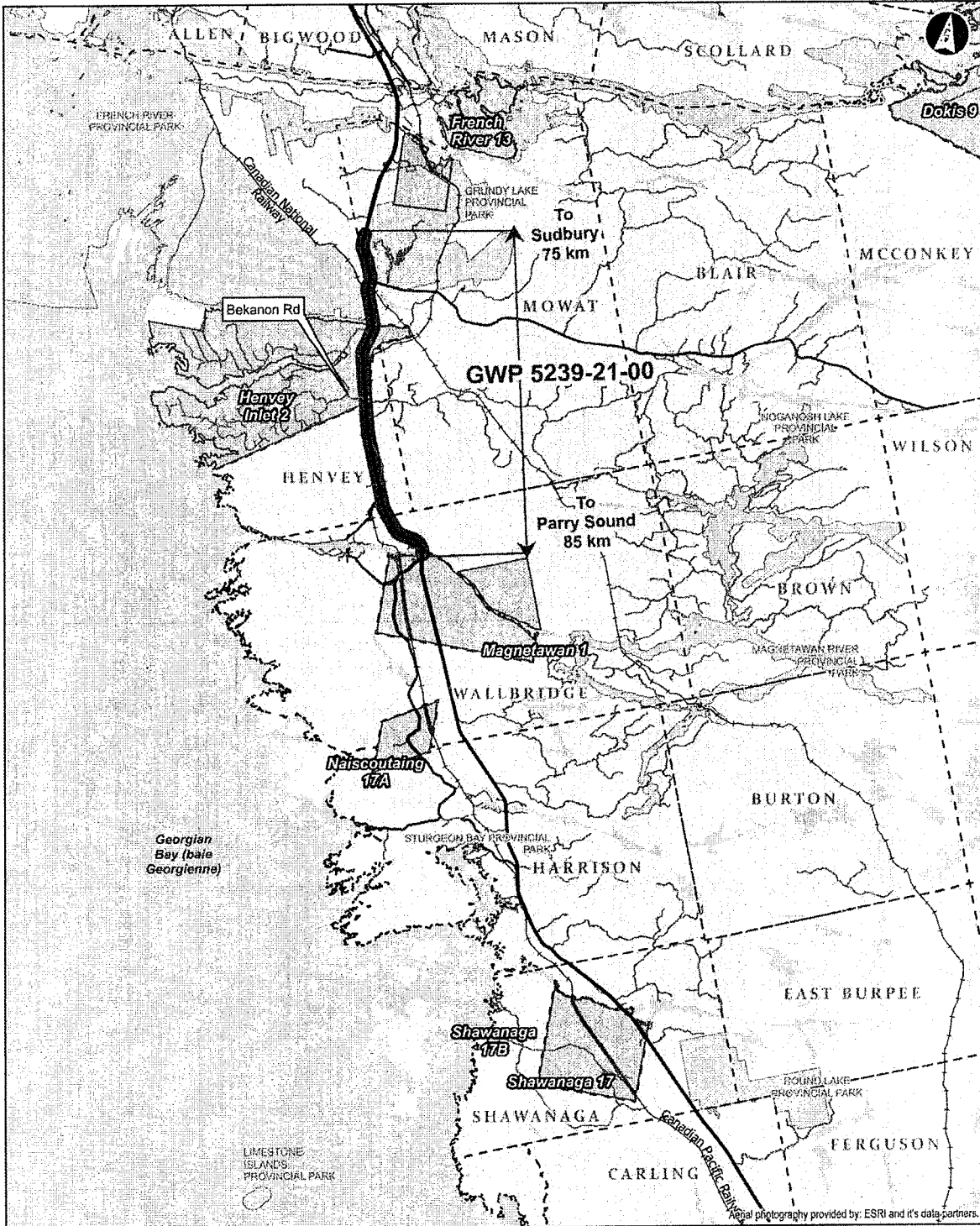
Alternatives will be generated and evaluated based on technical and environmental factors and in consultation with Indigenous communities, stakeholders, municipalities and government agencies. Upon Study completion, a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) will be prepared and made available for a 30-day public and agency comment period. Notifications advising of the availability of the TESR for comment will be mailed or e-mailed to those on the Project Contact List.

As part of the external consultation process for the Environmental study, this letter is intended to notify you of the study and solicit your input. In accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31*, all comments, excluding personal information, will be part of the public record for the Project.

We are interested in receiving feedback, comments or concerns that you may have about the Project. Comments and information regarding the Project are welcome at any time during the study and are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18*.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like further information on this Project, or if you have requirements under the *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

Pour des renseignements en français, veuillez communiquer avec Carole-Anne Zambelli à Carole-Anne.Zambelli@aecom.com ou par téléphone au 705-499-4508.



- Project Limit
- Primary or 400 Series Highway
- Secondary Highway
- Local Road
- Main Railway
- Indigenous Community
- Provincial Park Limit
- Township

Rehabilitation of Highway 69 from Highway 529 Northerly for 21.4 km, including Intersection Improvements at Bekanon Road - GWP 5239-21-00

Project Overview

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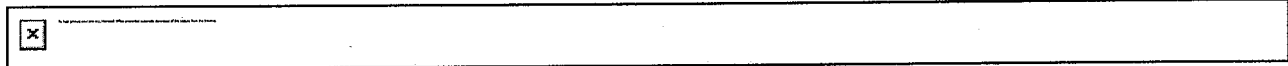
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AECOM Figure 1

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Jessica Laberge

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 1:30 PM
To: Jessica Laberge
Subject: AMO Policy Update - AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal; Build Communities Strong: New Stream Launches; New IESO Process for Major Projects; and Various ERO Submissions



AMO Policy Update – AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal; Build Communities Strong: New Stream Launches; New IESO Process for Major Projects; and Various ERO Submissions

Top Insights

- AMO calls for the province to restore local voice and keep local governance accountable to the communities they serve by reversing the appointment of Regional Chairs through Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act*
- Federal government launches new Local Impact Stream providing up to \$1 million for community infrastructure projects
- IESO launches a new process to identify major projects and facilitate collaboration between stakeholders, including municipalities, to plan for future factual energy demand
- AMO welcomes the province's proposed new framework for e-bike classification, which will help address public safety and municipal liability challenges
- The province has proposed changes to landfill requirements that reflect AMO advocacy calling for a balance between approvals speed and protections

- AMO has made recommendations to the province on its proposed regulatory framework for municipal consent of communal water and wastewater systems

AMO Opposes Appointment of Regional Chairs, Calls for Reversal of Bill 100

Bill 100, the *Better Regional Governance Act, 2026* was passed on May 7. AMO has sent a letter to the province opposing the government's decision to move forward with the appointment of regional chairs, the Warden of Simcoe County, and the Chair of Muskoka District. Municipal leaders should be elected by, and accountable to local voters – not Queen's Park. AMO calls on the province to restore the balance of local governance by reversing Bill 100 and maintaining the democratic election of heads of council.

The appointment of regional chairs with "strong chair" powers is fundamentally undemocratic. It erodes accountability to voters, undermines the ability of councils to represent the interests of their residents, move forward on local priorities, and deliver effective services. The selection of heads of council should be kept local. This is key to ensuring:

- Regional chairs have a strong, local mandate to deliver local priorities and drive growth
- Residents can hold elected officials to account and elect people who care about their priorities
- Unelected appointees cannot overturn decisions made by democratically-elected council members
- Regional chairs have a deep understanding of how municipal government works, and are able to build consensus, trust and buy-in at Council and in the community to advance shared local goals

Local Impact Stream of the Build Communities Strong Fund

The federal government has announced a new \$1 billion national Local Impact Stream allocating funding from the Build Communities Strong Fund towards community infrastructure. Municipalities can apply for up to \$1 million to build or improve community infrastructure that is primarily for public use and/or benefit. This includes community buildings, recreation and sport facilities, parks, and cultural infrastructure.

