



MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 7:30 pm

The Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry will meet in Council Chambers in regular session on October 6, 2026, at 7:30 pm.

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER**

Disclosure of recording equipment.

2.0 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the agenda for the meeting of October 6, 2026, as presented.

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3.0 **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST / POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

4.0 **MINUTES**

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby adopts the September 15, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes as written.

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5.0 **ACCOUNTS**

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby approves payment of the list of accounts as presented.

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6.0 **PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None.

7.0 **STAFF REPORTS**

7.1 BY- LAW ENFORCEMENT

7.1.1 By-Law Enforcement Activities – July, August, September 2026

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding by-law enforcement activities for July, August, and September.

7.2 BUILDING

7.2.1 Building Department Activities – July, August, September 2026

A report has been prepared by CBO/By-Law Enforcement Officer Kirk Livingston regarding building department activities for July, August, and September.

8.0 **BUSINESS**

8.1 SUPPORTING MFOA'S ADVOCACY FOR THE PERMANENT DOUBLING OF THE OCIF GRANT

A report has been prepared by Treasurer Sean Brophy in this regard.

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Seconded by ~*

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

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8.2 COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – PIONEER PARK IMPROVEMENTS

A report has been prepared by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard.

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes staff to submit an application to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund for improvements to Pioneer Park in Bluevale, including replacement and upgrading of ball diamond lighting infrastructure, installation of a well, and replacement of the existing refreshment/concession structure with an expanded pavilion and concession facility;

AND FURTHER THAT staff work with the Bluevale Community Committee to develop the project scope, cost estimates and potential Committee contribution toward the Municipality's required share of project costs;

AND FURTHER THAT any municipal financial commitment to the project be subject to Council approval following notification of the grant application results and confirmation of the final project costs and available community contributions.

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8.3 REQUEST TO PURCHASE PRINCESS STREET

A report has been prepared in this regard by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam.

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby gives notice of its intention to permanently stop up, close, and convey portions of Princess Street;

AND FURTHER THAT notice of Council's intention to permanently close said portions of Princess Street be published in accordance with the municipality's notice policy under by-law 89-2019.

AND FURTHER THAT a by-law be returned for consideration at future meeting of Council to stop up, close and convey parts of Princess Street identified as Parts 1 and 2 of 22R-7634.

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9.0 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Kevin Freiburger

Jamie McCallum

Sharen Zinn

Jodi Snell

Jamie Heffer

10.0 **CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

10.1 Correspondence – Update and Pledged Fund Request – Belgrave Playground Committee

10.2 Correspondence – Buy Ontario Requirements - Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

10.3 Correspondence – Standardized Code of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner Processes – Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

10.4 Correspondence – Proposed Regulations under the *Municipal Accountability Act* – John Mascarin, Aird and Berlis

- 10.5 Correspondence Lacke Huron Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee Progress Report – Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
- 10.6 Correspondence – MVCA Draft Budget and Work Plan 2027
- 10.7 Monthly Report – Huron East Fire – August 2026
- 10.8 Monthly Report – North Huron Fire – August 2026
- 10.9 Quarterly Report – Bluewater Recycling Association
- 10.10 Minutes – SVCA Board – July 16, 2026
- 10.11 Minutes – MVCA Board – August 26, 2026
- 10.12 Minutes – Huron OPP Detachment Board – July 20, 2026
- 10.13 Board Meeting Highlights – AMDSB Meeting – September 22, 2026
- 10.14 Information Briefings – Community Safety and Wellbeing Committee
- 10.15 Resolution – Support for local erosion control products – Municipality of South Huron
- 10.16 Resolution – 2027 OPP Policing Costs – Municipality of South Huron
- 10.17 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 ALTERNATE LOCATE AGREEMENT DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

At the September 15th meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law delegating the authority to enter into Alternate Locate Agreements to the Director of Public Works and CAO. By-law 47-2026 is provided here for consideration.

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Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 47-2026, being a By-law to delegate authority to enter into alternate locate agreements to the Director of Public Works and CAO, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at ____ p.m., with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- a) *Section 239 (2) (C) regarding a proposed acquisition of land to correct a road encroachment;*

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13.2 Return to open session.

*Moved by ~
Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at ____ p.m.

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13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

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Seconded by ~*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 48-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on October 6, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

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15.0 ADJOURNMENT

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Seconded by ~*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at ____ pm.

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NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, November 3, 2026, 7:30 pm

5.0 ACCOUNTS

Motion 190-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby
approves payment of the list of accounts as presented.*

Carried.

6.0 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7.0 STAFF REPORTS

None.

8.0 BUSINESS

8.1 ALTERNATE LOCATE AGREEMENT

A report was presented by CAO/Clerk Trevor Hallam in this regard.

Councillor Snell noted no concerns with the agreement as presented and was supportive of delegating the authority to enter into such agreements in the future to the Director of Public Works and CAO.

Motion 191-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

*THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby
directs staff to return a by-law delegating the authority to enter
into Alternate Locate Agreements on behalf of the Municipality to
the Director of Public Works and the CAO.*

Carried.

9.0 COUNCIL REPORTS

Kevin Freiburger

September 2nd attended a meeting of the Bluevale Community Committee.

Jamie McCallum

No report.

Sharen Zinn

No report.

Jodi Snell

September 8th attended a meeting of the Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention.
September 14th attended a meeting of the Wingham and Area Physician
Recruitment Committee.

Jamie Heffer

No report.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES, ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 10.1 Minutes – MVCA Board – July 15, 2026
- 10.2 Minutes – Bluevale Community Committee – September 2, 2026
- 10.3 Monthly Report – Belgrave Water – August 2026
- 10.4 Outstanding Action Items

11.0 ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

12.0 BY-LAWS AND AGREEMENTS

12.1 COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE

At the September 1st meeting, Council directed staff to return a by-law establishing a compliance audit committee and appointing members thereto. By-law 45-2026 was provided for consideration.

Motion 192-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 45-2026, being a By-law to establish a Municipal Elections Joint Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint members to that Committee, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

13.0 CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Enter closed session.

Motion 193-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Sharen Zinn*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enter a closed session at 7:37 p.m., with the CAO/Clerk remaining in attendance, for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pursuant to the following sections of the Municipal Act:

- a) Section 239 (2) (k) regarding negotiations for a proposed temporary administrative support arrangement with neighbouring municipality;*

Carried.

13.2 Return to open session.

Motion 194-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Kevin Freiburger*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry rise from a closed session at 7:46 p.m.

Carried.

13.3 Report and Action from Closed Session.

Council considered a request from the Township of Howick for temporary training and support for staff. Upon returning to open session the following resolution was passed.

Motion 195-2026

*Moved by Sharen Zinn
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorizes the CAO/Clerk to provide temporary training, mentoring and administrative support to the Deputy Clerk of the Township of Howick during Howick's Clerk recruitment and transition period.

Carried.

14.0 CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Motion 196-2026

*Moved by Kevin Freiburger
Seconded by Jamie McCallum*

THAT leave be given to introduce By-Law 46-2026, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry meeting of Council held on September 15, 2026, and that it now be read severally a first, second, and third time, and finally passed.

Carried.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion 197-2026

*Moved by Jodi Snell
Seconded by Jodi Snell*

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry does now adjourn at 7:48 pm.

Carried.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 7:30 pm
Regular Meeting of Council – Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 7:30 pm

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam

Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
Account List for

October 6 2026

General

Hydro One	Morris Office	304.95
Bell Canada	Morris Office	506.85
Bell Canada	Emergency Lines	136.92
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	16.67
Telizon	Long Distance Phone	2.39
PBJ Cleaning Depot Inc	Office Supplies	77.39
Orkin Canada	Pest Control	290.42
Huron Clean	Office Cleaning	430.21
Wingham Regional Silverstick	Program Sponsorship	100.00
H Creates	Municipal Rebranding	5,480.50
Samantha Roberts	Wedding Solemnizations x2	600.00
Maggie Speer	Wedding Solemnizations x3	600.00
Krantz Law	Site Plan Agreement	611.84
D.Culbert Ltd	Princess St Survey	2,260.00
Randy Scott	Livestock Evaluation	87.53
Township of North Huron	Water Billings	4,149.21
Township of North Huron	August Fire Calls	1,301.00
Bluevale Community Committee	September Hall Rentals	140.00
Brussels Legion	Remembrance Day Wreath	100.00
Wingham Legion	Remembrance Day Wreath	100.00
Belgrave Playground Committee	Belgrave Playground Commitment	50,000.00
Property Owners	Return Property Tax Overpayment	2,444.00
Minister of Finance	EHT - September 2026	868.52
WSIB	WSIB - September 2026	1,292.99

Payroll

September 23 2026	Payroll	23,620.17
	Expenses	141.26
Council Pay	Payroll - October 7 2026	4,191.63
	Receiver General	455.08

General Total 100,309.53

Building Department

Bell Mobility	Cell Phone	50.20
Property Owner	Return Building Permit Deposits	475.40
Minister of Finance	EHT - September 2026	176.76
WSIB	WSIB - September 2026	285.53

Payroll

September 23 2026	Payroll	5,147.75
	Expenses	219.85

Building Department Total 6,355.49

Property Standards

Property Standards Total -

Drainage

Hydro One	Hopper Pump	30.44
Doug Vincent	Blyth Creek Municipal Drain & Russel Municipal Drain	1,023.00
Trevor Tout Custom Dozing Inc.	McDougall Municipal Drain	17,271.02

Drainage Total 18,324.46

Parks & Cemeteries**Parks & Cemeteries Total****-****Belgrave Water**

Rogers	Belgrave Water & Humphrey Well	180.78
Bell Canada	Belgrave Water	186.26
Veolia Water Canada	August Operations	7,166.64
RJ Burnside & Associates	Belgrave Water	1,921.00

Belgrave Water Total**9,454.68****Landfill**

Hydro One	Morris Landfill	39.08
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	5.37

Landfill Total**44.45****Roads**

Hydro One	Morris Shop	152.48
Bell Canada	Morris Shop	253.43
Bell Canada	Turnberry Shop	136.93
Bell Mobility	Cell Phones	38.43
Enbridge	Turnberry Shop	43.30
HuronTel	Turnberry Shop Internet	66.56
Schmidt's Power Equipment	Polesaw Repairs & Supplies	122.44
Steffens Auto Supply	Parts for 18-11 Backhoe & 19-06 Tandem	185.40
Joe Kerr Ltd	Parts for 16-05 Tandem	112.08
Maitland Welding & Machining	Parts for 26-23 Grader	413.14
New-Lift Hydraulics Ltd	Repair for 09-02 Grader	1,313.66
Nors Construction Equipment	Parts for 10-25 Grader	572.66
Brandt London	Parts for 09-02 Grader	1,667.87
Edgar's Feed & Seed	Ditching	418.57
The Plumber	Camera Culvert	118.65
Newton Loggers	Grinding out Stumps	2,401.25
BM Ross & Associates	T100 Salem Rd Bridge	845.29
BM Ross & Associates	M110 Martin Line Bridge	2,804.90
BM Ross & Associates	Bridge Inspections	942.56
Lavis Contracting Co Ltd	Clyde Line Paving Holdback	62,273.78
Lavis Contracting Co Ltd	Bluevale Paving Holdback	18,177.68
Minister of Finance	EHT - September 2026	914.38
WSIB	WSIB - September 2026	1,477.08

Payroll

September 23 2026	Payroll	26,359.39
	Expenses	122.76

Roads Total**121,934.67****Account Total****256,423.28****Approved By Council:**

October 6 2026

Mayor - Jamie Heffer

Treasurer- Sean Brophy

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor Heffer and Council

PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

DATE: September 30th, 2026

SUBJECT: Property Standards/By-Law Enforcement Report for July, August and September 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Chief Building Officials report on Property Standards & By-Law Enforcement as submitted for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

Property Standards and By-law Enforcement is a crucial component of local governance, ensuring that laws and regulations are respected and followed within a municipality. These regulations, known as bylaws, are created to maintain order, promote public safety, and enhance the quality of life for all residents. By-law enforcement helps address issues like zoning violations, noise complaints, property maintenance, parking, waste disposal, clean yards, animal control and among others.

A By-Law Enforcement Officers role is to; Investigate Complaints and Violations, Issuing Warnings and Citations and Enforcing Compliance.

COMMENTS

George St – A complaint was received with respect to a neighbour's dog running at large and leaving excrement behind.

Clyde Line – Received a complaint regarding dogs running at large, as well as chickens and turkeys.

Josephine St – Received a complaint regarding long grass at a vacant property.

Parker Drive – Received a complaint regarding a dog running at large.

Cardiff Road – Received a complaint about a dog running at large and chasing livestock.

William Street – Received a complaint about dogs barking, whining and howling.

Outstanding Files and Ongoing Investigations

Parker Drive – I contacted the property owner and advised them to keep their dog on the property and not allow it to run at large. The complainant agreed to act as a witness if the dog is observed running at large again. If another incident occurs, charges will be pursued.

George St – I spoke with the dog owner and advised that the dog must remain on the owner's property and not run at large. She was advised that any further incidents may result in charges for each occurrence.

Clyde Line – I attended the property and left a business card requesting that the owner contact me. No response has been received. A letter will be sent to the owner by registered mail, and I will also attend the property to deliver a copy in person.

William Street - I attended the property and left card waiting for a call back. I will send out a letter to the owners of the property regarding their dog.

Cardiff Road – I attended the property and spoke with the owner, who was cooperative and acknowledged that the dog occasionally gets loose. An in-ground fence has since been installed to help prevent the dog from leaving the property.

Parker Drive – A Property Standards Order was issued to the property owner, who contacted me requesting the complainant's information. The owner requested additional time to address the issues, which was granted. The property has since been cleaned up and is now in compliance with the Property Standards By-law.

Lowertown – I inspected the property and issued a Property Standards Order to the owner. Follow-up inspections have confirmed that the owner is working to clean up the property, but additional materials remain to be removed. Another inspection is scheduled for the first week of October.

London Road – The property was inspected, and a Property Standards Order was issued to the owner. A final inspection is scheduled for the first week of October to confirm compliance with the Property Standards By-law.

Lowertown – I inspected the property and issued a Property Standards Order to the owner. The owner began cleaning up the property but subsequently appealed the order. I attended the Property Standards Committee appeal, where the owner was granted an extension to comply with the order. A final inspection is scheduled for the first week of October to determine compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Livingston", is written over a horizontal line.

Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official
DATE: September 30, 2026
SUBJECT: Building Department Activity Report for July, August and September 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby receive the Building Department Activity Report for July, August and September 2026, for information purposes.

BACKGROUND

The Building Departments main objective is to provide the best professional service to administer and enforce the Ontario Building Code. Through the examination of plans, issuance of building permits, and performing inspections, we ensure compliance with building standards of the Ontario Building Code and ensure health and safety, fire protection and structural sufficiency in all buildings in which we live, work and play.

The Chief Building Official provides bi-monthly updates to Council on the operations of the Building Department.

COMMENTS

Permit #		Permit Type	Value of Project	Sq. Feet New Const.	Status
0067	-2026	Detached Garage	\$ 16,000.00	364	issued
0068	-2026	Tent	\$ 3,000.00	3200	issued
0069	-2026	Tent	\$ 6,000.00	2400	issued
0070	-2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 175,000.00	3040	issued
0071	-2026	Grain Bin/Foundation	\$ 120,000.00	1800	issued
0072	-2026	Agricultural Storage - Addition	\$ 10,000.00	384	issued
0073	-2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 450,000.00	6400	issued
0074	-2026	Agricultural Storage - Addition	\$ 60,000.00	2000	issued
0075	-2026	Commercial Addition	\$ 300,000.00	1800	issued
0076	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 4,000.00	540	issued
0077	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 3,000.00	60	issued
0078	-2026	Residential Addition	\$ 20,000.00	1088	issued
0079	-2026	Grain Bin/Foundation	\$ 100,000.00	1250	issued
0080	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 2,000.00	2400	issued
0081	-2026	Tent	\$ 1,100.00	900	issued
0082	-2026	Residential Addition	\$ 80,000.00	481	issued
0083	-2026	New Residential Dwelling	\$ 242,000.00	960	issued
0084	-2026	Open Covered Porch	\$ 30,000.00	387	issued
0085	-2026	Pool Fence	\$ 500.00	0	issued
0086	-2026	Deck	\$ 8,000.00	512	issued
0087	-2026	Deck	\$ 10,000.00	500	issued
0088	-2026	Accessory Building	\$ 5,000.00	644	issued
0089	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 14,000.00	2400	issued
0090	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 5,000.00	1980	issued
0091	-2026	Commercial Addition	\$ 314,000.00	1260	issued
0092	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 25,000.00	3360	issued
0093	-2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 13,000.00	360	issued
0094	-2026	Tent	\$ 4,000.00	4000	issued

Permit #	Permit Type	Value of Project	Sq. Feet New Const.	Status
0095 -2026	Grain Bin/Foundation	\$ 50,000.00	1860	issued
0096 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 80,000.00	2800	issued
0097 -2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 22,000.00	2152	issued
0098 -2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 25,000.00	2870	issued
0099 -2026	Secondary Residential Unit	\$ 200,000.00	1125	issued
0100 -2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 10,000.00	3200	issued
0101 -2026	On Site Sewage System	\$ 12,000.00	3000	issued
0102 -2026	Building Permit	\$ 250,000.00	1040	issued
0103 -2026	Deck	\$ 3,500.00	352	issued
0104 -2026	Grain Bin/Foundation	\$ 25,000.00	706	issued
0105 -2026	Silo	\$ 10,000.00	80	issued
0106 -2026	Residential Addition	\$ 10,000.00	345	issued
0107 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 10,000.00	2560	issued
0108 -2026	Agricultural Storage Shed	\$ 750,000.00	18400	issued

Total Value of Construction to date; \$21,715,500.00 with 108 building permits being issued
(Last year; \$19,343,544.02 with 73 building permits being issued)

Zoning Certificates issued for this year; 18 (Last year 18)

Respectfully submitted,



Kirk Livingston
Chief Building Official

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council
PREPARED BY: Sean Brophy, Treasurer
DATE: October 6, 2026
SUBJECT: Supporting MFOA's advocacy for the permanent doubling of the OCIF grant

RECOMMENDATION

That Council support MFOA's letter sent to the Ministry of Infrastructure calling for the permanent doubling of OCIF, by passing the following prepared motion:

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the *Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

On June 25th, the Municipal Finance Officers Association of Ontario (MFOA) sent a letter to the Minister of Infrastructure advocating for the Province to make permanent the five-year doubling of the OCIF in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations. MFOA is asking for members to support its letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure through Council Resolution.

A copy of the history and timeline of OCIF as prepared by MFOA in addition to a copy of the letter sent by MFOA to the Ministry of Infrastructure is included.

COMMENTS

Below is a summary of past OCIF amounts received by Morris-Turnberry.

Year	Amount
2021	\$120,830
2022	\$232,257
2023	\$267,096
2024	\$307,160
2025	\$353,234
2026	\$367,632

Historically, Morris-Turnberry has used OCIF to fund road resurfacing, road paving, and bridge repair projects. A 50% reduction from current 2026 OCIF levels would result in approximately \$180,000 less funding for future capital projects.

Staff recommend that Council support the MFOA’s initiative by passing the prepared resolution.

