



Township of Amaranth
Council Agenda

Wednesday, June 4, 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 May 7, 2025

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5.2 Regular Meeting of Council Minutes held May 21, 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 May 7, 2025 and May 21, 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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21.	Confirming By-Law 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 June 4, 2025; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.	
22.	Adjournment Recommended Motion: BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.	



The Township of Amaranth Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

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

Staff Present: Deputy Clerk, H. Boardman
Treasurer, S. VanGerven
Roads Superintendent, K. Watson
Consulting Township Planner, V. Schmidt

The Township of Amaranth Council held a regular meeting on Wednesday May 7,
commencing at 6:00 p.m.

1. Call To Order

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

Mayor Gerrits called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.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: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

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 April 16, 2025

Resolution #: 2

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 16, 2025 as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Open Forum

The Deputy Clerk read the following letter to form part of the meeting minutes.

6.1 Application for Secondary Residence By-law Amendment Fee

Hi Chris,

My name is Erin Maltais and I am writing this email in hopes to resolve a recent issue my husband and I have had with an application we have been working on with the township. We recently took ownership of just over 10 acres of land on 8th Line in Amaranth, just south of 20th Sideroad.

Andrew and I submitted an Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment earlier this year and attended a township meeting on February 19th regarding this application. At this time, our plan was to build a home for ourselves, as well as a small separate dwelling for my mom. After working with our designer and mortgage broker, we decided to amalgamate the two homes, as our budget simply wouldn't allow for two separate buildings.

After coming to this conclusion, we contacted Valerie, the Consulting Township Planner, who had assisted us at various points with planning, and told her that since we were amalgamating the homes, we no longer needed the approval for a secondary dwelling, and therefore, wanted to withdraw our application. She did not advise us otherwise.

It wasn't until Andrew was looking into and submitting an application for an entrance permit to build our driveway that Tammy Burrell brought to our attention that we would, in fact, still need to have submitted an Application for a Zoning By-law Amendment. After looking into this further, it was determined that not only would we have to re-apply, we would also have to pay the application fee of \$1750 a second time.

We are very much aware that Valerie is not our personal planner and we respect this. We do feel, however, that some sort of information should have been provided to us with regards to which homes require approval of a secondary dwelling and which do not prior to the withdrawal of our initial application. On top of this delaying us in moving forward with applying for building permits and beginning our build, it also means that we have now had to take ANOTHER \$1750 off of our budget, a fee that we don't feel we should be charged for and incur twice.

We ask you to please consider waiving this second fee. We did speak with a few people at the township office regarding this matter when we were there on Monday, however, we were told that we would have to discuss it with the mayor and councillors.

If you need any further information, we are happy to provide it.

With thanks,

Erin Maltais and Andrew Welk

Council discussed this matter under item 10.4.

6.2 Other

Resident Bob Currie was present at the meeting to discuss the Pullen Well.

7. Delegations/Presentations (pre-registered)

7.1 Amaranth Steering Committee - Draft LEAR Report

Pierre Chauvin from MHBC Planning was at the meeting to present the final Land Evaluation and Area Review (LEAR) report to Council. Council discussed the report as presented.

Residents were in attendance to ask questions regarding regulated conservation areas, zoning designations and soil evaluation data.

Council advised that the LEAR study information will be considered when the Official Plan is reviewed and residents will be able to provide comments during the public meeting process.

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receive the final report on the Land Evaluation and Area Review as prepared by MHBC Planning Ltd.

CARRIED

8. Public Meetings (Statutory and Non-Statutory)

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council now hold a Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* regarding the following:

Z03-2025 - Wilson 473325 County Road 11

Z05-2025 - Welk Concession 8 East Part Lot 20 no municipal address assigned

CARRIED

8.1 Report to Council 2025-038

Planning report for Zoning By-Law Amendment Z03-2025 Wilson 473325 County Road 11

The Deputy Clerk read the regulations and advised that notice has been provided in accordance with the *Planning Act*. The Consulting Township Planner reviewed the report and advised the purpose and effect of the

Zoning By-law Amendment is to permit a secondary dwelling unit within the existing dwelling on the property.

The Consulting Township Planner reviewed the report and advised that not all comments were received from the circulated agencies at the time of writing the report. All other comments were noted in the report.

The owner/applicant, Don Wilson, was present at the meeting for questions and comments. The owner advised there will be no additional units proposed on the property and the application is to make the existing basement unit legal.

Resident, Scott Persall, was present at the meeting to inquire how many units total are proposed on the property.

No other comments were received from the public at the meeting.

8.2 Report to Council 2025-039

Planning report for Zoning By-Law Amendment Z05-2025 Welk Lot 20 Parcel B East Part Concession 8

The Deputy Clerk read the regulations and advised that notice has been provided in accordance with the *Planning Act*. The Consulting Township Planner reviewed the report and advised the purpose and effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to permit an attached secondary dwelling unit within the proposed dwelling on the property.

The Consulting Township Planner reviewed the report and advised that not all comments were received from the circulated agencies at the time of writing the report. All other comments were noted in the report.

Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation has commented that a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment may be required. The Consulting Township Planner will go through the ministry checklist to see if the assessment would be required.

The applicants were not present at the meeting for questions and comments.

No other comments were received from the public at the meeting.

8.3 Adjourn the Public Meeting

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: S. Graham

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn the Public Meeting held under the *Planning Act* and resume regular business.

CARRIED

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

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

9.1 Shelburne Public Library

Correspondence regarding Agreement

Council discussed the letter that was received regarding the library agreement. Council discussed capital and operating expenses.

10. Building and Planning Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

10.1 Issued Building Permits

March and April 2025 Cloudpermit

10.2 Township of East Garafraxa

Circulation Notice SPA2-25 for 065413 Dufferin County Road 3

10.3 Amended Site Plan Agreement

Final Draft (Earthbeat Festival and One-Day Events)

The Deputy Clerk advised the agreement was provided for information and that the agreement has already been executed by the CAO/Clerk and the property owners.

Julie Baumlisberger was at the meeting to provide information on the amendments to the original agreement that will permit extra annual events.

10.4 Other

Council discussed the letter received in open forum to request a refund of fees for the Welk Zoning By-Law application. The Deputy Clerk advised that there is an outstanding balance from the original application. Council was not in favour of waiving the fees or deposit on the new application.

11. Roads and Public Works Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

11.1 Report to Council 2025-040

Drain Maintenance Report Work

11.2 Other

Council wished to recognize the efforts of the Roads department on the road network during the spring and recent ice storm.

12. Treasury Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

12.1 Report to Council 2025-037

2026 Budget Timeline

12.2 Other

The Treasurer reviewed available credit/debit card payment options provided by Central Square. Council agreed with utilizing the payment option that would not incur any extra costs to the Township except for the annual administration fee.

13. County and County Council Business

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

13.1 BetterHomes Dufferin Local Improvement Charge

Sara MacRae from the County of Dufferin and Rebecca Danard from Clean Air Partnership were at the meeting to discuss the BetterHomes Dufferin project with Council.

The Treasurer advised that the Township would collect the loan payments and remit to the County of Dufferin. Unpaid loan payments would be added to the property tax account for collection and would incur penalties and interest accordingly.

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council receives Report – BetterHomes Dufferin project,

And Further That Council agrees to participate in this project and directs staff to prepare and present the Local Improvements Authorization By-law for Passing,

And Further That Council requests the County to cover the administration costs of all lower tier municipalities,

And Further That this resolution be sent to Dufferin County and all lower tier municipalities in Dufferin County.

CARRIED

13.2 Media Release

Plug'n Drive and Dufferin County Bring EV Test Drives to Orangeville, ON

13.3 Council Highlights

April 24, 2025

13.4 Other

Nothing at this time.

14. Committee Reports

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

14.1 South West Dufferin Police Service Board

Adopted Minutes November 28, 2024

14.2 Grand Valley and District Fire Board

February 19 and March 26, 2025 Minutes

14.3 Grand Valley and District Community Centre Board

March 10, 2025 Minutes

14.4 Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – April 25, 2025

14.5 NVCA Media Release

NVCA reports strong financial management and ongoing service improvements

14.6 Grand Valley & District Library Board

Verbal Discussion

Council discussed participation on the library board.

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 – [AMO responds to the Speech from the Throne and launches health sector survey](#), Watchfile - [April 17, 2025](#), [Rural Healthy Democracy Forum Program Highlight](#), [Municipal Trade and Tariff Forum Update](#), Policy Update – [Spring Policy Priorities](#), Watchfile - [April 24, 2025](#), AMO 2025: [Program Insights](#), Watchfile - [May 1, 2025](#), Policy Update - [Ontario Introduces Bill 5 and Re-Introduces Homelessness Encampments Bill](#), [New Report on Tariffs Impacting Municipal Construction Costs](#)

Policy: Ontario investing \$175 million to launch the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) – Webinar

Strategic Leadership Workshops

Education: Planning for People in Your Community - Unlocking Opportunity through Understanding Human Rights Requirements in Municipal Planning

15.2 Ontario News

[Ontario Taking Action to Strengthen Local Governance](#), [Ontario Unleashing Economic Potential of Critical Mineral and Resource Development](#), [Ontario Taking Action to Protect Parks and Public Spaces](#)

15.3 Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus April 2025 Newsletter

15.4 April ROMA Board Update: News on Infrastructure, Healthcare and Tariffs

15.5 MPAC

2024 Annual Report, [April 2025 - InTouch](#)

15.6 Dufferin Business Monthly: May 2025

15.7 Mulmur Endorsement: Ontario Salt Pollution Coalition

15.8 OMAFA Correspondence RE: Agricultural System

15.9 City of Richmond Hill Resolution

Councillor Cilevitz - Provincial regulations needed to restrict keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals

15.10 Hope Air's 2024 Impact Report: A Review of Hope Air's Impact on Canadians Last Year

15.11 Other

Nothing at this time.

16. Added Items (Late Submissions)

An item was added to the agenda under 19.0 which was distributed and published prior to the meeting.

17. New Business

17.1 Donation Request – Optimist Club

Resolution #: 7

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT REOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve a donation of \$250.00 for a Bronze sponsorship to the Orangeville Optimist Club for the Annual Christmas in the Park event.

CARRIED

17.2 Principles Integrity - Amaranth Periodic Report

17.3 Purolator Tackle Hunger 2025

Staff will circulate the information on the Township's social media platform.

17.4 Other

Council advised that resident Michael Niedzweicki was accepted to the rotary exchange program and that a fundraiser is being held to help raise money to offset the costs.

18. Notice of Motions

None for this meeting.

19. Closed Meeting

A break was taken from 8:31 p.m. to 8:36 p.m. after entering the closed meeting.

Resolution #: 8

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council move to a Closed Meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended for the following reason(s):

Labour relations or employee negotiations - Staffing matters

CARRIED

19.1 Staffing Matters

19.2 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 #: 9

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now rise and report from Closed Meeting.

CARRIED

20. By-Laws

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1 Connor Drainage Works

Resolution #: 10

Moved by: S. Graham

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Connor Drainage Works; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.2 Hendry Drainage Works

Resolution #: 11

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Hendry Drainage Works – “A” Drain (Open); and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.3 Pearce Drainage Works

Resolution #: 12

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Pearce Drainage Works – “A” Drain; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.4 Potter Drainage Works

Resolution #: 13

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Potter Drainage Works, C Drain Tile; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.5 Menary Drainage Works

Resolution #: 14

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Menary Drainage Works, B Drain (Closed Portion); and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.6 Tijssen Drainage Works

Resolution #: 15

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to provide for the levying of the costs resulting from the maintenance and repair of the Tijssen Drainage Works (Closed Drain); and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.7 BetterHomes Dufferin Program

Resolution #: 16

Moved by: S. Graham

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize the undertaking of energy efficiency and climate resilience works on private residential property as local improvements under the BetterHomes Dufferin Program; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.8 Shelburne Public Library Agreement

Council requested the capital terms in the schedule to the agreement be reviewed for the 2026 agreement. A recorded vote was requested.

Resolution #: 17

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 Agreement Between The Shelburne Public Library Board And The Corporation Of The Township Of Amaranth; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

For (4): C. Gerrits, G. Little, B. Metzger, and A. Stirk

Nay (1): S. Graham

CARRIED (4 to 1)

21. Confirming By-Law

Resolution #: 18

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 May 7, 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 9:05 p.m.

Resolution #: 19

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Head of Council

CAO/Clerk



The Township of Amaranth Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 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 May 21, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call To Order

The Deputy 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: A. Stirk

Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do hereby approve the agenda as circulated.

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

None for this meeting.

6. Open Forum

None for this meeting.

7. Delegations/Presentations (pre-registered)

7.1 Shelburne and District Fire Department

Chief Pratt from the Shelburne & District Fire Department provided a presentation on current Level of Services. Chief Foreman from the Grand Valley & District Fire Department was present at the meeting.

Council discussed the service levels, public education, training and staffing with the Fire Chiefs.

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 Land Evaluation and Area Review Final Report

Follow up motion

Resolution #: 2

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping may inform future amendments to the Township and County's prime agricultural area; and

Prior approved site-specific Township Official Plan amendments be recognized and addressed through the future Official Plan Amendment processes to implement the LEAR 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping; and

Prior approved zoning for non-farm uses be recognized and addressed through the future Official Plan Amendment processes to implement the LEAR study 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping; and

The Township's existing 'Environmental Protection' designation be recognized and maintained despite the 'Recommended Prime Agricultural Area' mapping (unless other studies conducted through the future Official Plan review process suggest otherwise);and

The County's prime agricultural area mapping (Schedule C Agricultural Area and Rural Lands) be implemented within the Greenbelt Plan area in the Township Official Plan; and

The list of members of the public who opted in for project updates should be provided to the County and kept by the Township for use during future Official Plan Amendment consultation.

CARRIED

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: A. Stirk

Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council request a proposal from MHBC Planning Ltd. to extend their existing contract to include a rewrite of the Township Official Plan.

CARRIED

10. Building and Planning Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

- 10.1 Memo to Council 2025-014
Zoning By-Law Amendment Z03-2025 Wilson
- 10.2 Memo to Council 2025-015
Zoning By-Law Amendment Z05-2025 Welk
- 10.3 Town of Shelburne
Notice of Public Meeting - June 2nd 2025 - DPS 20/02 & Z20/02 - 416, 420, 428 Main St. W
- 10.4 County of Dufferin
Notice of Decision - Town of Orangeville OPA 132 & 135
- 10.5 Other
Nothing at this time.

11. Roads and Public Works Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

- 11.1 Report to Council 2025-042
Roads Update

The Roads Superintendent provided an overview of the report which outlined spring operations, fleet maintenance, construction projects and staffing updates.

Council discussed treating joints on the new structures with epoxy in order to preserve their longevity.

Council thanked the Roads Superintendent for his excellent efforts and hard work during his tenure over the past 3.5 years.
- 11.2 Other
Nothing at this time.

12. Treasury Department

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

- 12.1 Report to Council 2025-041
Infrastructure Ontario Loan

Council and the Treasurer discussed debt serviceability and financing options. Council agreed with proceeding with a 15 year term as presented.

12.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

13. County and County Council Business

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

13.1 County MPAC Uploads – March and April

13.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

14. Committee Reports

The following items were received and/or dealt with:

14.1 Shelburne and District Fire Board

Minutes April 1, 2025

14.2 Shelburne Public Library Board

Minutes March 18, 2025

14.3 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 - Modelling Tool, Policy Update - Proposed Legislation on Planning Approvals and Development Charges, Watchfile - May 8, 2025, Watchfile - May 15, 2025, New Date for AMO's Important Trade and Tariff Forum

15.2 Ontario News

[Ontario Permanently Cutting the Gas Tax and Taking Tolls Off Highway 407 East, Province Seizes Over 700,000 Unmarked Cigarettes and Over 6,000 Untaxed Cigars](#)

15.3 Letter from Minister Rob Flack (234-2025-2204)

15.4 Other

Nothing at this time.

16. Added Items (Late Submissions)

None for this meeting.

17. New Business

17.1 Flag Protocol and Proclamation Request

Hope Air Day 2025

Resolution #: 4

Moved by: G. Little
Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth hereby proclaims June 6th, 2025, as "Hope Air Day" in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in Ontario's remote and rural communities.

And Further That, The Township urges all citizens to join in celebrating Hope Air Day and to reflect on the significance of ensuring equitable access to healthcare for all members of our community. Let us reaffirm our commitment to supporting initiatives that promote health equity and extend our gratitude to Hope Air for their unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

CARRIED

17.2 Other

Council was advised that the Soccer program and Community Market registrations are coming in for the 2025 season.

Council discussed the letter from Minister Flack from item 15.3 and requested further discussion at the next meeting in order to provide comments on Bill 17.

Council was reminded that the Grand Valley Duck Race will be taking place on May 24, 2025.

18. Notice of Motions

None for this meeting.

19. Closed Meeting

None for this meeting.

20. By-Laws

Notice of intention to pass the following By-Laws:

20.1 Infrastructure Ontario Loan

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little
Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from OILC to meet expenditures in connection with such capital works and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.2 ZBA Z03-2025

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: A. Stirk
Seconded by: S. Graham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend by-law 2-2009 as amended to rezone the lands described as Part Lot 6, Concession 2 in the Township of Amaranth and municipally known as 473325 County Road 11, Township of Amaranth to permit an additional dwelling unit; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

20.3 ZBA Z05-2025

Resolution #: 7

Moved by: B. Metzger
Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Leave be given to introduce a by-law to amend by-law 2-2009 as amended to rezone the lands described as Lot 20, Parcel B, East Part, Concession 8, Township of Amaranth to permit an additional dwelling unit; and that it be given the necessary readings and be passed and numbered as the next sequential number.

CARRIED

21. Confirming By-Law

Resolution #: 8

Moved by: S. Graham
Seconded by: A. Stirk

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 May 21, 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 10:53 a.m.

Resolution #: 9

Moved by: G. Little
Seconded by: B. Metzger

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council do now adjourn to meet again for the Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday June 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Head of Council

CAO/Clerk

From: Giacomo DiMarco
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Information <info@amaranth.ca>
Subject: Children playing sign request

Hello, I am wondering what is involved in requesting a "children playing" sign to be installed on our road. There are a few homes with young children in this location, while it's a gravel road, many people feel they can drive in excess of 100km as well as run the stop sign(2nd line and 20th side road). I am at 514609 2nd line.

Let me know. Much appreciated

Jack Di Marco

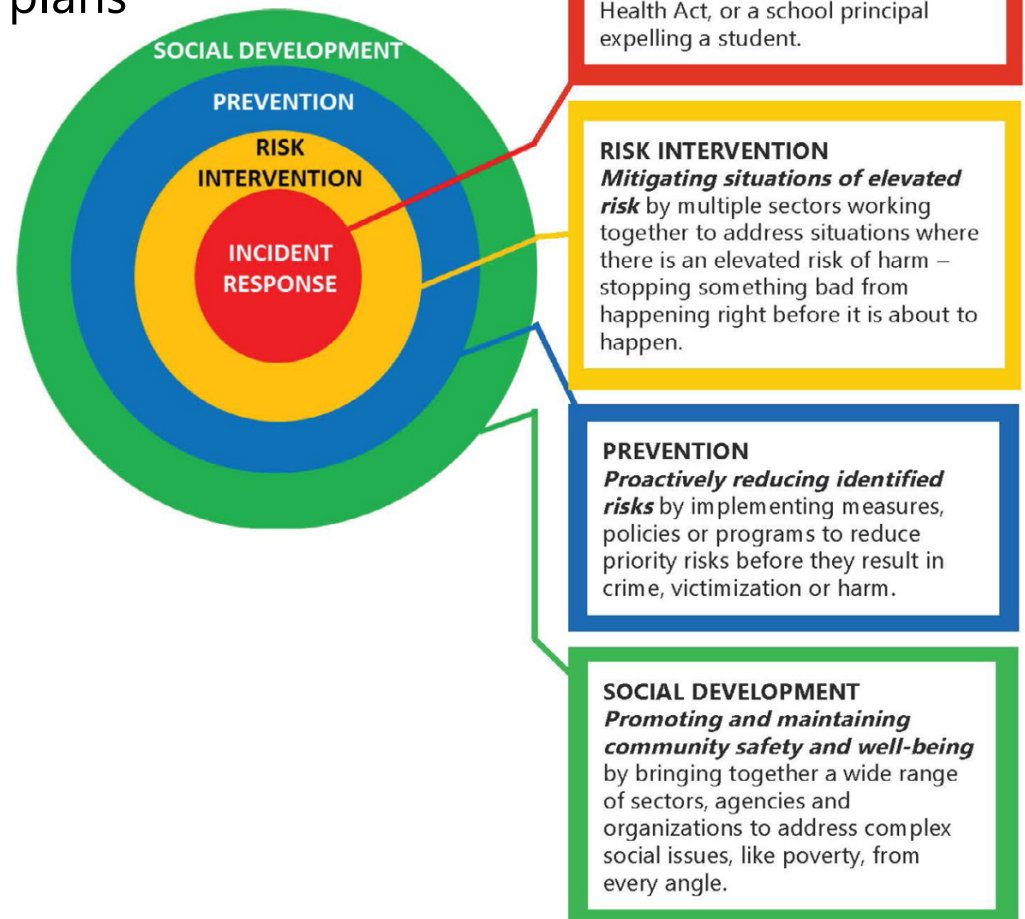
Dufferin County Community Safety and Well-Being Plan



Presentation to:
Township of Amaranth

Dufferin CSWB Plan

- Province mandated a review of CSWB plans
- Four-year plan (2025 – 2028)
- Shared plan for all of Dufferin County
- Focus on risk and protective factors
- Leverage community resources
- Approved by County Council
May 2025



Dufferin CSWBP Integration Table

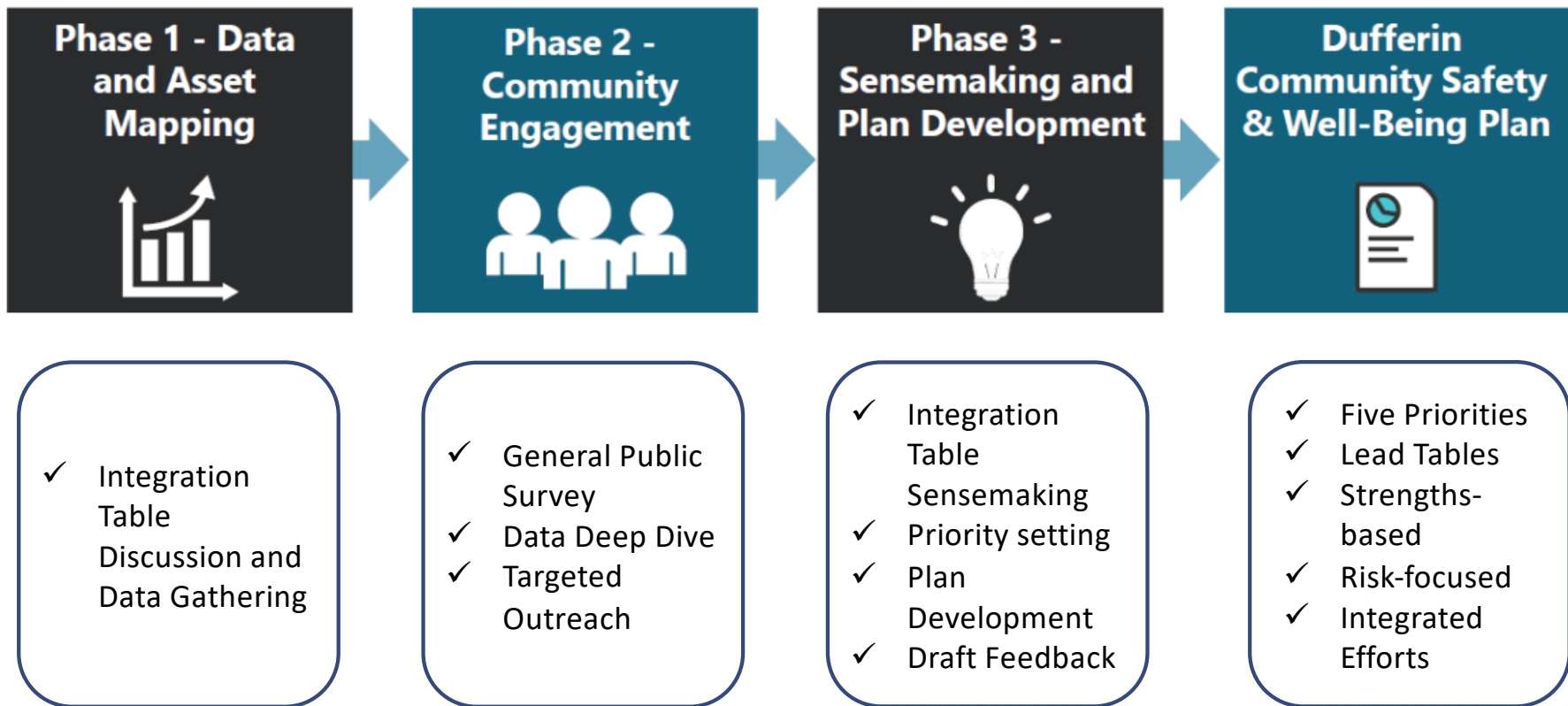
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Caledon\Dufferin Victim Services
Canadian Mental Health Association
Peel Dufferin
Community Living Dufferin
County of Dufferin
Domestic Assault Review Team
Dufferin Area Family Health Team
Dufferin Child and Family Services
Dufferin Community Foundation
DC MOVES
Dufferin Paramedic Services
Family Transition Place

Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team
Headwaters Communities in Action
Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police
Dufferin OPP Detachment Boards:

- Mono/Mulmur/Melancthon
- Orangeville
- Shelburne
- Southwest (East Garafraxa, Amaranth, Grand Valley)

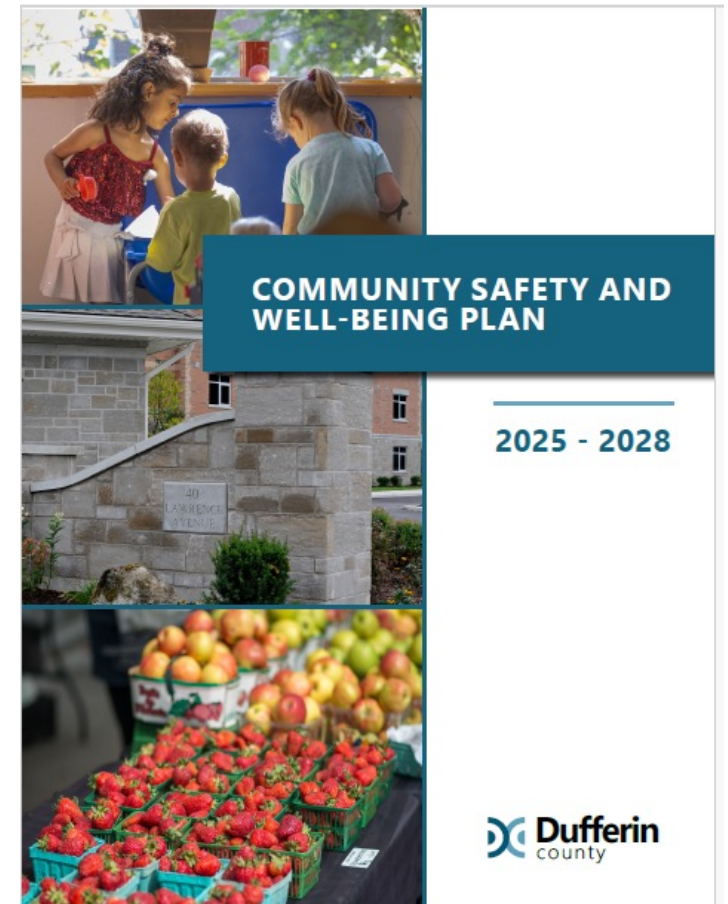
Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services
Services and Housing In the Province
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health

Development of the Plan



Priority Areas for the CSWB Plan

1. Community Safety
2. Housing and Homelessness
3. Mental Health and Well-Being
4. Family Support
5. Food Insecurity



CSWB Plan Priority Areas

PRIORITY AREA	FOCUS
Community Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrated efforts on preventive measures through addressing social determinants.• Continue efforts to engage with the community on issues of crime, including intimate partner violence (IPV), and mobility safety.• Continue to advocate for road and mobility safety through infrastructure solutions and injury prevention efforts.• Continue to participate in national, provincial and local traffic safety initiatives

CSWB Plan Priority Areas

PRIORITY AREA	FOCUS
Housing and Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen housing as human right declaration• Engage developers for affordable housing• Create housing/homelessness services dashboard• Secure additional funding• Improve service coordination• Enhance public awareness of available services• Continue to explore:<ul style="list-style-type: none">How to track displacement from the areaAccuracy of point-in-time counts and By-Name Data ListsTrue extent of rural homelessness

CSWB Plan Priority Areas

PRIORITY AREA	FOCUS
Mental Health & Well-Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop clear definition of mental health for the community.• Promote community awareness of the importance of building resilience in order to improve overall mental wellbeing.• Establish better data collection on service usage and effectiveness.• Focus on youth mental health services.• Continue to evaluate the future needs of Dufferin's growing population to ensure that local services are designed to meet those needs.