The Local Impact Stream will be administered by Canada's regional development agencies – FedDev Ontario for Southern Ontario, and FedNor for Northern Ontario. Applications are now open for the first intake with an initial deadline of July 8 for Northern Ontario, and July 9 in Southern Ontario.

AMO is hosting a joint webinar with FedDev Ontario on June 24 explaining the eligibility criteria, funding details, and how to prepare a strong application. **Register now over Zoom.**

IESO Launches new Major Project Identification Committee Process

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has established a new Major Projects Identification Committee (MPIC) process intended to serve as an early warning system for identifying large projects that could drive significant new demand for electricity (e.g. manufacturing facilities, mines, housing developments, data centres). MPICs will not replace existing energy planning, grid connection or local development processes, but are intended to help identify major projects earlier, and facilitate planning between the IESO, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders.

When projects are identified, municipalities will be invited to participate in a voluntary process along with relevant partners and authorities. The intent is to provide all stakeholders with a structured approach to coordinating growth and electricity demand planning. For more information about MPICs, please contact majorprojects@ieso.ca.

AMO Comments on Proposed E-Bike Framework

AMO submitted comments on the Ministry of Transportation's proposal to modernize Ontario's framework for power-assisted bicycles (e-bikes). AMO supports the province's proposed approach as a way to introduce more standardized safety and usage requirements for e-bikes across the province. AMO's submission emphasized that any new framework should preserve municipal authority to determine where different e-bike classes are permitted based on local infrastructure, transportation networks, and community safety needs.

The submission also highlighted the need for province-wide direction on enforcement roles, lithium-ion battery safety, public education, and compliance, including clear guidance for local police services, municipalities, manufacturers, retailers, and users. AMO welcomes the proposed 12-month education and awareness period included as part of the proposed framework

and looks forward to working with the province to implement a framework that balances innovation with public safety, municipal liability considerations, and local decision-making.

AMO Comments on Proposal to Streamline Landfill Requirements

AMO submitted comments to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on the province's proposal to streamline approval requirements for changes to waste disposal site service areas and fill rates. AMO and the municipal sector are broadly supportive of the proposed changes that would reduce duplicative processes and increase site flexibility, while still ensuring that appropriate environmental controls and oversight remain in place. In the past, AMO has advocated for a balanced approach that would empower municipalities and the province to protect the environment and community well-being while taking decisive action to expand landfill capacity in Ontario. We are pleased to see the province has incorporated these recommendations into this proposal.

AMO Comments on a Regulatory Framework for Communal Water and Wastewater Systems

AMO has submitted comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on its proposal to establish a regulatory framework for municipal consent of communal water and wastewater systems. To be successful, AMO advised advancing clear regulations and governance requirements that do not undermine municipal fiscal health or the integrity of Official and capital plans. AMO's recommendations included:

- Establishing clear definitions for the types of systems subject to the framework
- Maintaining a level regulatory playing field between private communal and municipally-owned systems
- Ensuring the development of communal systems is aligned with long-term settlement patterns, servicing strategies, and infrastructure capacity
- Clearly defining the roles and responsibilities of municipalities and the province in the event of system failure, and adopting a one-window model for provincial approvals and oversight

We will monitor next steps and share feedback with the province to help ensure any future regulations deliver a clear, consistent, and fiscally sustainable framework.

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).

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Date: June 18, 2026

To: MFIPPA institutions

From: Stephen Burt
Chief Strategy, Artificial Intelligence and Data Officer
Associate Deputy Minister
Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

Subject: Bill 97 Amendments to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) – Updates and Fact Sheet

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to inform you that Bill 97, Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, received Royal Assent on April 24. The Bill made amendments to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA)*.

An attached **fact sheet** provides a high-level overview of the amendments, including in-force dates and a summary of key changes. This memo is intended to highlight continuing obligations and implementation expectations for MFIPPA institutions.

Upcoming changes

Amendments include changes to access to information processes, privacy requirements and record exclusions, including:

- Updating and clarifying access request timelines and procedures.
- Introducing a staged approach for responding to certain large or complex requests.
- Removing the personal information bank framework.
- Adding new privacy requirements to align municipal institutions under MFIPPA with provincial institutions under FIPPA.
- Adding a new exclusion under MFIPPA for certain records prepared or collected under the *Enhancing Digital Security and Trust Act, 2024*.

Implementation and Next Steps

The Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement will provide guidance and implementation supports, aligned with the coming-into-force of various amendments. We look forward to working with you over the next months, particularly on the new requirements relating to privacy impact assessments and privacy breach reporting, to ensure that you have the support needed to

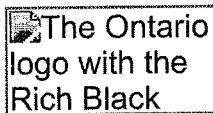
enable the effective implementation of the new requirements. The attached fact sheet outlines these phases. Institutions are expected to:

- Review the amendments and assess implications for internal processes.
- Ensure staff responsible for access, privacy, and recordkeeping functions are aware of these changes.
- Continue to apply existing statutory and policy requirements pending further guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Watson, Director, Privacy, Access and Cyber Security Policy Branch, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement at Kathryn.Watson@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your continued leadership and attention to Ontario's freedom of information, privacy and recordkeeping framework!

Stephen D. Burt (he/him)
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Enclosures:
Fact Sheet

Cc: Kathryn Watson, Director, Privacy, Access and Cyber Security Policy Branch
Jacqueline Spencer, Archivist of Ontario and Assistant Deputy Minister, Archives and Privacy Division

Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement

FACT SHEET: Amendments to FIPPA and MFIPPA

On April 24, 2026 (Royal Assent) amendments were made to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) that make changes to Ontario’s privacy and access to information frameworks.

This fact sheet provides a summary of the amendments, in-force dates, and a plan to release additional guidance and implementation supports in phases.

What has changed

Amendments include changes to access to information processes, privacy requirements and record exclusions, including:

- updating and clarifying access request timelines and procedures
- introducing a staged approach for responding to certain large or complex requests
- adding new privacy requirements to align municipal institutions under MFIPPA with provincial institutions under FIPPA
- adding a new exclusion under FIPPA relating to the records of Executive Council Members, Parliamentary Assistants and their offices, and
- adding a new exclusion under FIPPA and MFIPPA for certain records prepared or collected under the *Enhancing Digital Security and Trust Act, 2024* (EDSTA).

Summary of changes and in-force dates

Amendments to FIPPA

In Force: Royal Assent (April 24, 2026)

Area of change	Description
<p>Exclusion of the records of Executive Council Members, Parliamentary Assistants and their offices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records in the custody or control of a Minister, a Minister’s Office, a Parliamentary Assistant, or a Parliamentary Assistant’s Office are now excluded from FIPPA, unless the record is also in the custody of an institution under FIPPA. • Section 65(18) of FIPPA (the “Exclusion”) provides for this change which came into force on April 24, 2026, and applies retroactively as of 1988 (the year FIPPA came into effect). • The Exclusion can apply to records held by the Premier, a Minister, a Parliamentary assistant, and the staff in their respective offices. • The Exclusion does not apply when Ontario Public Service (“OPS”) staff have possession of a record, other than in limited circumstances.

