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AGENDA FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday January 27th, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.



Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89253261217?pwd=eJbUkiJzPBJJkpEwWxmars0esb9cP4.1>

Meeting ID: 892 5326 1217

Passcode: 767824

1. CALL TO ORDER

Land Acknowledgement

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of January 27th, 2026 be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, amendments to be noted; with approval as amended.)

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

5. DEPUTATIONS

None for this meeting

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Minutes – Open Session Regular Council Meeting – January 13th, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Open Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 13th, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.)

6.2 Housekeeping Resolution – Receipt of Reports (Section 8), January 13, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally receive the reports listed under Section 8 of the January 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting agenda.

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1 Payroll Report (no report this meeting)

7.2 Payment Register

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments and check numbers 7721 to 7747 totalling \$76,550.51.

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS (As available)

8.1 Clerk's Report

8.2-1 Treasurer's Report

8.2-2 Arrears Report

8.3 Public Works Report

8.4 Fire Chief's Report (no report this meeting)

8.5 Council Member Reports (verbal)

8.6 Reports from Other Agencies: as listed in the Clerk's Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented as listed in Section 8 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively, directions to Administration as per Council's determination)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1-1 Hymers Fall Fair Prize Book Advertisement Report

9.1-2 Updated Advertisement for Hymers Fall Fair

9.2 Recommended Voting Method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election

9.3-1 Council Renumeration Report

9.3-2 Report Spreadsheet

9.4 LRPB Adopted Official Plan Gorham, Ware & Dawson Lots – Follow up

9.5-1 Draft Winter Sand Supply and Storage Agreement with the Township of O'Connor Report

9.5-2 Schedule A – Draft Agreement

9.6 Lakehead Rural Planning Board – Notice of Application for Council Review and Input

9.7 Winter Road Maintenance Standards

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the reports presented under Section 9 of this evening's agenda and provide direction as determined.

10. BYLAWS

No bylaws for this meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

List of Resolution Support Requests from other municipalities, agencies & the provincial government:

- 11.1-1 City of Peterborough - Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request
- 11.1-2 Township of Hornepayne - Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class
- 11.1-3 Municipality of North Grenville and Village of Merrickville-Wolford - Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems
- 11.1-4 Township of Southgate – OMERS - Bill 68

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence presented as listed in Section 11 of this evening's agenda. (Alternatively; directions to Administration as per Council's determination)

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

Regular Council Meetings: February 10th & 24th, March 10th & 24th, April 14th & 28th, May 12th & 26th, June 9th & 23rd, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th & 22nd, October 13th, November 10th & 17th (Inaugural), December 1st & 15th, 2026.

13. CLOSED SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at ___ p.m., Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held January 13th, 2026, under the same authority as the original meeting; Item 13.2, 13.3, and 13.4 involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations or employee negotiations under paragraphs 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(d); Item 13.5, which is advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, under paragraph 239(2)(f); and Item 13.6, being the Closed Session minutes of the TBDSSAB meeting held December 11, 2025, under the same authority as the original meeting.

- 13.1 Minutes – Closed Session Regular Council Meeting – January 13th, 2026
- 13.2 HR Assistant Report (verbal)
- 13.3 Administrative Update Regarding a Workplace Matter
- 13.4 Administrative Update Regarding an Operational Communication Matter
- 13.5 OPG Flood Easement Update
- 13.6 TBDSSAB Closed Minutes – December 11, 2025

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being ___ p.m., Council rise from Closed Session and report in Open Session

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 13th, 2026, be approved as circulated. (Alternatively, corrections to be noted; with approval as amended.) AND THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in Closed Session.

15. CONFIRMING BYLAW

By-law 2026-002 – To Confirm the Proceedings of the Meeting

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2026-002 be passed, and FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-002, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

16. ADJOURN

Recommendation: There being no further business to conduct, the Mayor declares the meeting to be adjourned at ___ p.m.

MINUTES - REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday January 13th, 2026 – 6:00 pm

PRESENT Mayor Sheila Maxwell
Councillor Chris Kresack
Councillor David Maxwell
Councillor Grant Arnold

ABSENT Councillor David Halvorsen

ALSO PRESENT Karen Paisley, Clerk
Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer

PRESENT VIRTUALLY Olabisi Akinsanya-Hutka, HR Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Maxwell provided a statement of land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2026–001

Moved by: Councillor Arnold

Seconded by: Councillor Kresack

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular council meeting of January 13th, 2026, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

4. TOWN HALL SEGMENT

No members of the public had registered to speak.

5. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations were scheduled for this evening's meeting.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

6.1 Minutes – Regular Council Meeting – December 16th, 2025

Council present reviewed the minutes of the December 16th, 2025, Regular Council Meeting. No amendments were requested.

RESOLUTION 2026 - 002

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes for the open session of the regular council meeting of December 16th, 2025, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

7. DISBURSEMENT LIST

7.1. Payroll Report

Council reviewed the payroll report. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

7.2. Payment Register

Council reviewed the payment register, including electronic bank payments and cheque disbursements. There were no questions for the Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 2026-003

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approved the disbursements represented by electronic bank payments, cheque numbers 7691 to 7720, totalling \$189,211.31.

HR Assistant joined the meeting at 6:07 pm

8. REPORTS FROM MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

8.1. Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised the electric shovel used for facility snow clearing is no longer functioning. Public Works will purchase a replacement at an approximate cost of \$300. The belt on the snowblower in the Quonset Hut detached during heavy snow. Public Works attempted repairs but determined that the equipment required shop servicing. It has been sent out for repair. Applications for summer student funding have been submitted and Administration is awaiting results. The Emergency Management Program Committee meeting must be scheduled. The Clerk will circulate date options through a scheduling tool to coordinate attendance. Resources for the provincial Power Outage Safety 2025 Campaign were received. A recommendation was made to include the materials in the Township newsletter and on the municipal website as part of preparedness initiatives leading up to scheduled Emergency Management exercises.

ROMA delegations are in place for Infrastructure, Health, Finance and Emergency Preparedness, and that the Township has been added to Oliver Paipoonge's Ministry of Transportation delegation on January 19th. A briefing note has been provided to MTO in advance, with plans to seek a longer follow-up meeting after the conference.

The Clerk advised that registration is now open for the NOMA 2026 Conference. Council discussed potential attendance and providing a raffle prize.

8.2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer advised that North Rock has completed its portion of the 2025 Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) work. MNP will now complete the accounting portion of the ARO, and the combined components will form the information required for 2025 audit compliance. The auditors will be onsite the last week of January to begin the 2025 audit.

Tax notices will be mailed at the beginning of February.

The Treasurer confirmed that AMO 2026 accommodations were secured on opening day due to extremely high demand. Two hotel rooms are reserved for the Mayor and Treasurer, with the option to assign a Councillor once availability is confirmed.

8.3. Public Works Report

There was no report for this meeting.

8.4. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief was unavailable due to work commitments. Mayor Maxwell delivered the departmental update. Training resumed following the holiday break, with two firefighters enrolled in FF1 and several in first responder training. The department experienced a quiet holiday season aside from a tractor rollover on Highway 11/17 on January 13, 2026, to which members responded.

A volunteer cleared access to the fire hall using an ATV and plow, and Public Works also improved access by widening the parking area and clearing the pathway from Ilkka Drive, so the volunteer can access the lot with their ATV. The Chief has identified bunker gear approaching end-of-life and is gathering information on replacement sourcing due to long order times from manufacturers.

Members conducted a gear review at the January 12 training session. The Chief is also seeking an alternate shallow-draft strainer for water access during summer drafting after debris was noted during pump testing.

8.5. Council Member Reports

Mayor Maxwell reported on rink flooding challenges over the holidays. Due to issues with Well #1 and Well #2, SASI Plumbing set up a system to draw water from the garage well to maintain the rink. Mayor Maxwell noted that Well #1 requires reconnection and assessment in spring and reported concerns regarding the freezer stored behind the generator gate and requested its removal in spring for safety.

Councillor Arnold reported attending the LRCA special meeting regarding provincial conservation authority restructuring. Early indications suggest that Northwest conservation authorities may not be required to amalgamate before the next election cycle. He also reported technical issues with his municipal laptop and will coordinate with the Clerk to resolve authentication problems. He will attend the District Health Unit meeting on January 21.

Councillor Maxwell reported that he had planned to complete the generator inspection but was delayed due to personal obligations; he will complete the inspection later in the month. He will attend the Thunder Bay District Municipal League meeting on January 21.

Councillor Kresack reported assisting with donation pickups for the Conmee Food Bank, including a donation transferred from the winner of the Odena Grocery Store's "12 Days of Christmas" fundraiser. The Food Bank meeting schedule has been set for the year, and Councillor Kresack requested a Food Bank door key to facilitate access for meetings.

At 6:55 pm Council stood down.

At 6:57 pm Council resumed.

8.6. Other Agencies' Reports

Council reviewed the reports included in the agenda package. The Clerk highlighted several items, including OHRC Truth and Reconciliation materials, NOMA press releases, and provincial safety initiatives. Council discussed a letter from Nuclear Free North encouraging municipalities

to register as interested parties in the federal impact assessment for the proposed nuclear waste project. Council provided direction for Administration to register the Township as an interested party to receive updates and retain the option to provide comments in future review periods.

Council discussed correspondence from the Regional Food Distribution Association. After reviewing the Township's own food bank needs and the RFDA's limited role in supplying local food banks, Council did not issue direction to participate at this time.

Note: Council discussed the reports listed under Section 8; however, the resolution to formally receive the reports was not moved, seconded, or voted on during the meeting. A housekeeping resolution will be brought forward at the next Regular Council Meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Rink Flooding Options Update Report

The Clerk summarized the challenges with Well #1, Well #2, and the temporary use of the garage well for rink flooding (Well #3). Well #1 requires reconnection and full assessment when conditions permit. Council directed Administration to obtain cost estimates in spring for reconnecting and rehabilitating Well #1, evaluating Well #3, and considering long-term solutions for rink and fire-service water access. Temporary winter operations will continue using the garage well.

9.2 Winter Roads Maintenance Standards, Timelines and Governance

The Clerk reviewed the Township's Winter Maintenance Policy and Minimum Maintenance Standards. Due to the complexity of the policy review and the absence of the Public Works Manager, Council deferred the discussion to the January 27, 2026 meeting. Council also discussed the need for a formal complaint-tracking policy and directed Administration to prepare a draft for review.

9.3 Asset Retirement Obligation Report – 2025 Update

Council received the North Rock report confirming completion of the field assessment portion of the ARO compliance requirements. No funding decisions were required at this stage.

9.4 MNP Asset Retirement

The Treasurer presented MNP's recommended approach for the financial reporting component of the ARO. Council selected the Modified Retroactive with Restatement method as recommended by the auditors.

9.5 Community Sign

The Treasurer presented three quotes for a new digital community sign. The preferred option included local installation support and offered the best long-term functionality. Council discussed potential funding sources including OPG Community Fund, OCIF, and possible grants.

10. BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws scheduled for consideration at this meeting.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

11.1-1 Township of Nairn and Hyman – Support of Steel and Lumber Sectors

Council reviewed correspondence from the Township of Nairn and Hyman in support of Steel and Lumber Sectors. By consensus Council agreed to support the Township of Nairn and Hyman with respect to this resolution.

12. UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The list of upcoming regular Council meeting dates was available for review. No changes were proposed.

13. CLOSED SESSION**RESOLUTION 2026-004**

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, at 7:55 p.m., Council move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, to consider Item 13.1, being the Closed Session minutes of the Council meeting held December 16th, 2025, under the same authority as the original meeting; Item 13.2, involving personal matters about identifiable individuals and labour relations or employee negotiations, under paragraphs 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(d); Item 13.3, which contain confidential commercial and financial information supplied in confidence, under paragraph 239(2)(i); and to consider Item 13.4, being the Closed Session minutes of the November 20, 2025 TBDSSAB meeting for information, under the same authority as the original meeting.

CARRIED

During closed session, the following procedural resolution was passed:

RESOLUTION 2026-005

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the time being 8:20 pm, Council rise from closed session and report in open session.

CARRIED

Open session resumed.

14. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**RESOLUTION 2026-006**

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 16th, 2025, be approved; AND FURTHER, THAT Administration be authorized to proceed as directed in closed session.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2026-007

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell

Seconded by: Councillor Arnold

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Administration to proceed with the selected vendor for the municipal sign project.

CARRIED

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

By-law 2026-001

RESOLUTION 2026-008

Moved by: Councillor Kresack

Seconded by: Councillor Maxwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2026-001 be passed;

AND, FURTHER, THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized on behalf of the Township of Conmee to affix their signatures to By-law No. 2026-001, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of this evening's meeting.

CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley

Township of Conmee Payment Register

Report Date

Batch: 2026-00006 to 2026-00012 2026-01-21 3:18 PM

Bank Code: GEN - TD Operating Account

Payment #	Vendor	Amount	
7721	Clow Darling Ltd	415.84	
7722	CUPE	524.30	
7723	Lakehead Cleaners	118.94	
7724	McKitricks	3,197.90	OPG flood easement
7725	MicroAge	477.51	
7726	Municipality of Neebing	5,660.67	police services board share 2025
7727	Municipality Oliver Paipoonge	152.55	
7728	Pines Hardware Inc.	21.46	
7729	Sarjeant Propane	3,841.44	
	garage \$1912.07		
	CCC \$1929.37		
7730	Sasi Spring Water	14.54	
7731	Thunder Bay Truck Centre	216.51	
7732	Ultramar	1,455.58	
7733	Valley Fire Protection & Serv	478.84	
7734	BMO RRSP	147.98	
7735	Fort Garry Industries	1,364.37	
7736	Kakabeka Falls Auto Centre	1,612.97	repair plow on 3 ton (wire harness)
7737	Lakehead Region Conservation	5,204.00	annual levy 2026
7738	Linde Canada Inc.	523.70	annual lease cylinders
7739	Maxim Truck & Trailer	13,000.20	parts to repair plow truck
7740	Minister of Finance	8,179.00	policing
7741	Ont Aggregate Resources Corp	846.00	annual licence x 2
7743	PSD Citywide Inc.	2,881.50	asset management plan
7744	Ryans Small Engine Service	297.19	repair snowblower
7745	Thunder Bay Dist Health Unit	21,859.00	annual levy 2026
7746	Ultramar	1,326.06	
7747	Valley Fire Protection & Serv	544.22	
	Total Cheque	<u>74,362.27</u>	
305	TD Visa	1,789.50	
856	TBayTel	398.74	
	Total EFT	<u>2,188.24</u>	
		<u><u>76,550.51</u></u>	

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Administrative Activity Report

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's information and direction as required.

BACKGROUND:

Administration's updates to Council on its ongoing activities.

DISCUSSION:

Public Works has advised that Spectrum Radio will be installing a base radio at the fire hall this week to address recurring failures with the Loch Lomond radio tower. The tower has been experiencing frequent outages since November due to a damaged buried cable and reliance on a generator that often runs out of fuel. These issues have resulted in unreliable communication for both the Fire Department and Public Works and are becoming a safety concern. Spectrum will use the existing tower and cabling at the fire hall, and no building modifications are required. The equipment will be placed inside near the man door, and Public Works will provide access for the contractor. The Fire Chief has been notified of the planned work.

From January 18 to 20, the Clerk attended the ROMA 2026 Conference in Toronto with Mayor Maxwell and Councillor Kresack, and we participated in five delegation meetings with the Ministries of Infrastructure, Health, Finance, Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Transportation. These meetings collectively took up all of our time on Monday due to the tightly scheduled format. The Ministry of Transportation advised that they would follow up with a separate meeting to further discuss Conmee's concerns regarding Highway 11/17, including impacts from the City of Thunder Bay's Designated Truck Route Bylaw, safety deficiencies at municipal intersections, and intersection lighting issues.

In addition to the delegation meetings, the Clerk attended the Rural Road Safety Workshop on January 18. The presentation identified that average collision costs in Ontario were estimated at approximately \$2.02 million, and emphasized systemic challenges faced by rural municipalities. These include part-time councils with limited availability for decision-making, one to two full-time staff managing entire road networks, insufficient tax bases to support major road safety investments, and limited access to road safety experts. The workshop also noted that many municipalities face an expertise gap, as formal road safety audits typically cost between \$35,000 and \$75,000. The workshop further discussed issues related to road signage

and how excessive, lighted, or poorly placed signage can contribute to distracted driving. This is relevant to Conmee as the Township is currently updating the community hall sign, and Council had been considering placing the old sign at the fire station on Highway 11/17. The fire station location is situated on a challenging stretch of highway with hills, curves, and only two lanes, and the placement of an additional sign in this area may warrant caution in light of the safety considerations raised in the workshop. Recommended reading from the session included *Unsafe at Any Speed* by Ralph Nader.

The Clerk has registered for two upcoming training sessions: a Lottery Licensing Workshop on February 10, and the Incivility and Municipalities Forum on February 19 and 20. I have shared the Incivility Forum details with the HR Assistant and recommended that she consider attending.

Other Agency Reports – 8.6

1. MMAH Northern Municipal Council Workshop Invitation
2. MPAC 2025 Municipal Partnerships Report
3. NOMA 2026 Conference AGM Registration and Keynote Speakers
4. NOMA Announcement – Transit Investment – Thunder Bay Jobs
5. TBDSSAB Board Minutes – December 11 2025
6. Letter from Nuclear Free North
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8. Human Rights Commission – Use of AI
9. TBDHU Minutes – December 17 2025
10. TBDML Minutes – September 20 (approved) and November 19 (unapproved)

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Treasurer Report
Submitted by: Leanne Maxwell

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for Councils information and discussion

BACKGROUND:

The Treasurer reports to Council, at regular council meetings, as necessary, on her activities

FOR INFORMATION:

Taxes

Tax Notices will be mailed in the first week of February with installment dates of February 25 and April 29.

OPG

In December, there were 2973 loads of fill hauled to the Briggs pit from the OPG site in Kakabeka Falls. We receive \$250.00 per load, so that is a total of \$743,250. We have received approximately half of the money.

They are still hauling sporadically.

FOR DISCUSSION:

Starlink

Starlink has added a new service plan. We are currently receiving Residential Max (400 mbps) for \$140.00 / month. They now have Residential 100 (100mbps) for \$70.00 / month. Does council want to change the plan?

