# **Corporation of the Township of Chisholm**

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#### AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025 FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC MEETING

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

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

## 2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

#### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – May 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – None

#### 6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS -None

#### 7. OPEN FORUM

#### **8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
  - Mayor
- (b) Staff Report
  - Memo from Planner Chris Jones, Re: By-law 2025-15, 1483 Alderdale Road
- (c) Committee Reports
  - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, April 15, 2025 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Powassan Library, March 17, 2025 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Powassan Library, April 23, 2025 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
  - Letter from Office of Prime Minister Re: Buy Canadian Res. Support (Encl.)
  - Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Re: Bill 17 (Encl.)
  - Letter from OPP Re: Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau (Encl.)
  - Letter from Ministry of the Solicitor General Re: Cost Recovery Model (Encl.)
  - FONOM Media Release Re: 2025 Ontario Budget (Encl.)
  - Resolution from Mun. of Kincardine Re: Bill 5 (Encl.)

#### 9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT -None

#### 10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS -None

#### **<u>11. NEW BUSINESS</u>**

- (a) By-law 2025-15 Re: Zoning Amendment 1483 Alderdale Road (Encl.)
- (b) By-law 2025-18 Re: Deeming By-law for lots 9-11, and 15-21 from Plan M185 (Encl.)
- (c) Resolution Support from Lasalle Re: Northern Health Travel Grant Program (Encl.)

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

- (a) By-law 2025-19 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

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#### MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 7:00 PM

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall, Admin. Jessica Laberge, and OS Shawn Hughes. Presenters Jason Ferrigan and Tara Michauville were present. There was 1 person in attendance in person and 2 online.

## 2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

## **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**<u>Resolution 2025-92</u>** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended, for the removal of item 11(a) to permit Council to further review materials associated with the application. **'Carried'** 

#### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

(a) April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes

**Resolution 2025-93** Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the April 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'** 

(b) April 22, 2025 Public meeting.

**Resolution 2025-94** Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the April 22, 2025 Public Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'** 

#### 5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – April 2025

**Resolution 2025-95** Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$36,536.70 and general accounts totaling \$148,835.01 for the month of April 2025 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'** 

#### 6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

(a) JL Richards - Draft Background Report (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-96** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council receives the presentation from JL Richards on the Draft Background Report for the Official Plan Review. 'Carried'

# 7. OPEN FORUM

A member of the public commented on the Official Plan Review.

## **8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports
  - Mayor The Mayor gave a general update on the Mothers day Rec Event, Recycling, and the Min. of Labour session. Through the mayor Councillor Kerr presented a report to Council regarding the FONOM Conference.
- (b) Staff Reports
  - Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
  - DRAFT Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, May 6, 2025 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, March 18, 2025 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Cassellholme, March 27, 2025 (Encl.)
  - Minutes, Board of Health, February 26, 2025 (Encl.)
- (d) Correspondence
  - AMO 2025 Conference Insights (Encl.)
  - AMO Policy Update (Encl.)
  - Financial Statements, MPAC (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-97** Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **'Carried'** 

## 9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT - Printed May 8, 2025 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2025-98** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed May 8, 2025, be accepted as presented. 'Carried'

## **<u>10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS</u>**

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

**Resolution 2025-99** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council accept the April 5, 2025 to May 9, 2025, Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes. 'Carried'

# **<u>11. NEW BUSINESS</u>**

(a) By-law 2025-15 Re: Zoning Amendment 1483-Alderdale-Road (Removed from Agenda)

- (b) Memo from CAO Lesley Marshall, RE: Cemetery Fees (Encl.) <u>Resolution 2025-100</u> Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm directs staff to draft an amendment to the fees by-law 2023-39 to update the fees in Schedule 'F' to cover the actual costs associated with the service. 'Carried'
- (c) Letter of Understanding Re: Cemetery Caretaker fees (Encl.)
   <u>Resolution 2025-101</u> Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council direct the Mayor and CAO to sign and execute the Letter of Understanding with Rob Noon Cemetery Caretaker. 'Carried'
- (d) Discussion to schedule next Finance meeting
   <u>Resolution 2025-102</u> Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council schedules the next Finance meeting to be May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. 'Carried'
- (e) Resolution Re: Moose Hide Campaign Day (Encl.) <u>Resolution 2025-103</u> Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: WHEREAS The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led initiative that seeks to engage all Canadians in working to

end violence against all women and children, no matter their cultural, geographical, or historical background; and

