



Township of Amaranth  
Council Agenda

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers

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**1. Call To Order**

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Township of Amaranth resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples. We also acknowledge that various lands within the Township of Amaranth reside within the treaty lands named under the Haldimand Deed of 1784 and one of the Williams Treaties of 1818: Treaty 18: the Nottawasaga Purchase. These traditional territories upon which we live and learn, are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Recommended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the agenda as circulated / amended.

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

**5. Approval of Minutes**

5.1 Regular Meeting of Council Minutes held March 19, 2025

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Recommended Motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 19, 2025 as circulated.

**6. Open Forum**

\*A maximum of 15 minutes will be set aside for Open Forum, with each

speakers comments limited to two minutes. Questions will be responded to with a brief response from the Chair, who may also request a response from other Council members and/or staff. All questions are read by the Clerk.

Please send your name, email, comment and phone number to the Clerks Office at nmartin@amaranth.ca by NOON the day before the meeting to be added to the speaking list during the comment period. Additionally, questions can be submitted through the secure drop box located at the Municipal Office by NOON the day before the meeting.

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None for this meeting.	
<b>9. Unfinished Business Matters Arising from Minutes/Matters Arising from Delegations</b>	
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Recommended Motion:	
BE IT RESOLVED THAT:	
The Township of Amaranth receive and endorse the correspondence from NVCA opposing an amalgamation with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority given no expert analysis has been presented to support such a proposal to move away from watershed-based Conservation Authorities, and that the Township of Amaranth appoint Deputy Mayor Gail Little to vote at a forthcoming meeting that may be called to consider the amalgamation proposal.	
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<b>20.</b>	<b>By-Laws</b>	
<b>21.</b>	<b>Confirming By-Law</b>	
	Recommended Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for April 2, 2025; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.	
<b>22.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	
	Recommended Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.	



**The Township of Amaranth Council Meeting  
Minutes**

Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Chambers

Council Present: Mayor, C. Gerrits  
Deputy Mayor, G. Little  
Councillor, S. Graham  
Councillor, B. Metzger  
Councillor, A. Stirk

Staff Present: CAO/Clerk, N. Martin  
Deputy Clerk, H. Boardman  
Treasurer, S. VanGerven  
Roads Superintendent, K. Watson

The Township of Amaranth Council held a regular meeting on Wednesday March 19, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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**1. Call To Order**

The CAO/Clerk determined quorum was obtained and the meeting was able to proceed.

Mayor Gerrits called the Meeting to Order at 9:02 a.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Mayor read the Land Acknowledgement declaration that was provided in the agenda.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Resolution #: 1**

**Moved by:** G. Little

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Council was reminded that they could declare a conflict at any time during the meeting should one arise.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

5.1 Regular Meeting of Council Minutes held March 5 2025

**Resolution #: 2**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 5, 2025 as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**6. Open Forum**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

6.1 Email re: tree removal

The CAO/Clerk read the following letter to form part of the meeting minutes:

From: m R

Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 11:14 AM

To: Nicole Martin <[nmartin@amaranth.ca](mailto:nmartin@amaranth.ca)>

Subject: council question

Dear Nicole,

Thanks for clearing some items up for me regarding the Ritchie Brothers project on 2nd line.

We are certainly living in changing times with tough decisions all around us. I am wondering if there have been any decisions made regarding the large maple trees that stand on 2nd line, just north of Hwy 9. I'm sure a number are old and have begun to decline in health. I hope some can be saved. If there is anything I can do to this end or with regards to the continued care of any trees that will remain please let me know. We need to protect our environment as much as possible, and so provide a positive example for our young people.

Thanks so much for the work you do

M Reed

Council directed Staff to reach out to Ritchie Bros regarding the trees along the roadway.

Council discussed tree replacement for developments that require tree or vegetation removal.

6.2 Cars in Ditch

Laryssa Sawyer was present at the meeting to discuss cars going into a ditch on 8th Line near her property. The Roads Superintendent advised that he had completed an inspection and did not find any issues with the roadway.

**7. Delegations/Presentations (pre-registered)**

**Delegation will start at approximately 11:00am.**

A break was taken from 10:49 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. after closed session and prior to the delegation.

7.1 Dufferin Water Co. Ltd. – Annual Report

Joe Miedema from Dufferin Water Co. Ltd. presented the 2024 Waldemar Water reports to Council. Mr. Miedema advised that Well#2 is not in operation at this time as the communication lines have not been repaired. Council discussed the report as presented and water supply capacities for the fire departments.

The Treasurer advised that a water rate study will be completed this year which will determine water meter requirements. Staff will post the water reports to the Township website after the meeting.

**Resolution #: 6**

**Moved by:** S. Graham

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council accept the Waldemar Heights Well Water supply Summary Report and Annual Report for 2024 prepared by Dufferin Water Co. Ltd.

**CARRIED**

**8. Public Meetings (Statutory and Non-Statutory)**

None for this meeting.

**9. Unfinished Business Matters Arising from Minutes/Matters Arising from Delegations**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

9.1 Memo to Council 2025–009

Orangeville Public Library Catchment Area

The Finance Co-op student provided an overview of the report as presented. Council was advised that the CAO/Clerk and the Finance Co-op student will be meeting with the Orangeville Library Board regarding this matter and further information will be provided at a future meeting.

Council discussed revisions to the catchment areas, payment terms and current agreements.

9.2 Report to Council 2025-028

Animal Control RFP results

The CAO/Clerk advised that one tender was received and is recommending entering into an agreement for Animal Control Services. The CAO/Clerk confirmed that reference checks have been conducted on the company.

9.3 Other

Nothing at this time.

**10. Building and Planning Department**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

10.1 Report to Council 2025-029

Building Transition Agreement

Council discussed the report and draft agreement as presented. Council and Staff discussed record retention concerns. Council discussed that building permit record searches should remain with the County as they have the records and means to charge a fee for this service if requested. Further information has been requested from the MMAH and will be provided to Council once received.

**Resolution #: 9**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council instruct staff to execute a building transition agreement with the County of Dufferin that includes wording for Section 6 Records Management as:

6.1. The parties shall work collaboratively to **share** all documents and records in the possession of the County's Building Department necessary to facilitate transition. At no additional fee cost to either the County of Dufferin or the Township of Amaranth.

6.2. Following the closure of permits for which the County is responsible under Section 3 above, the County will provide Amaranth all records related to the permit application. At no additional fee cost to either the County of Dufferin or the Township of Amaranth.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution #: 10**

**Moved by:** S. Graham

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council encourage the County of Dufferin to continue to provide services to residents of the Township of Amaranth as required on an ongoing basis.

Council direct Staff to circulate this motion to all Dufferin lower tiers.

**CARRIED**

10.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

**11. Roads and Public Works Department**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 Memo to Council 2025-011

Project Updates



The report provided an update on the Waldemar water storage upgrades and the Structure 21 construction.

11.2 Feedback to OSPC re: limited liability & road salt

The Roads Superintendent provided Council with information on the Townships current salt usage. The Deputy Clerk provided additional information on the proposed motion from the Township Engineer.

**Resolution #: 7**

**Moved by:** G. Little

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas road salt is a known toxic substance designated under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act because of tangible threats of serious or irreversible environmental and health damage from road salt; and

Whereas salt levels in Ontario's groundwater aquifers, creeks, rivers, and lakes have increasingly worsened since the 1970s, seriously affecting municipal drinking water sources and aquatic life; and

Whereas the Ontario and Canadian governments have taken many actions over the past 25 years including setting water quality guidelines, developing voluntary codes of practice, signing the Canada-Ontario Great Lakes Agreement, and holding workshops, yet still the salt problem continues to grow; and

Whereas numerous situation analyses have recommended salt solutions involving liability protection, contractor certification, government-approved Best Management Practices (BMPs) and salt management plans; and

Whereas increased numbers of slips and falls claims, and other injury/collision claims related to snow and ice, are resulting in salt applicators overusing salt beyond levels considered best practices; and

Whereas unlimited contractor liability is making it difficult or expensive for snow and ice management contractors to obtain insurance coverage, resulting in contractors leaving the business, thereby making it difficult for municipalities and private owners to find contractors; and

Whereas the Snow and Ice Management Sector (SMS) of Landscape Ontario is working with the Ontario government to institute a limited liability regime for snow and ice management, including enforceable contractor training/certification and government-approved BMPs for salt application; and

Whereas many Ontario municipalities have Salt Management Plans, but these often require updating in light of improved science and better salt management practices now available.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This municipality urges the province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard BMPs for snow and ice management; and

2. This municipality urges the province of Ontario to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems and drinking water from the impacts of salt pollution; and
3. This municipality commits to the reduction of salt as much as possible while maintaining safety on roads and sidewalks; and
4. This resolution be sent to all municipalities in Dufferin County, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local MPPs, Conservation Ontario, Minister Andrea Khanjin (MECP), Interim Minister Todd McCarthy (MECP), Attorney General Doug Downey, Premier Doug Ford, and MP Kyle Seeback.

**CARRIED**

11.3 Other

The Roads Superintendent provided Council with an update on the purchase of the two plow trucks. Council was advised that there may be a tariff impact on these vehicles. The tariff impact cap fee proposed by the vehicle supplier would ensure that the Township would not be affected by further tariffs that may be imposed. The fee will not be applicable if the tariffs are not imposed.

Council directed Staff to provide an update on which structures have completed engineering and are shovel ready.

**Resolution #: 8**

**Moved by:** B. Metzger

**Seconded by:** G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council acknowledge there may be an additional \$3,500.00 USD tariff impact fee cap on each plow truck to be received in 2026.

**CARRIED**

**12. Treasury Department**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

12.1 Report to Council 2025-027

Structure Award

Council directed Staff to check with R.J. Burnside that bonding was included in the tender requirements.

**Resolution #: 11**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council award contract no. 300058504.1000 for the replacement of structures 22 & 23 project to Nichols Excavating Inc for the contract price of \$790,650.29 plus applicable taxes.

**CARRIED**

12.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

**13. County and County Council Business**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

13.1 Southern Operations Centre

This matter was discussed in closed session as noted.

13.2 County Official Plan Amendment

COPA 1-25 - 514504 2nd Line, Amaranth

Council discussed an application to the County of Dufferin for an Official Plan Amendment(OPA) on a property located at 514504 Second Line in the Township Amaranth to permit a subdivision.

Council directed Staff to provide comments that the Township of Amaranth would not support the OPA. Staff will circulate the information to the Consulting Township Planner for comments as well.

13.3 Other

Nothing at this time.

**14. Committee Reports**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

14.1 NVCA

NVCA February 2025 Board Highlights

NVCA Draft Regulation Mapping Public Consultation & Open House

Launch of NVCA E-Permitting Platform

14.2 Shelburne Fire Board

Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2025

14.3 GRCA

Programs & Services under Category MOUs

Annual Update

14.4 CDRC

Approved board minutes

14.5 Grand Valley Fire Board

January 7, 2025 minutes

Motion regarding dissolution of Board

Council discussed the dissolution of the fire board, fire department recruitment and the preparation of an agreement. Council requested the Town of Grand Valley attend a future meeting to discuss the matters further.

**Resolution #: 12**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth request that Chief Foreman and the Chair of the Grand Valley Fire Board attend a future Council meeting to discuss 2024 annual service levels, including budget, call volume breakdown and catchment area;

Further That the Township of Amaranth request the Mayor and/or CAO of Grand Valley attend to discuss possible dissolution of the Fire Board.

**CARRIED**

14.6 Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes February 2025

14.7 Other

Nothing at this time.

**15. General Business and Correspondence Consent Agenda**

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

15.1 AMO

Policy Update - [Communities Brace for Tariff Impact](#), Events: Save the Date for the Inaugural AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum!, Watchfile - [March 6, 2025](#), Education: [Be an Equity Informed Leader in Your Municipality](#), Education Workshops: [Strengthening Municipal Leadership](#), Watchfile - March 13, 2025, Policy Update - [Continued AMO Action on Trade and Tariffs](#)

15.2 Ontario News

[Ontario Applied 25 Per Cent Surcharge on Electricity Exports to United States](#), [Ontario Honours Outstanding Civic Leaders](#), [Premier Doug Ford to be Sworn in with New Cabinet](#), [Province to Honour Recipients of the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship](#), [Premier Doug Ford Congratulates New Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada](#)

15.3 OSUM

[2025 Conference Program Update](#)

15.4 Township of Melancthon

Motion support

15.5 Other

Nothing at this time.

**16. Added Items (Late Submissions)**

The CAO/Clerk advised that a revised agenda was distributed and published prior to the meeting.