Amendments to FIPPA and MFIPPA

In Force: July 1, 2026

Area of change	Description
Increasing FOI response timelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 calendar day timeline changed to 45 business days. • Enables institutions to request a second time extension for processing voluminous or complex requests.
Codifying FOI request practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutions are required to help requesters to refine and clarify their FOI requests. • FOI response timelines are paused while awaiting fee estimate payment or an approved fee waiver. • Allows institutions to release voluminous requests in stages while processing continues.
Removal of personal information bank framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes requirements for publishing lists that index the types of personal information an institution holds. • Other transparency and accountability requirements under FIPPA and MFIPPA continue to apply.
Exclusion of certain records where there is a cyber security risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excludes certain records prepared or collected under EDSTA from the scope of FIPPA and MFIPPA or other records the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to compromise cyber security.

Amendments to FIPPA

In Force: September 15, 2026

Area of change	Description
Amendments to data integration framework and governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moves authority to approve data integration standards from the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) to the Chief Digital and Data Officer's (CDDO) within the Ontario Government. • Clarifies the sequencing of activities by data integration unit that linking should occur before de-identifying personal information. The CDDO is required to report annually to the IPC on the activities of Data Integration Units. • Mandatory, recurring reviews of Data Integration Unit practices by the IPC are no longer prescribed, with oversight supported through reporting, transparency, and existing regulatory powers.
Ontario Public Servant (OPS) Office 365 accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes authority to permit the disclosure of personal information to enable an employee to retain access to their email and associated account when moving positions between ministries.

Area of Change	Description
<p>Mandatory Privacy Impact Assessment, Privacy Breach Reporting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns MFIPPA with Bill 194, Strengthening Cyber Security and <i>Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024</i>, amendments to FIPPA requiring privacy impact assessments and privacy breach reporting.
<p>FIPPA and MFIPPA Privacy Alignment Provisions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures both FIPPA and MFIPPA are aligned to ensure consistent access and privacy law across provincial and municipal institutions, including whistleblowing protections and IPC review of privacy practices.

Supports

- **Additional tools, guidance materials and implementation supports are being developed and will be released in phases, aligned with in-force dates.**
- MPBSDP will engage with institutions, municipalities and sector partners as appropriate as materials are developed.
- Guidance will focus on implementation requirements for institutions as amendments come into force.
- Anticipated approach (subject to change):
 - May 2026: guidance on the ministers’ records exclusion
 - June 2026: guidance on the FIPPA procedural changes will be available for FIPPA institutions.
 - August 2026: further information on employee email accounts and data integration ministries where appropriate.
 - January 2027: updates to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Manual will be published.
- Please direct questions to MPBSDP’s Archives and Privacy Division at access.privacy@ontario.ca.


THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATTAWAN

DATE June 11, 2026 Resolution No. 2026 - 061

MOVED BY Councillor LEMAIRE

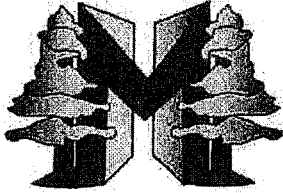
SECONDED BY Councillor LAHAYE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Corporation of the Municipality of Mattawan supports the Township of Machar's Resolution Number 86-26 in which they are opposing the Government of Ontario's proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests and that this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED Mayor Peter Murphy 

DIVISION VOTE

NAME OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL	YEAS	NAYS
<u>Councillor Bell</u>	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Edwards</u>	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Lahaye</u>	_____	_____
<u>Councillor Lemaire</u>	_____	_____



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Jun 2, 2026

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Re: Opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Jun 1, 2026, Township of Machar Council passed the following motion,

86-26 McLaren, Ivens

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Machar oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities. CARRIED.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Clerk Administrator

#73 Municipal Rd. N., P.O. Box 70, South River, On. POA 1X0
Phone 705-386-7741, Fax. 705-386-0765

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

Resolution Number: 86-26

Moved by: Ron McLaren Blair Flowers Pearl Ivens Neil Scarlett
Seconded by: Ron McLaren Blair Flowers Pearl Ivens Neil Scarlett

Jun 1, 2026

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3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Carried by: 



Town of Petawawa

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Michael Kerzner
Minister of the Solicitor General
George Drew Building, 18th Floor
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Via Email: minister.solgen@ontario.ca

June 17, 2026

RE: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Michael Kerzner:

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

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

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

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

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

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

- Billy Denault MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Carried

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

Sincerely,



Dawn Recoskie, CMO, Dipl.M.A.

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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cc: All municipalities

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Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association, info@opffa.org

Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, admin@ontariofirefighters.org

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

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

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

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

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

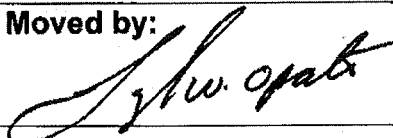
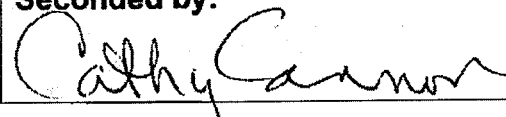


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Resolution # RC26131	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS growing pressures across Ontario's healthcare system are increasing patient volumes in emergency rooms (ERs), requiring more complex care and contributing to longer patient wait times for residents across the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS Health Quality Ontario data from October 2025 reports that patients requiring admission to hospital waited an average of 19 to 20 hours, while high-urgency patients waited close to five hours on average to be assessed by a physician; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General of Ontario reported in December 2023 that significant hospital staffing shortages were reducing access to timely emergency care; and

WHEREAS the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario reported in March 2023 that emergency room wait times were increasing significantly, with the longest wait times recorded in more than fifteen years, and that provincial funding was projected to be \$21.3 billion short of maintaining current health programs through 2028; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Hospital Association has reported that Ontario has had the lowest per capita hospital expenditure in Canada since 2018 and that approximately 4,200 Alternate Level of Care (ALC) patients remain in acute care beds, contributing to emergency room overcrowding and delays; and

WHEREAS emergency room overcrowding and prolonged wait times have been linked to adverse patient outcomes and place additional strain on Ontario's healthcare system, including municipal paramedic services experiencing excessive ambulance offload delays; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has taken important steps to improve healthcare in Ontario; however, additional funding, staffing resources, and capacity enhancements remain critical to ensuring timely access to emergency medical care; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS concerns regarding emergency room staffing shortages, temporary closures, and failure to consistently meet national standards such as the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) continue to be raised by healthcare professionals, municipalities, and residents across Ontario; and

WHEREAS the tragic death of sixteen-year-old Finlay van der Werken on February 9, 2024, following an extended wait in an emergency department, has highlighted the urgent need for enhanced protections and standards for pediatric emergency care;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the resolution of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus and calls upon the Ontario Ministry of Health to take immediate action to reduce emergency room wait times through enhanced triage protocols, increased hospital funding, and additional healthcare staffing resources to strengthen emergency readiness across Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa supports the introduction of "Finlay's Law" to ensure that no child in Ontario is left without timely emergency medical care, including measures to:

1. Establish maximum emergency room wait time standards for patients under the age of 18;
2. Mandate safe pediatric nurse-to-patient and physician-to-patient staffing ratios in emergency settings;
3. Establish independent oversight to audit hospital performance, investigate pediatric emergency room deaths, and enforce compliance with provincial standards;
4. Require timely and independent inquiries by the Chief Coroner of Ontario into pediatric deaths occurring in emergency room waiting areas; and
5. Provide funding for enhanced pediatric emergency readiness, including staffing, training, equipment, and infrastructure improvements;



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Wawa calls upon the Federal Minister of Health to utilize the Canada Health Transfer framework to ensure compliance with the principles of the Canada Health Act by monitoring adherence to national emergency care standards, including the Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS), and supporting the establishment and implementation of national sepsis care standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health, The Honourable Marjorie Michel, Federal Minister of Health, The Ontario Medical Association (OMA), The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC); and the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA).