WHEREAS The Moose Hide Campaign has distributed over six million moose hide pins that each spark five conversations about issues of violence against women, children and all those along the gender continuum; and

WHEREAS Participation in the Moose Hide Campaign is a concrete action for all citizens to address the legacies of colonization, residential schools and the reality of more than 1,200 missing or murdered women in Canada;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, do hereby proclaim May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as Moose Hide Campaign Day. **'Carried'** 

## **<u>12. IN CAMERA</u>**

- (a) a meeting held in regards to labour relations or employee negotiations, as per Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act.
- (b) a meeting held in regards to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.
- (c) a meeting held in regards to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.

**<u>Resolution 2025-104</u>** Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm now enter into in camera to discuss:

- a meeting held in regards to labour relations or employee negotiations, as per Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act.
- a meeting held in regards to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.
- a meeting held in regards to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.

#### Time: 9:14 p.m.

**<u>Resolution 2025-105</u>** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council now return to regular session.

Time: 9:23 p.m.

# **<u>13. ADJOURNMENT</u>**

- (a) By-law 2025-16 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.
   <u>Resolution 2025-106</u> Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-16, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, be read a first, second and third time and passed this May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 'Carried'
- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

**Resolution 2025-107** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on May 27, 2025.

Time: 9:24 p.m.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

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#### MEMORANDUM

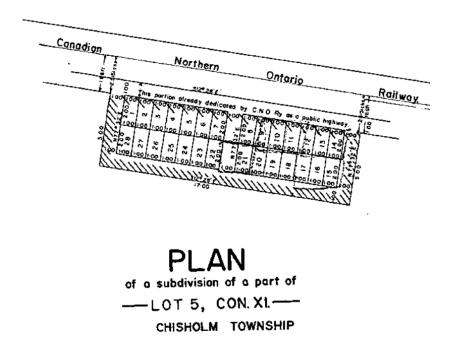
То:	Mayor Degagne and Members of Council
Сору:	Ms. Lesley Marshall, CAO/Clerk
From:	Chris Jones MCIP, RPP
Date:	May 26, 2025
Re:	Proposed Consolidation of Lot 9-11, 15-21, Plan M-185 into Three Lots.
Date:	May 26, 2025

#### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this memo is to provide a summary of the proposed reconfiguration of Lots 9 to 11 and 15 to 21, Plan M-185 and referred to as 1483 Alderdale Road.

Plan M-185 is located in Part of Lot 5, Concession 11 with frontage on Alderdale Road. The plan was registered in 1913, presumably to support growth and development adjacent to the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway. The plan consisted of 28 lots each with dimensions of 66' x 132' (1 chain x 2 chains) as well as a perimeter 66' road allowance and one internal 66' road allowance, which bisected the plan. An excerpt of the original subdivision plan is provided in Figure 1.

#### Figure 1 – Plan M-185



The subdivision plan was not developed in the manner that was originally intended and the perimeter and internal roads were not constructed and remain as unopened road allowances. According to a legal opinion provided by the Township's solicitor in 2021, the owner of lands at 1483 Alderdale Road effectively owns 10 separate (and conveyable) parcels of land by virtue of these lots being part of a registered plan.

In 2021 the owner of 1483 Alderdale Road submitted an application to the Township to close and convey the unopened road allowance for the purpose of consolidating the 10 lots into 3 viable building lots.

The road closure was supported by Council on May 28, 2024 through Resolution 2024-110 subject to the following (paraphrased conditions):

- Benefiting landowner to pay all costs;
- Submission of a draft reference plan;
- Submission of an application for zoning by-law amendment; and,
- Submission of an application for a deeming by-law.