**17. New Business**

17.1 85th Annual Santa Claus Parade AM

Donation request

**Resolution #: 13**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the request of the Grand Valley Santa Claus Parade Committee for a \$200.00 donation toward the 2025 Santa Claus Parade.

**CARRIED**

17.2 Autism Ontario

Proclamation Request

Council directed Staff to reach out to the organization to determine if they would like to schedule a flag raising at the next Council meeting.

**Resolution #: 14**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth does hereby proclaim April 2, 2025 as World Autism Day 2025 and urges all citizens to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario and in our communities.

**CARRIED**

17.3 Memo to Council 2025-010

Staff Certificates

Council congratulated Staff on their accomplishments.

17.4 MADD Canada

Donation Request

Council did not wish to support the donation request.

**18. Notice of Motions**

18.1 Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Background:

The Township of Oro-Medonte has put forward a motion to initiate an amalgamation proposal for the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. Although, NVCA serves the larger geographical area of Oro-Medonte, LSRCA is a much larger CA that includes the Region of York. It is the wish of Oro-Medonte to be served only by the LSRCA as they feel this will simplify their administration for planning and permitting purposes.

This proposal does not meet the needs of the 18 member municipalities of the NVCA as their lands are not impacted by Lake Simcoe but are affected

by the many rivers, streams and tributaries of the Nottawasaga that flow into Georgian Bay.

Conservation Authorities are designed on the basis of serving watersheds as supported by the MNR to ensure that developments do not result in changes to the floodplain and natural heritage (ie wetlands) that would put communities at risk from flooding and impacts of climate change.

Therefore be it resolved that:

The Township of Amaranth receive and endorse the correspondence from NVCA opposing an amalgamation with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority given no expert analysis has been presented to support such a proposal to move away from watershed-based Conservation Authorities, and that the Township of Amaranth appoint Deputy Mayor Gail Little to vote at a forthcoming meeting that may be called to consider the amalgamation proposal.

**19. Closed Meeting**

**Closed Session will start at approximately 9:30am.**

**Resolution #: 3**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, for the following reasons:

Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by another level of government – County works yard

**CARRIED**

19.1 County Works Yard

19.2 Adoption of Closed Meeting minutes

February 19 and March 5, 2025

19.3 Rise and Report from Closed Meeting

It was confirmed that the only items discussed in closed session were those items on the closed agenda. Items discussed in closed and instruction to staff were affirmed. No other matters resulting of the closed meeting.

**Resolution #: 4**

**Moved by:** B. Metzger

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.

**CARRIED**

19.4 Motion Arising from Closed Session

**Resolution #: 5**

**Moved by:** G. Little

**Seconded by:** B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth would support a County southern operations center provided it could be a facility that could be shared and consideration would be given to a payment-in-lieu to the Township.

**CARRIED**

**20. By-Laws**

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1 2025 Tax Levy

**Resolution #: 15**

**Moved by:** S. Graham

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levy and collection of taxes required for the Township of Amaranth for the year 2025 and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number

**CARRIED**

20.2 Animal Control Services

**Resolution #: 16**

**Moved by:** B. Metzger

**Seconded by:** G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to Authorize The Execution Of An Animal Control Services Agreement Between The Corporation Of The Township Of Amaranth And Municipal Support Services Inc. and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

**CARRIED**

**21. Confirming By-Law**

**Resolution #: 17**

**Moved by:** A. Stirk

**Seconded by:** S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to confirm the Regular Meeting of Council of the Township of Amaranth for March 19, 2025; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

**CARRIED**

**22. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

**Resolution #: 18**

**Moved by:** B. Metzger

**Seconded by:** G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday April 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

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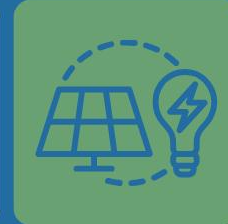
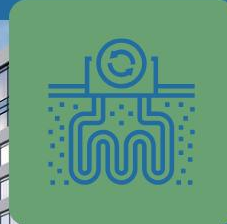
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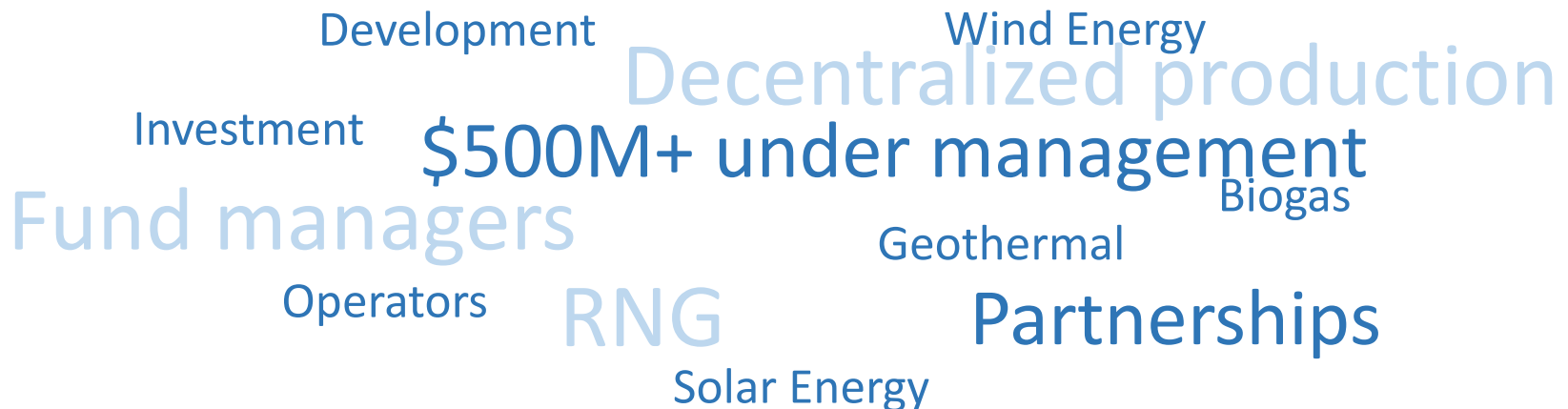
# The township of Amaranth

## Wind Farm Opportunity

# COMPANY'S PROFILE



- Founded in 1994, Eolectric is a leader in the development, financing, construction and operation of renewable energy projects and is considered a pioneer of the wind energy sector in Quebec and Canada.
- Has developed nearly **900 MW** of projects and manages over **\$500 M** of operating assets.
- Experienced team of professionals, with expertise in all phases of implementation of renewable energy projects.
- Stands out by the reliability of its projects and is appreciated for its social, environmental and economic approach in the regions where it operates.
- Thrives by a solid business model, a flexible corporate structure and project finance expertise.
- Supported by seasoned fund managers through **Eolectric Club, LP** and **Eolectric Capital Inc.**
- Financially and technically capable of engaging in projects at various stages of advancement.

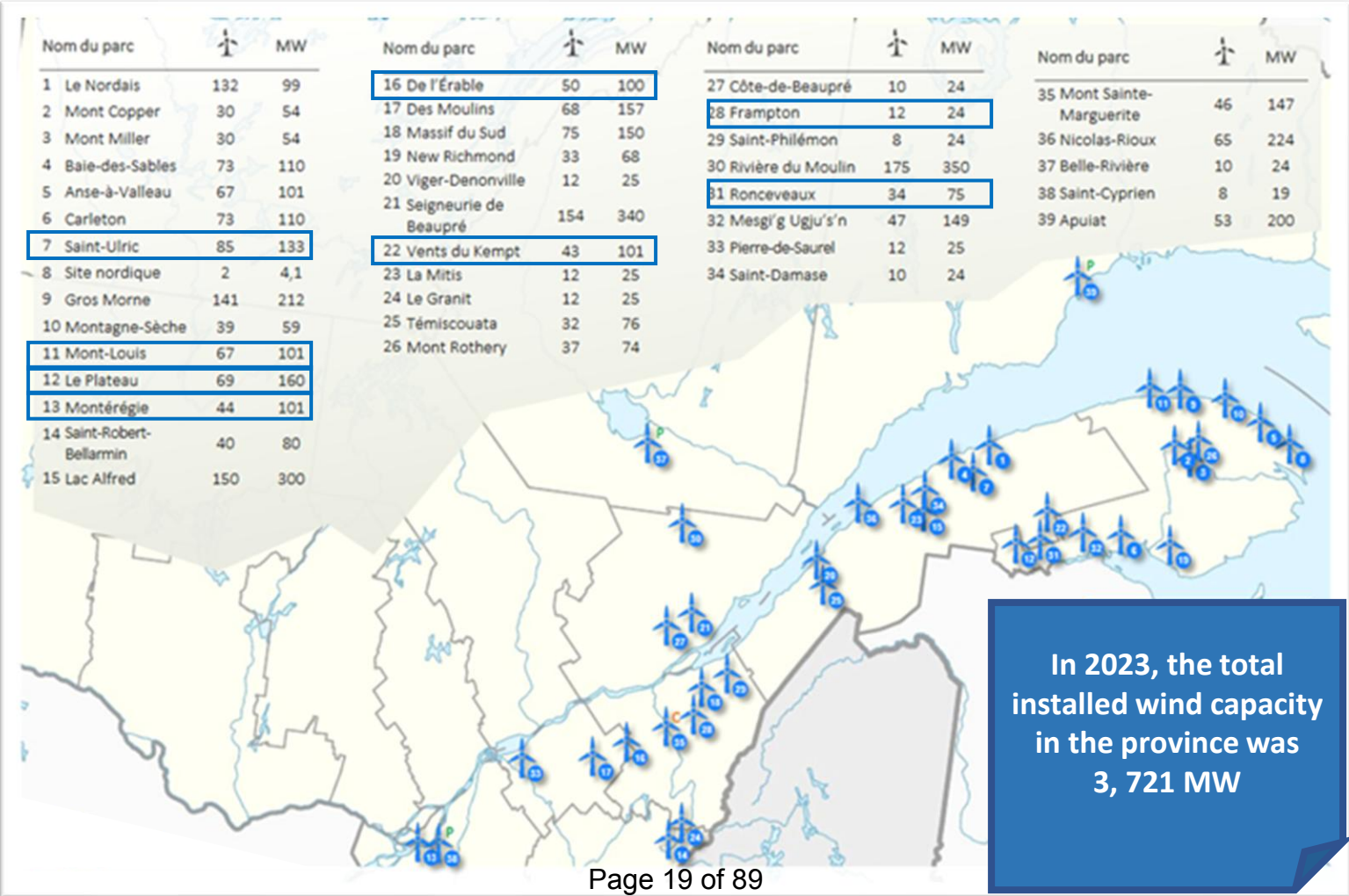


# TRACK RECORD - DEVELOPED IN QUEBEC



**Eolectric has been involved in almost a quarter of total wind installed capacity in the province**

*\*Eolectric also originated and partially developed the 248MW Sharp Hills project in Alberta*



# EOLECTRIC ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT



## 101MW - Vents du Kempt



**20-year Power Purchase Agreement** with Hydro-Quebec and operating since December 2014;

Developed, designed, financed, constructed and operated by Eolectric;

**\$227M senior debt** with Manulife, Caisse de Dépôt et Placements du Québec and KfW-IPEX;

Returns beyond expectations.



## 100MW - De l'Érable



**20-year Power Purchase Agreement** with Hydro-Quebec and operating since November 2013;

Developed by Eolectric and partially acquired by Eolectric Club;

Designed, financed, built and operated by Enerfin;

**\$250M senior debt** with Sun Life, Manulife, Canada Life and Industrial Alliance and \$35 M mezzanine debt with Régime de rentes du Mouvement Desjardins;

Technical availability and returns beyond expectations.



# BIOMONT COGENERATION PLANT



- Developed, designed, constructed, financed and operated by **Eolectric** and its partners;
- **\$20M+** investment ;
- **4.8 MWe** project : 3 x 1.6MW GE Jenbacher engines ;
- **Biogas conversion** from the Montreal's Saint-Michel environmental complex (former landfill) into electrical and thermal energy ;
- **25 year** electricity PPA signed with Hydro-Quebec Distribution, operating since September 2017 ;
- Long term **thermal heating agreements** signed with neighbouring TOHU and Cirque du Soleil facilities ;
- Project Winner of the **Best Environmental** Project in the Company category of the *Conseil régional de l'environnement* of Montreal ;



## Clients:



# GEO THERMY

Partnership:



## An innovative business model:

- **Portfolio approach** : 6 projects currently operational, 8 under construction, many more under development
- **Financing** : \$55 M envelope to finance geothermal heating and cooling infrastructure for each project
- **Client profile** : Multi-residential condos and rental properties
- **Benefits to the client** : ↓Capital investment, added floor space from elimination of cooling towers, added value (environmental & CSR), achievement of Green Standards, reduction in the monthly energy overall bill. Fixed and predictable cost over lifetime of the agreement.