CSWB Plan Priority Areas

PRIORITY AREA	FOCUS
Family Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local organizations continue to increase their focus on building family-centered care models.• Create service awareness campaigns.• Consider the neighborhood support network model.• Establish grassroots parent outreach programs.• Analyze program access data and identify if there are populations who are underutilizing community supports.• If there are gaps in program usage, consider how to better reach missing populations.• Share information among service providers about pathways to access different types of family supports.

CSWB Plan Priority Areas

PRIORITY AREA	FOCUS
Food Insecurity	<p>Ongoing collection and review of data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Conduct Dufferin County Food Insecurity Needs Assessment to inform regional planning.</i> <p>Develop a work plan of key activities based on recommendations.</p> <p>Continue to meet as a subcommittee and move the work forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Advocate for income-based solutions.</i>• <i>Bring attention to broader impacts of food insecurity on social connections and well-being.</i>• <i>Expand programs that protect dignity like universal access school food programs and community growing/meals.</i>• <i>Identify immediate actions that can be taken to meet outcomes.</i> <p>Continue to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Need for culturally appropriate food data and local statistics</i>• <i>How to gather data from most affected populations</i>• <i>Definition and availability of local food</i>• <i>Consider tracking youth food insecurity using the WHY survey</i>• <i>Enhancing surveys to better understand root causes of food insecurity</i>• <i>and further inform local planning.</i>

CSWB Lead Tables

Priority Area	Lead Table
Community Safety	Dufferin OPP, on behalf of Detachment Boards
Housing and Homelessness	Dufferin County Equity Collaborative - Housing & Homelessness Work Group
Mental Health & Well-Being	Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Community Working Group
Family Support	Dufferin Child and Family Services
Food Insecurity	Dufferin County Equity Collaborative – Dufferin Food Access Subcommittee

Performance Measurement Framework

1. Outcomes and performance measures for each of the priority areas
2. Performance measurement dashboard
3. Annual report

Update Report

- June of each year
- Priority area updates
- 2024 Update Report focused on updates from the Lead Tables and wrap up of the 2021-24 CSWB Plan



Role for Local Municipalities

Working with CAOs to identify the actions being taken/that your municipality can take to assist with moving the CSWB Plan forward

- Make link to CSWB Plan on Council reports and in strategic plans
- Maintain staff mental health and well-being programs
- Provide workplace training related to the priority areas
- Work on the Official Plan
- Consider including in policies, and by-laws
- Support CSWB communications and spread the word

- Invest in municipal infrastructure that is ready for growth and improves mobility safety
- Work on trails, sidewalks, roads, lighting
- Speed reduction/enforcement initiatives
- Housing initiatives
- Seek out opportunities to integrate efforts and collaborate

Next Steps

- ➔ Quarterly meeting of the CSWB Integration Table
- ➔ Implementation and Communication Strategies and Annual Action Plans
- ➔ Develop Relationships
- ➔ CSWB Plan 2026 Update Report (June)
- ➔ Conduct the 2027 community survey (fall)
- ➔ Develop the next four-year CSWB Plan (Q1 and Q2 2028)

thank you!

Keep in touch: cswb@dufferincounty.ca



COMMUNITY SAFETY
AND WELL-BEING



COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING PLAN

2025 - 2028



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MESSAGE FROM THE WARDEN

On behalf of the County of Dufferin, I am pleased to present Dufferin County's Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) Plan for 2025-2028. This is a revision to Dufferin's 2021-2024 CSWB Plan.

Safety and well-being are meaningful to all those in our community. This Plan represents that understanding. The CSWB Plan is a great opportunity to highlight the collaboration and integration of services in Dufferin. Many in our community are engaged in this meaningful work.

This work continues to improve the quality of life for Dufferin residents. The CSWB Plan incorporates lessons learned in the last four years and I am pleased to see the CSWB Integration Table striving to achieve new and exciting goals.

Many community partners across Dufferin County came together to develop this Plan. I would like to thank all partners for their efforts. The County of Dufferin is a vibrant community, and this work supports it.



JANET HORNER
Warden, County of Dufferin

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

Dufferin County is a connected community. For many years, service providers, agencies, governments, businesses, community groups and individual residents have recognized the importance of working together to improve the overall quality of life for the people who call this county, its towns and townships home.

There are many aspects that go into making, and keeping, a community safe and thriving, and many things to consider when deciding what to focus on in this moment and for the next few years. What matters most to people right now? What are our strengths locally? Where do we see risks? What can we do? What does success look like?

In a complex ecosystem such as a community, with many layers and many moving parts, we must consider the interconnections and potential impacts of our actions. We must plan at multiple levels, integrate our efforts and invite everyone to see a role for themselves in taking action, so that while we attend to our most urgent needs, we also take steps to prevent them in the future.

The Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan is a vital framework for ensuring that residents of Dufferin County are safe, healthy, connected, and have access to essential services. We are pleased to present the 2025-2028 Plan, which builds upon the 2021-2024 Plan and outlines the Integration Table's approach for the next four years.

This Plan would not have been possible without the dedication and collaboration of many partners and community members. Throughout 2024, community partners and residents contributed valuable insights through a county-wide survey.

On November 25, 2024, during the Integration Table's Data Deep Dive, we analyzed the survey results alongside key data from trusted sources. Experts from Dufferin O.P.P., Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, and County of Dufferin Community Services presented on emerging themes and community trends. Attendees examined data, validated survey findings, and provided critical perspectives to shape the Plan.

After extensive planning sessions and collaboration, we are proud to introduce this revised Plan, ready for implementation in 2025. On behalf of the Integration Table, we extend our sincere thanks to the individuals and partners who contributed to its development. We look forward to working together as we transition from planning to action in 2025.



JENNIFER PAYNE
CSWB Co-Chair,
Headwaters Communities In
Action



ANNA VANDERLAAN
CSWB Co-Chair,
Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph
Public Health

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING IN ONTARIO: An Overview

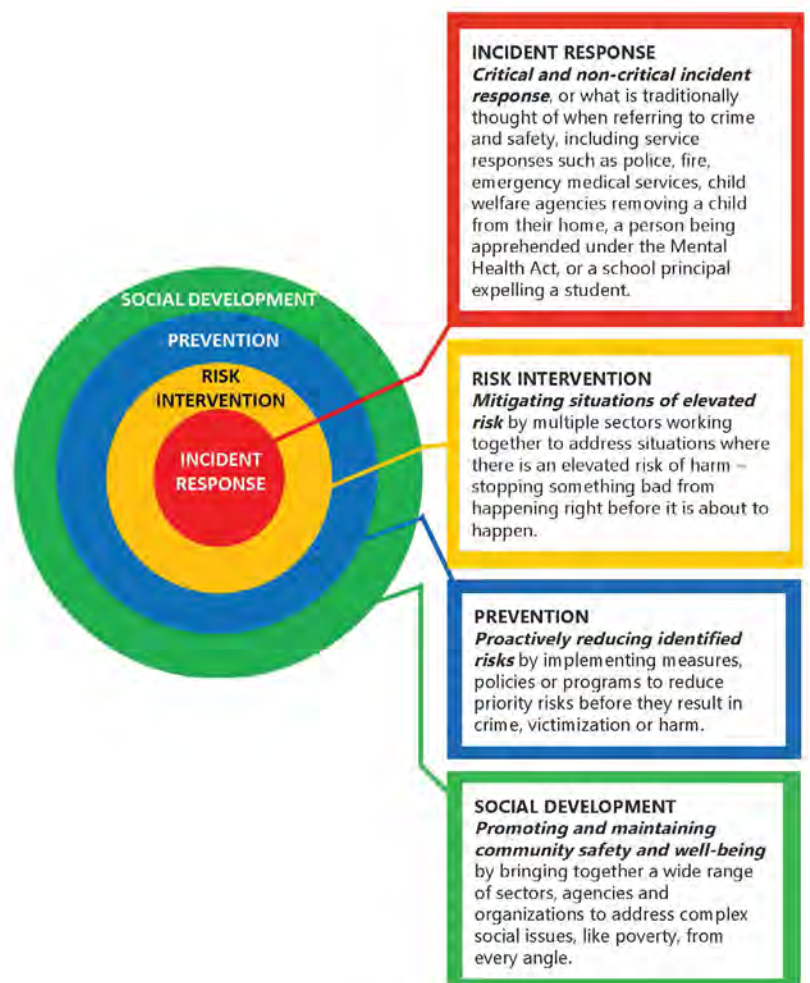
Community Safety and Well-being Plans are mandated by the province of Ontario. Section 248 of the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2024](#) (formerly the Police Services Act), compels municipalities to "...prepare and, by resolution, adopt a community safety and well-being plan."

Although updated, this legislation speaks to similar requirements that led to the development of Dufferin's 2021-2024 CSWB Plan. In the new Act, a review of the Plan is required before July 1, 2025. The County of Dufferin has not only completed a review but has chosen to revise the Plan. The revised Plan now speaks to the next four years (2025-2028).

CSWB Planning Framework

The province provides guidance on CSWB planning. Guidance can be found here: [Section 2 - The Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework | Community safety and well-being planning framework: Booklet 3 - A shared commitment in Ontario | ontario.ca](#). The province continues to guide municipalities to develop their plans around the four areas of Social Development, Prevention, Risk Intervention, and Incident Response.

The Framework specifically mentions that efforts should be focused on Social Development, Prevention, and Risk Intervention. In other words, the Plan is to concentrate on upstream planning.



THE DUFFERIN CONTEXT



Total Population:

2016 → 61,735
2021 → 66,257

>7.3% increase



Population Across Urban Centres:

2016 → 65%
2021 → 64.6%

- Grand Valley
- Shelburne
- Orangeville



Median Household Income:

2016 → \$89,600
2021 → \$108,000

Population Who Travel Outside of Municipality to Work:



2016 → 73%
2021 → 69.3%

Located in Central Ontario, Dufferin County offers an exceptional quality of life, combining picturesque landscapes with a welcoming community.



*Data source - Census 2016, 2021.

Visible Minority:

2016 → 8%
2021 → 15.8%

Median Age in Dufferin:

2016 → 41 years
2021 → 40.4 years

Children 5 & Under Who Live in Low-Income Households:



2016 → 11%
2021 → 7%



Average Cost of Dwelling:

2016 → \$496,451
2021 → \$877,000



BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE JOURNEY: METHODOLOGY

Community Engagement Survey Findings

In December 2023, the Dufferin County Community Safety and Well-Being Integration Table launched a comprehensive Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Survey aimed at gathering insights to improve quality of life in the community.

The information gathered through this survey played a crucial role in Community Safety and Well-being. This was a rare opportunity to go beyond census division stats and get very local data and perspectives that can be used by anyone to find local solutions.

Ten CSWB elements were covered in the Survey: Health, Standard of Living, Housing, Activities, Learning and Education, Sense of Belonging, Community Safety, Democratic Engagement, Accessibility of Programs, Services, and Supports, and the Environment. Members of the Integration Table and its partners distributed the CSWB Survey and facilitated a response across all the communities of Dufferin. The data was analyzed and distributed to the Integration Table for input. The Integration Table noted the respondent profile in this survey was more diverse than the previous survey. They would like to seek additional engagement of specific demographic groups next survey

Five emerging themes were identified in the CSWB Survey. The following were analyzed as the top priorities (Order from 1-5):

1. **Criminal Activity**
2. **Housing and Homelessness**
3. **Mental Health and Well-being**
4. **Family Support**
5. **Food Insecurity**

These emerging themes were examined further at the CSWB Data Deep Dive.

Data Deep Dive

For the first time, the Integration Table held a Data Deep Dive on November 25, 2024. The event was attended by Integration Table members, as well as partner organizations. Jennifer Payne, the Co-Chair of CSWB, gave opening remarks to kick things off.

The event explored the results of the community survey and added relevant data from key sources. County of Dufferin CSWB Consultant, County of Dufferin Community Services, Dufferin O.P.P., and WDG Public Health, presented on a variety of emerging themes and community contexts.

In Conversation Circles, attendees examined trends and interpreted, validated, and challenged survey results to establish new insights. This was led by individuals across the Integration Table and concluded with the entire group participating in sense-making discussions. This experience was valuable in creating our next plan and marks a key moment of collaboration.

Perceptions - Sensemaking

The Integration Table shifted to monthly meetings to end 2024 and begin 2025. Meetings were set to prioritize the establishment of the 2025-2028 CSWB Plan. Two sense-making meetings were held to discuss the Data Deep Dive. These sessions helped transition our focus from sense-making to prioritizing and planning.



2025-2028 PLAN STRUCTURE

From 2021-2024, five priorities were actioned in the CSWB Plan. Mental Health and Well-being, Housing and Homelessness, Substance Use and Addiction, Discrimination Marginalization and Racism, and Community Safety and Violence Prevention. Established community working groups led each of these priorities as Lead Tables.

The Integration Table included members from these Lead Tables as well as other community partners with various roles. Within the Integration Table, a Chair Table assisted with facilitating Integration Table actions, scheduling, progress reporting, and navigating challenges. The Integration Table, Chair Table, and Lead Tables came together regularly to implement the CSWB Plan.

New Structure

For 2025-2028, The CSWB Integration Table moved forward with a similar structure of Lead Tables, Integration Table, and Chair table. Through sense-making exercises and planning sessions, further collaboration and integration, and performance measures, were identified as areas of focus for the Integration Table. Members sought ways to integrate further than the 2021-2024 CSWB Plan. In 2025-2028, the CSWB Plan will include outcomes and performance measures for the Integration Table, as well as Lead Tables. This new component of the Plan will encourage further integration across the priority areas and provide a goal-oriented approach for all the members of the Integration Table.

The current structure of the Integration Table utilizes existing community working groups. These working groups represent each of the current priority areas. Each table has its own Co-Chairs. Priority areas in the Plan are subject to change, and the Terms of Reference will be updated to reflect this. The Lead Table duties include:

- Providing data and updates as needed to the Integration Table.
- Bringing information from the Integration Table back to their Lead Tables.
- Representing the identified priority area for the Integration Table.
- Responding to communications from the Integration Table.
- Reviewing reports.
- Notifying the Integration Table of changes to the Lead Table (Chair change etc.).
- Sharing funding opportunities.

Priority Areas

The Integration Table elected to move ahead with five priorities that were congruent with data gathering and sense-making findings.



FIVE PRIORITY AREAS

The five priority areas for the 2025-2028 Community Safety and Well-being Plan are:

COMMUNITY SAFETY



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING



FAMILY SUPPORT



FOOD INSECURITY



Following these, a new Integrated Efforts section highlights ways that the Integration Table itself can best support the priority areas, as well as Intersecting Priority Areas showing some of the ways that the priority areas impact each other.

COMMUNITY SAFETY



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Groups such as (not complete list): Domestic Assault Review Team (DART), Drug Strategy, Police Detachment Boards, Anti-human Trafficking Community of Practice and Mobile Crisis Response Teams.</p> <p>OPP programs such as: CamSafe, Project Lifesaver, Community Watch, Safe Guard, Dufferin Detachment's Community Response Unit (CRU) presentations.</p> <p>Community programs such as: The Arson Prevention Program for Children (TAPP-C), Youth Anti-Trafficking.</p> <p>Availability of crime statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actual criminal activity appears lower than public perception, and overall crime rates in Dufferin County are much lower than provincial or national rates. The Crime Severity Index is a measure of police-reported crime that considers both the volume and severity of crimes, assigning weights based on the seriousness of offenses. The Crime Severity Index in 2023 was 36.56 in Dufferin County, 60.88 in Ontario, and 80.45 in Canada. Crime rates and severity are down in nearly all categories in Dufferin, over the past 3 years.
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>Media coverage and communication about policy and legislation affect public perception.</p> <p>Social determinants of health (like food insecurity) correlate with certain types of crime.</p> <p>Perception that crime is up in general; stigma of "criminal activity."</p> <p>Concerns from the survey included opioids (mainly fentanyl), auto thefts, concerns from marginalized community members.</p> <p>Increase in violent crime categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) was recently declared an epidemic by the County of Dufferin. Data interpretation requires fuller context. <p>Growing communities impacting road/mobility safety.</p> <p>Mobility safety (see specific measures on page 11).</p>

COMMUNITY SAFETY CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Dufferin OPP, on behalf of Detachment Boards
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public has an improved understanding of policing and justice systems. • Continued proactive police engagement with our communities. • Building on outcomes from the previous plan. • Municipal Infrastructure that is ready for growth and improves mobility safety.
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Dufferin County residents have improved perceptions of personal and community safety</p> <p>Measured by CSWB Community Survey, Well-Being and Health Youth (WHY) Survey, Crime Severity Index and OPP data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of residents who are very satisfied or satisfied with personal safety in their community • Percentage of residents who feel very safe or safe from hate and prejudice • Percentage of youth involved in risky behaviours (carrying a weapon, harming others, etc.) • Percentage of youth who feel safe in their community • Percentage of youth who say their neighbours care about them • Trends in local crime severity index and OPP data <p>Dufferin County residents have decreased mobility related injuries and deaths</p> <p>Measured by CSWB Community Survey, IntelliHEALTH Ontario data sources and OPP data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of residents who feel very safe or reasonably safe when asked about different components of mobility safety in their community (e.g., pedestrian infrastructure, roadway design, driving under the influence, distracted driving, speeding) • Number of injury related emergency department visits, hospitalizations and mortality in Dufferin County (these statistics can be further broken down by pedestrian and cyclist injuries, motor vehicle, falls etc.) • Number of pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicle collisions • Number of road safety countermeasures introduced (e.g., automated speed enforcement, community safety zone, traffic calming measures)
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<p>Integrated efforts on preventive measures through addressing social determinants.</p> <p>Continue efforts to engage with the community on issues of crime, including intimate partner violence (IPV), and mobility safety.</p> <p>Continue to advocate for road and mobility safety through infrastructure solutions and injury prevention efforts.</p> <p>Continue to participate in national, provincial and local traffic safety initiatives.</p>

COMMUNITY SAFETY CONT.

Statement of Change:

If the Dufferin OPP and Detachment Boards, with support from CSWB partners, continue to share information and engage with the public about crime and safety issues, we expect that the community will better understand local crime and available programs, so that people feel safer.

If governments continue to invest in road infrastructure and traffic calming technologies (e.g., speed enforcement, red light cameras etc.), we expect that increases in traffic anticipated from the growing population will be better accommodated so that mobility safety will improve.





SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Significant attention on the issue at all levels and a well-coordinated system of services and programs utilizing a “no wrong door approach.”</p> <p>Committees and Workgroups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dufferin County Equity Collaborative (DCEC) Housing & Homelessness Work Group • Dufferin Homelessness Task Force • Coordinated Access Table (CAT) • Community Advisory Board (CAB) <p>County of Dufferin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dufferin Master Housing Strategy • Economic Development Strategy • Reaching Home • Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) • Dufferin County Supportive Housing • Rent supplements and allowances • Home Ownership Program • Housing Access Dufferin (HAD) • Coordinated Access Transitional Housing (CATH) <p>Choices Shelter and Support Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men’s Shelter • Out of the Cold program • Youth Shelter <p>Family Transition Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Shelter • Second Stage Housing • Support Within Housing Programs <p>Services and Housing In the Province</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 236 First Street • Dufferin Services Team <p>Dufferin OPP/Headwaters Health Care Centre Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)</p>

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CONT.

SITUATION	What we heard, and what we know
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>Increased Shelter Use</p> <p>In 2023, 0.3% of Dufferin’s population accessed one of the three community shelters. Both the Men’s and Women’s Shelter are facing longer-than-average stays due to a lack of safe and affordable housing options for transition, placing additional pressure on an already vulnerable emergency response system. For women accessing the shelter, this issue is compounded by the fact that many women are accompanied by children and may require more space.</p> <p>Encampments</p> <p>Encampments are a national crisis as a result of the lack of safe and affordable housing. In 2024, Dufferin County experienced 12 encampments with 14 people, mostly located in Orangeville. This is a marked increase in our community. As a result of service interventions this number has been reduced to one encampment with two people.</p> <p>Lack of Affordable Housing Options</p> <p>Average market rents have been steadily increasing over the past decade in Dufferin.</p> <p>Only half (50%) of the households in the County can afford the average market rent.</p> <p>In Dufferin County there are currently over 670 applicant households on the Housing Access Dufferin Centralized Waiting List, with an average wait of five years.</p> <p>Approximately 45% of renters and 21% of homeowners spend more than a third of their household income on shelter.</p> <p>Approximately 2,120 households currently have unmet housing needs based on core housing need data because they are below the affordability standard.</p> <p>Vacancy rates are falling. Approximately 85% of the existing housing mix in Dufferin County are detached houses, and many households cannot afford the average resale price. With the lack of rental options, individuals and families may be forced into home ownership situations that are beyond their budgets. In addition, lack of alternative housing influences these individuals to migrate to urban areas in search of adequate and supportive housing.</p>

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CONT.

SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
RISKS Continued <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>Increased use of more costly services</p> <p>Those who are unhoused tend to use emergency services more frequently due to several factors such as lack of primary healthcare, exposure to harsh conditions, mental health crisis, safety concerns, substance use issues and chronic health problems. The frequent reliance on these services is more costly and less effective than preventative care such as stable housing and social support programs. However, without adequate support in place, emergency services will continue to be a first point of contact. The Dufferin County PiT Count suggested that in comparison to the general population, local people experiencing homelessness were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11x more likely to use ambulatory services 10x more likely to visit the emergency room 6x more likely to be hospitalized overnight



71.8% of survey respondents indicated that more affordable housing is needed and 42.9% said that more housing support is needed for people to keep housing.



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	DCEC Housing & Homelessness Work Group
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<p>Individuals and households will have equitable access to safe and attainable housing.</p> <p>Increase understanding and awareness of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the lack of safe and attainable housing • homelessness • the impact on the community
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Housing affordability increases, and waitlists are reduced.</p> <p>Measured by CSWB Survey, Realtor Data, other sources as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to Affordable Housing Metric • Annual Average Home Cost Dufferin County • Percentage of households in Core Housing Need • Housing Access Dufferin - waitlists and wait-times for housing • SHIP - waitlists and wait-times for supportive housing <p>Reported reductions in homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly average of individuals on the BND list • Point In Time (PIT) Count • Shelter Usage – HIFIS
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen housing as human right declaration • Engage developers for affordable housing • Create housing/homelessness services dashboard • Secure additional funding • Improve service coordination • Enhance public awareness of available services <p>Continue to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to track displacement from the area • Accuracy of point-in-time counts and By-Name Data Lists • True extent of rural homelessness

Statement of Change:

If all levels of government recognize housing as a human right and commit funding to meet the housing needs of Dufferin County, we expect that all members of the community will have equitable access to safe and affordable housing.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Working Group brings together organizations from across Dufferin County working on this issue.</p> <p>The Community was recently successful with campaigns to bring both a Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub and a Youth Wellness Hub.</p> <p>Dufferin OPP and Headwaters Health Care Centre have an established Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)</p> <p>According to the 2024 WHY Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% of youth in Dufferin report knowing where to get help with problems. This has increased dramatically compared to 2020 rates (53%). • 77% of Dufferin youth report their mental health as good, very good, or excellent. This has increased compared to 2020 (72%).
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximately 18% of CSWB Survey respondents rated their mental health as fair or poor; which was similar to 2020 results. • Approximately 1 in 3 Dufferin youth report low resilience and 25% report not seeking professional support for a mental health concern when it was needed. • Nearly a quarter of Dufferin youth report struggling with pressure from peers. This rate has increased compared to 2020 (15%). • The current mental health system focuses on reacting to mental health concerns rather than fostering resilience and preventing issues proactively.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Community Working Group
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	Dufferin residents have improved mental health and wellbeing. Mental health services in Dufferin County are available and effective.
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Adults in Dufferin County report improved mental health and belonging. Measured by CSWB Survey and the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of Dufferin residents who report good, very good, or excellent mental health. Percentage of Dufferin residents who describe their feeling of belonging to their local community as strong or very strong. <p>Youth in Dufferin County report improved mental health and wellbeing. Measured by WHY Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of youth who reported good, very good, or excellent mental health Percentage of youth who reported low resilience Percentage of youth who did not seek professional help when it was needed Percentage of youth who know where to get help for a problem
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop clear definition of mental health for the community. Promote community awareness of the importance of building resilience in order to improve overall mental wellbeing. Establish better data collection on service usage and effectiveness. Focus on youth mental health services. Continue to evaluate the future needs of Dufferin's growing population to ensure that local services are designed to meet those needs.

Statement of Change:

If the Hills of Headwaters Ontario Health Team Mental Health and Addictions Working Group and other community partners work together to gather local data and improve coordinated action, we expect that Dufferin County residents will have improved access to information and services that will enable them to improve overall rates of mental health and wellbeing.

FAMILY SUPPORT



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong organizational support from Dufferin Child & Family Services, Dufferin Parent Support Network and other local organizations • The Dufferin Coalition for Kids (DuCK) is a local collaborative of community service providers working together to develop a community plan to enable children and youth in Dufferin County to achieve their full potential. • The majority of CSWB Survey respondents (84%) strongly agreed or agreed that they had people in their life to support them when they needed it most. • According to the 2024 WHY survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 59% of Dufferin youth report high levels of family communication ◦ 70% of Dufferin youth report high levels of family support ◦ 69% of Dufferin youth report spending quality time with their families ◦ All three indicators have increased when compared to 2020 rates.
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-third of CSWB Survey respondents struggle with program or service access. The most commonly reported challenges were related to service awareness and accessibility • Service providers report a lack of family-centered services • The CSWB Survey highlighted resident concerns about community belonging: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 11% of survey respondents report a weak or very weak sense of belonging. This number has increased compared to 2020 results (8%). ◦ 25% feel out of place some or most of the time based on their identity or a physical or mental condition. These rates have also increased compared to the 2020 CSWB Survey.



FAMILY SUPPORT CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	Dufferin Child and Family Services
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<p>Adults in Dufferin County report feeling supported by their local community and community service providers.</p> <p>Youth in Dufferin County report improved connections with family and peers.</p>
MEASURES <i>How will we know we are successful?</i>	<p>Adults in Dufferin County report feeling supported by their local community. Measured by CSWB Survey and the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of Dufferin County residents who agree or strongly agree with the statement "I have people on whom I can call for help when I need it most" Percentage of Dufferin County residents who feel out of place some or most of the time based on their identity or a physical or mental condition <p>Youth in Dufferin County report improved connections with family and peers. Measured by the WHY Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of youth who report high levels of family communication. Percentage of youth who report high levels of family support. Percentage of youth who spend quality time at home with family members.
ACTIONS <i>What will we do to ensure success?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local organizations continue to increase their focus on building family-centered care models. Create service awareness campaigns. Consider the neighborhood support network model. Establish grassroots parent outreach programs. Analyze program access data and identify if there are populations who are underutilizing community supports. If there are gaps in program usage, consider how to better reach missing populations. Share information among services providers about pathways to access different types of family supports.

Statement of Change:

If local community partners who support families work together to improve coordinated action and monitor local data trends, we expect that Dufferin County residents will have improved will have more resources to help them build stronger connections with family and neighbours, and overall feel better supported by their community.

FOOD INSECURITY



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Headwaters Food Charter outlines food access and equity goals.</p> <p>DC Equity Collaborative Health Equity Work Group established a Food Access Subcommittee in early 2024. Members are exploring innovative ideas across a continuum of actions from root causes to immediate needs, informed by input from people with lived experience of food insecurity.</p> <p>WDG Public Health is conducting needs assessment research in Dufferin to help direct efforts for best impact.</p> <p>The work of Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance and its 17 Hub members aligns with this priority.</p> <p>Dufferin has local programming that reduces barriers and stigma. E.g. universal access student nutrition programs, community gardens/meals, gift cards vs. vouchers, and home delivery.</p> <p>Dufferin has a strong local food environment and infrastructure for growing and cooking.</p>
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26.3% of CSWB survey respondents have eaten less at least once in the last year (9% do so at least once per month) because of a lack of food or money for food. • 23.4% of households in WDG are food insecure, and research estimates that only 20.6% of food insecure households access food banks. (University of Toronto). The true scale of the problem is hidden, yet the food bank system is already strained under increased demand. • 5-9% Low-income measure in communities throughout Dufferin. (Rural Ontario Institute) • Cycle of poverty and Food Insecurity starts early in life. 1/3 of food bank recipients are children. • Widening impacts: more homeowners and full-time workers are requiring food support than ever before. Orangeville Food Bank reports that 15% of clients are employed. <p>Individuals particularly at risk for food insecurity include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-income households • Renters and households with limited assets • Black, Indigenous households and other cultural/racial groups • Female-led lone parent households • Households reliant on income supports (other than public pensions)¹

1. Li T, Fafard St-Germain AA, Tarasuk V. (2023) Household food insecurity in Canada, 2022. Toronto: Research to identify policy options to reduce food insecurity (PROOF). Retrieved from <https://proof.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Household-Food-Insecurity-in-Canada-2022-PROOF.pdf/>

FOOD INSECURITY CONT.