# THE CONSENT APPLICATIONS

In the fall of 2024, the applicant subsequently applied for consent to sever a 6-metre strip of land from Lots 11 and 18 for the purpose of configuring driveway access to two of the three proposed lots proposed to be consolidated.

On December 3, 2024, the Township's Committee of Adjustment approved the consent applications subject to conditions which included but were not limited to:

- The acquisition of the unopened road allowance;
- The passage of a zoning by-law amendment; and,
- The passage of a deeming by-law.

The consent approvals conformed with Section D4.2.2 of the Official Plan which authorizes Committee to approve boundary adjustments where no new lot is created and where the approval will not affect the viability of the land subject to the application. In this case it is noted the boundary adjustments would serve to reduce the number of parcels from 10 to 3 and furthermore, the boundary adjustments would improve the viability of the benefitting parcels to better accommodate a detached dwelling on private services.

# THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

It is understood the applicant has applied to re-zone the lots proposed to be consolidated in accordance with Condition 8 of the Provisional Consents. It is understood concerns have been raised by a neighbouring landowner with respect to potential impacts of development on the lots proposed to be consolidated. As measures to mitigate these concerns, provisions have been added to the draft zoning amendment that would limit land use to one detached dwelling and would also establish a minimum setback of 8 metres from any lot line.

# SUMMARY

Through the endorsement of Resolution 2024-110 (road closure) and the approval of Provisional Consent Applications 2024-01 and 2024-02, the Township has established reasonable steps intended to facilitate the consolidation of 10 parcels of land into 3 more viable building lots. At this juncture, a refusal of any the outstanding conditions of the road closure or the Provisional consent could be construed as bad faith and in the case of the zoning by-law amendment, would be appealable to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Jones MCIP, RPP

#### The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting 2025- 04

#### April 15, 2025

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday April 15, 2025

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Markus, Dave Britton, Kalvin Young, Leo Patey, Nancy McFadden & Amber McIsaac

#### Regrets: Dave Yemm

1. Call to order

**Resolution No. 2025-18**— Moved by Kalvin, seconded by Nancy that the meeting was called to order at 9:32 am. Carried

- 2. Additions to Agenda none
- 3. Approval of the Agenda

**Resolution No. 2025-19** Moved by Kalvin, seconded by Nancy that the agenda be adopted as Presented.

- 4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure none
- 5. Approval of the Minutes from the March 18, 2025 board meeting

**Resolution No. 2025-20**– Moved by Nancy, seconded by Kalvin, that the minutes from the board meeting on March 18, 2025 were adopted as presented.

#### 6. Business arising

#### a) Patio Project Bids

Trevor Kitchen from HSC Project Management presented the Recommendation to Award report for the Exterior Patio Project and a discussion took place. Notes from the discussion included that Mitchelle Jensen Architects confirmed with the Municipality of Powassan that no building permit is required and the board agreed with proceeding with composite fencing.

**Resolution No. 2025-21** Moved by Leo, seconded by Dave Britton that the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves the recommendation to award the contract for ITT #25-523-12- Exterior Improvements at 325 Catherine Ave, Powassan to Kenalex Construction Company Limited as the low compliant bid in the amount of \$199, 700.00 excluding HST, as recommended by HSC and the Consultant Mitchell Jensen Architects.

#### b) Insulation Quote/ Patio Winter Maintenance

In response to ongoing complaints regarding increased ice accumulation on tenant patios during the winter, Amber presented a quote for insulation upgrades to the building's attic space. A discussion followed, and a more detailed report outlining recommendations to mitigate these issues in the future was requested and will be presented at the next board meeting.