<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: _____

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Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

MEMO

To: Council

From: Shawn Hughes, Ops Superintendent

Date: June 18 2026

Re: Public Works Activity Report (May 9, 2026– June 18, 2026)

Landfill/Roads/Parks

Replaced damaged culverts from flooding
Calcium application has started and will continue
Road side grass cutting has started
Grading for calcium application
Parks and beach maintenance

Equipment

Oil changes on 2024 Western Star, Freightliner, Grader, and Doosan
2024 Ram went in for annual certification and had windshield replaced
2019 GMC going in for repair next week for starting issue
Replaced front wheel assembly on lawn mower

Other Notes

Calcium application will continue as weather permits, public works will be working on using topsoil from ditching on Beach Road and memorial to level out the field at the park on Bell Carin. Road side mowing and berm removal will continue. One Culvert on Alderdale road will have to be replaced requiring having the road patched with asphalt after the replacement has been made.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

BY-LAW NO. 2026-21

A by-law to adopt the 2026 budget including estimates of all sums required for the purposes of the municipality during the year 2026

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 290 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, (hereinafter referred to as "The Act"), a local municipality shall in each year prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the attached 2026 Municipal Budget (Appendix 'A') be adopted.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 23RD DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

BY-LAW NO. 2026-22

Being a by-law to establish tax ratios for prescribed property classes in the Township of Chisholm for the year 2026.

WHEREAS pursuant to section 308(4) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, the municipalities are required to establish tax ratios for prescribed property classes;

AND WHEREAS the tax ratios determine the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class;

AND WHEREAS the property classes have been prescribed pursuant to Section 7 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.31, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm hereby enacts as follows:

1. That for the taxation year 2026, the tax ratio for property in:
 - (a) The residential/farm property class is 1.0000;
 - (b) The multi-residential property class is 1.0000;
 - (c) The commercial property class is 1.1717;
 - (d) The industrial property class is 1.10000;
 - (e) The Aggregate Extraction Class is 1.10000;
 - (f) The pipelines property class is 0;
 - (g) The farmlands property class is 0.2500;
 - (h) The managed forests property class is 0.2500;
 - (i) The landfill property class is 1.123144;
 - (j) The commercial vacant class is 0.82019;

This By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of passage.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 23rd day of June 2026.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

BY-LAW NO. 2026-23

A by-law to establish the tax rates for 2026

WHEREAS Section 312(2) of The Act, provides that, for purposes of raising the general local municipality levy, a local municipality shall, each year, pass a by-law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the by-law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipality purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 312(6) of The Municipal Act requires that the tax rates to be levied on the different classes of property must be in the same proportion to each other as the tax ratios established under Section 308 of The Act;

AND WHEREAS the property assessment roll on which the 2026 taxes are to be levied has been returned and revised pursuant to the provisions of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.A.31, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Assessment Act") subject to appeals at present before the Assessment Review Board, the Ontario Municipal Board and the District Court;

AND WHEREAS the tax ratios and the tax ratio reductions for prescribed property subclasses on the aforementioned properties for the 2026 taxation year have been set out in By-Law 2026-22;

AND WHEREAS the tax rates on the aforementioned assessment classes and the applicable subclasses have been calculated pursuant to the provision of the Municipal Act in the manner set out herein;

AND WHEREAS the education rates for all assessment classes shall be levied in accordance with Ontario Regulation No. 132/17 which amends Ontario Regulation 400/98 of the Education Act.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT the Corporation adopts the sum of Two Million One-Hundred and Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars (\$2,105,845) as the gross estimate of the funds required during the year 2026 for general purposes.
2. THAT the tax rates for 2026 municipal purposes, as calculated and outlined in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this By-law, be hereby set.
3. THAT the taxes levied pursuant to the provision of this By-law shall become due and payable in two installments as follows: 50% of the final levy shall become due and payable on the 27th day of August, 2026; and the balance of the final levy shall become due and payable on the 27th day of October, 2026.
4. THAT the CAO Clerk-Treasurer of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm shall mail or cause to be mailed to the address of the residence or place of business of each property or person a notice specifying the amount of taxes payable by such persons pursuant to the provisions of this By-law.

5. THAT the taxes payable, pursuant to this By-law, shall be paid into the office of the CAO Clerk-Treasurer of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm on or before the respective due dates herein before set forth.
6. THAT the CAO Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any taxes which have become due pursuant to this By-law.
7. THAT in accordance with Section 345(3) of The Act, interest charges of 1.25 per cent each month of the amount of taxes due and unpaid, will be imposed for the non-payment of taxes on the first day of each calendar month thereafter in which default continues.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

Schedule 'A' By-law 2026-23

Tax Class	Taxable CVA	Tax Ratio	CVA Weighted by Tax Rat	% Share	2026 Est. Mun. Taxation	Effective Tax Rate
Residential	152736700	1	152736700	97.12%	2045230	0.01339055
Multi-Res / New Multi-Res	0	1	0	0.00%	0	0.01339055
Commercial Occupied	938400	1.1717	1099283	0.70%	14718	0.01568971
Commercial Vacant / Excess Land	0	0.82019	0	0.00%	0	0.01098276
Commercial New Construction	0	1.1717	0	0.00%	0	0.01568971
Industrial Occupied	150600	1.1	165660	0.11%	2215	0.01472961
Industrial New Construction	0	1.1	0	0.00%	0	0.01472961
Industrial Vacant Land	0	0.715	0	0.00%	0	0.00957725
Aggregate Extraction	165600	1.1	182160	0.12%	2438	0.01472961
Farmlands	11392200	0.25	2848050	1.81%	38127	0.00334764
Managed Forests	926400	0.25	231600	0.15%	3097	0.00334764
Exempt	264800	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL TAXABLE	166309900		157263453	100.00%	2105825	

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

BY-LAW NO. 2026-24

A By-Law To Regulate the Placement of Election Signs in the Township of Chisholm

WHEREAS, Section 8 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, provides that the powers of a municipality under this or any other Act shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues.

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other act.

AND WHEREAS Section 11 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended provides that a municipality may pass by-laws within the spheres of jurisdiction set out therein, respecting structures, including fences and signs;

AND WHEREAS Section 99 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides the rules which apply to a by-law of a municipality respecting advertising devices, including signs; that all costs and charges incurred for disposing of an advertising device may be recovered by the municipality as a debt owed by the owner of the device;

AND WHEREAS, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm deems it is expedient to regulate the placement of election signs on public roadways and properties for the purpose of preventing hazards to vehicles and pedestrians and to prevent an unsightly proliferation of election signs.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm hereby enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

- 1.1 Elections Sign means any officially authorized sign or other advertising device, including, without limitation, posters, placards, bulletins, banners, notices, pictures or any combination thereof:
 - a) Any candidate or political party in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario), or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;
 - b) An issue associated with a person or political party in an election under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario), or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;
 - c) A question, law or by-law submitted to the electors under the Canada Elections Act, the Election Act (Ontario), or the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.
- 1.2 Highway means a common and public walkway, lane, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, designed and intended for, or used by, the general public for the passage of vehicles and pedestrians and includes the untraveled portion of a road allowance and adjacent ditches and shoulders thereof.
- 1.3 Municipal Law Enforcement Officer means a person appointed by the Council of the Township of Chisholm for the purposes of enforcing Township by-laws.
- 1.4 Municipality shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm.
- 1.5 Owner means the person who places or permits the placing of an election sign or any person described on the sign, whose name, address or telephone number is on the sign or who benefits from the message on the sign and for the purposes of this by-law there may be more than one owner of an election sign;
- 1.6 Public Property means real or material property owned or under the control of the Township of Chisholm, not including highways, boulevards and road allowances, and shall be deemed to include public utilities facilities, regardless of whether the poles are owned by or under the control of the Municipality and shall also be deemed to include benches, municipal garbage containers or other structures located on a highway regardless of whether the containers or structures are owned by the Municipality.