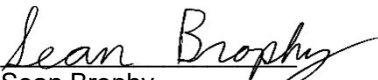
ATTACHMENTS

- 1. History and Timeline of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund
- 2. MFOA Letter to the MOI – Making permanent the doubling of OCIF

OTHERS CONSULTED

Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

Respectfully submitted,


Sean Brophy,
Treasurer

History and Timeline of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was announced in 2014 to support core infrastructure needs in small, rural and northern municipalities. The program was initially designed to provide \$100 million annually for local road, bridge, water and wastewater projects. At the time, half of the funding was distributed through a formula-based allocation, intended to reflect differences in municipal infrastructure and fiscal needs, while the remaining \$50 million was delivered through an application-based stream. Eligibility was focused on municipalities with populations under 100,000, as well as municipalities located in northern or rural Ontario.¹

OCIF was later expanded through the 2016 Ontario Budget, which committed to increasing the program to \$300 million annually by 2018–19 to further support infrastructure projects in small, rural and northern communities.² Under this expanded structure, formula-based funding increased to \$200 million annually, while the application-based stream was expected to increase to \$100 million annually. However, in 2019, the Province indicated that fiscal circumstances prevented the full expansion of OCIF, resulting in the cancellation of the top-up application component, while maintaining the increase in formula-based funding to \$200 million for that year.³

In 2021, the Province announced a further expansion of OCIF through the Fall Economic Statement, committing an additional \$1 billion over five years. This brought the total OCIF investment to nearly \$2 billion over the 2022-2026 period, or about \$400 million per year. Beginning in 2022, allocations continued to be based on a formula recognizing the different needs and economic conditions of communities across Ontario, with the minimum annual allocation increasing from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per community.⁴

Starting with the 2023 allocations, the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) updated the OCIF formula to incorporate current replacement values for eligible core infrastructure, shifting from the use of historic cost data to CRVs. A municipality's core infrastructure was calculated using either asset management plan CRV estimates or MOI's CRV estimates for eligible core infrastructure categories. Starting with the 2024 OCIF cycle, the Ministry introduced a standardized Excel-based CRV template to collect municipal CRV data more consistently, building on the initial 2023 shift from historic cost data to current

¹ [Province Supporting the Infrastructure Needs of Small Communities | Ontario Newsroom](#)

² [2016 Ontario Budget | Background: Building Tomorrow's Infrastructure Now](#)

³ Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). [Ontario Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program Review and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, 2019.](#)

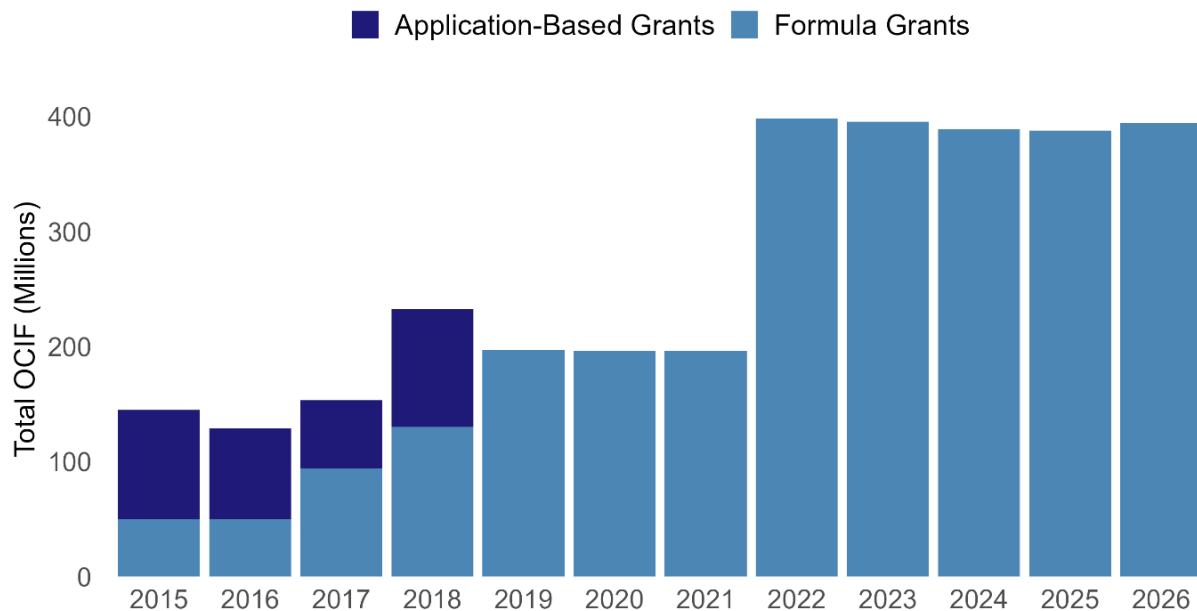
⁴ [Building Ontario with Investments in Critical Infrastructure for Small, Rural and Northern Communities | Ontario Newsroom](#)

replacement values.⁵ A smoothing mechanism was also implemented to generally limit changes in 2023 funding to within ± 15 percent of prior year's allocations.⁶

In 2026, 423 small, rural and northern communities across Ontario are receiving approximately \$400 million in OCIF funding to renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure. Starting this year, the minimum grant amount has increased from \$100,000 to \$125,000. The smoothing mechanism has also been adjusted, generally limiting year-over-year changes in 2026 allocations to within ± 10 percent of 2025 grants.⁷ However, as 2026 is the final year of the current five-year funding commitment, municipalities are seeking greater clarity on the future of the program.

The graph below shows annual OCIF grants to Ontario municipalities from 2015 to 2026, including both formula-based and application-based grants where applicable. Totals are based on actual approved yearly grants from MOI data and may not fully match announced OCIF allocation amounts.

OCIF Grants to Ontario Municipalities



Source: MFOA chart, based on data from Ontario's Ministry of Infrastructure.

⁵ Ministry of Infrastructure, *Ministry of Infrastructure – Update*, presentation at the 2024 Municipal Finance Officers' Association Annual Conference, September 2024.

⁶ Ministry of Infrastructure, *Information Session: 2023 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Formula Calculation*, 2023.

⁷ [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund recipients - Dataset - Ontario Data Catalogue](#)

Hon. Todd McCarthy
Acting Minister of Infrastructure
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

June 25, 2026

Dear Minister McCarthy,

RE: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, and the municipalities it serves, to request that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200 million/year to \$400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 2,300 individual members. We represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils. MFOA is a strong advocate for best practices that encourage long-term fiscal sustainability, including long-term financial planning and asset management planning.

In recent years, governments at all levels have reoriented their priorities to address the ongoing housing crisis, with heightened attention on growth-related infrastructure and increasing housing production. Application-based or incentive-based funding programs for municipalities have placed greater emphasis on growth-related or housing-enabling capital projects (e.g., Development Charge Reduction Program, Building Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream, Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, Building Faster Fund). OCIF remains one of the few federal or provincial funding programs where the focus remains primarily on the preservation and renewal of existing infrastructure to maintain or improve municipal service levels.

With support from the Government of Ontario and MFOA, municipalities have made significant improvements to their municipal asset management plans and programs. The Government of Ontario introduced O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) in late 2017, which provided a standard framework for infrastructure planning. To support the transition to O. Reg. 588/17, MFOA has partnered with the Government of Ontario on many asset management initiatives, including guides, workshops, direct consulting support and other resources. As a result of these and significant municipal efforts, most municipalities in Ontario have an asset management inventory that identifies their infrastructure assets, including conditions, replacement costs and renewal schedules of those assets.

By leveraging municipal asset management plans in 2020, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimated the state-of-good-repair backlog to be \$52.1 billion for core municipal infrastructure. That is an estimated cost of restoring such infrastructure to a 'good' condition. The report notably focused primarily on core assets and thus likely understated the full extent of the backlog. Addressing this should not be a priority that falls by the wayside due to an increased focus on growth-related capital projects by other funding programs. OCIF's flexible design provides municipalities with the opportunity to fund asset management staff, which can improve data and analysis quality, and it provides a critical means by which municipalities address the infrastructure funding challenges identified in their asset management plans.

In 2021, the Government of Ontario doubled OCIF for a five-year period. Minister Surma, in announcing that initiative, commented that the Government of Ontario was "providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities as they repair, upgrade and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier and more reliable for all." And Minister Bethlenfalvy said that "by nearly doubling our investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, our government is supporting public safety, job creation and economic growth." In the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty, tariffs and the resulting economic shocks and instability, the need to provide municipalities predictability and to preserve and enhance the economic activity and benefits provided by well-supported and well-maintained municipal infrastructure is as imperative as it was in 2021.

We have also heard from our members on this matter. Municipalities outside of high-growth regions have expressed concern about the diminishing level of grant funding opportunities for municipalities trying to preserve the economic value of their existing infrastructure. Additionally, while growing municipalities have made significant efforts to emplace new, housing-enabling infrastructure, which has been rewarded through the Building Faster Fund, many of their state-of-good-repair capital plans remain underfunded. To maximize the economic potential of federal and provincial investment in infrastructure, all orders of government must work together to preserve service levels and the public value of existing infrastructure, and permanently doubling OCIF to \$400 million/year will especially help small and rural municipalities preserve that economic foundation throughout Ontario.

By adopting a Team Ontario approach during recent and ongoing economic challenges, we have seen how significant progress can be made when municipalities and the provincial government work together to achieve a common goal. Should you wish to follow up on this letter, please contact MFOA Executive Director, Donna Herridge (donna@mfoa.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Dr. Adam Found, Ph.D., PLE
President and Chair

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: October 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund – Pioneer Park Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry authorize staff to submit an application to the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund for improvements to Pioneer Park in Bluevale, including replacement and upgrading of ball diamond lighting infrastructure, installation of a well, and replacement of the existing refreshment/concession structure with an expanded pavilion and concession facility;

AND FURTHER THAT staff work with the Bluevale Community Committee to develop the project scope, cost estimates and potential Committee contribution toward the Municipality's required share of project costs;

AND FURTHER THAT any municipal financial commitment to the project be subject to Council approval following notification of the grant application results and confirmation of the final project costs and available community contributions.

BACKGROUND

In April 2026, the Bluevale Community Committee requested that Council consider several improvements to Pioneer Park. The Committee identified the construction of a new pavilion and the installation of a well as priorities. The Committee noted that the existing pavilion is more than 50 years old and that due to its location and the need for a larger space, fundraising proceeds from events are currently being used in part to pay for tent rentals. The Committee also advised that access to water at the park would significantly improve food preparation, hand washing, dish washing and event clean-up. In its original request, the Committee indicated that it was prepared to fundraise toward both projects. While not included in the request, the Committee has been planning to replace the baseball diamond light standards and lights as well, as they are in poor condition due to their age.

At the regular meeting on May 5, 2026 Council directed staff to report on the feasibility and implications of installing a well and new pavilion at Pioneer Park. The well installation was subsequently approved in principle pending the review of quotations for the work, and the committee has since decided on a location for the pavilion.

Since that time, the Province has opened a further intake of the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund (CSRIF). Stream 1 of the program provides funding for projects that repair, rehabilitate and improve existing sport and recreation facilities. Eligible municipal projects may receive provincial funding of up to 50% of eligible project costs, with funding available between \$100,000 and \$1 million. Applications for the current intake are due by December 22, 2026.

Approved projects must be completed within 24 months of approval and no later than March 31, 2029.

Staff shared the grant information with the Committee to gauge interest, and at their September 2 meeting they discussed the available provincial funding and the possibility of combining the pavilion, well and ball diamond lighting improvements into a larger project. The Committee noted that the combined project was expected to exceed \$200,000 and unanimously supported proceeding with a funding proposal.

COMMENTS

Staff have reviewed the proposed Pioneer Park improvements against the current CSRIF Stream 1 program. Stream 1 is intended to extend the lifespan of existing recreation facilities, maximize their use and improve their functionality, accessibility, health and safety. Eligible examples provided by the Province include replacement or rehabilitation of existing recreational infrastructure and additions or upgrades that improve the use of an existing facility.

The proposed Pioneer Park project fits these criteria well. The project would build on the existing use of the property and could include:

- replacement of the existing ball diamond light standards and fixtures with modern lighting infrastructure;
- installation of a well to provide a reliable water source for park events and food-service activities; and

- replacement of the existing refreshment booth/concession structure with a larger pavilion incorporating a concession area and covered community space.

Staff also sought clarification directly from the Ministry regarding whether the proposed improvements could be submitted as a single project or whether the application would need to be limited to one specific component, such as replacement of the ball diamond lighting. A Ministry Advisor confirmed that, because the improvements are all located within the same recreational space, they may be considered as multiple components of a single project. Based on that clarification, staff are satisfied that the proposed pavilion, well and ball diamond lighting improvements can be bundled together as one Pioneer Park rehabilitation project.

The possibility of partial grant funding provides an opportunity to undertake a broader rehabilitation of Pioneer Park than would likely be possible through community fundraising alone. The Committee's original plan was to fundraise for individual improvements, particularly the pavilion and well. While that remains a valuable source of community support, relying entirely on donations would likely require improvements to proceed incrementally and could limit the scale of the work undertaken.

Under CSRIF, the Province may contribute up to 50% of eligible project costs for a municipal applicant. The remaining project costs must be funded by the recipient and any project partners.

This creates an opportunity for the Municipality and the Committee to leverage local fundraising substantially further than would otherwise be possible. For example, on a hypothetical \$250,000 eligible project, a successful application at the maximum cost-share could provide up to \$125,000 in provincial funding. The remaining \$125,000 would represent the local share. Subject to confirmation through the application process, that local share could be supported through a combination of municipal funding and contributions raised by the Committee.

Staff are not recommending that Council establish the final division of the local share at this stage. More detailed estimates are required before the application is submitted, and the extent of the Committee's potential contribution should be discussed with the Committee as the project scope is developed. Council would retain the opportunity to consider the final municipal commitment before proceeding with construction.

The application itself does not obligate the Municipality to undertake the project irrespective of cost. If funding is approved, staff would return to Council with the approved funding amount, detailed project costs, proposed Committee contribution and resulting municipal share before contracts are awarded.

Staff recommend that Council authorize preparation and submission of a Stream 1 application, with the final municipal contribution to be considered by Council if the application is successful.

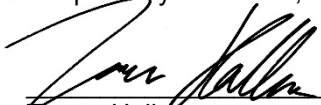
ATTACHMENTS

1. [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund Website](#)

OTHERS CONSULTED

Randy Greenaway, Chair, Bluevale Community Committee
 Sean Brophy, Treasurer
 Derek Ethier, Regional Development Advisor, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming

Respectfully submitted,



Trevor Hallam,
 CAO/Clerk

MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council

PREPARED BY: Trevor Hallam, CAO/Clerk

DATE: October 67634, 2026

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Princess Street

RECOMMENDATION

1. That notice is hereby given of Council's intention to permanently stop up, close, and convey a portions of Princess Street.
2. That notice of Council's intention to permanently close said portions of Princess Street be published in accordance with the municipality's notice policy under by-law 89-2019.
3. That a by-law be returned for consideration at future meeting of Council to stop up, close and convey parts of Princess Street identified as Parts 1 and 2 of 22R-7634.

BACKGROUND

On October 5th, 2024, staff received a request from adjacent landowners to purchase a portion of Princess Street, between west street and Kate Street in Lowertown.

The landowners did participate in the lane closure project in 2016, consolidating two lanes and a portion of Water Street (adjacent to the river) with their property. Princess Street, however, was not included in the lane closure project by the municipality. The portion of Princess Street in question begins at an unopened portion of West Street, and runs to a dead end at the rear of two properties that front on to Kate Street. The dead end was created in 1981 when a portion of Princess Street was divided between adjacent properties to accommodate a building that was constructed over the lot line and on the road allowance. A further portion of Princess Street was added to the property in 2018.

Due to the inability to extend Princess Street as a through road as a result of past transfers, it is unlikely to be opened and built up by the Municipality in the future. The land that fronts onto the south of the road allowance is almost entirely in the flood plane of the Maitland River, which would prohibit any kind of future development that may require access.

Council considered the request in a closed session on September 3rd, 2024. Direction was given to staff to inform the inquiring landowner that the sale of the road allowance would be considered at a cost of \$5,000.00 per acre, plus all legal and survey costs.

After securing a preliminary purchase agreement with the landowners in May of this year, a survey was commissioned. After field work had been completed, the draft plan was reviewed and approved by staff and the landowners. Plan 22R-7634 was deposited on September 15, 2026.

Part 1 of 22R-7634 is approximately 0.60 of an acre (2640 m²), and is the portion that is proposed to be sold to the landowners who made the request. Part 2 of 22R-7634 is approximately 0.2 of an acre (800 m²). While no agreement has been reached with the landowner whose property is intersected by this portion, it has been included in the disposition process. Should the landowner wish to proceed with the purchase, all administrative work will have been completed and they will be responsible for a proportionate share of those costs.

COMMENTS

Princess Street is considered non-viable property under the municipality's land sale policy adopted by by-law 88-2019. As such it is exempt from the declaration, notice, and valuation requirements of the policy.

The municipality's notice policy, adopted by by-law 89-2019, prescribes that notice of the intent to pass a by-law for the permanent closure of a highway be published in a newspaper once, 14 days prior to its enactment. When portions of Princess Street were disposed of in the past, the by-laws to stop-up and close the road were written to only apply to those specific portions being sold. A draft notice for publication is included with this report.

Proceeding with the disposal of this property is within the authority of Council, and use of the CAO's delegated authority for restricted acts after nomination day will not be needed. As the value of the property will not exceed \$50,000.00 at the time of disposal, it is not considered a restricted act under the *Municipal Act*.

Staff recommend that, by resolution, Council declare its intent to stop up, close and convey a portion of Princess Street, and direct staff to return a by-law to that effect following the issuance of notice in accordance with the municipality's notice by-law.

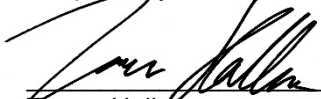
ATTACHMENTS

1. Map showing location of subject lands
2. Draft public notice

OTHERS CONSULTED

Mike Alcock, Director of Public Works
Kirk Livingston, Chief Building Official

Respectfully submitted,


Trevor Hallam,
CAO/Clerk

Princess Street - Overview Map



Legend

-  Parcel Fabric - Secure
-  Municipal Boundary
-  County Boundary

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Notes

Princess Street outlined in blue

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE

On November 3rd, 2026 at 7:30 pm the Council of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry shall meet to consider a by-law under the authority of Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to permanently close a portion of Princess Street in Lowertown, Wingham, as shown on the inset map and described as Parts 1 and 2, Plan 22R-7634. Alternate formats available upon request.



Trevor Hallam, Clerk
Municipality of Morris-Turnberry
41342 Morris Road
Brussels, ON N0G 1H0



October 2, 2026

Dear Morris-Turnberry Council,

The Belgrave Playground Committee wanted to provide you with an update regarding our playground project.

In hand we currently have \$226,065.37 and \$10,000 from Trillium and \$50,000 from yourselves in promised funds (total \$286,065.37). Our most recent playground quote was for around \$380,000. In order to place a deposit, we need 75%, which is \$285,000.

As you know, the costs keep going up every year the project is delayed. As a committee, along with the Belgrave Community Centre Board, we are looking to get shovels in the ground spring 2027, with removal of the existing structures sometime this fall. The board has already begun the process of looking into a loan for the remaining portion of the project, through either North Huron or their bank. We would then continue our fundraising efforts. We are also waiting to hear back regarding two recent grant applications for the Vance Fund and FCC Agrispirit. Both of these grants would require the project to be completed in 2027.

We are hoping Morris Turnberry Council would consider releasing the promised funds to us so that they can be used to place a deposit as soon as we are ready. At this point, the company suggested we reconvene in early December to finalize the design and pricing as their sector is currently being hit hard by the current political climate and ongoing trade issues between Canada and the United States.

We know that releasing the funds can take time and wanted to get the process started.

The project details will be finalized with North Huron in early 2027 once the election has finished and council has resumed.

We thank-you again for your committed donation and for your support of this project. We will continue to keep you abreast of project details and timelines as they are confirmed.

Sincerely,

Trevor Hopf
Wayne Fenton

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BELGRAVE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

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Here is an image from ABC recreation of what our new playground could look like:



September 17, 2026

**SUBJECT: Supporting Ontario and Canadian Suppliers Through Municipal
Procurement**

Dear Chief Administrative Officer,

I am writing to share information on Ontario's ongoing efforts to strengthen domestic supply chains and to ensure our expectations are aligned regarding municipal public sector procurement.