“ Addressing food insecurity requires a multi-faceted approach that includes community-based solutions, supportive policies, and empowerment of individuals. By focusing on sustainable practices, fostering community engagement, and advocating for systemic change, we can create a future where everyone has access to nutritious food. ”

- VOICES of Lived Experience Framework (unpublished),
Chapter 10 Creative Food Approach

PLAN	What we'll do, and what we aim to see
LEAD Who holds knowledge in this area?	Dufferin Food Access Subcommittee (DCEC-Health Equity Working Group)
OUTCOMES What does success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members are aware of the issue of food insecurity. Food insecure community members do not experience stigma. Food insecure community members gain a sense of social connection through food access initiatives. Food insecure community members can access food barrier free. Local food infrastructure (e.g., inspected community kitchen, food storage) supports food access programs across Dufferin County. Growing opportunities exist across Dufferin County to grow food for food programs and for those facing food access challenges and have an interest in growing food. Families are not financially constrained and can afford foods that meet their households needs.



FOOD INSECURITY CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
<p>MEASURES</p> <p><i>How will we know we are successful?</i></p>	<p>Prevalence of food insecurity is reduced Measured by Canadian Income Survey, CSWB Survey, WDGPH research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of households in WDG that are food insecure decreases. <p>People are better connected to and aware of a range of options to alleviate food access challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of survey respondents who eat less because of lack of food or money for food decreases. Increase in awareness of the issue of food insecurity in Dufferin County. Reduction in stigma experienced by food insecure community members. Increase in community connection and a decrease in social isolation through food access initiatives. Decrease in the number of barriers experienced by food insecure community members when accessing food programs. Food infrastructure is sustained and/or expanded across Dufferin County to better support food access. Sustained and/or increased growing opportunities exist across Dufferin County to grow food for food programs and for those facing food access challenges who have an interest in growing food. Increase in awareness and action by decision makers on policies that are proven to reduce food insecurity. <p>The measures above are general. Once the work plan has been developed specific metrics will be collected that connect to these measures above.</p>
<p>ACTIONS</p> <p><i>What will we do to ensure success?</i></p>	<p>Collect and review data ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Dufferin County Food Insecurity Needs Assessment to inform regional planning. <p>Develop a work plan of key activities based on recommendations.</p> <p>Continue to meet as a subcommittee and move the work forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for income-based solutions. Bring attention to broader impacts of food insecurity on social connections and well-being. Expand programs that protect dignity like universal access school food programs and community growing/meals. Identify immediate actions that can be taken to meet outcomes. <p>Continue to explore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for culturally appropriate food data and local statistics How to gather data from most affected populations Definition and availability of local food Consider tracking youth food insecurity using the WHY survey Enhancing surveys to better understand root causes of food insecurity and further inform local planning.

FOOD INSECURITY CONT.

Statement of Change:

If members of the DFAS take action by gathering more local data and facilitating groups to work together, we expect that programs and conditions will improve so that people experiencing food insecurity in Dufferin will have better access to the food they need as well as social and community connectedness.



INTEGRATED EFFORTS



SITUATION	<i>What we heard, and what we know</i>
STRENGTHS <i>What is working well?</i>	<p>Commitment of the CSWB Integration Table members to collaborate and integrate efforts.</p> <p>Active participation from more than 30 organizations to build the 2025-2028 CSWB Plan.</p> <p>This work leverages existing collaborative networks in Dufferin County (e.g., DC MOVES) and avoids duplication of efforts.</p>
RISKS <i>What we heard.</i>	<p>This impetus for this work is based on the provincial mandate to create local CSWB plans. This work may rely on that mandate staying in effect.</p> <p>No additional funding has been allocated to municipalities to help with convening the CSWB Integration Table and enacting the local CWSB plans.</p> <p>CSWB partner priorities could shift over time based on external environmental and political factors(e.g., the need to respond to new emergencies such as was done during the COVID-19 pandemic).</p>



"In order for local plans to be successful in making communities safer and healthier, municipalities, First Nations and their partners need to refocus existing efforts and resources in a more strategic and impactful way to enhance collaboration, information sharing and performance measurement."



- Ontario's Community Safety and Well-being Planning Framework

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
LEAD <i>Who holds knowledge in this area?</i>	CSWB Integration Table, led by Co-Chair Team
OUTCOMES <i>What does success look like?</i>	<p>CSWB Integration Table Membership is reflective of current priority areas and ongoing community action.</p> <p>Member organizations report improved information sharing and use of local data sources as a result of their participation in the CSWB Integration Table.</p> <p>Increased alignment of efforts related to the CSWB framework across Dufferin County.</p>

INTEGRATED EFFORTS CONT.

PLAN	<i>What we'll do, and what we aim to see</i>
<p>MEASURES</p> <p><i>How will we know we are successful?</i></p>	<p>Attendance remains consistent or grows year-over-year.</p> <p>Measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of members and number of organizations represented • Number of meetings and average attendance • Number of new partners added <p>CSWB Integration Table members are actively engaged in meetings and other information sharing activities.</p> <p>Measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of presentations given to socialize the CSWB plan • Number of members reporting that their membership on the Integration Table or involvement with Lead Tables adds value and alignment to their existing work (gathered through survey of CSWB members and other relevant partners) • Number of members reporting an expanded understanding of priority areas (gathered through survey of CSWB members and other relevant partners)
<p>ACTIONS</p> <p><i>What will we do to ensure success?</i></p>	<p>Build understanding and connection within the CSWB Integration Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a place for connection, sharing information, breaking silos, promoting programs and updating data. • Identify points of alignment among priority areas and action plans. <p>Support information sharing between CSWB Integration Table partner organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage all CSWB Integration Table members in sharing stories highlighting their ongoing work and potential areas of alignment and intersection across the CSWB framework. • Support data sharing and evidence-informed decision making. <p>Build relationships and advocate for community-wide action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialize the plan to municipalities, police detachment boards, community groups and individuals.

Statement of Change:

If the CSWB Integration Table takes action by championing for implementation of the plan and facilitating integrated efforts, we expect that strategies and work plans will be more aligned so that communities feel safer and well-being will improve for the people of Dufferin County.

INTERSECTING PRIORITY AREAS



Intersections

It is important to consider that the priority areas identified in this report are very interrelated and impact each other. For example:

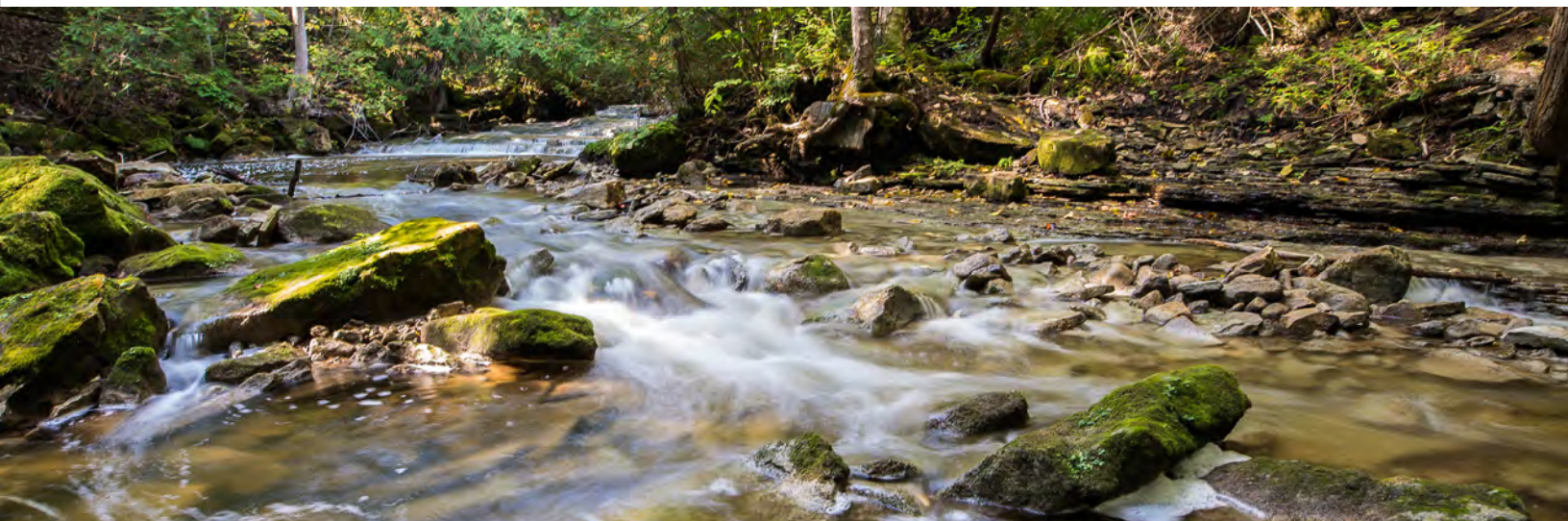
- Policing is primarily a response, with involvement in risk intervention and prevention efforts as well. Crime prevention should take an approach rooted in the social determinants of health.
- Crime can correlate with food insecurity (e.g. shoplifting)
- Perceptions of crime correlate with mental wellbeing.
- Mental wellbeing can be improved through family support and housing stability.
- Food insecurity affects mental, emotional and physical health including stress, worry, and weakness from lack of nutrition.
- Income levels correlate with food insecurity, crime, mental health and housing.

“Living with food insecurity affects my health in so many ways. I constantly feel tired and weak because I’m not getting the nutrients I need. It also takes a toll on my mental health. The stress of not knowing if I will have enough to eat is overwhelming. I developed anxiety and depression, which makes it even harder to take care of myself and my family. It feels like a never-ending cycle of struggle and despair.”

– VOICES Member

NEXT STEPS - ACTION PLAN

New to this Plan, the Integration Table will provide an annual report to Council, that also includes an annual Action Plan for the subsequent year. Action Plans will provide a brief outline of current Plan actions and/or updates for the year to come.



INTEGRATION TABLE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

- Alzheimer's Society - Dufferin County
- Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services
- Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin - CMHA
- Community Living Dufferin - CLD
- County of Dufferin
- Domestic Assault Review Team - DART
- Dufferin Area Family Health Team - DAFHT
- Dufferin Child and Family Services - DCAFS
- Dufferin Community Foundation - DCF
- Dufferin County Managing Organizing Validating Engagement Strategy - DC MOVES
- Dufferin Ontario Provincial Police - OPP
- Dufferin OPP Detachment Boards:
 - Mono/Mulmur/Melancthon
 - Orangeville
 - Shelburne
 - Southwest (East Garafraxa/Amaranth/Grand Valley)
- Dufferin Paramedic Services - DPS
- Family Transition Place - FTP
- Headwaters Communities In Action - HCIA
- Headwaters Ontario Health Team - OHT
- Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services
- Services and Housing In the Province - SHIP
- Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health - WDG Public Health

Our Municipal Partners:

- Town of Grand Valley
- Town of Mono
- Town of Orangeville
- Town of Shelburne
- Township of Amaranth
- Township of East Garafraxa
- Township of Melancthon
- Township of Mulmur

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

BND List: Formerly the BNL (By-Name List), the By-Name Data List provides an accurate account of individuals experiencing homelessness in Dufferin County.

CAB: Community Advisory Board is a steering committee with members from public, not for profit and private sectors. The CAB develops plans to end homelessness in Dufferin County.

CamSafe: A security video and CCTV registry program. Police may utilize registered cameras within the community to investigate crimes.

CAT: The Coordinated Access Table works together to assess people's housing related needs and connect them to available supports to find and keep housing.

CATH: Coordinated Access Transitional Housing provides those who are identified as chronic on the BND List with a transitional unit for up to three months.

CCHS: The Canadian Community Health Survey covers general health, and specific health topics. It is a joint effort between Health Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Statistics Canada, and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

Community Watch: A Partnership between community and police that includes information sharing and assessments.

COHB: Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit is a portable housing benefit that can be used throughout Ontario. In exchange for this benefit, recipients agree to be removed from the wait list.

Core Housing Need: A situation where a household's housing falls below at least one of the following standards:

- Adequacy: The housing doesn't have enough bedrooms or needs major repairs.
- Suitability: The housing is not suitable for the household's needs.
- Affordability: The household would have to spend 30% or more of its before-tax income to access local housing that meets the above standards.

CSI: The Crime Severity Index is a measure of police-reported crime that considers both the volume and severity of crimes, assigning weights based on the seriousness of offenses.

CSWB Survey: A survey developed and utilized by the CSWB Integration Table to gather local data within Dufferin County.

Dufferin County Supportive Housing: A collaboration with SHIP, 10 units at 236 First St.

Dufferin Housing and Homelessness Task Force: In late 2024, County Council adopted a motion for the creation of the Dufferin County Homelessness Task Force. The mandate of the Dufferin County Homelessness Task Force is to identify innovative and sustainable options that will provide housing and support services to the unhoused in Dufferin County.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONT.

Dufferin Services Team – Services and Housing In the Province: A multi-service team of 11 staff, supporting over 150 clients (including 67 units of supportive housing), across 6 programs providing counselling and case management for individuals with mental illness and addictions concerns.

Economic Development Strategy: The County's Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan serves as an integral extension of the County's broader Strategic Plan, which emphasizes sustainable growth, enhanced quality of life, and fostering community resilience.

Emergency Shelter- Family Transition Place: A safe and comfortable place to stay for women (16 years of age or older) and their children who have experienced abuse or homelessness. Pets are also welcome.

Food Insecurity: Inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints. Refers to the inability to acquire or consume an adequate diet (quality, quantity, and uncertainty).

HPP: Homelessness Prevention Program provides a wide range of programs that offer financial support to stop people losing their housing or to help them get housing.

Home Ownership Program: Provides moderate income individuals and families with an interest-free down payment assistance loan to help them in purchasing their own home.

HAD: Housing Access Dufferin is the service which maintains the Centralized Wait List for community housing in Dufferin.

HART Hub: Homeless and Addiction Recovery Treatment hubs are designed to connect individuals experiencing homelessness, addiction, and/or mental health issues with comprehensive services.

HIFIS: Homeless Individuals and Family Information System is a comprehensive data collection and case management system allowing multiple service providers to access real-time homelessness data.

IPV: Intimate Partner Violence refers to multiple forms of harm caused by a current or former intimate partner or spouse.

Low Income Measure: A household is considered low income if its income is below 50% of median household incomes. It is, therefore, a relative measure of low income. In the 2021 census, median household income in Dufferin was \$108,000, so the low income measure would be \$54,000.

Master Housing Strategy: A comprehensive plan designed to address the evolving housing needs of Dufferin's residents.

Men's Shelter - Choices: In the spring of 2023, Choices opened a shelter for male identifying individuals experiencing homelessness aged 25 and older.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONT.

MCRT: A Mobile Crisis Response Team is a police-led crisis response model, in which a police officer and a mental health worker respond together when police are called to respond to a person in crisis.

OPHI: Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative provides funding to ensure housing retention, greater self-reliance, and social inclusion for tenants.

Out of the Cold - Choices: Choices offers a program for all Dufferin residents who wish to access a low barrier emergency program between November 1 to March 31.

PiT Count: A Point-in-Time Count is a coordinated event where persons experiencing homelessness are counted at a given time.

Police Detachment Boards: Oversee how policing is provided in their local community. They contribute to their community's safety and well-being by working with local citizens and organizations to make sure their community receives the appropriate policing it needs.

Project Lifesaver: A program that assists families with those who may wander. This might include individuals living with Alzheimer's, autism, or other cognitive impairments.

Project Safeguard: A community-based crime prevention program to reduce break and enters and provide "target hardening" to community members.

Reaching Home: Reaching Home is a federal initiative under Canada's Housing Plan and the National Housing Strategy that provides funding and support to communities to address their local homelessness needs. Dufferin County is a Designated Community and is the Community Entity that flows funding from the Federal government to projects that have been approved by the Community Advisory Board as initiatives to reduce and eliminate chronic homelessness in Dufferin County. This funding is currently being utilized to provide Housing Support Workers, Community Outreach, and a Landlord Liaison in collaboration through Choices, Family Transition Place, and the County of Dufferin.

Second Stage Housing – Family Transition Place: Supportive, temporary housing (up to one year) to help with the transition to independent living.

Social Determinants of Health: The non-medical factors that influence health outcomes.

Support Within Housing Programs – Family Transition Place: Support for women who have experienced trauma due to abuse who are also managing moderate to severe mental health issues that are impacting their ability to find or maintain housing.

TAPP-C: The Arson Prevention Program for Children involves community agencies and fire departments. It provides strategies to deal with fire play amongst children.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS CONT.

Visible Minority: A term used in the Canadian Census defined by the Employment Equity Act as “persons, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour.” The main groups designated as visible minorities are South Asian, Chinese, Black, Filipino, Arab, Latin American, Southeast Asian, West Asian, Korean and Japanese.

VOICES: VOICES of Lived Experience Dufferin is an equity-based poverty advocacy group consisting of people with lived experience of poverty.

WHY Survey: The Well-being and Health Youth Survey collects information from youth, parents, and school staff about youth health and well-being. These surveys identify issues to be addressed by schools, school boards, and local service providers.

Youth Shelter - Choices: Supports youth aged 16-24.

Youth Wellness Hub: A hub that connects youth aged 12 to 25 and their families in the community to mental health and primary care services, close to home.

236 First Street – Services and Housing In the Province: The newly developed site that opened in May 2024 provides a crucial response to housing and homelessness. The 27-unit building includes 25 studio units for individuals and 2 two-bedroom units for families. The residents have access to onsite services designed to support stability and well-being through collaboration between SHIP, County of Dufferin and Family Transition Place (FTP).

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May 13, 2025

Dear Head of Council,

On May 12, 2025 I introduced the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025* ([Bill 17](#)). Through this legislation, and other changes, we are responding to recommendations and requests from municipal leaders to make it easier and faster to build new homes and infrastructure Ontario needs like transit, roads, water, and wastewater systems.

The bill contains bold actions to protect Ontario from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Transportation. Details about the range of measures can be found in the [news release](#).

Building Code Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 1 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Building Code Act* which include:

- Adding a provision to clarify that municipalities do not have the authority to create or enforce their own construction standards.
- Eliminating the requirement for a secondary provincial approval of innovative construction products for products that have already undergone a “Canadian Code Compliance Evaluation” by the federal Canadian Construction Materials Centre ([25-MMAH0042](#)). Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025.

Development Charges Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 4 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to standardize the development charge (DC) methodology and framework and improve predictability of costs, include:

- Creating a regulation-making authority to merge service categories for DC credits.
- Creating a regulation-making authority to specify what constitutes a “local service.”
- Expanding the DC deferral to non-rental residential developments. Related changes include:

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- Providing municipalities authority, in circumstances set out in regulation, to require financial security for payment of deferred DCs for non-rental residential developments; and
- Removing authority for municipalities to charge interest on any legislated DC deferral amounts.
- Enabling municipalities to make any changes to their DC by-laws for the sole purpose of reducing DCs or removing indexing without undertaking certain procedural requirements.
- Creating a regulation-making authority to prescribe exceptions, including conditional exceptions, to capital costs that are eligible to be recovered from DCs.
- Providing that the frozen DC rates on a development would not be applicable if the current DC rates in effect would result in a lower payment.
- Exempting long-term care homes within the meaning of subsection 2 (1) of the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* from municipal DCs.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- [RR 25-MMAH003](#): Changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to Simplify and Standardize the Development Charge (DC) Framework.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedules 3 and 7 of the Bill propose changes to the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that would help streamline and standardize municipal development processes. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Provide authority for regulations to limit municipal complete application studies and provide greater recognition of planning reports prepared by prescribed certified professionals,
- Remove the need for certain minor variances,
- Give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to impose conditions on a use permitted by a Minister's zoning order, and
- Streamline planning approvals for publicly funded kindergarten to grade 12 schools.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- [ERO 025-0461](#): Proposed Planning Act and City of Toronto Act, 2006 Changes (Schedules 3 and 7 of Bill 17- Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on associated regulatory changes. The government is undertaking 45-day consultations on the following proposals from May 12, 2025, to June 26, 2025:

- [ERO 025-0462](#): Proposed Regulations – Complete Application (seeking feedback on proposed regulations to address complete application requirements (study/report requirements) and submissions from certified professionals)
- [ERO 025-0463](#): Proposed Regulation – As-of-right Variations from Setback Requirements (seeking feedback on a proposed regulation that would allow variations to be permitted “as-of-right” if a proposal is within 10% of requirements for setbacks from property lines applicable to specified lands)

The Environmental Registry postings provide additional details regarding the proposed changes.

Ministry of Infrastructure Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 6 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011* (MOIA), to provide the Minister of Infrastructure with the authority to request information and data from municipalities and municipal agencies, where needed to support provincially funded infrastructure projects. This would help speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure that our growing communities need, while also supporting jobs and economic growth. Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario ([RR-25MOI003](#)) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025.

Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Proposed changes to the *Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Act, 2020*, would reduce barriers to implementing the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) by:

- Amending the definition of a “Transit Oriented Communities project” to include projects along the GO and LRT network more efficiently,
- Removing OIC approval requirements for any agreements between the Minister (or an entity with delegated powers) and a municipality, and
- Enabling the Minister to delegate certain responsibilities to Infrastructure Ontario for the purpose of developing TOCs.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed changes. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- [ERO 025-0504](#): Proposed *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*, changes to reduce barriers to implementing municipal agreements.

Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 2 of the bill proposes a change to the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (BTFA) that, if passed, would extend the use of the BTFA measures to all provincial transit projects. This change would remove barriers to building transit faster and get shovels in the ground quicker to build major provincial transit projects that connect communities.

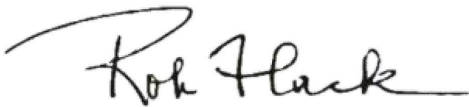
A proposed amendment to the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, permits the Minister of Transportation to request certain information and data from municipalities or municipal agencies necessary to support the development of provincial transit projects or Transit-Oriented Communities projects.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the BTFA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [ERO 025-0450](#) and the Ontario Regulatory Registry notice ([RR 25-MTO005](#)) and the Metrolinx Act ([RR 25-MTO006](#)) from May 12, 2025 to June 11, 2025.

The government invites you to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided above and share any feedback you may have. If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca.

In the face of economic uncertainty, we must protect Ontario by speeding up construction so we can lower housing costs and keep workers on the job. I look forward to continued collaboration with you, our municipal partners, to create the homes that Ontario need today, tomorrow, and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



Hon. Robert J. Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- c. The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Municipal Chief Administrative Officers



Town of Orangeville
Committee of Adjustment
Secretary-Treasurer
87 Broadway, Orangeville, ON L9W 1K1
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email: committeeofadjustment@orangeville.ca

APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

under the provisions of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Application File Number: A-06/25
Subject Property Address: Vacant land at the southwest corner of Centennial Road and Commerce Road (no formal municipal address issued)
Legal Description: Part of Lot 23, RCP 335, Part 2 on Reference Plan 7R-6688
Applicant: Town of Orangeville
Subject Property Zoning: General Industrial (M1)

Purpose of the Application:

The applicant is requesting a minor variance to Zoning By-law No. 22-90, as amended, for the subject property, to:

1. permit the construction of a fire training tower with a building height maximum of 24.0 metres, whereas Zoning By-law No. 22-90, as amended, permits a maximum building height of 18.0 metres.

See drawing and subject property location map attached.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Orangeville will consider this application at its Hybrid in-person and Virtual Hearing on:

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 6:00 pm
in Council Chambers at 87 Broadway, Orangeville

You are receiving this notice because you reside and/or own property within 60 metres of the subject property.

How to Participate in the Hearing:

1. **Written Comments:** send an email to the attention of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment at committeeofadjustment@orangeville.ca or by mail to the address at the top of this Notice. Written submissions must include your full name and mailing address, the application file number and property address of the application you are commenting on, along with authorization to post your correspondence on the agenda. Written comment submissions must be received no later than **4:00pm on May 27, 2025**.
2. **Participate in-person:** by attending the Hearing on the date and time noted above.
3. **Participate virtually:** by telephone by dialling: **1-289-801-5774** and entering the **Conference ID No.: 117 041 308#** on the date and time noted above.
4. **Applicants:** The applicant or any authorized person acting on behalf of the applicant **should** attend this Hearing either in-person or virtually, to address their application before the Committee.

Note: Information provided in any correspondence, virtual or in-person participation will become part of the public record. If you do not participate in this Hearing, the Committee may make a decision in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

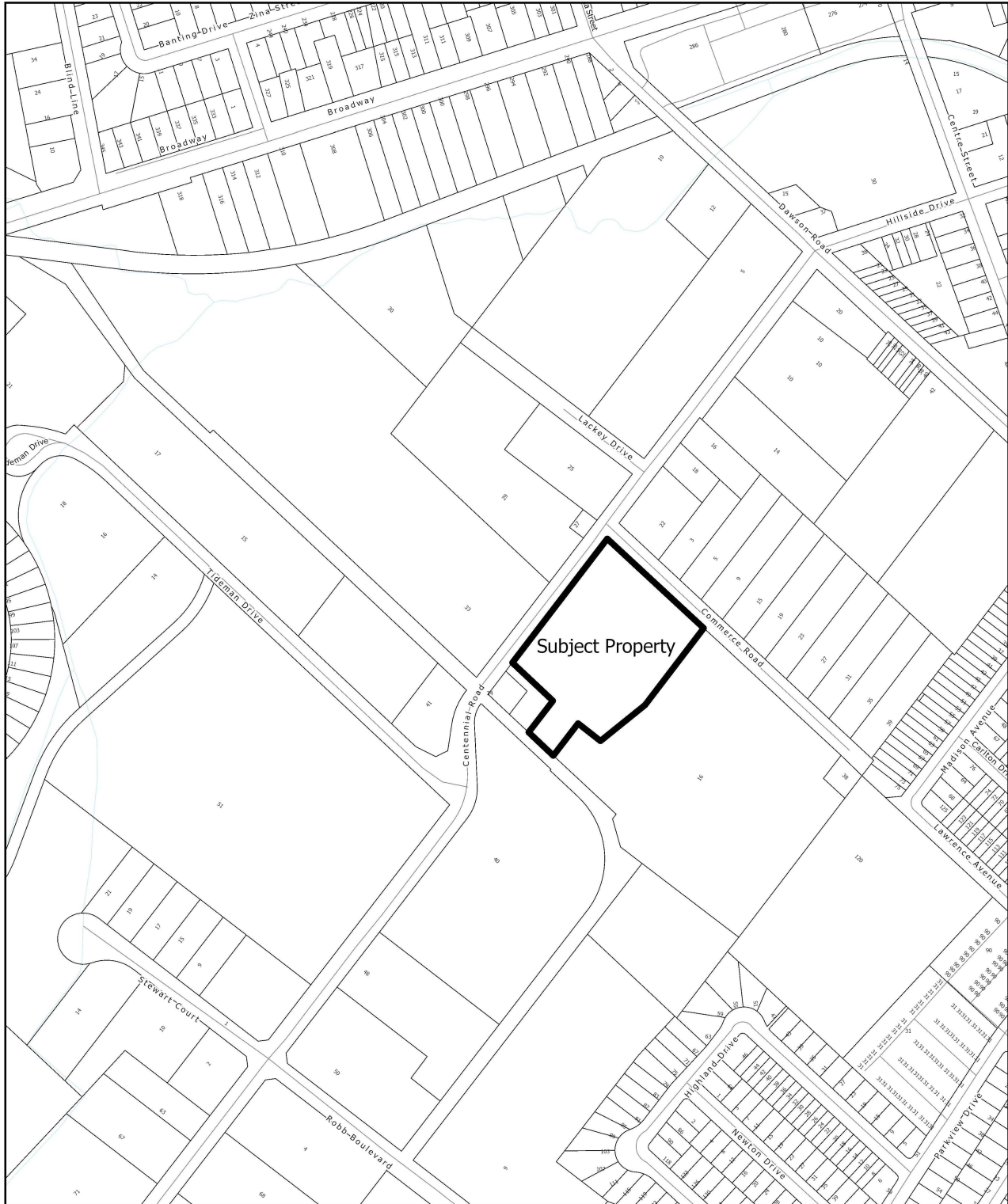
Additional Information regarding the application can be obtained by contacting the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment by email at committeeofadjustment@orangeville.ca or telephone at 519-941-0440 Ext. 2276. The application, related materials and reports will be available on **May 30, 2025** electronically or may be viewed in-person at the Clerk's Division at Town Hall during regular business hours.

Appeal Process: If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect of this application, you must submit a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment by email at committeeofadjustment@orangeville.ca or by mail to the address at the top of this Notice. This will also entitle you to be advised of an appeal of the matter to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). Please note that only the applicant and certain public bodies and the Minister can appeal a decision to the OLT within 20 days of the notice of decision. If a decision is appealed, you may request participant status in the matter by contacting the OLT at olt.clo@ontario.ca.

Multi-tenant properties receiving this notice: Owners of multi-tenant properties are requested to ensure that their tenant(s) are notified of this application and hearing date. Any owner of a property that contains seven (7) or more residential units must post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents.

Dated at Orangeville this 16th day of May, 2025.