Upcoming Dates:

January 21 – CRA webinar
January 22 – OPP billing webinar
January 26 – auditors in the office
January 30 - vacation

Arrears - as of January 20, 2026

Total Amount Outstanding	# of Properties	2025	# of Properties	2024	# of Properties	2023 + prior	Total	
\$0 - \$999	57	22,371.60	21	10,037.73	30	11,759.77	44,169.10	
\$1000 - \$2499	16	27,010.54	3	5,188.93		4,312.90	36,512.37	
\$2500 - \$4999	24	78,835.38	3	11,311.28		7,930.39	98,077.05	
\$5000 - \$9999								
\$10000 +								178,758.52
	97	<u>128,217.52</u>	27	<u>26,537.94</u>	30	<u>24,003.06</u>	<u>178,758.52</u>	
							44,037.13	RealTax 2025
							23,354.50	RealTax 2026
							<u>111,366.89</u>	

Public Works Managers Report

Jan 27-26

Roads

- Plowing
- sanding
- scarifying
- Clean up Drifts
- Cutting Banks
-

Equipment

- 9000 - repair heater motor
- 550 in for new plow harness and tyrod, and service
- 7500 in for repairs on issues with motor



SAVE THE DATE

Municipal Services Office - North
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

2025 Northern Municipal Council Workshop - Virtual Learning Series

Date: January 29, 2026 (last session in the virtual learning series)
Location: Microsoft teams

Agenda:

The Municipal Services Office – North is pleased to invite you to attend the 6th and last session in the virtual council workshop series. This final instalment will offer an essential learning opportunity in the area of municipal-Indigenous stakeholder relationship building. We encourage you to mark your calendar and take part in this valuable series—you won't want to miss it.

Virtual series details and registration links:

Note: To facilitate the registration process, please ensure you register for the session individually using the link beside each session. Kindly note that each participant is required to complete the registration on their own behalf.

1. Building Effective Engagement Relationships with Indigenous Communities

Date and time: January 29, 2026, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM EST

Agenda:

Time	Presentation	Speakers	Registration
4:30 PM to 4:40 PM	Welcoming Remarks	Sarah Cormier, Senior Municipal Advisor, MMAH, MSO-N Sudbury	Click here to register
4:40 PM to 5:40 PM	Stronger Together: Building First Nation–Municipal Partnerships: Hear about practical tools, resources, and knowledge products that can support collaboration between First Nations and municipalities. The goal is to foster	First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)	

	<i>understanding and encourage partnerships that drive mutual economic benefits through learning, capacity building, and shared development.</i>		
5:40 PM to 6:40 PM	<i>Indigenous Voices in Municipal Councils:</i> <i>This panel features Indigenous representatives who serve on municipal councils. They will share their perspectives on strengthening Indigenous–municipal relationships and their experiences representing their communities at the local level.</i>	<i>Cheryl Fort, Mayor, Township of Hornepayne</i> <i>Susan Nelson, Councillor, Township of Cochrane</i> <i>Wendy Landry, Mayor, Municipality of Shuniah,</i>	
6:40 PM to 6:45 PM	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Leisel Edwards, Municipal Advisor, MMAH, MSO-N Thunder Bay</i>	

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Built for change, ready for what's next

2025 Municipal Partnerships Report

mpac Municipal Property
Assessment Corporation™

Kingston, Ontario



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Lasalle, Ontario

Leadership messages



Alan Spacek
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Reflecting on our journey: Building strong communities, together

Throughout 2025, our progress and achievements were driven by strong collaboration with municipalities and a shared commitment to building resilient communities and continuing to deliver exceptional services to Ontarians.

Across the province, we've strengthened partnerships with municipal leaders and changemakers through ongoing dialogue and engagement. From elected officials striving for efficiency to municipal staff seeking the tools and insights to support that mission, it all starts with conversation. These conversations deepen our understanding of municipal priorities and open the door to innovative, data-driven solutions that address the unique challenges facing communities today.

Property assessments are the foundation of municipal taxation and a critical source of information for budgeting and community planning. Each new assessment represents more than numbers - it reflects homes for families, spaces for businesses, and investments that fuel local economies and strengthen communities.

As we look to the future, our focus is clear: proactive collaboration, tailored services, and trusted partnerships that help shape resilient, thriving communities across Ontario. Together, we will continue to support communities today and into the future.

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Nicole McNeill

**President and Chief
Administrative Officer**

Built for change, ready for what's next

Evolution is the quiet work of progress. It's steady, intentional, and essential. At MPAC, we've embraced evolution with purpose, so we can stand beside Ontario's municipalities as a partner in progress. From clipboards and paper forms to a fully digital ecosystem, we now deliver faster, smarter, and more accurate property assessments. Together, we've developed tools and insights that help solve local challenges and build the partnerships needed to navigate what's next.

That drive for progress forms the foundation of our 2025–2028 Strategic Plan, which focuses on modernizing how we work, strengthening systems, and delivering real-time data to support planning, budgeting, and service delivery. Creating tools and insights that help solve real challenges remains our priority, because when municipalities succeed, communities thrive.

In 2025, we partnered with municipalities to address the challenges you told us matter most: reducing inquiry volumes, improving access to data, and supporting environmental goals through digital solutions. That commitment drove action: we conducted **310,000** property inspections, processed **176,000** building permits, and completed **18,000** severances and consolidations, which contributed to over **\$41 billion** in new assessment being added to municipal rolls.

These numbers tell a clear story: our partnership is active, growing, and focused on delivering practical value. Whether it's accessing real-time property data, forecasting growth, or improving service delivery, we work hard every day to ensure your investment translates into better tools and outcomes for your communities.



As you read this report, I also encourage you to explore the rest of our [operational highlights](#) for a closer look at the work powering our progress and the foundation it creates for the future.

MPAC is built for change and ready to help municipalities move forward with confidence. With the right insights and a shared commitment to progress, we can shape what comes next, together.



About MPAC

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Across Ontario, municipalities are leading through change, from adapting to new demands to planning for growth, building resilient communities, and everything in between. The pace is fast, the challenges are complex, and the decisions made today shape the future.

This is where MPAC comes in. We're built by design to help municipalities navigate these complexities with our property data, insights and analytics, and tools. Whether responding to provincial priorities, driving evidence-based planning, or delivering services more efficiently, we're here to help you succeed.

We work alongside you, proactively, collaboratively, and with purpose. Our services are tailored to your needs, our partnerships are grounded in trust, and our focus is always on helping you serve your communities.

This report highlights how MPAC supported Ontario's **444** municipalities in 2025 through shared goals, responsive service, and a commitment to building stronger, data-informed communities. Grounded in collaboration, built on trust, and focused on what's next, MPAC continues to be a strategic business partner, delivering what's needed today and evolving to meet the needs of tomorrow's challenges.





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Who we are

MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) is Ontario's property expert – an independent, not-for-profit corporation responsible for maintaining the province's property inventory. Proudly Canadian, we are the largest assessment jurisdiction in North America, maintaining an inventory of nearly **5.74 million** properties valued at approximately **\$3.2 trillion**.

Each year, municipalities pay a proportionate share of MPAC's operational costs based on the number and value of their properties relative to the rest of Ontario. Our property assessment work forms the foundation of Ontario's property tax system, informing municipal budgeting, infrastructure planning, and community growth.

We deliver accurate, impartial assessments that reflect market conditions as of the legislated valuation date, and provide data-driven insights that help municipalities, governments, and property owners make informed decisions.

From property inspections and sales analysis to managing assessment requests and appeals, MPAC ensures fairness and integrity in every step. Guided by our values of accountability, transparency, customer-focus, innovation, and inclusion, we are committed to building trust and supporting thriving communities across Ontario.



Windsor, Ontario

Our mandate in motion

Property assessments are the foundation of municipal taxation, providing the revenue municipalities rely on to deliver essential services, from roads and transit to emergency response and community programs. Accurate assessments also inform long-term budgeting and infrastructure planning, helping municipalities allocate resources effectively and plan for growth. Every new assessment represents not just a number, but the capacity to invest in housing, services, and amenities that strengthen communities.

Our team is always eager to learn more about the communities where we work and live, ensuring our efforts align with municipal priorities and needs. We're committed to helping you in managing your assessment base. Understanding how new assessment and forecasting work under the Service Level Agreement provides valuable insights that municipalities can leverage.

Capturing growth through collaboration

Starting in early 2025, MPAC worked closely with the Town of Aylmer in Elgin County to help increase their new assessment captured, exceeding expectations and supporting the Town's long-term growth and financial stability.

Through ongoing meetings with the Town's staff, MPAC's Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team focused on understanding local needs, monitoring new assessment activity, and ensuring assessors had up-to-date information on building permits, plans, and key occupancy dates. Throughout the year, new assessment forecast reports and Service Level Agreement commitments were closely tracked and shared with the Town. This collaboration enabled both

teams to stay aligned on timelines and priorities, ensuring new assessment was added efficiently and accurately.

When budget pressures arose in the fall, the Town asked MPAC to explore opportunities to exceed the original forecast. The result: MPAC achieved **166%** of the original 2025 forecast, with the Service Level Agreement commitment adding **96%** of the Town's new assessment to the roll within one year of occupancy.

This partnership demonstrates the impact of open communication, shared goals, and a commitment to supporting municipal outcomes.

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The Town of Aylmer is very grateful for the partnership that we have with MPAC and work very closely with our Account Manager, Brenda Slater and Regional Manager, Anne Haines to ensure our area's exponential growth is reflected in a timely and accurate way. Every effort MPAC makes to capture new assessment quickly helps stabilize our tax rate year-over-year and supports affordability for our residents.

Our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team understands the pressures that we have at the municipal level with Strong Mayor Powers and the challenges that small towns face with funding growth in the interim. Their responsiveness and collaboration have helped us move forward with confidence. The past two years have also been incredibly demanding for MPAC's local assessors as they've kept pace with record levels of growth and ensured material changes are captured for our 2026 budget. Their hard work and dedication are deeply appreciated. The increased assessment revenue and growth projections will help fund key local priorities, including upgrades to our outdoor pool and swimming programs in partnership with the YWCA as well as costs for police services and local conservation authority levies. We appreciate the continued partnership and the shared commitment to helping our community grow.

Heather Sachs | Director of Financial Services and Treasurer, Town of Aylmer

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2025 operational highlights



All stats as of October 31, 2025



Built for change: Strategic direction and evolution

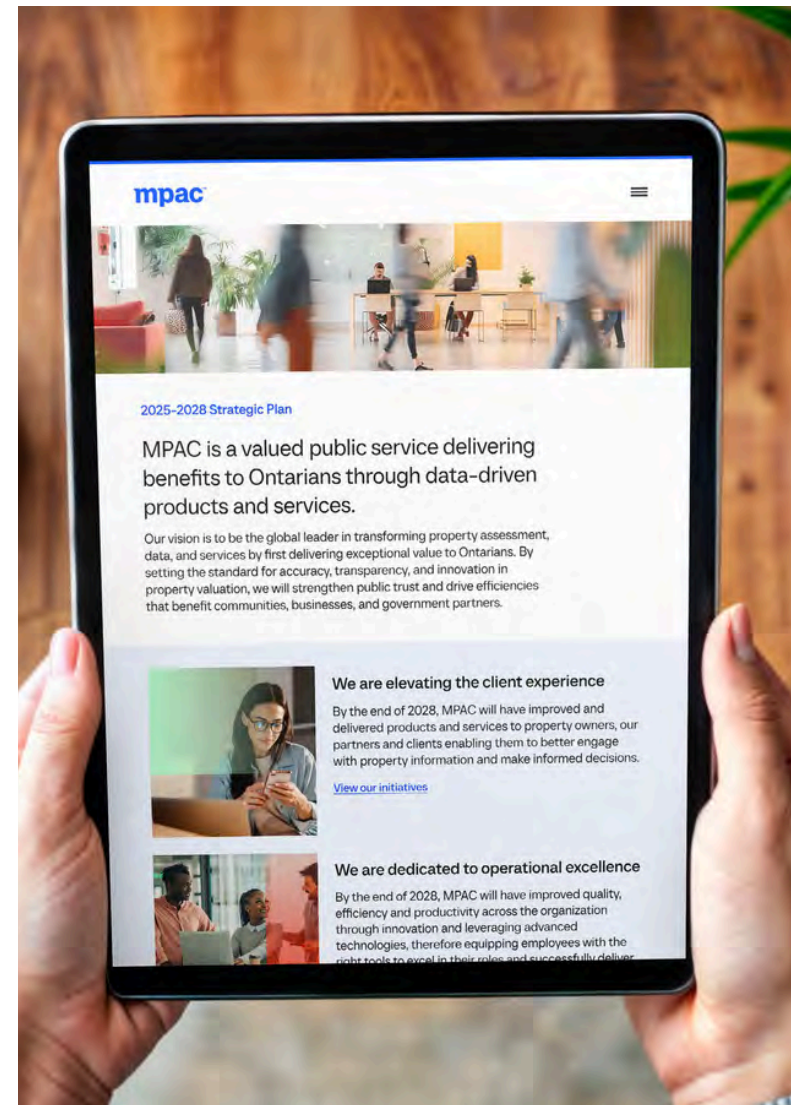
MPAC's 2025–2028 Strategic Plan

Ontario's municipalities are facing growing demands, from aging infrastructure and housing pressures to the need for faster, smarter planning, all while managing tight budgets and limited resources. MPAC's 2025–2028 Strategic Plan is designed to help meet these challenges head-on, with a clear focus on delivering tangible value to municipalities through:

- **Modernizing assessments:** We're investing in scalable systems, real-time data, and digitization to give municipalities the tools they need for more accurate budgeting, planning, and service delivery.
- **Empowering smarter decisions:** We're transforming property data into actionable insights that can inform infrastructure planning, economic development, and policy.
- **Strengthening communities:** We're helping municipalities do more with less by improving operational efficiencies and delivering greater value.

We're committed to being responsive, relevant, and ready for what's next. That's why we're transforming from a trusted service provider to a strategic partner, delivering greater value, driving innovation, and unlocking new opportunities for collaboration. While we evolve, our foundation remains unchanged: providing accurate, transparent, and reliable assessments.

We've also reimagined our visual identity to reflect a more modern and approachable look, with design choices that meet the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act standards and support clearer, more inclusive communication.



Our commitment is clear: we're here to help municipalities thrive in a changing landscape. By unlocking the full potential of MPAC's data, technology, and people, we're building a future where municipalities are empowered to lead with confidence. After all, you've invested in us. MPAC is funded by you, for you. We're built for this.


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2025-2028 Strategic Plan

MPAC is a valued public service delivering benefits to Ontarians through data-driven products and services.

Our vision is to be the global leader in transforming property assessment, data, and services by first delivering exceptional value to Ontarians. By setting the standard for accuracy, transparency, and innovation in property valuation, we will strengthen public trust and drive efficiencies that benefit communities, businesses, and government partners.

We live our values

- 01 [Accountable](#)
- 02 [Transparent](#)
- 03 [Customer-focus](#)
- 04 [Innovative](#)
- 05 [Inclusive](#)

We are elevating the client experience

By the end of 2028, MPAC will have improved and delivered products and services to property owners, our partners and clients enabling them to better engage with property information and make informed decisions.

We are focused on enhancing client experiences by fostering collaboration, increasing awareness, and delivering value. We are prioritizing education and two-way engagement for residential property owners, deepening industrial and commercial clients' understanding of assessment and tax topics, and strengthening collaboration with municipalities and government partners as a trusted resource.

We are dedicated to operational excellence

By the end of 2028, MPAC will have improved quality, efficiency and productivity across the organization through innovation and leveraging advanced technologies, therefore equipping employees with the right tools to excel in their roles and successfully deliver future assessment services.

We are focused on driving operational excellence by advancing data quality, digitization, and AI while ensuring strong privacy protections. We are proactively preparing for future property assessments, strengthening assessment capabilities for industrial and commercial properties, and optimizing operational efficiency with secure, inclusive, and user-friendly tools that enhance employee experience and productivity.

We are strengthening our bottom line

By the end of 2028, MPAC will have established the Commercial and Client Solutions Division (CCS) as a key engine of growth and innovation, driving sustained impact and value for our core business and beyond.

We are focused on maximizing value and revenue by ensuring our organization is ready to seize strategic opportunities. We are strengthening our operating model to enhance competitiveness, evolving our products and services to meet customer needs, and equipping our commercial team with the resources needed to scale effectively.

We deliver exceptional employee experiences

By the end of 2028, MPAC will have met talent, and skill needs and have an inclusive, engaged and continuous learning culture.

We are focused on fostering a strong employee experience by attracting, investing in, and retaining top talent. We are committed to equitable career development, providing learning opportunities, mentoring, and coaching to support versatile career paths. Our succession planning ensures smooth transitions for key roles, while our inclusive and engaging culture values employee input, encourages collaboration, and drives innovation in alignment with MPAC's core values.

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Delivering impact: Supporting municipal outcomes

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MPAC continues to enable municipal success by delivering tangible solutions that address real, local challenges. Through robust data, innovative platforms, and strategic partnerships, we help municipalities to make informed decisions and drive meaningful outcomes.

Municipal impact: Turning strategy into action

Throughout 2025, municipalities across Ontario used MPAC tools to tackle real challenges, improve service delivery, and make informed decisions. From large urban centers to rural townships, we partnered with communities of every size to unlock the power of property data. This is collaboration in action, building toward something greater.

Enhancing access to property assessment data

In spring 2025, MPAC launched a one-year pilot program that gave municipalities the option to receive a monthly export of the Electronic Assessment Information file. This initiative, made possible through collaboration with Teranet and the Province, enhances access to timely property data by expanding the limit from four unique exports per year to a monthly data refresh.

The Electronic Assessment Information file provides a comprehensive snapshot of each municipality's assessment information to help support internal planning. With this enhanced access, municipal Geographic Information System teams can more easily integrate assessment data into their internal mapping systems. Additionally, Planning and Finance teams can better monitor growth and changes in property types, property codes, structures, and services.

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The City of Greater Sudbury is pleased to have enhanced access to the Electronic Assessment Information file. This improvement allows us to update our Geographic Information System more frequently, ensuring we're using the most accurate, up-to-date information to support decision-making and deliver services to our community.

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Krista Carre | Manager of Geographic Information System Operations, City of Greater Sudbury

Collaborative partnerships drive progress

In 2025, we strengthened key partnerships with industry leaders to enhance governance and deliver solutions that matter. Through working groups and ongoing engagement, we've aligned priorities, shared insights, and built tools that reflect municipal needs.