- 1.7 Registered third party means an individual, corporation or trade union which has filed a notice of registration as required pursuant to Section 88 of The Municipal Elections Act;
- 1.8 Signs means any surface, structure and other component parts, which are used or capable of being used as a visual medium to attract attention to a specific subject matter or to create a design or convey a message and includes posters, billboards, advertising devices or notices;
- 1.9 Voting place means a place where electors cast their ballots and:
- a) When a voting place is located on public property, includes all of the area enclosed by the lot lines of the public property and any highway abutting, and
 - b) When a voting place is located on private property, includes all of the common elements of the private property and any highway immediately abutting.

2. General

- 2.1 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign except in accordance with this by-law.
- 2.2 No person shall display the Municipality's logo or the Municipality's municipal election logo, in whole or in part, on any election sign.
- 2.3 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign on municipal road allowances that:
- a) is illuminated;
 - b) that is greater than two (2) feet by two (2) feet;

3. Location

- 3.1 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign on municipal property including but not limited to:
- a) Municipal Office and Fire Hall
 - b) Public Works Garage
 - c) All Municipal Parks, Playgrounds, Beaches
- 3.2 Elections signs shall not be permitted on road allowance immediately adjacent to the properties noted in Section 3.1 above, with the exception of 3.1.c)
- 3.3 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign that:
- a) interferes with the safe operation of vehicular traffic or the safety of pedestrians; or
 - b) inside or outside of a municipal facility or on associated property;
 - c) is on a utility pole, road sign, tree, fence or gate located on public property;
 - d) impedes or obstructs the municipality's maintenance operations.
 - e) within any urban area, is within 10 meters of any other election sign of the same candidate;
- 3.4 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign that:
- a) is at a voting place;
 - b) is on a vehicle that is parked at any voting place;
- 3.5 Candidate and third-party advertisements for those seeking office in a municipality or other jurisdiction other than the Township of Chisholm are not permitted within the geographical limits of the Municipality.

4 Timing

- 4.1 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign for a federal or provincial election or by-election earlier than the day the writ of election or by-election is issued.
- 4.2 No person shall place or permit to be placed an election sign for a municipal election before August 1st in any given election year.
- 4.3 No owner of a sign shall fail to remove his/her election sign within 7 days immediately following the day of the election.

5 Removal of Elections Signs

- 5.1 Candidates or third-party advertisers that have been requested to remove an election sign by the Municipality must remove the sign within twelve (12) hours of the request being made. If not removed within the required timeframe, the Municipality reserves the right to remove the sign without any further notice to the candidate or third party advertiser.
- 5.2 The Clerk or a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer may remove any election sign erected in contravention of this by-law without notice.
- 5.3 Election signs removed in accordance with this by-law may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the Municipality without notice and without compensation to any party.
- 5.4 The registered third party, or the candidate, as the case may be, to whom an election sign relates shall be responsible for the erection and display of the election sign and shall ensure that all the requirements of this by-law are met.
- 5.5 The Municipality reserves the right to remove, without notice to any person, including the candidate or third-party advertiser, any election sign which it deems to be a hazard to the travelling public or to any person, regardless of its compliance to this By-law.

6. Fees

- 6.1 Election signs in contravention of this by-law that are required to be removed shall be removed by the Township of Chisholm representative, held at the Public Works yard for three days, and then disposed of. The cost of such removal and disposal shall be charged back to the owner of the signs at a charge of \$50.00 per sign.
- 6.2 Candidates shall be responsible for compliance with signage by-laws and regulations of the Province of Ontario (MTO), as the case may be.

7. Effective Date

- 7.1 THAT By-Law No. 2018-15 be repealed in its entirety,
- 7.2 This By-Law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME and.

READ A THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED this 23rd day of June 2026.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk-Treasurer

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02

Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

AND THAT the grant include a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;

AND THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognizes the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

____ Louanne Caza
 ✓ _____ Elaine Fic
 _____ Annie Keft
 _____ Mayor Culhane

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

✓ _____ Louanne Caza
 _____ Elaine Fic
 _____ Annie Keft
 _____ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 136/2026

DATE: June 9, 2026

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for services;

AND WHEREAS unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

AND WHEREAS residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

AND WHEREAS the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significant lower contribution level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to implement a fair and equitable funding model that ensures all communities receiving OPP policing services contribute appropriately to the cost of those services;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province be requested to consult with municipalities, particularly those in Northern Ontario, regarding the financial impacts of OPP policing costs and the current inequities in the system;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Minister of the Solicitor General, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and neighboring municipalities for their support.

Recorded vote requested by _____

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

**Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Date: June 10, 2026

Northern Ontario Policing Grant

Resolution Number: 2026-191

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant;

WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;

AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;

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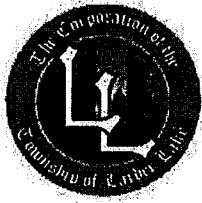
AND THAT the province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognizes the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities on Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of
Resolution No. 2026-191 passed by the Council of
The Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin
on the 09th day of June, 2026.

Trish Araujo
Deputy Clerk



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LARDER LAKE

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May 28, 2026

To whom it May Concern:

RE: Resolution – support Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Resolution No.2026-02 - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

Please be advised that at the Township of Larder Lake's Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, the following resolution of support was adopted:

Resolution #15, May 26th, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Hull

Seconded by: Councillor Kelly

Carried

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Larder Lake supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

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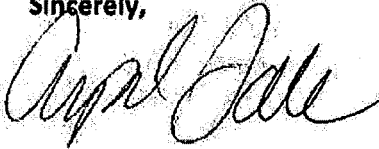
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Sincerely,



Crystal Labbe
CAO/ Clerk Treasurer

Encl.

cc: Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)

Date: June 19, 2026
 To: Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Chisholm
 From: Tara Michauville, Planner, J. L. Richards & Associates Ltd.
 CC: Jason Ferrigan, Director of Planning, J. L. Richards & Associates Ltd.
 Jessica Laberge, Admin Assistant, Township of Chisholm
 Subject: DRAFT Summary of comments received from the MMAH and the Public for the Township of Chisholm Draft Official Plan Update
 JLR No.: 33130-000.1

Background

In 2024 the Township of Chisholm (the Township) retained J. L. Richards & Associates Ltd. (JLR) to review and update the Township’s Official Plan. The Township is obligated to submit a Draft Official Plan to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) for review and comment as required by O.Reg. 543/06. The Draft OP was submitted December 22, 2025. Comments from MMAH were received April 21, 2026, with a follow up meeting between MMAH, JLR and the Township on June 4, 2026.

Comments Summary

This Memo addresses two sets of comments received; one from the MMAH (email and table), and the second received from the public (written and oral). Below are summaries of each with JLR’s responses, rationale and suggested modifications, where applicable.