Ontario has introduced several procurement measures, including the Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025, and the Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive, to increase participation by Ontario and Canadian suppliers in public sector purchasing. Looking ahead, the government is also considering additional actions that would strengthen these policies to expand domestic procurement, protect jobs, and maximize the economic benefits of public sector spending, such as extending the Building Ontario Business Initiative (BOBI) to municipalities for the procurement of goods and services.

Municipal Heads of Council have also received letters outlining these measures and the government's expectations regarding compliance with Buy Ontario procurement policies.

Municipalities play an important role in supporting Ontario's economy, strengthening supply chain resilience and ensuring that public spending delivers maximum economic benefit for Ontario businesses and workers. While municipal procurement decisions are made independently and within local governance frameworks, municipalities are expected to ensure that applicable Ontario legislation, directives and policies are understood and appropriately reflected in procurement practices.

Given the current economic environment and ongoing trade uncertainties, municipalities should review upcoming procurement activities, sourcing practices and supply chains to identify every opportunity to increase consideration of Ontario and Canadian goods, services and suppliers.

To align with the Directive, please remind all those involved at the municipal level about their responsibilities and obligations under Ontario's domestic procurement framework and ensure that these requirements are incorporated into procurement planning and decision-making

Thank you for your continued collaboration and leadership. By ensuring that procurement obligations are understood and consistently applied, municipalities and the province can work together to support Ontario businesses and build a more resilient and competitive Ontario economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martha Greenberg', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Martha Greenberg
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

c: Samantha Poisson, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Public and Business Service
Delivery and Procurement

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September 10, 2026

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing to advise that the content of proposed regulations under the [Municipal Accountability Act, 2026](#), which received Royal Assent on June 2, 2026, is now posted on Ontario's regulatory registry for public comment.

The Act represents a significant step toward strengthening accountability and public confidence in local government. If the changes made by this Act are brought into force, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing regulations that would:

1. Establish a standardized municipal code of conduct for members of council and certain local boards;
2. Establish standardized municipal integrity commissioner inquiry processes; and
3. Establish education and training requirements for municipal integrity commissioners and for members of councils and certain local boards.

I value your perspective as Head of Council and encourage you to provide comments through the Regulatory Registry on behalf of your municipality, including any views or feedback from members of council: [Proposal for Regulations to Establish a Standardized Municipal Code of Conduct; Municipal Integrity Commissioner Processes and Education and Training Requirements | regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca](#)

The proposal is open for public comment until October 2, 2026. Feedback will help inform the development of these regulations and support their effective implementation for the start of the new municipal council term on November 15, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please contact Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Robert.Dodd@ontario.ca.

I look forward to receiving your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

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

cc : Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal and Housing Operations Division
Municipal Chief Administrative Officer
Municipal Clerk



John Mascarin
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September 15, 2026

Dear Heads of Council and Members of Council

Re: Proposed Regulations under the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2026*

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Robert J. Flack forwarded correspondence last week to all municipalities pertaining to the content of proposed regulations under the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2026* posted on Ontario's regulatory registry.

The proposed regulations would establish:

1. A standardized provincial-wide uniform municipal code of conduct for members of council and certain local boards;
2. A standardized municipal integrity commissioner inquiry process; and
3. Education and training requirements for municipal integrity commissioners and for members of councils and certain local boards.

As Integrity Commissioner for your municipality, we have been following and commenting on the proposed changes to Ontario's municipal accountability framework. We presented at the public hearings on Bill 9 at the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy and filed formal submissions (copy attached). We briefed AMO's Board Committee of the Whole and participated in a panel on Bill 9 at the ROMA Conference earlier this year. We have presented extensively to the municipal sector and to professional organizations on the changes proposed by the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2026* and have had a comprehensive article published on the topic. We have been invited by Minister Flack to meet with his staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to provide our views on the proposed regulations.

In order to assist our municipalities, we have prepared comprehensive comments on the proposed code of conduct, inquiry process and education and training requirements which we would like to share with you. We have attached the proposed document that will be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the hopes that the recommendations set out to enhance, correct and improve upon the proposed regulations will be considered and implemented.

We hope you support our comments, adopt them as your own and submit them to the Province.

Yours truly,

AIRD & BERLIS LLP

John Mascarin

JM/
attach



September 28, 2026

Municipality of Morris Turnberry

Attn: Mayor and Council

Dear Mayor Heffer:

Re: Progress Report and Minutes from the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority Transition Committee

We are writing to you to let you know that the Transition Committee for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority held its first meeting on September 9, 2026.

A copy of the minutes from the first meeting along with a progress report is attached to this letter. Meetings will be held monthly.

The Transition Plan is to be completed by mid December.

The consolidation of the six conservation authorities is scheduled to be completed by February 1, 2027.

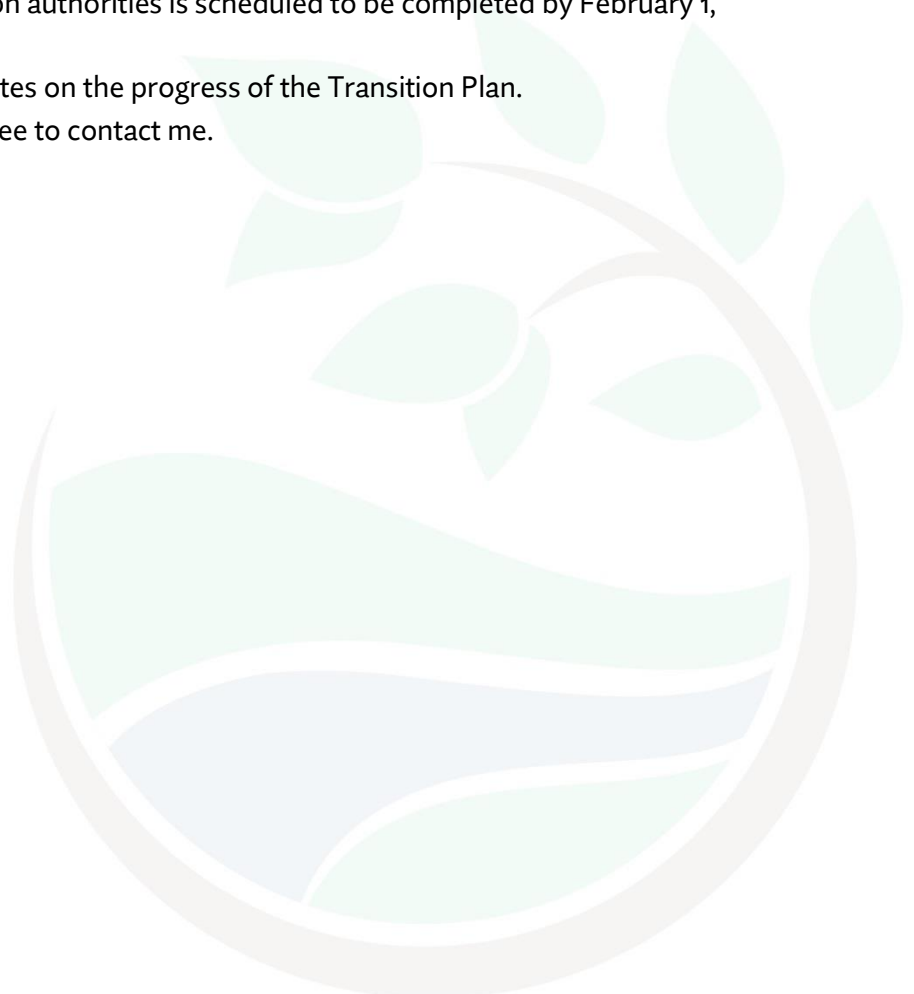
We will provide you with monthly updates on the progress of the Transition Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely;

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Ed McGugan
Chair



Regional Transition Committee Progress Update

RCA: Lake Huron

Prepared by: Don Goodyear

Meeting Date: September 9, 2026

Purpose

This update provides a summary of transition planning activities discussed at the most recent Transition Committee meeting.

Key Updates

Planning Activities

- Reviewed the Playbook that lays out actions needed to establish the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority.
- Work is grouped into six categories (Governance and Organizational Structure, Financial Performance and Procedures, Workforce and Human Resources, Operational Processes, Systems and Supporting Technology, Asset and Infrastructure Inventory)
- Each existing Conservation Authority is to consider representatives for staff level working groups to provide support and advice to the Transition Committee (by Playbook themes of Governance and Organizational Structure, Financial Performance and Procedures, Workforce and Human Resources, Operational Processes, Systems and Supporting Technology, Asset and Infrastructure Inventory) as well as communications and change management.
- Anticipated time commitment a few hours per week.
- Responding to data requests is an alternative to committing staff to participate in each of the working groups.

Major Milestones

- Inaugural meeting of Transition Committee.
- Discussion focused on the role of Transition Committee in development of the Go Live and Transition plans.

- The Go Live Plan describes action needed to open the doors of the Regional Conservation Authority on February 1, 2027.
- The Transition plan describes action needed to evolve the organization post-amalgamation into an effective Regional Conservation Authority.

Current Focus Areas

- Convening internal working groups (Governance, Finance, Workforce & HR, Operations, Systems & Technology, Assets) to begin data collection required for inventories, flag known risks for Transition Committee, and provide advice on initial workplan questions.
- Convening Communications working group to begin drafting consistent messaging for staff, boards, municipalities and the public.
- Development of Lake Huron Region specific workplan down to task level with dependencies and timelines identified (completion anticipated prior to month end).
- Seeking clarification on items captured in the Parking Lot.

Upcoming Milestones

- Meeting scheduled with Canada Revenue Agency staff to explore and initiate tax-related requirements for consolidation (September 23).
- Packaging initial information collected and advice from working groups for Transition Committee review and input at the October meeting.

Transition Committee Meeting Minutes

RCA: Lake Huron

Date: September 8, 2026

Time: 1:00 – 3:30

Location: Ausable Bayfield CA, Exeter

Attendees:

	Present	Regrets
Project Executive	Don Goodyear	
ABCA Chair	Ray Chartrand	
ABCA GM	Nathan Schoelier	
GSCA Vice Chair	Jennifer Shaw	
GSCA CAO	Tim Lanthier	
LSRCA Vice Chair	Clare Riepma	
LSRCA CAO	Mark Critch	
MVCA Chair	Ed McGugan	
MVCA GM	Phil Beard	
NVCA Chair	Jonathan Scott (virtually attended beginning of meeting and is board rep for Transition Committee)	
NVCA Vice Chair	Gail Little	
NVCA CAO	Jennifer Vincent	
SVCA Chair	Tom Hutchinson	
SVCA CAO	Erik Downing	
Committee Support	Trish Barnett	

1. Call to Order

- Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00

2. Roll Call

- Chair completed roll call
- Members introduced themselves

3. Discussion Items

- Transition Committee Terms of Reference
 - The Terms of Reference reflect the legislated responsibilities of the Transition Committees in achieving amalgamation (to develop a transition plan to prepare for amalgamation).

- The General Manager / Chief Administrative Officer and a board member from each CA will be asked to provide advice and expertise, helping to map out amalgamation of the six predecessor CAs, maintain business continuity throughout the transition, and ensure the well-being of staff.
- Recommendations of the Committee regarding the Transition Plan are to be reached by consensus wherever possible.
- Playbook, Workplan, Go-Live Plan and Transition Plan
 - The Playbook acts as a guide for the Transition Committee in development of two action plans (Go Live Plan and the Transition Plan).
 - The Go Live Plan describes action needed to open the doors of the Regional CA on February 1, 2027
 - The Transition plan describes action needed to evolve the RCA post-amalgamation into an effective regional organization.
 - The work necessary to prepare the Go Live and Transition plans has been organized into six categories (Governance and Organizational Structure, Financial Performance and Procedures, Workforce and Human Resources, Operational Processes, Systems and Supporting Technology, Asset and Infrastructure Inventory).
 - The Transition Committee agreed communications and change management as an additional area of focus would be helpful.
- Regional Snapshots
 - The RCA Snapshots are a transition planning tool developed to provide a high-level overview of each of the new RCA's readiness for transition and future operations.
 - They are designed to support discussions about transition and future-planning for the development of regionally informed transition plans.
 - All six existing CAs are mature organizations that are well positioned for consolidation.
- Project Management Tools and Reporting
 - Project Executives will use three tools to guide transition planning activities and identify and manage any risks:
 - Monthly Status Report provides the executive view of overall transition readiness, progress by Playbook workstream, key progress, priorities for the next period and the decisions, risks or support requiring attention.
 - Risk Log records material future risks that could affect readiness, service continuity, schedule, cost or confidence.
 - Decision Tracker records material decisions required to progress the Go Live and Transition plans.
- Upcoming Calendar and Key Milestones
 - ERO posting on RCA governance – closes September 12.
 - Several members have submitted comments or intend to.
 - Overestimation of York and Durham Region population discussed along with potential impact to RCA membership.

- Municipal elections
 - Ability to maintain quorum and serve on Transition Committee post election discussed.
 - Province has been made aware of challenge and advice forthcoming.
- 2027 budgets
 - OPCA budget directive should be followed for 2027 budget development (do not estimate or request transition-related expenses).
 - Concerns from TC members flagged with this approach.
 - PE to confirm direction.
- *Parking Lot Items* - Several questions and comments were raised throughout the meeting that were captured for future discussion.
 - Balancing the need to keep staff, boards and partners informed with the sensitivity of some materials shared and discussed
 - Transition costs – what they are and how they are to be covered
 - Balancing business continuity and transition implementation
 - 2028 budget process
 - Foundations
 - Organizational design
 - Watershed Councils

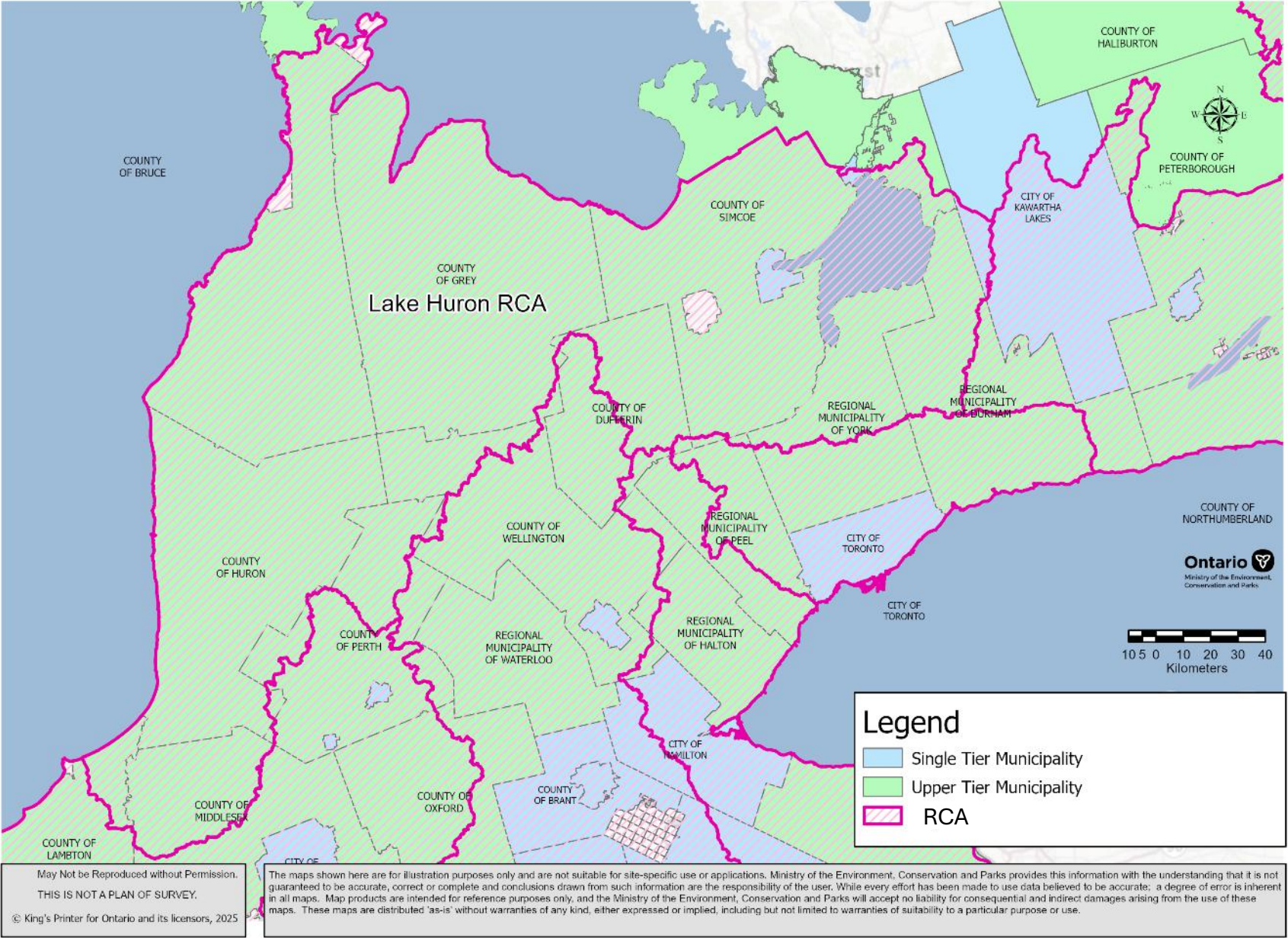
4. Next Meeting Date

- October meeting date to be held in person at MVCA offices in Wroxeter, date to be confirmed.

5. Adjournment

- Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:30

5 – Lake Huron Regional CA – Participating Municipalities





September 18, 2026

Municipality of Morris Turnberry

Dear Mayor Heffer and Council

Re: 2027 Draft Work Plan and Budget

MVCA is circulating its Draft 2027 work plan and budget for council's review and comment.

We are circulating the draft 2027 work plan and budget earlier than usual as all conservation authorities have been directed by the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to have the 2027 work plan and budget approved before February 1, 2027. This is the anticipated date that the new Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority will in place.

The Minister also stated that: "Any anticipated impacts from regional consolidation should not be considered or incorporated into the preparation of the budget for the 2027 calendar year under this direction." A copy of the Minister's letter is attached for your information.

MVCA's priorities for 2027 are outlined in the attached newsletter. These priorities are based upon the program and services agreement that all our member municipalities have approved. We expect the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority to abide by all agreements that MVCA has agreements with its member municipalities, government agencies and community groups.

The budget and cost apportionment increase is based upon MVCAs forecast for 2027 and covers cost of living and grid increases for staffing, as well as increases in resources needed to deliver the increased demand for programs and services.

MVCA will be reviewing all comments received at its October 21st meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Phil Beard or myself.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed McGugan".

Ed McGugan
Chair



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June 26, 2026

TO: Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities

SUBJECT: Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* with respect to budget and apportionment matters

I am writing with regards to the transition of Ontario's conservation authority system to a consolidated regional model. Pursuant to my authority under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), I am issuing a direction ("Direction") to conservation authorities on budget and apportionment matters leading up to the transition date – please see attached Direction.

The purpose of this Direction, effective from June 26, 2026 to the transition date under the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027, or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations), is to require conservation authorities to complete the budgetary process for the 2027 calendar year budget before the transition date, and in accordance with the CAA and applicable budget and apportionment regulations.

This Direction establishes deadlines for key budget process milestones, including the holding of meetings to approve apportionment amounts and final budgets, and the sending of notices of apportionment to participating municipalities. Conservation authorities are also required to notify the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) as certain steps of the budget process are completed. This Direction applies to all conservation authorities listed in Appendix A, with additional guidance set out in Appendix B of the attachment.