Municipal Liaison Group

A key driver of our shared success has been the Municipal Liaison Group, a strategic advisory body that fosters open, regular, and ongoing dialogue between MPAC and the municipal sector. The Municipal Liaison Group serves as a platform for exchanging information and perspectives on property assessment and MPAC initiatives that impact municipalities. Through this engagement, the Municipal Liaison Group has helped ensure our services are aligned with municipal needs and priorities.

This year, we revised the Municipal Liaison Group's governance framework to support more inclusive and effective collaboration:

- **Composition and meeting frequency:** Updated to reflect broader representation and more consistent engagement.
- **Membership terms and representation:** Clarified roles for members and associations to ensure diverse municipal voices are heard.
- **Responsibilities and meeting approach:** Refined expectations and structure to support productive discussions.
- **Sub-committees:** Introduced focused groups to address specific topics and drive deeper insights.





Together with our municipal partners, the Municipal Liaison Group has helped advance several key initiatives:

- Data Sharing Services Agreement
- Market Trend Reports
- Vacant Home Tax Support
- Optional Small Business Subclass
- Electronic Delivery of the Assessment Roll
- Corporate Strategy Alignment
- Methodology Guides
- Municipal Election Strategy
- Pre-Roll Disclosure and Assessment Update Strategy
- Electronic Assessment Information (EAI) Pilot
- Enhancements to MPAC Municipal Connect and MPAC AboutMyProperty™
- MPAC Data Strategy
- Service Level Agreement

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I hope you'll consider getting involved. It's a great way to stay informed, help shape change, either on the Municipal Liaison Group or on one of its sub-committees, and you will be joining a trusted network of individuals across the province who bring their own experiences, perspectives, and technical skills to the table, which adds depth to the conversations and provides continuous learning opportunities for all of us.

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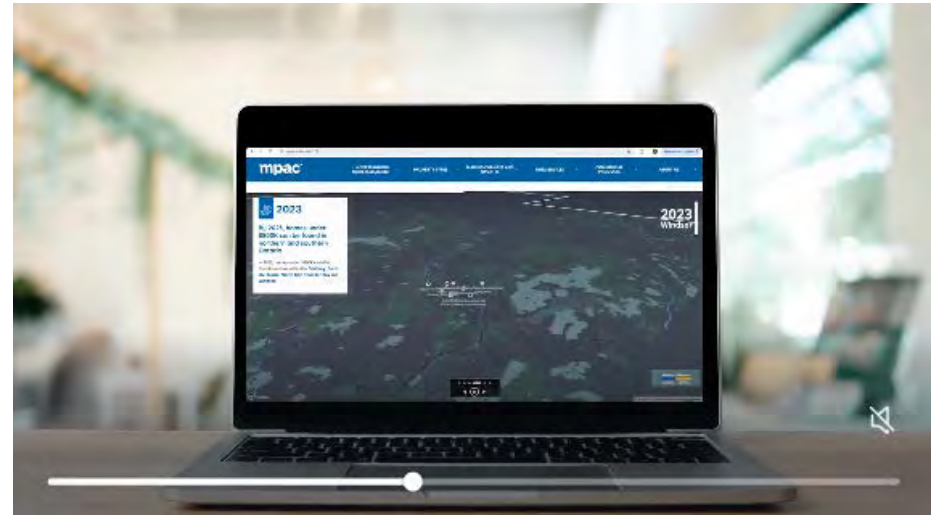
Shane Manson | Senior Manager, Revenue and Property Tax, City of Markham

Municipal Survey feedback

Feedback from municipalities continues to guide our approach, ensuring collaboration translates into real results for communities across Ontario.

Municipalities told us they needed quicker, easier access to localized property data, and we listened. Guided by insights from our Municipal Survey, MPAC integrated our Property Pulse Dashboard into MPAC Municipal Connect, giving municipal staff secure, centralized access to residential sales trends by municipality, property type, age, and sales period. This enhancement is a direct result of meaningful collaboration and our shared commitment to data-driven decision-making. By embedding this tool into a platform that municipalities already use, we've made it simpler to find the insights needed for planning, budgeting, and policy development.

This is a great example of how municipal feedback shapes our services and drives innovation.



A view of the [Property Pulse dashboard](#) accessible through MunicipalConnect.

Showcasing the power of MPAC Municipal Connect

MPAC Municipal Connect is the go-to online resource for Ontario municipalities to access property assessment information and data. At this year's Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association (OMTRA) Conference in Huntsville, MPAC's Laura Voltti, Regional Manager, Zone 7 (Northern Ontario) and Natasha Dawood, Senior Manager, Professional Services participated in a collaborative session that highlighted how municipalities are using MPAC Municipal Connect, products, and data to support their work.

They were joined by municipal partners – Barbara Malta, Intermediate Tax Accountant, City of Mississauga, Kate Farwell, Manager of Taxation and Revenue, Municipality of South Huron, and Jennah Carere, (former) Advisor, Financial Policy and Taxation, Region of Peel – who shared real-world examples of how they use MPAC Municipal Connect to enhance efficiency and decision-making within their communities.

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It's always inspiring to see our team and municipal partners come together to share ideas and best practices. Our session at OMTRA sparked great discussion and even included a live poll to gather input on how we can make MPAC Municipal Connect even more valuable. We're constantly listening, learning, and refining our tools to better meet municipal needs. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm from our municipal colleagues and how they're using MPAC's products to deliver results for their communities.

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Mary Dawson-Cole | Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, MPAC

Value-added services highlights

Property assessment data is a powerful tool that communities can use for planning roads, emergency services, and sustainable growth. That's why MPAC is taking a broader view, offering new solutions and resources to help municipalities succeed today and prepare for tomorrow.

By working closely with municipalities, we've moved beyond one-size-fits-all solutions to deliver curated, localized support that reflects what matters most to municipalities. Whether it's targeted content, tailored training, or meaningful conversations, we're here to support municipalities with the data and insights they need.

Custom data requests

In addition to the vast amount of property data available in MPAC Municipal Connect, we provide curated custom reports based on municipalities' unique needs, including information such as detailed historical data, regional breakdowns, and comparative analysis across municipalities.

From the beginning of 2025 to the end of Q3, we successfully delivered **64** customized data reports to **50** unique municipal partners and organizations, saving time and enabling staff to provide better services.

We don't just deliver data, we also help you use it. Our Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team offers training, webinars, and one-on-one support to ensure you get the most out of MPAC Municipal Connect and our data products.

Many of our standard services started as custom requests. When we see recurring themes or ideas that could benefit all municipalities, we work to turn them into tools and resources available to everyone. So, keep bringing your requests forward. Your ideas drive innovation and help shape the future of our services.

Connecting systems for real results: Streamlining building permit data

In 2025, MPAC and the City of Ottawa reached an exciting milestone with a new Application Programming Interface (API) integration that enables MPAC to ingest building permits and plans. This achievement reflects strong collaboration between teams across both organizations. The integration is a game-changer, enabling the City to send building information to MPAC more efficiently, which means new property tax growth can be captured and reflected more quickly.

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This is amazing! I remember when we first started exploring creative ways to use technology to advance the City of Ottawa’s assessment growth with MPAC. Congratulations to everyone involved in this – your partnership, collaboration, and innovation made this possible!

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Wendy Stephanson | City Manager, City of Ottawa

Assessment Base Management course

Understanding property assessment is essential for municipalities, especially as processes and policies continue to evolve. That's why MPAC has been working on developing our Assessment Base Management course throughout 2025.

The course will be designed to build practical skills in property assessment and taxation for municipal staff at all levels. Whether new to municipal finance or experienced in assessment roles, participants will benefit from a structured learning experience that strengthens their understanding and supports day-to-day responsibilities.

This 12-module course, to be launched in 2026, will provide a comprehensive overview of MPAC's systems, processes, tools, and platforms. It will equip learners to monitor assessment growth, identify assessments at risk, and contribute to a predictable and stable assessment roll. Strong assessment base management supports sustainable property tax revenues and ensures fair, equitable treatment for property owners.

Tailored content for targeted impact

Recognizing that each municipality has unique priorities, MPAC continues to tailor engagement opportunities to better reflect the diverse needs and preferences of municipal staff. Whether through our Municipal Webinar Series, quarterly municipal meetings in-person and virtually, or small-group geographic zone meetings, these sessions offer timely updates, practical insights, and region-specific content. By tailoring engagement to what matters most in each community, MPAC is making it easier for municipal staff to access relevant information, share experiences, and apply learnings to local decision-making.



Shaping learning together: Morning Connection series

In 2025, our Zone 5 (Central Ontario) Municipal and Stakeholder Relations team engaged past attendees of the Morning Connection series (smaller geographic-based virtual sessions) to help choose topics for the year ahead. The selected sessions covered a wide range of municipal priorities, including Assessment 101, severances and consolidations, municipal capital facilities, addressing and MPAC AboutMyProperty™, legislative notices, MPAC Municipal Connect, and year-end product overviews.

By involving municipal staff in shaping the content, we ensured each session addressed their needs and provided actionable insights.

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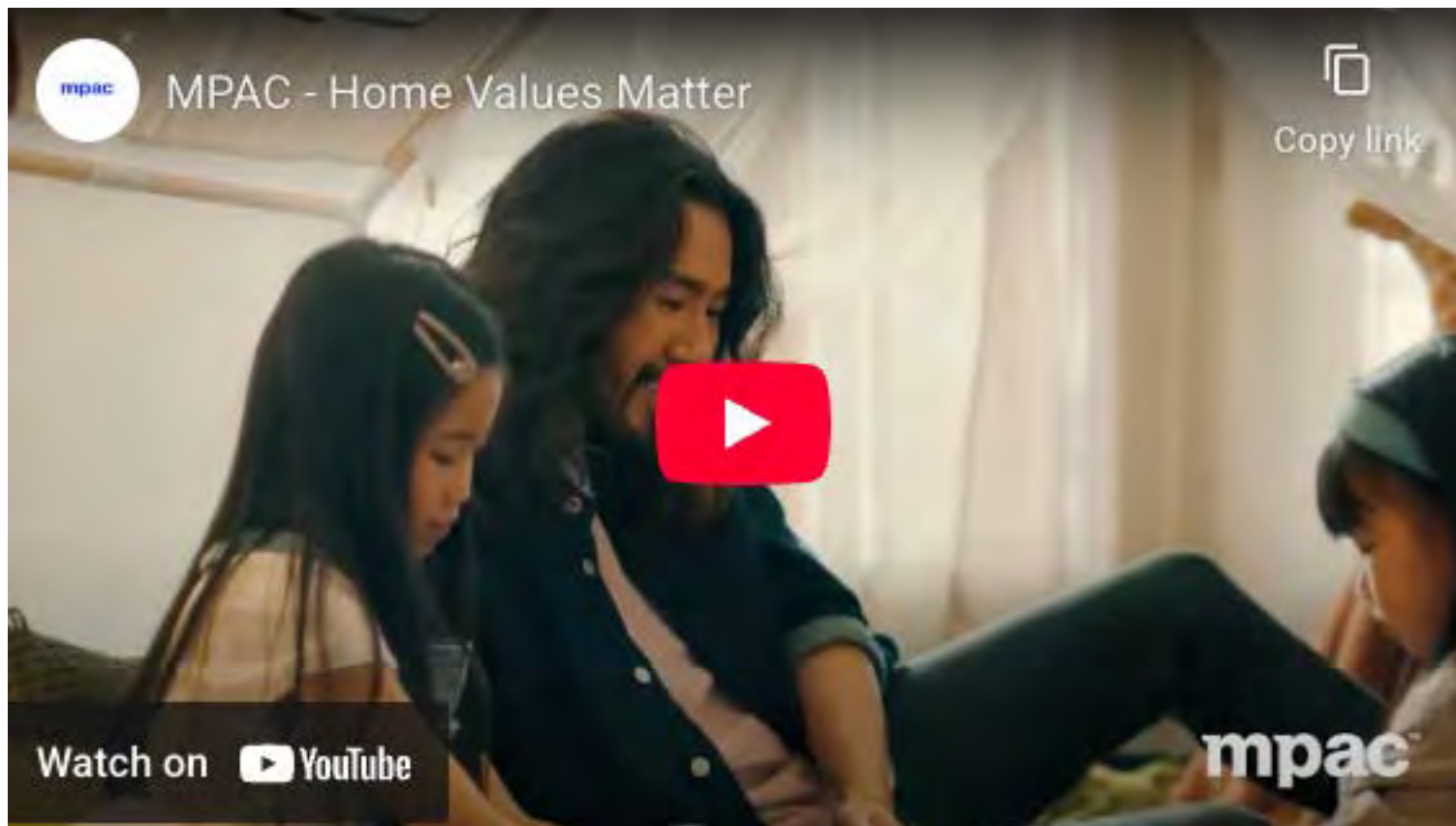
Our Morning Connection sessions have been a valuable resource throughout the year. The topics are timely, the presenters are knowledgeable, and the format encourages meaningful engagement. Each session offers practical takeaways that directly support the Town of New Tecumseth’s work. Our partners at MPAC do a fantastic job making complex topics clear and accessible. I am already looking forward to what’s planned for 2026!”

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Pam Childs | Supervisor of Revenue, Town of New Tecumseth

Public awareness campaign

Clear and consistent communication helps residents better understand how property assessment supports local services and fair taxation. MPAC's public awareness campaign was designed to complement municipal efforts by providing high-quality educational content that explains how property assessment works. Through province-wide outreach, the campaign builds public trust and confidence in the system while helping municipalities extend their reach, reinforce key messages, and support transparency in a way that's timely, consistent, and effective.



A photograph of a woman with blonde hair wearing a white blazer and a man with dark hair wearing a blue and white striped shirt. They are both smiling and looking towards each other in an office environment. The background shows a window with a view of a city and a blue wall.

Looking toward the future: What's next and municipal engagement

Future-ready tools and services

When looking to the future, municipalities need tools, insights, and support to plan and service growing communities with confidence. MPAC's vision is to help make that possible.

We see exciting opportunities to work together, whether through property census initiatives, garbage bag tag programs, or overflow call centre support. These partnerships ensure municipalities can do more as we navigate the future together.

We've invested in robust systems, harnessed powerful data insights, and prepared our teams to deliver greater value beyond our core mandate. Our tools and services are designed to meet your unique needs, streamline efficiency, and help you maximize the resources you already have.

Municipalities have already invested in MPAC, and the opportunity to leverage that investment is greater than ever. And it starts with a conversation.

Assessment Update status

While a province-wide Assessment Update hasn't occurred since 2016, MPAC continues to deliver exceptional value to Ontarians through data-driven products and services. We continuously capture, verify, and analyze property data to reflect changes such as new construction, renovations, and additions. We keep an up-to-date property inventory for the province as properties are added or changed, monitor market activity, process tax applications, and manage assessment reconsiderations and appeals.

Regardless of when an Assessment Update is announced, MPAC is ready. We've prepared for it by design building:

- A scalable, digital-first infrastructure
- Systems that are ready to support any cycle variation
- Expanded insights to meet evolving needs
- Public understanding through ongoing education and engagement



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I'm continually inspired by the commitment and innovation I see from municipalities. At MPAC, we're passionate about partnering with you to deliver solutions that help achieve your goals. The stories in this publication show what's possible when we work together to drive meaningful change. I invite you to continue working with our team and keep sharing your stories. Your insights guide how we serve you, and together we can create solutions that best support your unique needs.

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Jamie Bishop | Vice-President, Public Affairs and Customer Experience, MPAC



MPAC is built for what's next and ready by design to support your municipality's journey with the data, insight, and partnership you need to move forward with confidence. By harnessing MPAC's data, infrastructure, and expertise, we can work together to solve challenges and unlock new opportunities that deliver lasting value to all Ontario communities. Thank you for your partnership, trust, and vision. Let's keep building the future together.

Connect with us

MPAC has offices across Ontario to meet the needs of property owners in every community.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****January 14, 2026****Conference Registration Now Open for the 2026 NOMA Conference & AGM***Keynote speakers announced as NOMA focuses on resilience for Northwestern Ontario*

THUNDER BAY, ON — The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is pleased to announce that **conference registration, trade show exhibitor booths, and hotel reservations are now open** for the **2026 NOMA Conference & Annual General Meeting**, taking place **April 22–24, 2026** at the **Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre in Thunder Bay**.

The annual conference brings together municipal leaders, staff, Indigenous partners, government representatives, and industry stakeholders from across Northwestern Ontario to discuss shared priorities, exchange ideas, and strengthen regional collaboration.

The **2026 NOMA Conference & AGM will be held under the theme “Resilience,”** reflecting the realities facing Northwestern Ontario communities in 2026 and beyond. From housing pressures and infrastructure gaps to workforce challenges, climate impacts, emergency preparedness, and economic uncertainty, municipalities across the region continue to demonstrate resilience in the face of ongoing change.

“In 2026, resilience is more than a concept — it’s a necessity for Northern communities,” said **Jason Veltri, Executive Coordinator of NOMA**. “Municipal governments continue to navigate complex and evolving pressures affecting housing, infrastructure, energy, health care, and community well-being. This conference is designed to support leaders by sharing practical tools, collective knowledge, and meaningful dialogue that strengthens our ability to adapt, innovate, and thrive together.”

NOMA is also excited to confirm a strong lineup of keynote speakers for the 2026 conference, including **the Honourable Marci Ien, former Member of Parliament, federal cabinet minister, and award-winning journalist**, and **the Honourable Rachel Notley**, former Premier of Alberta, who will speak to leadership, resilience, and navigating change in challenging political and economic environments.

“The NOMA Board is extremely excited about the conference being planned for 2026,” said **Rick Dumas, President of NOMA**. “We are looking forward to an engaging and thought-provoking program that brings people together, challenges ideas, and reflects the resilience and determination of Northwestern Ontario communities.”

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Conference programming will focus on issues critical to the region, including housing and local infrastructure, mining and energy development, environmental resilience and emergency preparedness, and leadership, health, and community well-being. Delegates will also have opportunities to participate in workshops, panels, and a full trade show showcasing services, innovations, and solutions relevant to municipal governments and Northern communities.