#### b) New Tenant

A new market rent tenant will be welcomed to the building June 1<sup>st</sup>. Renovations for the apartment were included in the 2025 budget and will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 7. Correspondences

#### a.2) Financials -

**Resolution No. 2025-22** Moved by Dave, seconded by Kalvin that the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves the March 2025 financial statements as presented. Carried

#### 8. Next Board Meeting - May 20, 2025 @9:30am

**Resolution No. 2025-23** Moved by Dave Britton, seconded by Nancy that the meeting be adjourned. Carried

President, Bernadette Kerr

Secretary, Amber McIsaac

# Powassan & District Union Public Library Minutes for Monday, March 17, 2025 – 6:15 p.m. Board Meeting @ Library

 In-person: Tina Martin, Randy Hall, Bernadette Kerr, Brenda Lennon, Steve Kirkey, Pat Stephens, Marie Rosset
 Via Zoom: Debbie Piper, Valerie Morgan

Absent with regrets: Laurie Forth

Item		Action	Responsibility
1.	Call to order	6:15 pm	
2.	Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration	Declaration read by CEO We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honour these teachings and recognize their value going forward.	
3.	<ul> <li>General Consent Motion:</li> <li>Present the general Consent</li> <li>Motion for March 2025,</li> <li>which includes:</li> <li>a) Approval of March 17, 2025 Agenda</li> <li>b) Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting</li> <li>c) Approval of the February 2025 Financial Statements</li> <li>d) Approval of February 2025 Library Reports</li> </ul>	Motion: 2025-12 That the General Consent Motion for March 2025 be adopted as presented Moved by: Steve Kirkey Seconded by: Pat Stephens Carried.	
	Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5.	<b>General Business</b> a) Budget Update	-Randy Hall informed the Board that the Municipality of Powassan deliberations to approve their 2025 Budget are still in progress and thus the PDUPL Budget approval is still pending.	

	b) Grants update	Application to the OLITA Grant was submitted for \$300 required to cover the cost of a French online e-book collection	
	c) OLS Pay Equity Sessions – Feb and March 11	Steve Kirkey and CEO attended second session Retained message: Add a few necessary documents to the existing plan to make it compliant. Goal is to complete by September 2025	CEO
- WARANA	d) Closed Session	Motion: 2025-13 That the PDUPL move into a session at 6:45pm, that is closed to the public in accordance to the Public Act, Section 16.1(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations at 6:35pm. Moved by: Pat Stephens Seconded by: Bernadette Kerr	
		Motion: 2025-14 That the PDUPL move out of a session that is closed to the public at 7:05pm Moved by: Stephen Kirkey Seconded by: Pat Stephens	
	e) Upcoming Activities	<ul> <li>CEO highlighted the successes of the 2025 March Break activities.</li> <li>The Library will participate in the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival selling taffy in front of the library. Breya Market-Matthews will be in charge</li> </ul>	Breya Market- Matthews
6.	Correspondence	None	
7	Committee Reports	<u> </u>	
* .	a) Property Committee	CEO is still working with Save on Energy organization to complete the interior light installation, and with NGM to complete the Accessibility updates.	
	b) Financial Committee	Nothing to report.	
	Correspondence Committee Reports a) Property Committee	2025 March Break activities. - The Library will participate in the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival selling taffy in front of the library. Breya Market-Matthews will be in charge None CEO is still working with Save on Energy organization to complete the interior light installation, and with NGM to complete the Accessibility updates.	

	c) Policy Committee	<ul> <li>- HR-01 Personnel Policy - Personnel Manual: deferred until next month</li> <li>- HR-02 Salaries Policy</li> <li>Motion: 2025-15 That the HR-02 Salaries Policy be adopted as amended.</li> </ul>	-
		Moved by: Brenda Lennon Seconded by: Pat Stephens	
	,	Carried.	
	d) Friends of the Library	Bernie and Linda Penney are in the process of wallpapering the interior of the elevator. The Friends will have a Spring/Garden basket available for a draw, to be drawn shortly after the Maple Syrup Festival. Tickets are available for a donation.	
8.	Adjournment	Motion: 2025-16 That the March 17, 2025 meeting be adjourned at 7:40pm Moved by: Bernadette Kerr	Next meeting: April 21, 2025 at 6:15 pm

Kustue Martin Kristine Martin, Chair Chairperson:

Recorder:

Marie Rosset, CEO

# Powassan & District Union Public Library Minutes for Monday, April 23, 2025 – 6:15 p.m. Board Meeting @ Library

In-person: Tina Martin, Debbie Piper, Laurie Forth, Bernadette Kerr, Steve Kirkey, Pat Stephens, Marie Rosset