Location Map
File: A-06/25
Southwest Corner of Centennial Road & Commerce Road
Applicant: Town of Orangeville



CENTENNIAL ROAD

COMMERCE ROAD

Training Tower
Height: 23.6m

1 SITE PLAN ENLARGED-NORTH
SCALE: 1 : 150

ABBREVIATION LEGEND
F.P. FLAG POLES (SEE ARCH SPECS)
L.P. LAMP POST (SEE ELEC DWGS)
D.L.P. DOUBLE HEAD LAMP POST (SEE ELEC DWGS)
B.L. BOLLARD LIGHT (SEE ELEC DWGS)

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Drawing Title
SITE PLAN ENLARGED NORTH

Project
**TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE
FIRE STATION PROJECT**

**10 COMMERCE ROAD
ORANGEVILLE, ON L9W 1P8**

Scale
As indicated
Issued by
F.A.
File No.
2021-020
Plot Date
05.07.2025

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APPLICATION FOR A CONSENT

under the provisions of Section 53 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Application File Number: B-01/25
Subject Property Address: 15 C Line
Legal Description: Part of Lot 92, RCP 335, Part 3 on Reference Plan 7R-4639
Applicant: Mark Stevenson and Danielle Lee McGraw
Subject Property Zoning: Residential, Third Density (R3); and Residential, Third Density (R3)(H)

Purpose of the Application:

The applicant has submitted an application for a consent which has the following purpose and effect:

The applicant is applying for a consent to sever a parcel of land at the rear of the property to form a lot addition on the adjoining lands municipally known as 340 Broadway, 31 C Line and 47 C Line.

The purpose of the lot addition is to accommodate a proposed development on the adjoining lands. See **revised drawing** and subject property location map attached.

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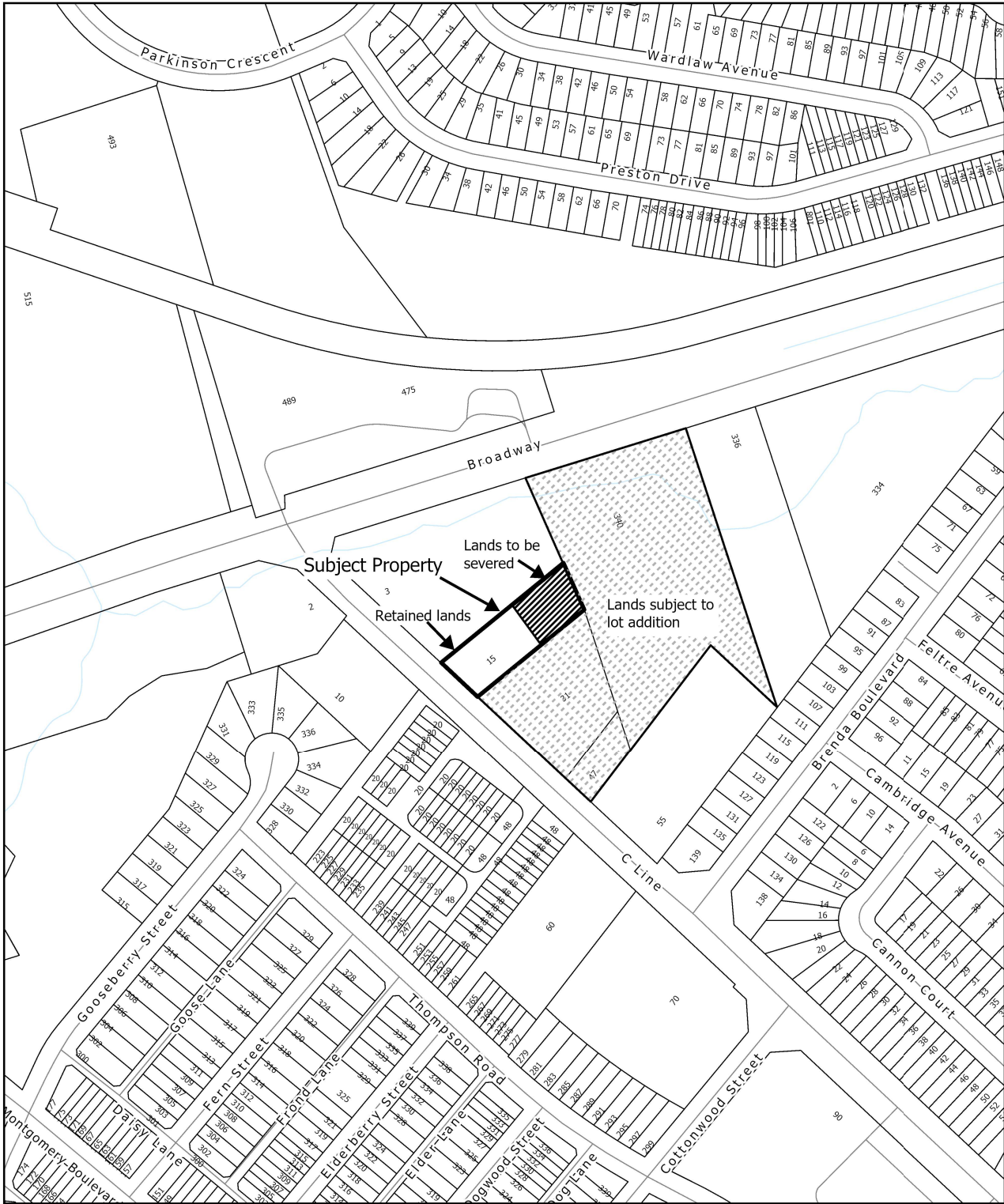
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Appeal Process: If a person or public body has the ability to appeal the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) but does not make a written submission to the Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Tribunal may dismiss the appeal. Appeals must be received within 20 days of the Notice of Decision. Please note that only the applicant, certain public bodies, and the Minister can appeal a decision to the OLT. If a decision is appealed, you may request participant status in the matter by contacting the OLT at olt.clo@ontario.ca.

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Dated at Orangeville this 21st day of May, 2025.

Location Map
File: B-01/25 15 C Line
Applicant: Mark Stevenson and Danielle Lee McGraw

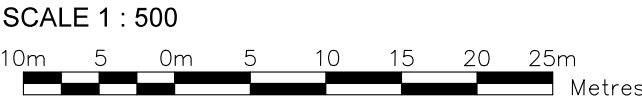


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SCHEDULE				
PART	LOT	PLAN	PIN	AREA
1	PART OF LOT 92	335	34004-0312(LT)	1347 Sq.m
2			34004-0312(LT)	1959 Sq.m

PARTS 1 AND 2 COMPRISES ALL OF PIN 34004-0312(LT)

PLAN OF SURVEY OF PART OF
LOT 92
REGISTRAR'S COMPILED PLAN 335
(GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA)
TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE
COUNTY OF DUFFERIN



RAIKES GEOMATICS INC.
2025

THE INTENDED PLOT SIZE OF THIS PLAN IS 508mm IN WIDTH BY
610mm IN HEIGHT WHEN PLOTTED AT A SCALE OF 1 : 500

METRIC

DISTANCES AND COORDINATES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE IN
METRES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO FEET BY DIVIDING BY
0.3048

DISTANCE NOTE

DISTANCES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN ARE HORIZONTAL GROUND
DISTANCES AND CAN BE CONVERTED TO GRID DISTANCES BY
MULTIPLYING BY THE COMBINED SCALE FACTOR OF 0.99959

BEARING ROTATION

FOR BEARING COMPARISONS, A ROTATION OF 0°35'20" COUNTER-
CLOCKWISE WAS APPLIED TO P2. A ROTATION OF 0°34'05" COUNTER-
CLOCKWISE WAS APPLIED TO P3.

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CENTRAL MERIDIAN 81°W IN ZONE 17 BASED ON NAD83 (CSRS)
(2010 EPOCH).

LEGEND

- DENOTES FOUND MONUMENT
- DENOTES PLANTED MONUMENT
- CM DENOTES CONCRETE MONUMENT
- IB DENOTES IRON BAR
- SB DENOTES SUBDIVISION BAR
- SIB DENOTES STANDARD IRON BAR
- SSIB DENOTES SHORT STANDARD IRON BAR
- (769) DENOTES IVAN LLOYD THOMPSON, OLS
- (1253) DENOTES D.J. CULLEN LIMITED, OLS
- (1365) DENOTES BASTIAN J. STASSEN, OLS
- (1575) DENOTES J.R. FINNIE, OLS
- (MTO) DENOTES MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION OF ONTARIO
- (VH) DENOTES VAN HARTEN SURVEYING INC., OLS
- P1 DENOTES PLAN 7R-6504
- P2 DENOTES PLAN 7R-4639
- P3 DENOTES PLAN 7R-508
- P4 DENOTES PLAN OF SURVEY BY VAN HARTEN SURVEYING
INC. DATED AUGUST 18, 2003
- Meas. DENOTES MEASURED
- COF DENOTES CHANGE OF FENCE
- COH DENOTES CENTRE OF HEDGE
- EOF DENOTES END OF FENCE
- FC DENOTES FENCE CORNER
- RF DENOTES RAIL FENCE
- WF DENOTES WIRE FENCE
- WMF DENOTES WIRE MESH FENCE

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I CERTIFY THAT:

- THIS SURVEY AND PLAN ARE CORRECT AND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE SURVEYS ACT, SURVEYORS ACT, THE LAND TITLES ACT
AND THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THEM.
- THE SURVEY WAS COMPLETED ON THE XXh DAY OF XXXX 202X.

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DATE

PETER T. RAIKES, BSc., CLS., MRICS.
ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR

THIS PLAN OF SURVEY RELATES TO AOLS PLAN SUBMISSION FORM NUMBER XXXXX

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REVISION TABLE		
DATE	BY	COMMENT
2023-02-02	RJP	RELEASED TO CLIENT
2023-02-13	RJP	REMOVED SEPTIC
2025-03-19	JJR	UPDATED TO MATCH FIELDWORK COMPLETED ON 2024-02-02
2025-04-07	JJR	ADDED SEPTIC, DRIPLINE AND EXISTING USES
2025-05-20	JJR	UPDATED EXISTING SEPTIC AREA

OBSERVED REFERENCE POINTS (ORPs) ARE DERIVED FROM GNSS OBSERVATIONS USING THE CAN-NET VRS NETWORK, UTM ZONE 17 (81° LONGITUDE) NAD83 CSRS (2010 EPOCH) COORDINATES TO URBAN ACCURACY PER SEC. 14 (2) OF O.REG 216/10		
UTM NAD83 CSRS CO-ORDINATE TABLE		
POINT ID	NORTHING	EASTING
ORP A	4862413.67	570352.67
ORP B	4862594.52	570275.82
COORDINATES CANNOT, IN THEMSELVES, BE USED TO RE-ESTABLISH CORNERS OR BOUNDARIES SHOWN ON THIS PLAN		



TOWN OF SHELBURNE

Planning & Development Department

May 26, 2025

CIRCULATED BY E-MAIL TO:

- County of Dufferin
- MTO
- NVCA
- Township of Amaranth
- Township of Melancthon
- School Boards
- Canada Post
- OPG
- Hydro One
- Haudenosaunee Development Institute
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Enbridge
- Bell
- Rogers Communication
- Shelburne EDC
- Engineering
- Legal
- Fire Dept
- Council
- Public Works
- Saugeen First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River

APPLICATION FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

FILE NO: Z25/02
PROJECT: 114 MAIN STREET WEST

The subject property is municipally known as 114 Main Street West and is legally described as Part of Lots 1,2,3 & 4, on Block 2, Plan 5A, Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin. The property is designated as Commercial Core in the Town Official Plan and zoned Downtown Commercial (C1) in the Zoning By-law. The purpose and effect of the Amendment is to add a site-specific provision to permit a dwelling unit on the main floor within a non-residential building, whereas the Zoning By-law requires dwelling units to be located on or above the second storey of a building in the C1 Zone.

A copy of the submission materials can be downloaded at the following link. Please contact me should you require additional information to complete your review.

<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/7om2WMibzr>

I would appreciate any comments, concerns or conditions you may have by:

Friday, June 20, 2025.

Please provide comments in an electronic format via email, or if you have no comment or objection, please complete the attached response sheet and return it by email, to planning@shelburne.ca. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Wever, MCIP, RPP
Town Planner
Attachment(s)



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELburne
NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING
UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z25/02) and will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office (2nd Floor), 203 Main Street East, Shelburne.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider an Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007. Take notice that the application has been deemed complete so that it can be circulated and reviewed.

The subject property is municipally known as 114 Main Street West and is legally described as Part of Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4, on Block 2, Plan 5A, Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin. The property is designated as Commercial Core in the Town Official Plan and is zoned Downtown Commercial (C1) in the Zoning By-law. The accompanying map illustrates the location of the land subject to the proposed zoning amendment.

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The agenda package including a copy of the staff report and the proposed zone change application will be available on the Town's website prior to the meeting.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email planning@shelburne.ca or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.



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For Office Use Only

File #: Z25 02
Date Received: 05/12/2025
Date Accepted: 05/15/2025
Application Fees:
\$4,225.00

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
APPLICATION FORM FOR AN ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

Date Received: _____

1. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: D+H Architects Inc. Mark Hicks

Mailing Address: 45 Mill Street, Orangeville, ON L9W 2M4

Telephone Number (Home): _____ Fax Number: 519-941-9142

Telephone Number (Business): 519-941-0912 Email Address: mhicks@dharchitects.ca

2. OWNER

If the Applicant is not the Owner of the subject lands, than authorization from the Owner is required, as well as the following information:

Name: Mike Cambruzzi

Mailing Address: 13295 Jane Street, King City, ON L7B 1A3

Telephone Number: 416-689-2051 mike4winds@gmail.com

3. MORTGAGES, CHARGES OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES None

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

4. SUBJECT LANDS

Lot: Part of Lot 1,2 & 3 Concession: _____

Reference Plan: 5A Part/Block/Lot: 2

Street Name and Number: 114 Main Street West
(if corner lot please include both street names)

Area of subject lands: 294 m2 Frontage: 5.8 m

Depth: 50.75

What is the current use of the subject land? Commercial on main floor & 2 residential units on 2nd flr

What is the proposed use of the subject lands? Same as existing

When were the subject lands acquired by the current owner? April 8, 2016

How long have the existing uses continued on the subject lands? 2017

5. ZONING AND OFFICIAL PLAN INFORMATION

What is the present Official Plan designation of the subject lands? Commercial Core
Urban Settlement

What is the present zoning? Commercial (C1) Zone

What is the purpose of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment? To permit small

apartment on ground floor at the back of the building.

6. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Please describe any proposed development on the subject lands (include buildings, floor area, height, parking spaces, etc. and attached plans with site and development statistics):

Addition of small apartment at rear of building. Existing commercial office on main floor facing street to remain.

7. ACCESS

Is the subject land accessible by:

- ☐ Provincial highway
☒ Municipal road (maintained year round)
☐ Right of way
☒ Other, describe Municipal Lane

8. SERVICING

	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Other</u>
Water Supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewage Disposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frontage on Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is storm drainage provided by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Storm Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ditch	<input type="checkbox"/> Swale
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe _____		

9. STATUS OF OTHER APPLICATION

Are the subject lands the subject of any other applications under the Planning Act?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, describe the application(s)? _____

10. DRAWINGS

Drawings shall be provided as required in the Official Plan Amendment Process sheet.

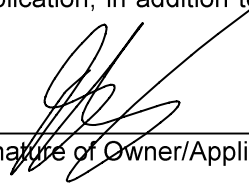
See attached

11. PAYMENT OF FEES

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May 7, 2025

Date


Signature of Owner/Applicant

Note: All invoices for payment shall be sent to the person indicated in section 2 of this application, unless otherwise requested.

12. AUTHORIZATION

I/We Mike Cambuzzi am/are the owner(s) of the subject lands for which this application is to apply. I/We Mike Cambuzzi do hereby grant authorization to D+H Architects Inc to act on my/our behalf in regard to this application.

April 16, 2025
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner(s)

13. AFFIDAVIT

I, Mark Hicks (D+H Architects Inc.) of the Town of Orangeville in the County of Dufferin solemnly declare that all of the above statements contained herein and in all exhibits transmitted herewith are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under other, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED BEFORE ME AT Town of Orangeville
in the County of the Dufferin
this 12 day of May, 2025

[Signature]
Witness
Jordyn Lavecchia-Smith
Deputy Clerk
Town of Orangeville
Commissioners of Oath

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner (s) or Agent

14. PERMISSION TO ENTER

I hereby authorize the members of staff and/or elected members of Council of the Town of Shelburne to enter upon the subject lands and premises for the limited purpose of evaluating the merits of this application. This is their authority for doing so.

May 12/25.
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner (s) or Agent

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of *The Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. This sheet and any additional information provided will be placed on the Council agenda. The agenda is a public document and forms part of the permanent public record. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Clerk at 519-925-2600.



TOWN OF SHELBURNE

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Zoning By-law Amendment

Circulation Response Form

Files: **Z25/02**

Project: **Application for Zoning By-law Amendment**
 114 Main Street West
 Part of Lots 1,2,3 & 4, on Block 2, Plan 5A, Town of Shelburne

If you have no comments or objection to the approval of the above noted application please complete this form and email it to the **Town Planner** at the Town of Shelburne by **June 20, 2025**.

Email: **planning@shelburne.ca**

By signing this document I acknowledge that as a representative of the noted organization / body / or person, I have reviewed this application and as a result have no comments or concerns related to this matter.

Agency Name
(Please Print)

Representative Name
(Please Print)

Representative Title
(Please Print)

Signature

Date



TOWN OF SHELburnE

Planning & Development Department

May 26, 2025

CIRCULATED BY E-MAIL TO:

- MTO
- NVCA
- Township of Melancthon
- Township of Amaranth
- OPG
- Hydro One
- Enbridge
- Haudenosaunee Development Institute
- Metis Nation of Ontario
- Saugeen First Nation
- Six Nations of the Grand River
- Shelburne EDC
- Engineering
- Legal
- Fire Dept
- Police
- Council
- Public Works

APPLICATION FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL CIRCULATION

FILE NO: SPA25/01 – KTH MANUFACTURING
PROJECT: SITE PLAN – 300 SECOND LINE, SHELburnE

Please take notice that an application for Site Plan Approval has been submitted to the Town of Shelburne for a 4,133.7 square metre building addition to the existing KTH Manufacturing building located at 300 Second Line and associated paving/site works. The application proposes to further amend the existing Site Plan Agreement to expand the existing stamping plant.

A copy of the submission materials can be downloaded at the following link. Please contact me should you require additional information to complete your review.

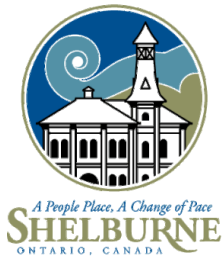
<https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/FOBSnizxdg>

I would appreciate any comments, concerns or conditions you may have by:

Friday, June 13th, 2025.

Please provide comments in an electronic format via email to planning@shelburne.ca. Alternatively, if you have no comment or objection, please complete the attached response sheet and fax it to the Town of Shelburne Planning Department at (519) 925-6134. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me.

Steve Wever, MCIP, RPP
Town Planner



TOWN OF SHELBURNE

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Site Plan Approval Circulation Response Form

Files: SPA 25/01

Project: Application for Site Plan Approval
300 Second Line
Part of Lot 31, Concession 2, Part 1, Plan 7R-4359
Town of Shelburne

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By signing this document I acknowledge that as a representative of the noted organization / body / or person, I have reviewed this application and as a result have no comments or concerns related to this matter.

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(Please Print)

Representative Name
(Please Print)

Representative Title
(Please Print)

Signature

Date

Town of Shelburne
203 Main Street East
Shelburne, Ontario
L9V 3K7
Tel: (519) 925-2600
Fax: (519) 925-6134
www.shelburne.ca



For Office Use Only

File #: SPA25/01
Date Received: May 12, 2025
Date Accepted: May 26 2025
Application Fees:
\$7,175.00

**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
APPLICATION FORM FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL**

Date Received _____

1. APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: Kory Maxfield - Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd.

Mailing Address: 260 Holiday Inn Drive, Suite 24, Cambridge ON N3C 4E8

Telephone Number (Home): 519-220-0526 Fax Number: 519-220-0529

Telephone Number (Business): (519) 803 0585 Email Address: korym@maple.ca

2. OWNER

If the Applicant is not the Owner of the subject lands, than authorization from the Owner is required, as well as the following information:

Name: KTH Manufacturing Inc. , SHANE HALL

Mailing Address: 300 2nd Line, Shelburne ON L9V 3N4

Telephone Number: (519) 925 3030 x2352 Fax Number: 519-925-5188

3. MORTGAGES, CHARGES OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES

Name: N/A

Mailing Address: _____

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

11/04/2018

4. SUBJECT LANDS

Lot: Part of East Half of Lot 31 Concession: 2

Reference Plan: _____ Part/Block/Lot: _____

Street Name and Number: 300 2nd Line
(if corner lot please include both street names)

Area of subject lands: 161,877.01 sq.m - Property Frontage: 307.8 M

Depth: _____

What is the current use of the subject land? Manufacturing Plant - Group F Division 2

What is the proposed use of the subject lands? Manufacturing Plant - Group F Division 2

When were the subject lands acquired by the current owner? 1997

How long have the existing uses continued on the subject lands? 27 years

	Yes	No	Unknown
Has the grading of the subject land been changed by adding earth or other material?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has a gas station been located on the subject land or land adjacent to the subject land at any time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has there been petroleum or other fuel stored on the subject land or land adjacent to the subject land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there reason to believe the subject land may have been contaminated by former uses on the site or adjacent sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. ZONING AND OFFICIAL PLAN INFORMATION

What is the present Official Plan designation on the subject lands? Employment

What is the present zoning? M1

6. ACCESS

Is the subject land accessible by:

- ☐ Provincial highway
- ☒ Municipal road (maintained year round)
- ☐ Right of way
- ☐ Other, describe _____

11/04/2018

7. BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND USES

What is the existing use of the subject land? Manufacturing Plant - Group F Division 2

Are there any buildings or structures on the subject lands?

☒ yes

☐ no

Please complete the following for each existing and proposed building or structure:

	Addition	Existing
	Building One	Building Two
Type of Building:	Steel/Precast Walls	Steel/Precast
Setback from Front Lot Line:	127.4m	127.4m
Setback from Rear Lot Line:	6.7m	6.7m
Setback from Side Lot Line (interior):	40.94m (North)	40.94m (North)
Setback from Side Lot Line (exterior):		
Height (metres):	7.7m	7.7m
Dimensions:	See Site Plan	See Site Plan
Floor Area:	4,133.70 sq,m	55,004.33 sq.m
Date of Construction:	2025	2024

8. SERVICING

	<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Other</u>
Water Supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sewage Disposal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frontage on Road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is storm drainage provided by:	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ditch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swale
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, describe _____		

9. STATUS OF OTHER APPLICATIONS

Are the subject lands the subject of any other application under the Planning Act?

☒ yes

☐ no

If yes, what is the file number? Unknown

What is the status of the application? SPA Agreement Executed for all previous additions

10. DRAWINGS

The details relating to the plans and information required to be submitted with the application are outlined on the Site Plan Approval Process sheet. The following plans are required:

- LEGAL DESCRIPTION (SURVEY)
- SITE PLAN – 15 COPIES
- LANDSCAPE PLAN
- SITE SERVICING AND GRADING PLAN
- ARCHITECTURAL AND ELEVATIONS DRAWINGS

11/04/2018

11. PAYMENT OF FEES

As of the date of this application, I hereby agree to pay for and bear the entire cost and expense for any engineering, legal, landscape architectural and/or external planning consulting expenses incurred by the Town of Shelburne during the processing of this application, in addition to any application fee set by the Town of Shelburne.

5/8/2025
Date

[Signature]
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12. AUTHORIZATION

I/We SHANE HALL am/are the owner(s) of the subject lands for which this application is to apply. I/We SHANE HALL do hereby grant authorization to MAPLE REINDERS to act on my/our behalf in regard to this application.

5/8/2025
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner(s)

13. AFFIDAVIT

I, Kory Maxfield (Maple Reinders) of the St Mary's Ontario in the Perth County solemnly declare that all of the above statements contained herein and in all exhibits transmitted herewith are true and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED BEFORE ME AT 2660 Argentea Rd
in the City of Mississauga of the Region of Peel
this 14th day of May, 2025

[Signature]
Commissioner of Oaths

[Signature]
Signature of Registered Owner (s) or Agent

Steven Frederick Van Hoffen, a Commissioner, etc.,
Province of Ontario,
for Maple Reinders Group Ltd. and its subsidiaries.
Expires March 4, 2027.

11/04/2018

14. PERMISSION TO ENTER

I hereby authorize the members of staff and/or elected members of Council of the Town of Shelburne to enter upon the subject lands and premises for the limited purpose of evaluating the merits of this application. This is their authority for doing so.

5/9/2025
Date


Signature of Registered Owner (s) or Agent

PLEASE CONFIRM ALL PLANNING APPLICATION FEES PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

11/04/2018



Township of Amaranth
374028 6th Line
Amaranth, ON L9W 0M6
P: 519-941-1007 F: 519-941-1802
planner@amaranth.ca

Notice of a Complete Application and Notice of Public Meeting Concerning a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

Take notice that the Corporation of The Township of Amaranth is in receipt of a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

Take Further Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the council chambers at 374028 6th Line, Amaranth, Ontario. This is a hybrid meeting using zoom meeting software. To join the meeting through your computer (or smartphone with the zoom app) go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85190543942> to consider the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, as per Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended. Click on the meeting and the zoom information and instructions will be displayed in the details.

The following information is relevant to the application:

File No.:	Z06-2025
Related File(s):	None
Owner(s):	Sheryl Fergus and Lisa David
Applicant/Agent:	Everett Lusk, Van Harten Surveying
Civic Address:	553456 Mono-Amaranth Townline
Legal Description:	CON 1 E, PT LOT 8 Geographic Township of Amaranth
Roll No.:	22-08-000-001-01400-0000
Current Zoning:	Rural (RU)
Proposed Zoning:	RU-34
Purpose and Effect:	The purpose of the application is to allow a second dwelling unit.

A map showing the location of the property is attached.

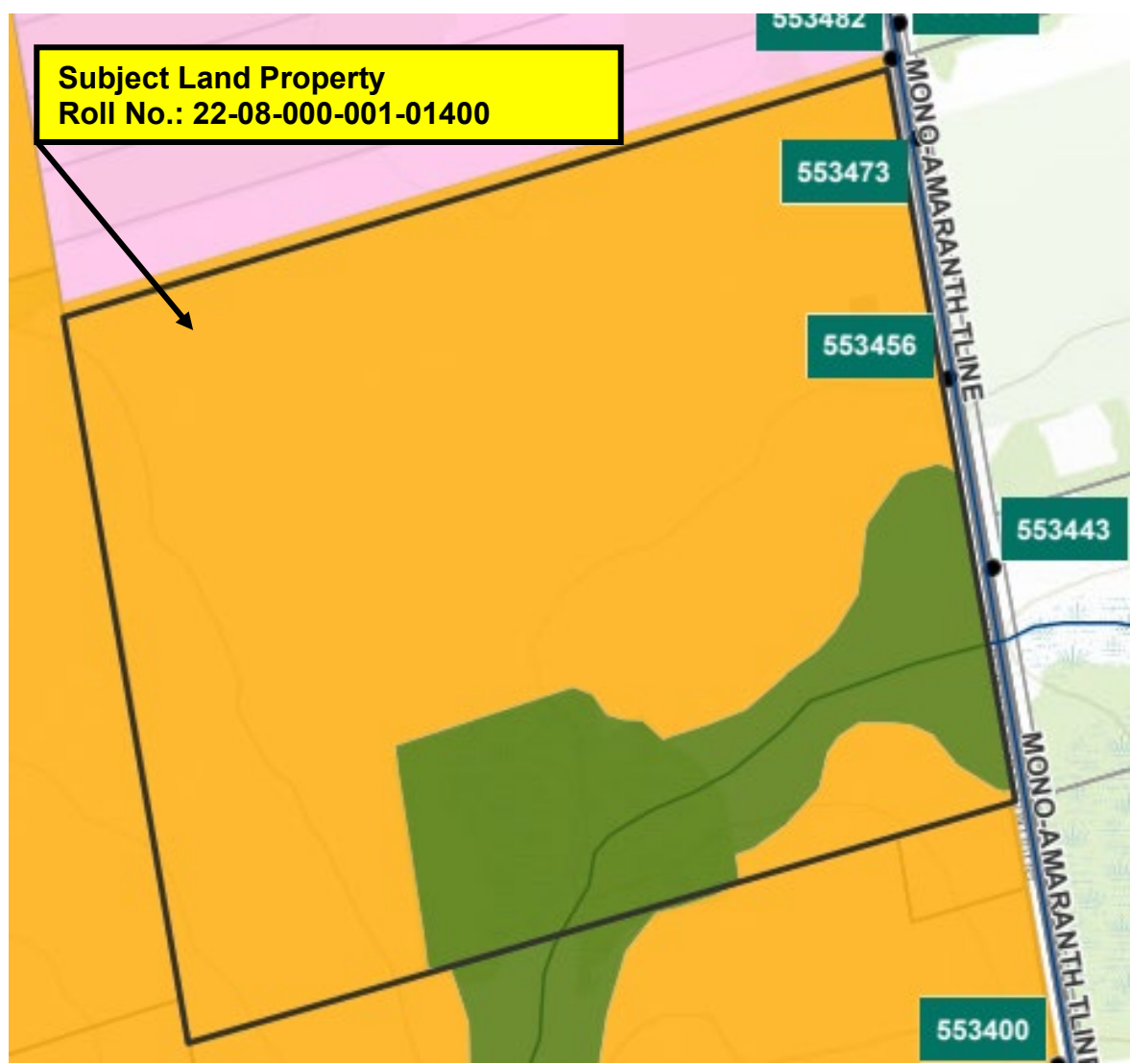
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Dated this 30 day of May 2025

Nicole Martin, Clerk/CAO



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The following information is relevant to the application:

File No.:	Z07-2025
Related File(s):	None
Owner(s):	Laura and John Smith
Applicant/Agent:	N/A
Civic Address:	253091 9 th Line
Legal Description:	CON 8 W, PT LOT 2 Geographic Township of Amaranth
Roll No.:	22-08-000-002-16600
Current Zoning:	Agriculture (A) and Environmental Protection (EP)
Proposed Zoning:	Agriculture (A-102)
Purpose and Effect:	The purpose of the application is to allow an insulated truck box (reefer trailer) as a permanent structure to house small animals.