## Project examples :



### Brookhouse Gate (Newcastle)

- Developer: Brightstar Group
- Status: Operational since June 2018
- Contract : 2018-2048



### The Plant (Toronto)

- Developer: Windmill
- Status: Operational since December 2019
- Contract : 2019-2049



### Garment Street (Kitchener)

- Developer: Momentum
- Status: In construction
- Operational since October 2021
- Contract : 2020-2050

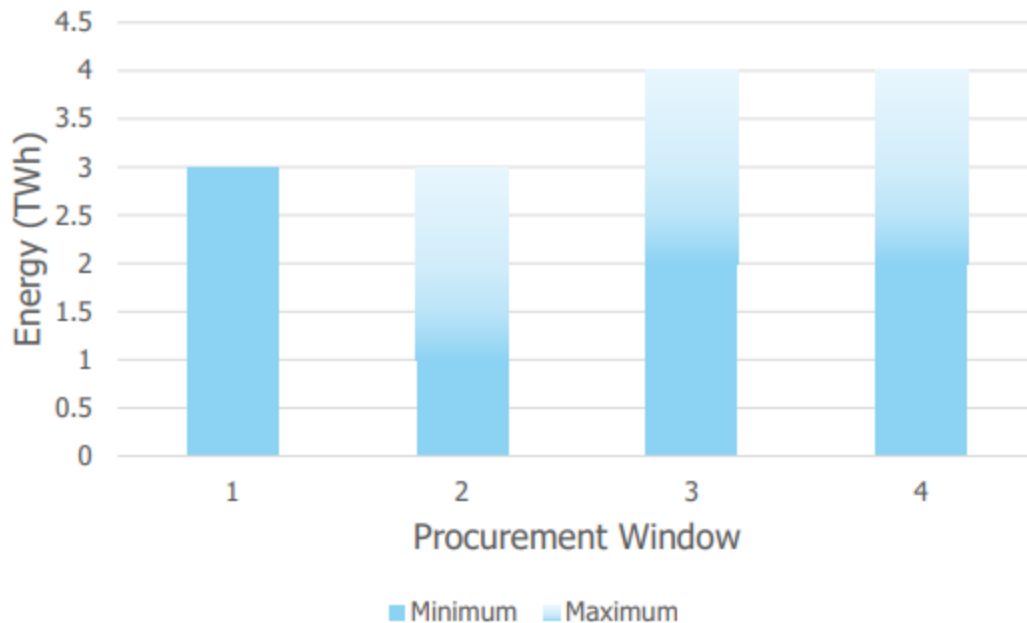
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## Ontario's energy market

Ontario's electricity sector today is seeing growing demand, an evolving supply mix and a drive toward grid decarbonization. Combined, these factors are spurring the IESO's ongoing large-scale resource acquisition effort to ensure sufficient supply will be available into the 2030s and beyond.

While recent procurements have focused on capacity, which seeks forms of supply that are capable of meeting demand specifically during system peak hours, planning forecasts indicate both energy and capacity needs emerging in 2029 and beyond. Over the next few years, the IESO expects to run multiple RFP submission windows, each under a distinct request for proposals, under the umbrella of the LT2 RFP, to procure resources to meet system needs.

# LT2 RFP Energy Targets



LT2 Procurement Window	Energy Target*
Window 1 – May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2030 COD**	3 TWh
Window 2 – May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2031 COD**	1-3 TWh
Window 3 – May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2032 COD**	2-4 TWh
Window 4 – May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2033 COD**	2-4 TWh

\* IESO may always exceed targets at its discretion and the LT2 RFP may include provisions to do so based on a set price threshold

\*\* Early Operation Incentives may be used to encourage earlier CODs

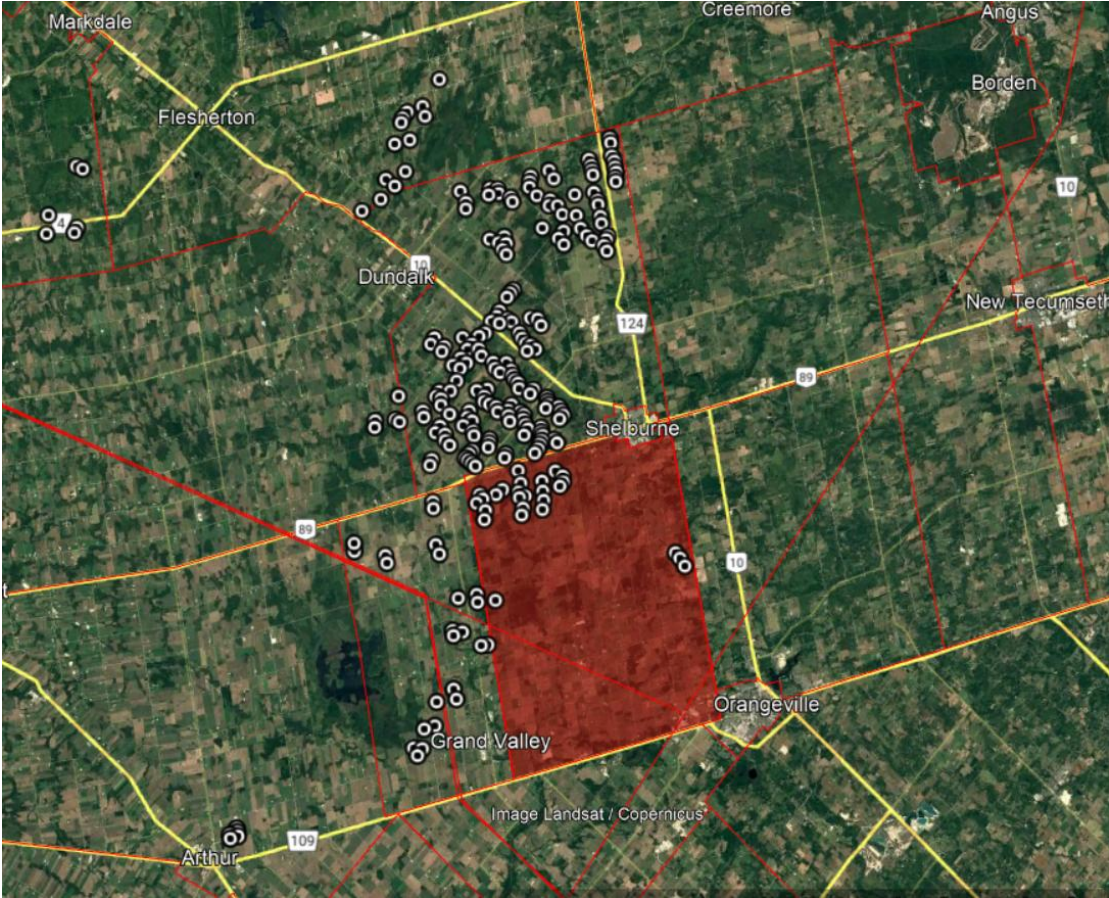
*Number of windows, targets and dates are subject to change; final targets for Window 1 will be published in the LT2(e-1) RFP*



## Wind Farm Opportunity

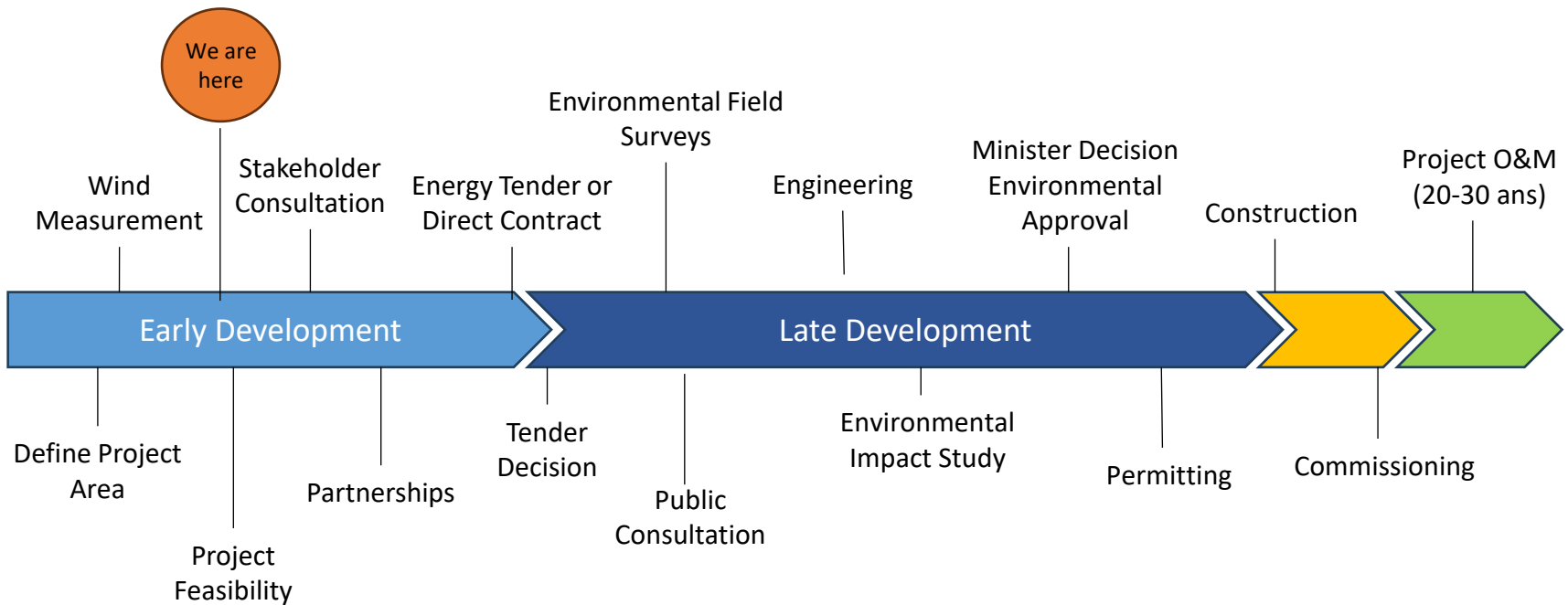
- The Project is located in the township of Amaranth
- The Project capacity is of between 50MW-100MW
- 9-17 turbines depending on final project size and turbine model.
- Project lifetime of 20-30 years.
- The Project would use existing roads and cleared areas as much as possible to minimize any impact.
- Final turbine locations will be chosen following of local, provincial and federal regulation and in consultation with municipality.

# Study Area



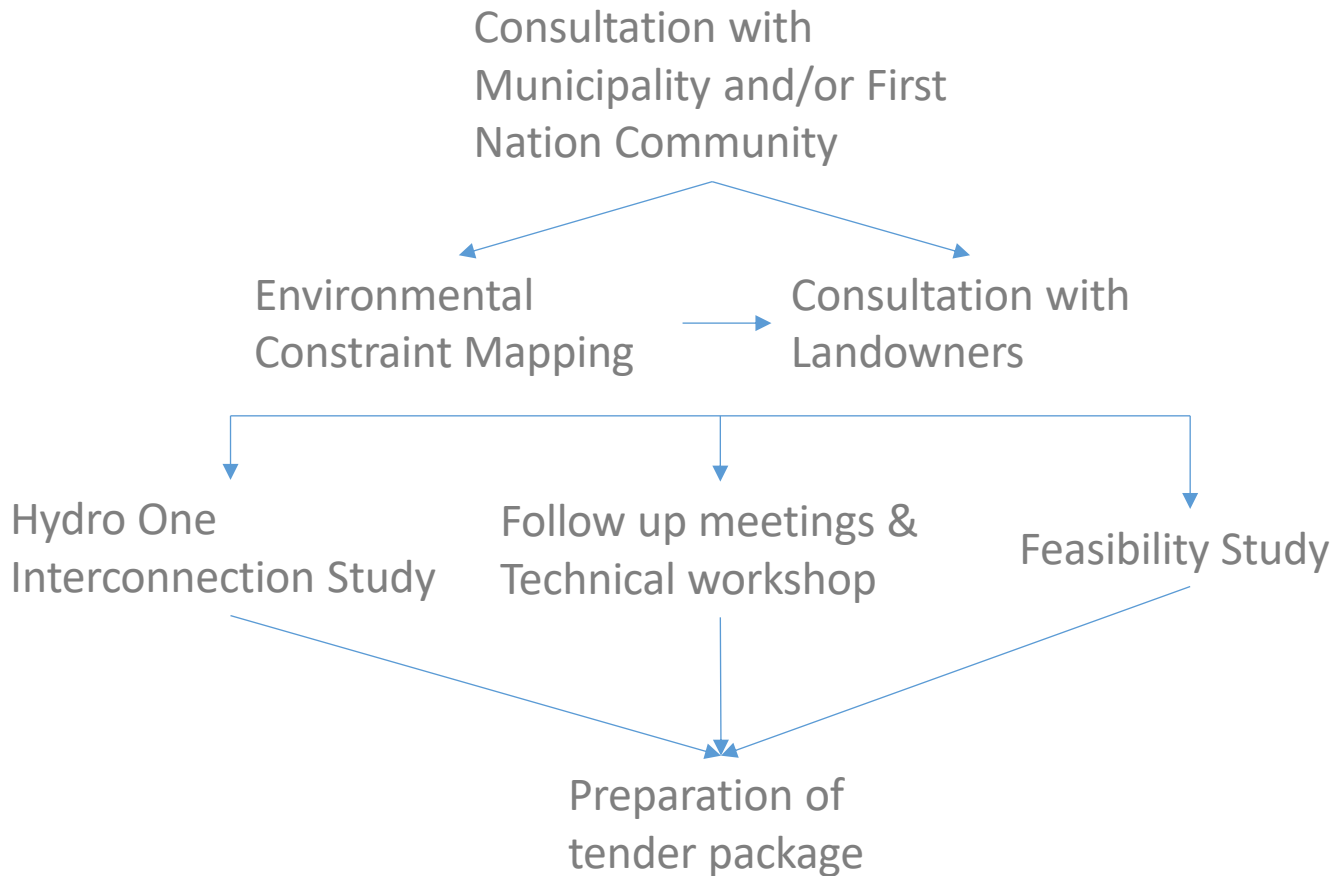
Final Project area will only be a small fraction of the initial study area