Via Zoom: Randy Hall, Valerie Morgan Absent with regrets: Brenda Lennon

Ite	em	Action	Responsibility
1.	Call to order	6:15 pm	
-	Respect and Acknowledgement Declaration	Declaration read by CEO We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honour these teachings and recognize their value going forward.	
3.	<ul> <li>General Consent Motion: Present the general Consent Motion for April 2025, which includes:</li> <li>a) Approval of April 23, 2025 Agenda</li> <li>b) Approval of Minutes from the March 17, 2025 meeting</li> <li>c) Approval of the March 2025 Financial Statements</li> <li>d) Approval of March 2025 Library Reports</li> </ul>	Motion: 2025-17 That the General Consent Motion for April 2025 be adopted as presented Moved by: Debbie Piper Seconded by: Steve Kirkey Carried.	
4.	Disclosure of pecuniary interest	None	
5.	<b>General Business</b> a) Budget Update	Councillor Hall informed the Board that following the Municipality of Powassan deliberations to approve their 2025 Budget, there remains a need for the Library Board to provide additional information, at which point the Council will take its final vote. The Chair and the CEO will be meeting with the Mayor and CAO to present the information.	

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b) Grants update	The library was successful in obtaining two summer student positions through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Thank you to Laurie Forth for writing the application for the third year in a row.	
c) Closed Session	Motion: 2025-18 That the PDUPL move into a session that is closed to the public in accordance to the Public Act, Section 16.1(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations at 6:30pm. Moved by: Debbie Piper Seconded by: Bernadette Kerr Motion: 2025-19 That the PDUPL move out of a session that is closed to the public at 7:30pm Moved by: Stephen Kirkey Seconded by: Pat Stephens	CEO
d) New Budget Increases in 2025	<ul> <li>So far two items will result in unbudgeted additional costs in 2025.</li> <li>1. Higher prices for books due to 25% tariffs</li> <li>2. New yearly fee to use the Sage Accounting software – (\$869)</li> </ul>	
e) Upcoming Activities	<ul> <li>The Library will participate in the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival selling taffy in front of the library and remain open from 10 am to 2pm. Breya Market-Matthews will be in charge</li> <li>A jewellery exchange/tea fundraising event for adults is scheduled for May 1, 2025.</li> </ul>	Breya Market- Matthews
6. Correspondence	None	
7. Committee Reports a) Property Committee	The new light fixtures were installed by Lawrence Electric in early April, and the Accessibility update is almost complete.	

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b) Financial Committee	Nothing to report.	
c) Policy Committee	HR-01 Personnel Policy - Personnel Manual: deferred until next month SERV-01 Circulation Policy Motion: 2025-20 That the SERV-01 Circulation Policy be adopted as amended. Moved by: Laurie Forth Seconded by: Steve Kirkey Carried	CEO, Board
d) Friends of the Library	GOV-04 Succession Policy for CEO and Board Member -CEO to send selection of succession policies for Board to review and use to update current policy. Bernie and Linda Penney completed the wallpapering of the interior of the elevator. The Friends will have a Spring/Garden basket	
	available for a draw, to be drawn shortly after the Maple Syrup Festival. Tickets are available for a donation.	
3. Adjournment	Motion: 2025-21 That the April 23, 2025 meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm. Moved by: Bernadette Kerr	Next meeting: May 26, 2025 at 6:15 pm

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_\_Kristine Martin, Chair



Ottawa, Canada K1A 0A2

Ref.: LM005224760

May 8, 2025

Lesley Marshall CAO Clerk-Treasurer Corporation of the Township of Chisholm 2847 Chiswick Line R.R. 4 Powassan, Ontario P0H 1Z0

Dear Lesley Marshall:

On behalf of the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated April 11, 2025, in support of a resolution passed by Bruce County relating to empowering municipalities to buy Canadian.

Thank you for sharing this resolution with Prime Minister Carney. Please be assured that the remarks you offer in your communication have been carefully read.