The Direction is intended to ensure that the transition to consolidation is successful with minimal disruptions to conservation authorities' governance, programs and services.

If you have any questions regarding this Direction, please contact the Conservation Authorities Section of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at ca.office@ontario.ca.

Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities
Page 2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McCarthy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosures

c: The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

ATTACHMENT A

Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (this "Direction")

Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA) provides the Minister with the authority to issue a direction to a conservation authority in relation to various matters for the purpose of facilitating the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities. The types of directions that can be issued by the Minister are set out in clauses 1.14(1)(a) to (d):

- (a) prohibiting the authority from making a decision in relation to its exercise of any of its powers under this Act or any other Act in the circumstances specified in the direction and subject to any specified conditions;
- (b) requiring the authority to give notice, in accordance with the direction, of a decision that it has made;
- (c) requiring the authority to send notices under subsection 25 (2), 27 (3) or 27.2 (3) by the date specified in the direction;
- (d) governing budgetary and apportionment matters relating to the authority that are otherwise addressed in a regulation made under clause 40 (1) (c), (e) or (f) or clause 40 (3) (k).

Section 1.14 further provides that an authority that receives such a direction shall comply with the direction within the time specified in the direction.

Pursuant to the authority of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under clauses 1.14(1)(c) and (d), the conservation authorities set out under Appendix "A" of this Direction (the "**authorities**" or each, an "**authority**") are hereby directed as follows:

1. Each authority shall take all necessary steps to develop and approve its budget for the 2027 calendar year, in accordance with the CAA, to ensure that the authority complies with paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Direction.
2. No later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Hold a meeting to approve apportionment amounts for its participating and specified municipalities as required by section 16 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Hold a meeting to approve a final budget as required by section 22 of O. Reg. 402/22.
3. Prior to the transition date, each authority shall:
 - i. Provide a copy of its final budget to the Minister and each of its participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 24 of O. Reg. 402/22, and in addition, provide a copy of the approved final budget to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA).
 - ii. Send notices to the authority's participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25(2) (notices of apportionment of capital

costs), 27(3) (notices of apportionment of operating expenses) and 27.2(3) (notices of amounts owed by specified municipalities) of the CAA.

4. Upon completion of each of the following steps, each authority shall provide written notice of the completion of the step to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks and the OPCA:
 - i. Approval of a draft budget for consultation purposes in accordance with section 14 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - ii. Approval of apportionment amounts for participating and specified municipalities in accordance with section 18 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iii. Approval of a final budget in accordance with section 23 of O. Reg. 402/22.
 - iv. Sending of notices to participating and specified municipalities in accordance with subsections 25 (2), 27(3) and 27.2(3) of the CAA.

General

5. This Direction applies to the authorities listed in Appendix “A” to this Direction.
6. This Direction is effective from the date of its issuance to the transition date, within the meaning of the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations).
7. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.



Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
[June 26, 2026]

MAITLAND CONSERVATION WORK PLAN PRIORITIES for 2027



KEY PRIORITIES

1. Assist our member municipalities to reduce the potential for loss of life, property damage and social disruption in flood and erosion prone areas.
2. Help our member municipalities and landowners develop and implement soil and water conservation systems that will keep soil and nutrients on the land and out of watercourses and Lake Huron.
3. Ensure that the management of our Conservation Areas sets high standards of conservation practices and are safe for the public to use.
4. To ensure that Maitland Conservation has a stable financial base so we're able to help our member municipalities develop a healthy, resilient and prosperous watershed.

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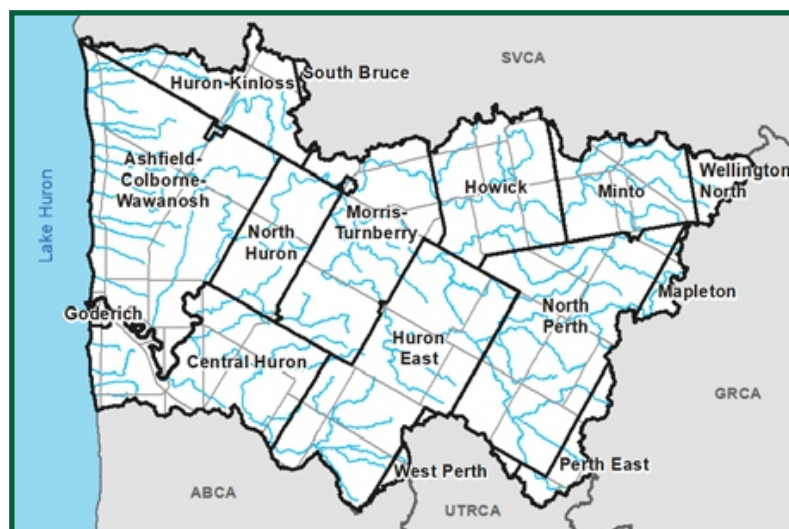
Working for a healthy environment!

MISSION:

Providing leadership to protect and enhance water, forests and soils.

ENDS:

- To protect life, property and prevent social disruption from flooding and erosion hazards.
- To protect water and related resources for present and future generations.
- To protect and expand natural areas.



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MVCA Members - Alvin McLelland (Huron East), Anita van Hittersum (North Huron), Matt Duncan (North Perth), Ed McGugan (Huron-Kinloss & South Bruce), Alison Lobb (Central Huron), Andrew Fournier (Perth East & West Perth), Vanessa McMillan (Town of Goderich)

SERVICE AREA PRIORITIES

1. Corporate Services

- Participation in the development and implementation of the Transition Plan for the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority
- Determine the level of support to be provided to the Maitland Conservation Foundation
- Determine LHRCA's role in the Carbon Footprint Initiative
- Determine whether the LHRCA will participate in the Healthy Lake Huron steering committee in 2027.



Chair Ed McGugan at the 2026 Annual Meeting



2. Flood and Erosion Safety Services



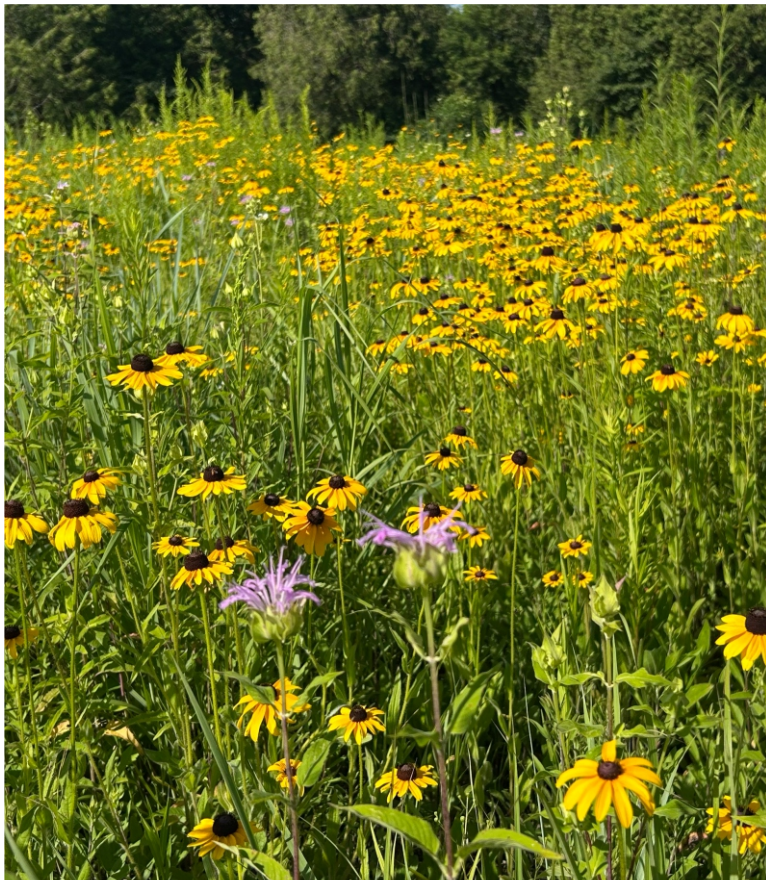
1. **Southern Lake Huron Coastal Resiliency pilot projects** (Goderich Restoration Complex, Transformative Development Policy and Planned Relocation Task Force)
 2. **Rural Communities:** Apply for FHIMP funding to support floodplain mapping updates in rural flood prone communities.
 3. **2026 Regional Hydrology Model:** Implement for use in flood forecasting and support of floodplain mapping updates.
 4. **Headwater Precipitation Monitoring Network (HPMN) Telemetry Replacement:** Monitor newly installed telemetry units to identify and resolve any issues
 5. **Flood Progression Mapping:** Develop mapping and tools to communicate forecasted flood levels for priority damage centres.
 6. **Ontario Low Water Response (OLWR):** Deliver the OLWR program during drought conditions. Define local impacts and associated indicators of severe drought specific to the MVCA watershed and establish mitigation recommendations.
- Helping municipalities to reduce the risk to life and property in areas prone to flooding and erosion.
 - Equipping municipalities with information and support for a changing climate and the increased incidence and impacts of severe weather.
 - Conserving features and functions of the river system and Lake Huron shoreline.

3. Stewardship Services



- Working with municipalities, landowners and partners to keep soil and nutrients on the land and out of watercourses.
- Assisting landowners and municipalities to restore the health of rivers, wetlands and forests and improve soil health.
- Support the implementation of rural stormwater management systems.

1. **Restore River Corridors and Tributaries:** Provide technical and financial assistance to re-establish natural buffers in floodplains and river valleys and to buffer watercourses.
2. **Rural Stormwater Management:** Provide technical and financial assistance to develop stormwater management systems to reduce the potential for soil and nutrients to be washed into watercourses and Lake Huron.
3. **Improving Soil Health:** Encouraging and supporting local momentum in cover crop adoption, linking interested farmers with experienced peers for knowledge sharing. Also providing financial support through MECP COA funding.
4. **Developing Partnerships and Science Support Network:** Work with academic institutions, professionals and other agencies to better understand how to improve the health of soil, aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.
5. **Counties and Partner Agencies:** Several counties and agencies are reshaping or developing stewardship funding programs. Staff will continue to build relationships with these organizations to help inform program development.



WATERSHED HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING



1. **Water Quality Monitoring:** Undertake long-term monitoring through the Provincial Water Quality Monitoring Network, Provincial Groundwater Monitoring Network and Healthy Lake Huron.
2. **Healthy Rivers and Streams:** Continue assessing the health of our rivers and streams through a benthic study. This look at the small creatures at the bottom of streams will complete our efforts to identify which streams are healthy and pinpoint others that need attention.
3. **Build Knowledge:** Complete analysis on field measures including stream temperatures, stream physical form and aquatic life.
4. **Build Understanding:** Use what we are learning about stream and forest health to identify priorities. Share this information with our staff, Members, Foundation and community partners.
5. **Build Knowledge Transfer:** Make the knowledge and understanding gained readily accessible to staff and community partners. This includes the Ecosystem Siting Tool Project that MVCA is developing.



Erin Gouthro, Watershed Ecologist, with a rainbow trout.



Yellow Banded Bumble Bee



4. Conservation Areas



Maitland Conservation owns 28 properties encompassing 1,862 hectares. Key priorities include:

1. **Conservation Areas Infrastructure:** Development of a parking lot at George Taylor C. A. to improve access to the property and trails. This project will be proposed to the Maitland Conservation Foundation for funding.
2. **Falls Reserve Conservation Area:** Addition to the existing workshop to provide office space and additional storage. The campground will continue to operate on a cost recovery basis.
3. **Recreational Opportunities:** Monitor use, inspect facilities for hazards, educate users on acceptable activities, and issue permits or agreements when required.
4. **Forest Management:** Implement best management practices on conservation authority-owned lands by controlling invasive species, enhancing forest health through targeted tree planting, and carrying out priority actions identified in approved forest management plans.
5. **Conservation Areas Strategy:** Review and update the strategy to ensure current authority objectives and goals are being met. The Conservation Areas Strategy is reviewed every 3 years and will need to be approved by December 2027.

- showcasing best management practices on conservation lands,
- ensuring properties are safe for public use,
- maintaining and developing infrastructure based on the needs and resources of Maitland Conservation.



5. Drinking Water Source Protection



1. The Maitland Source Protection Authority (SPA) works in partnership with the Ausable Bayfield SPA in support of the DWSP program. The partnership agreement between the two SPAs will need to be renewed in early 2027, as the current three-year agreement expires March 31, 2027.
2. The SPA will review annual reports on the implementation of the Source Protection Plan, to ensure that source water is protected as planned.
3. The Joint Management Committee for the Maitland and AB SPAs will meet as needed to recruit new members of the Source Protection Committee
4. Source Protection Plan (SPP) amendments: The Maitland Source Protection Plan and associated assessment report will be amended as needed to incorporate changes to municipal drinking water systems, plus changes to the Clean Water Act. The next amendment is anticipated in 2026-2027, to incorporate two new municipal wells in the Town of Minto



DRINKING WATER
SOURCE PROTECTION
Our Actions Matter

COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?

For additional information please contact your Maitland Conservation member. Members are listed on the MVCA website: mvca.on.ca

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Operating Budget Summary - Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

Table 1

ITEM	Revenue	Levy Funds	Deferred Revenue	Reserve Funds	Expense	NET Surplus/ Deficit
Administration	70,000	312,072			382,072	
Financial Management		128,957			128,957	
Governance		18,847			18,847	
Services Areas Support		66,400			66,400	
Communications, IT, GIS	2,000	305,261			307,261	
Source Water Protection	26,229				26,229	
Flood Control Structures		3,262			3,262	
Erosion Control Structures		1,696			1,696	
Flood Forecasting and Warning	36,424	289,912			326,336	
Hazard Prevention		24,383			24,383	
Natural Hazard Information		72,830			72,830	
Regulations	62,500	316,544			379,044	
Watershed Monitoring and Reporting	2,000	101,879			103,879	
Watershed Health Assessment Reporting		136,373			136,373	
Extension Services		295,795			295,795	
Forestry Services	189,100			784	189,884	
Management/Development/Operations	10,680	350,107			360,787	
Motor Pool	51,350				26,174	25,176
Falls Reserve Conservation Area	800,400			148,308	948,708	
Total	1,250,683	2,424,318		149,092	3,798,917	25,176

Project Budget Summary - Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

Table 2

ITEM	Revenue	Levy Funds	Special Levy Funds	Deferred Revenue	Working Capital Reserves	Forest Management Reserves	Motor Pool Reserves	Expense	Net Surplus / Deficit
Administration Centre		10,500						10,500	
GIS/IT Management/Communications		30,350						30,350	
Flood Forecasting Monitoring Network/Hydrology Model		15,000						15,000	
ECCC Natural Hazards Outreach & Education	50,000							50,000	
NRCAN Coastal Resiliency Strategy Implementation	62,000		37,500					99,500	
Watershed Health Assessment Project	15,500	20,931						36,431	
Garvey Glenn Coordination	100,000			31,500				131,500	
Middle Maitland Headwaters Restoration				31,500				31,500	
Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP)	984,500							984,500	
OMAFRA COA				12,000				12,000	
Forestry Management						9,500		9,500	
Vehicles/Equipment Replacement							50,000	50,000	
Carbon Sequestration Planting							700	700	
Conservation Area Projects	30,000				6,600			36,600	
Net Project Budgets	1,242,000	76,781	37,500	75,000	6,600	9,500	50,700	1,498,081	

September 9, 2026	% of	2026 Tax Year	Municipal	CVA Based	2026	2027	\$	2027	2027
2027 Draft Cost Apportionment Schedule	Municipality	CVA (modified)	Population	Apportionment	Approved	Draft	Increase	Draft	Draft
Increase Amount: \$128,394	In Watershed	in Watershed	in CA jurisdiction	Percentage	General	General	from	Special	Total
Municipality		\$			Levy	Levy	Prior Year	Levy	Levy
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township	100	\$1,398,943,756	4,547	12.3900	\$ 295,857	\$ 309,886	\$ 14,029	\$ 10,000	\$ 319,886
Central Huron Municipality	76	\$1,047,679,566	6,104	9.2800	\$ 221,354	\$ 232,102	\$ 10,748	\$ 10,000	\$ 242,102
Goderich Town	100	\$1,243,854,785	6,114	11.0100	\$ 251,725	\$ 275,371	\$ 23,646	\$ 17,500	\$ 292,871
Howick Township	92	\$486,115,152	2,840	4.3000	\$ 103,198	\$ 107,547	\$ 4,349		\$ 107,547
Huron East Municipality	72	\$1,156,268,422	7,940	10.2400	\$ 244,136	\$ 256,112	\$ 11,976		\$ 256,112
Huron-Kinloss Township	43	\$688,052,368	5,919	6.0900	\$ 143,534	\$ 152,317	\$ 8,783		\$ 152,317
Mapleton Township	5	\$102,528,764	7,674	0.9100	\$ 21,814	\$ 22,760	\$ 946		\$ 22,760
Minto Town	64	\$798,624,618	6,482	7.0700	\$ 169,396	\$ 176,828	\$ 7,432		\$ 176,828
Morris/Turnberry Municipality	95	\$585,206,119	2,832	5.1800	\$ 123,840	\$ 129,557	\$ 5,717		\$ 129,557
North Huron Township	100	\$615,399,340	3,854	5.4500	\$ 130,009	\$ 136,310	\$ 6,301		\$ 136,310
North Perth Municipality	98	\$2,579,048,801	11,266	22.8400	\$ 544,046	\$ 571,251	\$ 27,205		\$ 571,251
Perth East Township	9	\$199,439,404	9,538	1.7700	\$ 41,982	\$ 44,269	\$ 2,287		\$ 44,269
South Bruce Municipality	1	\$7,834,494	5,154	0.0700	\$ 1,646	\$ 1,751	\$ 105		\$ 1,751
Wellington North Township	16	\$332,114,590	9,558	2.9400	\$ 69,268	\$ 73,532	\$ 4,264		\$ 73,532
West Perth Municipality	3	\$51,846,012	7,504	0.4600	\$ 10,899	\$ 11,505	\$ 606		\$ 11,505
Total		\$11,292,956,191	97326	100.0000	\$ 2,372,704	\$ 2,501,098	\$ 128,394	\$ 37,500	\$ 2,538,598

Huron East Fire Department – August 2026 Report

August Fire Call Summary

Number	Date	Response Type	Address	Location
26-124	Aug 24	VSA	Huron Road	Seaforth
26-123	Aug 17	Vehicle Collision	Front Road	Seaforth
26-122	Aug 16	Medical	Dunedin Drive	Brussels
26-121	Aug 15	Off Road Medical	Walton Road	Grey
26-120	Aug 15	Vehicle Collision	Perth Line 24	Seaforth
26-119	Aug 14	Call Canceled on Route	Walton Road	Grey
26-118	Aug 13	Alarm System/False	Linda Drive	Seaforth
26-117	Aug 11	Pre Fire Condition	John Street	Seaforth
26-116	Aug 10	Medical	Clyde Line	Brussels
26-115	Aug 6	Vehicle Collision	Roxboro Road	Seaforth
26-114	Aug 5	Farm Equipment Fire	Rowland Road	Grey
26-113	Aug 5	Open Air Unauthorized	Jamestown Road	Brussels
26-112	Aug 1	No Loss outdoor fire	Huron Road	Seaforth

Training Report

All three stations focused their training this month on live-fire training and the various operations associated with interior firefighting. Five live-fire training dates were held throughout the month, with three conducted in-house and two utilizing the OFM live-fire training trailer. One additional training date is scheduled for September, which will complete the department's annual live-fire training requirement.

It is essential that all members of HEFD participate in live-fire training. Huron East has implemented an annual requirement for all members to participate in these training exercises. These sessions provide firefighters with the opportunity to practice critical skills in a controlled environment, including interior fire attack techniques, establishing and maintaining egress routes, search and rescue operations, scene management, and effective communication.