# Project Development Stages



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- Property tax for renewable installations.
  - Employment opportunities following equality, diversity and inclusion principles;
    - Priority to local contractors;
    - Contracting opportunities during the operational phase (20-30 years);
    - Contracting opportunities during construction (2 years);
  - Training initiatives
  - **Partnership opportunity** – should the municipality be interested in being an equity investor in the Project.

# Next Steps







## REPORT TO COUNCIL 2025-031

**TO:** Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Kevin Watson CRS-S, Roads Superintendent  
**DATE:** April 2, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Flood Response

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### **Recommendation**

That Council accept Report to Council 2025-031 as information and provide any direction accordingly.

### **Event**

The GRCA started sending out alerts about the potential for flooding when weather forecasting models assured that the rise in temperature along with heavy rain and above average snowpack as being high risk for March 15-17 in the Grand Valley watershed.

### **Summary**

Roads staff started making preparations early in the week of March 10-14 for the potential fast thaw and subsequent flooding due to higher temperatures and heavy rain that was entering the area Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Patrols through the early morning of Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> indicated that flooding over roads had begun.

The Dufferin EMC had initiated communications with the 3 lower tiers that would be affected by the rising water levels in the Grand on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> and continued communications throughout the weekend providing updates, fielding concerns and requests for mutual aid. Global Medic, a quick response disaster relief organization, was reached out to for assistance and they supplied a sandbagging machine to help with the flooding in Grand Valley, East Garafraxa also pitched in at the end to help clean up the road for reopening.

The Grand River in Waldemar was watched very closely and at 1:15pm the 10<sup>th</sup> line was closed from CR 109 to 5 side road by Police order. The residents along the flood plane were canvased at 1:25pm to leave the area as the water levels rose to a few inches under the Station St bridge. Roads staff deployed "Road Closed" trailers and installed barricades near the affected flooding areas and were on standby throughout the duration of the event. Township staff logged between 70-75 hours during this event.

On Monday March 17<sup>th</sup> the water had receded well off the road and Roads staff cleaned any debris left behind off the road and contacted OPP that it was safe, OPP allowed staff to open the road early afternoon, and the closed road segment was removed from Municipal 511.

The Township of Amaranth is fortunate to have “Road Closed” trailers that can be deployed very quickly with other barricade devices to try and restrict entry to closed areas, however it was noticed through the high-water portion of this event that the public ignored these devices and were seen very close to dangerous areas. Staff will be looking into the availability of other “hard closing” devices and signage that could be deployed when an event like this happens again.

The days and hours leading up to and including the event were well monitored by the Dufferin EMC and Township staff, resulting in a collaborative effort that was very successful in its deployment and monitoring.

**Strategic Plan Pillar:** Expand our capacity to serve  
Goal #2 Identify and prioritize areas for service improvement

**Strategic Plan Pillar:** Preserve our Rural Roots  
Goal #3 Prepare for impacts of climate change and reduce our emissions

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Watson CRS-S  
Roads Superintendent





March 26, 2025

**Re: Approval and Assistance with Public Health’s West Nile Virus Larvicide Program**

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has once again acquired the services of a mosquito management agency to carry out West Nile virus control programs for the 2025 season. The company will focus on catch basins near major urban centres in the County of Wellington, the County of Dufferin and the City of Guelph.

The pest management company will:

- Map and monitor larval breeding sites
- Identify larval species
- Apply larvicide according to best practices for integrated pest management
- Comply with all municipal, provincial, and federal laws, by-laws and regulations pertaining to the storage and use of larvicides to control mosquito species.

We hope you will assist us with these two requests:

**1. Designate a contact person**

This person will:

- Speak with the mosquito management agency as needed during normal business hours. The time demand is minimal.
- Have strong knowledge of sites such as catch basins and retention ponds, and sewer systems.

**2. Provide us with a pre-approved letter**

- Provide WDGPH with written notification stating that the City/Town/Municipality approves WDGPH for the application of larvicide to control West Nile virus. (Please see attached template.)
- Please email a scanned copy of the signed approval letter by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to [hpd.assist@wdgpublichealth.ca](mailto:hpd.assist@wdgpublichealth.ca)

If you have questions or concerns, please call 1-519-831-9106 or email [Michael.Coburn@wdgpublichealth.ca](mailto:Michael.Coburn@wdgpublichealth.ca)

Thank you for your co-operation.

Sincerely,



Mike Coburn, B.Sc, B.A.Sc., CPHI (C) Public Health Inspector

# **SAMPLE LETTER**

Date

Dr. Nicola Mercer  
Medical Officer of Health and CEO  
160 Chancellors Way  
Guelph, ON N1G 0E1

Re: Approval to apply larvicide

Dear Dr. Mercer,

The (name of Town, City, Municipality) supports actions by Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health to reduce the risk of West Nile virus in this area.

As a result, (name of Town, City, Municipality) authorizes permit applications, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by the mosquito management agency on behalf of WDG Public Health, to apply larvicide to catch basins and/or surface water on:

- Locations owned or managed by (name of Town, City, Municipality).
- Municipal lands that drain into storm drain systems or waterways in (name of Town, City, Municipality).

(Signature and title of official representative of the Town, City, Municipality)



## MEMO TO COUNCIL 2025-013

**TO:** Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk  
**DATE:** April 2, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Project Update - Structure 21

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### **Recommendation**

That Memo to Council 2025-013 be received for information.

### **Update**

The following work was completed at the Structure 21 Replacement during the week of March 24<sup>th</sup> as well as an outlook for next week.

#### Construction Summary:

- Contractor on site to maintain erosion and sediment control measures throughout the week.
- The installation of the cofferdams has been completed.
- Fish Slavage was completed on March 24.
- Watercourse has been diverted through the temporary bypass culverts.

#### Construction Schedule:

- Contractor to remove the existing structure beginning of next week.
- Precast box culvert not expected to be delivered to site until the week of April 21

### **Conclusion**

The purpose of this memo is to provide Council with an update on Structure 21 Construction.

**Strategic Plan Pillar:** Expand our capacity to serve  
Goal #2 Identify and prioritize areas for service improvement

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk









## REPORT TO COUNCIL 2025-032

**TO:** Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

**FROM:** Sabrina VanGerven, Treasurer

**DATE:** April 2, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Quarter 1 - Budget Expense Variance Report

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### **Recommendation**

THAT Council receive the report as information.

### **Background**

The budget is set for the calendar year based on Council direction. Professional estimates, the current legislative environment, economic trends, and other local information available at the time are significant inputs to the operation budget, which is recommended to Council by administration.

Procurement is delegated to Department Heads. This delegation protects Council from conflicts of interest by keeping Council at 'arm's length' from supplier selections and business transactions.

Expenditures are monitored on an ongoing basis and project through to the end of the year to ensure they remain at or as close to their approved budget as possible. This assists in mitigating material variances as effectively as possible. As is typical with most forecasts, accuracy increases as the year progresses and more information and data become available.

Purchases authorized by Department Heads reflect a meticulous decision-making process that places the interests of the community at the forefront. Each investment was undertaken after careful consideration of needs, financial implications, and potential long-term benefits. This commitment to transparent and accountable governance ensure that our municipality continues to thrive and provide enhanced services to our residents.

### **Analysis**

Appendix 1 identifies a line-by-line analysis of the current actual expenses to the approved budget.



**Conclusion**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with updated information on the current actual expenses of the 2025 approved budget and provide an update on recent developments in the procurement processes and planning stages within the Township.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sabrina VanGerven, Treasurer

Attachments	
Appendix	2025 Budget Variance Line-by-line

EXPENSES	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	% Variance
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**COUNCIL**

Salaries	\$ 84,803	\$ 19,892	77%
Meals	\$ 3,060	\$ 210	93%
Council Workers Compensation	\$ 2,198	\$ 601	73%
Heat & Hydro	\$ 1,836	\$ 293	84%
Integrity Commissioner	\$ 5,100	\$ 254	95%
Supplies & Services & Subscriptions	\$ 510		100%
Conference & Conventions, Education and Training	\$ 10,200	\$ 8,162	20%
Travel/Mileage/Misc Meetings	\$ 6,120	\$ 614	90%
Council Donation/Grants	\$ 3,450	\$ 500	86%
Recognition Policy	\$ 2,040	\$ -	100%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 119,317</b>	<b>\$ 30,527</b>	<b>74%</b>

**ADMINISTRATION**

Salaries	\$ 550,393	\$ 66,546	88%
Office Supplies	\$ 20,400	\$ 4,685	77%
IT Software	\$ 57,085	\$ 17,728	69%
Dufferin County IT Support/Upgrades	\$ 34,518	\$ -	100%
Hydro-Laurel	\$ 4,488	\$ 798	82%
Hydro-Sylvanwood	\$ 459	\$ 80	83%
Hydro-Village Green	\$ 459	\$ 65	86%
Hydro-Waldemar	\$ 7,242	\$ 1,763	76%
Hydro - Devonleigh Subdivision	\$ 357	\$ 56	84%
Hydro - Primrose	\$ -	\$ 307	
Street Light Maintenance Contract	\$ 3,570	\$ 404	89%
Cleaning/Maintenance	\$ 7,344	\$ 1,852	75%
Postage Refill	\$ 8,772	\$ 6,304	28%
Postage Meter Rental & Service Contract	\$ 2,346	\$ 500	79%
Conventions/Conferences/Training	\$ 21,420	\$ 6,383	70%
Subscriptions/Memberships	\$ 4,080	\$ 801	80%
Staff Mileage	\$ 2,040	\$ 265	87%
Courier Fees	\$ 204	\$ -	100%
Hydro-Office	\$ 6,630	\$ 1,372	79%
Heating/Air Conditioning	\$ 1,632	\$ 709	57%
Advertising	\$ 1,020	\$ 751	26%
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,224	\$ 14	99%
Election	\$ 1,020	\$ -	100%
Security Monitoring - Alarm System	\$ 510	\$ 214	58%
Audit Fees	\$ 40,000	\$ -	100%
Telephone Expense	\$ 5,978	\$ 1,126	81%
Bell Cellular Phone/Internet	\$ 673	\$ 55	92%
Professional Services (General)	\$ 56,100	\$ 1,317	98%
Tax Sale Proceedings	\$ 7,344		100%
General Insurance	\$ 46,104	\$ 34,679	25%
Group Insurance	\$ 57,498	\$ 12,595	78%
OMERS	\$ 52,330	\$ 14,212	73%
Workers Compensation	\$ 14,652	\$ 865	94%
Clothing Allowance	\$ 1,465		100%
Bank Service Charges	\$ 7,140	\$ 1,824	74%
Asset Management - PSAB & AMP	\$ 35,700	\$ 7,815	78%
Consulting Services for By-law	\$ 10,000	\$ -	
Health & Safety Co-Ordinator	\$ 2,040	\$ -	100%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,074,238</b>	<b>\$ 217,343</b>	<b>80%</b>