Once again, thank you for writing on behalf of the Township of Chisholm.

Yours sincerely,

R. Kabongo Executive Correspondence Officer Executive Correspondence Services

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234-2025-2204

May 13, 2025

Dear Head of Council,

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

The bill contains bold actions to protect Ontario from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Transportation. Details about the range of measures can be found in the <u>news release</u>.

# Building Code Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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

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

# **Development Charges Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

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

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

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

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

• <u>RR 25-MMAH003</u>: Changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997,* to Simplify and Standardize the Development Charge (DC) Framework.

# Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Ministry of Infrastructure Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

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

# **Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Ministry of Infrastructure**

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

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

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

• <u>ERO 025-0504</u>: Proposed *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*, changes to reduce barriers to implementing municipal agreements.

# Ministry of Transportation

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

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



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May 13, 2025

Mayor Reeve and Clerk CAO,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

cc: OPP Regional and Detachment Commanders

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MEMORANDUM TO:	CAOs and Mayors from Municipal O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable Policing from Ontario Provincial P	by Municipalities for
FROM:	Mario Di Tommaso Deputy Solicitor General, Commu	nity Safety
SUBJECT:	Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Review and June 2025 Webinars	Cost Recovery Model

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.

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Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M. Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety Ministry of the Solicitor General



May 15, 2025

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

# FONOM Applauds "Tariff and Northern" Focus of 2025 Ontario Budget

**Temiskaming Shores, ON** – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is encouraged by the Province's 2025 Budget, tabled today by Ontario's Minister of Finance, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy. FONOM believes this year's Budget reflects a "Tariff and Northern" approach, offering a strong foundation for future growth and investment in Ontario's North.

FONOM is particularly pleased to see an increase in the funding envelope for the Connecting Link Program and the creation of a new special fund to support major infrastructure projects along connecting links of regional and national significance. Additionally, introducing a dedicated Pothole Fund for smaller northern and rural communities is a welcome and practical investment in road safety and reliability.

The Province's recommitment to completing the twinning of Highway 69, with ongoing land acquisitions, is another critical step in improving Northern transportation. While no construction dates were announced for the long-anticipated 2+1 highway initiative, first proposed in November 2022, FONOM is encouraged that the Province no longer refers to the need for a pilot project, suggesting progress in implementation.

Further positive developments in the Budget include funding for GO Transit refurbishments that will directly benefit Thunder Bay and the Nipissing District, and targeted financial support for Northern Colleges in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. FONOM also welcomes the Province's continued investment in skilled trades, particularly supporting the Mining, Forestry, and Industrial sectors vital to the northern economy.

Notably, expanding the Provincial definition of "Northern Ontario" to include the District of Muskoka marks a significant shift. FONOM welcomes this change and looks forward to working collaboratively with Muskoka on shared priorities that benefit the broader northern region. The continued growth of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) is another



positive signal of the government's commitment to long-term regional development.

"Today's Budget sends the right signals to communities across the North," said FONOM President Danny Whalen, "we're seeing tangible investments in infrastructure, transportation, education, and economic development. While there's still work to be done—particularly on the 2+1 highway—this Budget makes us optimistic."

FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with the Province as these commitments are implemented.

FONOM is an association of some 110 districts/municipalities/cities/towns in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government in Northern Ontario and strive for improved legislation respecting local government in the North. It is a membership-based association that draws its members from northeastern Ontario and is governed by an 11-member board.

President Danny Whalen 705-622-2479



# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM BY-LAW NO. 2025-15



Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 2014-25, as amended, the Zoning By-law for the Township of Chisholm with respect to lands described legally as Parts 1 to 13, Plan 36R-15361 located in PLAN M185 LOTS 9 TO 11 LOT 15 TO 21 PCL 11986 12710 13251 13382 27313 PCL 16824 and including part of the unnamed street, now closed by By-law 2025-17, in the Township of Chisholm, District of Nipissing.