Equipment & Budget Updates

Huron East Fire Department has awarded Fort Garry Fire Trucks the contract to build two new frontline engine rescue trucks, with an expected delivery date of September 2028. Pre-

planning for the replacement of apparatuses has been challenging due to expected lead times of two years or more. The department's planning group will now work with Fort Garry to finalize the design and specifications for both engines.

Annual flow testing was conducted on all components of HEFD's SCBA equipment. Only a few minor issues were identified, all of which were addressed and repaired before the equipment was returned to service.

Chief Update

August was a slower month for public education and inspections due to scheduled staff vacations. However, HEFD was still able to attend several community events and activities.

The Walton Little School

Members of our Brussels Station visited the school and went over some fire safety practices. The kids seemed more interested in the trucks I think!!

Walton Motocross

HEFD provided coverage for four days at the Walton Motorcross event. A four-member crew was stationed on-site from 7am until 4.30pm daily to assist with medical calls associated with the event. Crews had a few days where they seen 8-12 calls for service including some that involved air lift from site. HEFD felt it was best to staff this event then to have dispatch call out the station multiply times over the course of the event.

Given the volume of calls experienced during the event, HEFD determined that having a dedicated crew on-site was the most effective approach rather than relying on dispatch to repeatedly call out a station throughout the event. This provided a consistent emergency response presence while minimizing the impact on regular station operations.

Coming Up

In the coming months, the Huron East Fire Department will focus on the following priorities:

- Reviewing and updating fire service agreements
- Finalizing the order of two apparatuses
- Completing the final live-fire training session for 2026

- Participating in public education events including Brussels Fall Fair, Seaforth Fall Fair, Car Seat Clinic, Touch-a-truck event in Seaforth and a few school visits
- Inspections in Seaforth downtown



RE: Fire Department of North Huron - Fire Chief's Monthly Report

To: CAO Trevor Hallam

From: Chad Kregar, Fire Chief – Fire Department of North Huron

Date: September 22, 2026

Subject: 2026 Monthly Fire Report

Fire Call Summary – September 2026

Total Calls: 14

Number	Date	Response Type	Location
26-111	Aug 4 26	Medical	North Huron
26-112	Aug 5 26	Mutual Aid Lucknow - Bruce County	ACW
26-113	Aug 12 26	No Loss - Outdoor Fire (Brush)	Central Huron
26-114	Aug 15 26	False Alarm - Fire	North Huron
26-115	Aug 15 26	Medical	Morris Turnberry
26-116	Aug 16 26	No Loss - Outdoor Fire (Garbage)	North Huron
26-117	Aug 22 26	False Alarm - Fire	North Huron
26-118	Aug 25 26	Vehicle Fire	North Huron
26-119	Aug 25 26	MVC	Central Huron
26-120	Aug 28 26	No Loss - Outdoor Fire (Brush)	Morris Turnberry
26-121	Aug 29 26	Fire - Dryer	North Huron
26-122	Aug 29 26	False Alarm - Fire	North Huron
26-123	Aug 31 26	False Alarm - Fire	North Huron
26-124	Aug 31 26	Medical	ACW

Note - During this reporting period, North Huron responded to two calls for service in Morris-Turnberry under the department's coverage agreement.

Significant Event

There were no significant events during this reporting period. All calls for service were managed effectively through normal departmental operations, with no major operational concerns or unusual circumstances identified.

August Training Report

Training during August was intentionally reduced to one scheduled department training night following an exceptionally busy first half of the year. During that period, firefighters dedicated significant additional time to certification training, practical evolutions, and examination preparation to ensure the department met Ontario regulatory requirements.

Although there were fewer scheduled training nights, members remained actively engaged throughout the month. Firefighters continued to complete apparatus and equipment inspections, station maintenance, driver training, equipment familiarization, administrative duties, and other operational activities that support the day-to-day readiness of the department. These ongoing activities ensure that personnel, equipment, and apparatus remain prepared to respond safely and effectively at all times.

The department will resume its regular training schedule following the summer months while continuing to build on the knowledge and skills developed through this year's certification program.

August 2026 Budget Update

During August, the Fire Department of North Huron continued to operate within the approved 2026 operating and capital budget.

Department expenditures and activities remained routine for this reporting period, with no significant budget impacts or capital purchases to report.

Regular operational expenses such as training, equipment maintenance, and general department operations continued as planned in accordance with the approved municipal budget and purchasing policies.

Equipment & Maintenance Updates

There were no significant equipment maintenance or repair issues during this reporting period. Routine inspections and maintenance were completed as required, and all equipment remained operational with no major concerns identified.

Fire Chief's Update

Huron County Fire Chiefs continue to meet on a monthly basis, maintaining strong collaboration and open communication across all fire departments within the County. These meetings provide an important forum for discussing operational matters, sharing best practices, coordinating joint training initiatives, and ensuring consistent service delivery standards across municipal boundaries.

Closing Remarks

Regional collaboration continues to be a priority as the Huron County Fire Chiefs meet regularly to discuss issues affecting the fire service and identify opportunities to improve service delivery across the County. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to share information, discuss current legislation, review operational challenges, and work together on initiatives that benefit all Huron County municipalities.

Over the past month, discussions have focused on firefighter certification requirements, mutual aid planning, apparatus replacement projects, emergency management, training, and the continued development of consistent operational practices throughout the County. By maintaining open communication and sharing resources, departments are better positioned to support one another during both routine and large-scale emergency incidents.

The strength of the Huron County mutual aid system continues to be one of our greatest assets. Through ongoing cooperation, planning, and strong working relationships, our fire departments remain prepared to provide timely assistance when additional resources are required, ensuring the highest level of service and public safety for the residents of Huron County.

Bluewater Recycling Association

Q3 2026 General Membership Report September 17th, 2026



During the third quarter, the Association advanced several key priorities, including approval of the 2027 budget, staffing, fleet infrastructure, fire prevention, ICI recycling and the development of new diversion opportunities. This report also highlights broader industry developments that may affect the Association and its member municipalities.

2027 Budget and Municipal Rebate

The Board of Directors has approved the Association's 2027 budget, reflecting a responsible approach to service delivery while recognizing the financial pressures facing our member municipalities.

Although the budget has been approved, final 2027 waste collection and disposal rates cannot be confirmed until the September Consumer Price Index is released on October 19. These rates are calculated using municipal bin counts and the applicable September CPI. Once this information is available, the Association will finalize the calculations and provide each municipality with its updated service costs.

Strong operating results, favourable commodity markets and credits generated under the federal Clean Fuel Regulations through the Association's operation of its own compressed natural gas (CNG) fueling station have created an opportunity to return additional value to our members. As a result, the Board has approved a rebate of up to \$15 per household, not exceeding each municipality's current service cost.

The Board hopes municipalities will consider using the rebate to support additional waste-diversion initiatives, such as organics collection, mattress recycling or other opportunities suited to their communities. The Association would welcome the opportunity to work with interested municipalities to evaluate options and support the development of new diversion programs.

Municipality-specific rebate details will be provided to each member in late October, once the September CPI has been released and the final calculations are complete.

Staffing and Employee Engagement

Staffing levels have continued to improve across the organization. Walk-in interviews were held at the end of August, with 18 applicants attending. This initiative resulted in the hiring of three new drivers, bringing our driver complement to full staffing. Several other strong candidates also participated and may be considered should suitable opportunities arise in the future. Our processing plant is also currently fully staffed.

The Association also held its annual Employee Appreciation Day during the quarter. This event provided an opportunity to recognize our employees and thank them for their continued hard work, commitment and contributions to the Association.

Fleet and Infrastructure

Installation of the Association's new compressed natural gas (CNG) station and the expansion of the fueling rail have been completed. We are currently awaiting the final inspection and approval from the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) before the station can become operational.

The Association received a new front-end collection truck this summer, as well as a new trailer that will be used to haul single-stream recycling material to the North Dumfries processing facility. We are also expecting delivery of two new automated collection trucks before the end of the year.

Implementation of the Association's new phone system was delayed; however, installation is now expected to be completed during the fourth quarter.

Fire Prevention and Emergency Preparedness

Fire prevention and emergency preparedness have been significant areas of focus. Representatives from the South Huron Fire Department attended our facilities to become familiar with the site layouts, closest building access points, fire hose locations and other important emergency-response considerations.



Drivers have also received training on the appropriate procedures to follow if a fire occurs in a collection vehicle. Beginning in October, the Association will work with the local fire departments to provide training specifically related to CNG-powered vehicles and their fuel systems.

The Association has also been in discussions with SEEK Thermal regarding the potential use of thermal imaging cameras on our collection vehicles. SEEK will be providing demonstration units for us to evaluate. These cameras could provide an additional layer of protection by helping identify elevated temperatures and potential fire risks before they develop into more serious incidents.

ICI Recycling Collection and Processing

All municipalities for which the Association provides collection services have confirmed that they will continue with the Association's industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) recycling collection program. This is a very positive outcome and ensures that ICI properties throughout our member municipalities will continue to have access to recycling collection services.

A communication letter has been developed for distribution to affected ICI properties and has already been customized for several municipalities. Any municipality that has not yet reviewed the communication is encouraged to contact us. We would be pleased to customize the letter to reflect the municipality's preferred messaging, branding and local requirements.

The Association is preparing formal ICI collection agreements for participating municipalities, which are expected to be distributed during the fourth quarter.

The Association submitted a proposal in response to the City of Stratford's request for proposals for the processing of its ICI recycling material. The outcome of the procurement process remains pending.

Once the outcome of the Stratford procurement is known, we will review our processing operations during the fourth quarter. This review will consider the operational changes that may be required and whether continuing to process ICI material internally or shipping it to another facility represents the most effective long-term approach.

New and Developing Diversion Programs

A mattress recycling program proposal is attached to this report. The Association is partnering with Try Recycling to make mattress recycling available to all member municipalities. Under the proposed program, the Association can provide a collection roll-off bin, transportation services, or both, while Try Recycling would process and recycle the collected mattresses. Members interested in offering this service are encouraged to contact us for municipality-specific pricing.

The Association also continues to work with Reverse Logistics Group (RLG) and Call2Recycle on the development of a curbside battery collection program. Further information will be provided as the program details are finalized.

Preparations are also underway for the launch of the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc's organics collection program in April 2027. Current work is focused on developing the program's promotion and education materials. A public education session will be held for Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc residents this fall to explain the program, accepted materials and collection requirements.

Proposed Waste-to-Resource Facility

Some members may have been contacted by Zulfiqar Mooraj, representing H&G Control or GTA Strategies. I recently met with Mr. Mooraj and members of his team to learn more about their proposal to develop a waste-to-resource facility in southwestern Ontario.

The project remains in the early planning stage, and the proponents are currently seeking a suitable location for the proposed facility. Preliminary disposal costs are estimated at approximately \$100 to \$130 per metric tonne, which is higher than the Association's current disposal cost at the Twin Creeks landfill.

While the proposed facility does not currently offer a cost advantage for the Association, it may represent a future regional waste-management option. Any member municipality interested in discussing a potential location may contact the proponents directly. The Association will continue to monitor the project and will resume more detailed discussions if and when the proposed facility moves forward to construction.

Regulatory Compliance

The Association's Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) registration has been updated to ensure consistency with the new regulatory requirements.

Governance

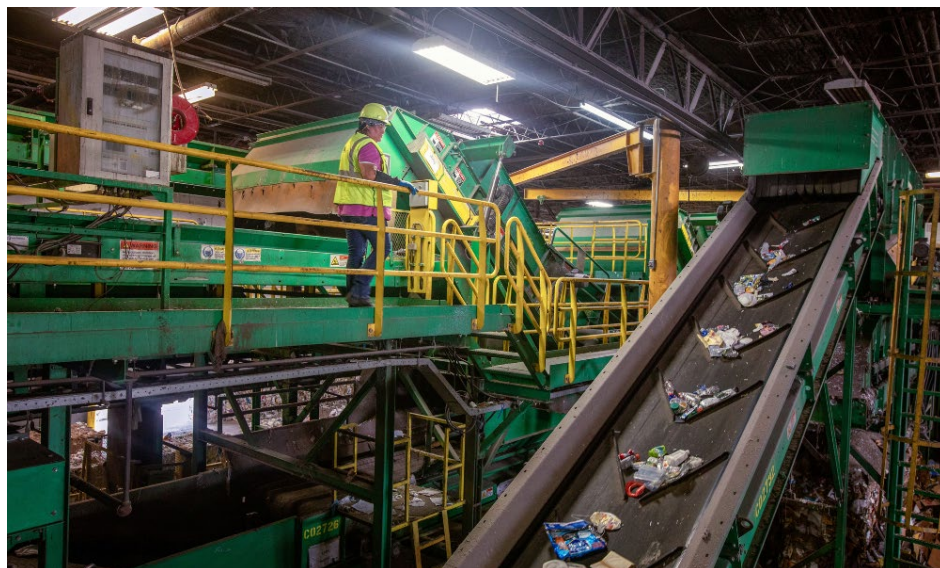
With municipal elections approaching, the Association will hold a special meeting in January to elect its new Board of Directors. Additional information regarding the meeting, appointment process and election of the Board will be provided closer to the date.

Q3 2026 Industry Report

The third quarter of 2026 continued to highlight significant changes across the waste and recycling sector, including new investment in Ontario's recycling infrastructure, ongoing challenges within producer responsibility programs, increasing fire risks associated with lithium-ion batteries, rising fleet operating costs and continued growth in organics diversion.

Ontario Recycling Infrastructure and Producer Responsibility

WM officially opened its new recycling facility in Cambridge, Ontario, as part of an approximately \$300 million investment across its Cambridge and Greater Napanee facilities. Together, the two facilities are expected to process approximately 30% of Ontario's Blue Box material. The Cambridge facility uses advanced mechanical and optical sorting equipment, automation and



artificial intelligence to process the broader range of materials accepted under Ontario's standardized Blue Box program.

The investment demonstrates the scale of infrastructure being developed under Ontario's producer

responsibility framework and the increasing concentration of residential recycling processing among large, highly automated facilities. However, infrastructure alone will not create a circular system. Packaging design, processing capabilities, transparent performance reporting and demand for recycled content must remain aligned.

For BRA and its members, these developments reinforce the need to advocate for measurable producer performance, transparent reporting and effective solutions for flexible plastics and other difficult-to-recycle materials. Municipal education also remains important, as proper participation directly affects contamination and material quality.

Ontario's Used Tire Collection Challenges

Ontario's used tire system experienced significant service disruptions during the quarter. Municipal depots, tire dealers and fleet maintenance facilities reported growing stockpiles as regular collection services failed to keep pace with the number of tires entering the system.

The issue has been linked to the reduction of Ontario's tire collection and management target from 85% to 65%, effective January 1, 2025. Once producer responsibility organizations meet their regulatory targets, they are not necessarily required to continue collecting additional tires. This has left some municipal and private collection sites without service despite environmental handling fees continuing to be charged when tires are purchased.

Several municipalities, including South Huron, Wellington County, Durham Region and portions of Chatham-Kent, temporarily stopped accepting tires after reaching their storage capacity. Industry estimates suggested that between 750,000 and one million tires may have been awaiting collection across Ontario. Large stockpiles create operational concerns and increase the risk of fire, illegal dumping and mosquito breeding.

The Province consulted on regulatory amendments that would require collection from sites with at least



50 tires available and would strengthen enforcement provisions. The situation illustrates the importance of designing producer responsibility regulations around the actual quantity of material generated rather than establishing targets that allow collection services to end before all available material has been managed.

BRA will continue monitoring this issue because service interruptions can affect municipal depots, fleet operations and residents, even where municipalities are not directly responsible for administering the producer program.

Lithium-Ion Batteries and Fire Prevention

Lithium-ion batteries remain one of the most significant safety risks facing waste and recycling operations. When crushed, punctured or compacted, batteries can enter thermal runaway and ignite surrounding material. Waste collection vehicles, transfer stations and material recovery facilities are particularly vulnerable because batteries can be concealed within mixed or compacted loads, and damaged batteries may smoulder before a fire becomes visible.

Industry experience supports a layered approach to prevention that includes public education, designated battery collection options, employee training, load inspection, thermal imaging, emergency-response procedures and strong relationships with local fire departments. One

municipal pilot demonstrated that vehicle-mounted thermal cameras could detect abnormal heat before smoke became visible, allowing drivers to respond earlier.

These developments support the fire-prevention initiatives currently underway at BRA, including driver training, fire department engagement and the evaluation of thermal imaging technology. They also reinforce the importance of keeping batteries out of garbage and recycling containers.



Fleet Safety, Compliance and Risk Management

Waste collection is becoming increasingly data-driven as operators respond to higher insurance costs, regulatory scrutiny and public expectations. Vehicle cameras, driver-behaviour monitoring and time-stamped service records can support coaching, incident investigations, insurance claims and responses to customer concerns. Objective records can protect drivers when complaints are inaccurate while helping management identify behaviours or operational issues requiring correction.

Electronic logging records also require regular oversight to ensure driver profiles, edits and audit trails remain accurate and compliant. For BRA, these trends support continued investment in vehicle visibility systems, consistent incident documentation, appropriate driver coaching and regular compliance reviews.

Rising Fleet Operating Costs

The cost of operating heavy vehicles continues to rise. According to the American Transportation Research Institute, average trucking costs reached a record US\$2.336 per mile in 2025, an increase of 3.4%. Costs excluding fuel increased by 4.2%, exceeding the general inflation rate.

Repair and maintenance costs increased by 8.6%, tire costs by 6.4%, driver benefits by 6.6%, insurance premiums by 3.9%, and truck and trailer lease or purchase costs by 3.6%. Combined driver wages and benefits exceeded US\$1 per mile for the first time. Preliminary information from the first quarter of 2026 indicated that cost pressures were continuing.

Although these figures are based on the broader North American trucking sector and cannot be applied directly to municipal waste collection, they reflect many of the same pressures affecting BRA. Rising maintenance, equipment, insurance, tire and labour costs will need to be considered in future budgets, capital replacement plans and municipal service pricing.

Workforce Conditions

Employment in Canada's trucking and logistics sector increased by 4% year over year in July 2026, reaching approximately 825,400 workers. Transport truck driver employment reached 344,100, representing an increase of approximately 12,500 drivers from the previous year.

At the same time, the number of individuals actively seeking work in the sector declined by nearly 18%, and the driver unemployment rate fell to 4.3%. These conditions suggest that employers will continue to face a limited pool of available drivers despite overall employment growth.

Recruitment must therefore be supported by effective onboarding, competitive compensation, training, workplace safety and employee retention initiatives. For waste collection employers, maintaining a stable driver complement remains particularly important because of the specialized equipment, public interaction and safety requirements associated with the work.

Organics Diversion and Processing

Organics continue to represent one of the largest remaining diversion opportunities. Environment and Climate Change Canada's National Waste Characterization Report identified food as the largest component of Canada's residual waste stream, representing 19% of disposed material nationally. In Ontario, approximately 2.35 million tonnes of food were disposed of in 2022, with an estimated diversion rate of only 19%.

The report also found that Ontario's industrial, commercial and institutional sector generated approximately 57% of the province's disposed municipal solid waste. This supports continued attention to commercial food waste, cardboard and other recoverable materials as BRA expands its focus on ICI services.



Additional organics processing capacity is also being developed in Ontario. Convertus secured \$96 million in financing for an anaerobic digestion facility in York Region. The facility is designed to process up to 200,000 tonnes of source-separated organic material annually and produce renewable natural gas, liquid

fertilizer and food-grade carbon dioxide. Commissioning was expected to begin later in 2026, with service commencing in 2027.

Industry experience continues to demonstrate that successful organics programs depend on convenience, clear education, appropriate container placement, staff training and reliable processing capacity. Prevention and food donation should be prioritized where possible, followed by beneficial uses such as animal feed, composting and anaerobic digestion.