A map showing the location of the property is attached.

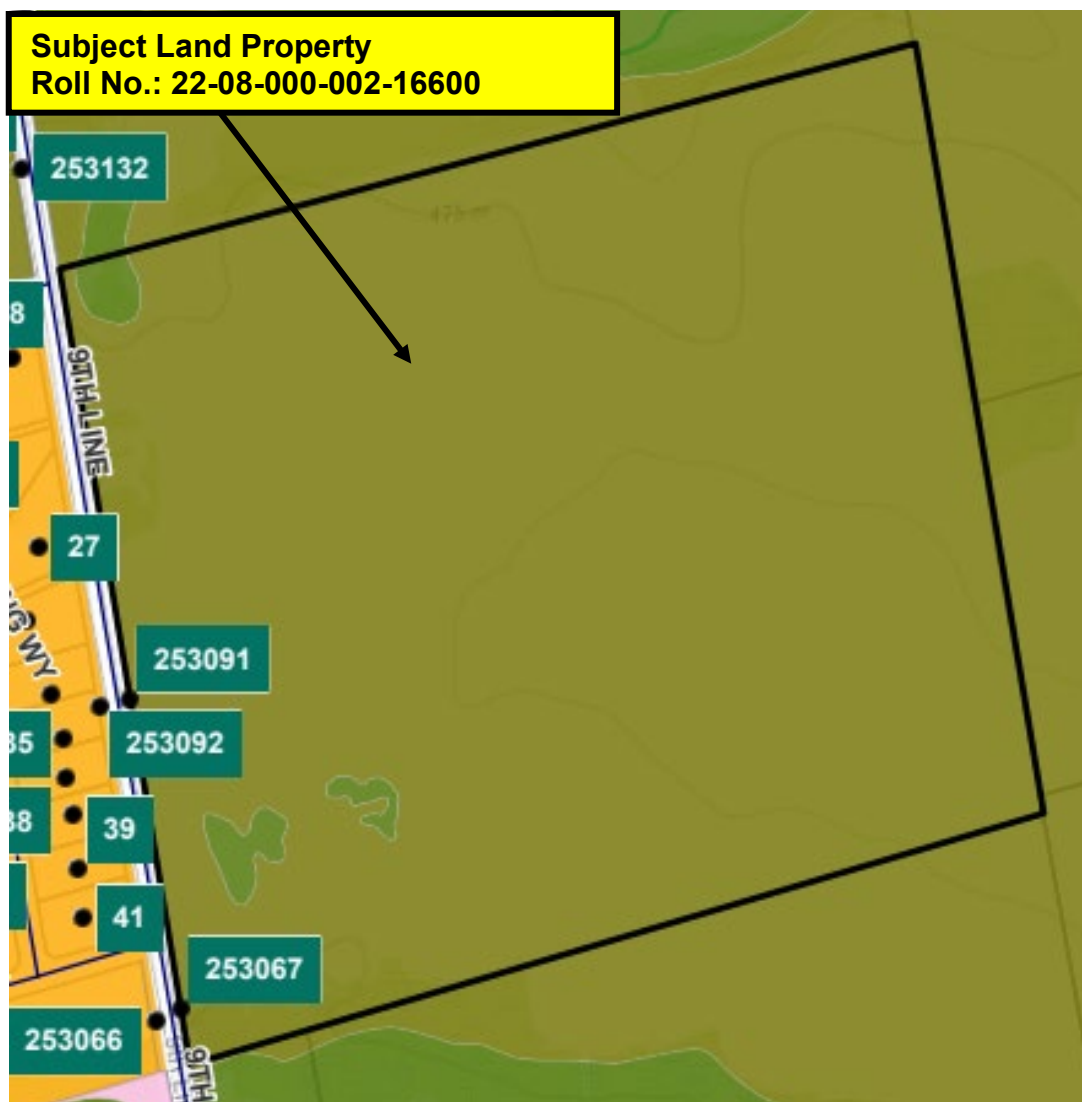
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The following information is relevant to the application:

File No.:	Z08-2025
Related File(s):	None
Owner(s):	Ken DeGroot
Applicant/Agent:	N/A
Civic Address:	284411 County Road 10
Legal Description:	CON 5 E, PT LOT 11 Geographic Township of Amaranth
Roll No.:	22-08-000-001-21800
Current Zoning:	Hamlet Residential (HR)
Proposed Zoning:	Hamlet Residential (HR-11)
Purpose and Effect:	The purpose of the application is to reduce the minimum interior side yard requirement to allow for a building addition to the existing single detached dwelling, as well to increase the allowed lot coverage percent.

A map showing the location of the property is attached.

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MEMO TO COUNCIL 2025-017

TO: Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

FROM: Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Project Updates - Structures 21, 36, 22 and 23

Recommendation

That Memo to Council 2025-017 be received for information.

Update

Structure 21 Construction:

The following work was completed at the Structure 21 Replacement during the week of May 19th as well as a schedule for the week of May 27th.

Construction Summary:

- Contractor added gabion to the embankments.
- Concrete pour for the curbs was completed.
- Contractor continued road reconstruction.
- Guide Rail installation has been completed.

Construction Schedule:

- Contractor to continue road works and site restoration process.
- Curb formwork to be stripped.
- Road opening tentatively scheduled for May 27th.

Structure 36 Construction:

- Construction will be commencing shortly on this project.

Structure 22 and 23 Construction:

- Structure 22 construction is scheduled to start in August 2025

- Structure 23 construction is scheduled to start in September 2025

Conclusion

The purpose of this memo is to provide Council with an update on the four structure replacement projects.

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

Structure 21







Council Highlights

County of Dufferin
W. & M. Edelbrock Centre
30 Centre Street, Orangeville, ON L9W 2X1

For Immediate Release: May 28, 2025

Dufferin County Council met on May 22, 2025, for a Council meeting. For the full Council meeting agenda and minutes, please see the County's [Meeting Agendas and Minutes page](#).

Here are the highlights of the May 22 meeting:

- **County Council proclaimed June 2025 Seniors Month**
- **County Council proclaimed June 2025 Pride Month**
- **County Council adopts Government Relations Framework, Strategy and Action Plan 2025 to 2026**
- **Dufferin staff provided information on the Province's *Bill 17: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act* and Council directed staff to submit comments outlined in the report to the Province**
- **County Council adopted the Master Housing Strategy Implementation Plan and directed staff to create a detailed plan to develop 22 Third Avenue, Orangeville**
- **Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) locations that meet the requirements of the County's recycling program to continue to receive recycling collection and processing services through the County and any new IC&I locations added to the collection be limited to four recycling carts starting January 1, 2026**

County Council proclaimed June 2025 Seniors Month

Warden Horner proclaimed June 2025 Seniors Month in Dufferin County. This month-long celebration acknowledges and honors the contributions of seniors, recognizing their past and ongoing roles in communities. It also aims to promote the health and well-being of seniors, ensuring they are socially connected and engaged.

County Council proclaimed June 2025 Pride Month

Warden Horner proclaimed June 2025 Pride Month in Dufferin County. Pride Month is a time when 2SLGBTQI+ communities and allies come together to spotlight the resilience, celebrate the talent and recognize the contributions of 2SLGBTQI+ communities. The County will be celebrating Pride Month with a flag raising in June. The County will provide more information once it is available!

County Council adopts Government Relations Framework and Strategy and Action Plan 2025 to 2026

Dufferin County Council adopted the Government Relations Framework and Strategy and Action Plan 2025 to 2026.

Policy and funding decisions from other levels of government can have a significant impact on Dufferin County and other municipalities. Building relationships with other levels of government increases the ability to influence policy decisions and request support for local priorities.

The Government Relations Framework and Strategy and Action Plan 2025 to 2026 aims to enhance Dufferin County's ability to influence policy decisions and secure support for local priorities. The Strategy identifies specific activities to support the priorities identified by Council at its May 8, 2025 meeting: homeless prevention, municipal funding and infrastructure and road safety.

Dufferin staff provided information on the Province's *Bill 17: Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act* and Council directed staff to submit comments outlined in the report to the Province

To advance its target of building 1.5 million homes by 2031, the Ontario government introduced Bill 17, the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 on May 12, 2025. Bill 17 proposes several changes to multiple statutes including the Planning Act, Development Charges Act and Transit Oriented Communities Act.

Bill 17 was brought forth with limited consultation with Ontario municipalities and a limited review period. County Council directed staff to inform the Province of its comment that it is urged to consult with municipalities in the future when significant legislation impacting municipalities is being considered.

County Council adopted the Master Housing Strategy Implementation Plan and directed staff to create a detailed plan to develop 22 Third Avenue, Orangeville

At the latest Council meeting, County Council adopted the Master Housing Strategy Implementation Plan to serve as a guide for the County moving forward and directed staff to create a detailed plan to develop 22 Third Ave Orangeville.

Council adopted the Master Housing Strategy in October 2024 and directed staff to create an implementation plan to develop three of ten County-owned properties. Through the Master Housing Strategy review, a need for more supportive housing was identified with 335 adults needing housing for people with physical disabilities, 216 to 540 units needed for people with mental health and addiction challenges, and 191 to 229 units for adults with intellectual disabilities as of 2024.

22 Third Avenue Orangeville will have 12 supportive housing units. Next steps include finding a non-profit partner, determining the ownership and operating model and conducting due diligence activities.

Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (IC&I) locations that meet the requirements of the County's recycling program to continue to receive recycling collection and processing services through the County and any new I&CI locations added to the collection be limited to four recycling carts starting January 1, 2026

Since July 1, 2023, residential recycling in Dufferin County has been managed by producers of printed paper and packaging under Ontario's Blue Box Transition Regulation. Circular Materials, the Producer Responsibility Organization, has overseen all residential and eligible sources including schools, long-term care facilities, etc., during and beyond the transition period of July 2023 to December 2025. IC&I sources are excluded from this regulation. During the transition period, Circular Materials has permitted municipalities to continue servicing IC&I locations under residential contracts on a cost-recovery basis.

At the May 22 Council Meeting, County Council approved staff's recommendation to continue collection for small to medium-sized IC&I sites but with a formal cap of four carts for any new collection locations starting January 1, 2026 following the upcoming end of Circular Materials' transitional coverage.

Small to medium-sized IC&I sites typically produce limited volumes, making private contract costs prohibitive. Without County support, these materials risk ending up in landfill due to inconvenience or cost. Continuing this service aligns with existing garbage and organics programs.

About Dufferin County Council

Dufferin County Council consists of 15 members representing each of the eight municipalities in Dufferin. Council meeting processes are set out in the County's Procedural By-Law.

Dufferin County Council and Committee meetings can be watched live on the [County's website](#).

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MEDIA CONTACT:

Megan Ball, Manager of Communications
mball@dufferincounty.ca

May 26, 2025

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0A4

At its regular meeting on May 22, 2025, Dufferin County Council passed the following resolution:

THAT the resolution from the Township of Amaranth, dated April 16, 2025, regarding the Critical Ground Report and implementing the recommendations, be supported.

Thank you,

Michelle Dunne

Michelle Dunne
Clerk

Cc Prime Minister Mark Carney
Premier Doug Ford
MPP Honourable Sylvia Jones
MP Honourable Kyle Seeback
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Minister of Rural Affairs
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture, Agri-food and Rural Economic Development
AMO
FCM
Dufferin Federation of Agriculture
Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Dufferin Municipalities

Attachment: Township of Amaranth Resolution



374028 6TH LINE • AMARANTH ON • L9W 0M6

April 16, 2025

The Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
The Senate of Canada
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A4

**Re: Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic,
Environmental, Human and Social Health**

Following a presentation and discussion from The Honourable Robert Black at the regular meeting of Council held on April 16, 2025, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following motion:

Resolution #: 3

Moved by: G. Little **Seconded by:** A. Stirk

Whereas the Township of Amaranth 2023 Strategic Plan included a vision statement "To grow a strong, vibrant rural and agricultural community" and a goal to "Protect our agricultural land and promote the farming economy"

And Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" that contained twenty five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government, two of which also provided recommended actions for provincial and territorial governments.

And Whereas, Recommendation 7 of Critical Ground stated that "The Government of Canada encourage provinces, territories, and municipalities to develop measures—as a form of land use planning—that best preserve and protect agricultural land in their jurisdictions."

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Amaranth fully support all of the Recommendations included within Critical Ground and will consider how to implement the Recommendations contained within Critical Ground when completing a review of the Township of Amaranth Official Plan.

And further that the Township of Amaranth urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to implement all the recommendations contained within Critical Ground and commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25.

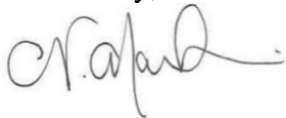
And further that this motion be circulated to the following parties:

- *All local municipalities within the County of Dufferin*
- *MPP Hon. Sylvia Jones*
- *Hon. Todd McCarthy, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks*
- *Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness*
- *Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs*
- *MP Hon. Kyle Seebach*
- *Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change*
- *Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Rural Economic Development*
- *Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- *Federation of Canadian Municipalities*
- *Dufferin Federation of Agriculture*
- *Ontario Federation of Agriculture*
- *Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry*
- *Premier of Ontario*
- *Prime Minister of Canada*

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,



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

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

**April 14, 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, Paul Latam,
Brett Lyons, Steve Soloman, Clinton Taylor, Jeremy Zukowski

Staff Present: James Allen, Helena Snider, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Call To Order

Introduction of Jennie Miguel, she will be the new Secretary/Treasurer for the Board.

2. Agenda Approval

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

Resolution Number: 2025-04-01

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 14, 2025 regular meeting agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 March 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Moved By: S. Soloman
Seconded By: P. Latam

Resolution Number: 2025-04-02

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the March 10, 2025 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Deputations/Presentations

6. Unfinished Business

6.1 Agricultural Society MOU Draft

A motion was put forth by Grand Valley Representatives for consideration regarding the MOU.

Minutes were amended to include the motion below.

Where as the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley and the Grand Valley Ag Society have had a relationship for over 50 years and each party wishes to continue and build on its relationship

Where as the Ag Society uses the Community Center throughout the year and it is prudent to define the terms of that use in a Memorandum of Understanding, of which the current one is expiring in 2025

Where as The Town of Grand Valley and its partners have put in approximately 1 .5 million dollars into the ice floor, another approximately 3 million dollars plus being spent on expanding change rooms, and approximately 1 million being spent to insulate the roof and exterior watts which will allow for a longer period of having a playable ice surface in use

Where as the Grand Valley Ag Society hosts a part of its Fair on the third weekend after Labour Day in September on the ice surface and therefore would need some sort of concessions if the ice were in, whether that be through a temporary floor placed over the ice or another means to host displays and have covered space to do so

Where as the Town of Grand Valley Public Works has offered, and will continue with a days notice, to clear access to the Ag Barn when asked to do so

Now Be It Resolved that the board amends the Draft MOU as follows:

- \$1298.00 (applicable taxes included) be changed to read "\$1298.00 plus HST"

- "During the Fall Fair weekend, the Community Centre will have staff on duty." Be changed to read "During the Fall Fair weekend, the Community Centre will have staff on duty while the arena is open, up to 18:00 hours each day"
- Point Number 3 to read "The Community Centre Board will notify the Agricultural Society about any scheduled work to the grounds or Arena that is scheduled during this rental period. Every reasonable attempt for the Community Center to have the work scheduled outside of this week will be taken"
- Strike from Point 12-"The Community Centre will have snow cleared up at their expense, still allowing GVAS entrance to Ag Barn." And amend to read "Snow removal in the winter from the Ag Society Parking lot is the responsibility of the Community Center if they wish to use it for parking. If Access is needed to the Ag Barn, the Grand Valley Ag Society will contact the Arena Manager a minimum of 24 hours in advance, and they will coordinate to have access to the Ag Barn cleared"
- Add a new section "The Grand Valley Community Center acknowledges that the ice surface floor plays an integral part of the Agriculture Society's fair weekend. It will endeavor where possible to continue allowing access for that weekend and will work with the Ag Society to find a solution that allows them to continue hosting the fair on the set weekend".
- Add a cancellation clause "Either party can cancel this MOU with written notice of which the cancellation will be effective the following year at the end of December"
- Strike "by mutual consent" at the end of the agreement

And Further that this amended agreement and motion be sent to the Agricultural Society for their Acceptance

And Further that Community Center staff be directed to investigate and include options if necessary in the 2026 budget or future budget years with regards to temporary flooring if they plan to have the ice surface installed overlapping the fair weekend.

Moved By: P. Latam

Seconded By: S. Soloman

Resolution Number: 2025-04-03

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the motion presented be amended as discussed and a revised MOU be brought back top the Board for approval.

CARRIED

6.2 Arena Expansion

Work has commenced, 3 weeks into the project. Work is expected to be completed by November 2025. J. Allen will continue to update the Board.

7. Financial Reports

7.1 Accounts Payable

There was a question regarding GL3060, this was for the yearly subscription of Xplor Recreation.

J. Allen discussed with the Board the potential to have Live Barn available at the arena. The Board asked to have this considered when preparing the budget for 2026.

Moved By: P. Latam

Seconded By: J. Zukowski

Resolution Number: 2025-04-04

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts payable for March 2025 in the amount of \$54, 150.86 be approved and paid from the Operating Account.

CARRIED

7.2 Accounts Receivable

Moved By: C. Taylor

Seconded By: B. Lyons

Resolution Number: 2025-04-05

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the accounts receivable for March 2025 in the amount of \$81,482.22 have been deposited into the Community Centre bank account and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

7.3 Budget Variance

8. Arena Manager's Report

J. Allen informed the Board that a resident used the arena during the power outage and was very thankful, a card was presented to the Board from the resident.

J. Allen advised the Board that there was a break in at the arena, roughly a month ago. The individual was caught on camera, accessed the facility, looked around, tried to get into multiple areas. Nothing was taken, damage to an entrance door from the ice floor. The police was called and the individual has

been apprehended.

J. Allen wants the Board to consider closing the arena concession and renting the space out to a vendor. The Board discussed what this would mean, would the Board charge rent and if so, how much. J. Allen to provide a report to the Board with the revenue and expenses for the concession.

8.1 Lion's Club Donation Discussion - Verbal

The Lion's Club would like to place a bench at the entrance of the Community Centre, it's in Memory of Jim Shaw.

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: C. Taylor

Resolution Number: 2025-04-06

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve the donation and placement of the Lion's Club Bench in Memory of Jim Shaw.

CARRIED

9. Correspondence

10. New Business

10.1 Potential 2025 Meeting Schedule

Moved By: J. Zukowski

Seconded By: P. Latam

Resolution Number: 2025-04-07

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board receive the Potential 2025 Meeting Schedule;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approve the schedule, but change the meeting time to 4:30pm.

CARRIED

11. Confirmation of Meeting

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: B. Lyons

Resolution Number: 2025-04-08

BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be given to confirm the proceedings of the April 14, 2025 Grand Valley & District Community Centre Board meeting.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

Moved By: D. Halls

Seconded By: C. Taylor

Resolution Number: 2025-04-09

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this meeting to meet again on May 12, 2025 at 4:30pm.

CARRIED

Gail Little, Chair

Helena Snider,
Secretary/Treasurer

Grand Valley Public Library Board

Minutes: Wednesday March 12, 2025

Present:

Julie Van Alstine, Vice-chair
Amy Steele
Mary Hatch
Andrew Stirk, Chair, Township of Amaranth Rep.
Joanne Stevenson, CEO, secretary/treasurer

Regrets:

Brennan Solecky
James Jonker, Town of Grand Valley Rep.
Lenora Banfield, Township of East Garafraxa Rep.

1. Call to Order. 7:03pm

2. Land Acknowledgement Statement

We [I] would like to acknowledge that we are on the the Haldimand Tract, land promised to the Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) people of Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. This territory is the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnaabeg (**On ish KNOB eck**), and Haudenosaunee (**HOE day na shun ay**) Peoples.

3. Approval of the agenda

MOTION #1: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine, that the agenda be approved.

4. Declaration of any conflicts of interest.

None.

5. Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting.

MOTION #2: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch, that the minutes of February 12, 2025 be approved.

6. Business arising from the minutes.

6.1 Prevention of Workplace Violence

MOTION #3: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch, that the revised Prevention of Workplace Violence Policy be approved.

7. Correspondence

7.1 OLS Training Bulletin, email February 19, 2025

7.2 40th Tornado Anniversary, email March 10, 2025

MOTION #4: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by A. Steele to receive the correspondence.

J. Van Alstine will be representing the Library for the Town's 40th Tornado Anniversary event.

8. Financial Report

Operating Account

8.1 Operating Expenses for February 2025

MOTION #5: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch to accept the reviewed expenses for February 2025 (\$39,562.84).

Reserve Account

8.2 Reserve Account

MOTION #6: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by A. Steele to accept the reviewed financial statement for the reserve account.

8.3 GIC Renewal – March & April

MOTION #7: Moved by M. Hatch, seconded by J. Van Alstine to direct the CEO to renew the GIC in March for \$55,000 and the April GIC principle and interest to a 6 Month non-renewable GIC.

9. Committee Reports

10. Chair Report

A. Stirk will contact ONE Investments for a meeting to discuss investment opportunities.

11. CEO Report

- Submitted events/programs for the "Explore Dufferin Guide"
- Completed the Charitable Return for 2024
- Requested permission from the Town of Grand Valley to make necessary changes to the building before applying for the Ebsco Solar Grant. Council has given approval.

- A letter was requested by the Town of Grand Valley Council on the needs of the library's use of the Community Centre. CEO completed a waiver requesting the use of the arena for the 2025 programs.
- Staff Training Session on April 22 by Alzheimer's Society.

Programs

March Break – Craig the Juggler – attendance 84

Birds of Prey – attendance 113

Lego Club – 18, waiting list

Clean the Cupboard craft program – 15, waiting list

Fireside Munsch – Thursday

Musical Munchkins – Friday

Children's Programs: Baby & ToddlerTime, Cocoa Club, Tween Scene, Home Alone Program, Let's Get cooking

Adult Programs: Book Club, Workshops: Jammin' with Rebecca, Spring Floral workshop with Tanya, 4 part cooking series with Jex, Coffee/Tea and Connections, Coffee Tea and Books

12. New Business

12.1 Gift Acceptance Policy

MOTION #8: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by J. Van Alstine to accept the reviewed Gift Acceptance Policy.

Closed Session:

MOTION #9: Moved by A. Steele, seconded by M. Hatch, be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board proceed in closed session in order to address a matter pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Board Members of Library Personnel at approximately 7:40pm.

MOTION #10: Moved by J. Van Alstine, seconded by M. Hatch be it resolved that: Grand Valley Public Library Board rise and report at 8:10pm.

CEO is to carry out instructions as directed by the Library Board.

13. Next Meeting

Wednesday May 14, 2025 7:00pm McGinnis Room

14. Motion to adjourn

MOTION #11: Moved by A. Steele to adjourn at 8:12pm. CARRIED

*Minutes for Shelburne Public Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2025*

Present: Lindsay Wegener-Shelburne Mikal Archer-Shelburne
 Patricia Clark-Mulmur Susan Graham-Amaranth
 Ruth Plowright-Melancthon Sharon Martin-Mono

Also Present: Rose Dotten, CEO/Head Librarian

Regrets: Geoff Dunlop-Shelburne, J. Hodder-Shelburne, T. Field-Shelburne

The Vice-Chair, Lindsay Wegener, in the absence of Chair, Geoff Dunlop, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, April 15, 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 10-25 S. Martin, S. Graham

Be it resolved that we approve the Agenda, as amended to include in-camera, of the March 18, 2025, meeting.

Carried

Motion 11-25 M. Archer, P. Clark

Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the board meeting, dated March 18, 2025.

Carried

Motion 12-25 P. Clark, M. Archer

Be it resolved that we approve the Accounts Payable Register for March, 2025, with invoices and payments in the amount of \$47,348.90;

Carried

CEO/ Head Librarian’s Report:

- **Statistics—including Social Media and e-resources**

Attached is a summary of the Monthly Statistics for March, 2025.

- **Programming-**

- **Children’s Programming continues:** Please see attached program schedules for March and April, 2025.

Children’s programming will continue with Lego Time on Wednesday afternoons, morning Story Time every Friday morning.

- School Visits: these in-person visits by students from some of the public schools will resume in the spring months.
 - Tween Programming continues—various programs such as STEM programming, “Among Us”, “Booking It” and Board games will continue on

various and rotating Fridays .

- **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 coming months.
 - **Coffee, Conversation & Books**—The next one will be held tomorrow night, Wednesday April 16/25 at 7 pm, at the Grand Valley Public Library. The book featured is *The Newfoundland Lunch Party* by Sonya Day.
 - **Rose's Book Club**—normally held the 4th Tuesday of each month—Meetings were held in January and February but the next scheduled meeting is April 29, at 2 pm, (the 5th Tuesday) with a guest speaker being a representative from Dufferin Waste, the Manager of Waste Services, to discuss recycling and composting.
 - **“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.

○ **Business**

- **Letter to Municipal Councils re wording of Appendix in the annual Contracts.**
See attached letter that was sent to the Municipal Councils.
- **Letter to CAO, Town of Shelburne, re Facilities Responsibility Discussion**
See attached letter that was received from the CAO of the Town of Shelburne
- **In camera discussion**

Motion 13-25 R. Plowright, S. Graham

The Board moved into a closed meeting at 7:45 pm pursuant to Section 16.1 (4) OR 16.1 (5) of *The Public Libraries Act, R.S.O., 1990*, as amended, for the following reason: Personnel

Motion 14:25 S. Martin, P. Clark

That we rise from in-camera at 7:58 pm with a report.

The Board accepted the resignation/retirement of our Treasurer, Gord Gallagher.

We will be advertising for this position

Motion 15-25 S. Martin, S. Graham

That we now adjourn at 8:58 p.m., to meet again May 27. 2025, at 7 pm., or at call of the Chair.

Carried



NVCA May 2025 Board Meeting Highlights

Next Meeting: June 27, 2025, held in virtually

For the full meeting agenda, including documents and reports, visit [NVCA's website](#).

NVCA Communication Strategy

NVCA's Communications team has developed a communications strategy to support NVCA's mission, vision, Integrated Watershed Management Plan, Watershed-based Resource Management Strategy and will be incorporated into the next set of strategic, business and climate change action plans.

Grounded in four guiding principles, this strategy aims to strengthen engagement with diverse audiences, build awareness of NVCA's programs and services, and promote climate adaptation actions. It is designed to strengthen NVCA's ability to engage and inform its audiences.

Three key desired outcomes include:

- Enhanced understanding of the watershed and climate adaptation,
- Increased awareness of NVCA's programs and services, and
- Increased participation in programs, services, and engagement initiatives.

The strategy also lists action items to be implemented over the next five years. These include crafting organizational and department-specific key messages, developing audience profiles, and establishing baselines and KPIs to assess whether the desired outcomes are met.

Upcoming Events

Weekend Garrison at Historic Fort Willow - Day 1

Join the Historic Military Establishment of Upper Canada for a weekend garrison at Historic Fort Willow.

Date & Time: May 30 – June 1, 2025 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Fort Willow Conservation Area

PA/PD Day

Camp Tiffin encourages outdoor exploration, guided excursions in the forest fueled by student interest. Every day will be guided by student inquiry, seasonal changes, and weather and program availability.

Date: June 6, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Tiffin Centre for Conservation



Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – May 23, 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:

- Strategic Plan 2025-2029, as presented
- GM-05-25-51 - Financial Summary

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-05-25-53 - Chair's Report
- GM-05-25-50 - Cash & Investment Status
- GM-05-25-52 - Current Watershed Conditions

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Halton Regional Council re: Development Services Continuous Improvement Updates
- Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5
- John Kemp re: Giant Hogweed (Correspondence and GRCA response)

Source Protection Authority Correspondence & Action Items

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board. No meeting was held in May.

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.

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Policy Update - Provincial Budget Priorities

This afternoon, Ontario's Minister of Finance introduced the 2025 Ontario Budget, [A Plan to Protect Ontario](#).

