Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

April 1, 2026 - Regular Meeting - 07:00 PM (Public can attend virtually by Zoom for Teleconference. Zoom Meeting ID: 541 968 4239 Passcode: 2WY40N Teleconference dial: 1-647-374-4685 Meeting ID: 541 968 4239 Passcode: 820260)

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Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting March 4, 2026 - 07:00 PM

Present Were:	Mayor,	Valerie Jahn
	Councillor,	Sheldon Keller
	Councillor,	Wayne Banks
	Councillor,	Iris Kauffeldt
	Councillor,	Kevin Quade
Also Present:	Clerk-Treasurer,	Virginia Phanenhour
	Deputy Clerk,	Tammy Thompson
	Operations Manager,	Jordan Genrick
Public Attending:	Via Zoom/Telephone/In Person	

1 Call to Order & Roll Call

Call to order this Regular Council Meeting for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell Lyndoch and Raglan this 4th day of March, 2026 at 7:02 pm.
Roll Call:
Councillor Banks
Councillor Kauffeldt
Councillor Keller
Councillor Quade

2 Land Acknowledgement

“As we gather this evening I would like to acknowledge on behalf of this Council and our community that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. We would like to thank the Algonquin people and express our respect and support for their rich history, and we are extremely grateful for their many and continued displays of friendship. We also thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years.”

3 Adoption of the Agenda
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-01
Moved By: Wayne Banks
Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan adopt the agenda as submitted."

CARRIED

4 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest expressed.

5 Mayor's Address

Busy month with meetings; three at Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and a couple at the County of Renfrew. The Master Transportation Plan is an upcoming item at the County for review.

6 Clerk's Report

Busy month with meetings. Deputy Clerk asked if Council would like to have a Special Meeting for the County Planners to present public comments that have been received so far in order to have a second draft available for public comment before the May 13th Public Meeting. A Special Meeting has been set for April 9th 2026 at 6pm in Council Chambers.

7 Delegations and/or Presentations

7.1 Presentation from the Madawaska Valley Public Library - Natalie Barrington

7.2 Delegation Request - Kevin Marquardt

Request Withdrawn

8 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-02
Moved By: Wayne Banks
Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby adopt the minutes of the Public Council Meetings of February 4th and 18th, Special Meeting of February 25th and the Regular Council Meeting of February 4th, 2026 as presented."

CARRIED

9 Committee and/or Staff Reports

10 Correspondance
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-03
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the correspondence as circulated with the exception of items 10.1, 10.3 and 10.8 to be brought back to the next Regular Meeting of Council."

CARRIED

10.1 Provincial Bail Notification Program

10.2 Sustainable Funding for Police Services Request

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

10.4 Reduced Rate Distribution of Library Resources

10.5 Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11/17

10.6 County Council Summary

10.7 EOWC Newsletter

10.8 Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

10.9 Ottawa Valley Cycling & Active Transportation Alliance

10.10 KHR Township - Comprehensive Zoning Amendment House Keeping By-Law - Notice of Public Meeting

11 New Business

11.1 Letter of Support - OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-04
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution regarding OMERS Governance Changes and Bill 68, as attached.
And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Minister of Finance, EOWC MPPs, and AMO."

CARRIED

11.2 Letter of Support - Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-05
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Tay Valley Township's resolution regarding Collaborative Action on Sustainable Waste Management in Ontario, as attached.
And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Ford, Leader of the Official Opposition Party and all municipalities in Ontario."

CARRIED

11.3 Shoreline Road Allowance - Barnes

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-06
Moved By: Sheldon Keller
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the draft survey as presented for the Shoreline Road Allowance purchase by Donald and David Barnes."

CARRIED

11.4 Consent Application - Thistlethwaite - Land Transfer

Resolution No: 2026-03-04-07
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Iris Kauffeldt

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the draft survey as presented by William and Annette Thistlethwaite for the transfer of lands regarding Drohan Rd and Nordic Lane for the purposes of conditions on consent file B168/24."

CARRIED

12 Financial Report

12.1 Budget Presentation

13 By-Laws

13.1 Special Events By-Law
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-08
Moved By: Sheldon Keller
Seconded By: Iris Kauffeldt

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan hereby adopts By-Law 2026-14 being a By-Law to regulate Special Events on private property, having been read a first, second and third time and finally passed."

CARRIED

13.2 Budget By-Law
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-09
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan hereby adopts By-Law 2026-15 being a By-Law to adopt the 2026 Municipal Budget, having been introduced and read a first, second and third time and finally passed."