Compostable Products and Program Clarity

The increasing use of products labelled “compostable” is creating challenges for organics programs. A compostable label does not necessarily mean that a product will break down in every municipal or commercial composting facility. Acceptance depends on the facility’s technology, processing time, operating conditions and contamination requirements.

Many compostable plastics closely resemble conventional plastics and cannot be reliably identified by staff or sorting equipment. Some processors therefore remove both materials to protect finished compost quality. As a result, products marketed as compostable may ultimately be screened out and disposed of.

Municipal communications should clearly reflect the requirements of the receiving facility rather than relying on product labels or general claims of compostability. As BRA supports new municipal organics programs, acceptable-material lists will be based directly on processor specifications and communicated consistently to residents.

Local Industry Development

A new waste transfer and processing facility has been proposed at 86618 Highway 21 in Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. The proponent has applied to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for approval to receive up to 31,200 tonnes of non-hazardous waste and processed material annually. The proposed site could store up to 424 tonnes at one time, with most activities occurring indoors.

At the time of reporting, the application remained under review and publicly available information did not provide a detailed breakdown of the materials, anticipated truck volumes or proposed commencement date. Given the facility’s proximity to BRA’s service area, the Association will monitor the application for potential operational, competitive, traffic and regional waste-management implications.

Outlook

The third quarter reinforced that the waste and recycling sector is becoming more complex, capital-intensive and closely scrutinized. Producer responsibility is driving significant investment

in residential recycling infrastructure, while Ontario's tire collection difficulties demonstrate the continuing need for adequate service requirements, transparency and regulatory accountability.

Lithium-ion battery risks, rising fleet costs, labour availability and insurance exposure will continue to require attention. At the same time, the amount of food and recoverable material remaining in Ontario's waste stream creates opportunities for BRA and its members to expand organics and ICI diversion. The Association will continue to monitor industry developments, strengthen operational safety and work with member municipalities to provide stable, efficient and responsive services.

MATTRESS *Recycling*

**MAKING MATTRESS DISPOSAL EASY FOR RESIDENTS AND
SUSTAINABLE FOR COMMUNITIES**



Hassle-Free Process

- ✓ We arrange for transportation to the recycler and coordinate recycling services.
- ✓ All mattress conditions accepted. Dirty? Wet? Mold? No problem.
- ✓ No storage requirements. Mattresses can be stored outside or in containers provided by the Association.

WHY IT MATTERS

Why is Recycling Mattresses Important?

 **THE MATTRESS RECYCLING COUNCIL ESTIMATES THAT 80% OF MATTRESS MATERIALS CAN BE RECOVERED WHEN PROPERLY PROCESSED.** 

Environmental and Health Benefits

- Reduces the number of illegally dumped mattresses, thereby preventing pest infestations and improving neighbourhood cleanliness.
- Properly contains flame retardants commonly used in mattresses so that these chemicals are kept out of the environment.
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions by preventing landfill decomposition.

Benefit to Municipalities

- Reduces landfill safety risks, such as springs in mattresses that can puncture landfill equipment.
- Conserves resources by making used steel and foam available for use in new products.
- Reduces space taken up by mattresses at landfills.
- Extends landfill lifespan.

Economic Benefits

- Creates new recycling jobs.
- Supports downstream jobs with recovered materials, such as steel recycling, foam and textile processing, and manufacturers of recycled products.
- Avoids expensive landfill expansions.

WHY MATTRESSES?

MATTRESSES ARE A RAPIDLY GROWING WASTE PROBLEM

The Canadian mattress industry grew 57% between 2016 and 2021 and was projected to grow another ~6% annually between 2022 and 2026. This growth is driven by population increases and the rise of online mattress-in-a-box retailers. With the average mattress lasting about 11 years, the number reaching end-of-life is growing quickly. In Ontario alone, it is estimated that about 600,000 mattresses are discarded each year. Without dedicated recycling programs, most of these mattresses are destined for landfill.



MATTRESSES TAKE UP HUGE AMOUNTS OF LANDFILL SPACE



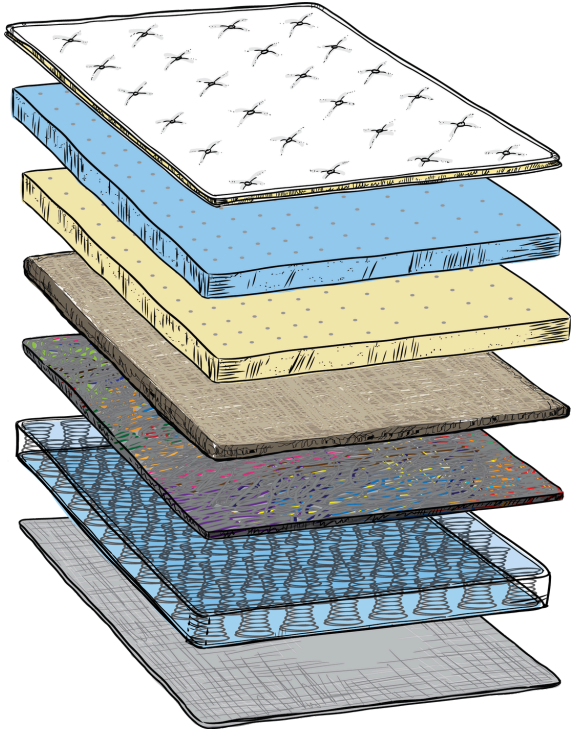
When mattresses are disposed of in landfill, they create a major space problem because they do not compact well. A key fact for waste management is that landfills don't close because they are too heavy; they close because they are full. Landfilling one average mattress uses the same landfill volume as one tonne of municipal solid waste. Diverting mattresses from landfill can significantly extend landfill lifespan and reduce pressure on municipal waste systems.

CONSUMERS CURRENTLY HAVE FEW DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Demand for second-hand mattresses through charities or resale platforms like Kijiji is very limited. Some retailers will take back old mattresses when delivering a new one, but usually for a fee and with strict conditions. Mattresses that are dirty, wet, moldy, or contain bedbugs are not accepted, and many online retailers offer no take-back service. As a result, most mattresses default to landfill. A recycling program would provide residents with a clear disposal option while reducing waste.



Try Recycling's RECYCLING PROCESS



Recycled mattress are cut open and the layers are separated and organized by type:

WOOD Used as a fuel source or shredded to produce landscaping mulch

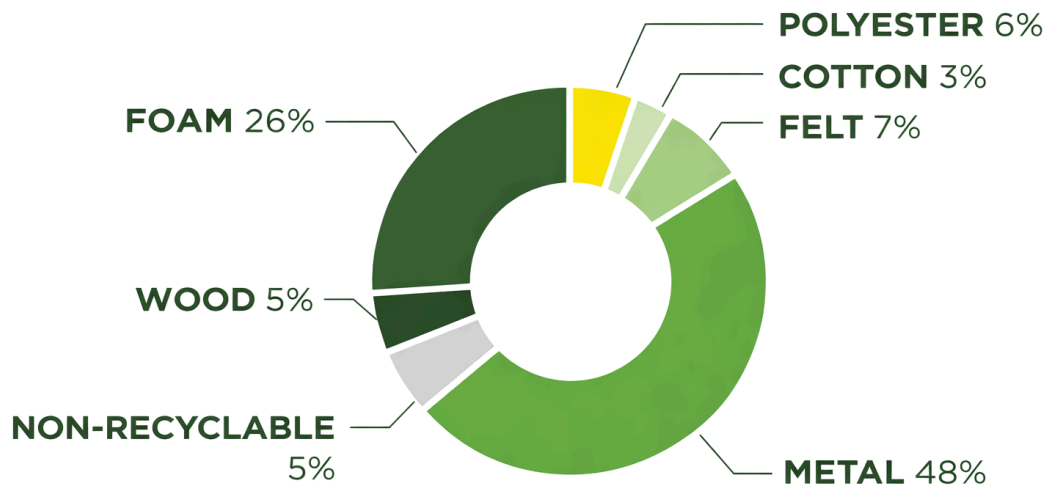
FOAM & FIBRE Compressed and turned into carpet underlayment or animal bed padding

METAL Used to make new appliances and building materials

POLYURETHANE Used to make carpet pads

COTTON Used in thermal insulation and automobiles

MATTRESS BREAKDOWN





Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

Minutes – Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026 1:00 p.m.
Location: Formosa Board Room
Chair: Tom Hutchinson
Members present: Paul Allen, Larry Allison, Barbara Dobreen, Kevin Eccles, Bud Halpin, Dave Myette, Mike Niesen, Sue Paterson, Jennifer Prenger (arrived at 1:15p.m.), Bill Stewart, Peter Whitten, Gregory McLean, Steve McCabe
Member absent: Moiken Penner
Staff present: Erik Downing, Matt Armstrong, Ashley Richards, Izabela Polowa, Donna Lacey, Katie Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

1. Land Acknowledgement – read by Sue Paterson

We begin our meeting today by respectfully acknowledging the Anishinaabeg Nation, the Haudenosaunee, the Neutral, and the Petun peoples as the traditional keepers of this land. We are committed to moving forward in the spirit of reconciliation with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion #G26-32

Moved by Greg McLean

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT the agenda of the SVCA meeting of July 16, 2026, be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest relative to any item on the agenda.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion #G26-33

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the minutes of the Authority Meeting, May 21, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. New Business

Governance

5.1 GM-2026-16: SVCA Program Report

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer presented the Program Report, highlighting organizational activities undertaken since the previous meeting. Updates included ongoing

preparations for the provincial conservation authority amalgamation, undertaking of the annual external audit, corporate and financial operations, environmental planning and permitting activities, successful forestry and tree planting initiatives, conservation area and campground operations, water resources and water quality programs, and progress on capital infrastructure projects, including the receipt of provincial grant funding for several water and erosion control initiatives. The Board also recognized Forestry and Lands Manager Donna Lacey for receiving Forests Canada's 2026 Most Valuable Planter Award in recognition of her significant contributions to forest restoration.

Board members thanked the Manager of Environmental Planning and Regulations for establishing a new communication approach with the Amish and Mennonite communities. Directors inquired whether the initiative had been completed and whether it had been successful.

The Manager of Environmental Planning and Regulations advised that a report on the initiative would be presented at a future meeting. He noted that the meetings were worthwhile, fostering greater understanding and improved compliance. He further stated that the in-person communication was valuable in building relationships with the community.

5.2 GM-2026-17: Workplan

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer presented an update on the 2026 SVCA Operational Work Plan, highlighting ongoing initiatives across all departments. Key activities include emergency response and planning, human resources and IT policy updates, regulatory mapping, implementation of Bill 23 planning changes, water and erosion control infrastructure planning, flood forecasting initiatives, forestry management, and conservation land projects. Several corporate services, environmental planning, and water resources initiatives have been completed, while the majority of projects remain on schedule or are ongoing, with a small number currently on hold.

5.3 GM-2026-18: 2027 Budget

Motion #G26-34

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Bud Halpin

THAT the SVCA Board of Directors approve the 2027 draft budget in principle; AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to forward the draft budget to the Authority's watershed municipalities for a 30-day review and commenting period and include the offer of a delegation if requested, and further THAT the working capital reserve be used to reduce apportionment increase to 2.5%.

Carried

The General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer presented the proposed 2027 draft budget and requested the Board's approval in principle to circulate it to watershed municipalities for a 30-day review and comment period. The Board endorsed a 2.5% increase in municipal apportionment, reduced from the previously endorsed maximum of 9% through cost containment and internal realignment while maintaining all current service levels. The report noted limited working capital reserve capacity affordability.

During discussion, Directors inquired about the Authority's financial planning and future financial strategies in relation to the upcoming amalgamation. The General Manager advised that the transition process has not yet been fully implemented, as members of the new governance structure are still being appointed. He noted that current operations remain unchanged while the

transition is being organized in the background and that the Authority is awaiting further direction and implementation guidance from the Province. General Manager noted that the Board is the governing authority of the Conservation Authority and that the organization cannot operate without a Board in place. Directors inquired about when the new regional Board would be constituted and whether an interim Chair had been appointed. The General Manager advised that an announcement from the Province regarding the appointment of the interim Chair is expected in the near future.

Directors further inquired about the disposition of the Authority's reserves following amalgamation. The General Manager advised that the reserves would be allocated in accordance with their intended purpose and applied through the appropriate allocation process.

Directors inquired whether there was a clear indication of the additional funding required for the 2027–2028 budget compared to 2026–2027. The General Manager explained that the increase in municipal apportionment is attributed to several factors, including the cost-of-living adjustment, which was calculated at 3.17% based on the May-to-May inflation rate, as well as additional funding requirements related to special benefitting projects, which vary year over year.

The Chair called for a recess at 2:35 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

Corporate Services

5.4 CS-2026-10: 2027 Fee Schedule Report

Motion #G26-35

Moved by Paul Allen

Seconded by Bud Halpin

THAT the Board of Directors of Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority approve the amendments to the attached Fee Policy, and approve the following fee schedules to take effect on January 1, 2027:

- *Schedule A – Environmental Planning and Permitting Services*
- *Schedule B – Campground*
- *Schedule C – Forestry Services*
- *Schedule D – Corporate Services*
- *Schedule E – Water Resources*

Carried

The Acting Manager of Corporate Services presented the proposed 2027 Fee Schedules for Board approval. The report recommended amendments to the Fee Policy and approval of the fee schedules effective January 1, 2027. Most fees have been adjusted by approximately 3% to align with the Consumer Price Index and the 2027 budget, while Environmental Planning and Permitting fees remain unchanged due to the provincial fee freeze. The annual review ensures fees remain fair, reflect current service costs, and support the Authority's long-term financial sustainability.

5.5 CS-2026-11: YE Draft 2025 Financials

The Acting Manager of Corporate Services presented the draft 2025 year-end financial statements, highlighting the Authority's overall financial position and departmental variances. The report noted an overall operating surplus driven by favourable results in several program areas, while administration experienced a deficit primarily due to employee separation costs, consultant fees,

and bad debt expenses. The draft financials also identified departmental budget variances and deferred capital expenditures, with the statements remaining subject to final review and audit.

Forestry and Lands

5.6 LAN-2026-06: Varney Conservation Area

Motion #G26-36

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Steve McCabe

THAT the Board of Directors authorize staff to seek approval of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) to proceed with disposal-related works for Varney Conservation Area, including further investigation, due diligence, consultation, reporting, and any other steps necessary to advance the potential disposition of the property.

Carried

The Manager of Forestry and Lands presented a report seeking the Board's authorization to obtain the necessary provincial approvals to continue investigating the potential disposition of the Varney Conservation Area. The report outlined the property's history, previous Board direction to explore disposal options, and recent provincial restrictions requiring authorization before any land disposition can proceed. Staff advised that, subject to receiving approval from the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, further due diligence and reporting will continue before any future decision is brought forward to the Board.

Environmental Planning and Regulations

5.7 EPR-2026-07: PO Officer Designations

Motion #G26-37

Moved by Barbara Dobreen

Seconded by Sue Paterson

THAT the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority appoint SVCA staff member Darcy Frook as an officer and designate her as a Provincial Offences Officer in accordance with Section 30.1 of the Conservation Authorities Act and the 2024 Ministry of Natural Resources Class Designation.

Carried

The Environmental Planning and Regulations Manager presented a report recommending that the Authority appoint Darcy Frook as an Officer and designate her as a Provincial Offences Officer under the *Conservation Authorities Act*. He advised that Darcy met all required qualifications, including completing the necessary compliance training, enabling her to review permit applications and carry out enforcement responsibilities on behalf of the Authority.

Water Resources

5.8 WR-2026-10: Municipality of Kincardine Project Easement Transfer

Motion #G26-38

Moved by Bill Stewart

Seconded by Larry Allison

THAT the Board of Directors endorse the transfer of easements for the Municipality of Kincardine, through Category 2 Agreement negotiations for the Campbell Erosion Control Project, the Inverhuron Flood Control Project, the Kincardine Gabion Wall Project, the Kincardine Township Erosion Control Project, the Penetangore River Diversion, the Penetangore Slope Stability and Erosion Control Project, and the Riggens Erosion Control Project.

Carried

The Water Resources Manager presented a report updating the Board on the transfer of easements for several flood and erosion control infrastructure projects within the Municipality of Kincardine. She explained that, following the Municipality's decision not to enter into Category 2 Agreements, staff worked with municipal representatives and legal counsel to finalize an alternative approach through easement transfers. The Board was asked to endorse the transfer of easements for seven Kincardine projects, with the next steps being completion of the legal documentation and transfer process.

Directors inquired whether the transfer of easements would have any negative impact on ongoing projects and how responsibility will be assumed for these projects. Directors sought clarification on whether the proposed easement transfers were primarily a transfer of project management responsibilities back to the parties responsible for or benefiting from the works, rather than a transfer of ownership. The Manager of Water Resources advised that ownership of the projects varies and may involve private landowners, the SVCA, and the Municipality of Kincardine.

6. Correspondence – Received

7. Closed Session

Motion #G26-39

Moved by Steve McCabe

Seconded by Kevin Eccles

THAT the Authority move to Closed Session, In Camera to discuss matters related to identifiable individual(s), litigation or potential litigation; and to discuss matters related to the proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land and FURTHER THAT Erik Downing, Ashley Richards, Donna Lacey and Izabela Polowa remain in the meeting.

Carried

8. Other business

8.1 Reserve Use

Motion #G26-40

Moved by Bud Halpin

Seconded by Bill Stewart

THAT the SVCA Board of Directors approve the use of approximately \$265,000 of working capital reserve funds, to address business costs that exceed approved administrative operating budgets in 2025, as discussed in closed session.

Carried

9. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:11p.m. following a motion by Paul Allen and seconded by Sue Paterson.

Tom Hutchinson
Chair

Izabela Polowa
Recording Secretary

Membership Meeting #8-2026

August 26, 2026

Members Present: Ed McGugan, Alvin McLellan, Anita van Hittersum, Alison Lobb, Sharen Zinn, Ed Podniewicz, Megan Gibson, Evan Hickey, Vanessa McMillan

Members Absent: Andrew Fournier, Matt Duncan

Staff Present: Phil Beard, General Manager-Secretary-Treasurer
Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator
Patrick Huber-Kidby, Planning & Regulations Supervisor
Stewart Lockie, Conservation Areas Coordinator
Michelle Quipp, Executive Assistant

Others Present: Kelsey Bent, Midwestern News Media
Nigel Bellchamber, Vice-Chair Maitland Conservation Foundation

1. Call to Order

Chair Ed McGugan, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no pecuniary interests at this time.

3. Minutes

Motion FA #83-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the minutes from the General Membership Meeting #7-2026 held on July 15, 2026, be approved.
(carried)

4. Presentations

Nigel Bellchamber presented to members about the proposed regulation setting out the method for determining the number of members appointed to regional conservation authorities:

Motion FA #84-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT Chair McGugan submit comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) regarding the Consultation on Proposed Governance Regulations for Regional Conservation Authorities, including concerns related to the proposed population-based allocation formula, the absence of cited sources, and the lack of a geographic area component in the formula.
(carried)

5. Business Out of the Minutes

a) Revised Guiding Principles Pre Transition Committee: Report #50-2026

Report #50-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #85-26

Moved by: Anita van Hittersum

Seconded by: Alvin McLellan

THAT MVCA adopt the draft guiding principles for transition with the additional guiding principles identified in this report and circulate a copy of the revised document to the other five conservation authorities who are part of the Lake Huron Regional Conservation Authority for feedback.
(carried)

b) Letter to the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency: Report #51-2026

Report #51-2026 was provided to members for their information.

c) Presentation to Association of Municipalities Re: Lake Huron Region: Report #52-2026

Report #52-2026 was provided to members for their information.

d) Communications Support: Report #53-2026

Report #53-2026 was provided to members for their information.

e) **Sediment Bypass Project-Awarding of Contract: Report #54-2026**

Report #54-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #86-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Evan Hickey

THAT the Members concur with the awarding of the project to RFS inclusive of items 1-9 for \$419,000 and item 10 as a per rate item subject to the available funds (i.e. a provisional item).