Today's budget paints a challenging economic outlook for the province with much larger deficits and lower housing starts now projected over the coming years. While we're facing significant economic uncertainty, the government's plan is a solid first step in addressing the challenges posed by U.S. tariffs.

AMO has been working hard to help its members understand how the rapidly changing economic landscape will impact municipalities. We recently released a [2025 Pre-Budget Update](#) building the case for strategic investments in municipal infrastructure and social housing to stimulate the economy in the short-term and support long-term economic productivity. We look forward to working with the provincial government to bring this message to federal leaders.

We are pleased that today's budget includes some important actions for our communities, particularly through new investments in infrastructure, economic development and primary care. However, these uncertain times have only escalated the need to address long-standing municipal priorities. AMO remains committed to our urgent call to revisit the provincial-municipal fiscal framework with the provincial government.

"In the face of global economic and political uncertainty, municipalities stand united with provincial and federal governments. Today's provincial budget investments in critical water infrastructure and industries impacted by tariffs are an important first step in helping Ontario weather the current economic storm. AMO and municipalities are ready to work together to advance solutions that will save jobs in the short-term while building enduring economic prosperity across the province" – Robin Jones, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Budget Highlight: Responding to Trade and Tariff Uncertainty

- A new \$40M Trade-Impacted Communities Program (TICP) to help communities and local businesses disproportionately affected by the trade and tariff uncertainty
- A range of investments to diversify Ontario's economy and support local economic development. Highlights include:
 - An additional \$600M for the Invest Ontario Fund to create jobs and attract investment
 - \$1.3B over three years to enhance and expand the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit
 - \$50M over three years to create the Ontario Together Trade Fund (OTTF) to help local businesses develop new markets and re-shore critical supply chains
- Investing in skills training to improve Ontario's labour market, including:
 - An additional \$1B over three years for the Skills Development Fund
 - \$20M to mobilize new training and support centres for laid-off workers, including those impacted by U.S. tariffs
 - An additional \$50M for the Better Jobs Ontario program, including a fast-track stream for job seekers in trade-impacted sectors

Budget Highlight: Infrastructure & Housing

- Additional \$400M through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) and the Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) to build the local infrastructure needed to enable new housing
- \$50M over five years through Invest Ontario to grow capacity in modular housing construction
- Up to a further \$5B in funding to the Building Ontario Fund (BOF) to co-invest in priorities like municipal infrastructure, long-term care, energy infrastructure, and affordable housing

- Increasing annual funding for the Connecting Links Program from \$30M to \$45M to support municipalities to maintain critical road infrastructure

Other Commitments of Interest

- Reconfirming the additional \$50M increase to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, bringing the total envelope to \$600M by 2026
- Confirming the previously announced \$20M over two years through the Rural Ontario Development program
- Investing in police training and equipment, including \$1B to expand and renovate two training facilities, \$57M for two new police helicopters, and \$6M through the Preventing Auto Theft Grant
- \$300M over four years to support Primary Care Teaching Clinics, increasing Primary Care Action Plan investments to \$2.1B
- Adding \$260M over three years in the Learn and Stay Grant to increase the number of health care professionals in underserved communities
- Making the cut to the Gasoline and Fuel Tax rate permanent. This should not impact the portion of the Gas Tax that is allocated to municipalities for public transit
- \$500M in a new Critical Minerals Processing Fund to provide strategic financial support for projects that will accelerate the province's critical minerals processing capacity

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

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The pressure is real and we are here to support you with these two important leadership workshops:

1. Strategic Thinking, Planning, and Leading, June 4, 10:00am – 1:00pm

This workshop will explore various aspects of leadership and actions you can utilize to support you in your demanding role, including tactics and strategies on:

- Stewardship
- Strategic Planning
- Fiscal Sustainability

[Register for Strategic Thinking, Planning and Leading today.](#)

2. The Value of Community Engagement: Insights and Approaches, June 25, 10:00am – 1:00pm

This important workshop will help you demystify and better communicate a number of key municipal responsibilities to your community. Budget and strategic planning are great internal exercises, but there can be significant fallout if your constituents and community members don't understand their purpose or what goes into developing local plans and strategies. This session explores the importance of and options to community

engagement and how your leadership is the key ingredient to meaningful and impactful community engagement.

[Register for Community Engagement today.](#)

Workshop Information:

1. Strategic Thinking, Planning and Leading: June 4, 10:00am - 1:00pm
2. The Value of Community Engagement: Insights and Approaches, June 25, 10:00am – 1:00pm

- \$485 +HST per session (Individual registration only. For group rates, contact events@amo.on.ca)
- \$75 +HST cancellation fee

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May 22, 2025

In This Issue:

- AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
- AMO resources to support your classroom engagement.
- Connect Ontario: Broadband deployment municipal workshops.
- Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- AMO 2025 Conference - Ontario's premier municipal event.
- MMAH has opened its Request for Delegations for AMO 2025 Conference.
- Showcase your innovation - Submit your projects for the PJ Marshall Awards.
- Before you know it, it's August! AMO 2025 Conference trade show selling out fast!
- Teeny Tiny Summits 2025 - Don't miss these important community building events.
- Investing in an uncertain market - a municipal update.
- Risk webinar: The Litigation Process: A Municipal Perspective.
- Virtual Net-Zero Workshop: Space still available.
- RailCan proximity survey live until June 1.
- Humber Polytechnic Emergency Management Symposium - June 6, Toronto.
- Ontario Bike Summit.
- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

Improving the health of local democracies requires a renewed focus on engaging young people in our communities. Through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project and in partnership with Apathy is Boring, we've developed a new [*Engaging Youth in Local Democracy*](#) resource that will help you learn how to better engage youth in your communities with actionable strategies and tactics for elected officials, municipalities, and public sector organizations.

[AMO's Municipal Rep Day program](#) provides AMO's members with a set of resources they can use when visiting classrooms in their communities. Resources and guides for

teachers and elected officials can support a productive and engaging visit with students and help ignite interest in local government with future voters and community leaders.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Energy and Mines strongly encourages municipal CAOs and permitting staff to join the Designated Broadband Projects workshops: [May 28: Running Line & Aerial Proposals](#) and [May 29: Asset Management Planning & Causal Costs](#).

Intake is open for Ontario's new Health and Safety Water Stream fund to help municipalities and First Nations build, repair and expand aging water infrastructure. [Apply now!](#)

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

AMO's 2025 Annual Conference is back in Ottawa. In this unprecedented time, coming together with municipal, provincial and key sector partners is more important than ever. [Register for AMO 2025](#) and [book your accommodations today](#).

Delegation meetings with Cabinet Ministers are a key feature of the AMO Conference experience. These meetings are a unique opportunity for your council to engage with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants and senior Ontario Government officials on local matters that impact your municipality. [Request your delegation meetings now](#). A reminder that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is your contact for the delegation meetings.

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario showcasing innovation in approaches to services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

Connect with over 3,000 of Ontario's municipal leaders representing Ontario's 444 municipalities and a \$68 billion sector at the AMO 2025 Conference in Ottawa this August. Click [here](#) to download the Exhibitor Package and [here](#) for the Sponsorship Package. Limited space available.

ROMA in partnership with the Minister of Rural Affairs, are happy to share the 2025 Teeny Tiny Summit line-up. These compelling events are designed with innovation in

mind for Ontario's rural communities. Registration and information is available for the Summit in [Strathroy-Caradoc - June 18](#).

ONE Investment

In a time of market fluctuation and political uncertainty, municipal investors should have a thoughtful long-term investment strategy. [This timely update](#) from ONE Investment and PH&N Institutional will address these challenges/opportunities.

LAS

IPE and LAS are pleased to present Rose Muscolino, Partner at Weaver Simmons LLP, for a [comprehensive session on June 24](#), on the litigation process, from the initial notice of a claim to trial.

LAS' virtual net zero workshop is less than a month away. Mark June 18 in your calendar to discover how you can cut energy costs, boost savings and incorporate low carbon initiatives in your municipal buildings. [Register today](#).

Municipal Wire*

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Join [Humber Polytechnic Broadcast-Broadband Convergence B²C Lab](#) in a one-day free informational symposium on June 6 to present emerging emergency communications technologies using the ATSC 3.0 broadcast communications system. There are new solutions using broadcast that can bolster risk mitigation strategies for municipalities while offering enhanced capabilities. [Register today!](#)

The [Ontario Bike Summit](#), Canada's largest cycling and active transportation conference, will be in Windsor from May 27-29. Be inspired by success stories including enhancing infrastructure and design, citizen safety and economic development.

Small and mid-sized Ontario municipalities are invited to [submit an expression of interest](#) to participate in Quest Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator program by June 13.

Careers

[Two Senior Advisor Roles - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#). Closing Date: May 23, 2025.

[Vice President, Legal and General Counsel - Bluewater Power](#). Closing Date: May 29, 2025.

[General Manager, Social Services Division - County of Lambton](#). Closing Date: June 8, 2025.

[Water Resources Engineer - Lower Trent Conservation](#). Closing Date: June 13, 2025

[Assistant Deputy Minister, Customer Care - Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement](#). Closing Date: June 17, 2025.

[Senior Procurement Officer - Town of Newmarket](#). Closing Date: June 10, 2025

[Program Specialist, Rural Economic Development - Durham Region](#). Closing Date: May 31, 2025.

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May 29, 2025

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- Group Benefits trends webinar.
- Help homeowners save money through the LAS Sewer & Water Line Service.
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- RFP: Workforce Training for Professionals in Planning.
- Western Ontario Municipal Conference - October 17.
- Webinar: Quality of Life in North American Cities.
- RailCan proximity survey live until June 1.
- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
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AMO Matters

Improving the health of local democracies requires a renewed focus on engaging young people in our communities. Through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project and in partnership with Apathy is Boring, we've developed a new [*Engaging Youth in Local Democracy*](#) resource that will help you learn how to better engage youth in your communities with actionable strategies and tactics for elected officials, municipalities, and public sector organizations.

[AMO's Municipal Rep Day program](#) provides AMO's members with a set of resources

they can use when visiting classrooms in their communities. Resources and guides for teachers and elected officials can support a productive and engaging visit with students and help ignite interest in local government with future voters and community leaders.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade is [providing up to \\$40 million](#) to support communities and local industries facing economic challenges arising from ongoing trade disruptions.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines strongly encourages municipal CAOs and permitting staff to join the Designated Broadband Projects workshop: [May 29: Asset Management Planning & Causal Costs](#).

Intake is open for Ontario's new Health and Safety Water Stream fund to help municipalities and First Nations build, repair and expand aging water infrastructure. [Apply now!](#)

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

AMO's 2025 Annual Conference is back in Ottawa. In this unprecedented time, coming together with municipal, provincial and key sector partners is more important than ever. [Register for AMO 2025](#) and [book your accommodations today](#).

Delegation meetings with Cabinet Ministers are a key feature of the AMO Conference experience. These meetings are a unique opportunity for your council to engage with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants and senior Ontario Government officials on local matters that impact your municipality. [Request your delegation meetings now](#). A reminder that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is your contact for the delegation meetings.

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario showcasing innovation in approaches to services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

AMO has two upcoming June workshops focused on enhancing leadership skills on strategic thinking and planning as well as community engagement. For more details

including dates and times [click here](#).

LAS

[Watch our recent webinar](#) to learn about trends in municipal group benefits and the advantages and cost savings opportunity with the LAS Group Benefits Program through Mosey & Mosey.

Municipalities can help their homeowners by providing sewer and water line protection through the LAS-endorsed warranty program with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC). [Learn more here](#).

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[Data Analysis Coordinator - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: May 30, 2025.

[Administrator, John Noble Home - County of Brant](#). Closing Date: June 16, 2025.

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Crisis Communication in Action: The Mayor-CAO Dynamic During Disasters

AMO & OMAA Webinar Series

June 24, 2025

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Virtual

Building on the strong interest and success of our first session—*The Mayor-CAO Relationship: Building a Foundation for Success*—AMO and OMAA invite you to the second event in this vital leadership series. Session two focuses on the Mayor-CAO dynamic when disaster strikes.

In times of a local crisis—be it flood, fire, pandemic, or cyberattack—the effectiveness of municipal communication can shape the trajectory of the response and community trust. At the heart of that communication: the Mayor and the CAO.

Join us for an engaging and timely discussion on how this leadership duo can navigate the high-pressure environment of emergencies. Who speaks when? How do you ensure clarity, confidence, and community reassurance in the heat of the moment? What lessons have others learned?

You'll hear real-life experiences and lessons learned from municipal leaders who have weathered the storm—literally and figuratively.

What You'll Gain:

- A deeper understanding of the distinct and complementary roles of the Mayor and CAO in times of crisis
- Insights into strategic communication practices that build public trust
- Tools to strengthen your crisis leadership partnership before the next emergency
- Reflections on maintaining morale and clarity inside your organization while addressing the public

Don't wait for a crisis to test your communication strategy. Join AMO, OMAA, and your municipal peers to learn from those who've led under pressure.

Featured Panelists:

- Mayor Nancy Alcock and CAO Denise Corry, Town of Huntsville
- Mayor Fred Mota and CAO Michelle Hendry, Municipality of Red Lake

Moderator:

- Lindsay Jones, AMO Director of Policy

Register here for this FREE webinar

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Policy Update - Submissions on Bills 5 and 2

AMO's Bill 5 Standing Committee Submission

AMO has [submitted comments on Bill 5](#), *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* to the Standing Committee on the Interior. While we understand the need to try different approaches to supporting economic projects, important objectives such as health, safety, environmental protection, community well-being, and Indigenous rights and relations must be upheld. AMO's submission outlines the importance of:

- Ensuring that the use of Special Economic Zones to override local bylaws should only occur with host municipal support, and in cases of extraordinary need;
- Ensuring continued protection for the environment, including species-at-risk and natural habitats; and
- The critical opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and stronger relationships with Indigenous rights holders.

AMO's Bill 2 Standing Committee Submission

AMO has [submitted comments on Bill 2](#), *Protect Ontario Through Free Within Canada Act* to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. AMO applauds the government for taking action to enhance labour mobility and interprovincial trade and highlights the need for continued engagement with AMO to address any impacts on municipal standards and by-laws arising from new mutual recognition frameworks for goods and services.

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

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DATE: May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: CAOs and Mayors from Municipalities Billed under
O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for
Policing from Ontario Provincial Police

FROM: Mario Di Tommaso
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

SUBJECT: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
Review and June 2025 Webinars

In Fall 2024, the Solicitor General announced a commitment to review of the OPP cost recovery model as set out in [O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police](#) under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is pleased to announce that this review has been initiated. The ministry will be working with a third-party vendor to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

The intent is for the review to be completed in time to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

I would like to thank you for the extensive feedback you have shared with the ministry to date. This feedback is valuable in shaping the review.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued input from your municipalities. To achieve this goal, engagement webinars will take place in June 2025. More information regarding these webinars will follow as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged to ensure that your perspectives are heard.

You can expect outreach in the coming weeks with details for the June webinars. Should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch at sheela.subramanian@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.



Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety
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May 13, 2025

Mayor Reeve and Clerk CAO,

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) regularly evaluates its operations to ensure the effective use of resources while maintaining high-quality service. As part of this process, the OPP has undertaken an organizational realignment to better align with its strategic goals and priorities.

Effective immediately Municipal Policing Bureau has been dissolved. Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Service Unit have been realigned and will fall under the OPP's Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau.

Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Services Unit will continue their regular business, including managing the cost recovery process for municipal policing services in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CPSA) O. Reg. 413/23 Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police*, managing municipal policing agreements under the CSPA, delivering presentations, and providing clarifications on municipal inquiries.

Please continue to direct all future inquiries on municipal policing billing, requests for presentations, etc. to OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca. Please note, the general email inbox OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca will be decommissioned and will no longer be monitored. We also encourage you to visit www.opp.ca/billingmodel where the 2025 estimate updates have been posted for your reference and planning purposes.

The OPP remains committed to working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable policing services across Ontario.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. I look forward to your support during this transition and to a successful partnership.

J.G. (John) Dumond,
Chief Superintendent
Bureau Commander
Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau

cc: OPP Regional and Detachment Commanders

From: [Permissions Modernization \(MECP\)](#)
To: [Permissions Modernization \(MECP\)](#)
Cc: [Malcolmson, Heather \(MECP\)](#); [Obaid, Juwairia \(MECP\)](#)
Subject: Streamlining environmental permissions for construction site dewatering activities and residential foundation drainage systems
Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 4:30:36 PM

Good afternoon,

Ontario is streamlining environmental permissions by creating smarter and more efficient environmental permissions processes that reduce unnecessary burden for businesses while protecting human health and the natural environment.

We have proceeded with amendments to Ontario Regulation 63/16 to move additional construction site dewatering activities to a registration-first approach by removing the volumetric restriction such that proponents would be required to self-register construction dewatering activities online on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) regardless of the volume of water taking, allowing them to start operations immediately without requiring a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) or an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).

The regulation continues to require environmentally protective measures such as monitoring plans, erosion and sediment control, and treatment measures that have been included in the reports to safeguard that the taking of water and subsequent discharge do not cause adverse effects.

Ontario Regulation 387/04 has been amended to exempt foundation drainage systems used primarily for residential purposes, for takings of up to 379,000 litres of water per day, from requiring approval or self-registration.

These amendments will streamline permissions for housing and infrastructure projects, enabling them to begin faster while reducing regulatory burden on businesses, developers, and municipalities. Reducing regulatory burden for housing and infrastructure projects also reduces regulatory process duplications, supports efforts to create much needed housing supply in Ontario, boosts the province's economy and supports job creation. Registered activities are required to comply with requirements set out in sector specific regulations to maintain environmental protection.

Both amendments will come into effect July 1, 2025.

More information about these changes is available on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#). If you are interested in attending a Fall training session, you may provide your contact details by visiting the Microsoft form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/N2xy3WhwJt>.

Until the regulation comes into effect, if you require a PTTW, we encourage you to apply for your permit through the environmental [permissions](#) on-line services. Please note that as of September 1, 2025, the ministry will require that all PTTW applications be submitted through this online application process.

If you require assistance setting up your online account, registering on the EASR, or applying for a permit, you can reach out to:

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division
Client Services and Permissions Branch

135 St. Clair Avenue West
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
General Inquiry Telephone: 416-314-8001
Toll-free: 1-800-461-6290
E-mail: enviopermissions@ontario.ca

Thank you,

Heather Malcolmson,
Director, Client Services and Permissions Branch
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 29, 2025

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Proposal to End Daylight Savings Time in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on April 28th, 2025 passed the following resolution:

R107-2025

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

Whereas Ontario already has the legislative framework to end the antiquated practice of Daylight Saving Time (DST), as per the Time Amendment Act of 2020: But New York has delayed us for over 4 long years.

And Whereas the Case for Ending DST immediately pertains to clear and present Health and Public Safety concerns: Clock shifts spike heart attacks, accidents, and stress, per the Canadian Society for Chronobiology. Kids lose focus, domestic violence rises, and vulnerable folks—mentally ill, homeless, addicts—face unnecessary strain and relapse risks. Indigenous health gaps deepen as DST clashes with traditions. Standard Time aligns with nature, easing healthcare burdens and healthcare costs.

And Whereas ending DST is a clear and permanent assertion of the economic independence of Ontario: Our new, post tariff economic reality exposes the reliance on New York for our internal policy as outdated. Ontario should look out for Ontarians, and

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our sovereignty must be asserted. Quebec already considers the change; so 15 million Ontarians should not continue to wait on NY. Businesses will adapt; citizens will gain stability. Over 100,000 petition voices and 70% of Ontarians agree. Ontario must take the lead, and hopefully NY can eventually follow our lead for the good of their own people.

Therefore be it resolved that we request staff to distribute this communication to all the Municipalities, Chiefs & Councils of Ontario in addition to the Premier of the Govt. of Ontario and urge the Premier to:

1. Amend the Time Amendment Act 2020 to drop New York's contingency, effective immediately.
2. Set permanent Standard Time (EST) from November 2, 2025.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Sent via Email:
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, premier@ontario.ca
Municipalities of Ontario

May 2025



Your monthly news & updates

Western Ontario Municipal Conference 2025

Registration Now Open

A promotional banner for the Western Ontario Municipal Conference 2025. The banner has a blue background on the left side with white text. On the right side, there is a photograph of several wind turbines in a green field under a blue sky. The text on the left includes the WOWC logo, the conference title "WESTERN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE", the date "October 17, 2025 | London, ON", and the tagline "Powering Ontario's Economic Engine".

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October 17, 2025 | London, ON

Powering Ontario's Economic Engine

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus presents the *Western Ontario Municipal Conference 2025: Powering Ontario's Economic Engine*, with a goal of providing relevant, dynamic programming and opportunities to share

knowledge and best practices to enhance opportunities and successes, along with many opportunities for networking.

Friday, October 17th, 2025

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre, London, ON

A Welcome Reception will take place at the Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre on Thursday, October 16th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, hosted by Middlesex County.

Join us for an evening of food, drinks, and entertainment, and enjoy the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow attendees before the main conference begins. No need to make dinner reservations—there will be plenty to eat and a great atmosphere for mingling and conversation.

Early bird pricing available until August 31, 2025.

Are you interested in sponsoring the WOMC or participating as an exhibitor? Please see the [2025 Sponsorship Package](#) for more information or contact: info@wowc.ca

[Register Here](#)

2025 Ontario Budget: Statement from WOWC Chair Mayor Amy Martin

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) welcomes the Province of Ontario's continued investment in infrastructure, housing, and health care through the 2025 Ontario Budget. These are foundational to our ability to grow sustainably and meet the needs of our residents.

As municipalities across Western Ontario work to deliver critical services the WOWC recognizes the importance of maintaining a collaborative and



solutions-focused relationship with the Province. While important challenges persist, particularly in addressing infrastructure needs, mental health supports, and housing services in rural areas—the WOWC stands ready to work with the Province as a committed and capable partner in delivering innovative, sustainable solutions that meet the evolving needs of our communities.

Our members know that in order to build a stronger Ontario, we need sustained infrastructure investment, modernized

funding frameworks, and permanent funding for rural homelessness prevention. These priorities are not wish-list items, they are essential for supporting housing supply, growing the workforce, and addressing mental health and addictions challenges in our communities.

The WOWC remains a committed partner in building a stronger Ontario—one that ensures every community is livable, connected, and positioned for inclusive economic growth. We commend the Province for making strategic investments that strengthen our ability as municipal partners to deliver on shared priorities and build a better, more prosperous Ontario for everyone.

Mayor Amy Martin, Norfolk County, Chair Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

To view the full budget visit [2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#)

Teeny Tiny Summit- Strathroy- June 18th

Join us for a full day of local economic development learning and networking at the Teeny Tiny Summit in Strathroy-Caradoc located in southwestern Ontario.

Teeny Tiny Strathroy-Caradoc Summit

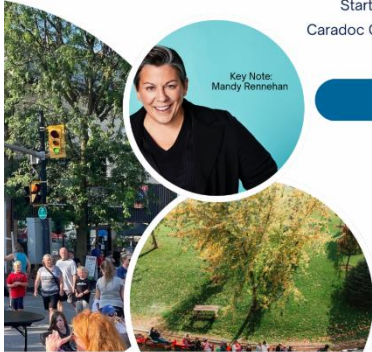
Key note: Mandy Rennehan; Public Speaker, Award Winning Author, HGTV Host and CEO of Freshco (NOT the Grocery Store!)

Tickets Options for full day, or afternoon keynote session only.

18th June, 2025

Start at 9:00am

Caradoc Community Centre



Key Note:
Mandy Rennehan

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The event will be held the Caradoc Community Centre on June 18, 2025, starting at 8:30 am and concluding at 4:00 pm featuring keynote speaker Mandy Rennehan and many local speakers.

Register today by clicking this [link](#).

The agenda and registration details can be found [here](#).

Get excited for keynote speaker, Mandy Rennehan! Known as 'The Blue Collar CEO,' Mandy is a public speaker, award winning author, HGTV Host and CEO of FreshCo, a

full-service reconstruction and retail maintenance firm operating across Canada and the eastern United States. Rennehan is a passionate advocate for women in the trades and is involved in a variety of groundbreaking mentorship initiatives for girls and women seeking meaningful careers.

Lambton County finalizes property purchase for future housing development

The County of Lambton's Housing Services Department has finalized the purchase of the St. Bartholomew's Church property on Cathcart Blvd. within the City of Sarnia.



The property was purchased for \$1.95 million, using funds from the Affordable Housing Reserve. County Council has been working to build this reserve since 2022 to help fund projects like this property purchase.

The intended future use of the property is a housing development which will provide affordable and/or supportive housing. Planning is still in the early stages, with pre-development activities underway to develop

a shovel-ready project.

Further information can be found in the [report presented to County Council on Wednesday, May 7](#).

Local Diploma Programs and Financial Assistance Aim to Attract Future Early Childhood Educators



Bruce County is proud to collaborate with Georgian College and Fanshawe College to support the recruitment and retention of a high-quality early years workforce.

Georgian College in Owen Sound offers a full-time, in-person Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma program. Plus, a

bursary is available to eligible, local students.

Bruce County subsidizes a bursary supporting students pursuing a career as Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) through Georgian College. This initiative helps meet the growing demand for childcare services across our communities by making education more accessible to future ECEs.

Eligible students may receive up to \$2,000 per academic year, with the potential for renewal provided students remain in good academic standing. To be eligible, students must demonstrate financial need, be in good academic standing and have a home address in Bruce County at the time of selection.

Fanshawe College offers an Early Childhood Education (ECE) diploma program from a satellite campus situated in Port Elgin. In addition, financial support is available for local students.

Bruce County subsidizes tuition support to eligible students, covering up to half of tuition costs for Fanshawe's ECE diploma program offered in Port Elgin.

[Learn more](#)



Modelling Tool

AMO is pleased to share a new [modelling tool](#), developed by Oxford Economics, to assist municipalities in estimating tariff costs on capital construction projects.

This tool was developed through close consultation with municipal public works department heads and treasurers, incorporating their valuable feedback.

When used alongside our recently released [report](#) on the impacts of



Ontario Building Destination Wasaga

Ontario is investing nearly \$38 million to build Destination Wasaga, a premier tourist destination that includes beaches, a revitalized downtown area and important historic sites, in partnership with the Town of Wasaga Beach.

“Wasaga Beach is a world-class tourist destination, with the longest freshwater beach in the world and an incredible history, including at Nancy Island,” said Premier Doug

tariffs on municipal construction costs, this tool will enable municipalities to:

- Better inform council decisions on capital projects;
- Understand and explain price fluctuations; and,
- Support procurement negotiations with vendors.

To support municipal use of the tool, Oxford Economics has developed a supplemental [guide](#) and a [video tutorial](#) to help your teams get started.

Ford. “We’re helping bring this important part of Ontario’s history back to life and we’re working with the municipality to revitalize the downtown, create jobs and welcome tourists from across Ontario and around the world.”

These investments, including from the [2025 Ontario Budget: A Plan to Protect Ontario](#), will help protect and expand the number of jobs in the local tourism sector and boost economic growth across Simcoe County.

Ontario will soon begin the process of transferring a portion of the provincially owned beachfront in Wasaga Beach Provincial Park to the town in order to support its integration into the broader development of Destination Wasaga, under the condition that the beach remains public.

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REPORT TO COUNCIL 2025-043

TO: Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

FROM: Sabrina VanGerven, Treasurer

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Intermunicipal Agreement for Expansion and Rehabilitation of the Grand Valley and District Community Centre (GVCC)

Recommendation

That Council receives the report for information;
And That Council directs staff to provide comments to the Town of Grand Valley;
And That, pending satisfactory review, Council authorizes staff to prepare a by-law for execution of the agreement at a future meeting.

Background

The GVCC Board has identified and endorsed a scope of capital work including six new changerooms, washroom upgrades, roof and wall rehabilitation, new flooring, and office remodeling. The estimated total cost for the expansion and rehabilitation project is \$4,250,000. Initial funding of \$2,800,000 was made available through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) and municipal contributions, with approximately \$1,450,000 in funding remaining after the completion of the ice surface replacement in 2023.

The report shown as Appendix 2 was presented at the May 13, 2025 regular meeting of Grand Valley Council, and the following resolution was passed:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Report – Agreement for Community Centre Expansion costs,

AND THAT Council approves the draft agreement as presented,

AND THAT Council directs the CAO to send the draft agreement to Amaranth and East Garafraxa Councils for their consideration, as recommended,

AND THAT Council directs staff to apply for a loan through Infrastructure Ontario for the project, while continuing efforts obtain alternate funding.

CARRIED

Analysis

The remaining project costs (\$2.8M) are to be financed through a debenture from Infrastructure Ontario, with Grand Valley managing procurement, reporting, and repayment obligations on behalf of the Board.

Attached as Appendix 1 is the drafted intermunicipal agreement as presented and endorsed by the Town of Grand Valley.

Legal review is recommended before formal execution.

Key Elements of the Draft Agreement

- Town of Grand Valley will secure and manage Infrastructure Ontario Loan.
- Repayment will be facilitated through GVCC Board levy, apportioned according to the operating agreement.
- Any additional funding from grants, sponsorships or naming rights will be used to reduce the debenture from Infrastructure Ontario.
- Should the Board dissolve or be restructured, any new operator will assume the debt servicing obligation.