Early Bird registration rates are now available for a limited time. Trade show exhibitor space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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NOMA looks forward to welcoming delegates to Thunder Bay in April 2026 for an engaging and impactful conference focused on collaboration, leadership, and the future of Northwestern Ontario.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NOMA Welcomes Major Transit Investment Strengthening Ontario Manufacturing and Thunder Bay Jobs

JANUARY 15, 2026 — THUNDER BAY, ON — The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is welcoming the joint federal, provincial, and municipal investment to support the purchase of 55 new subway trains for Toronto’s Line 2, an announcement that will deliver significant economic and manufacturing benefits to Northwestern Ontario and strengthen Ontario’s domestic supply chain.

The nearly **\$1 billion provincial investment**, matched by the **Government of Canada** under the New Deal for Toronto, reflects a coordinated approach between all three orders of government to modernize public transit while ensuring Ontario tax dollars support Ontario workers. The decision to sole source the project to **Alstom** will support **945 good-paying jobs across the province**, including **240 manufacturing jobs in Thunder Bay**, reinforcing the city’s long-standing role as a national centre for rail manufacturing.

“This announcement demonstrates how strategic, Ontario-made investments can strengthen the entire province,” said **Rick Dumas, President of NOMA**. “The work being done in Thunder Bay is a powerful reminder that Northern Ontario is a key contributor to building and maintaining the infrastructure that keeps our cities moving and our economy strong. When Ontario invests in home-grown manufacturing and skilled workers across multiple regions, everyone benefits.”

NOMA notes that the collaborative funding commitment between the **Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and the City of Toronto** provides long-term certainty for Canadian manufacturing, supports the use of Canadian steel and aluminum, and protects Ontario’s economy at a time of global economic uncertainty and U.S. trade pressures.

The investment will replace Toronto’s aging Line 2 subway fleet with modern, high-capacity trains capable of carrying up to **1,100 passengers each**, supporting projected ridership growth while ensuring safety, reliability, and long-term value for taxpayers.

“For Thunder Bay and communities across Northwestern Ontario, this investment reinforces our role as builders of Ontario’s economy,” said **Kristen Oliver, Vice President of NOMA and Thunder Bay City Councillor**. “By working together across all orders of government and recognizing the value of regional manufacturing capacity, this project keeps good-paying jobs in Canada and demonstrates how smart procurement decisions can deliver benefits well beyond city boundaries.”

NOMA continues to advocate for infrastructure and procurement decisions that leverage Ontario’s full economic capacity, strengthen regional supply chains, and ensure that major public investments deliver benefits to communities across the province.

**Northwestern Ontario Municipal
Association**



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**MINUTES OF BOARD (REGULAR SESSION) MEETING NO. 19/2025
OF
THE DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BOARD**

DATE OF MEETING: December 11, 2025

TIME OF MEETING: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Microsoft Teams &
3rd Floor Boardroom
TBDSSAB Headquarters
231 May Street South
Thunder Bay, ON

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Eby, Board Member requested that an item of new business be added to the Closed Session Agenda, regarding Board Member use of Social Media. On consensus, the matter to be added to the December Closed Session Agenda.

CONFIRMATION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Resolution No. 25/85

Moved by: Kasey Etreni
Seconded by: Gordon Cuthbertson

THAT with respect to the agenda for the Board Regular Session meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for December 11, 2025, we approve the agenda as presented;

AND THAT we approve any additional information and new business.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Minutes of Meeting No. 17/2025 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 18/2025 (Closed Session) of TBDSSAB held on November 20, 2025 were presented for confirmation.

Resolution No. 25/86

Moved by: Kathleen Lynch
Seconded by: Jim Moffat

THAT the Minutes of Meeting No. 17/2025 (Regular Session) and Meeting No. 18/2025 (Closed Session) of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on November 20, 2025, respectively, be confirmed.

CARRIED

DEPUTATION/PRESENTATION

OrgCode Housing and Homelessness Presentation

Iain De Jong, President and CEO, Tracy Flaherty-Willmott, Vice-President and Marina Sloutsky, Senior Associate, OrgCode Consulting Inc. were present to provide a presentation regarding research done relative to housing and homelessness solutions in the District of Thunder Bay. A copy of the presentation was provided at the meeting.

Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy provided a brief introduction to the research requested.

Iain De Jong, President and CEO provided background information regarding OrgCode Consulting Inc. and responded to questions.

Tracy Flaherty-Willmott, Vice-President provided an overview of the scope of the project and responded to questions.

Iain De Jong, President and CEO provided an overview of the approach and methodology and responded to questions.

At 10:54 a.m. Meghan Chomut, Board Member left the meeting.

At 11:03 a.m. Iain DeJong, President and CEO left the meeting.

Tracy Flaherty-Willmott, Vice-President provided an overview of the research done, purpose of the recommendations, ways to strengthen system responses, estimating demands for support needs, ways to enhance community engagement and responded to questions.

Marina Sloutsky, Senior Associate provided an overview of housing-focused encampment response, standardizing service pathways, aligning community resources and responded to questions.

Tracy Flaherty-Willmott, Vice-President provided an overview of the increased capacity for complex needs, ways to strengthen community housing options and responded to questions.

At 11:23 a.m. Tracy Flaherty-Willmott and Marina Sloutsky, OrgCode Consulting and Aaron Park, Manager, Housing & Homelessness Programs, Michelle Wojciechowski, Manager, Intake & Eligibility and Tomi Akinyede, Supervisor, Research & Social Policy left the meeting.

A brief discussion was held and Ken Ranta, CEO and Crystal Simeoni, Director, Integrated Social Services Division responded to questions.

At 11:27 a.m. Ken Boshcoff, Board Member left the meeting.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION

Proposed 2026 Operating & Capital Budget

Report No. 2025-46, (Corporate Services Division) was presented to the Board providing the proposed 2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

Ken Ranta, CEO responded to questions.

Resolution No. 25/87

Moved by: Jim Vezina
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-41 and Report No. 2025-46 (Corporate Services Division), we, The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (the Board), approve the proposed 2026 Operating Budget in the amount of \$133,091,900, as presented in Report No. 2025-46;

AND THAT we, the Board, approve the proposed 2026 Capital Budget in the amount of \$2,915,000, as presented in Report No. 2025-41, with up to \$2,720,000 financed from the Housing Portfolio Capital Reserve Fund, and up to \$195,000 financed from the Office Building Capital Reserve Fund;

AND THAT \$228,300 be transferred from Operations to the Office Building Reserve Fund;

AND THAT \$320,000 be transferred from the Early Years Reserve Fund to the Levy Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT up to \$325,000 for expenditures within the Direct Owned Housing portfolio and \$30,000 for consulting services to finalize the development of the beautification, security, and environmental design study be financed by the Levy Stabilization Reserve Fund;

AND THAT up to \$10,000 of costs related to end of community housing operating agreements be financed from the Community Housing Reserve Fund;

AND THAT \$3,306,400 be transferred from Operations to the Housing Portfolio Capital Reserve Fund, and up to \$1,215,000 for expenditures of a capital nature related to tenant move-out, accessibility modification, and extensive repairs where an insurance claim is not appropriate be financed from the Housing Portfolio Capital Reserve Fund;

AND THAT we approve the reconciliation adjustments for the Budget presentation in the 2026 Audited Financial Statements, as presented in Report No. 2025-46;

AND THAT the necessary By-law be presented to the Board, for consideration.

CARRIED

Nipigon Direct-Owned Housing
Property Options Update

Report No. 2025-47, (Corporate Services Division) was presented to the Board providing an updated report for the direct-owned properties in Nipigon, Ontario that are currently vacant and undeveloped.

Ken Ranta, CEO and Richard Jagielowicz, Director, Corporate Services Division provided clarification and responded to questions.

At 11:45 a.m. Anne-Marie Bourgeault, Board Member left the meeting.

Child Care Capital Agreement

Report No. 2025-48, (Corporate Services Division) was presented to the Board providing the recommended template for Child Care Capital Agreements for the expansion of child care spaces.

Resolution No. 25/88

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Kathleen Lynch

THAT with respect to Report No. 2025-48 (Corporate Services Division), we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board (TBDSSAB or the Board), approve the new Child Care Capital Agreement template for the Child Care and Early Years program.

AND THAT we authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to this Agreement template with respect to housekeeping items, as may be required from time to time;

AND THAT the necessary By-law be presented to the Board for consideration.

CARRIED

TBDSSAB Presentations to Municipal
Councils - Revised

Revised Memorandum from Kasey Etreni, Board Member, dated November 28, 2025 was presented to the Board providing information and revised draft policy regarding presentations to Municipal Councils.

Kasey Etreni, Board Member provided a brief background relative to the request for a policy to be developed.

Resolution No. 25/89

Moved by: Kasey Etreni
Seconded by: Dominic Pasqualino

THAT with respect to the revised Memorandum dated November 28, 2025 from Kasey Etreni, Board Member, we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the Municipal Presentations policy, as presented, that provides for presentations to municipal councils within its jurisdiction upon request;

AND THAT the policy defines scheduling of such presentations be coordinated in advance, with sufficient notice, and in a format agreeable to both parties;

AND THAT we authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the policy with respect to housekeeping items, including titles, program and similar changes, as may be required from time to time.

CARRIED

Board Annual Effectiveness Evaluation

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO, dated November 30, 2025 was presented to the Board providing information and recommended draft Board Annual Effectiveness Evaluation form.

Resolution No. 25/90

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Jim Moffat

THAT with respect to the Memorandum dated November 30, 2025, we The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, approve the draft Board Annual Effectiveness Evaluation as presented;

AND THAT the Board Annual Effectiveness Evaluation be implemented for a 3-year period commencing 2026 and evaluated by the Board in 2028;

AND THAT we authorize the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the evaluation with respect to housekeeping items, as may be required from time to time.

CARRIED

Nominations Process for 2026 Board Executive, Committee & Tables

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO dated November 20, 2025 was presented to the Board providing information on the nomination and election process and requesting nominations for the Executive, Committee and Table positions for 2026.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided a brief overview of the requirements for the positions on the Executive, Committees and Tables.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for nominations for the position of Chair. Brian Hamilton and Jim Vezina were nominated and accepted the nominations for Chair. Jim Moffat was nominated and declined the nomination. There were no further nominations for the position of Chair. A vote was held by secret ballot and Jim Vezina was appointed as Chair.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Jim Moffat and Kathleen Lynch were nominated and accepted the nominations for the position of Vice Chair. There were no further nominations. A vote was held by secret ballot and Kathleen Lynch was appointed as Vice-Chair.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for members for the Audit Committee. Kasey Etreni, Kathleen Lynch, Albert Aiello, Anne-Marie Bourgeault and Dominic Pasqualino were nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for members for the Situation Analysis Review Committee. Kasey Etreni, Chris Eby, Gordon Cuthbertson, Elaine Mannisto and Don Smith were nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for members for the Child Care and Early Years Advisory Table. Elaine Mannisto and Kathleen Lynch were nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for members for the Homelessness Prevention Program Advisory Table. Brian Hamilton, Chris Eby and Greg Johnsen were nominated and accepted the nominations. There were no further nominations. A vote was held by secret ballot and Brian Hamilton and Chris Eby were appointed to the HPP Advisory Table.

Ken Ranta, CEO called for members for the Indigenous Advisory Table. Kasey Etreni and Dominic Pasqualino were nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations.

Resolution No. 25/91

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT effective January 2, 2026 the position of Chair of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board for the term ending December 31, 2026, be filled by Jim Vezina;

AND THAT effective January 2, 2026 the position of Vice-Chair of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, for the term ending December 31, 2026, be filled by Kathleen Lynch;

AND THAT effective January 2, 2026 the following Members of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board be appointed to the Audit Committee, for the term ending December 31, 2026:

1. Kasey Etreni
2. Albert Aiello
3. Anne-Marie Bourgeault
4. Kathleen Lynch
5. Dominic Pasqualino;

AND THAT the Committee Chair be appointed at the first Committee meeting of the year;

AND THAT effective January 2, 2026 the following Members of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board be appointed to the Situation Analysis Review Committee, for the term ending December 31, 2026:

1. Kasey Etreni
2. Chris Eby
3. Gordon Cuthbertson
4. Elaine Mannisto
5. Don Smith;

AND THAT the Committee Chair be appointed at the first Committee meeting of the year;

AND THAT effective January 2, 2026 the following Members of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board be appointed to the Child Care and Early Years Advisory Table, for the term ending December 31, 2026:

1. Kathleen Lynch
2. Elaine Mannisto;

AND THAT effective January 2, 2026 the following Members of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board be appointed to the Homelessness Prevention Program Advisory Table, for the term ending December 31, 2026:

1. Brian Hamilton
2. Chris Eby;

AND THAT effective January 2, 2026 the following Members of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board be appointed to the Indigenous Advisory Table, for the term ending December 31, 2026:

1. Kasey Etreni
2. Dominic Pasqualino.

CARRIED

Proposed 2026 Board Meeting Dates
and 2027 Inaugural Meeting Date

Memorandum from Ken Ranta, CEO dated November 30, 2025 was presented providing the Board with the proposed Board Meeting dates for 2026 and the 2027 Inaugural meeting.

Ken Ranta, CEO provided clarification regarding the proposed dates.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

BY-LAWS

First and Final Reading

Resolution No. 25/92

Moved by: Kasey Etreni
Seconded by: Elaine Mannisto

THAT the following By-law be introduced and now be given First and Final Reading, engrossed, signed by the Chair and Chief Executive Officer, sealed and numbered.

1. A By-law to adopt The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Operating and Capital Budgets for the year 2026.

Explanation: A By-law to adopt The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board Operating and Capital Budgets for the year 2026.

Authorization: Board Meeting 2025Dec11.

BY-LAW NUMBER 02-2025

CARRIED

Resolution No. 25/93

Moved by: Jim Vezina
Seconded by: Albert Aiello

THAT the following By-law be introduced and now be given First and Final Reading, engrossed, signed by the Chair and Chief Executive Officer, sealed and numbered.

1. A By-law to authorize the form of Child Care Capital Agreement to be executed by The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board and approved service providers for the provision of creating new licensed child care spaces.

Explanation: A By-law to authorize the form of Child Care Capital Agreement.

Authorization: Board Meeting 2025Dec11.

BY-LAW NUMBER 03-2025

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION MEETING

On consensus of the Board, the Board to adjourn to a closed meeting relative to discussion of information with respect to personal matters regarding identifiable individuals, including members of the Board regarding use of social media.

Resolution No. 25/92

Moved by: Elaine Mannisto
Seconded by: Kasey Etreni

THAT the Board adjourns to Closed Session relative to receipt of information with respect to personal matters about an identifiable individuals including members of the Board regarding use of social media.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in the 3rd Floor Boardroom and via Microsoft Teams, TBDSSAB Headquarters, 231 May Street South, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

ADJOURNMENT

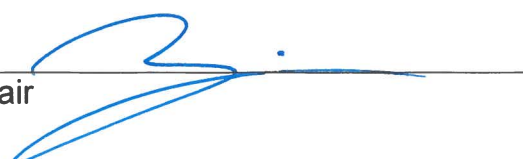
Resolution No. 25/94

Moved by: Jim Vezina
Seconded by: Gordon Cuthbertson

THAT Board Meeting No. 19/2025 of The District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board, held on December 11, 2025, be adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

CARRIED

Chair



Chief Executive Officer





Mayor and Council
Conmee Township
19 Holland Rd W
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0

Jan. 19, 2026

Dear Mayor Maxwell and Conmee Twp. Councillors,

cc: Karen Paisley, Clerk

You may recall our deputation to Conmee Council in June of 2024, to bring awareness of the transportation dangers of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's proposal to ship all of Canada's nuclear fuel waste to a site between Ignace and Dryden, at 2-3 loads a day for 50 years, along Hwy 11/17.

Thank you again for the opportunity to make that deputation, and for your ensuing Resolution on Aug. 27, 2024 in favour of the management of such wastes in the vicinity of the reactor sites, precluding the need for long-distance transport.

As you may be aware, the Impact Assessment for the Nuclear Waste Management Organization's (NWMO's) proposed Deep Geological Repository (DGR) has commenced. The initial project description (IPD) was posted on the Impact Assessment Agency's public registry on Jan. 5, 2026. The IPD sets out the general scope of the assessment including the project's core elements, purpose, location and activities. There is now an opportunity for the public to comment on whether the IPD adequately identifies all the concerns that matter to the affected communities. **The deadline to respond during this initial comment period is Feb. 4, 2026.**

Startlingly, **the NWMO has excluded the transportation of the high-level radioactive nuclear waste from their project description.** This is very troubling, as the transportation component of the project has been the most important concern for residents in Conmee as well as in other communities and First Nations in northwestern Ontario and along the transportation route more generally.

Transportation is clearly an integral part of the NWMO's proposed project, and has been featured in their *Adaptive Phased Management* plan for 20 years. It is unconscionable that they should try to leave out their proposed transportation plan from the impact assessment.

We are writing to request that Conmee Township participate in the impact assessment process to ensure that the concerns of Conmee residents regarding the risks and hazards associated with transportation of nuclear waste are adequately addressed. **We encourage all those who comment during this initial comment period to demand that the Impact Assessment Agency include a full examination of transportation as part of their assessment, and that they conduct a full Impact Assessment process with a public hearing.**

We also suggest that you amplify these concerns by conveying them to the Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, and Federal Minister of the Environment and Sustainability. Public input is an essential component of impact assessments in Canada, and municipal government often participate.

For your convenience, here is the link to the Impact Assessment Agency's webpage concerning the Assessment of the NWMO project: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/88774?culture=en-CA>. You will also find more information about the review process and resources to support public participation at <https://wethenuclearfreenorth.ca/impacts/>.

If Conmee Twp. does not choose to comment to the IAAC at this time, we suggest that the township request to be placed on the IAAC's email list for this assessment, to receive notices on assessment updates and any future comment periods. The request may be emailed to the Agency at nuclearwaste-dechetsnucleaires@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

We thank you for your attention to this matter, and are hopeful that you will take action on behalf of your residents.

Yours sincerely,



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Wendy O'Connor – Member, We the Nuclear Free North (nuclearfreenorth@gmail.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****NOMA Wraps Up Productive ROMA 2026 Conference with Renewed Focus on Northwestern Ontario Priorities**

Toronto, ON – January 20, 2026 — The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) is wrapping up a productive 2026 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference, reaffirming its commitment to advancing the shared priorities of Northwestern Ontario’s 37 municipalities.

Throughout the conference, NOMA leaders participated in a series of constructive meetings with provincial ministers, associate ministers, parliamentary assistants, and opposition representatives, focused on the critical challenges facing rural, remote, and northern communities. Discussions centred on infrastructure investment, transportation safety, labour and workforce development, immigration pathways, Housing, and long-term economic resilience.