(carried)

f) **MVCA Involvement in International Plowing Match: Report #55-2026**

A visual presentation was presented to members by Jayne Thompson, Communications Coordinator.

6. **Business Requiring Direction and/or Decision:**

a) **Review of Fees Policy: Report #56-2026**

Report #56-2026 was presented and the following motion was made:

Motion FA #87-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Anita van Hittersum

THAT the Fees Policy be approved for 2027.

(carried)

b) **Proposed Amendments to Fee Schedule for 2027: Report #57-2026**

Report #57-2026 was presented and the following motions were made:

Motion FA #88-26

Moved by: Antia van Hittersum

Seconded by: Megan Gibson

THAT the Honorarium for the Chair and Vice Chair be pro rated for the month of January.

(carried)

Motion FA #89-26

Moved by: Alison Lobb

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillian

THAT the proposed fee changes be posted for review and comment and that comments be reviewed at the September 16, 2026 Members meeting.

(carried)

7. Consent Agenda

The following items were circulated to the Members for their information:

- a) Revenue/Expenditure Revenue/Expenditure Report for July: Report #58-2026
- b) Program and Services Agreement Update: Report #59-2026
- c) Outdoor Pavilion Update: Report #60-2026
- d) Agreements Signed: Report #61-2026
- e) Correspondence

Motion FA #90-26

Moved by: Alvin McLellan

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT Report #58-2026 to Report 61-2026 along with the respective motions as outlined in those reports be approved.

(carried)

8. Chair and Member Reports

No chair or member reports were shared.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date, Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 7:00pm at the Administration Centre in Wroxeter.

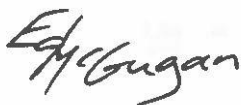
Motion FA#91-26

Moved by: Megan Gibson

Seconded by: Vanessa McMillan

THAT the Members Meeting be adjourned at 8:33pm.

(carried)



Ed McGugan
Chair



Phil Beard
General Manager / Secretary-Treasurer

Huron OPP Detachment Board

Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Huron OPP Detachment Office

325 Albert Street, Clinton, ON, N0M 1L0

Members Present: Marg Anderson, Vice Chair - Elected Official - Central Huron
 Anita van Hittersum, Member - Elected Official - North Huron
 Greg Lamport, Member - Elected Official - Bluewater
 Jim Dietrich, Chair - Elected Official - South Huron
 Trevor Bazinet, Member - Elected Official - Goderich
 John Steffler, Member - Elected Official - Huron East
 Dave Frayne, Member - Provincial Appointee
 Jasmine Clark, Member - Community Representative
 Jennette Walker, Member - Community Representative
 Jared Petteplace, Member - Provincial Appointee

Staff Present: Acting Inspector Andrew MacIassac, Huron O.P.P.
 Kendra Webster, Administrator / Recording Secretary

Others Present: Hank Zehr, Police Service Advisor, SOLGEN

1. Call to Order

Chair Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: 32-2026

Moved: D. Frayne

Seconded: J. Steffler

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the agenda as amended.

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

4. Approval of Past Minutes

Motion: 33-2026

Moved: T. Bazinet

Seconded: G. Lamport

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board adopts the minutes of May 25, 2026 as printed and circulated.

Disposition: Carried

5. Presentations/Delegations

6. Business from Previous Meetings

7. Report

7.1 Inspector's Report

Motion: 34-2026

Moved: M. Anderson

Seconded: A. vanHittersum

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Inspector's Report as presented.

Disposition: Carried

7.2 Financial Report

Motion: 35-2026

Moved: J. Petteplace

Seconded: J. Steffler

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives the Financial Report titled Board Financial Actuals - January 1 to June 30, 2026, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

8. New Business

8.1 Huron OPP Detachment Board & Policing Activities 2025 Report

Motion: 36-2026

Moved: D. Frayne

Seconded: J. Walker

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board approves the Huron OPP Detachment Board Activities - 2025 Annual Report and the 2025

**Detachment Board Annual Report, as presented; and
That the reports be circulated by the Administrator to all lower-tier
municipalities in Huron County.**

Disposition: Carried

8.2 PGO Conference Summary

Members who attended the Police Governance Ontario (PGO) conference noted it was very well run and educational. Members explained that separate sessions were held for municipal boards and OPP boards, which was beneficial.

8.3 West Region Detachment Board Symposium

Member Lamport attended the symposium and noted that the topics covered were similar to presentations at the PGO conference.

8.4 Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair

The Board discussed the election process for the chair and vice-chair positions in 2027.

9. Board Member Comments

Member Lamport mentioned the Bayfield Community Focus Group would like to request a speed reduction to 50 km/h for a section of HWY #21 within Bayfield. He advised that traffic signals are going to be installed at HWY #21 and County Road #3.

Member Steffler said that there were some concerns with this year's upcoming Santa Claus Parade in Seaforth relating to closing HWY #8 and requesting off-duty paid OPP officers. He noted that there would be additional costs incurred by the Seaforth Lions for this request.

Hank Zehr spoke to the recent Inspector General Memo regarding an increase in antisemitism and hate-motivated incidents. He advised that the PGO has released board appointment resource packages which will be beneficial for new board members in the future.

10. Correspondence

10.1 Appointment to O.P.P. Detachment Board

10.2 Village of Merrickville Wolford - Resolution - Traffic Calming and Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Motion: 37-2026

Moved: G. Lamport

Seconded: M. Anderson

**That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and
That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.**

Disposition: Carried

10.3 PGO Zone 5 Approved Minutes - March 10, 2026

Motion: 38-2026

Moved: G. Lamport

Seconded: J. Petteplace

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board receives correspondence items, as included under Correspondence.

Disposition: Carried

11. Closed Session

10:28 a.m. The Board took a recess and Hank Zehr left the meeting.

10:40 a.m. The Board returned from recess.

Motion: 39-2026

Moved: J. Petteplace

Seconded: J. Steffler

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board proceeds in Closed Session at 10:40 a.m. in accordance with Section 44(2)(b) and (g) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019;

1. **information explicitly supplied in confidence to the board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them, a municipality or a First Nation**
2. **personal matters about an identifiable individual, including members of the police service or any other employees of the board.**

That the following people remain in attendance for item 1 - Acting Inspector and the Administrator; for item 2 - the Administrator.

Disposition: Carried

12. Report From Closed Session

The Board returned to open session at 11:41 a.m.

Chair Dietrich reported out that the Board met in Closed Session as permitted in subsection Section 44(2)(b) and (g) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, to discuss information explicitly supplied in confidence to the board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them, a municipality or a First Nation, and personal matters about an identifiable individual, in accordance with the Act.

As a result of the closed session today, the closed meeting minutes of March 23, 2026, were approved and there were no resolutions to be considered in open session.

13. Next Meeting

September 21, 2026

14. Adjournment

Motion: 40-2026

Moved: M. Anderson

Seconded: G. Lamport

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board hereby adjourns at 11:42 a.m., to meet again on September 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Jim Dietrich, Chair

Kendra Webster, Recording Secretary



Good News

Welcome Back Students and Staff

Chair Michael Bannerman shared a warm message of welcome to students and staff. He has heard many stories of a successful school year start up and expressed gratitude to all those who have contributed to this success. He pointed out that it truly takes a huge team effort to ensure that buildings and classroom spaces are ready to welcome students. Welcome back AMDSB!



North Huron Schools Participate in 104th Annual Elementary School Fair

Vice Chair Patricia Smith shared that she had the pleasure of attending the annual Elementary School Fair which was hosted in Belgrave. Students from Maitland River ES, Hullett Central PS, Brookside PS and FE Madill SS attended and participated in a number of activities and competitions including crafts, baking, vegetable and fruit growing, 4-H activities and more! This event highlights the strong pride that our schools have for their rural connections!



Students Enjoy a Visit to the International Plowing Match

Chief Executive Officer Graham Shantz was pleased to share that he, along with Vice Chair Patricia Smith and Trustee Sheila Armstrong-Marshall attended the International Plowing Match held in Walkerton. The event, according to organizers, is "a celebration of agriculture and rural living. There are plowing competitions, a range of activities for people of all ages, numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture, near-constant live entertainment in multiple Match venues, hundreds of vendors and exhibitors (large and small equipment, lifestyle items and much more), and more!" Students from a number of schools will be visiting the event and a kudos to Trustee Armstrong-Marshall as she serves as the 1st Vice President of the organizing committee (Ontario Plowman's Association). This event is running through the week of September 22 to 26 which has been designated [Rural Ontario Week](#), which was championed by Minister of Rural Affairs and MPP for Huron-Bruce Lisa Thompson.



A Busy Summer

CEO Graham Shantz shared that although school buildings may be closed to students over the summer, teams across the district are busy with a number of projects and programs for students. Our custodial team cleaned over 2 million square feet of floor, our finance team was very busy with the Ministry's Classroom Supply Initiative, our IT team initiated a number of system upgrades, our HR team conducted dozens of interviews, educators hosted in-person and online learning opportunities for elementary and secondary students (nearly 1000 secondary credits were granted), as well as English as a Second Language classes and Indigenous learning opportunities.

September Days of Significance

Schools are celebrating important days throughout the month of September. The video below provides a sampling of these activities!

[September DOS Wrap-Up Video - 2026](#) by AMDSB Communications

School Showcase

Communications Manager Chera Longston highlighted **Brookside Public School**, located just outside of Lucknow (Northwest Huron - Trustee Joseph Cohen), which serves approximately 360 students from Kindergarten to Grade 8. While it has no designated feeder school, students transition to Goderich District CI or FE Madill SS for secondary education. The current building opened in 1966 and is led by Principal Joshua McClinchey under the supervision of Superintendent Paul Langis.

Highlights from Brookside PS include:

- Connection to community: the school's connection to the local community is integral to their success. A strong school council helps support events and fundraising efforts.
- Response to growth: with ongoing enrolment growth, the school continues to see upgrades to accommodate additional students (new larger playground, upgraded technology, new portables, re-finished parking lot)
- Their people: students and staff truly love their school and it shows! From welcoming each student in person as they arrive every day, to celebrating being a bulldog, their staff and students take great pride in their warm, welcoming environment!

Senior Staff Updates

Long-Term Accommodation Plan (Includes Before and After School Program Update)

Superintendent Cheri Carter provided an overview of the 2026 Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP). The LTAP provides an overview of the student accommodation and capital planning needs in the district.

The LTAP culminates with recommendations that will be used to guide work plan priorities and initiatives over the short, medium, and long-term horizons, and is a tool used by AMDSB to facilitate communication and collaboration in support of planning for student accommodation needs. Visit the [Pupil Accommodations and Enrolment Projections page](#) to view the full LTAP.

Superintendent Jane Morris also provided an update from the Before and After School Care Task Force that was formed last year to increase the before and after school programs across the district. She reported that new programs have opened at Exeter ES and Bluewater Coast ES and was also pleased to announce that a program is projected to open in January at Brookside PS, with work underway to continue to expand programs in both counties. Details will be shared directly with impacted school families directly.

Strategic Plan (2026-2030)

Communications Manager Chera Longston presented a poster and 1-page summary of the new AMDSB Strategic Plan for trustee approval. The full release will occur in the coming days!

Student Trustee Update

Student Trustees Arina Postovalova (South Huron DHS), Mollie Hannam (Stratford District SS) and Jackson King (South Huron DHS) were welcomed and they will be meeting with their fellow senators in the coming weeks. Chair Bannerman and Trustee Mishra did highlight a recent example of the senate's equity initiative. An SDSS student recently travelled to Europe as a result of the fund that the student senators created. Kudos on this successful initiative!

Future Board Meetings

Regular Board Meetings are held in person unless otherwise noted. Links to join the Regular Board meetings online will be posted on the [Board Meeting page](#) the day before the meeting.

- Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 4:45 p.m. Regular Session, followed by Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation

- Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) – Monday, September 28, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
- Trustee Recognition and Service Committee – Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.
- Audit Committee – Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Equity Committee – Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.

- Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) – Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (Teams)
- Governance and Strategic Planning Committee – Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 4:45 p.m.
- Transportation Steering Committee (HPSTS) – Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
- AODA – Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (Teams)





CSWB FOR HURON INFORMATION BRIEFING

What is Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) for Huron? The CSWB for Huron Plan adopted by lower-tier municipalities in July 2021 is a roadmap for how lower-tier municipalities in Huron County can collaborate across different sectors to make communities more inclusive, resilient, and where all residents **THRIVE**.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING ACT (2019)

This act mandates all Ontario municipalities must develop and implement a CSWB Plan in partnership with community stakeholders.

CSWB PRIORITIES

Mental Health and Addictions



Community Security



Housing Stability and Homelessness



Domestic and Family Violence



ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING CSWB FOR HURON



Canadian Mental Health Association
Huron Perth Addiction and Mental Health Services





CSWB FOR HURON INFORMATION BRIEFING



THE CSWB FOR HURON PLAN

The CSWB for Huron Plan was prepared in collaboration with all 9 lower-tier municipalities in Huron County and a multi-sectoral Advisory Committee that included representatives from social and community organizations, school boards, boards of health, the police service and other local service providers working to protect or enhance safety and well-being. The plan was adopted in 2021.

Read the CSWB for Huron Plan (2021) and Review Report (2025)



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CSWB PRIORITIES

Mental Health and Addictions



Mental health is about thriving - enjoying life, having a sense of purpose, strong relationships, feeling connected to others, and managing life's highs and lows. There is also a significant family impact associated with addiction.



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Community Security



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Community security encompasses the ability to meet basic needs, participate in leisure and recreational activities, access reliable transportation, experience a sense of belonging within the community, and live in an environment free from crime.

Housing Stability and Homelessness



Housing is fundamental to health and well-being for every individual and must be affordable, suitable and available. **Homelessness** is not a choice - it's about a lack of choice.



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Domestic and Family Violence



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Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive, violent, or controlling behaviour in an intimate relationship, including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, financial, digital abuse, and coercive control. **Family violence** is a broader term that includes abuse, violence, neglect, or controlling behaviour among family members, such as partners, parents, children, siblings, and older adults.



MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS INFORMATION BRIEFING

Mental health is about thriving - enjoying life, having a sense of purpose, strong relationships, feeling connected to others, and managing life's highs and lows. There is also a significant family impact associated with addiction. Studies indicate that **for every 1 person struggling with addiction, an estimated four or more family members are severely impacted.**

NO JUDGEMENT HERE - IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE OKAY.

Everyone experiences challenges with their mental health at different points in life. Creating a community where people feel safe to talk about mental health and addiction, seek support, and share their experiences without fear of stigma or judgment is essential.



HOW IS THIS SHOWING UP IN HURON?

Local and provincial data highlight a growing need for mental health and crisis supports, with rising service demand across all age groups.

11,741 number of calls to Huron Perth Crisis and Helpline, the volume of which continues to grow year over year since the pandemic.

Approximately **1 in 5** children and youth in Ontario have a mental health challenge.

68% of farmers are more susceptible than the general population to chronic stress, which can lead to physical and mental illnesses.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Across Huron, maintaining a focus on mental health and addiction ensures that community members have access to essential resources, support systems, and interventions. By prioritizing mental health and addiction, we create a safer, more resilient community where people feel supported in their journey toward recovery and wellness, ultimately fostering a stronger sense of security and well-being for all.

Helping Someone in Crisis **In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

If you encounter someone in need of emergency assistance, the following **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** support options are available:

Huron Perth Helpline & Crisis Response Team |
Call: 1-888-829-7484

Kids Help Phone | Call 1-800-668-6868 / Text 686868

Suicide Crisis Helpline | Call or Text 9-8-8

**Huron Perth Mental Health & Suicide Crisis
Response Protocol**



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The organizations behind the CSWB for Huron **Mental Health & Addictions Ad Hoc Committee***

*Appointed Municipal staff/Council support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee supports all deliverables related to the priority area.

- Avon Maitland District School Board
- Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Huron Perth Addiction & Mental Health Services
- Huron Health System
- Huron OPP
- Huron Perth Catholic District School Board
- Huron Perth Centre for Children and Youth
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance
- Huron Perth Public Health

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN HURON?



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The **Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT)** led by Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance works in collaboration with Huron OPP to provide immediate on-site assessment with police of a person in crisis while attempting to deescalate and stabilize the person in crisis and/or provide support to family or loved ones involved.

CMHA Huron Perth and CMHA Thames Valley - Addiction & Mental Health Services provides a variety of services across Huron County including addiction counseling for youth and adults, mental health case management, peer support, court support, counseling for problem gambling/behavioral change, supportive housing, community withdrawal management and more.



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The **Huron-Perth Centre** is the lead agency for child and youth mental health service planning and service provision across Huron and Perth counties. They offer free mental health counselling services for children and youth from birth to age 18 as well as supports for parents, caregivers and families who are concerned about their child's mental health. The Centre also provides youth justice counselling services, support for youth involved with child welfare services and a violence against women counselling program.



Everyone plays a role.

Building a safer, more connected community starts with mental health awareness, support, and stigma reduction. Everyone has a role to play in creating a safe, supportive, and inclusive community.

Resources & Training related to Mental Health & Addictions



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In the Know Training (Agriculture Wellness Ontario) is a free, 4-hour workshop offered virtually or in-person, designed specifically for farmers, their families and those who are involved and/or support the agriculture sector.



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Explore **ConnexOntario's** resources available list for drug and alcohol, mental health and problem gambling.



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Children's Mental Health Ontario provides a full list of youth mental health resources.



COMMUNITY SECURITY INFORMATION BRIEFING

Community security encompasses the ability to meet basic needs, participate in leisure and recreational activities, access reliable transportation, experience a sense of belonging within the community, and live in an environment free from crime.

SAFE COMMUNITIES ARE BUILT TOGETHER.

Everyday choices, like driving distraction-free, staying sober, and looking out for one another, help prevent injuries and save lives. By working together to support inclusion, respect, and healthy decisions, we build a safer, stronger community for everyone.

FACTS

HOW IS THIS SHOWING UP IN HURON?

The “Big 4” offences continue to be a concern across Huron County. **In 2025:**

66 Distracted Driving Charges	245 Seatbelt Charges
192 Impaired Charges	3,082 Speeding Charges

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

In Huron County, **actions that focus on prevention matter most because the data shows a clear and ongoing concern.** Many incidents, especially those linked to the “Big 4” and water safety, are preventable, making prevention the most effective way to reduce harm, save lives, and build a safer, more welcoming community.

Helping Someone in Crisis **In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

If you encounter someone in need of emergency assistance, the following **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** support options are available:

OPP Non-Emergency Line | Call: 1-888 310-1122

211 Ontario | Call or Text 2-1-1

Victim Services Huron Perth

Reporting Hate & Discrimination Tool



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The organizations behind the CSWB for Huron **Community Security Ad Hoc Committee***

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- Huron Immigration Partnership
- Huron OPP
- Huron Perth Public Health
- Salvation Army (Goderich)
- United Way Perth-Huron
- Victim Services Huron Perth

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN HURON?



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Welcoming Week is an annual campaign and celebration showcasing the movement of communities striving to be more welcoming places for all, including immigrants. More than 4,000 people have celebrated in Huron County since 2021, with dozens of events organized throughout our communities.

Huron OPP provides free fraud prevention and scam awareness training sessions across many communities in Huron County designed for community groups, seniors, and businesses.



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I Am Huron is a Huron County-wide initiative to showcase the diverse contributions that immigrants and newcomers to Canada make in our communities. The campaign aims to celebrate immigrants and highlight the positive impact they make in many different areas.



Stronger, Together.

Welcoming communities build belonging and inclusion. When everyone feels they matter and we stand united, communities become stronger. This means actively challenging exclusion, reducing barriers, and ensuring people feel safe, respected, and supported where they live.