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm is empowered to pass By-laws to regulate the use of land pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, 1990;

AND WHEREAS the owners of the subject lands have filed an application with the Township of Chisholm to amend By-law No. 2014-25, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm deems it appropriate to amend By-Law 2014-25, as amended;

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

- Schedule 'B', to Zoning By-law No. 2014-25 as amended, is further amended by zoning lands described legally as Parts 1 to 13, Plan 36R-15361 located in Plan M185 Lots 9 to 11, Lots 15 to 21 Pcl. 11986 including part of the unnamed street, in the Township of Chisholm from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception (RU-14) Zone, the Rural Exception (RU-15) Zone, and the Rural Exception (RU-16) Zone all of which is shown on Schedule 'A-1' attached hereto and forming part of this By-law.
- 2. And Further, Section 8.1 to Zoning By-law 2014-25 as amended, is further amended by adding the following new-subsections after section 8.1.13:

8.1.14

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this by-law, the lands legally described Parts 1, 4, 5 and 6, Plan 36R-15361 comprised of Part Lots 11 and 18 and Lots 15, 16 and 17 together with part of the unnamed street of Plan M-185 and located in the RU-14 Zone, the only permitted use shall be a single detached dwelling unit and the following provisions shall apply:

*a)* Minimum lot area *b)* Minimum frontage *6.09 m*

Notwithstanding any other regulation to the contrary, in the RU-14 Zone the minimum setback or yard for any building or structure from any lot line shall be 8 metres.

# 8.1.15

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this by-law, the lands legally described Parts 2, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12, Plan 36R-15361 comprised of Part Lots 9, 11, 18 and 20 and Lots 10 and 17 together with part of the unnamed street of Plan M-185 and located in the RU-15 Zone, the only permitted use shall be a single detached dwelling unit and the following provisions shall apply:

a) Minimum lot area 0.5 ha
b) Minimum frontage 48 m

## 8.1.16

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this by-law, the lands legally described Parts 3, 10 and 13, Plan 36R-15361 comprised of Part Lots 9 and 20 and Lots 8 and 21 together with part of the unnamed street Plan M-185 and located in the RU-16 Zone, the only permitted use shall be a single detached dwelling unit and the following provisions shall apply:

a) Minimum lot area
b) Minimum frontage
6.09 m

Notwithstanding any other regulation to the contrary, in the RU-16 Zone the minimum setback or yard for any building or structure from any lot line shall be 8 metres.

3. In all other respects, the provisions of By-law 2014-25, as amended, shall apply.

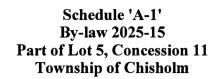
This By-law shall come into effect upon the date of passage hereof, subject to the provisions of Section 34 (30) and (31) of the Planning Act (Ontario).

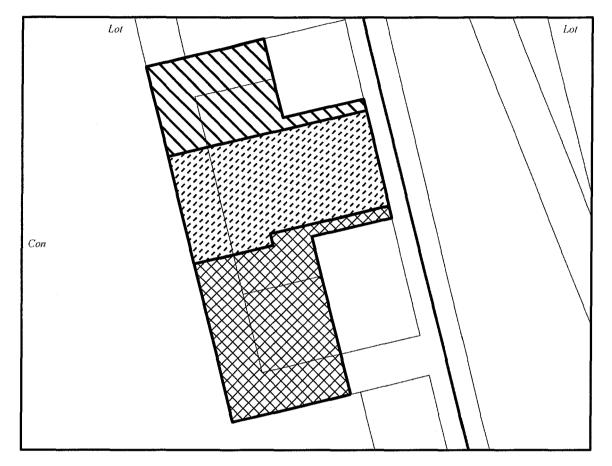
READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME on the 27th day of May 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME and finally passed this 27th day of May 2025.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

Clerk, Lesley Marshall





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Lands to be rezoned from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception (RU-14) Zone



Lands to be rezoned from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception (RU-15) Zone



Lands to be rezoned from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Exception (RU-16) Zone

This is Schedule 'A-1' to By-law 2025-15 Passed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Mayor, Gail Degagne

CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM

#### TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM BY-LAW 2025-18

# A By-law deeming Lots 9, 10, 11,15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 Registered Plan M-185 not to be lots in a registered Plan of subdivision for the purpose of Section 50(4) of the *Planning Act*

## File: 2024-11 & 12

WHERAS subsection 50(4) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, provides that a council of a local municipality may by by-law designate any plan of subdivision, or part thereof, that has been registered for eight (8) years or more, not to be a registered plan of subdivision for the purposes of subdivision control under subsection 50(3) of the *Planning Act*.;

AND WHEREAS the lands described below are lots within a registered plan of subdivision registered for a period of eight (8) years or more;

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

1.THAT those lands described as Lots 9, 10, 11 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, Plan M-185 in the Township of Chisholm, District of Nipissing, are hereby deemed not to be Lots within a registered plan of subdivision for the purpose of Section 50(3) of the *Planning Act*.

2.THAT this by-law shall take effect on the date of its registration in the Land Titles Office for Nipissing (No. 36).

3.THAT notice of the passing of this by-law shall be given within 30 days of the passing thereof in accordance with Section 50(29) of the *Planning Act*.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME on the 27th day of May 2025.

READ ATHIRD TIME and finally enacted and passed this 27th day of May 2025.

Gail Degagne, Mayor

Lesley Marshall, CAO Clerk Treasurer



# **Council Meeting**

Motion #05/14/2025 - 14Title:Bill 5, Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy ActDate:Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Moved by:Jennifer PrengerSeconded by:Beth Blackwell

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas the Municipality of Kincardine believes that the provincial priorities of housing, resource development and economic development can be achieved without subverting existing laws, undermining municipal authority, threatening the environment, restricting industry growth, or undermining informed consent with Indigenous communities; now therefore be it Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Kincardine hereby opposes Bill 5; and That Council formally express its opposition to Bill 5 in favour of preserving democracy, transparency, accountability, the environment, civil liberties, and Indigenous rights; and

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

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

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

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Carried.

Jennifer Lawrie

Clerk

February 4, 2025

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

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Northern Health Travel Grant Program

Council of the Town of LaSalle, at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2025, passed the following resolution:

14/25 Moved by: Deputy Mayor Akpata Seconded by: Councillor Renaud

Whereas the Northern Health Travel Grant program (the "Program") offers financial assistance to Northern Ontario residents who need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at a ministry funded health care facility;

And Whereas, the grants for this Program are based on the distance residents must travel to reach the nearest medical specialist or ministry funded healthcare facility;

And Whereas, residents must travel at least 100 kilometers one-way to access the nearest medical specialist or ministry-funded healthcare facility for services that are not available locally to qualify for the grant;

And Whereas, there are many occasions in which residents of Windsor-Essex County must travel at least 100 kilometers one way to access health care facilities or services that are not available locally; And Whereas, there are four primary children's hospitals across the province, located in London, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa, and none of these facilities are within 100 kilometers of Windsor-Essex County;

And Whereas, it has been reported that more than 5,000 times each year pediatric patients across Windsor-Essex County must drive to London Health Sciences Centre for treatment at its Children's Hospital, which places a financial strain on families and care-givers;

Now Therefore, the Town of LaSalle calls upon the Provincial Government and Ministry of Health to establish a grant system similar to the Northern Health Travel Grant program in Windsor-Essex County to provide support to the residents of Windsor-Essex County when they need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at ministry funded health care facilities;

And that, this motion be circulated to all municipalities for support, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Anthony Leardi, MPP Andrew Dowie, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Ms. Sylvia Jones and all local municipalities.

#### Carried.

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of LaSalle's support of the above matter.

Yours Truly,

Jennifer Astrologo Director of Council Services/Clerk Town of LaSalle jastrologo@lasalle.ca

Cc: (via email) MPP Anothony Leardi <u>Anthony.Leardi@pc.ola.org</u> MPP Andrew Dowie <u>Andrew.Dowie@pc.ola.org</u> MPP Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones <u>sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org</u> Association of Municipalities of Ontario <u>resolutions@amo.on.ca</u> All Ontario Municipalities