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview and recommendation regarding the draft agreement for the funding and delivery of capital improvements at the GVCC, and to obtain direction on Amaranth's participation.

Strategic Plan Pillar: Manage an Efficient and Effective Township

Goal #5 Inter-governmental advocacy for Township needs

Respectfully Submitted,
Sabrina VanGerven, Treasurer

Attachments	
Appendix 1	Draft Intermunicipal Agreement for the Expansion and Rehabilitation of Grand Valley Community Centre
Appendix 2	Grand Valley Staff Report 2025-080

**Intermunicipal Agreement for the Expansion and Rehabilitation
Of the Grand Valley and District Community Centre**

This Agreement made this _____ day of _____, 2025.

BETWEEN:

The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley (Grand Valley)

AND

The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth (Amaranth)

AND

The Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa (East Garafraxa)

Hereinafter collectively call the “Joint Municipalities.”

WHEREAS Grand Valley is the registered owner of the Grand Valley and District Community Centre;

AND WHEREAS the Joint Municipalities have created the Grand Valley and District Community Centre Board (Board) to be responsible for all operating and/or maintenance deficits of the Community Centre, and pursuant to Section 5 of the 2021 “Intermunicipal Agreement for Operations of the Grand Valley and District Community Centre” (the Board’s Agreement), Capital Expenditures (being major capital expenditures and/or Construction and/or Re-Construction) shall be negotiated from time to time as required;

AND WHEREAS the Board has recommended to the Joint Municipalities certain improvements to the Grand Valley and District Community Centre of a capital nature with an estimated total capital cost of \$4.250,000;

AND WHEREAS the Joint Municipalities desire to implement the recommendation of the Board concerning the capital improvements to the Grand Valley and District Community Centre by March 31, 2026;

AND WHEREAS as part of the Capital Funding for this project, grants may be available through, among other possibilities, the Investment in Canada Infrastructure Program – Community, Culture and Recreation Stream (ICIP);

AND WHEREAS the Joint Municipalities desire to enter into an agreement to fix each of them a respective share of the capital cost of the expansion and improvements to the Grand Valley and District Community Centre;

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the premises herein and the covenants hereinafter set out to, the parties hereto jointly and severally agree as follows:

1. The Capital Projects under this agreement shall include new changerooms, new washrooms, rehabilitated roof and walls, new flooring and remodeled office/storage.
2. The Joint Municipalities agree that capital cost apportionment shall be determined in accordance with the Current Value Assessment of lands within the Community Centre area, as is calculated and applied under the agreement for the apportionment for the sharing of the maintenance and operating deficits.
3. The Estimated cost of this project, including contingencies, is \$4,250,000.00
 - a. These prices are estimates only and may not reflect actual costs
4. It is understood and agreed that Grand Valley shall enter into a debenture agreement with Infrastructure Ontario for a construction loan and long-term borrowing, with annual payments being at a set amount over the term of the

debenture, and that Grand Valley shall manage any additional agreements required if funding is obtained through any external source, including but not limited to the existing ICIP grant, and shall ensure that all procurement, reporting and other requirements under the funding agreement are fulfilled.

- 5. It is understood that any money obtained through sponsorships, naming rights or other grants shall be used to offset project costs in order to decrease the loan and the payments to be made by municipalities toward the loan.
- 6. It is understood and agreed that the Community Centre Board shall be responsible for funding the debenture payments and shall be provided invoices and statements from Grand Valley twice per year, when the debenture payment is due, and the Board shall have collected their funding through the operating levy to the three municipalities.
- 7. It is understood and agreed that the construction project started in March 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by end of 2025, excluding holdbacks.
- 8. It is understood and agreed that if there are changes to the Board’s operating agreement or if the Board dissolves, the new agreement will address the payments, or the new operator of the Community Centre would be responsible for paying the loan through the Town of Grand Valley
- 9. This Agreement shall enure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors from time to time.

This Agreement is executed on behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley by its proper signing officers authorized in that regard by a By-law of Council numbered 2025-_____ and dated the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley

Head of Council Clerk

This Agreement is executed on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth by its proper signing officers authorized in that regard by a By-law of Council numbered _____ and dated the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Corporation of the Township of Amaranth

Head of Council Clerk

This Agreement is executed on behalf of the Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa by its proper signing officers authorized in that regard by a By-law of Council numbered _____ and dated the _____ day of _____ 2025.

Corporation of the Township of East Garafraxa

Head of Council Clerk



STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk
Meeting Date: May 13, 2025
Report Number: 2025-080
Subject: Agreement for Community Centre Expansion costs

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Agreement for Community Centre Expansion costs,
AND THAT Council approves the draft agreement as presented,
AND THAT Council directs the CAO to send the draft agreement to Amaranth and East Garafraxa Councils for their consideration, as recommended,
AND THAT Council directs staff to apply for a loan through Infrastructure Ontario for the project, while continuing efforts obtain alternate funding.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present an agreement between the Town of Grand Valley and the Townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa for the provision of funding for the costs of expanding the Grand Valley and District Community Centre.

Key Findings

- The Grand Valley and District Community Centre is adding six changerooms, supporting facilities, remodeling office and storage, replacing rubber flooring and rehabilitating roof and walls
- Part of expansion project costs are covered by funds through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, and this fund will be exhausted early in the construction project

- The three municipalities have agreed to review and then enter into an agreement, in accordance with the Community Centre’s operating agreement requirements and in accordance with the municipalities’ desire to continue their relationship regarding the Community Centre. This agreement will state the terms under which Amaranth and East Garafraxa will provide payment to Grand Valley.
- The draft agreement proposes the means through which each municipality’s interests can be taken into account.

Financial Implications

The Town of Grand Valley shall obtain a debenture through Infrastructure Ontario to cover the expansion costs. The Community Centre Board levy will increase to cover the costs of the loan. Each municipality’s share of the loan will be adjusted based on their levy apportionment. If the Board no longer exists, the Community Centre’s operator will be responsible for making loan payments to Grand Valley.

Report

Background

In 2019, the Grand Valley and District Community Centre Board decided to obtain funding to replace the ice surface and expand the building with new changeroom facilities. The Town of Grand Valley applied for and received funding toward this project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), which assists with costs to a maximum of \$2,800,000. The three municipalities agreed to fund their share of the project up to the \$2,800,000 value, then determine the means through which any costs over that value would be funded.

The ice surface replacement project was completed in 2023, and the project cost \$1,350,000b from the \$2,800,000 committed to the entire project. Each municipality paid its share in accordance with the agreement attached as Attachment 1.

When the costs for the remainder of the project (called Phases 2 and 3) were estimated to exceed the remaining funds, a proposal was made to the three municipalities. See Attachments 2 and 3. Each municipality subsequently expressed their continued support for the project with the understanding that a new agreement would be reached regarding the management of costs exceeding \$2,800,000. See Attachments 4 and 5 for the municipal statements of commitment.

The Board determined that the roof and southern walls and some rubber flooring also required rehabilitation and these two projects were added to the expansion project. These were all tendered at the same time, and the updated project’s total cost is estimated to be \$4,250,000 (down from the 2023 estimate of \$4,800,000 for the expansion). Of this \$4,250,000, the first \$1,450,000 will be covered by the ICIP grant and municipal agreement. The remaining \$2,800,000 will be obtained through a loan and repaid over a period of time to be determined upon negotiation of terms with Infrastructure Ontario for the best rate at an affordable payback period (likely 10-15 year period).

Discussion

A draft agreement is attached as Attachment 6. This agreement proposes the following:

- 1) That a debenture (loan) will be obtained by the Town of Grand Valley from Infrastructure Ontario
- 2) That the annual payments will be fixed over the life of the debenture

- 3) That any sponsorships, naming rights and grants obtained to offset project costs will be deducted from the total so that the loan is decreased and payments to be made by the municipalities will decrease
- 4) That the Community Centre will pay the Town for all loan payments and will collect a levy from the three municipalities in order to make those payments. The annual amount will be incorporated into the Community Centre's budget, included in the total levy required, then apportioned to the municipalities according to the terms of the Board agreement in the same way that the operating levy was apportioned before the debenture
- 5) That if there are changes to the Board's operating agreement or if the Board dissolves, the new agreement will address the payments, or the new operator of the Community Centre would be responsible for paying the loan through the Town of Grand Valley
- 6) The entire amount of the construction project will be funded through the debenture, once the funding through the ICIP grant and municipal agreement is exhausted, and any sponsorships or other funding is deducted or applied
- 7) That the Town will provide invoices to the Community Centre for each installment payment
- 8) That the Town will receive each installment payment from the Community Centre at least 5 business days prior to the withdrawal of the payment by Infrastructure Ontario
- 9) That installments will be due twice per year, unless the agreement with Infrastructure Ontario deems otherwise

Staff recommend that Grand Valley Council receive this report and the attached draft agreement and send it to Amaranth and East Garafraxa to obtain their comments and their legal and insurance review comments, asking for their comments by June 2 so that Grand Valley Council can compile all comments for a follow up report at their June 10 meeting.

Staff also recommend that Council direct staff to commence the application to Infrastructure Ontario, which could take a few months to complete, given their requirements for review. Staff will report back on progress at the June 10 meeting.

Financial Impact

The annual payment will be a set amount. Interest payments will decrease while principal payments increase over the term of the debenture. The amount of money that each municipality will have to pay toward the project depends on the success of attempts to find alternative funds (grants, sponsorships, naming rights, etc.) and each municipality's catchment area's assessment changes. The amount requested could vary from year to year, depending on how the Board manages their total budget.

Consultations

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Joint Cost Sharing Agreement for \$2.8million in project costs

Attachment 2 – Report to Grand Valley Council - Phase 2 and 3 funding proposal

Attachment 3 – Proposal to Amaranth and East Garafraxa Councils

Attachment 4 – East Garafraxa's continued commitment

Attachment 5 – Amaranth's continued commitment

Attachment 6 – draft agreement for remainder of project costs

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MEMO TO COUNCIL 2025-016

TO: Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

FROM: Sabrina VanGerven, Treasurer

DATE: June 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Response to Grand Valley Report 2025-079 Medical Dental Centre Board Dissolution

Recommendation

That Council receives this report;
And That Council select a preferred option;
And That staff be directed to communicate Council's position to the Town of Grand Valley and, if applicable, initiate the necessary steps to negotiate a Dissolution Agreement.

Background

The Township of East Garafraxa formally withdrew from the Board. Amaranth passed a resolution declining to withdraw without compensation for its proportional share of the Board's assets.

Grand Valley has now proposed to dissolve the Board effective December 31, 2024 and to assume full responsibility for the facility. Their report, attached as Appendix 1, outlines plans for using the remaining Board funds to complete capital repairs and finalize the Board's operations.

Amaranth's financial contributions and involvement in the Centre includes:

- **\$14,645** Contributed for capital renovations (2003)
- **\$29,858** Levy approved for capital renovations, with **\$9,953** still outstanding (2024)
- **\$209,385** (30% of 2023 Accumulated surplus) Historical interest consolidated and recognized in financial statements as shown in Appendix 2.

Analysis

Key Issues

1. Capital Asset Ownership Unresolved

While Grand Valley holds legal title, the structure of cost-sharing, shared governance, and capital funding implies a broader financial interest by all three municipalities. The 2015 agreement is silent on capital ownership, but explicit on proportional financial responsibility and surplus sharing.

2. Asset Transfers

In 2020, the Board acquired land adjacent to the building and transferred title solely to the Town of Grand Valley, without financial recognition or compensation to Amaranth or East Garafraxa. Similarly, in 2003 and 2024, the Board issued capital levy to all three municipalities to fund upgraded renovations to the facility. The contributions were made with the understanding that the participating municipalities held a financial interest in the capital asset. These decisions were consistent with long-standing intent of shared ownership and investment but occurred in the absence of a formal mechanism within the agreement to acknowledge or reconcile capital contributions among the parties.

3. Incomplete Reconciliation of 2024 Levy

Amaranth has paid the majority of its 2024 levy in good faith to support capital renovations. No final reconciliation has been shared, and Grand Valley's dissolution plan offers no guarantee the funds will remain to be returned.

4. Potential Financial Write-off

If Amaranth agrees to withdraw without compensation or a binding Dissolution Agreement, it will need to write off its recognized financial interest in the Board.

Options for Council Consideration

1. Support Dissolution with Conditions
2. Decline Dissolution without Capital Compensation
3. Accept Financial Loss and Prioritize Future Safeguards

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Town of Grand Valley's proposal to dissolve the Grand Valley Medical Dental Centre and to outline key issues and options for the Township of Amaranth's response, including consideration of financial interests and long-term implications.

Strategic Pillar: Manage an Efficient and Effective Township

Goal #5 Inter-governmental advocacy for Township needs

Respectfully by,
Sabrina VanGerven, Treasurer

Attachments	
Appendix 1	Grand Valley Staff Report 2025-079
Appendix 2	Page 25 of the 2023 Financial Statements



STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Meghan Townsend, CAO/Clerk
Meeting Date: May 13, 2025
Report Number: 2025-079
Subject: Grand Valley Medical Dental Board Dissolution

Recommendation

THAT Council receives Report – Grand Valley Medical Dental Board Dissolution
AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Town of Grand Valley agrees with the terms and conditions for dissolution of the Board presented,
AND FURTHER THAT Council for the Town of Grand Valley agrees to the termination of the Board effective December 31, 2024, and a waiver of the one-year notice requirement,
AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the CAO to send this report to the Townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa for their consideration and comment.

Executive Summary

Purpose

To present a plan for the dissolution of the Grand Valley Medical Dental Board.

Key Findings

A plan for dissolution is presented, with discussion on the renovation work required and the management of assets and final close out for the Board.

Financial Implications

The Board's bank balance will be used to pay for the Board's renovation work, the final audit and financial close out processes and any final costs related to the dissolution.

Report**Background**

When the volunteer community Board of Managers for the Grand Valley Medical Dental Centre dissolved in 2005, the Board of Managers transferred ownership of the centre to the Town of Grand Valley (then Township of East Luther Grand Valley). The three municipalities whose residents relied on the facility – being Amaranth, East Garafraxa and Grand Valley – came together to form a new board and transferred operations from the community board. This new board would oversee the operations of the Centre, participate in the recruitment of medical professionals, and it would provide accommodation for medical and dental services for the community so that practitioners would come to serve the area and would stay in practice with affordable rent and a central location.

The first agreement for the new Board is attached as Attachment 1 to this report. To jointly manage and operate the facility, the municipalities agreed that the revenues received by the Board (being rent and grant funding) will be used to offset the capital repairs and operating expenditures. All deficits and any surplus, beyond a reserve to be determined by the Board, shall be apportioned to the parties to this Agreement, as follows:

- East Luther Grand Valley - 50%
- Amaranth - 30%
- East Garaftaxa - 20%

In the event that any Municipality wanted to cease participating in the Board, the agreement stipulated that they may do so provided that:

- I. one (1) year's written notice be given to the Board and to the other parties. Any written notice given as aforesaid shall terminate this Agreement as of December 31 of the year following notice;
- II. any debt incurred, whether through the issue of debentures or any other way by the Municipality for the Board purposes shall remain the responsibility of the Municipality; and

- III. any assets, including reserves, contributed by the Municipality to the Board shall remain the property of the Board. If the Board is completely dissolved the assets are to be split in proportion to the number of Municipalities party to this Agreement.

The current agreement was executed in 2015. It is attached as Attachment 2 to this report. It contains the same provisions as stated above and appears to have been written primarily to change the name of the Township of East Luther Grand Valley to the Town of Grand Valley.

Since the time of the transfer, the Town of Grand Valley provided insurance for the facility, and was reimbursed by the Board. Grand Valley staff provided secretarial and treasury services for the Board, and their time was reimbursed by the Board. External contractors were hired to cut grass, plow snow, maintain the HVAC system and perform repair work as needed. The Town's gardener cared for the flower beds. Grand Valley did not seek compensation for other costs of software to manage the facility's finances, printing costs or other administrative expenses.

Today, the ability of the Board to lead in the "facilitation of services" has all but disappeared. Local municipal government in Ontario has limited involvement in physician recruitment. Upper levels of government manage medical service programs. Local municipalities can assist if they so choose, as long as that assistance does not contravene any procurement, fairness or transparency requirements. Local governments are not given funding mechanisms to support these services unless they choose to devote property taxes to cover costs. During the recent period of local transition in physician services, the local Board had very little influence over who was recruited and what services they would provide.

Which left the Board serving as a landlord for a commercial building owned by the Town of Grand Valley. Board members occasionally performed repair and maintenance work themselves in the past to cut costs and keep the rent far below market rent for commercial facilities. The Board obtained grants to update the accessibility of the facility. Otherwise, until recently, the building was paid for with the tenant rents. After a few incidents of flooding and other tenant complaints, it was discovered that:

- the building's foundation masonry was cracked and leaked,
- the concrete ramp to the lower level was needing repair,
- the stormwater drainage was not set up to handle heavy rainfalls, which caused significant interior flooding,
- there were odours spreading around the facility from unknown sources, and

- work was needed to retaining wall structures around the south and east sides of the parking lot.

Additionally, tenants were asking the Board for renovations to rehabilitate the interior of the building.

In 2024, once a Building Condition Assessment was completed and a budget was established, the Board requested funding from the three municipalities to offset costs of investigations, engineering and construction to handle these capital repairs (previous funds collected from the Town of Grand Valley and the Township of East Garafraxa were repaid many years ago). The Board's reserve had been built up from excess revenue when utilities and maintenance costs were less than annual revenue, and in 2023 and 2024, the reserve was spent on renovations. When the reserves were depleted, a levy on the three municipalities was apportioned and funds were retained in the Board's bank account to help with the other capital costs. Attachment 3 presents the budget and levy breakdown.

The Board secretary facilitated inspections and repair work and reported back to the Board on the results of inspections and the repairs as they were conducted. The Board committed that the levy would go toward work recommended in the inspections, including the remaining renovations in the upper-level medical clinic, retaining wall restoration work and repairs in the lower level, with an estimated cost of \$258,000.

While capital repair work was being contemplated and planned, the Board had discussions on its role in the community. At their February 27, 2023 meeting, the Board passed the following resolution, which was sent to the three municipalities:

Resolution 2023-02-08

Moved by S. Soloman, Seconded by P. Rentsch

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board directs the secretary to inform the 3 participating councils of the intention to dissolve the board and Grand Valley solely administer the Medical Centre.

CARRIED

The Council of the Township of East Garafraxa advised the other two municipalities that it no longer wished to participate on the Board, that they voluntarily remove themselves, and that they had made no monetary contributions to the Board prior to 2024. They also indicated an interest in participating in a proposed medical advisory committee that would serve to ensure

services were provided for the community. The other two municipalities have not given notice of intent, except that Amaranth presented the following resolution in October 2023:

Resolution #: 6

Moved by: B. Metzger

Seconded by: G. Little

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Township of Amaranth does not voluntarily remove itself from the Grand Valley Medical Dental Board without reimbursement for the assets in proportion as outlined in the Agreement.

CARRIED

Discussion

Of the previously mentioned capital repairs, the Board completed renovations to the upper level, renovations due to flooding were completed in the lower level, the source of the odour was identified, and faulty piping was replaced, and the parking lot's retaining walls were replaced and new guardrail installed.

Currently, the Board's bank account is their only financial asset. It has \$160,000 in it. The Board is a registered entity with the Canada Revenue Agency for HST collection purchases. Their finances are audited annually, and this audit is consolidated with the audits of the three municipalities. Utility bills are in the board's name.

At their December 4, 2024 meeting, the Board discussed dissolution, and decided on the following:

1. That Grand Valley assume full operation of the centre as landlord
2. That the three municipalities form an advisory committee on health services at some point in the future, and
3. That a plan of dissolution be presented for review and agreement by the three municipalities, and this plan would be that:
 - a. That the 2024 levy money be spent on the rehabilitation planned by the Board
 - b. Once the rehabilitation work is completed, any residual funds in the bank account will be used to pay for final audit costs and board close out costs.

- c. Once all board related costs have been paid for, any remaining funds would be divided between the three municipalities. Grand Valley will coordinate the work and provide a reconciliation of the bank account to the three municipalities once completed. If there were no remaining funds, there would be no funds transferred to the municipalities.
 - i. While not necessarily discussed, staff assume that the division of remaining funds would be based on the agreement's apportionment of 50-30-20%.
- d. 2024 would be the final year of operations for the Board and the auditors will assist with closing out the books and transferring operations to Grand Valley. All final expenses, including the 2024 audit expenses, would be paid for by the Board.
 - i. Therefore, Amaranth and Grand Valley councils would both need to state that they are leaving the Board and agree that the dissolution will take effect December 31, 2024.
- e. The new leases with tenants that the Board was preparing would be signed between the tenants and the Town.

While not discussed at the Board meeting, in the interest of fairness to all parties, staff propose that if Grand Valley decides to sell the building within the next 3 years (e.g., before December 31, 2028), Grand Valley would reimburse the levy money collected in 2024 from Amaranth and East Garafraxa from the proceeds of the sale.

This plan for dissolution would be sent to the three municipalities for consideration and agreement by resolution. If desired, an Agreement of Dissolution could be prepared in order to ensure clarity and transparency for all parties. Whether this agreement should be prepared by a legal counsel paid for by the Board, then reviewed independently by each municipality's legal counsel was not discussed previously by the Board.

Staff recommend that Council pass a resolution to receive this report, remove themselves from the Board effective December 31, 2024, waive the one-year notice requirement, and direct staff to send this report and resolution to the other municipalities.

Financial Impact

It is anticipated that the resources of the Board will be exhausted in order to finish renovations and pay out final close-out costs. Grand Valley will incur costs to complete the rehabilitation work started by the Board. Grand Valley is also incurring costs related to signing of new leases and management of tenancies. It is anticipated that tenant revenues will cover these costs for the Town, and this revenue will be determined as we finalize the leases.

Consultations

Grand Valley Medical Dental Board

RJ Burnside and Associates Ltd

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Town of Grand Valley By-law 2006-43, with agreement attached

Attachment 2 - Town of Grand Valley By-law 2015-09, with agreement attached

Attachment 3- 2024 Budget and Levy Breakdown

This report was submitted by

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The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth
Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

12. Government Partnerships - continued

Grand Valley Medical - Dental Board

Grand Valley Medical - Dental Board is a joint board under the shared control of the Township of Amaranth, the Township of East Garafraxa, and the Town of Grand Valley. The consolidated financial statements include the municipality's 30.00% proportionate operating interest of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Financial assets	\$ 116,057	\$ 121,383
Liabilities	<u>9,138</u>	<u>11,651</u>
Net financial assets	106,919	109,732
Non-financial assets	<u>591,033</u>	<u>607,090</u>
Accumulated surplus	<u>\$ 697,952</u>	<u>\$ 716,822</u>
Revenues	\$ 51,772	\$ 47,210
Expenses	<u>70,642</u>	<u>63,483</u>
Annual surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ (18,870)</u>	<u>\$ (16,273)</u>

On October 16, 2024, Council received a resolution from the Grand Valley Medical-Dental Board informing the participating councils of their intention to dissolve the board as of December 31, 2024.



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Karen Gardhouse, Office Coordinator



May 12, 2025

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RE: GRADE 8 GRADUATION CEREMONY

On behalf of the staff and students at Laurelwoods Elementary School, I would like to thank you for your ongoing sponsorship of the Academic Achievement Award for our Grade Eight graduation. We appreciate your efforts to support our students.

If you would like to continue to sponsor this award again this year, please send a cheque for \$25.00 payable to Laurelwoods Elementary School by June 13, 2025. We will use these funds to purchase a "keeper plaque" for the student who receives the award.

The engraving will be set as follows:

Academic Achievement Award
Sponsored by:
Amaranth Municipal Council

The graduation ceremony will be held on Monday, June 23rd, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the school gymnasium. Please telephone the school or send an email to karen.gardhouse@ugdsb.on.ca to confirm whether a representative will be in attendance to present the award.

Again, we would like to thank you for your interest in and support of our initiatives here at Laurelwoods.

Yours sincerely,

Lori Shilvock
Principal



PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Council of the Township of Amaranth will be holding a public meeting to discuss the implementation of a Parking by-law, Tidy Yards by-law and a revised Animal Control & Kennel by-law.

This meeting will be held on Wednesday June 18th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Office or virtually through the Zoom link provided in the Council Agenda which can be found at the following link.

<https://www.amaranth.ca/municipal-government/council-agenda-minutes/>

Draft copies of the by-laws can be found in the Council agenda package for the June 4th Council meeting and are available on the Township website at:

<https://www.amaranth.ca/municipal-government/by-laws/>

Interested persons may express their comments in writing or via e-mail to the Municipal Clerk. Such comments will be brought before Council.

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

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The Corporation Of The Township Of Amaranth

By-Law Number 2025-_____

Being A By-Law To Regulate Parking In The Township of Amaranth

Whereas Section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, hereinafter referred to as “the *Act*” provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the *Act* or any other Act;

And Whereas Section 11(3) 1 and Section 11(3) 8 of the *Act* authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws regarding highways, including parking and traffic on highways;

And Whereas Section 23.1 of the *Act*, authorizes a municipality to delegate its powers and duties;

And Whereas Section 391 (1) of the *Act* authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges;

And Whereas Section 425 (1) of the *Act* authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws providing that a person who contravenes a by-law of a municipality passed under the *Act* is guilty of an offence;

And Whereas Section 429 (1) of the *Act* provides that a municipality may establish a system of fines for a by-law passed under the *Act*;

And Whereas Section 170 (15) of the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 8*, as amended, regulates traffic and the removal of vehicles;

Now Therefore the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

In this By-law:

“Costs” means all monetary expenses including labour incurred by the Township including interest;

“CAO/Clerk” means the CAO/Clerk for the Township or their designate;

“Emergency Vehicle” means a fire department vehicle, a police vehicle or an ambulance;

“Highway” includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, driveway, square, place, bridge, viaduct or trestle, any part which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof and includes any part of a highway;

“Highway Traffic Act” means the *Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H. 8*, as amended, and its regulations;

“Motor Vehicle” includes an automobile, a motorcycle, a motor assisted bicycle, and any other vehicle propelled or driven otherwise than by muscular power, but does not include a street car or other motor vehicle running only upon rails, a power-assisted bicycle, a motorized snow vehicle, a traction engine, a farm tractor, a self-propelled implement of husbandry or a road-building machine;

“Officer” means a Police Officer, a municipal law enforcement officer, or any other person appointed by by-law to enforce the provisions of this By-law;

“Owner of a Vehicle” means:

- (a) the person whose name appears on the permit of the vehicle; and
- (b) if the vehicle permit consists of a vehicle portion and plate portion and different person(s) are named on each portion, the person whose name appears on the plate portion;

“Park” or “Parking” or “Parked” means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading merchandise or passengers;

“Person” includes an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited partnership, trust, corporation, and an individual in his or her capacity as a trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative and includes an owner of a vehicle;

“Township” means the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth or the land within the geographic limit of the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth as the context requires;

“Vehicle” includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, road-building machine, bicycle and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by any kind of power, including muscular power, but does not include a motorized snow vehicle or street car;

2. Short Title

2.1 This By-law may be cited as the “Parking By-law”.

3. Delegation Of Authority

3.1 The CAO/Clerk is hereby delegated authority to:

- (a) administer this By-law;
- (b) temporarily lift parking restrictions.

3.2 Where a title to a position identified in this By-law no longer exists or is modified, the powers and duties may be exercised by a person deemed to have the responsibilities of the original position until such time as an amending by-law is adopted by Council.

3.3 The provisions of this By-law do not apply to the Township, the County of Dufferin, for the purpose of carrying out their duties or delivering any of its programs or services, the Police, a provincial or federal agency or body, an emergency vehicle and any other agency authorized by the Township for the purpose of carrying out their duties.

4. Parking Prohibited – Signs Not Required

4.1 No person shall park a vehicle on a highway between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m..

5. Towing

5.1 If a vehicle is parked on a highway that:

- (a) contravenes any provision of this By-law;
- (b) is in contravention of the Highway Traffic Act;

an Officer may cause it to be moved or taken and placed in a suitable place and all costs for the removing, care and storage are a lien on the vehicle and enforceable in the manner provided for by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. R. 25, as amended.

6. Enforcement And Penalty Provisions

- 6.1 The enforcement of this By-law shall be conducted by an Officer or other persons appointed by the Township.
- 6.2 No person shall hinder or obstruct an Officer in the enforcement of this By-law.
- 6.3 The provisions of this by-law shall be enforced pursuant to the provisions set out in the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33*, as amended. Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine as provided for by the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33*, as amended.
- 6.4 Where a Certificate of Parking Infraction has been issued alleging that the provisions of this By-law have been contravened, the person alleged to have committed an infraction may voluntarily pay a penalty to the Township within thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged contravention, and such payment shall be accepted in full satisfaction of the fine, and no further proceedings shall be taken.

7. Interpretation

- 7.1 In this by-law, any expression of time shall be calculated as standard time except in periods when daylight saving time is declared to be in effect, where upon time shall be calculated as daylight saving time.
- 7.2 In this By-law, unless the context otherwise requires words importing the singular shall include the plural, where applicable.