Resources & Training related to Community Security

Huron Immigration Partnership Training & Resources:



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- **Mamawi - Gathering the People** Building relationships with Indigenous Communities and People
- **Building Belonging:** Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Rural Communities

Fraud and Scam Awareness Training

- Contact the **Huron OPP Detachment** to learn more about booking a free fraud and scam awareness training session.

Huron OPP Detachment |
Call: 519-482-1677

Explore local research conducted by the United Way Perth-Huron, such as:



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- **Discrimination and Community Integration** Experienced by 2SLGBTQ+ in Perth-Huron
- **Quality of Life** in Perth-Huron



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS INFORMATION BRIEFING

Housing is fundamental to health and well-being for every individual and must be affordable, suitable and available. **Homelessness is not a choice** - it's about a lack of choice.

EVERYONE DESERVES A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

Municipalities account for the largest and fastest-growing share of housing and homelessness funding in Ontario. But municipalities are not resourced to respond to a rapidly intensifying crisis.

In 2025, known homelessness in mostly rural communities increased by 31% from 2024.



FACTS

HOW IS THIS SHOWING UP IN HURON?

There continues to be an imbalance between homelessness inflows and outflows.

61 households housed in 2024/2025

519 households experienced homelessness since April 2022

89% the percentage of people experiencing chronic homelessness (unhoused for 6 months or more) in 2024/2025 in Huron.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Ensuring everyone has a home is a priority because **stable housing is the foundation for health, safety, and well-being**. It reduces chronic homelessness, lowers strain on community services, and helps people better access supports, employment, and stability while strengthening the overall health of the community.

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211 Ontario | Call or Text 2-1-1

Huron Perth Helpline & Crisis Response Team |
Call: 1-888-829-7484

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- Huron County Social & Property Services
- Huron Health System
- Huron Immigration Partnership
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance
- Huron Perth Public Health
- United Way Perth-Huron

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN HURON?

Huron's Housing and Homelessness Serving System is a network of agencies and programs that coordinate housing and support for people experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

The By-Name List is a real-time, centralized list of people experiencing homelessness in Huron County, maintained by Social and Property Services staff with input from local organizations.

The Bridge Housing and Stability Program, delivered in partnership with the County of Huron and Canadian Mental Health Association, Huron Perth Addictions and Mental Health Services, provides temporary, supportive housing to help transition individuals out of homelessness using a dispersed model of accommodation across the community.

The Coordinated Access System uses By-Name List data to help local organizations work together to more effectively match people experiencing homelessness with appropriate supports and services.



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It takes a community.

It takes a community to understand housing and homelessness and to challenge stigma and assumptions. When people are informed, they are better able to support solutions that improve access to safe, stable housing for everyone.

Resources & Training related to Housing & Homelessness



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Current data on homelessness in Huron: stay up to date on monthly share-out data. (Huron County)



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Be part of the solution: Learn more about what homelessness is and learn the facts. (Huron County)



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Read the United Way Perth-Huron's **Our Stories of the Housing Crisis (2026)** report

Captures local experiences of this difficult time



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Read AMO's report **Municipalities Under Pressure One Year Later (2025)** report

An update on the Human and Financial Cost of Ontario's Homelessness Crisis



DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE INFORMATION BRIEFING

Domestic violence is a pattern of abusive, violent, or controlling behaviour in an intimate relationship, including physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, financial, digital abuse, and coercive control.

Family violence is a broader term that includes abuse, violence, neglect, or controlling behaviour among family members, such as partners, parents, children, siblings, and older adults.



NEVER JUSTIFIED! NEVER SOMEONE'S FAULT!

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a form of domestic violence that occurs between current or former intimate partners. It can include physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, financial, or technological abuse, as well as coercive and controlling behaviours.

It is estimated that 80% of cases of intimate partner violence go unreported.



HOW IS THIS SHOWING UP IN HURON?

In Huron County, both the frequency and severity of IPV are increasing, particularly among vulnerable populations such as youth and older adults, which is a growing concern.

541 of recorded incidents of IPV in Huron County in 2025.

1613 number calls for support to the 24-hour crisis line (Artemis) between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) rates in rural Ontario are significantly higher than in urban areas. This is due in part to underreporting linked to isolation, limited resources, and social stigma, meaning the true number of cases is likely higher than reported. Victims in rural areas also face barriers to accessing supports such as shelters and police services which are often located in other communities and can make it harder to leave unsafe situations.

Helping Someone in Crisis **In an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

If you encounter someone in need of emergency assistance, the following **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** support options are available:



211 Ontario | Call or Text 2-1-1

Artemis Huron | Call 1-800-265-5506

Kids Help Phone | Call 1-800-668-6868 or Text 686868

Victim Services Huron Perth | Call 519-600-4108

The organizations behind the CSWB for Huron **Domestic & Family Violence Ad Hoc Committee***

*Appointed Municipal staff/Council support the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee supports all deliverables related to the priority area.

- Artemis Huron
- Huron OPP
- Rural Response for Healthy Children
- Salvation Army (Goderich)
- Victim Services Huron Perth
- United Way Perth-Huron

WHAT IS BEING DONE IN HURON?

Several municipalities in Huron County have declared **Gender Based Violence (GBV) an epidemic**. Advocates and governments declare GBV an epidemic because it is a persistent, growing crisis that requires the same urgency, funding and coordinated action as a public health threat.



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A Vigil Ceremony is held annually in Huron County on **National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (December 6th)**.

Representatives from CSWB for Huron, Artemis Huron and Victim Services Huron Perth were involved in the creation of Association of Municipalities of Ontario's **Gender-Based Violence Resources for Municipal Elected Officials**.



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Know the signs.

Recognizing the signs of unhealthy relationships and domestic violence is the first step in preventing harm.

Domestic and intimate partner violence are not always physical. They can include coercive control, such as monitoring a partner's activities, limiting access to money, isolating them from friends and family, threats, intimidation, or controlling everyday decisions

Resources & Training related to Domestic & Family Violence



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Neighbours, Friends and Families: training on recognizing the warning signs and how to respond safely.



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Make it Our Business (for businesses and human resources): Learn employer responsibilities and how co-workers, managers, and union reps can recognize, respond to, and refer cases of domestic violence in the workplace, as well as how to communicate this to staff.



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Learn more about **safety planning for people who experience domestic violence**.



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Learn more about **Artemis Huron** and the support they provide for women and children impacted by gender-based violence.



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September 25, 2026

Via email; lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org

MPP Lisa Thompson
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RE: Tariff Response

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 372-2026
Moved: W. McLeod-Haggitt
Seconded: M. Vaughan

That South Huron Council supports Syfilco Ltd. correspondence regarding supporting Canadian-Made erosion-control products; and

That the supporting resolution and originating correspondence be circulated to Huron County, Municipalities of Huron County and MPP Thompson.

Disposition: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

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Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

We are writing to respectfully ask Council to consider supporting the use of Canadian-made erosion-control products for municipal infrastructure projects wherever practical, provided those products meet required specifications and are available at a reasonable and competitive price. This request is directly relevant to South Huron, where local manufacturing, Canadian raw materials, and domestic supply chains already support the production of erosion-control materials used in water and infrastructure projects.

Erosion-control products such as silt fence and mulch-filled erosion socks are commonly specified for construction and infrastructure work. These products are manufactured in both Canada and the United States, but Canadian-made options are not always given the consideration they deserve in public procurement. As governments at every level look for ways to strengthen domestic manufacturing and supply-chain resilience, municipal purchasing decisions can play an important role.

At our facility here in South Huron, plastic pellets produced from Canadian crude oil are manufactured into yarn. That yarn is then used as a raw material to manufacture erosion-control sock, which is supplied to Silt Sock Canada, a Canadian-owned and operated company located approximately twenty minutes south of our facility.

This is one example of a complete Canadian supply chain: Canadian raw materials, Canadian manufacturing, and a Canadian finished product. We recognize that other Canadian manufacturers and suppliers also contribute to the erosion-control industry. Our broader point is that Canadian infrastructure projects should make a greater effort to source domestically when suitable Canadian-made alternatives are available, meet the required engineering and performance standards, and offer fair value to taxpayers.

Canadian manufacturers already have the raw materials, production capacity, technical knowledge, and supply chains needed to support these projects. Considering the ongoing trade uncertainty and tariff pressures between Canada and the United States, considering Canadian-made products is not only an economic-development measure, but also a practical step toward securing reliable domestic sources for essential infrastructure materials. Supporting Canadian-made products helps preserve local jobs, strengthens domestic industry, reduces exposure to cross-border supply disruptions, and keeps more infrastructure spending within Canada without compromising quality or performance.

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We respectfully ask Council to consider adopting a resolution along the following lines:

“That Council direct staff to prioritize and actively seek Canadian-made erosion-control products for municipal infrastructure and construction projects wherever permitted and practical; and further, that Canadian-made products be given preference when they meet required specifications, are available within project timelines, and are competitively priced, in order to strengthen domestic supply chains and support Canadian workers, manufacturers, and taxpayers.”

This approach would allow the Municipality to support Canadian workers, manufacturers, and supply chains while continuing to respect engineering requirements, procurement fairness, product availability, and value for taxpayers.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this initiative with Council or municipal staff and to provide any additional information about Canadian-made erosion-control products, supply-chain capacity, or product specifications that may be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of our local community and Canadian manufacturing.

Sincerely,

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Dear Honourable MPP Lisa Thompson:

Several weeks ago, the US government implemented Section 338 tariffs on Canadian goods entering the US. Among the products affected are textile products. While we were disappointed that a deal was unable to be reached, we supported the reciprocal tariffs our government put in place to protect the Canadian economy.

Syfilco relies on US Customers for 60% of our sales. Section 338 tariffs make it extremely difficult as a family-run Canadian business to sustain operations, especially when our largest customer is responsible for approximately 40% of the drainage tile market in North America, with net sales of approximately \$3 billion. We must now try to protect and build on any Canadian opportunity for our products.

While Canada has now included certain textile products in its additional counter-tariff measures, we are concerned that many specialized textile products that directly compete with Canadian manufacturers remain outside of these measures. We would like to advocate for the government to consider reciprocal tariffs on US textile products (6006.33.00) that directly compete with Canadian manufacturers.

We would like to also bring attention to government procurement policies, federally right to municipal. Syfilco manufactures products for another industry, the erosion-control market, which is also used extensively in water infrastructure. The largest market is in the US and growing slowly in Canada. A large part to the slower market growth in Canada is due to lack of enforcement on maintaining proper erosion control products during construction.

Currently, when an erosion-control product is required, products such as silt fence or mulch filled erosion socks will be specified. These products are manufactured both in Canada and in the United States. All governments levels should be specifying Canadian product like the US stance on government projects.

At our facility, we take plastic pellets produced from Canadian crude oil and manufacture them into yarn. We then use that yarn as our own raw material to manufacture erosion-control sock. That product is then sold to Silt Sock Canada, a Canadian-owned and operated company located approximately twenty minutes south of our facility.

This represents a Canadian supply chain using Canadian raw materials, Canadian manufacturing, to a Canadian finished product. We recognize that there are other Canadian manufacturers and suppliers operating in the erosion-control industry, and our intention is not to diminish their contribution. Rather, we believe Canadian infrastructure projects should make a greater effort to

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source products domestically when suitable Canadian-made alternatives are available and meet the required engineering and performance standards.

Lastly, we are Canada's sole domestic manufacturer of round hay bale netting, securing an important part of the country's livestock feed supply.

In conclusion, the US measures have affected our specialized sector. We urge all levels of government to consider stronger reciprocal tariffs on US textile imports that directly compete with domestic manufacturers.

At the same time, we need to ensure that Canadian manufacturers are given a fair opportunity to supply Canadian infrastructure projects. We have the raw materials, the manufacturing capabilities and the Canadian supply chains already in place. We should be using them.

Canadian manufacturers should not be left exposed while absorbing severe cross-border supply-chain friction, while Canadian infrastructure projects continue to purchase products that can be manufactured here.

We want to advocate for policies that protect and strengthen this specialized Canadian manufacturing sector and ensure that Canadian tax dollars are, wherever practical, supporting Canadian workers, Canadian manufacturers and Canadian supply chains.

Thank you for your consideration. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these issues further and provide any additional information that may be helpful.

Sincerely,

Natha de Boer

Extrusion Manager

Syfilco Ltd.



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September 25, 2026

Via email; doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier Doug Ford
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Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
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RE: OPP 2027 Policing Costs

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their September 21, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

Motion: 367-2026
Moved: W. McLeod-Haggitt
Seconded: T. Oke

**Whereas the Municipality of South Huron is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police and has budgeted \$2,140,181 for its 2026 annual OPP policing contract; and
Whereas this represents approximately 15% of South Huron's 2026 tax levy supported operating costs; and**

Whereas the Municipality has received correspondence dated August 14, 2026 from the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, advising that for the 2027 calendar year no OPP-policed municipality will experience an increase of more than 11% in its total amount payable for OPP policing compared with 2026, excluding services separately acquired through an agreement with the OPP; and

Whereas a projected increase of 11% in 2027 would result in an additional municipal cost of up to \$235,420 increasing South Huron's annual OPP cost to as much as \$2,375,601; and

Whereas this projected increase in 2027 would result in annual OPP policing costs changing significantly over the past two years, with total costs rising from 2025 to 2027 by approximately \$447,510, or 23%, placing sustained pressure on the Municipality's property tax supported operating budget; and

**Whereas municipalities must balance legislated infrastructure, service-delivery, affordability and fiscal-responsibility obligations, while having limited revenue tools and a primary reliance on property taxation;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of South Huron:**

- 1. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%;**
- 2. Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;**
- 3. Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that :**
 - includes a reasonable and predictable maximum annual increase in municipal OPP policing costs, taking into consideration municipal revenue growth, inflation, assessment growth, population growth, fiscal capacity and the affordability impacts on local property taxpayers, including cost of living; and,**
 - that municipalities receive a clear and itemized annual explanation of changes to their OPP policing costs, including, where applicable, changes attributable to staffing levels, salaries, benefits, calls for service, time standards, fleet, accommodation, support services, detachment administration and other provincial cost allocations; and**
 - that the permanent framework recognize the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural and OPP-policed municipalities and ensure that municipal policing cost increases do not disproportionately affect property taxpayers or compromise the municipality's ability to deliver other essential services and infrastructure; and**
 - that the Province recognize that municipalities have limited ability to control policing costs arising from provincial legislation, regulatory, staffing, compensation, collective bargaining, operational or policy decisions and that the Province provide appropriate provincial funding or cost-sharing where significant policing cost pressures arise primarily from such provincial decisions; and**
- 4. that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; all Ontario municipalities policed by the OPP; and the Huron OPP Detachment Board.**

Disposition: Carried



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Respectfully,

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Staff Memo

To: South Huron Council

From: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, CAO

Date: September 21, 2026

Re: 2027 OPP Policing Costs – Request for Resolution expressing Concerns

Purpose:

For information and consideration.

Background and Analysis:

Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Solicitor General at the September 8, 2026 Council meeting regarding the 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs. Council passed the following resolution:

“That a staff memo be brought back to the September 21, 2026 Council meeting with a proposed resolution regarding concerns to the proposed increase in OPP municipal policing costs.”

Please see attached draft resolution regarding concerns to the proposed increase in OPP municipal policing costs.

Link to Correspondence - [Ministry of Solicitor General - 2027 OPP Municipal Policing Costs](#)

Resolution: Sustainable and Predictable OPP Municipal Policing Costs

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Whereas municipalities must balance legislated infrastructure, service-delivery, affordability and fiscal-responsibility obligations, while having limited revenue tools and a primary reliance on property taxation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of South Huron:

1. Acknowledges the Province of Ontario's action to limit the 2027 OPP municipal policing cost increase to no more than 11%;
2. Expresses concern that an increase of up to 11% in a single year remains significant for small and rural municipalities and is not, by itself, a sustainable long-term solution;
3. Requests that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, transparent and sustainable multi-year framework for OPP municipal policing costs that:
 - limits year-over-year municipal cost increases to a level aligned with municipal revenue growth and affordability;
 - clearly identifies the cost drivers behind annual changes, including salaries, benefits, fleet, accommodation, detachment administration, calls for service and other provincial cost allocations;

- recognizes the limited fiscal capacity of small, rural and OPP-policed municipalities; and
 - considers enhanced provincial funding or cost-sharing for provincially directed policing cost pressures;
4. Directs that this resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario; the Solicitor General; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MPP Lisa Thompson; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; all Ontario municipalities policed by the OPP; and the Huron OPP Detachment Board.

Outstanding Action Items
Open Session

October 6

Meeting Date	Action Item	Action By	Current Status	Next Step
May 5, 2026	Bluevale Community Committee Requests	CAO	Reports on well and liquor license provided to Council Sept 1. Committee debating location of pavillion.	Report to Council regarding pavillion construction once location has been determined.
September 1, 2026	Bluevale Hall Permanent Liquor License	CAO	Staff are drafting amendments to the Municipality's Alcohol Policy, and reviewing requirements for the application.	Report to Council with amendments to policy and licence application.
September 1, 2026	Pioneer Park Well	CAO	Quotes are being sought for the installation of the well and operational guidelines are being drafted	Report ot Council with quotes and draft operational guidelines.



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 47-2026

Being a By-law to Delegate Authority to Enter into Alternate Locate Agreements.

WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides a municipality with the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under that Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection 23.1(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* authorizes a municipality to delegate its powers and duties under that or any other Act to a person or body, subject to the restrictions contained in the Act;

AND WHEREAS Council considers it appropriate to delegate authority for the approval and execution of Alternate Locate Agreements related to municipal underground infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enacts as follows:

1. Definition

For the purposes of this By-law, “Alternate Locate Agreement” means an Alternate Locate Agreement as defined by the rules, policies or requirements of Ontario One Call, as amended or replaced from time to time.

2. Delegation of Authority

The Director of Public Works and the Chief Administrative Officer, acting jointly, are hereby delegated the authority, on behalf of The Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, to approve, negotiate, enter into, execute, amend, extend and terminate Alternate Locate Agreements respecting underground infrastructure owned or operated by the Municipality.

3. Conditions

The authority delegated under section 2 shall be exercised only where:

- a. the Alternate Locate Agreement complies with the requirements of the *Ontario Underground Infrastructure Notification System Act, 2012*, applicable regulations, and the rules, policies and requirements of Ontario One Call, as amended from time to time;
- b. the Director of Public Works is satisfied that the proposed activities subject to the Alternate Locate Agreement present an acceptable level of risk to municipal underground infrastructure; and
- c. any financial obligations arising from the agreement can be accommodated within the Municipality's approved budget.

4. Further Authority

The Director of Public Works and Chief Administrative Officer are authorized to take such ancillary actions and execute such further documents as may be reasonably necessary to give effect to an Alternate Locate Agreement authorized under this By-law.

5. **Council Authority**

Nothing in this By-law prevents Council from exercising any authority that has been delegated by this By-law or from revoking or modifying the delegation.

6. **Effective Date**

This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its final passing.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time, October 6, 2026

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, October 6, 2026

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY

BY-LAW NO. 48-2026

Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, for its meeting held on October 6, 2026.

WHEREAS Section 9 of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 5 (3) of the *Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under Section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry for the October 6, 2026, meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enacts as follows:

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at its meeting held on October 6, 2026, in respect of each recommendation contained in the Minutes and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry at the meeting, is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this By-Law; and
2. The Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry hereby authorize and direct all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council to the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry referred to in the preceding section thereof;
3. The Mayor and CAO/Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf and to affix thereto the Seal of the Corporation.

Read a FIRST and SECOND time, October 6, 2026

Read a THIRD time and FINALLY PASSED, October 6, 2026

Mayor, Jamie Heffer

Clerk, Trevor Hallam