1. MMAH Comments

MMAH provided comments to the Draft Official Plan along with recommendations and suggested amendments to the Draft OP. Each comment has been reviewed and addressed with a response from JLR as shown in the Comment Response Tables below. The Tables will be submitted with the Final Draft OP to the MMAH for approval following adoption by Council.

	MMAH Email Question/Comment	JLR Response
1	The ministry would also like to better understand the Township’s population projection of 1,705 relative to MOF’s projection and the proposal for 124 new residential lots by 2051.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Background Report initially used MOF data as of June 2021 and was subsequently updated to use MOF data as of October 2024. A technical error did not revise the number of new homes required. This has been corrected in the Final OP to reflect 146 new homes required (instead of the previous 124). • JLR notes a moderate increasing growth rate in the Township will be able to accommodate the need for residential properties. • JLR understands that this revision will not affect Council’s preference to update land division policies for the Rural Designation.

2	Additionally, we are interested in the recent vacant land absorption (uptake) in the Township. This information will be incorporated into the package that is sent to the Minister for decision.	See 4a below.
3	When submitting the Township's adopted OP, please provide a rationale for the population projection and growth.	The rationale is included in the Background Report (to be attached to Final Submission).
4	Kindly also share data from MPAC's Municipal Connects portal (which municipalities should be able to access for free) to help us better understand any key trends:	See 4a and 4b below.
4a	Year over year total numbers for each vacant residential property code (e.g. 100, 101, 110), from 2021 to 2025	The Township has provided a summary - to be attached to the Final Submission.
4b	Any corroborating residential building permit data that might help inform uptake of vacant lands	The Township has provided a summary - to be attached to the Final Submission.

The following Table was sent by the MMAH and is modified to show how JLR addressed each comment and provided a recommendation.

Revisions to Draft Official Plan Suggested to Implement the Planning Act, Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 and Provincial Plans						
OP Policy Number	Comments/Concerns	Related Provincial Ministries	Reference to Planning Act, PPS or Provincial Plan Section or Policy	Proposed Revision	JLR COMMENTS	JLR RECOMMENDATIONS
1	<p>The policy would benefit from using consistent terminology for prime agricultural areas, as opposed to prime agricultural lands, as indicated in the PPS.</p> <p>Please ensure this section of the OP references the requirement to obtain an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) and/or Permit To Take Water (PTTW) prior to the commencement of any home industrial use if applicable.</p>	OMAF	PPS policies 4.3.1.2 and 4.3.1.1	*blank	Agreed	Policy 2.3.3.2.3 was updated to include consistent terminology as recommended.
2	<p>Please update this policy to reflect that the administration of Ontario's <i>Species at Risk Act</i> moved from MNR to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) - Species at Risk Branch (SARB).</p>	MECP	EPA, OWRA, PPS section 4.2	*blank	Agreed	Policy 3.1.5.1 was updated to include suggested comment.
3	<p>3.1.5.10.7</p>	MNR	<i>Species at Risk Act</i> PPS 4.1.7	<p>Modify policy 3.1.5.10.7 as follows: The Ministry of Natural Resources has been contacted where a commercial dog kennel operation is proposed in proximity to a known or suspected habitat of endangered or threatened species or species of special concern, and, if necessary, measures have been taken to address any concerns or recommendations of the Ministry of Natural Resources</p> <p>The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Species at Risk branch will be consulted where a commercial dog kennel operation is proposed in proximity to known or suspected habitat of endangered, threatened, or special concern species, and measures will be taken to address any concerns or recommendations</p>	Agreed	Section 3.1.5.10.7 was updated with the proposed revised text.

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4	<p>Please include a policy that ensures extraction is undertaken in a manner which minimizes social, economic and environmental impacts, as per PPS Policy 4.5.2.2. Please include a policy indicating that mineral aggregate resource conservation shall be undertaken, including through the use of accessory aggregate recycling facilities within operations, wherever feasible. Recommend that the OP include rehabilitation standards for operations on private land that are compatible with standards under the Aggregate Resources Act.</p>	MNR	PPS policies, 4.5.2.2 and 4.5.2.3	<p>provided by MEC/PSARB under the Species at Risk Act.</p> <p>*blank</p>	Agreed	<p>Policy 3.1.6 was updated to add 3.1.6.3.6 and 3.1.6.3.7 and Policy 3.1.6.5 was updated to include ARA guidelines.</p>
5	<p>Please update this policy for better PPS consistency. It will also help with terminology used in the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> (OHA)</p>	MCM	PPS section 8 (definitions)	<p>Please revise policy 3.1.6.3 f) as follows: f) The built-or cultural heritage of the area.</p>	Agreed	<p>Updated Section 3.1.6.3 f) as suggested.</p>
6	<p>This policy conflicts with Section 3.1.8 which states that this use will be in a Mineral Aggregate Resource One (MAR 1) Zone that permits quarries and sand and gravel extraction operations.</p>	MNR	PPS policy 4.4.4.1	*blank	Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3.2.3.9 was updated to separate 'minerals and petroleum resources' and 'mineral aggregates'. Section 3.2.3.10 was updated to add a reference to policy 3.1.8.

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7	<p>Modify policy. 3.2.3.9 to alternate zoning designation for consistency with PPS policy 4.4.4.1</p> <p>The policy for lot creation in agricultural areas would benefit from using terminology and criteria consistent with the PPS to avoid farmland fragmentation. Please eliminate reference to policies 3.2.4.1 b/d). As these policies don't appear to exist.</p>	OMAFRA	PPS policy 4.3.3.1	*blank	Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3.2.4.1 was updated to align with provincial policy for farmland fragmentation. Section references to 3.2.4.1 b) and d) were removed.
8	<p>The policy would benefit from consistency with the PPS in the use of term "agricultural condition" The term agricultural condition is defined in the PPS to more specifically identify the need to be "a condition in which substantially the same areas and same average soil capability for agriculture will be maintained, restored or enhanced." This will help to properly restore aggregate sites in prime agricultural areas.</p>	OMAFRA	PPS section 8.0 (definition of Agricultural condition)	*blank	Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Section 3.2.4.10.2 with "where the same areas and same capability for agriculture will be maintained, restored or enhanced".

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9	Proposed new policy to ensure in water construction is compliant with federal Fisheries Act.	MNR	PPS policy 4.1.6	Add 3.3.1.5: To protect fish and fish habitat, and to comply with the Fisheries Act and associated federal guidance, the Township shall require that all in water works, shoreline works, or works occurring in or near watercourses or waterbodies adhere to restricted in water work timing windows established to protect sensitive fish life stages such as spawning, incubation, fry emergence, and migration. No in water work shall occur outside approved timing windows, which shall be determined by applicable provincial and federal regulations/requirements as well as any conservation authorities.	If implemented, this would include a 'policy' in a what is meant to be the 'objectives' section in the OP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 4.2.2 (Fish Habitat) was amended to include "in accordance with provincial and federal requirements" and "shall comply with the federal Fisheries Act"
10	Please clarify this policy, as it is unclear if it means only one or all of the conditions 1-3 as outlined.	MNR	PPS policy 4.2.1 9)	Consider the following revision for policy 3.3.4.1 ...permitted Wasi Lake or the Wasi River, unless all of the following conditions are met: *blank	Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3.3.4.1 was updated as recommended.
11	Recommend adding significant wildlife habitat, fish habitat to components that should be protected for greater consistency with PPS policies 4.1.5 d) and 4.1.6.	MNR	PPS policies 4.1.5 d) and 4.1.6		Agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3.5.2 was updated to add policies 3.5.2.4 and 3.5.2.5.
12	Please update policy 3.5.2.1 for greater accuracy and PPS Consistency	MNR	PPS policy 4.1.5a)	Revise policy 3.5.2.1 to read: (1) All provincially significant wetlands identified by a wetland evaluator trained in accordance with the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System policy.	For consistency in text, the policies in this section are simplified. A Provincially Significant Wetland can only be	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated Section 3.5.2.1 to "all provincially significant wetlands".