### **RECREATION COMPLEX / PARKS**

Admin - Building General		\$	1,651	0%	
Baseball Diamonds/Soccer/Park Fence	\$	510		100%	
Facility General Expenses	\$	5,610	\$	1,074	81%
Miscellaneous/Soccer Program	\$	8,568		100%	
Grass Cutting/Snow Removal	\$	18,360	\$	5,219	72%
Cleaning	\$	9,129	\$	7,635	16%
Hydro	\$	3,570	\$	686	81%
Heating/Air Conditioning	\$	1,224	\$	516	58%
Insurance	\$	5,304		100%	
Playground Equipment/ Inspections	\$	3,060	\$	280	91%
Waldemar Park Improvements	\$	2,040		100%	
Programs - Advertising	\$	153		100%	
Coordinator	\$	3,162		100%	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>60,690</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,060</b>	<b>72%</b>

### **GRAVEL PITS**

Licence Fees	\$	7,344	\$	8,071	-10%
Excavating/Bailing	\$	22,440	\$	-	100%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,784</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,071</b>	<b>73%</b>

### **FIRE PROTECTION**

Meeting Expenses	\$	2,303	\$	360	84%
Grand Valley	\$	329,771	\$	110,290	67%
Orangeville	\$	337,313	\$	-	100%
Shelburne	\$	201,247	\$	52,836	74%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>870,634</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>163,486</b>	<b>81%</b>

### **CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Grand River C.A. - General Levy/Capital	\$	44,515	\$	14,838	67%
Nottawasaga Valley C.A. - General Levy	\$	8,281		100%	
Credit Valley C.A. - General Levy	\$	1,664	\$	1,664	0%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>54,460</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,502</b>	<b>70%</b>

### **PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY**

Livestock Valuations	\$	1,020		100%	
By-Law Enforcement	\$	19,380	\$	316	98%
Materials & Supplies (Dog Tags & Books)	\$	510		100%	
Legal Services	\$	40,800	\$	13,780	66%
Services & Rents (Beaver Trapper)	\$	510		100%	
Animals Killed/Injured	\$	4,590	\$	1,651	64%
Canine Control	\$	10,200		100%	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>77,010</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,747</b>	<b>80%</b>

### **POLICE**

Salaries & Meetings	\$	1,465	\$	60	96%
POA Meeting Salaries and Insurance	\$	1,184		100%	
Ride Program/Duty Officer	\$	10,200		100%	
Black Cat Software	\$	2,040		100%	
Police Contract	\$	529,812	\$	132,102	75%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>544,702</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>132,162</b>	<b>76%</b>

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Bale Trail	\$	4,080		100%
Mileage & Miscellaneous	\$	5,100	\$ 833	84%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>\$ 833</b>	<b>91%</b>

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Salaries	\$	912,879	\$ 204,491	78%
Radio/Truck Licences	\$	14,280	\$ 6,749	53%
Weed Spraying	\$	16,500		100%
Calcium/Dust Control	\$	207,570		100%
Salt & Sand	\$	81,600	\$ 12,016	85%
Cold Mix	\$	3,570	\$ 2,412	32%
Crack Sealing	\$	18,360		100%
Culverts	\$	59,160		100%
Municipal Drains	\$	2,040		100%
Line Painting	\$	17,340		100%
Street Sweeping	\$	10,200		100%
Materials & Supplies	\$	24,480	\$ 6,334	74%
Engineering/Construction			\$ 27,378	#DIV/0!
Services & Rents	\$	40,000	\$ 1,741	96%
Memberships/Conferences	\$	5,100	\$ 2,901	43%
Clothing Allowance	\$	6,008		100%
Insurance	\$	149,620	\$ 84,547	43%
Utilities (heat,hydro,propane)	\$	24,480	\$ 13,280	46%
Gravel	\$	225,000		100%
Workers Compensation	\$	23,418	\$ 2,658	89%
OMERS	\$	66,982	\$ 14,561	78%
Mobile Phone	\$	2,040	\$ 338	83%
Telephone	\$	1,020	\$ 185	82%
GPS System	\$	8,160	\$ 989	88%
Advertising	\$	510		100%
Health & Safety Equipment & Supplies	\$	510	\$ 186	64%
Signs	\$	23,460		100%
Health & Safety Co-Ordinator	\$	5,100		100%
Bridge Maintenance	\$	41,820		100%
Infrastructure Loan Repayment	\$	170,460	\$ 85,230	50%
CNH Loan Repayment	\$	42,087	\$ 10,522	75%
Bridge Monitoring	\$	28,050		100%
Vehicle/Equipment Parts/Repairs	\$	204,000	\$ 72,684	64%
Fuel - Gasoline	\$	20,400	\$ 2,939	86%
Fuel - Coloured Diesel	\$	77,520	\$ 14,587	81%
Fuel - Low Sulphur Diesel	\$	77,520	\$ 56,664	27%
Sand/Salt Dome Maintenance	\$	1,020		100%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,612,265</b>	<b>\$ 623,390</b>	<b>76%</b>

### **CEMETERY**

Grass Cutting	\$	8,000		100%
Monument Maintenance	\$	3,060		100%
Burials	\$	2,040		100%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,100</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>100%</b>

### **LANDFILL SITE**

Materials and Supplies	\$	1,020	\$ 950	7%
Monitoring	\$	12,531		100%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,551</b>	<b>\$ 950</b>	<b>93%</b>

**HEALTH**

Grand Valley Medical/Dental Centre	\$	523		100%
Grand Valley Medical/Dental Centre Expenses				
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>100%</b>

**RECREATION & CULTURE**

Meeting Expense	\$	1,465	\$ 240	84%
Grand Valley & District Com. Centre	\$	59,620	\$ 14,905	75%
Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex	\$	93,734	\$ 21,095	77%
Non Resident Fee Reimbursement	\$	1,020	\$ 124	88%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>155,839</b>	<b>\$ 36,364</b>	<b>77%</b>

**LIBRARY SERVICES**

Grand Valley Public Library	\$	87,196	\$ 21,799	75%
Orangeville Public Library Users	\$	15,000		100%
Shelburne Public Library	\$	40,821	\$ 20,411	50%
Meeting Expense	\$	1,047	\$ 120	89%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>144,064</b>	<b>\$ 42,329</b>	<b>71%</b>

**PLANNING & ZONING**

Salaries	\$	39,270		100%
Worker's Compensation	\$	1,530		100%
Planning - OMERS	\$	4,080		100%
Planning - Group Insurance	\$	3,270	\$ 93	97%
Planning - Software Conferences/Training	\$	4,080		100%
Planning - Subscriptions & Memberships	\$	510		100%
Planning - Studies & Consult	\$	39,039	\$ 9,121	77%
Planning - Official Plan	\$	60,000		100%
Planning - Legal	\$	110,400	\$ 7,672	93%
Source Protection Implementation/Storm Water Study	\$	16,320	\$ 4,249	74%
Planning - GIS Technician	\$	3,162	\$ 237	93%
Drainage Superintendent Fees	\$	130,000	\$ 3,018	98%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>415,741</b>	<b>\$ 24,390</b>	<b>94%</b>

<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,195,097</b>	<b>\$ 1,329,155</b>	<b>79%</b>
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**Capital**

Town Hall Upgrades/Repairs	\$	85,000	\$ 1,356	98%
Shop Renovation	\$	25,000	\$ 12,841	49%
Computer	\$	18,200		100%
Road Reconstruction	\$	1,000,000		100%
Bridge Construction	\$	1,740,000		100%
Bridge Engineering	\$	460,000	\$ 67,233	85%
Equipment Accessories	\$	35,000		100%
Grader	\$	700,000		100%
Repaint Equipment	\$	9,000		100%
Greaser/Controllers for Equipment	\$	7,500		100%
Pickup Truck	\$	85,000	\$ 53,215	37%
Sand Dome Skin	\$	90,000		100%
Street Light Installation - Shannon Crt	\$	40,000		100%

<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,294,700</b>	<b>\$ 134,644</b>	<b>97%</b>
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**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

**\$ 10,489,797 \$ 1,463,799**

**86%**

**Dufferin County**  
**Permits Submitted to MPAC [Date of Submission]**  
**From: 3/16/2025 To: 3/20/2025**

Permit #	Type	Parcel #	Last Sent	Date Issued	Date Occupancy	Revoked	Final Inspection
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Amaranth	PRSF202000331	New Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	220800000410640	295449 8TH LINE, Amaranth, ON			Permit(s) Issued
	Mar-17-25	Aug-14-20		08-Feb-25			
	PRSF202200095	New Single Family Dwelling (SFD)	220800000306000	514504 2ND LINE, Amaranth, ON			Closed
	Mar-17-25	Apr-12-22		06-Feb-25		06-Feb-25	
	PRNR202400533	New Non-Residential	220800000211701	294017 8TH LINE, Amaranth, ON			Permit(s) Issued
	Mar-17-25	Feb-07-25					



March 20, 2025

Ministry of Education  
Honourable Jill Dunlop  
438 University Ave, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M7A 2A5

Honourable Dunlop:

At its regular meeting on March 13, 2025, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT Council direct staff to correspond with the Ministry of Education to request immediate recalibration of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System (CWELCC) formula to reflect the targets as they have been achieved;

AND THAT advocacy efforts continue until the Ministry of Education responds to the request.

While the County of Dufferin exceeded its growth targets of new childcare spaces in 2024 with the opening of two new childcare centres, Dufferin did not exceed the overall target set for 2022 – 2026, as shown below:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Total</b>
Target	0	90	120	108	160	478
Actual	0	93	294	0	-	387

The 2025 CWELCC funding allotment to Dufferin County includes funding for a combined total of 2022-2024 growth targets, as well as 50% of the target set for 2025. As such, the County of Dufferin is responsible for funding the shortfall in 2025. While Dufferin County is still in dire need of childcare spaces, we expect there will be no creation of new childcare spaces in 2025 due to the lack of available funds to support them. It is anticipated that this shortfall could be in the range of \$2,000,000, based on the current funding model. This is a large financial burden that is being placed on the municipality during these uncertain economic times.

Dufferin County is dedicated to ensuring families have access to quality affordable childcare and we urge the Ministry to immediately recalibrate the CWELCC formula to reflect targets as they have been achieved.





Thank you,

*Michelle Dunne*

Michelle Dunne  
Clerk

Cc Dufferin Municipalities





## **MEDIA RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NVCA's draft regulations mapping open for public consultation**

UTOPIA, Ontario (March 17, 2025) – Property owners in the Nottawasaga Watershed can now review and comment on the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA)'s draft regulation mapping.

"NVCA is responsible for regulating development in natural hazard areas in order to avoid the loss of life and damage to property due to flooding and erosion," said Ben Krul, Manager of Development Planning & Permits at NVCA. "Regulation mapping is a tool that shows where natural hazards such as flooding and erosion can occur in the Nottawasaga Watershed. If your property is located within a regulated area, you may require approval from NVCA before starting your next project."

Property owners are encouraged to [review the draft regulations mapping on NVCA's website](#) to see if there are inconsistencies between the features on their properties and NVCA's draft mapping. Comments can be submitted through [nvca.on.ca](http://nvca.on.ca).

As part of the public consultation process, NVCA will host a public open house at the Tiffin Centre for Conservation on April 1, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Residents who are not able to come to the open house can book an appointment with NVCA's Planning staff to go over questions or concerns regarding the mapping. To book an appointment, please email [planning@nvca.on.ca](mailto:planning@nvca.on.ca).

Comments received will be reviewed by staff, and refinements may be made to the mapping where deemed appropriate and in keeping with current legislation.

For more information about the public consultation or to learn more about the natural hazards found in our watershed, visit [NVCA's website at nvca.on.ca](http://nvca.on.ca)

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**About NVCA:** The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority is a public agency dedicated to the preservation of a healthy environment through specialized programs to protect, conserve and enhance our water, wetlands, forests and lands.

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[mleung@nvca.on.ca](mailto:mleung@nvca.on.ca)

*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025*

**Present:** Lindsay Wegener-Shelburne James Hodder-Shelburne  
Mikal Archer-Shelburne Tricia Field-Shelburne  
Patricia Clark-Mulmur (Zoom) Susan Graham-Amaranth  
Ruth Plowright-Melancthon (Zoom) Sharon Martin-Mono

**Also Present:** Rose Dotten, CEO/Head Librarian

**Regrets:** Geoff Dunlop-Shelburne

The Vice-Chair, Lindsay Wegener, due to absence of Chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, January 21, 2025.

Reading of Land Acknowledgement:

“We would like to begin by respectfully acknowledging that the Town of Shelburne resides within the traditional territory and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe including the Ojibway, Potawatomi, Chippewa and the People of the Three Fires Confederacy.

These traditional territories upon which we live, work, play and learn are steeped in rich Indigenous history and traditions. It is with this statement that we declare to honour and respect the past and present connection of Indigenous peoples with this land, its waterways and resources.