8. Severability

- 8.1 If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any section or part of this By-law invalid, the remainder of this By-law shall continue in force unless the court makes an order to the contrary.

9. Effective Date

- 9.1 This By-law shall come into effect upon receiving short form wording and set fine approval.

By-Law Read A First And Second Time This ____ Day Of _____ 2025.

By-Law Read A Third Time And Passed This ____ Day Of _____ 2025.

Head of Council

CAO/Clerk

The Corporation Of The Township Of Amaranth

By-law Number 2025-_____

Being a by-law to provide for the regulation, restriction, keeping and licensing of dogs and kennels and the prohibition of cruelty to domestic animals in the Township of Amaranth

Whereas Subsection 11 (3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides authority for lower tier municipalities to pass By-laws to regulate animals;

And Whereas Sections 103 and 105 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provide authority in respect of the seizure and impounding of dogs found running at large and the muzzling of dogs in the Township;

And Whereas The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth (the "Township") deems it desirable to prohibit the running at large of dogs in the Township, to implement provisions for the proper installation and maintenance of kennels and to appoint an Animal Control Officer to carry out the enforcement thereof in order to promote reasonable and safe care of the dogs in the Township;

And Whereas Subsection 391 (1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes a Township to impose fees or charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;

And Whereas Section 20 of the Animals for Research Act, RSO 1990, Chapter A.22, as amended, details the terms and conditions under which a municipal pound may impound a dog or require a dog to be destroyed.

And Whereas section 2 of the Protection of Livestock and Poultry from Dogs Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. L.24, as amended, allows any person to kill a dog that is found killing or injuring livestock or poultry.

And Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Amaranth is desirous of prohibiting cruelty to animals as well as maintaining control over dogs from running at large within the Township.

Now Therefore the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 Definitions for the purposes of this by-law:

- 1.1 "Animal Control Officer" means a person or persons duly appointed by the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth to enforce the provisions of this by-law and includes any police officer appointed pursuant to the *Police Services Act*.
- 1.2 "At Large" or "Trespass", in the context of dogs shall mean to be found in a place other than the premises of the owner of the dog and not under the control of the owner of the dog or other competent person authorized by the owner to have control. 'Run at Large or Running At Large' shall have the same meaning under this By-law.
- 1.3 "Dangerous Dog" means a dog that

- a) has, in the absence of any mitigating factor, (exceptions may be made if the dog was teased, abused, assaulted or if the dog was reacting to a person trespassing on the property owned by the dog's owner) attacked, bitten, or caused injury to a person or has demonstrated a propensity, tendency or disposition to do so; or
 - b) has significantly injured a domestic or farm animal; or
 - c) has shown the disposition or tendency to be threatening or aggressive to persons or animals; or
 - d) has been previously designated as a potentially dangerous dog, is kept or permitted to be kept in violation of the requirements for such dog.
- 1.4 "Distress" means the state of being in need of proper care, water, food or shelter or being injured, sick or in pain or suffering or being abused or subject to undue or unnecessary hardship, privation or neglect.
- 1.5 "Dog" means any male or female domesticated dog, or any member of the species *Canis familiaris*.
- 1.6 "Dog tag" means a metal piece furnished by the Township of Amaranth that bears an identification number and is suitable to be securely fixed on an animal for the purpose of identification. Such tag is received upon registration of a dog and payment of the appropriate fee.
- 1.7 "Guide Dog" means a dog that is trained to aid persons with disabilities and is actively in use for such purposes;
- 1.8 "Kennel" shall mean any part of a lot, building, structure or establishment where more than three (3) dogs are kept and which is licensed by the Township under the provisions of the Municipal Act;
- a) Boarding Kennel shall mean for the purpose of this by-law be deemed a facility which provides shelter and care of dogs under contract;
 - b) Breeding Kennel means a place where a minimum of three (3) are housed, groomed, boarded, bred, trained, sold for breeding purposes and are registered with an association incorporated under the Animal Pedigree Act (Canada).
 - c) Personal Use Kennel shall mean any property in which more than three (3) dogs are kept for show purposes or predator control
- 1.9 "Kennel Licence" means a certificate issued by the Clerk or designate of the Township upon fulfilling the requirements of the by-law and by payment of the appropriate fee.
- 1.10 "Keep" means to have temporary or permanent control or possession of an animal.
- 1.11 "License" means a license that has been issued and paid for the current licensing year.
- 1.12 "Muzzle" means a fastening or covering devise of adequate strength over the

mouth to prevent a dog from biting.

- 1.13 "Township" means The Corporation of the Township of Amaranth or employee thereof.
- 1.14 "Owner" means any owner of a dog as identified on the dog license, including a person, partnership, association or corporation that owns, possesses or has control, care or custody over a dog and, where the owner is a minor, the person responsible for the custody of the minor.
- 1.15 "Peace Officer" means:
- a) a police officer, including a police officer within the meaning of the Police Services Act, a special constable, a First Nations Constable and an auxiliary member of a police force;
 - b) a municipal law enforcement officer;
 - c) an inspector or agent under the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act; or
 - d) a public officer designated as a peace officer for the purposes of the Dog Owner's Liability Act.
- 1.16 "Person" means any human being, association, firm, partnership, private club, incorporated company, corporation, agent or trustee and the heirs, executors, or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law.
- 1.17 "Police Work Dog" means a dog trained to aid law enforcement officers and which dog is actually being used for police work.
- 1.18 "Pound" means the premises that are used for the detention, maintenance or disposal of dogs that have been impounded pursuant to this By-law or the Dog Owners Liability Act.
- 1.19 "Pound keeper" means the owner, operator or person(s) acting on behalf of the owner or operator of the facility identified by the Township as providing pound services for the Township.
- 1.20 "Protective Care" means the temporary, time-limited keeping of a domestic animal by the Municipality as a result of the eviction, incarceration, fire or medical emergency.
- 1.21 "Purebred" means bred from stock having no admixture as certified by a competent certification authority
- 1.22 "Registration" means a dog
- a) Registered or eligible for registration in the register of the Canadian Kennel Club, Incorporated, or
 - b) Of a class designated as pure-bred in any regulations passed pursuant to provincial legislation.

1.23 "Urban Residential Zone" means the residential zones included in the Township of Amaranth Comprehensive Zoning By-law including, Berkeley, Village of Amaranth, Holland Centre, Desboro, Keady, and Walters Falls and Williamsford.

2.0 Animal Control Officer

2.1 Council shall, by By-law, appoint an Animal Control Officer whose duties it shall be to:

- 2.1.1 On occasion Issue dog tags upon registration in accordance with the provisions of this By-law.
- 2.1.2 On occasion collect Kennel Licence and registration fees in accordance with the Fees and Charges By-law.
- 2.1.3 Assist in the prosecution of any contravention of this By-law.
- 2.1.4 Assist with the upkeep of an accurate dog tag registry pursuant to this By-law and such records must show the dog owner's name and address and the serial number of the dog tag.
- 2.1.5 Report to Council and/or the Police Services Board, if requested on all matters relating to this By-law or at such shorter intervals as requested by Council.
- 2.1.6 Inspect kennels registered in the Township if and when required to ensure compliance with this By-law.
- 2.1.7 Administer and implement the provisions of this By-law.

2.2 Any duties contained in Sections 2.1 of this By-law may also be performed by the Clerk of the Township or any staff member acting under the Clerk's direction.

2.3 Council may, by By-law, appoint a person as a Relief By-law Enforcement/Small Animal Control Officer whose duty shall be to perform the duties of the Animal Control Officer during the absence of the Animal Control Officer. The Relief By-law Enforcement/Small Animal Control Officer shall have the same duties as are herein set forth for the Animal Control Officer.

3.0 Dog Tags, Licensing and Registration

3.1 No person shall own, possess or harbor an unlicensed dog within the Township.

3.2 No owner shall keep or permit to be kept more than three (3) dogs at any one time, per dwelling unit, location or residence within the Township of Amaranth, with exception of the following:

- a) a licensed kennel;
- b) an animal hospital/veterinary clinic;

- c) a pet store;
 - d) a registered research facility or supply facility under the Animals for Research Act;
 - e) a pound
- 3.3 The owner of a dog in the Township of Amaranth shall within one week after the dog comes into their possession cause the dog to be registered and licensed at the Municipal office for the Township of Amaranth for the balance of the calendar year.
- 3.4 Every person who is the owner of a dog greater than six (6) months old at any point in the year shall, on or before the 1st day of March in each and every year (or immediately after the dog reaches six (6) months of age where that takes place after March 1st) cause such dog to be registered and shall procure a tag therefor. Such registration shall expire on the 31st day of December each year in which the same was issued.
- 3.5 Every owner of a dog shall cause a dog tag to be securely affixed on the dog at all times (until the tag needs replaced). The tag shall be supplied by the Township upon the payment of the registration fee as set out in the Fees and Charges By-law.
- 3.6 A dog tag shall bear the serial number and no person shall remove the tag from a registered dog unless the dog is being lawfully used for hunting purposes.
- 3.7 Where the owner of a dog has been issued a current tag and license under this By-law, finds that the current tag has been lost, destroyed or mutilated, the owner may acquire, for the remainder of the license period, a replacement tag, upon producing proof of purchase of a valid license and upon payment of a fee as outlined in the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.
- 3.8 The dog license fees pursuant to this By-law shall be those set out in the Township of Amaranth Fees and Charges By-law.
- 3.9 Dog tags shall not be transferable and shall expire and become void upon the sale, death or other disposal of the dog. The tag shall be returned to the Township so that the dog may be deleted from the register.
- 3.10 The Township shall keep a record of all dogs registered and tagged showing the owners name and address, description of dog and tag number.
- 3.11 The Animal Control Officer in any given year as directed, may attend the entire Township or a section of the Township to bring the dog registry up to date.
- 3.12 Those dog owners listed on the register will be invoiced in January annually as per the fees prescribed by the Fees and Charges By-law.

4.0 Kennels

4.1 Kennel Application

- 4.1.1 Every person making an application to operate a Kennel shall pay an initial application fee to the Township as outlined in the Township's Fees and Charges By-law and complete the prescribed application form and provide such information as may be required to properly consider the application.
- 4.1.2 Once the initial application is approved, the operator must renew the license on an annual basis by completing the prescribed application/renewal form and pay the annual renewal fee.
- 4.1.3 Prior to any licence being issued by the Township for Kennel, the applicant must supply verification satisfactory to the Township that the property where such kennel is to operate is designated under the Township's comprehensive zoning by-laws(s) or approval from Niagara Escarpment Commission to allow the operation of a commercial/boarding kennel and that the kennel complies with any requirements of the comprehensive zoning by-laws(s) and or other agency approvals for the operation of a commercial kennel.
- 4.1.4 Upon application for a Commercial Breeding Kennel licence the applicant must provide to the Township written confirmation that all dogs kept within the kennel are purebred dogs and are registered with the Canadian Kennel Club Inc., American Kennel Club or other Accredited affiliation and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Second Edition, May 2007".

4.2 Kennels – General

- 4.2.1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4.1 of this by-law an individual who owns more than three (3) dogs, that may or may not be purebred, at their place of residence but does not breed any of these dogs for sale to the public as a commercial undertaking shall apply and pay an annual licence fee to obtain a Kennel Licence from the Township.
- 4.2.2 Every person who owns or operates a Kennel shall comply with the requirements set out in "A Code of Practice for Canadian Kennel Operations" Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, Second Edition. May 2007".
- 4.2.3 After giving notice in writing, the Township may at any time suspend or revoke a Kennel licence for failure by the holder thereof to comply with this by-law. Such grounds for cancellation shall include but not be limited to unresolved problems of noise, sanitation, care of dogs, or uses other than permitted by the Kennel licence, as determined by the Township in its sole discretion.
- 4.2.4 The written notice described in 4.2.4 shall be delivered in person or mailed by prepaid registered mail to the registered owner of the Kennel.

- 4.2.5 No person shall operate or continue to operate a Kennel without a valid licence.
- 4.2.6 All Kennel licences shall be valid for one calendar year or applicable portion thereof.
- 4.2.7 Kennel licences shall only be issued by the Clerk of the Township or any staff member acting under the Clerk's direction.
- 4.2.8 The owner, operator or manager of a Kennel shall reside on the property on which the Kennel is located.

4.3 Kennel Conditions

4.3.1 Every person who applies for and receives a kennel license or operates Boarding/Breeding facilities for dogs shall comply with the following requirements:

- a) The kennel building shall be in a separate building and shall not be attached to any building used or capable of being used for human habitation.
- b) The kennel building and its location shall conform to the zoning by-law or approval authority for land use (ie. Niagara Escarpment Commission) and the Ontario Building Code and the building shall be maintained in damage free condition.
- c) The kennel building shall have a floor of concrete or other impermeable material and shall have a drain opening constructed as a plumbing fixture.
- d) The kennel floor shall be thoroughly cleaned daily, or more often if necessary.
- e) Any cage shall be adequately sized to allow the animal to extend its legs to their full extent, to stand, sit, turn around, or lie down in a fully extended position.
- f) Cages are to be constructed solely of metal, or wire, or partly of wire, and shall have metal or other impermeable bottoms, which shall be cleaned and washed daily, or more often, if necessary.
- g) The kennel building shall have:
 - (i) electric lighting;
 - (ii) windows which may be opened for proper ventilation;
 - (iii) a heating system sufficient to adequately heat the building if required;
 - (iv) hot and cold running water; and
 - (v) a food preparation area.
 - (vi) Where animals are permitted to use an outside area, there shall be constructed around such area, a chain link fence having a height of at least 2.6 metres (eight feet) the wall of an adjacent building may be included as part of such fenced-in area.
 - (vii) A manure receptacle for the storage of dog waste. All

kennel owners shall comply with the provisions of Part V of the Environmental Act, R.S.O. 1990 and all regulations thereto with respect to waste management systems, including but not limited to the collection and disposal of waste.

4.3.2 Every person who holds a kennel license or operates Boarding/Breeding facilities for dogs, shall comply with the following requirements:

- a) The license shall be exposed at all times in a conspicuous place in the interior of the premises.
- b) The premises shall be maintained in a sanitary, well ventilated, clean condition, and free from offensive odours.
- c) The animals shall be kept in sanitary, well bedded, well ventilated, naturally lighted, clean quarters and a healthful temperature shall be maintained at all times.
- d) The animals shall be adequately fed and watered and kept in a clean, healthy condition, free from vermin and disease.

4.3.3 The Animal Control Officer and any person designated may inspect any place where the dogs are kept, pursuant to this by-law.

4.3.4 If the kennel is found not to conform to the requirements set out herein, the Animal Control Officer may direct that the animals be seized and impounded and may revoke the license issued to the kennel as established in 4.2.4 and 4.2.5.

4.3.5 Breeding Kennel Conditions:

In addition to the conditions set out in Section 4.3, every breeding kennel shall:

- a) Maintain the whelping bitch in separate accommodations from the balance of the dogs in the kennel;
- b) The whelping box shall be constructed with four sides and a floor made from impermeable materials;
- c) Provide adequate supplemental heat at all times;
- d) Provide sufficient designated space for the proper enrichment and socializing of puppies to be offered for sale.

4.4 Kennel Inspections

4.4.1 Every person who holds a Kennel licence or the owner/operator of a Kennel shall at all reasonable hours, ensure the Kennel is open to inspection by the Animal Control Officer and/or the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Police Officer, any such other person as may be appointed by Council upon the production of proper identification, or any other person authorized to do so under any Provincial or Federal Legislation.

- 4.4.2 Every person who holds a Kennel licence or the owner/operator of a Kennel shall post the licence in a prominent place in the Kennel and shall, when so requested by the Animal Control Officer or any person authorized by the Township, produce such licence for inspection.
- 4.4.3 If, after a written request to be granted access to a Kennel as per Section 4.4.1 of this by-law, an owner has not granted access to the Animal Control Officer, the Kennel licence may be suspended or revoked by the Township in its sole discretion.
- 4.4.4 Where the Animal Control Officer finds that the owner or operator of a Kennel does not comply with any regulation in this by-law, he or she may direct that the animals at the Kennel be seized and impounded by the Pound-keeper.

5.0 Pounds

- 5.1 Council shall from time to time designate a place or places for the establishment, maintenance and operation of facilities for the impounding of domestic animals within the Township of Amaranth which shall be identified as the Pound or Pounds. **The Walkerton Hanover Veterinary Clinic** has been established as the primary pound within the Township of Amaranth.
- 5.2 Council shall from time to time appoint by resolution or by-law, a Pound keeper to maintain and operate the Pound or Pounds established pursuant to this By-law.
- 5.3 Any Pound keeper in charge of the Municipal Pound will impound and detain all dogs delivered to him/her by the Animal Control Officer and shall furnish them with sufficient food, water, shelter.

6.0 Impounding

- 6.1 The Animal Control Officer or Police Officer may seize and impound any dog which is found by him/her or identified to him/her to be at large within the Township.
- 6.2 The Animal Control Officer or Pound keeper may, upon seizure and impoundment of the dog, inform the dog's owner, if known, that their dog has been seized and impounded.
- 6.3 Impounded dogs shall be kept in the Pound for a minimum period of seventy two (72) hours unless claimed by Owner.
- 6.4 If an impounded dog is not claimed within the three days of the day on which the animal was impounded, excluding the day it was impounded, Saturday, Sunday and Statutory holidays, the Pound keeper may, on the expiration of this period, destroy or place such animal up for adoption or sale.
- 6.5 Where a dog is seized or impounded it will not be released until pound and maintenance charges have been paid, plus any penalties that may be outstanding.
- 6.6 The Pound keeper, upon receiving a certificate or other written verification

from a qualified veterinarian that an impounded dog is suffering from infectious or contagious disease, or is seriously injured causing undue pain and suffering, may immediately destroy that impounded dog.

- 6.7 The Pound keeper or Animal Control Officer may, upon receipt of a dog delivered to him/her by a Peace Officer deal with that dog in the same manner as other dogs seized and retained by him/her pursuant to this By-law.
- 6.8 The Pound keeper shall maintain a log book, in which he/she shall record the description of every dog impounded, the name of the person who impounded the dog, the time and location of the impoundment, the fees owing and the manner in which the impounded dog has been disposed of.
- 6.9 The impoundment fees and maintenance fees for dogs shall be those set out in agreement with the pound/pound keeper.
- 6.10 No person shall keep, harbor or have in their possession any dog suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, unless such dog is in isolation and under treatment for the cure of such disease.

7.0 Dogs Running at Large

- 7.1 No owner of a dog shall allow or permit such dog to Run at Large in the Township of Amaranth. For the purpose of this By-law, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large when found in any place other than the premises of the owner, and not under the control of any person.
- 7.2 The Animal Control Officer may capture any dog Running at Large and cause it to be impounded or return same to its registered owner, in the sole discretion of the Animal Control Officer. Should the dog be returned to the Owner, a ticket may be issued to said Owner.
- 7.3 The Owner of every dog impounded, if known, and whether or not the dog is claimed by the Owner from the Pound, shall be liable for the payment of the Pound's fees as determined by the Pound keeper and shall pay all fees on demand to the Pound- keeper.
- 7.4 A dog shall not be considered to be running at large if it is a Guide Dog, a Police Work Dog or a hunting dog accompanied by the harbourer or other responsible adult and is actively engaged or hunting or training for hunting, on unposted land, or on posted land with the permission of the owner thereof.
- 7.5 Any dog known or suspected to be rabid shall be immediately destroyed by its Owner or by someone appointed by the Animal Control Officer to do so, in such a manner that the dog's brain is not damaged. Thereafter, the head of the dog shall be submitted by its Owner or by the Animal Control Officer to a laboratory for diagnosis.
- 7.6 Where a dog captured under this section is injured or should be destroyed without delay for humane reasons or for reasons of safety to persons or animals, the Animal Control Officer, or other duly appointed Officer, in his or her sole discretion may destroy the dog in a humane manner as soon after capture as he or she thinks fit without permitting any persons to

reclaim the dog or without offering it for sale, and in such an event no damages or compensation shall be recovered on account thereof.

- 7.7 Where a dog is alleged to have bitten any person, such dog may be impounded and held by the Animal Control Officer until proceedings under the Dog Owners' Liability Act have been followed provided that no dog so impounded shall be held for a period in excess of twenty-one (21) days unless otherwise ordered by the Provincial Judge.

8.0 Dog Waste

- 8.1 Every person who owns, harbours, possesses or is in control of any dog shall remove forthwith and dispose of any excrement left by said dog on any property in the Township, other than the premises of the Owner of the dog.

9.0 Dangerous Dogs

- 9.1 The Owner of a dog shall exercise all reasonable precautions to prevent the dog from:
- a) biting or attacking a person or domestic animal; or
 - b) behaving in a manner that threatens or poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals
- 9.2 Every Owner of a dog that has bitten a person or a domestic animal shall ensure that said dog is muzzled or leashed while said dog is on any property in the Township, including the premises of the Owner of the dog.
- 9.3 Where the Owner of a dog objects to the muzzling or leashing requirement set forth in section 9.2 above, the Owner may request and is entitled to a Hearing by the Council of the Township of Amaranth. The Council may, by Resolution, delegate the holding of the aforesaid Hearing to a Committee of Council or to the Animal Control Officer. Council or Committee of Council or the Animal Control Officer, if so delegated, may, in its/his/her sole discretion, uphold the provisions of section 9.2 above or exempt the Owner, with or without conditions, from the muzzling or leashing requirements contained in section 9.2 above.
- 9.4 Every Owner of a Dangerous Dog shall keep it indoors or in a secured yard that prevents the dog from escaping over or under the fence or by any other means, and that prevents access by the public. Dangerous Dogs shall not be confined only by a chain or tether.
- 9.5 Owners shall post warning signs clearly and visibly on the property where a Dangerous Dog is kept.
- 9.6 The Animal Control Officer may seize a dog in a public place if the officer believes on reasonable grounds that:
- a) the dog has on one or more occasions bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal;

- b) the dog has on one or more occasions behaved in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals;
- c) an owner of the dogs has on one or more occasions failed to exercise reasonable precautions from carrying out Section 9.6 (a) or (b) as described above;
- d) the dog is a restricted pit bull and an owner of the dog has on one or more occasions failed to comply with one or more if the requirements of this Act or the regulations respecting pit bulls
- e) the dog is a pit bull other than a restricted pit bull; or
- f) there is reason to believe that the dog may cause harm to a person or domestic animal.

10.0 Prohibition of Cruelty to Animals

10.1 No person shall keep any domestic animal unless the animal is provided with:

- a) clean potable drinking water in spill proof containers at all times and suitable food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth and the maintenance of normal body weight;

food and water receptacles kept clean and disinfected and located so as to avoid contamination by excreta;
- b) the opportunity for periodic exercise sufficient to maintain good health;
- c) necessary veterinary medical care when the animal exhibits signs of pain or suffering.

10.2 No person shall keep any domestic animal which normally resides outside, or which is kept outside for short to extended periods of time, unless the animal is provided with outside shelter. The shelter must be weatherproof with an exterior windbreak and exterior door flap. The shelter door must face away from the prevailing wind and must be elevated off the ground. The shelter must be insulated:

- a) to ensure protection from heat, cold and wet;
- b) that is appropriate to the animal's weight and type of coat;
- c) that provides sufficient space to allow any animal the ability to turn about freely and to easily stand, sit and lie in a normal position;
- d) that is at least 1 1/2 times the length of the animal and at least the animal's length and width, and at least as high as the animal's height measured from the floor to the highest point of the animal when standing in a normal position plus 10%;
- e) that provides sufficient shade to protect the animal from the direct rays of the sun at all times;
- f) that is regularly cleaned and sanitized and all excreta removed at least

once a day.

- 10.3 No person shall cause a domestic animal to be hitched, tied or fastened by any rope, chain or cord that is directly tied around the animal's neck on to a choke collar.
- 10.4 No person shall cause a domestic animal to be confined in an enclosed space, including a car, without adequate ventilation.
- 10.5 No person shall allow any domestic animal to suffer from any infectious disease.

11.0 Miscellaneous Matters

- 11.1 The Township, its agents and servants and a Pound-Keeper shall not be liable for damages or compensation for any dog killed under the provisions of this By-law and no such damages or compensation shall be paid to any person.
- 11.2 The provisions of this By-law are severable and if any provisions of this By-law should, for any reason, be declared invalid or unenforceable by any court, the remaining provisions of the By-law shall remain in full force and effect and be interpreted in such a manner as the context permits in order to carry out their intent.

12.0 Penalties

- 12.1 Every person who contravenes any provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence; and,
 - a) in the case of person who is not a corporation, upon conviction therefore is liable to a fine or penalty of not more than Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00);
 - b) in the case of a corporation, upon conviction therefor is liable to a fine or penalty of not more than Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00).
- 12.2 The Animal Control Officer may enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property subject to the regulations of this By-law in order to ascertain whether such regulations or directions are being obeyed.
- 12.3 Any person convicted of an offence under this By-law may be liable to a penalty pursuant to s. 61 of the Provincial Offences Act R.S.O., 1990, c. P. 33.

13.0 Enactment

- 13.1 Repeal - By-law #_____ is hereby repealed – do we repeal the dog and kennel by-law
- 13.2 Effective Date - This by-law shall come into force and effect upon final passage thereof.

By-law Read A First And Second Time This Day Of March 2025.

By-law Read A Third Time And Passed This Day Of March 2025.

Head of Council

CAO/Clerk

The Corporation of The Township of Amaranth

By-law 2025-_____ Dogs & Kennels

Set Fines Under Part 1 Provincial Offences Act

Item	Short Form Wording	Provision Creating Or Defining The Offence	Set Fine
1	Failure to license dog	3.1	\$125.00
2	Keep more than 3 dogs	3.2	\$125.00
3	Fail to affix dog tag	3.5	\$125.00
4	Removal of dog tag	3.6	\$125.00
5	Failure to pay Commercial Breeding/Boarding Kennel license fee	4.1.2	\$125.00
6	Failure to pay kennel license fee	4.2.1	\$250.00
7	Operate a kennel without a license	4.2.5	\$250.00
8	Failure to reside on kennel property	4.2.8	\$250.00
9	Failure to comply with standards for kennel construction	4.3.1	\$250.00
10	Fail to display kennel license	4.3.2(a)	\$250.00
11	Fail to maintain kennel in sanitary condition	4.3.2(b)	\$250.00
12	Keep animals in unsanitary condition	4.3.2(c)	\$250.00
13	Fail to adequately feed animals	4.3.2(d)	\$125.00
14	Failure to permit Kennel inspection	4.4.1	\$125.00
15	Allow dog to run at large	7.1	\$250.00
16	Failure to remove dog waste	8.1	\$250.00
17	Fail to reasonably prevent dog from biting/attacking	9.1	\$250.00
18	Failure to provide adequate food, water, exercise and adequate health care	10.1	\$250.00
19	Failure to provide adequate shelter	10.2	\$250.00
20	Improper use of a restraint	10.3	\$250.00
21	Improper confinement	10.4	\$250.00
22	Allow domestic animal to suffer from infectious disease	10.5	\$250.00
Note: The general penalty provision for the offences listed above is Section 12.3 of By-law 2019-32, a certified copy of which has been filed.			

June 2025

Swift Current Energy – Notice of Public Open House Information Session for Proposed Battery Energy Storage System Project at the Orangeville Transformer Station, Township of Amaranth, County of Dufferin, Ontario.

Swift Current Energy (“Swift Current”), in response to a Request for Proposals by Ontario’s Independent Electricity System Operator (the “IESO”), is developing the Ironwood battery storage system (the “Project”) at a site located on the west side of County Road 11, north of Dufferin Road 109, and south of Side Road 5, just north of the Community of Farmington.

The primary purpose of the Project is to provide additional power supply to the Ontario electricity grid during periods of peak demand, thereby reducing reliance on real-time generation capacity at such times. The Project is anticipated to have a capacity of up to 200 MW/800 MWh (before requiring recharge) as needed by the IESO in its efforts to manage electricity supply and demand, and it would connect at the Orangeville Transformer Station. The Project would be recharged directly from the grid during times of lower energy demand.

The Project is soliciting two approvals from the Township of Amaranth: First, a Zoning By-law Amendment, and second, a Resolution of Support. As such, Swift Current will host a Public Open House Information Session to be held on Monday June 23rd, 2025, from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Township of Amaranth Council Chambers located at 374028 6th Line, Amaranth, ON, L9W 0M6. The session will include a presentation of the various technical and environmental aspects of the Project, relevant written materials and visual displays, and a question-and-answer session. Interested parties will be able to ask questions directly during the question-and-answer session or submit written questions and comments at any time during the Open House.

Yours very truly,

Ironwood Energy Storage, L.P.,
a subsidiary of Swift Current Energy





MEMO TO COUNCIL 2025-004

TO: Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

FROM: Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk

DATE: January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Staff Certificates

Recommendation

That Memo to Council 2025-004 be received for information.

Background

The purpose of this memo is to advise council of the successful completion of training courses for the following staff members:

Catherine Goustos –AMCTO’s Municipal Administration Program Unit 2.

Strategic Plan Foundational Pillar: Manage an Efficient and Effective Township

#3 Continue to invest in and grow the Township’s team

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