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13	Even wetlands under 2 ha may be subject to Ministry review. For example, if the wetland provides habitat or is directly associated with Species at Risk, in which case the Species at Risk Branch would need to be consulted (any development impacting Species at Risk must follow the Endangered Species Act. Please see proposed rewording for consistency with PPS policy 4.1.4 a)	MNR	PPS policy 4.1.4a)	Please revise policy 3.5.5.1 as follows: Any application for development or site alteration in a local wetland greater than 2 hectares shall be subject to a wetland permit issued by the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority and a wetland evaluation undertaken in accordance with the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System by a qualified person. A 30 m buffer should be preserved from the boundary of any Provincially significant wetland and local wetland greater than 2 hectares that maintains a natural vegetated cover and may be implemented through the Zoning By-law. Any application for development or site alteration in a local unevaluated wetland shall be subject to an evaluation by a trained wetland evaluator in accordance with the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System Policy (OWES) prior to processing any planning approvals. Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in significant wetlands. A 30 m buffer should be preserved from the boundary of any local wetland that maintains a natural vegetated cover and may be implemented through the Zoning By-law.	designated by a qualified wetland evaluator. Agreed	Section 3.5.5.1 was updated with recommended text.
14	Please remove reference to the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> as it is no longer in effect having	MNR	PPS policy 4.1.7, PPS section 8 (definition of habitat of endangered)	*blank	Agreed	Updated Section 3.5.5.1, 3.5.5.3.1 and 3.5.6.2.9 to "Species Conservation Act".

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15	<p>been replaced by the Species at Risk Act.</p> <p>Paragraph 2 suggests only certain circumstances where an EIS would be required prior to development adjacent to significant wildlife habitat. Policy 4.1.5(d) and 4.1.8 of the PPS direct that new development and site alteration in and adjacent to significant wildlife habitat should only be permitted if it has first been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or the ecological functions for which the area is identified. Please revise this section to reflect the PPS direction. Note that planning authorities are to use the Significant Wildlife Habitat Ecoregion Criteria Schedules and the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide when completing an ecological site assessment.</p>	MNR	<p>species and threatened species:</p> <p>PPS policies 4.1.5(d) and 4.1.8</p>	*blank	Agreed	Section 4.2.4 was updated to include PPS policies 4.1.5 d) and 4.1.8.
16	<p>For consistency with PPS policy 5.2.6 please add a policy that prohibits institutional uses, emergency services and uses associated with</p>	MNR	PPS policy 5.2.6	*blank	PPS policy 5.2.6 is described in Section 4.5.1.1.2.e	Policy exists. No updated needed.

Revisions to Draft Official Plan Suggested to Implement the Planning Act, Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 and Provincial Plans

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	hazardous substances in the hazardous land use.					
17	<p>Contamination near sensitive land use is discussed but more detail could be added to the policy, including: proposed developments shall be developed in accordance with MECP policy guideline D-5-4 and shall ensure that there is no risk of contamination to potable water supply wells and groundwater resources. Proponents of industrial development shall be required to provide supporting technical studies, to assist in the evaluation of proposed developments and, where applicable, to determine influence areas, address potential impacts, and identify appropriate separation distances and other mitigation measures. Consideration may also be given to the extent to which increased site plan requirements can reduce the potential impacts.</p>	MECP	<p>MECP D Series Guidelines D-5-4 EPA O. Reg 153/04 PPS policy 5.3.2</p>	*blank	<p>Comments appear to reflect general policies to protect lands from contamination. The intent of this section is to reference specific Brownfield sites, as defined in the PPS.</p>	<p>Updated Section 4.8 title to "Brownfield Sites".</p>

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18	<p>More detail could be added about studies required for servicing. Consider specifying the guidelines which will support the studies, in this case the following:</p> <p><i>Procedure D-5-4 Technical Guideline for Individual On-Site Sewage Systems: Water Quality Impact Risk Assessment and Procedure D-5-5 Technical Guideline for Private Wells: Water Supply Assessment.</i></p> <p>A hydrogeological assessment will be required to demonstrate the long-term sustainability of a property's water supply, along with an evaluation of the site's suitability for sewage disposal to ensure the protection of the potable water supply.</p>	MECP	MECP D-Series Guidelines PPS policies 3.6.3 and 3.6.4	*blank	<p>We agree to add wording that allows for hydrogeological studies to be requested.</p>	<p>Added new policy in Section 5.1.2 stating: "All development must demonstrate that it can be adequately serviced for the long-term sustainability of a property's water supply, and the suitability for a sewage disposal system. Council may require supporting studies such as a hydrogeological and terrain assessment in accordance with Procedure D-5-4 Technical Guidance for Individual On-Site Sewage Systems: Water Quality Impact Risk Assessment and Procedure D-5-5 Technical Guideline for Private Wells: Water Supply Assessment."</p>
19	<p>The OP acknowledges future trails and cycling routes. The township is encouraged to reference aligning them with the Province-Wide Cycling Network (PWCN). <u>Province Wide Cycling Network MTO iCorridor</u></p>	MTO	Province Wide Cycling network PPS policies 3.2.1-3.2.3, and 3.9.1	<p>Add a new policy in section 5.2 stating: The Township shall plan its local trail and cycling networks to align with the Province-Wide Cycling Network.</p>	<p>We will include a new policy on active transportation.</p>	<p>Added a new policy as Section 5.2.4 to address Active Transportation, current trails and the Province-Wide Cycling Network.</p>

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20	Please update the policy for more explicit recognition of the movement of goods in Northern Ontario for consistency with PPS policy 3.2.1	MTO	PPS policy 3.2.1	Create a new policy 5.2.1.6 that states: g) <i>The Township shall protect goods movement routes and ensure new development does not compromise the safe and efficient movement of goods. Coordination with MTO will be undertaken where provincial connections are affected.</i>	There are no MTO regulated roads in the Township.	No change necessary.
21	The OP discourages future transportation use of the former CN line ("prospect of reuse is no longer realistic"), which contradicts PPS corridor protection requirements and undermines long-distance active transportation or future rail opportunities.	MTO	PPS policies 3.3.2-3.3.3 and PPS section 3.4	Please modify section 5.2.3.5 as follows Given that the tracks have been removed, the prospect of seeing this corridor used again for rail transport is no longer realistic. The Township shall protect the continuous linear corridor of the former NC rail line for potential future transportation, utility, or active transportation purposes.	Agreed	Updated Section 5.2.3.5 as recommended.