NOMA welcomed remarks from Premier Doug Ford, including his recognition of the importance of addressing safety and capacity challenges along Highways 11 and 17. These highways form the only continuous east–west transportation corridor across Northwestern Ontario and serve as essential lifelines for residents, communities, and industries across the region.

“For Northwestern Ontario, Highways 11 and 17 are not optional infrastructure—they are essential lifelines that connect our communities, support industry, and keep people safe,” said Rick Dumas, President of NOMA. “NOMA’s priority is to work collaboratively with the Province to ensure these corridors receive the long-term planning, investment, and safety improvements they require, in a way that reflects the unique geography and economic role of Northwestern Ontario.”

During ROMA 2026, NOMA met with the Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; Associate Minister Kevin Holland; and Ric Bresee, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Transportation, as part of NOMA’s government delegations. These meetings focused on workforce shortages, immigration tools tailored to northern realities, transportation safety, and the need for sustained, equitable provincial investment in rural and remote regions. NOMA also engaged in meaningful discussions with representatives from the Ontario New Democratic Party and the Ontario Liberal Party, reinforcing the importance of cross-party collaboration on issues affecting Northern Ontario.

“NOMA left ROMA energized and focused on the work ahead,” said Fred Mota, Executive Vice-President of NOMA. “The conversations we had reinforced that Northwestern Ontario’s challenges are well understood, and we will continue working with the Province and all parties to translate that understanding into real, on-the-ground outcomes for our municipalities.”

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association



NOMA also extended its appreciation to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for hosting a successful conference, and to keynote speaker Chantal Hébert for delivering an engaging and insightful keynote that set the tone for meaningful dialogue and collaboration throughout the event.

As NOMA returns to Northwestern Ontario, the association does so renewed and energized to continue advancing priority issues on behalf of its 37 member municipalities, including safe and reliable transportation, a future-ready workforce, and the infrastructure investments needed to support strong, resilient communities.

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Privacy and Human Rights Commissions release joint principles for responsible use of AI

TORONTO, ON (January 21, 2026) – Today, the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC) and the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) have released [joint Principles](#) to guide the responsible adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) systems.

These Principles are designed to help organizations develop, deploy, or use AI in ways that maintain public trust by respecting privacy and human rights. They build further on the IPC-OHRC [joint statement](#) of May 2023, and were developed to align with international, national, and provincial frameworks for the responsible use of AI, including the Ontario Public Service [Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence Directive](#).

Public sector organizations that use or are contemplating use of AI systems must ensure these systems are valid and reliable, safe, privacy-protective, human-rights affirming, transparent, and accountable.

AI systems can, and should, have a positive impact on the lives of all Ontarians. But to realize this potential, they must be developed, acquired, used, and decommissioned in a manner that maintains public trust by respecting human rights, including the right to privacy.

“Ontarians are excited about the potential for AI to improve their lives, but also wary of the risks. AI systems must be designed in a manner that minimizes harm and prioritizes the well-being of individuals and communities. Our joint Principles with the Ontario Human Rights Commission establish the necessary guardrails for public institutions to deploy AI responsibly and maintain Ontarians’ trust that their access, privacy, and human rights will be respected,” said Patricia Kosseim, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

“These Principles provide a clear roadmap to ensure AI systems are fair, transparent, and accountable. By embedding human rights and privacy protections into the development and use of AI systems, we can build trust and prevent harm. Let us work together to ensure AI can be used responsibly to improve lives while safeguarding the fundamental rights of all Ontarians,” said Patricia DeGuire, Chief Commissioner of the Ontario Human

Rights Commission.

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Le Commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée et la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne publient des principes conjoints pour l'utilisation responsable de l'IA

TORONTO ON (21 janvier 2026) – Le Commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée de l'Ontario (CIPVP) et la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne (CODP) ont publié aujourd'hui des [principes](#) conjoints pour guider l'adoption responsable des systèmes d'intelligence artificielle (IA).

Ces principes ont pour but d'aider les organisations à élaborer, déployer ou utiliser l'IA dans le respect du droit à la vie privée et des droits de la personne afin de conserver la confiance du public. Ils font suite à la [déclaration commune](#) de mai 2023 du CIPVP et de la CODP, et correspondent aux cadres internationaux, nationaux et provinciaux établis en vue de l'utilisation responsable de l'IA, notamment la [Directive sur l'utilisation responsable de l'intelligence artificielle](#) de la fonction publique de l'Ontario.

Les organisations qui utilisent des systèmes d'IA ou envisagent de le faire doivent veiller à ce que ces systèmes soient valides et fiables, sûrs, respectueux de la vie privée, transparents et responsables, et qu'ils protègent les droits de la personne.

Les systèmes d'IA peuvent et devraient avoir une incidence positive sur le quotidien de tous les Ontariens et Ontariennes. Cependant, pour réaliser ce potentiel, ils doivent être développés, acquis, utilisés et mis hors service dans le respect des droits de la personne, y compris le droit à la vie privée, afin de préserver la confiance du public.

« Les Ontariennes et les Ontariens envisagent avec enthousiasme les améliorations que l'IA pourrait apporter dans leur vie quotidienne, mais ils sont également conscients de ses risques. Les systèmes d'IA doivent être conçus de manière à en minimiser les préjudices et à privilégier le bien-être des personnes et des collectivités. Les principes établis conjointement avec la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne fixent les balises nécessaires pour que les organisations puissent déployer l'IA de façon responsable et préserver la confiance de la population ontarienne dans le respect de ses droits en matière d'accès à l'information et de protection de la vie privée et des droits de la personne », a déclaré Patricia Kosseim, commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée de l'Ontario.

« Ces principes constituent une feuille de route claire pour s'assurer que les systèmes d'IA sont équitables, transparents et responsables. En intégrant des mesures de protection des droits de la personne et de la vie privée dans le développement et l'utilisation des systèmes d'IA, nous pouvons susciter la confiance et prévenir les préjudices. Ensemble, veillons à ce que l'IA soit utilisée de façon responsable pour améliorer la vie de tous les Ontariens et Ontariennes tout en protégeant leurs droits fondamentaux », a déclaré Patricia DeGuire, commissaire en chef de la Commission ontarienne des droits de la personne.

Renseignements pour les médias :

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**THUNDER BAY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING:	December 17, 2025
TIME OF MEETING:	1:00 PM
PLACE OF MEETING:	First Floor Boardroom / Videoconference
CHAIR:	Mr. James McPherson
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Mr. Grant Arnold	Dr. Janet DeMille, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Lucy Belanger	Ms. Diana Gowanlock, Director - Health Protection
Ms. Cindy Brand	Mr. Dan Hrychuk, Director - Corporate Services
Ms. Kasey Etreni	Ms. Shannon Robinson, Director - Health Promotion
Mr. Paul Malashewski	Ms. Dana Wilson, Associate Director – Communications & Strategic Initiatives
Mr. James McPherson	Ms. Diana Carlson, Administrative Assistant – Corporate Services
Mr. Jim Moffat	
Ms. Cynthia Olsen	
Ms. Donna Peacock	
Mr. Don Smith	
Ms. Kristine Thompson	
ABSENT:	RECORDER:
Dr. Mark Thibert	Ms. Lila McNeice, Executive Assistant, Secretary to the Board of Health

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

2. ATTENDANCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no regrets received from members.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution No. 112-2025

Moved By: K. Etreni

Seconded By: G. Arnold

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Board of Health Meeting to be held on December 17, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION SESSION**5.1 A Population Health Approach to Gender-Based Violence**

M. Stewart, Manager of the Children Youth and Families, presented TBDHU's framework on Gender-Based Violence and responded to questions from the Board.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health (Regular and Closed Session) Meeting held on November 19, 2025 were presented for approval.

6.1 Thunder Bay District Board of Health

Resolution No. 113-2025

Moved By: P. Malashewski

Seconded By: K. Etreni

THAT the Minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health (Regular and Closed Session) Meeting held on November 19, 2025, to be approved

CARRIED

6.2 Board of Health Executive Committee

The minutes of the Thunder Bay District Board of Health Executive Committee meeting held on October 15, 2025, were provided to the Board for information.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting minutes.

8. BOARD OF HEALTH (CLOSED SESSION) MEETING

At 1:23 PM, the Board of Health moved into Closed Session, and the following individuals left the meeting:

- Ms. Diana Gowanlock, Director of Health Protection
- Ms. Shannon Robinson, Director of Health Promotion
- Ms. Dana Wilson, Associate Director of Communications & Strategic Initiatives
- Ms. Diana Carlson, Administrative Assistant - Corporate Services
- Ms. Lila McNeice, Executive Assistant and Secretary to the Board of Health

At 1:50 PM, Dr. Janet DeMille, MOH/CEO left the meeting.

At 2:07 PM, the above noted individuals returned to the meeting.

Resolution No. 114a-2025

Moved By: K. Etreni

Seconded By: G. Arnold

THAT the Board of Health move into Closed Session to receive information relative to:

- Labour relations or employee negotiations; and
- Negotiations carried on behalf of the Board; and
- Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Board by the Province.

CARRIED

8.1 Closed Session Report

The Chair reported that during the Closed Session, the Board received information regarding labour relations and negotiations carried on behalf of the Board along with information explicitly supplied in confidence to the Board by the Province. The Chair indicated that the Board provided direction to Administration on the matters discussed.

9. DECISIONS OF THE BOARD**9.1 Annual General Meeting**

Dr. J. DeMille provided a memo to the Board regarding the 2026 Board of Health Annual General Meeting.

Resolution No. 115-2025

Moved By: K. Etreni

Seconded By: G. Arnold

THAT we recommend that the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Board of Health be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 1:00 PM;

AND THAT a Regular Session Board of Health meeting be held immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

9.2 One-Time Funding for Capital (Flooring)

D. Hrychuk, Director of Corporate Services, provided an update to the Board of Health noting that two bids were received for the flooring replacement, one being non-compliant. TBDHU's architectural consultant recommended not accepting the other bid on the grounds that it was non-competitive. D. Hrychuk recommended that TBDHU review with the bidder to work toward a more reasonable price and report back to the Executive Committee. If no solution is made with the bidder, TBDHU may apply for one-time funding in 2026 to re-attempt the bidding process.

The Board agreed with the noted recommendations. D. Hrychuk confirmed that there are no health and safety issues related to the current flooring at this time.

Resolution No. 116-2025

DEFERRED

10. COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION**10.1 Truth and Reconciliation Update**

Report No. 49-2025 (Health Promotion) was presented to the Board of Health with an update on Truth and Reconciliation initiatives at TBDHU, for information. The Board expressed their gratitude for the opportunity for further training.

10.2 Board of Health By-law Amendment

Dr. J. DeMille (MOH/CEO) provided an update to the Board of Health regarding the Executive Committee's progress on the By-law amendment. A proposed finalized version of the By-law is to be presented to the Board for approval in early 2026, expected in February.

10.3 Advocacy Related to Upcoming ROMA Conference

Dr. J. DeMille (MOH/CEO) circulated a draft briefing note to the board for an upcoming ROMA Conference, and noted that a final copy is forthcoming to the Board electronically.

11. NEXT MEETING

By Resolution No. 115-2025, the Board of Health Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, immediately followed by the Regular Meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 117-2025

Moved By: K. Etreni

Seconded By: P. Malashewski

THAT the Board of Health meeting held on December 17, 2025, be adjourned at 2:40 PM.

No. 115-2025

CARRIED



Thunder Bay District Municipal League

In-person Meeting – Municipality of Shuniah

MacGregor Recreation Centre

Minutes

September 20, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:45

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

2.1 THAT the agenda for the September 20, 2025 board meeting be approved as amended with the addition under 5.1 regarding the Oliver-Paipoonge's work on the designated truck route.

Resolution #2025-27

Moved by: Councillor Pietsch (Greenstone)

Seconded by: Councillor Crane (O'Connor)

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

MOTION

3.1 THAT The Minutes for the July 12th meeting, held in the Township of O'Connor, be approved as amended with additional housing waitlist stats from DSSAB under 4.1.

Resolution #2025-28

Moved by: Councillor Maxwell (Conmee)

Seconded by: Mayor Moffat (Manitouwadge)

4. Deputation

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Response to City of Thunder Bay’s decision for designated truck route

The letter “Urgent Call for Strategic Investment in Highway 11-17 – Thunder Bay District”, prepared and submitted by TBDML, was included for information.

Councillor Pietsch (Greenstone) provided an update of NOMA’s advocacy work at the 2025 AMO Conference regarding highway issues and the Shabaqua realignment information regarding completion of the Harbour Expressway.

Councillor Crane (O’Connor) questioned a more timely solution for the designated truck route going through Kakabeka such as signage upon approach.

Discussion ensued regarding a number concerns about the safety of the current highway situation as well as the plans for the designated truck route through Kakabeka.

Councillor Crane (O’Connor) shared that he has been added as a member on Oliver-Paipoonge’s designated truck route working group. Councillor’s Calvert (Oliver-Paipoonge) and Crane (O’Connor) and will report back with updates

Jason Veltri, Executive Coordinator entered the meeting and was introduced at 1:07pm. Further updates from NOMA’s advocacy, focused on finishing the plans for Highway 11/17 and an emphasis on “Nation Building Projects” was provided to the group. Mr. Veltri will provide NOMA’s AMO delegation package to be circulated to the group.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Balances as at August 31, 2025:

CIBC Account – \$27,160.45
 ONE HISA – \$15,831.64

7. Ongoing Business

7.1 2026 Conference

7.1a –

Chantelle Bryson topics were discussed and two options were chosen: Abuse of Staff and Council & Effective and Responsible Use of AI in Municipal Corporations

7.1b –

NPI topics to were discussed and two options were chosen: Transportation and Immigration

7.1 c –

The new event portal “PheedLoop” was discussed. Mr. Veltri (NOMA) provided a breakdown of the options for this online ticketing merchant as he was the one who initially met with the company to discuss options. Benefits of the portal include:

- Credits roll over year to year
- It is less expensive to operate than Eventbrite (\$950 per account with a “per ticket” fee that follows)
- More than one organization can share the same account

Mr. Veltri will follow-up with Pheedloop regarding TBDML’s nonprofit status and whether this may impact ease of use with the Stripe merchant that we will need to register with.

The Executive Director was instructed to explore TBDML opening their own account.

MOTION

THAT The Executive Director meet with Pheedloop to explore acquiring our own account and that the costs described are approved to be spent should we move forward.

Resolution #2025-29

Moved by: Councillor Pietsch (Greenstone)

Seconded by: Councillor Crane (O’Connor)

Carried.

7.1d Additional Comments

The present committee members provided an update that the tradeshow and conference location in Nipigon for 2025 will likely be changing. The committee will meet again at the end of October.

7.2 Strategic Plan Tracker

The reviewed the “Highways” section of the Strategic Plan.

- Councillor Pietsch (Greenstone) shared successes from their Main Street project
- Mayor Malashewski (Terrace Bay) shared that their rest stop will be opening this fall
- Work with NOMA on advocacy for opening highways faster after long closures
- Mayor Moffat (Manitouwadge) discussed the Mayors Group consisting of Manitouwadge to Chapleau and suggested that the Executive Director connect with the Mayor of Wawa
- The Executive Director was instructed to create by-law templates for a number of the Highway action items outlined in the plan and circulate them to the municipalities for editing and adoption
- Discussed the need for Officers to staff the scales, let alone open new scales. It was noted that there is currently a hiring push underway
- There is work currently being done to straighten the highway between Terrace Bay and Manitouwadge
- The Executive Director was directed to look into what is needed to acquire 511 signs
- It was shared that NOMA & FONOM will be working together for a 2+1 North Bay pilot project in the spring (stay tuned for updates)
- Councillor Swarek (White River) shared that they have completed a number of action items from the plan but that the action has not yet been sent to the Executive Director. ED will follow-up

8 New Business

8.1 A thank you note from previous board member, Councillor Johnson (Terrace Bay) was shared and a newly elected Councillor (William Webb) was introduced to the group.

9 Upcoming Business

9.1 NOMA Conference 2026

The NOMA Conference will be held April 22-24 at the Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre in Thunder Bay. The board approves the Executive Director's attendance at the conference.

Mr. Veltri (NOMA) provided updates on the 2026 conference including an increased number of tradeshow booths, ticket prices, host status, theme and delegations. Mr. Veltri noted that the host municipalities (each of the District League's and the City of Thunder Bay, on rotation) will be more involved in planning the events moving forward.

10 Resolutions

11 Correspondence/Articles of Interest

- 11.1 [Province Making Historic Investment to Build Communities to Protect Ont.](#)
- 11.2 [NOMA Calling on Fed., Prov. Governments to Invest in Highway 11/17](#)
- 11.3 [Ontario Investing \\$6.2 Million to Protect Forest Sector Jobs and Workers](#)
- 11.4 [Lithium explorer feels the squeeze of sluggish metals market](#)
- 11.5 [Clean Air Metals announces appointment of John Mason as director](#)
- 11.6 [Frontier Lithium launches study of Thunder Bay refinery feasibility](#)
- 11.7 [Ontario is set to begin building road to the Ring of Fire](#)
- 11.8 [Lecce promotes speedy 'one project, one process' for new mines](#)
- 11.9 [Prime Minister Carney launches new Major Projects Office](#)
- 11.10 [Natural Gas Generator proposal for Thunder Bay](#)
- 11.11a NOMA Support for NGEF Phase 3 & Enabling Local Housing & Emp.
- 11.11b NOMA Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion
- 11.12 Iain Angus – Quest Feedback Request
- 11.13 NOMA Stands with FONOM, Calls on Gov'ts to make Trans Canada
- 11.14 [Why Doug Ford's controversial law to fast-track development...Ring of Fire](#)
- 11.15 TBDML's Pre-Budget Submission to Minister Hajdu

12 Committee Reports

Conference Committee - discussed under ongoing business

NOMA Update – discussed under upcoming business

Finance Committee has not met since last board meeting. A Draft budget will be prepared prior to the next meeting in consultation with the Finance Committee.

EMS Working Group have not met since the Conference. Mayor Malashewski (Terrace Bay) inquired about the next meeting. Councillor Pietsch – Chair (Greenstone) shared the benefits of having Chief Muir for delegations at our 2025 Conference and the resulting reports upon request that can now be provided. Councillor Pietsch will discuss further with Mayor Malashewski. At this time, no further action is planned for the group.