**Motion 01-25 P. Clark, S. Martin**

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda of the January 21, 2025, meeting.

**Carried**

**Motion 01-25 P. Clark, J. Hodder**

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting, dated December 17, 2024.

**Carried**

**Motion 03-25 S. Martin, P. Clark**

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for December, 2024, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$50,100.31;

**Carried**

CEO/ Head Librarian’s Report:

○ **Statistics—Including Social Media and e-resources**

Attached is a summary of the Monthly Statistics for December, 2024.

○ **Programming-**

● **Children’s Programming continues: –**

Children’s programming will continue with Lego Time on Wednesday afternoons, morning Story Time every Friday morning, and Books & Babies and STEM will continue throughout the year.

- School Visits: these in-person visits by students from some of the public schools are not happening during the winter months.

- Tween Programming continues—various programs such as STEM programming, “Among Us”, “Booking It” and Board games will continue on

various Fridays . In December, “Booking It”, Gingerbread Houses, Board Games and Colouring will be held on various Fridays, and movie nights were held on Dec 10/24, and tonight, Jan. 21/25, at 5 pm, with a wonderful supply of popcorn!

### **Adult Programming:**

- **Archivist on the Road**—Laura Camilleri, Archivist, from MOD, will continue to come in once a month during 2025, but the exact dates have not yet been determined. More programs will be held in the new year.
- **Coffee, Conversation & Books**—The last one was held on Wednesday December 18/24 at 7 pm, in Orangeville. The author was Cynthia Young, local author, historian and storyteller. The schedule for 2025 has not yet been set.
- **Rose’s Book Club**—the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month—The December meeting was cancelled as it was too close to Christmas. But the January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.
- **“Get Crafty” sessions:** Crafters come to the library weekly to work on various crafts with other crafters every Tuesday from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. One of our volunteers, Anne Crowder, and Rose, coordinate this program, and the attendance has been high and continues to grow every week.
- **Tech Help**—The program “Seniors Helping Seniors”, involves volunteer seniors helping others. We have a number of seniors helping other seniors, by appointment, with numerous tech issues. Usually on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings and some Friday afternoons.
- **Silent Auction and Book Sale**— Again, another highly successful Silent Auction was held on Saturday, November 23, 2024. There were some unique and really interesting items that were for sale and our patrons and friends came through again with their support. The total raised at the Silent Auction was about \$5,800. We are blessed with wonderful and generous patrons here at our library. It is gratifying to know how much we are appreciated and the support that the library is given.
- **Inter-Library Loan (ILLO)**—The ILLO service resumed on January 6/25, when we thought the back-log of the postal strike would be over. The service is pretty much back to normal again.
- **March Break Events**—The tickets for the three March Break events will be ready soon. The tickets are sold in groups of three and are \$10 for all 3 events. Once the limited number of tickets are sold including the Birds of Prey, then the tickets for Fireside Munsch and Comic Juggler Craig, are \$4.00 each. The three events for March Break are as follows:
  1. **Birds of Prey (live animals)**—here at the library at 2pm on Tuesday, March 11/25.
  2. **Fireside Munsch**—at Grace Tipling Hall at 2 pm on Wednesday, March 12/25.
  3. **Comic Juggler Craig**—at Grace Tipling Hall at 2 pm on Thursday, March 12/25.
- **Business**
  - **Correspondence --**

We received an email from the CAO of the Town of Shelburne, Denyse Morrissey, providing us with the Town pay grids for the positions that correspond to the Library’s pay grid levels. This was in response to a

request from Rose and will definitely help us with our financial planning for the coming year.

**Motion 04-25      R. Plowright, P. Clark**

That we now adjourn at 8:01 p.m., to meet again February 18, 2025, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

**Carried**

**Grand Valley and District Community Centre  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 10, 2025, 5:30 p.m.  
Grand Valley and District Community Centre - Board Room  
90 Main Street North  
Grand Valley**

Members Present: Gail Little, Chair, Deb Halls, Co-Chair, Sue Graham, Brett Lyons, Steve Soloman, Clinton Taylor, Jeremy Zukowski

Members Absent: Paul Latam

Staff Present: Helena Snider, Secretary/Treasurer

Staff Absent: James Allen

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**1. Call To Order**

**2. Agenda Approval**

Moved By: S. Soloman

Seconded By: D. Halls

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-01**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the February 10, 2025 regular meeting agenda be adopted as amended, item 7.3 will be discussed earlier in the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. Appointment of Chair and Co-Chair**

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: S. Soloman

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-02**

***BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** Gail Little be appointed as Chair and Deb Halls be appointed as Co-Chair.

**CARRIED**

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**5.1 January 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Moved By: J. Zukowski  
Seconded By: S. Soloman

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-03**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of January 16, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**6. Deputations/Presentations**

**7. Unfinished Business**

\*B. Lyons left at 6pm

**7.1 2025 Approved Budget - Final**

**7.2 Arena Expansion**

The tender has been extended to February 13th. There will be an update at March meeting.

**7.3 Grand Valley Gladiator Proposal**

The Board discussed the letter received from Katrina Gosselin. There was discussion regarding the OMHA and ORHL, the differences between the two organizations. The OMHA is governed by Hockey Canada and there are rules and regulations that must be followed. Changes that will benefit all players will be coming in the next couple of years from the OMHA.

Moved By: B. Lyons  
Seconded By: C. Taylor

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-04**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Board receive the correspondence from Katrina Gosselin and respond that our ice rental policy will remain in effect.

**CARRIED**

**8. Financial Reports**

**8.1 Accounts Payable**

Moved By: J. Zukowski  
Seconded By: S. Soloman



**Resolution Number: 2025-02-05**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the accounts payable for January 2025 in the amount of \$32,658.57 be approved and paid from the Operating Account.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 Accounts Receivable**

The Board wants an update from J. Allen regarding the advertising sign invoices.

Moved By: S. Graham  
Seconded By: C. Taylor

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-06**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the accounts receivable for January 2025 in the amount of \$91,435.41 have been deposited inot the Community Centre bank account and are hereby approved.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 Budget Variance**

**9. Arena Manager's Report**

**10. Correspondence**

**10.1 Agricultural Society MOU Draft**

The Board has put this item off until the March meeting.

**11. New Business**

**12. Confirmation of Meeting**

Moved By: S. Graham  
Seconded By: D. Halls

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-07**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** leave be given to confirm the proceedings of the February 10, 2025 Grand Valley & District Community Centre Board meeting.

**CARRIED**

**13. Adjournment**

Moved By: D. Halls  
Seconded By: S. Soloman

**Resolution Number: 2025-02-08**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** we do now adjourn this meeting to meet again on March 10, 2025 at 5:30pm.

**CARRIED**

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Gail Little, Chair

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Helena Snider,  
Secretary/Treasurer



March 18, 2025

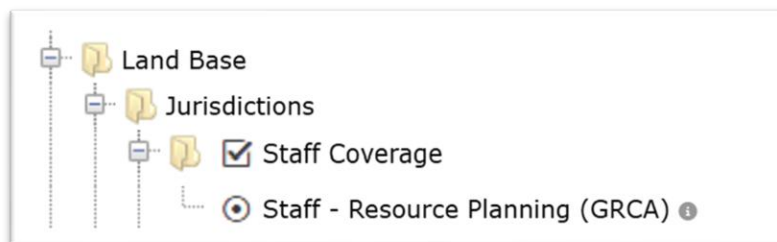
Via email

**To: Municipal Clerks of Grand River Watershed Municipalities**

**Re: GRCA Planning and Regulations Services Update**

We are writing to inform you that to further streamline plan review and permitting processes, staff in the Planning and Regulations Services department at Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) have been re-assigned to specific municipalities. The list of coverage areas can be found on our [website](#).

GRCA's "[Map Your Property](#)" page is also a helpful tool that can be used to determine which particular staff person to contact at our office. Under "Land Base", click on "Jurisdictions" and choose the "Staff Coverage" layer. Once this layer is activated, the staff person's name for that area of the watershed appears.



We ask that you kindly circulate this information to your Planning and Building departments. It may also be helpful to pass it along to your Engineering staff or anyone else that is responsible for municipal infrastructure project planning and permitting. Planning Act application circulations should continue to be sent to [planning@grandriver.ca](mailto:planning@grandriver.ca).

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me for matters within the Region of Waterloo, Halton Region, City of Guelph, City of Hamilton and Oxford County. Chris Foster-Pengelly, Supervisor of Planning and Regulations

Services ([cfosterpengelly@grandriver.ca](mailto:cfosterpengelly@grandriver.ca) 621-2763 ext. 2319) can be reached for matters within City of Brantford, Brant County, Dufferin County, Grey County, Haldimand County, Perth County and Wellington County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MLarion', with a small horizontal line at the end.

Melissa Larion, MCIP, RPP  
Supervisor of Planning and Regulations  
519-621-2763 ext. 2247  
[mlarion@grandriver.ca](mailto:mlarion@grandriver.ca)



## Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – March 28, 2025

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

### Action Items

*The Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:*

- GM-03-25-31 - Administrative By-law Update
- GM-03-25-25 - Financial Summary
- GM-03-25-27 - 2025 Road Site Preparation and Surface Treatment Tender
- GM-03-25-28 - 2025 Replacement Vehicle Purchase
- GM-03-25-29 - Administration Centre Cleaning Services RFP Results
- GM-03-25-30 - Guelph Lake Nature Centre Donor Naming Opportunities
- GM-03-25-23 - Canadian Heritage River Monitoring Report
- GM-03-25-33 - Annual Report of Compliance with requirements under Ontario Regulation 41/24
- GM-03-25-34 - Grand River Watershed Flood Warning System
- GM-03-25-C05 - Drainage Agreements, City of Waterloo (Closed agenda)
- GM-03-25-C06 - License Agreement - Grand River Rafting (Closed agenda)

### Information Items

*The Board received the following reports as information:*

- GM-03-25-36 - Chair's Report
- GM-03-25-32 - Additional Member Appointment, Agricultural Sector Representative
- GM-03-25-37 - Board Presentation Schedule
- GM-03-25-35 - Senior Leadership Team
- GM-03-25-24 - Cash & Investment Status
- GM-03-25-21 - Water Quality - Update on Nitrates
- GM-03-25-22 - Category 2 (Municipal) Programs Annual Report
- GM-03-25-26 - Current Watershed Conditions

### Correspondence

*The Board received the following correspondence:*

- Perth County re: Perth County Stewardship Program

### Source Protection Authority

*The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board. No meeting was held this month.*

For full agendas and reports, and past minutes, please refer to our [Board meeting calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on following approval at the next meeting of the General Membership.

You are receiving this email as a GRCA board member, GRCF board member, or a Grand River watershed member municipality. If you do not wish to receive this monthly summary, please respond to this email with the word 'unsubscribe'.



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For 2025, AMO is offering half price registration if you take more than 2 of our education workshops. Please contact Lora Tigno at [ltigno@amo.on.ca](mailto:ltigno@amo.on.ca) for details.

Below are some of our upcoming workshops. Click on the links for more details.

### **📌 Upcoming Workshops Include:**

#### **[✔ Unlocking Opportunity through the Application of Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning](#)**

**Date:** May 8, 2025

**Details:** Explore how a human rights-based approach can enhance municipal decision-making, ensuring policies and services are inclusive, equitable, and legally sound.

#### **[✔ Municipal Codes of Conduct: Essential to Good Governance](#)**

**Date:** May 14, 2025

**Details:** Strengthen ethical leadership by understanding municipal codes of conduct, conflict of interest rules, and the role of integrity commissioners.

#### **[✔ Antisemitism: Then and Now](#)**

**Date:** May 21, 2025

**Details:** Gain insights into recognizing and addressing antisemitism while fostering policies that promote inclusivity and respect.

#### **[✔ Anti-Islamophobia Training](#)**

**Date:** May 28, 2025

**Details:** Gain a deeper understanding of identifying and tackling anti-Islamophobia, while developing policies that encourage inclusivity and respect.

✓ [Trauma & Violence-Informed Decision Making for Elected Officials](#)

**Date:** May 28 & June 5, 2025

**Details:** Learn how to approach complex community issues—such as homelessness, mental health, and domestic violence—through a trauma-informed lens to better serve your residents.

✓ [Strategic Thinking, Planning, and Leadership](#)

**Date:** June 4, 2025

**Details:** Enhance your ability to think critically and strategically, ensuring long-term success in policy development and municipal planning.

✓ [Community Engagement - Planning and Strategies](#)

**Date:** June 25, 2025

**Details:** Explore innovative approaches to community engagement that foster trust, encourage participation, and strengthen municipal decision-making.