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22	5.3.1	For consistency with the Ontario Heritage Act and PPS, revised wording is suggested.	MCM	OHA PPS, 2024 – Policy 4.6 and Section 8 - (definitions of "archaeological resources", "built heritage resource", "cultural heritage landscape", and "conserved")	Council recognizes the importance of cultural heritage resources within the Township. Therefore, Council will encourage the identification, conservation, protection, restoration, maintenance, and enhancement of cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage resources include archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes. ...It is the intent of this Plan to: 1. Recognize that the conservation maintenance of the Township's cultural heritage resources will contribute to the preservation of the Township's character 2. Ensure that the nature and location of cultural heritage and archaeological resources as well as the adjacent lands to these resources are known and considered before land use decisions are made ... 4. Consult and seek the advice of a Municipal Heritage Committee or other established heritage organizations when making decisions regarding the conservation of cultural heritage resources in the Township (see policy 5.3.2.10).	Agreed	Updated Section 5.3.1 as recommended.
23	5.3.1.5	This section about Indigenous engagement should be revised to align with PPS 4.6.5. Terminology should reflect that in the PPS, 2024 and the OHA and should be used consistently throughout the document.	MCM	PPS policy 4.6.5	5. Engage early with Indigenous communities in matters pertaining to Cultural Heritage and ensure that their interests are considered when conserving identifying and protecting archaeological resources and cultural heritage landscapes.	Agreed	Updated Section 5.3.1.5 as recommended.

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24	<p>The term 'conserved' is a broader term and is defined in the PPS, 2024.</p> <p>As of July 1, 2023, the municipality is required to make its municipal heritage register available on a publicly accessible website. The Register shall be updated regularly to ensure effective conservation and shall be readily accessible to the public.</p>	MCM	<p>PPS policies 4.6.1 and 4.6.4b</p> <p>OPA Part IV s.27, 39.2</p>	<p>...value or interest. The register will be available on a publicly accessible website and will be updated regularly to ensure effective conservation.</p>	Agreed	Updated Section 5.3.2.3 as recommended.

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25	<p>Please revise this OP section to ensure it reflects that planning authorities are no longer able to require early consultation. Bill 17 <i>Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter</i>, has removed the ability for planning authorities to require new complete application studies beyond what is currently identified in the OP.</p> <p>The township may wish to consider aligning the plan's complete application requirements with the Province's proposed regulation under the Planning Act currently posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario for public comment (ERO No. 026-0313): https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0313</p>	MMAH	<p>Planning Act 22(5), 34(10.2) Bill 17 Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act Bill 98</p>	*blank	Agreed	Updated Section 6.4.1 to include list of studies in ERO 026-0313
26	Schedule A	OMAFRA	PPS policy 4.3.1.2	*blank	LEAR info rec'd 3-JUN-2026 (being reviewed and schedules to be updated)	To follow up with revised schedules for Township and Council review

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	area south of Wasi Lake, based on the provincial agricultural land base information.					
27	MNR records show a broad winged hawk nesting site at 17T 644179 510729. This is not present on Schedule B mapping. Please ensure that all trout lakes are mapped accordingly. There is currently no hazard mapping included with the Official Plan. Please include appropriate mapping and recognition of known hazards, including flood elevations and/or the need to verify this at the time of an active application, in consultation with MNR.	MNR	PPS policy 4.1.6 and 4.1.7	*blank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad winged hawk is shown on Schedule B. No evidence of Lake Trout lakes in the Township No flood hazard information from the CA or other known hazards 	No change necessary.
28	Schedule C shows local roads and rail, but omits mapping of PWCN-aligned routes, or protection of linear corridors (including the inactive rail line). Please consider adding the following to schedule C: Province Wide Cycling Routes Protected Linear Corridor (inactive rail)	MTO	PPS policies 3.3.1- 3.3.5	*blank	PWCN is new information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added PWCN Inactive rail line is shown

2. Public Comments
 Public comments were received throughout the project and consisted of written submissions in person, email submissions, and comments discussed at the Public Open House. Below is a summary of those comments and JLR's response, recommendations or acknowledgement as required.

	Comments from the public	JLR Comment	JLR Recommendation
1	<p>Letter received 22-APR-2026 from Sara Tonks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Asked how to 'un-designate' prime agricultural lands back to rural · Concerns about financing from a bank/institution for ARUs (if they are not on their own parcel) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A property owner can apply to redesignate lands from Agriculture to Rural per Sections 17 and 22 of the <i>Planning Act</i>. Policy 4.3.4 of the PPS permits planning authorities to remove land from prime agricultural areas for expansions of or identification of settlement areas. · Comment noted – not a land use planning issue. ARUs are not permitted on a separate parcel of land. 	No changes necessary.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Look into classification of agricultural uses that are not on Prime Ag designated lands (e.g. cattle). They are still areas that require protecting from rural land division policies for themselves and neighbours. 	<p>Agricultural uses are permitted on Rural designated lands and subject to policies designed to support compatibility including MDS. Updated land division in the Rural area has limits to amount of lots permitted and minimum size of lots.</p>	No further changes necessary.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Commercial development – there is no designation/area in the Township. Are there size restrictions for buildings, location, traffic, dust (on neighbouring crops), noise? Example is a business making pallets in the rural area – and potential use of transport trucks on gravel roads near farming operations. 	<p>Section 3.1.5.6 describes commercial and industrial uses and includes provisions to address land size (2 ha), road frontage, water and sewage, D-6 Series Guidelines, MDS setbacks and subject to Site Plan Control. Traffic impact studies may be required to support development applications. OFDU policies in Section 3.2.4.6 which restricts lot area (max 2% or 1 ha), GFA, compatibility, MDS.</p>	No further changes necessary.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The use of the word 'character' and current legal implications 	<p>This was discussed at the Open House presentation.</p>	Section 3.1.5.11 was updated to reference 'existing and planned' character.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · How did we calculate the projected population of 393 people? 	<p>Information taken from historical Stats Canada Census Data and projected Ministry of Finance information.</p>	No changes necessary.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fire Chief was looking for a better wildland fire map is available 	<p>Not a land use planning issue.</p>	No changes necessary.

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns about adding policy to permit 'energy systems'. 	<p>PPS encourages energy supply opportunities in municipalities for provincial needs. As applications are submitted, they are subject to regulations, setbacks, public consultation, etc.</p>	No changes necessary.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does MDS apply to ADU's? 	<p>Yes - per MDS Publication 853.</p>	No changes necessary.
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-farm worker housing -- is it permitted? 	<p>Yes. -- per Section 3.2.3.1 it is considered an Agricultural Use.</p>	No changes necessary.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Township should consider where they would like to see residential concentrated development (top third of Township? Wasi Lake and north) 	<p>The location for new growth was considered by Township Council who elected to facilitate equal growth opportunities across the Township through a consistent approach to rural residential consents and rural commercial/industrial uses, subject to the policies of the Plan.</p>	No changes necessary.
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideally, farmland on rural land must be protected from encroaching development. Can this be achieved while still allowing some flexibility (regarding severances) for landowners? 	<p>Current rural policies for land division are subject to a limited number of severances, MDS setbacks and minimum lot sizes.</p>	No changes necessary.
12	<p>Realizing that increasing our tax base is one of the plan's objectives, could there be a method to encourage the increase in residential lots and adding additional residences on each lot, in the northern portion of the township, particularly on the major roadways to North Bay? Discouraging additional traffic through the southern agricultural areas would be an advantage for road maintenance in addition to those of us who farm or have come here for quiet living. Motor vehicle traffic (particularly that of the rush to and from work) is a safety concern; farmers aboard tractors or horse drawn vehicles are especially at risk. Children walk our roads to and from school. Livestock is always at some risk of finding a way onto the road.</p>	<p>See reply to Comment 10 above.</p>	No changes necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide responses to Public and the Ministry's comments. MMAH comment # 26 will be followed up with revised Schedules for review by staff and Council.

Should any clarification be required for the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact us below.

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