13 Discussion/Good Stories:

Councillor Pietsch (Greenstone) shared good news about their Main Street Revitalization Project. He reiterated the importance of Indigenous Partnerships when pursuing a plan such as this. He shared further that Ministers sat on the same side as NOMA during delegations at AMO regarding highway advocacy.

Councillor Calvert (Oliver-Paipoonge) shared that there are plans for a new vet clinic in Oliver-Paipoonge.

Mayor Moffat (Manitouwadge) shared “bad news” regarding the province wide snowmobile trail reduction due to rising costs and lack of revenue. The Executive Director was directed to follow-up with a representative and provide support via advocacy document.

14 Adjournment:

MOTION

THAT the meeting held on Saturday September 20th was adjourned at 2:27PM

Resolution #2025-30

Moved by: Councillor Crane (O’Connor)

Seconded by: Councillor Pietsch (Greenstone)

15 Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY**
 Wednesday November 19th, 2025 at 5:30PM
 Meeting materials to be provided within a week of the meeting date



Thunder Bay District Municipal League

Virtual Meeting

Minutes

November 19, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:38PM

2. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

2.1 THAT the agenda for the November 19, 2025 board meeting be approved as amended with corrections to the names of our delegation presenters, addition to resolutions with three resolutions from Oliver-Paipoonge, and addition to correspondence from NOMA.

Resolution #2025-31

Moved by: Reeve Beatty (Dorion)

Seconded by: Mayor Moffat (Manitouwadge)

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

MOTION

3.1 THAT The Minutes for the September 20th meeting, held in the Municipality of Shuniah, be approved.

Resolution #2025-32

Moved by: Councillor Kistemaker (Hornepayne)

Seconded by: Councillor McGrath (Schreiber)

4. Deputation

4.1 Megan McDonald – CloudRep AI

An information one-pager was circulated to the group prior to the deputation.

CloudRep uses AI to handle inbound calls, answer questions, handle after-hours calls in all languages, and route people instantly — without long waits or dropped connections. Other municipalities in Ontario are already using it to cut costs and improve response times, and it's built in Canada.

It takes approximately one week to set up an account and then 2-4 weeks to load municipally relevant data. Plans are \$30-\$500 per month depending on services provided. A pricing guideline will be circulated after the meeting.

A question was asked regarding the AI's ability to pick up emotion. For example, if a user was becoming frustrated, would it automatically forward the inquiry to a real human. The answer was that it could and that this would be part of the built in options.

4.2 Nicholas Stubbs – Dependable Emergency Vehicles

A deputation and virtual tour was provided from Dependable Emergency Vehicles – an Ontario manufacturer of emergency vehicles.

Dependable sells new, used and refurbished trucks and will also accept trade ins.

They will also provide cost-comparison support when comparing other providers and their rates remain most competitive. They have a network of buyers and sellers and will help get people connected.

They can travel to our District in order to do annual pump testing but cannot provide safeties for the Service Ontario “yellow sticker” requirements.

4.3 Manuela Batovanja

Provided a deputation on a “Small Northern Ontario New Resident Property Tax Class”. It was discussed that this may be a good option for multi-residential properties or lower income properties for seniors. The idea is that the lower tax rate would encourage growth to the area. More new homes = more new revenue.

Additional information including a report to council and letter of support template was provided from Manuela and circulated to the group.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Update from Oliver-Paipoonge's DTR Working Group

Councillor Crane (O'Connor) reported that he has only attended one meeting for this group and was able to meet with a Liberal representative to discuss concerns. Councillor Crane shared that accidents have happened and there is fear that they are going to continue.

5.2 Conference Presentation Policy

The Executive Director reported that the Executive Committee has requested the creation of a new Policy regarding limitations on the number of consecutive conferences that a speaker can present at. The policy will be drafted and brought back to a future meeting. Currently, we have been able to find presenters with little issue. Part of the policy could state that we would accept repeat presenters if we were unable to fill any spots.

5.3 2026 Tradeshow

It has been decided that there will be no Tradeshow at the 2026 Conference in Nipigon as the spaces available would not be suitable for our overall needs.

5.4 MTO Contact for 2026 Conference

The Executive Director still has not been able to connect with the appropriate contact for the MTO for our Region. Will keep trying.

5.5 Pheedloop Update

We will not be moving forward with Pheedloop as the TBDML will not pass the Stripe verification as we are an unincorporated non-profit without a physical business address. Registrations for this years conference will be accepted by cheque.

5.6 Highway Advocacy By-laws

By-law templates were provided from NOMA for municipalities to utilize in their advocacy efforts.

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Balances as at October 31, 2025:

CIBC Account – \$10,388.07
ONE HISA – \$28,925.97

Balances were accepted without comment.

6.2 DRAFT 2026 Budget

The Draft 2026 Budget was reviewed without comment or requested amendments. The second Draft will be brought forward to the board meeting in January.

6.3 Offer from Patty Hajdu for TBDML to comment on 2025 Federal Budget

The Executive Director was directed not to provide comment on the 2025 Federal Budget.

7. Ongoing Business

7.1 Strategic Plan Tracker – Addressing Homelessness & Housing Vulnerability

The following actions were provided from the Township of Schreiber and will be added to the Tracker:

Action 1 - J We have reached out to Tbay tel and others for fibre internet service, this is still ongoing

Action 2 - C Schreiber supports our local food bank with some funding

Action 3 - B We have reached out to upper levels of government for infrastructure funding

Action 4-E We provide yearly recruitment funding for our local local Family Health Team

No further actions were logged at this time. White River will follow-up with their staff to ensure their actions are forwarded to the Executive Director.

8. New Business

8.1 TBDML Executive Director Job Posting

To date there have been no applications for the position. The posting will be re-circulated. The current Executive Director can stay on until the end of March if required.

8.2 Notice from Admin Rep Mark Figliomeni (CAO, Red Rock)

Resignation was provided by Admin Rep. Mark Figliomeni, although he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Admin Rep posting will be circulated to all member municipalities.

8.3 2026 Meeting Schedule

The following meetings were set for 2026.

1. Wednesday January 21 @ 5:30PM VIRTUAL
2. Wednesday March 4 @ 6:30PM IN-PERSON – Nipigon Legion

Municipalities that have expressed interest in hosting a meeting in 2026 include Conmee, Gillies, and COTB.

9. Upcoming Business

- 9.1 [IESO Northwest Regional Engagement](#) link was provided to the group.

10. Resolutions

Three resolutions were provided from Oliver-Paipouge, however, they were unable to be thoroughly reviewed by the group as they were received right before the meeting and the meeting lost quorum when we reached this item. It was requested that the following three resolutions regarding the following matters be brought to the next meeting for review:

1. Mandatory Water Safety and Swim to Survive Training
2. Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)
3. Phased Implementation of Highways 11 & 17

11. Correspondence/Articles of Interest

The following Correspondence/Articles of Interest were provided:

- 11.1 Letter to NOMA from Minister of Environment, Cons & Parks re: PROs blue box
- 11.2 Bak Emergency Management Service Package
- 11.3 [Natural gas plant gets thumbs up from committee](#)
- 11.4 [Another developer looks to Shuniah for a potential energy project](#)
- 11.5 [Some Shuniah residents lash out against planned batter energy storage system](#)
- 11.6 [Energy storage facility would require municipal support](#)
- 11.7 [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project](#)
- 11.8 [Bill 40, Protect Ontario by Securing Affordable Energy for Generations Act, 2025](#)
- 11.9 [Northwestern Ontario forestry, energy interests advance regional priorities](#)
- 11.10 [Northern Policy Institute – Magnetic North Conference](#)
- 11.11 [Ontario Implements “One Project, One Process” to Build Mines Faster](#)
- 11.12 TBDML Letter to OFSC re: Trail Reduction
- 11.13 Wendy Landry Appointed to IESO Board of Directors
- 11.14 NOMA Board Meeting Minutes – June 18 2025
- 11.15 [New electricity plan under development for Northwestern Ontario](#)
- 11.16 [Ontario Geological Survey Virtual Showcase Nov 25-27](#)
- 11.17 Staffing Announcement – Bak Emergency Management
- 11.18 [Proposed wood waste-to-energy facility is licensed by province](#)
- 11.19 Margaret Sideen Endowment Report Notice
- 11.20 [Ontario Launches Feasibility Study to Build East-West Pipeline and Energy Corr](#)
- 11.21 [Ontario and Webequie First Nation Sign Historic Agreement to Unlock the Ring of](#)
- 11.22 [Ontario Fast-Tracks First Project Under New “One Project, One Process”](#)

Additional NOMA notices available upon request

- NOMA Applauds Ontario’s Investment to protect forestry jobs at Kap Paper
- NOMA Welcomes Historic Investment in Kenora’s Health-Care Infrastructure
- NOMA & FONOM welcome federal support for Kap Paper, urge all governments
- NOMA Welcomes Ontario’s “One Project, One Process” Framework to Accelerate
- NOMA Welcomes Ontario’s Move to Lower Costs for First-Time Home Buyers
- Statement from NOMA on the Federal Budget 2025

- NOMA Welcomes Ontario’s Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review as a Commit..
- NOMA Welcomes Ontario’s Pothole Prevention and Repair Program as a Win for
- NOMA Welcomes Ontario’s “One Project, One Process” Announcement – A boost

12. Committee Reports

Conference Committee

Discussed under Section 5

NOMA Update:

A brief update regarding NOMA’s current activities and upcoming Conference was provided.

Finance Committee

Discussed under Section 6

EMS Working Group

Mayor Kukko (Nipigon) will reach out to Red Rock, Schreiber, and Terrace Bay to attempt to coordinate a meeting with members of Thunder Bay at ROMA. Mayor Kukko will reach out to Councillor Pietsch (Chair of the EMS Working Group) to inform of same.

13. Discussion/Good Stories:

No “Good Stories” were shared at this meeting

14. Adjournment:

MOTION

THAT the meeting held on Wednesday November 19th be adjourned at 7:00PM

Resolution #2025-33

Moved by: Councillor Crane (O’Connor)

Seconded by: Councillor McGrath (Schreiber)

15. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held **VIRTUALLY**
January 21st, 2026 at 5:30
Meeting materials to be provided within a week of the meeting date

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Updated Hymers Fall Fair Prize Book Advertisement

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the updated quarter-page advertisement for inclusion in the 2026 Hymers Fall Fair Prize Book, as attached, and authorize staff to submit the approved advertisement to the Hymers Agricultural Society.

BACKGROUND:

The Township of Conmee regularly participates in the Hymers Fall Fair Prize Book by purchasing a quarter-page advertisement. This advertisement is used to promote awareness of the Township and highlight community facilities.

The existing advertisement was reviewed as part of the 2026 submission preparation and was found to be difficult to read due to formatting and legibility issues, particularly when reproduced at quarter-page size.

DISCUSSION:

Staff have prepared a refreshed version of the Township's quarter-page advertisement that maintains the intent and content of the previous submission while significantly improving readability and presentation. The updated advertisement continues to identify key community facilities and directs readers to the Township's official contact information.

No change is being proposed to the Township's participation level, advertisement size, or associated cost. The cost of the quarter-page advertisement is \$75, which is unchanged from the Township's 2025 participation in the Hymers Fall Fair Prize Book.

The update is limited to formatting and layout improvements to ensure the advertisement is clear, professional, and suitable for inclusion in the printed prize book.

The revised advertisement is attached for Council's review and approval.

Explore Conmee Township



Conmee is home to a community hall, a children's playground, and a covered outdoor ice rink / pavilion that supports community life year-round.

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**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Recommended Voting Method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election - Update

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council direct the Clerk to proceed with preparations for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election using online and telephone voting, and that Intelivote Systems Inc. be identified as the preferred provider for these services, with final contract approval to be brought forward at a later date once 2026 election budget allocations have been confirmed.

BACKGROUND:

In preparation for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, the Township conducted a resident survey to gather input on voting methods, including the possible introduction of online and telephone voting. The survey was available online through SurveyMonkey on the Township's website and in paper format through the municipal newsletter. It was also advertised on Facebook with a link to the online survey. A total of twenty-three responses were received, with nineteen submitted online and four in paper form. While this represents only a portion of the electorate, the feedback provides useful insight into resident preferences, comfort with technology, accessibility needs, and concerns that should be considered when selecting a voting method.

DISCUSSION:

A total of twenty-three responses were received from residents, offering a useful picture of local perspectives on voting methods. Respondents represented a wide range of ages, with the largest proportion falling within the forty-five to fifty-nine age group. The feedback indicated that most respondents were open to or supportive of electronic voting options. Fourteen respondents supported introducing online and telephone voting, while seven did not support the idea and two were unsure. When asked about their preferred method of voting, eleven respondents preferred electronic voting, ten preferred traditional paper ballots, and two indicated that their preference would depend on the security and accessibility of the system. Although some residents continue to favour paper ballots, the results show that many are interested in having access to alternative voting options that could offer greater convenience and flexibility.

Residents also shared their views on the security of electronic voting systems. Confidence levels varied, but overall the responses demonstrated a moderate to strong degree of trust, with most ratings falling between three and five on a five-point scale. Only a small number of respondents expressed low confidence or uncertainty. These results suggest that while residents recognize the importance of ensuring the integrity of the voting process, they are not strongly opposed to electronic methods provided that the Township uses a secure and reliable system and clearly communicates how safeguards will be implemented.

Concerns identified by residents focused primarily on security, accessibility, transparency, and cost. Security was the most frequently cited concern, mentioned by seventeen respondents, followed by accessibility at twelve and transparency at eight. Four respondents identified cost as a concern, and two respondents provided additional comments emphasizing the importance of maintaining some human interaction during the election process. One comment noted the potential loss of part-time employment traditionally associated with in-person voting in some municipalities; however, the Clerk notes that Conmee does not hire additional part-time staff to administer elections as election duties are carried out by existing municipal office staff. The Clerk further notes that in-person voting will still be available to residents and that online or telephone voting will be optional. Several respondents noted the need for voter support and accessible tools, and some emphasized that any system selected must be easy to use and must protect voter anonymity.

Taking these results into account, online and telephone voting appear to be well-suited to Conmee's demographic profile and rural geography. These methods provide flexible options for electors who may find it difficult to attend an in-person voting location due to work schedules, transportation limitations, mobility challenges, or inclement weather. Telephone voting is particularly beneficial for residents without reliable internet access, helping to ensure equitable access to the voting process. In addition, electronic voting systems can reduce administrative workload for small municipalities by simplifying advance voting procedures and minimizing staffing pressures on election day.

Intelivote Systems Inc. offers services that directly respond to the concerns and preferences expressed in the survey. The company provides both online and telephone voting, which supports accessibility for electors with a range of technological abilities. Intelivote's system complies with national standards for electronic voting integrity and accessibility and includes secure PIN management, clear voter instructions, and audit tools that support transparency and public confidence. The vendor has extensive experience delivering electronic election services to many Ontario municipalities, including small and rural communities, and has designed its systems to be manageable for municipalities with limited staff resources.

Based on the survey results and the Township's operational requirements, online and telephone voting represent a practical and accessible voting model for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. Intelivote Systems Inc. aligns closely with the Township's needs and offers the level of security, accessibility, and administrative efficiency that residents expect. Council previously received information regarding Intelivote's service model and associated costs in 2025. This report fulfills Council's direction to seek resident input before confirming the voting method for the 2026 election. No further contract approval report is required unless Council requests additional information.

Appendix "A" – Survey Results Summary

Category	Results
Age Distribution	18–29: 3; 30–44: 5; 45–59: 10; 60+: 5
Support for Electronic Voting	Yes: 14; No: 7; Unsure: 2
Preference: Electronic vs Paper	Electronic: 11; Paper: 10; Depends: 2
Confidence in Security (1 – low confidence to 5 – very confident)	1: 1; 2: 3; 3: 4; 4: 9; 5: 5
Concerns Identified	Security: 17; Accessibility: 12; Transparency: 8; Cost: 4; Other: 2

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026
To: Mayor and Council
Subject: Council Remuneration Report for 2025
Submitted by: Leanne Maxwell, Treasurer

RECOMMENDATION:

That council approves the 2025 Council Remuneration Report

BACKGROUND:

Section 284 of the Municipal Act 2001 requires the Treasurer to provide council of a municipality with an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year on or before March 31 of the following year. This includes any remuneration to council members for his or her service as a member of any board that the member has been appointed to.

This also includes payments to any individuals that are not members of council but that are appointed by the municipality to serve as a board member of any organization for the municipalities' benefit.

DISCUSSION:

The attached report provides the details required.

ATTACHMENTS:

One: Council Remuneration Report for 2025

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST:

File information relating to any of the subject matters described in the report.

Council Remuneration Report 2025

Council	Remuneration Council Wages (gross)	Remuneration Other Meetings	Mileage Expense	Board	Remuneration Municipality	Remuneration Outside Board	Expenses Municipality	Expenses Outside Board	Total Total
Mayor Maxwell	14,215	6,745	246	TBDHU					
Councillor Arnold	2,870	1,127	53	Councillor Arnold	425	2562.04		364.38	3351.42
Councillor Halversen	700	140	3	EMPC					
Councillor Kresack	2,340	280	32	Mayor Maxwell	190				190
Councillor Maxwell	3,500	3,780	82	LRCA					
				Councillor Arnold	449	813		288	1550
				TBDML					
				Councillor Maxwell	560				560
				Food Bank					
				Councillor Kresack	1,120				1,120
				LRMC					
				Mayor Maxwell	760				760
				MMAH					
				Mayor Maxwell	760				760
				Councillor Maxwell	560				560
				LRPA					
				Councillor Halversen		195			195

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Lakehead Rural Planning Board Adopted Official Plan – Follow-Up for Council Consideration

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council refer to the background materials provided at the December 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting regarding the Lakehead Rural Planning Board Adopted Official Plan for Gorham, Ware, and the Dawson Road Lots, and that Council provide direction to Administration on whether to prepare and submit formal municipal comments to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing prior to the February 2, 2026 submission deadline.

BACKGROUND:

The Lakehead Rural Planning Board adopted an updated Official Plan for the geographic townships of Gorham, Ware, and the Dawson Road Lots on November 6, 2025. As an adjacent municipality, Conmee was invited to comment pursuant to the Planning Act. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as the approval authority, has requested that municipal comments be submitted through the LUPIN Portal or by email by February 2, 2026.