✓ [Cybersecurity for Municipal Elected Officials - Prevent, Prepare and Respond](#)

**Date:** October 21, 2025

**Details:** Understand the evolving cyber threats facing municipalities and learn best practices for safeguarding sensitive data and infrastructure.

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March 27, 2025

- AMO's Guidance Resources on Electricity Procurements.
- Progress in Asset Management: Growth webinar.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- Register for AMO's Rural Healthy Democracy Forum - June 11, 2025.
- Join your colleagues at the AMO 2025 Conference.
- Opportunity to showcase your products and services at AMO 2025 Conference.
- Impact of trades & tariffs on small urban municipalities - OSUM Conference 2025.
- OSUM Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall opportunities - Take advantage today.
- Managing Communications through Crisis: April 16 - 17.
- Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning: May 8 virtual workshop.
- Understanding Competing Human Rights: May 13 virtual workshop.
- Canoe webinar: A Tariff Update Session.
- Blog: 6 Reasons Why Municipal Software Platforms Should Work Together.
- Help homeowners save money through Sewer & Water Line Warranty Service.
- Group benefits webinar: April 1.
- Upcoming Net Zero Workshop registration now open.
- ASE: Here We Grow Again!
- Call for participation: Zoning Changes Solutions Lab.
- Ontario Geothermal Association conference.
- Careers.

### **AMO Matters**

AMO has [developed resources](#) to help municipal decision makers considering electricity generation and storage projects protect residents, sensitive lands, and municipal finances while securing local benefits and supporting growth.

[Register](#) for the final asset management session on Growth on April 3 at 12 PM. There is still time to [register](#) to attend session 3, on Lifecycle & Financial Strategies, today at 12 PM.

### **Provincial Matters**

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public



Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate a colleague](#) from your municipality by June 27,

### **Education Opportunities**

Registration is now open for the AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum, in the Municipality of Mississippi Mills. Partnering with the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), this full-day event will bring together municipal and sector leaders, academics and experts for insightful discussions on the state of democracy in rural Ontario.

[Register today!](#)

AMO 2025 is the premier opportunity to connect with your colleagues, provincial government, and municipal suppliers – all in support of your work as a locally elected official. [Register for AMO 2025](#) and [book your accommodations today](#).

AMO has launched its Exhibitor and Sponsorship opportunities for the 2025 conference in the City of Ottawa August 17-20. Our event provides you exposure to over 3,000 of Ontario's municipal leaders representing Ontario's 444 municipalities and a \$68 billion sector. Both the Exhibit Hall and Sponsorship opportunities sell out fast. Click [here](#) to download the Exhibitor Package and [here](#) for the Sponsorship Package.

The OSUM Conference includes an important conversation on the impact of the trades and tariffs dispute. Join your colleagues in discussion with Tony Stillo, Director of Canada Economics at Oxford Economics, on scenarios and potential economic impacts for Ontario and small urban communities. [Registration is open](#) and you can [book your accommodations here](#).

The OSUM Annual Conference is a prime opportunity for locally elected officials to network, discuss critical social, economic and policy matters facing small urban communities. For exhibitors and sponsors, this conference provides access to local decision makers for a \$68b sector and for you to showcase your organization and services. [Both packages are available here](#).

Your community elected you to provide sound and confident leadership in the best interest of your community. During a crisis, this approach to leadership is critical. AMO's April workshop on [Managing Communications through Crisis](#) provides insight and tools to support in being this leader.

Explore how a human rights-based approach to municipal planning can enhance municipal decision-making, ensuring policies and services are inclusive, equitable, and legally sound. [Register for the May 8 Human Rights Based Approach to Municipal](#)

### [Planning workshop.](#)

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. [Register for this important Competing Rights May 13 workshop.](#)

### **LAS**

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) is hosting a webinar exclusively for Canoe members on April 3 at 3:00pm EST. Staff will update on tariff changes and the impact they may have on the Canoe program. [Register here.](#)

Municipal technology improves resource management and enhances citizen services, but software and community development have their limits. [Read the blog](#) to explore potential solutions.

Learn about the advantages and cost savings opportunity with the LAS Group Benefits service. Our program partner, Mosey and Mosey, will also offer an update about what is driving the cost of employee group benefit plans. [Attend live April 1](#) to ask questions.

LAS is hosting a workshop on Net Zero & Low Carbon Initiatives for your municipal buildings. [Join us in person](#) on May 14 at the [Coldstream Net Zero Fire Hall](#) or at our [virtual workshop](#) on June 18. Workshops qualify for a 75% IESO incentive. [Registration is now open.](#)

The LAS [Automated Speed Enforcement](#) program continues to grow! We are looking for a few municipalities ready to join our next intake with live cameras in September. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more about this important community safety program.

### **Municipal Wire\***

Smart Density has received funding from CMHC Solutions Lab to assist municipal planning teams in [updating zoning policies](#) to enable affordable housing development on faith-based properties. Contact [info@smartdensity.com](mailto:info@smartdensity.com) to access Solutions Lab support.

The Ontario Geothermal Association is hosting a [conference May 21-22](#) with sessions about municipal geothermal programs. Municipal delegates can receive 20% off registration with discount code AMO.

## **Careers**

[Digital Communications & Marketing Coordinator - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#). Closing Date: March 28, 2025.

[Director of Finance and Administration - Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board](#). Closing Date: April 4, 2025

[Finance Coordinator - County of Lambton](#). Closing Date: April 6, 2025.

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## **Save the Date for the AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum!**

**June 11, 2025**

**Almonte Old Town Hall Auditorium, 14 Bridge St, Almonte, ON K0A 1A0**

AMO and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), are thrilled to announce the inaugural Rural Healthy Democracy Forum, taking place in the scenic Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

This full-day event will bring together municipal and sector leaders, academics and experts for insightful discussions on the state of democracy in rural Ontario. Engage in thought-provoking conversations and explore ways to strengthen civic participation and governance in your communities.

→ SOON Registration fee: \$50.00

Registration opening soon.

For more information, on AMO's Healthy Democracy Project [click here](#).

# Save the date for AMO's first **Rural Healthy Democracy Forum**

**June 11, 2025**



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**\$226.8 Billion**  
Single & Upper Tier WOWC Exports\*

**\$145 Billion**  
Manufacturing Exports from WOWC Region

**\$12 Billion**  
Agriculture Exports from WOWC Region

\*Money received in the region from the sale of goods and services to foreign and domestic sources

**Letter to Prime Minister and Premier**  
The WOWC will remain a vocal advocate for solutions that protect our industries and communities, as we are committed to working with all levels of government to safeguard our region's economic future.  
[WOWC Letter to Prime Minister and Premier](#)

**Statement from Vice Chair on Tariffs**  
The WOWC supports the Ontario and Canadian governments in addressing trade restrictions, recognizing their impact on industries and communities. [Statement](#)

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) is committed to supporting regional growth, prosperity, and collaboration across Western Ontario. To further this mission, the WOWC has made a wide range of helpful resources available on its website.

These resources include WOWC's letter to the Prime Minister and Premier, County level supports, AMO's response, and Federal supports. Whether you're an elected official, municipal staff, or community partner interested in regional development, you'll find up-to-date and relevant information.

Visit the [WOWC Tariff Resources](#) page to access the latest information and stay up to date on how the WOWC is working to strengthen Western Ontario.

## Save the Date: Western Ontario Municipal Conference



The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus is pleased to announce the return of the Western Ontario Municipal Conference, taking place on Friday, October 17, 2025, at the Lamplighter Inn in London, Ontario.

This year's conference will feature relevant, dynamic programming designed to foster the exchange of knowledge and best practices, along with excellent networking opportunities. With four key streams—Housing, Infrastructure, Economic Development, and Mental Health & Addictions—we're offering a strong line-up of sessions to engage and inform all delegates.

Interested in becoming a sponsor or speaker at this year's event? Contact us at [info@wowc.ca](mailto:info@wowc.ca).

Stay tuned to this newsletter and our [website](#) for registration and program updates.

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**Premier Doug Ford Unveils Cabinet to Protect Ontario**



Congratulations to Ontario's Cabinet Ministers!

WOWC looks forward to continuing our work with Premier Doug Ford and his Cabinet to advance key priorities for rural communities, including housing, infrastructure, economic development and mental health & addictions.

A special acknowledgment to the Ministers from Western Ontario:

- Sylvia Jones – Deputy Premier & Minister of Health
- Trevor Jones – Minister of Agriculture, Food & Agribusiness
- Doug Downey – Attorney General
- Rob Flack – Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- Andrea Khanjin – Minister of Red Tape Reduction
- Lisa Thompson – Minister of Rural Affairs

We also look forward to working with:

Kinga Surma – Minister of Infrastructure

- David Piccini – Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development
- Vic Fedeli: Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Graydon Smith – Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
- Vijay Thanigasalam – Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions

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## Wellington County Announces 2024 George Bridge Economic Development Influencer Award Recipients



The recipients of the 2024 George Bridge Economic Development Influencer Awards were announced on February 27, 2025.

This new Economic Development Awards programme was created to honour the contributions of Past Warden and Economic Development Committee Chair, George Bridge, to the field.

“The George Bridge Economic Development Awards recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to economic development in Wellington County,” said Jeff Duncan, Economic Development Committee Chair. “Today, we celebrate community leaders and highlight their important work that supports local economic development efforts. Congratulations to our 2024 recipients.”

### **Community Economic Development Influencer of the Year Award - Rick Whittaker**

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant impact on Economic Development in Wellington County. Eligibility extends to all members of the public, including community members, the business community, and various organizations.

### **Young Professional Economic Development Influencer of the Year Award - Laura Emery**

Awarded to an individual new to the economic development profession, actively working in an economic development capacity within Wellington County.

View the full [press release](#)

## Grey County Named to Smart21 Intelligent Communities of 2025



For the third consecutive year and fourth time since 2017, Grey County has been named one of the world's Smart21 communities of the year by the [Intelligent Communities Forum](#) (ICF). The announcement came on March 6 at

the Communities in Transition conference in Hamilton, Ontario.

The ICF's annual Intelligent Community of the Year competition recognizes communities that embrace technology to realize economic, social, and cultural growth. Intelligent Community nominees are evaluated on six indicators: broadband, knowledge workforce, innovation, digital equality, sustainability, and advocacy.

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## Community Partners Unite to Combat Human Trafficking across the Region



Human Trafficking is a serious crime that often goes unnoticed, but communities in Grey and Bruce Counties are taking action. The CSWBP Crime Prevention Action Table in partnership with the Joy

Smith Foundation and Violence Prevention Grey Bruce are raising awareness about the dangers of human trafficking and providing resources to help prevent this crime.

Short-term rentals (STR) owners and operators can play a crucial role in preventing human trafficking by recognizing signs, implementing preventative measures, and reporting suspicious activity. There is a growing trend of traffickers using STRs due to the greater possibility of anonymity. This initiative educates STR owners and operators on how to identify potential trafficking situations and respond appropriately to protect their communities and properties.

To access the Short-Term Rental Anti-Human Trafficking resource visit:

[Resources - Community Safety and Well-Being Planning](#)



### **Grey County announces leadership changes**

Grey County Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kim Wingrove has given notice she will be stepping down from her role on May 2, 2025. Ms. Wingrove's decision was announced at the end of the March 13 meeting of Council and committee of the whole.

Ms. Wingrove joined Grey County as CAO in September of 2015. In nearly a decade on the job, Ms. Wingrove led staff in delivering services that are essential to residents, businesses and the community.

Ms. Wingrove led the county through several significant projects and challenges, including the renovation and expansion of the County Administration Building, the Rockwood Terrace redevelopment project, the formation of Supportive Outreach Services and growth of community paramedicine programs, and the expansion of emergency housing supports. Using her extensive experience in Economic Development, Ms. Wingrove united partners together throughout the region to work on projects which help Grey County thrive.

She also led operations and response through the challenging COVID-19 pandemic.



### **Bruce County's Jeff Loney Recognized as Top 40 Under 40**

Jeff Loney, Bruce County's Economic Development Manager has been announced as a recipient of the 2025 Economic Development 40 Under 40 Award, the biennial award recognizing rising stars under 40 years old in the economic development industry.

"Economic development is a purpose-driven field that shapes communities worldwide, and young professionals are at the heart of that impact," said Julie Curtin, president of DCI's economic development practice. "These 40 rising stars are driving change through their innovation, commitment, and leadership. Their contributions are already making a difference, and I'm excited to see how they continue to shape the industry in the years to come."

"We are incredibly proud of Jeff's accomplishments as our Economic Development Manager." said Luke Charbonneau, Warden of Bruce County. "This award recognizes Jeff's dedication to the field of economic development, and Bruce County. Through his work stewarding Bruce County's Economic Development Strategic Plan Jeff has profiled our County on both a North American and International Stage."