CARRIED

14 Closed Session

14.1 To go into Closed
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-10
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan go into closed session pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 239 (2) for the purposes of subsection (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board."

CARRIED

14.2 To come out of Closed
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-11
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"That Council comes out of closed at 8:00 pm.”

CARRIED

14.3 Report from Closed

In Closed Session Council discussed details regarding the proposed acquisition of land by the Township for a columbarium.

15 Confirmation By-Law
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-12
Moved By: Wayne Banks
Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan hereby adopts By-Law 2026-16 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the March 4th, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council, having been read a first, second and third time and finally passed."

CARRIED

16 Adjournment
Resolution No: 2026-03-04-13
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT this meeting adjourns at 8:01 pm."

CARRIED

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Mayor, Valerie Jahn Clerk-Treasurer, Virginia Phanenhour

Council and Committee Monthly Summary

February 2026

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council and Committee meetings held February 11 and February 25, 2026.
Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings and approved minutes should be consulted for that purpose.
The full Council and Committee packages can be found online.
The February 11, 2026 and February 25, 2026 meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- At the February 11 meeting, Warden Jennifer Murphy acknowledged February as Black History Month, a time for honouring the legacy, leadership, and enduring contributions of Black Canadians in shaping our communities and our country. She noted this annual observance invites us not only to celebrate achievements but also to reflect on the ongoing work needed to advance equity, inclusion, and justice in every space we serve.
- On Thursday, February 5, she attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub. She thanked MPP Billy Denault and Parliamentary Assistant John Jordan for attending. The Warden was touched by the opportunity to speak directly with several clients of the Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub, who generously shared their journeys with addiction, recovery, and the challenges of being unhoused. Hearing firsthand how the Renfrew County Mesa HART Hub has provided stability, support, and a safe place to be during some of the most difficult periods of their lives was profoundly meaningful for Warden Murphy.
- The Warden also participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the County's new Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. These stations, located at the County Administration Building in Pembroke and Renfrew County Place in Renfrew, represent an important step forward in expanding sustainable infrastructure within our region. She thanked staff and partners for their hard work in bringing this project to completion. This initiative reflects the County's continued commitment to environmental stewardship, innovation, and supporting the evolving transportation needs of residents and visitors across Renfrew County.
- She extended congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the Bonnechere Cup. She was honoured to bring greetings on behalf of County Council and to celebrate this longstanding event in the community.
- The Warden highlighted an opportunity to hear the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, speak in Toronto on the topic of *Protecting the Dream of Homeownership.* She noted this event was attended at the invitation of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and provided valuable insight into current provincial thinking around housing affordability and supply issues that continue to be of direct relevance to municipalities across Eastern Ontario, including here in Renfrew County.
- She acknowledged the Township of Whitewater Region's recognition as an Ontario Age-Friendly Community at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference and MPP Billy Denault's recent presentation of the official certificate to Council, staff and community partners.

This designation reflects a great deal of dedicated work focused on creating inclusive, supportive, and accessible communities for residents of all ages. It is an example of strong community collaboration.

- Warden Murphy congratulated Gerald Tracey on the sale of The Eganville Leader, which for more than 120 years has been a trusted voice for communities across the Ottawa Valley – recording stories, celebrating successes and connecting the region. She also wished new owners Ray Stanton and John Hueston success for the publication in the years ahead.
- February 25 was Pink Shirt Day – commonly known as anti-bullying day – with members of County Council and staff wearing pink in support of the idea of promoting kindness, inclusion and standing up against bullying and harassment.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- The general repairs Capital Budget will be used to replace a cross culvert under County Road 52 (Raglan Street South), approximately 90 metres south of Highway 60, in the Town of Renfrew. It is anticipated that the works will be completed in early March, subject to water levels and *Fisheries Act* restrictions. The replacement is expected to take one to two weeks. Staff are currently reviewing whether the work will be completed in stages or require a full road closure.
- Committee received the Trail Enforcement Reports from July to December of 2025. Over this six-month period, a total of 93 patrols occurred, multiple vehicles were stopped on each patrol, and 10 fines were issued.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
    - For the rehabilitation of County Road 70 (Ruby Road), from Wolfe Road to 125m East of Zadow Road, approximately 4.5km, in the Township of Bonnechere Valley, awarded to Bonnechere Excavating Incorporated, Renfrew, Ontario in the amount of $1,288,223.63.
- At the February 25 meeting, Public Works and Engineering Director Lee Perkins presented the 2026 Capital Program, outlining an estimated $30 million in investments that include 48.64 km of road rehabilitations, four bridge replacements, two bridge rehabilitations, four culvert replacements, 9.8 km of Algonquin Trail improvements, three trail bridge rehabilitations, roundabout utilities, four bridge designs, seven culvert designs, five trail bridge designs, the Scratch Coat Program, and traffic signal upgrades.
- At the February 25 meeting, Taylor Hanrath, Manager of Capital Works, presented the Transportation Master Plan, a guiding/planning document outlining recommended improvements/common standards for transportation policies for the County of Renfrew. Following the discussion, it was determined a dedicated meeting to discuss the Transportation Master Plan is required and one will be scheduled later.