The matter was first brought forward to Council at the December 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, at which time Administration presented a complete package for review. Council received the report and associated documentation but deferred further discussion to the January 27, 2026 meeting to allow additional time for review.

The December 16 package included the Clerk's administrative report, the LRPB request for municipal comments, Schedule A1 Land Use mapping for Gorham, and Appendix A illustrating potential hazardous forest types for wildland fire within Gorham and Ware. These documents collectively outline the plan's policy framework, including growth projections, rural land use designations, environmental protection policies, and natural hazard considerations.

DISCUSSION:

The documents outline several considerations relevant to Conmee as an adjacent municipality. These include potential transportation impacts related to development and aggregate extraction in Gorham and Ware, environmental protection policies that may affect shared natural features and watershed systems, and hazard-related matters identified in the Official Plan, including potential wildland fire risk areas identified in Appendix A.

Council direction is now required to determine whether Conmee wishes to submit a formal response to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Should Council choose to proceed, Administration can prepare comments reflecting the considerations outlined in the December

16 materials, including transportation, environmental, and emergency management implications. If Council determines that it has no comments to provide, Administration will notify the Ministry accordingly.

**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Draft Winter Sand Supply and Storage Agreement with the Township of O'Connor

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council receive this report regarding the Draft Winter Sand Supply and Storage Agreement with the Township of O'Connor, and that Council direct the Clerk to prepare a by-law to adopt the Agreement as Schedule "A" for consideration at a future meeting.

BACKGROUND:

The Clerk of the Township of O'Connor and the Clerk of the Township of Conmee recently discussed the importance of formalizing the long-standing informal arrangement under which Conmee supplies and stores winter control sand for O'Connor. Following this discussion, the Clerk of Conmee prepared draft parameters outlining proposed terms for an agreement, including supply and storage responsibilities, transportation arrangements, pricing considerations, and liability and termination provisions. These parameters were first reviewed by Conmee's Public Works Manager to confirm operational accuracy and ensure that the proposed terms reflected current practice and capability. After receiving confirmation from Public Works, the Clerk provided the refined parameters to O'Connor's Clerk for review. Subsequently, O'Connor's Clerk prepared a draft schedule based on the parameters supplied and returned it to Conmee for further consideration. O'Connor's Clerk advised that the draft would also be reviewed by their insurance provider, particularly with respect to indemnification and reciprocal insurance provisions, to determine whether any adjustments may be required before finalization.

DISCUSSION:

The draft schedule provided by O'Connor's Clerk reflects the parameters originally developed by Conmee and reviewed internally through the Public Works Manager. The agreement formalizes the continued provision and storage of winter control sand by Conmee at the Conmee municipal works site and confirms that O'Connor is responsible for the transportation of the sand and any associated by-product from the site. The draft further reflects that O'Connor has already paid in full for the sand currently stored at Conmee's facility and will remain responsible for the purchase of salt and any required mixing services. Any future purchases of material, if required, will be coordinated between the respective Public Works Managers to ensure consistent planning and operational efficiency.

The inclusion of reciprocal indemnification and insurance clauses is intended to ensure clear allocation of liability and appropriate protection for both municipalities. As noted by O'Connor's Clerk, these provisions remain subject to review by O'Connor's insurer and may require refinement prior to final approval. Once any feedback is received and incorporated as appropriate, the agreement will be ready to proceed through the by-law adoption process. The proposed agreement provides clarity, consistency, and an appropriate risk-management framework for an arrangement that has operated informally for many years. The document supports transparent intermunicipal cooperation and ensures that both municipalities have a clear understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities.

Draft Schedule "A" to By-law Number 2026- ____

Agreement for the Supply and Storage of Winter Control Sand

Between:

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee Township
(referred to in this Agreement as "Conmee" and the "Supplier")

and

The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor Township
(referred to in this Agreement as "O'Connor" and the "Purchaser")

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1. Definitions: Wherever a term set out below appears in the text of this Agreement with its initial letters capitalized, the term is intended to have the meaning set out for it in this Section 1. Wherever a term below appears in the text of this Agreement in regular case, it is intended to have the meaning ordinarily attributed to it in the English language.

- (a) **Agreement** means this agreement, including its recitals and schedules, which form integral parts of it, as amended from time to time.
- (b) **By-product** means the remaining product too large to have been sifted through the Purchaser's Winter Control Sand.
- (c) **Conmee** means The Corporation of the Township of Conmee, a municipal corporation duly incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of Ontario. Where the context permits, the term also includes the municipality's servants, employees, agents and delegated officials.
- (d) **O'Connor** means The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor, a municipal corporation duly incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of Ontario. Where the context permits, the term also includes the municipality's servants, employees, agents and delegated officials.
- (e) **Party** means either Conmee or O'Connor. Parties mean both Conmee and O'Connor.
- (f) **Purchaser** means The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor.
- (g) **Site** means the land owned and operated by The Corporation of the Township of Conmee, utilized for the storage of the Purchaser's Winter Control Sand.
- (h) **Supplier** means The Corporation of the Township of Conmee.

- (i) **Winter Control Sand** means the product stored and sold by the Supplier to the Purchaser.

2. TERM

2.1. This Agreement comes into force on the day of its execution by both Parties. Unless terminated for renewal by either Party with 30 (thirty) days written notice, or by mutual consent, this Agreement shall remain in place until such time that, the Winter Control Sand is depleted and reviewed for possible renewal, prior to the next purchase of material, by both Parties.

3. RECITALS

- a) This Agreement sets out the terms under which Conmee will supply and store Winter Control Sand for O'Connor.
- b) The Supplier agrees to store Winter Control Sand purchased by the Purchaser and provide key access to the Site until all product and its By-product are transported off site for use by the Purchaser.
- c) The Purchaser is responsible for all transportation of the product and its By-product.
- d) The Purchaser will pay in full for Winter Control Sand, being sand provided in bulk from the Supplier, and mixed with salt at the Purchaser's expense, prior to storage at the Site.

4. INDEMNIFICATION

- 4.1. Conmee covenants and agrees that it shall indemnify and save harmless O'Connor from any liability, cost, demands, damages, expenses, claims and suits arising out of or in any way related to the obligations of Conmee to carry out the work or otherwise meet the obligations provided for in this Agreement, including the failure to perform such work adequately or at all, except to the extent that same is caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of O'Connor or to the extent that O'Connor is exempt from liability under the *Municipal Act, 2001*. This indemnity shall survive the early termination or expiry of this Agreement.
- 4.2. O'Connor covenants and agrees that it shall indemnify and save harmless Conmee from any liability, cost, demands, damages, expenses, claims and suits arising out of or in any way related to the obligations of O'Connor to carry out the work or otherwise meet the obligations provided for in this Agreement, including the failure to perform such work adequately or at all, except to the extent that same is caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of Conmee or to the extent that Conmee is exempt from liability under the *Municipal Act, 2001*. This indemnity shall survive the early termination or expiry of this Agreement.
- 4.3. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, and subject to any applicable legislation and the ability of a Party to protect its own rights in the face of litigation against that Party, each Party agrees to assist the other Party in a timely manner in terms of the provision of information relevant to any claims that are made against the other Party with respect to either Party's obligations assumed under this Agreement.

5. RECIPROCAL INSURANCE

- 5.1.** During the Term of this Agreement, including any renewal or extension thereof, each Party shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect:
- a) Comprehensive general liability insurance naming the other Party as an additional insured regarding their respective obligations under this Agreement. Coverage shall include, but not limited to, bodily injury, personal injury, property damage, blanket contractual liability, non-owned automobile liability and contain a cross-liability severability of insured clause;
 - b) Each of the coverages shall have limits of not less than ____ten? million dollars (\$?,000,000.00) per occurrence or in the case of automobile per accident and shall be issued by insurance companies licensed to carry on business in the Province of Ontario;
 - c) The policies shall provide that such coverage may not be cancelled without sixty (60) days notice to the other Party;
 - d) Each of the limits of liability required hereunder shall be increased from time to time to such greater amount as shall be prudent having regard to inflation, prevailing risk factors, trends in damage awards and any other reasonably relevant factor so as to provide equivalent protection; and
 - e) Not less that every two (2) years, the Parties shall, in consultation with their insurance advisors, review the coverage for the purpose of meeting the objectives of this provision.

6. NOTICES

Any notice provided for under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be sufficiently given if delivered personally or by facsimile or if sent by prepaid first class mail and addressed to the Parties, as follows:

(a) to Conmee at:

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
 Municipal Office
 19 Holland Road West
 RR #1
 Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0
 Attention: Clerk
 Facsimile: (807) 475-4793

(b) to O'Connor at:

The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor
 Municipal Office
 330 Highway 595
 RR #1
 Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0
 Attention: Clerk-Treasurer
 Facsimile: (807) 473-0891

Dated this ____ day of _____, A.D. 2026.

The Corporation of the Township of Conmee

Sheila Maxwell,
Mayor

Karen Paisley, Clerk

The Corporation of the Township of O'Connor

Jim Vezina, Mayor

Lorna Buob, Clerk-Treasurer

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Lakehead Rural Planning Board

3250 Highway 130
Rosslyn ON P7K 0B1

Telephone: (807) 935-2613
Fax: (807) 935-3309

PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING PROPOSED LOT ADDITION

RE: **Application No.:** 1B/01/26
 Name of Owner: Lauritz Pajamaki & Riley Freeman
 Name of Agent: Lauritz Pajamaki
 Location: 178-190 Ilkka Drive

In accordance with the Lakehead Rural Planning Board's Procedural By-law 03-2020, the Lakehead Rural Planning Board will hold a virtual public meeting in accordance with the Planning Act.

TAKE NOTICE that the Lakehead Rural Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, February 5th, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** via Zoom Meeting, which allows for participation by telephone, as well as by computers and mobile devices, to consider the application for a proposed new lot under Section 53 of the Planning Act, 1990. C.P. 13 as amended to March 30, 2007.

An application has been received from Lauritz Pajamaki, acting as agent on behalf of himself and Riley Freeman, for the property described as CONMEE CON 6 PT S 1/2 LOT A, Conmee Township, Geographic District of Thunder Bay, known locally as 178-190 Ilkka Dr. **A key map showing the location of the lands to which the consent applies is attached.**

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING: Although this is not an in-person Board meeting, there are several ways in which the general public can provide input on the proposed new lot, as follows:

a. Submit comments in writing: Persons wishing to provide comments may submit such comments in writing, by email, to lrpb@tbaytel.net or by regular mail to the address below, and quote File Number: 1B/01/26. Comments shall be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Thursday February 5th, 2026.

b. Register to Speak at the LRPB Virtual Meeting: If you wish to speak at the LRPB Virtual Public Meeting, you are asked to register in advance by email, to lrpb@tbaytel.net and quote File Number: 1B/01/26. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting by following the link provided through email. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required to participate in the meeting via Zoom. You may also opt to call in from a cell or landline. To register by phone please call: 807-935-3300.

NOTES REGARDING YOUR RIGHTS

If a **specified person** that files an appeal of a decision of the Lakehead Rural Planning Board in respect of the proposed new lot does not make written submissions to the Lakehead Rural Planning Board before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

THIS NOTICE is sent to the applicant, to various agencies, and to surrounding property owners for their information. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Lakehead Rural Planning Board in respect to the proposed new lot, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Lakehead Rural Planning Board, 3250 Highway 130, Rosslyn ON P7K 0B1. Failure of the applicant to appear before the Board, either in person or by an agent, may result in the deferment or cancellation of the application.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION related to the proposed new lot is available by calling the Secretary-Treasurer at 807-935-3300.

DATED THIS 22nd DAY OF January 2026.



**Kerri Reid, Secretary-Treasurer
Lakehead Rural Planning Board**

Please see location map below.





Name of Approval Authority: Lakehead Rural Planning Board

Application Number:

18-01-26

Owner Information

Full Name: Pajamaki Lauritz Oliver Freeman Riley Alexander
Last First

Address: 63 Pajamaki Road
Street Address Apt/Unit #

Kakabeka Falls Ontario P0T1W0
City Province Postal Code

Home Phone: (807) 6318315 Email: lopajamaki@gmail.com

Please specify to whom all communications should be sent:

Owner Solicitor Agent

Agent Information (if applicable)

Full Name: Pajamaki Lauritz O
Last First

Address: 63 Pajamaki Road
Street Address Apt/Unit #

Kakabeka Falls Ontario P0T1W0
City Province Postal Code

Home Phone: (807) 6318315 Email: lopajamaki@gmail.com

Purpose of Application

1. Type and purpose of proposed transaction:

- New Lot Addition to Lot Conveyance (specify):
- Lease Correction of Title Other (specify):
- Easement Right-of-Way Mortgage

2. Name of person(s) to whom land or interest in land is intended to be conveyed, leased or mortgaged:

Owners _____

3. Relationship (if any) of person(s) named in Question 2. to Owner:

Owners _____

4. Describe any existing easements or restrictive covenants affecting the subject land and its effect:

Nil _____

Land Information

5. Location of land:

Physical Address (fire number, st/rd): 190 Ilkka Drive and 178 Ilkka DriveLot(s) No: S 1/2 of the S 1/2 of Concession No: 6Lot(s) No: Lot A Con 6 Registered Plan No: _____Part(s) No. _____ Municipality/Township/
Unorganized Conmee

6. Current Official Plan designation:

7. Description of land intended to be severed:

Frontage: 175m metres Depth: 220m metres Area: 2.70 hectaresExisting Use: Residential Proposed Use: Residential

Number and use of buildings and structures (both existing and proposed) on the land to be severed:

1 Single Family Dwelling and 1 Storage Shed

8. Description of land intended to be retained:

Frontage: 109m metres Depth: 159m metres Area: 2.67 hectaresExisting Use: Residential Proposed Use: Residential

Number and use of buildings and structures (both existing and proposed) on the land to be retained:

1 Single Family Resident and 1 Storage Shed

9. Number of new lots (not including retained lots) proposed:

One10. Type of road access for proposed lot (*specify*): Municipal Road Pajamaki RoadType of road access for retained lot (*specify*): Municipal Road Ilkka DriveIs access by water to proposed lot? NoIs access by water to retained lot? No

11. What type of water supply is proposed? (please check appropriate boxes)

	<u>Proposed Lot</u>	<u>Retained Lot</u>
Municipally owned and operated sanitary sewers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Well	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. What type of sewage disposal is proposed? (please check appropriate boxes)

	<u>Proposed Lot</u>	<u>Retained Lot</u>
Municipally owned and operated sanitary sewers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Septic tank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pit privy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. When will water supply and sewage disposal services be available?

Water Wells and Septic Fields are in place

14. Is any part of the land swampy or subject to flooding, seasonal wetness or erosion?

Yes No

If yes, give details:

Type of soil:

Clay Gravel Sand Rock Other: _____

15. Is there a rehabilitated mine site located on the Subject Land or within 500 metres of the Subject land?

Yes No

16. Is there a non-operating mine site located within 1 kilometre of the Subject land?

Yes No

17. Has the ORIGINAL parcel of land been severed on or after:

For Gorham, Ware, and Dawson Road Lots: **June 1, 1997**

Yes No

For O'Connor Township: **November 1, 1997**

Yes No

For Gillies Township: **October 1, 1997**

Yes No

For Neebing Township: **October 4, 1972**

Yes No

For Conmee Township: **August 25, 1975**

Yes No

(Please contact the Land Registry Office if unsure)

18. Is this a resubmission of an earlier proposal?

Yes No

19. Has the parcel intended to be severed, ever been, or is it now, the subject of an application for a plan of subdivision, under Section 50 of the *Planning Act*, 1990 as amended, or its predecessors?

Yes No If yes, provide the File Number: _____

20. Is the subject land currently the subject of a proposed

Official Plan Amendment Zoning Amendment Minor Variance

If yes, and if known, specify the file number and status of the application:

No _____

21. Is there any other information you think may be useful to the Municipality or agencies in reviewing this application? If so, explain below or attach on a separate page.

Ilkka Drive and Pajamaki Road were given to the Municipality in March 2024 creating a Natural Severance Part 1 and 3 of a Piece off the main lot along Pajamaki Rd and Ilkka Dr Part 2 and also a small piece along the west side of Ilkka Dr Part 4 as shown on Servey plan attached.

22. A sketch is required at the time of the filing of this application.

Minimum requirements will be a sketch showing the following (see sample attached):

- The **boundaries and dimensions** of the subject land and any abutting land that is owned by the Owner of the subject land.
- The **North arrow**.
- The location, size and type of all existing and proposed **buildings and structures** on the subject land, indicating the distance of the buildings or structures from the front yard lot line, rear yard lot line and the side yard lot line (metric measurements only).
- The approximate location of all **natural and artificial features** on the subject land and on land that is adjacent to the subject land that, in the opinion of the applicant may affect the application. Examples include buildings, railways, roads, watercourses, drainage, ditches, rivers or stream banks, wetlands, wooded areas, wells and septic tanks.

- The **current uses** on the land that is adjacent to the subject land.
- The location, width and name of any **roads** within or abutting the subject land, indicating whether it is an unopened road allowance, a public travelled road, a private road or a right-of-way.
- If access to the subject land is by water only, the location of the **parking and docking facilities** to be used.
- The location and nature of any **easement** affecting the subject land.
- The location of all **land previously severed** from the parcel originally acquired by the current owner.
- Whether the subject land within an area of land designated under any **Provincial plan**.

Sketch

CERTIFICATION by the Applicant

I/We,
Lauritz O Pajamaki and ~~Riley A Freeman~~

of the Township of Conmee in the Province of Ontario,
solemnly declare that the statements contained in this application are true, and I/we make this solemn
declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if
made under oath and by virtue of the *Canada Evidence Act*.

Sworn (or declared) before me at the Municipal Office of Oliver Pappange in the Province of
Ontario, this 4th day of December 20 25.



[Signature]
Commissioner of Oaths

[Signature]
Applicant/Authorized Agent

AUTHORIZATION OF THE OWNER FOR AN AGENT TO MAKE APPLICATION

I/We authorize
Lauritz O Pajamaki

(name of agent)

to act on my/our behalf in submitting this application. This application has been submitted with my/our
full knowledge and endorsement.