### **Rural Healthy Democracy Forum**

AMO's Healthy Democracy Project is a unique initiative focused on improving local democracy through civic engagement that's respectful and diverse. It's a project based on collaboration and a collective will to improve the health of local democracy in Ontario. For more information on the origin of the Healthy Democracy Project and initiative click [here](#).

This full-day event will bring together municipal and sector leaders, academics and experts for insightful discussion on the state of the democracy in rural Ontario. Engage in thought-provoking conversations and explore to strengthen civic participation and governance in your communities.

Location: Almonte Old Town Hall Auditorium

Registration fee: \$50.00

[Register Here](#)



### **Federal Government Unveils Designs as part of the Housing Design Catalogue**

The federal government released the final renderings, floor plan layouts, and key building details as part of the Housing Design Catalogue, an initiative under Canada's Housing Plan. The catalogue features some 50 standardized housing designs for rowhouses, fourplexes, sixplexes, and accessory dwelling units across the country.

The release provides a head start for homeowners, builders, and communities in their planning processes. The designs were developed by regional architecture and engineering teams, and focus on creating gentle density and infill development in existing neighbourhoods in all regions of the country. The final architectural design packages will be released this spring.

[View the press release](#)



Community Futures Week is a unique celebration organized by Community Futures Western (CFWO) and Community Futures Eastern Ontario (CFEO), with the collaborative backing of their member Community Futures Development Corporations. This week is dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship, promoting small business growth, and creating economic opportunities in Southern Ontario. Scheduled for April 7-13, 2025, it will feature a mix of virtual and in-person events across the region.

Visit the link below for more details on our FREE webinars covering topics such as:

- Small Business Fraud Prevention
- Succession Planning: Buying or Selling a Business
- Future-Proofing Your Marketing Plan: How Small Businesses & Nonprofits Can Adapt and Thrive in 2025

Additionally, you'll have the chance to hear directly from business owners about the support they received from their local Community Futures office and Community Futures Partners throughout Southern Ontario.

This week not only honors the contributions Community Futures has made to rural businesses over the past 35 years but also celebrates the businesses that keep our rural communities alive and thriving.

[CF Week 2025](#)

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025

The Honourable Mark Carney  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington St  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
[pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)

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

Dear Prime Minister Carney and Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I want to thank you both for your strong leadership on behalf of Ontario and Canada through the continued uncertainty around tariffs and international trade.

The WOWC is a not-for-profit organization representing 15 upper and single-tier municipalities and 1.6 million constituents across rural Western Ontario, aiming to enhance the prosperity and overall well-being of rural and small communities across the region.

As Chair of the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), I want to express our ongoing support for the Governments of Ontario and Canada as you work to navigate the challenges posed by tariffs, inter-provincial trade barriers, and other trade restrictions.

Western Ontario's economy is closely linked to trade, particularly with the United States, but also within Canada. Economists highlight that sectors most vulnerable to the imposition of tariffs and trade barriers—potentially leading to layoffs or significant economic challenges—include automotive, construction, energy, agriculture, and consumer goods. In terms of industry GDP, manufacturing, wholesale trade, and transportation and warehousing are expected to be among the most affected industries.

Regional export data, defined as both domestic and international exports outside of Western Ontario, is available through Lightcast Analyst. Western Ontario's exports outside of the region totaled over \$226 billion in 2022. Exports outside the Western Ontario region in the largest industry, manufacturing, totaled close to \$145 billion in 2022, representing 64% of total regional exports. Tariffs on agriculture and food also present substantial risks to the regional economy. This industry accounts for nearly \$12 billion in goods in regional exports.

The WOWC recognizes that trade barriers—whether international or inter-provincial—create significant challenges for industries that are vital to our region's economic stability, job

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creation, and long-term prosperity. Restrictions on the movement of goods, services, and labour between provinces can hinder economic growth, increase costs for businesses, and limit opportunities for rural communities. Addressing these inter-provincial trade barriers is crucial to ensuring that businesses in Western Ontario can compete effectively in the national and global marketplace.

The WOWC will remain a vocal advocate for solutions that protect our industries and communities, as we are committed to working with all levels of government to safeguard our region's economic future. As part of this commitment, the WOWC strongly supports efforts to develop and implement procurement policies that alleviate some of the financial and administrative burdens on municipalities. We recognize that municipalities are often constrained by procurement regulations that limit flexibility and increase costs. By collaborating with provincial and federal governments, we can work towards policies that streamline procurement, promote local economic development, and enhance the efficiency of public investments.

Western Ontario's strength comes from our ability to adapt and respond as a region, and the WOWC remains dedicated to partnering with all stakeholders to ensure our communities remain strong and resilient. We look forward to continued collaboration with both levels of government to address these pressing economic and trade-related challenges.

Sincerely,



Mayor Amy Martin  
Chair, Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
[chair@wowc.ca](mailto:chair@wowc.ca)

cc.

Hon. Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs  
Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association  
Bonnie Clark, Chair, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus  
Western Ontario MPs and MPPs  
Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus Counties and Municipalities



# Monthly Community Update

## February 2025

### Highlights

<i>Serviced</i>	<i>February - 25</i>	<i>January - 25</i>
Households Served	571	568
Individuals	1,402	1,404
Kids	460	483
New Clients	50	26
Unhoused	46	54
Own their own Home	54	54
Seniors	211	223
Singles	265	261
Working individuals	236	235
<b>FOOD IN</b>		
Lbs. of Food Recovered	15,327	12,068
Lbs of Food Donated	13,111	13,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,438</b>	<b>25,995</b>
<b>FOOD OUT</b>		
Lbs. to Clients	49,294	53,688
Lbs. to Community Agencies	3,850	6,819
<b>Total</b>	<b>53,144</b>	<b>60,507</b>

- Includes Orangeville Food Bank and Dufferin Food Share

- 15% of our clients rely on Ontario Works **\$733** is the **maximum** provided to a single person per month.
- 21% of our clients rely on the Ontario Disability Support Program for a **maximum** of **\$1,368** per single person per month.
- The median rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in Ontario is \$1,500 that's **204%** of Ontario Works income, & **110%** of Ontario Disability Support Program income.
- 40% of food banks have had to reduce their services, and the Orangeville Food Bank is no exception. Last year, fruit portions were reduced from four pieces to three per point, and clients were limited to using only 50% of their points on fruits and vegetables.

On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Grand Valley Food Bank joined forces with Orangeville Food Bank, now known as Dufferin Food Share Grand Valley.



Council Members

Mayor Neil Nicholson  
Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier

Councillors:  
Mark Bell  
Michael Moore  
Chris Olmstead  
Connie Tabbert  
Joey Trimm

## Certified True Copy

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**Re: Resolution - Request to Increase Tile Drain Amount**

Dear Honorable Rob Flack,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region support the motions from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe and County of Frontenac requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and Minister of Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$250,000; and, Further that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, The Minister of Rural Affairs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.**

(613) 646-2282

Carried - as amended Resolution #2025-5275

P.O. Box 40,  
44 Main Street  
Cobden, ON  
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Sincerely,



Carmen Miller  
Clerk/CEMC

  
whitewaterregion.ca



TOWN OF SHELburne

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

No. 2025-47

**Date:** 3/24/25

**Moved:** Councillor Fegan

**Seconded by:** Councillor Benotto

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Shelburne receive and endorse the correspondence from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority opposing an amalgamation with the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority given no expert analysis has been presented to support such a proposal to move away from watershed-based Conservation Authorities;

AND THAT this motion be sent to the NVCA, the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the municipalities located in the NVCA watershed.

**CARRIED, W. Mills**

**Requested Vote to be Recorded**            Yes            No

	Yea	Nay
<b>Mayor Mills</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Deputy Mayor Hall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Councillor Benotto</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Councillor Fegan</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Councillor Guchardi</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Councillor Sample</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Councillor Wegener</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**GRAND VALLEY**

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March 28, 2025

**Re: Resolution No. 2025-03-43 – Support Resolution – Township of Amaranth – Planning Authority**

Please be advised that the Town of Grand Valley, at its meeting held on March 25, 2025, considered the aforementioned resolution and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2025-03-43**

Moved by: Councillor Latam

Seconded by: Councillor Jonker

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Grand Valley Supports the resolution from the Township of Amaranth regarding Planning Authority

**AND FURTHER THAT** this resolution be distributed to all Dufferin County Municipalities, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP, Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

*Donna Tremblay*

Donna Tremblay

Deputy Clerk/Communications Coordinator

Encl. Township of Amaranth Resolution – Planning Authority

cc. Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon – [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)

all Dufferin Municipalities – via email

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)



Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)  
[attorneygeneral@ontario.ca](mailto:attorneygeneral@ontario.ca)

March 24, 2025

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Hon. Doug Downey  
Attorney General

Hon. Premier Ford and Attorney General Downey:

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution, calling on the Province of Ontario assist with financial support to the Crime Stoppers program.

Resolution #15-5-2025

*Moved by John Creelman, Seconded by Fred Nix*

*BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Town of Mono supports the resolution passed by the Township of Amaranth and likewise requests the Province of Ontario assist with financial support for the Crime Stoppers program.*

**"Carried"**

Respectfully,

**Fred Simpson**

Digitally signed by Fred Simpson  
Location: Town of Mono  
Date: 2025-03-24 14:48-04:00

Fred Simpson, Clerk

Copy: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Dufferin-Caledon MPP  
All Dufferin Municipalities  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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February 21, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Doug Downey  
Attorney General

Sent by email to [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca), [doug.downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.downey@pc.ola.org)

**Re: Resolution regarding Funding the Crime Stoppers Program**

At its regular meeting of Council held on February 19, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

**Resolution #: 6**

**Moved by:** S. Graham

**Seconded by:** A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council requests the Province of Ontario assist with financial support to the Crime Stoppers program and;

That a copy of the motion be circulated to AMO and all County of Dufferin Municipalities.

**CARRIED**

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk



## REPORT TO COUNCIL 2025-030

**TO:** Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk  
**DATE:** April 2, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Council Review

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### **Recommendation**

Council instruct staff to arrange for a mid term council training session with a third party.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to remind Council of the decorum and professionalism requested in the council chambers and to reiterate some sections of the procedural by-law.

### **Background**

The Procedural By-Law 2025-01 which is a by-law to govern the proceeding of the Council. Below is a snapshot of some areas of the by-law which are provided as information and a reminder to council.

#### Part II – Duties and Conduct

##### 5 Duties of the Chair

The Chair of the meeting is responsible for:

- e) enforcing the rules of order in this Procedure By-Law and decorum among the Members and the public;
- f) enforce on all occasions the observances of order of all Members in accordance with the rules of Procedure when engaged in debate;
- k) to lead on all occasions with the observance of order and decorum, in a manner that is respectful to delegations, fellow members and staff;

## 6. Conduct of Members

Any Code of Conduct or Ethics applicable to Members of Council adopted by Council shall apply during a meeting held pursuant to this by-law.

The Members are responsible for, where applicable:

- d) participating in a meeting and not interrupting, unless to raise a Point of Order or Point of Personal Privilege, as set out in this by-law;

## Part V – Motions and Voting

### 39. Moved and Seconded

All motions shall be made in writing and be moved and seconded.

No member shall speak to any motion until it is first read by the Chair, and the mover is entitled to speak first thereon if the member so elects.

All motions may be supported or opposed by the mover and seconder.

### 40. Address the Chair

Every member speaking on any question or motion shall address the chair.

## Part VI – Rules of Debate

### 56. Rules of Debate

When a member is speaking, no other member shall pass between that member and the Chair, or interrupt him or her, except to raise a point of order or a point of personal privilege.

All questions shall be stated succinctly and questions shall not be used as a means of making statements or assertions.

Questions may be asked through the Chair of the previous speaker, staff, a delegation or presenter.

**Strategic Plan Mission: Every day we make informed decisions to serve our residents and businesses and steward our community.**

Values: Accountability: we take ownership of our actions and decisions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Martin

CAO/Clerk





## MEMO TO COUNCIL 2025-012

**TO:** Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk  
**DATE:** April 2, 2025  
**SUBJECT:** Tree Day 2025

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### **Recommendation**

That Memo to Council 2025-012 be received for information.

### **Background**

The Township has provided the option for residents to purchase trees (seedlings or samplings) annually through a program run by the Grand River Conservation Authority.

The GRCA will deliver the trees on Friday May 2, 2025 to the public works yard and staff will sort all of the orders in order to prepare for pick up the following day. Tree pick up will be held on Saturday May 3, 2025 from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Council is asked to provide 2 Council members to assist with distribution of the tree orders to residents on that day.

**Strategic Plan Foundational Pillar:** Preserve Our Rural Roots

**Goal #3:** Environmental Stewardship

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.  
CAO/Clerk