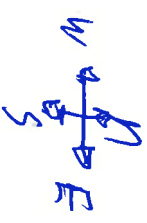
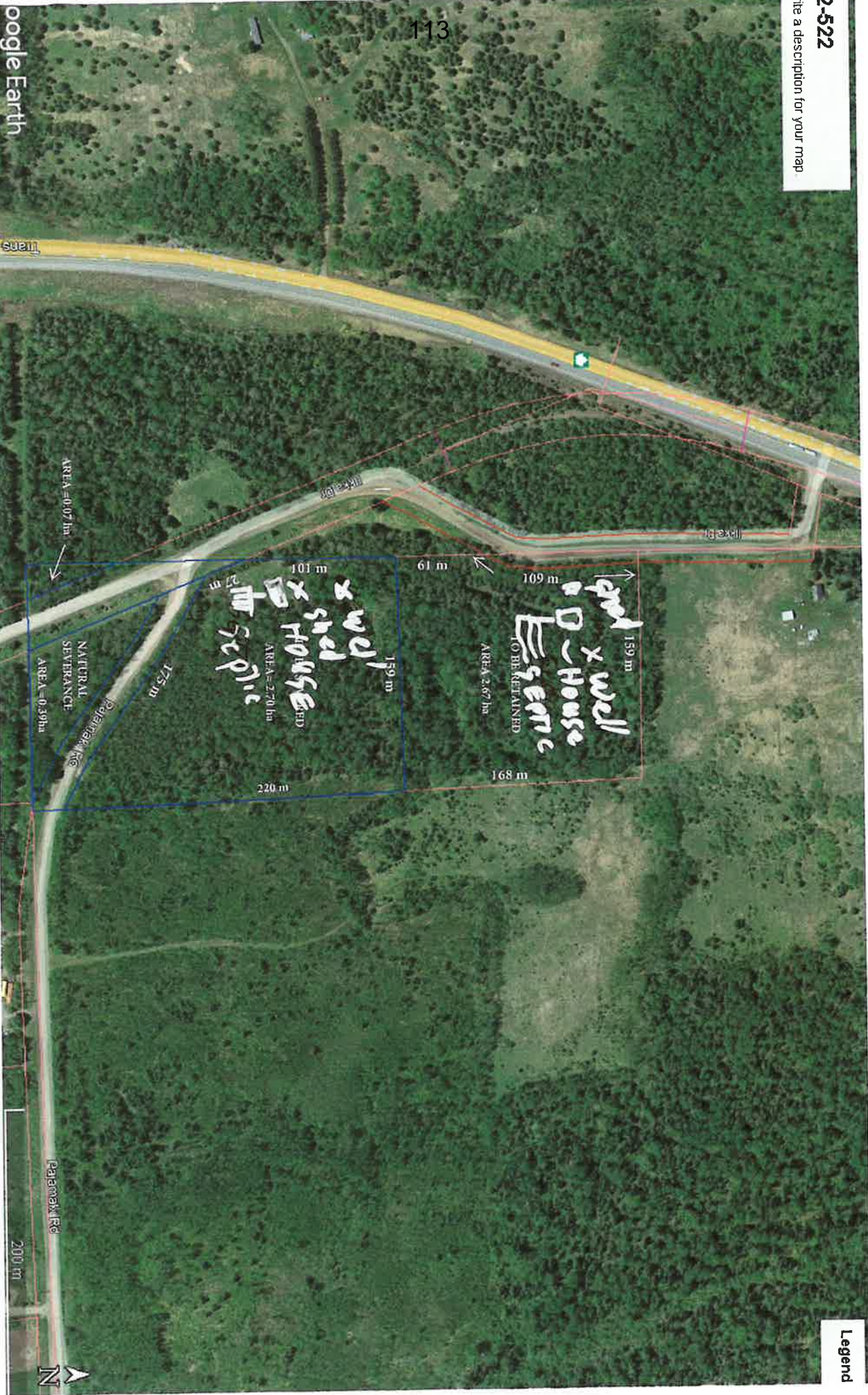
[Signature]
Owner(s)

November 26 2025
Date

<p>For Office Use Only:</p> <p>Application No: <u>1B-01-26</u></p> <p>Date completed application received:</p>
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Severed lot 40m from Road 40m
To House
45m from Road from Road.

Retained 40m from Road to House
From Road 30m to Shed



**The Corporation of the Township of Conmee
Administrative Report**

Date: January 27, 2026

To: Mayor and Council

Subject: Update – Winter Road Maintenance Standards, Timelines, and Governance Framework

File Number: 01-C10-0000 Administrative Activity Reports

Submitted by: Karen Paisley, Clerk

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council receive this update for information and provide any further direction regarding the Township's winter road maintenance standards and governance framework.

BACKGROUND:

At the January 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, the Clerk presented an Administrative Report outlining the Township's winter road maintenance standards, including the application of Bylaw No. 1423 adopting Ontario Regulation 239/02, *Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways*, and the purpose and limitations of the Township's Winter Maintenance Policy (Policy No. 13). All referenced materials were included in the January 13 agenda package for Council's review.

Council did not discuss the matter at that meeting. As recorded in the minutes, Council deferred the item to the January 27, 2026 meeting due to the complexity of the review and the absence of the Public Works Manager.

DISCUSSION:

Since the January 13 meeting, no additional information has been received, and no changes have occurred that would alter the analysis or conclusions provided in the original report. The Township's winter maintenance operations continue to be governed by Bylaw No. 1423 and the Minimum Maintenance Standards, with Policy No. 13 providing general seasonal guidance but not establishing specific timelines or service levels.

Council may now wish to revisit the materials contained in the January 13 agenda package and determine whether clarification, further review, or amendments to existing policies or bylaws are required. If Council wishes to undertake a more detailed policy review, request additional information from Public Works, or initiate an update to Policy No. 13, Administration can proceed based on Council direction.



Office of the City Clerk, City Hall
500 George Street North
Peterborough, Ontario
K9H 3R9

December 3, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Peterborough Police Services Board Chair; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

Subject: Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 3, 2025, is forwarded for your consideration.

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to maintain a police service; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to constitute a municipal board to have policing responsibility for the municipality, or enter into a written agreement for an alternate provision of policing services; and

Whereas the City of Peterborough has constituted a municipal board; and

Whereas municipalities, across Ontario, with a police service board, are required to “ensure adequate and effective policing is provided in the area for which they have policing responsibility in accordance with the needs of the population in the area and having regard for the diversity of the population in the area” and

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuing the secure



custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

Whereas the provision of court security is not part of providing adequate and effective policing; and

Whereas the cost of providing court security is a cost of the municipality, regardless of whether all matters originate within that municipality; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are required to have and maintain critical infrastructure, including appropriate police facilities and equipment, to ensure adequate and effective policing is provided; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019; and

Whereas these cost increases stem from provincially mandated requirements — including training, certification, technology, reporting, and staffing obligations — necessary to bring local police services into compliance with the Act; and

Whereas municipalities have no discretion in implementing these measures and limited ability to absorb the resulting financial pressures within existing budgets; and

Whereas policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of the costs to implement provincial mandates;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services; and



City of
Peterborough

That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Peterborough Police Services Board Chair, and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing letters.

John Kennedy
City Clerk



Mary ten Doeschate, Chair

Drew Merrett, Vice-Chair

Mayor Jeff Leal

Councillor Gary Baldwin

Steve Girardi

December 18, 2025

City of Peterborough (Sent via email)
500 George St. N.
Peterborough, ON K9H 3R9

Attention: Members of Council

Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer

Richard Freymond, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services

John Kennedy, Clerk

Members of Council, Mr. Raina, Mr. Freymond and Mr. Kennedy:

Re: Council Resolution – Stable Funding for Police Service Boards

The Peterborough Police Service Board unanimously passed the following motion at their Board meeting held on December 16, 2025:

Moved by Drew Merrett

Seconded by Jeff Leal

That the Board receive for consideration and endorsement the Peterborough City Council resolution made November 3, 2025 regarding stable funding for Police Service Boards.

Accordingly, the Board sends this letter in support of Council's call for the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities; the Board believes increased and sustainable funding support from the Province is necessary to ensure the Board can meet its legislated mandate of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Peterborough.

Sincerely,

Mary ten Doeschate,
Chair

Peterborough Police Service Board

500 Water Street, P.O. Box 2050 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7Y4

Telephone: 705-876-1122 ext. 220 Fax: 705-876-6005

www.peterboroughpolice.com

Hello Everyone, and Happy New Year!

I am sending this email requesting your support for a Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class and subclass.

Thank you to those of you who have already supported this amendment to the Assessment Act requesting a Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class and subclass.

For those of you who have not heard of this proposal I would like to introduce it to you and ask for your support.

I would like as many supporting resolutions as possible to be sent to the Minister of Finance at minister.fin@ontario.ca prior to this years ROMA Conference, or if that is too quick of an ask, ask soon as your schedules allow.

To help with this task I have attached to this email:

- 1) A sample resolution of support
- 2) A Letter of Support template which can be shared with local business or your EDO's
- 3) A PDF presentation you can share with your Council members

The proposal was first presented in 2025 at AMO has since been introduced to the Ministry of Finance, has had an initial review and has been escalated for more serious consideration.

We are asking for an amendment to the Assessment Act, adding a Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class and Subclass allowing for small northern municipalities, with populations under 5000, to reduce property taxes on newly constructed homes to an affordable amount for a period of 30 years, resulting in:

- The construction of new homes,
- The opportunity for industry to grow as they would have a strong incentive for workers to move to the north
- Positive impact to current northern residents as this incentive would create a new revenue stream of property taxes on the existing serviced vacant land in their communities.
- Flexibility – this would allow each community to set a reduction which would be proportionate to the needs of their community.

This proposal is similar to the recent addition of the new multi residential class and subclass and would achieve a benefit similar to one provided through a community improvement plan.

The reason we are requesting a change to the assessment act:

- A CIP does not have the longevity required for this incentive to be attractive
- Many small northern municipalities do not have the capacity within their own staff to create and implement a CIP and hiring a consultant is often low on the priority list
- Stimulate economic growth in the north

Many northern communities have serviced, surplus property which would benefit from this type of incentive tool.

Should you choose to support this proposal please email you supporting resolutions to the Minister of Finance at minister.fin@ontario.ca

Thank you for your time and consideration if you have any questions please reach our to me directly at 807-228-0562.

Warmest regards,



Manuela Batovanja

CAO

E: cao@hornepayne.ca

P : 807-868-2020 x 205

www.townshipofhornepayne.ca

~ We are a municipality focused on providing value-added experiences to our citizens, visitors, and investors.~

~ Our quest for continual improvement and quality of life will make us the Township where people want to live, work, visit and invest. ~

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TOWNSHIP OF
Hornepayne

Proposed Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class

Our Proposal

**Amend the Assessment Act to add
a Small Northern New Residential
Property Tax Class**



The problem we are solving

➤ Background: From Company Towns to Surplus Serviced Land

- Many northern Ontario communities were built around railways, mines, and mills and other industries that expanded rapidly in the 1950s–60s
- Industrial closures in the 1980s led to population loss, business closures, and municipal fiscal strain
- Demolition over time left inventories of serviced, surplus vacant residential land across small Northern Ontario communities
- Current property tax policies do not promote new construction in small northern Ontario Municipalities perpetuating population stagnation or loss

How We Will Solve the Problem



➤ **By implementing this property tax class**

- Small Northern Municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less will be able to reduce the residential property tax rate for new construction for a period of 30 years
- The proposed amendment will enable municipalities to tailor the rate reduction to meet their individual needs

Our ask of You



1

Municipalities

- Pass a resolution of support urging the Province to amend the Assessment Act to add a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass.

2

Businesses/Industry

- Provide a letter of support describing how housing affordability affects workforce attraction and why this tax class would help.

3

Everyone

- Send copies to provincial ministers, associations, cao@hornepayne.ca and the Minister of Finance at minister.fin@ontario.ca

What this Amendment Will Do

Why Your Support Matters



For Municipalities (<5,000 pop.)

Lower taxes on new builds can unlock the potential of serviced vacant lots, grow assessment base, and ease burden on current residents

Supports workforce attraction/retention for local industries, employers and public services

Encourages growth through migration to Northern Ontario communities

What this Amendment Will Do

Why Your Support Matters



For Industry and Business

Northern economic potential depends on the interaction between industry and residents.

Industry growth requires a local workforce; the workforce requires affordable local housing

Reduced reliance on temporary camps outside municipal boundaries; more local spending and stability.

Key Challenges this Amendment will Address



Housing Shortages

High cost of residential development in remote settings



High residential property tax rates

Limit feasibility of new builds



Industry accommodations

Bunkhouses outside municipal boundaries leverage local infrastructure without proportional revenues



Service limitations

Municipalities focus on core services; fewer amenities to attract residents

Expected Outcomes



- Increased feasibility of new home construction; greater housing supply.
- Attract and retain workforce needed for industry growth.
- Population growth broadens municipal tax bases over time, easing burden on current residents.
- Signal of provincial commitment to northern housing during a province-wide housing crisis

Implementation Pathway



Province: Amend the Assessment Act to create the new class/subclass.

Municipalities: Adopt by-laws setting the rate for eligible new residential properties.

Administration: Simple eligibility criteria (e.g., location, occupancy certificate date) to minimize burden vs. CIPs.

Monitoring: Track new permits, completions, and assessment growth to evaluate outcomes.

Reminder: What You Can Do



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Thank You!

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January 2, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford
 Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
 Minister of Transportation
 Province of Ontario

RE: Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board, we are writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a persistent and dangerous problem in Ontario, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at serious risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require additional tools to address this issue effectively and consistently.

The Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the Highway Traffic Act. These systems have proven effective in deterring dangerous driving behaviour, improving compliance, and enhancing accountability. Provincial funding and support would enable municipalities to implement these technologies equitably and at scale.

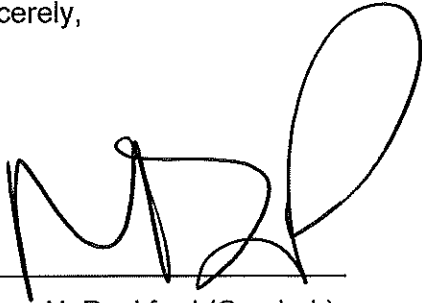
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's story underscores the urgent need for stronger enforcement, public education, and modern safety solutions to protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to continue advancing this life-saving work by providing municipalities with the funding mechanisms, legislative support, and implementation guidance necessary to deploy stop-arm cameras and complementary safety technologies province-wide.

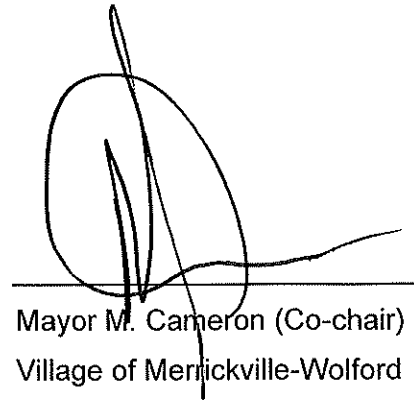
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to road safety.

Sincerely,

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Mayor N. Peckford (Co-chair)
Municipality of North Grenville

A handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large circular loop on the left and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mayor M. Cameron (Co-chair)
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

cc:
The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

Enclosed: Co-signing Template

[Municipality Name]
[Municipal Address]

[Date]

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation
Province of Ontario

Re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Sarkaria,

On behalf of the **[Council / Municipality / Township / City] of [Municipality Name]**, I am writing to express our strong support for enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child-safety technologies.

Illegal passing of stopped school buses remains a serious and widespread issue throughout the province, occurring an estimated 30,000 times per day. These violations place children at unacceptable risk and continue to result in preventable injuries and fatalities. Municipalities require effective, modern enforcement tools to address this dangerous behaviour.

[Municipality Name] supports provincial investment in and expansion of school bus stop-arm camera systems under Part XIV.3 (School Bus Camera Systems) of the *Highway Traffic Act*. These systems have demonstrated success in deterring illegal passing, improving driver compliance, and strengthening accountability. Provincial funding and implementation support would help ensure municipalities of all sizes can deploy this technology equitably.

We also support the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. This tragedy highlights the urgent need for continued public education, enforcement, and the use of technology to better protect children travelling to and from school.

We respectfully call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario.

Protecting children on our roads is a shared responsibility. Through strong provincial leadership and municipal partnership, meaningful progress can be made to prevent further tragedies and enhance road safety for families across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title – Mayor / Reeve / Warden]

[Municipality Name]

cc:

The Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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January 21, 2026

Re: Township of Southgate - Notice of Motion – OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution

Please be advised that at the January 21, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate, approved the following:

No. 2026-027

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) Pension Fund serves over 1,000 employers and over half a million employees and retirees from diverse groups including: municipal governments, school boards, libraries, police and fire departments, children's aid societies, and electricity distribution companies; and

WHEREAS the long-standing jointly-sponsored governance model with two corporate boards has provided stability, accountability, and fairness for both plan members and employers for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has passed legislative changes to OMERS' governance structure through Bill 68; and

WHEREAS these changes would replace the current OMERS Sponsors Corporation with a new Sponsors Council that would lose its corporate status and independent resources; and

WHEREAS the proposed model could allow pension decisions affecting municipal employers and employees to be made without meaningful municipal oversight, increasing financial risk for municipalities and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS municipalities are already under significant financial strain and cannot absorb additional pension costs without consequences for property taxes or local services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Southgate does not support the legislative changes to the *OMERS Act* contained in Bill 68 and requests that the Government of Ontario reconsider the advisability of proceeding with these changes;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Southgate supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain the current OMERS governance model, with two corporate Boards, as the structure that would best deliver on the long-term interests of municipalities, taxpayers, and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, MPP Paul Vickers, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

Lindsey Green

Lindsey Green, Clerk
Township of Southgate

CC: Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
MPP Paul Vickers
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipalities

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

BY-LAW # 2026-002

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting.

Recitals:

Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, requires a municipal Council to exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise required.

Council from time to time authorizes action to be taken which does not lend itself to an individual by-law.

The Council of The Corporation of the Township of Conmee deems it desirable to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting by by-law to achieve compliance with the Municipal Act, 2001.

ACCORDINGLY, THE COUNCIL FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Ratification and Confirmation

The actions of this Council at its meeting held January 27th, 2026, with respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by this Council at the meeting, are adopted, ratified and confirmed as if such proceedings and actions had been expressly adopted and confirmed by by-law.

2. Execution of all Documents

The Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the Township are authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions authorized at the meeting, and/or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Township to such documents.

Passed this 27th day of January, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CONMEE

Mayor Sheila Maxwell

Clerk Karen Paisley