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Peter Emon, Chair

- Effective January 1, 2026, mileage rates have transitioned to 67 cents, aligned with the non-restricted automobile allowance rate approved by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- County Council approved a by-law to appoint Gregory Belmore as Deputy Treasurer for the County of Renfrew.
- County Council approved several changes to the Non-Union Staff Salary Grid within Employment By-law #1, including the removal, reclassification, creation of positions. Details are available

from our Human Resources department. This also includes a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) of 2.0%.

- A Standard Operating Procedure for Social Media Commenting and Moderation was introduced as information. The SOP was created because of a growing volume of negative and hostile comments; increased misinformation and repetitive disruptive posting; heightened personal attacks directed at staff and elected officials; and increased staff time required to monitor and manage comment threads. The result was that commenting will be turned off for posts where allowable by the platforms.
- The CAO overviewed the Consent Report; a report on the Buy Ontario Act. Council members expressed concerns that the proposed Buy Ontario Act regulations could create rigid, burdensome requirements, especially for rural municipalities, by mandating Ontario-made sourcing, extensive documentation, and compliance processes that may disadvantage local and small suppliers. County Council approved a resolution directing staff to submit a response on behalf of County Council stressing that the provisions of any Act that is being brought forward remain flexible and has local context in mind and do not create additional undue burden to limited resources and capacity at both the municipal level and among smaller vendors in Ontario.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- The County of Renfrew entered a partnership with the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team (OVOHT) to deliver Supported Attachment Initiative Services for unattached patients for the 2025/26 fiscal year. The Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) will serve as the primary clinical entry point for unattached patients, with a focus on comprehensive onboarding to ensure patients are fully prepared for attachment to a new primary care provider. This includes gathering consent, medical and medication histories, clinical documentation, and coordinating warm handoffs to local providers with capacity. RCVTAC will stabilize patients, address immediate health needs, and ensure they are ready to transition seamlessly onto a physician's roster. The Community Paramedic will complement this work by identifying patients, providing outreach, and delivering community-based health and social supports, collectively improving continuity of care, reducing avoidable emergency department use, and advancing the OVOHT goal of full patient attachment across the region by 2029.
- Health Canada's Emergency Treatment Fund (ETF) provided support in 2025 for the development of a new Integrated Systems Navigation Tool for Renfrew County. The tool, currently called Wayfinder – your way forward, has been developed over the past five months to help residents quickly identify and access appropriate supports related to substance use and overall wellbeing. The project was co-created with community health partners, community members, the County of Renfrew Emergency Services, and the GIS team, resulting in a user-friendly, culturally informed mapping tool designed to connect individuals to the right services at the right time.
- Bonnechere Manor's Pinnacle North Resident Home Area has achieved Level 1 Butterfly Home Accreditation, the highest designation awarded by Meaningful Care Matters. The January 20, 2026 audit highlighted an exceptional culture of person-centred care, noting strong relationships, meaningful engagement, and an environment where residents and staff were observed to be "free to be me." The audit described Pinnacle North as a warm, inclusive home with a strong sense of connection, wellbeing, and shared community.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- County Council authorized the Warden, on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, to write letters of support for the establishment of a provincial Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program (OACAP) in support of the Pembroke and Area Airport and the Arnprior Airport. Within the County of Renfrew, the Pembroke and Area Airport and the Arnprior Airport provide critical infrastructure for local communities and are essential to residential safety, emergency preparedness, and regional connectivity, and would likely benefit from the establishment of an OACAP.
- County Council declared the cell tower located on the Algonquin Trail corridor in the Town of Arnprior surplus to the needs of the County of Renfrew, and directed staff proceed with the disposal process in accordance with County Policy.
- The County of Renfrew has updated its residential new build activity dashboard to include data for 2025. Please note that the information is based on Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) data and unit completion records. As a result, there may be differences between MPAC completion dates and the number of building permits issued by local municipalities. Over the past six years, an average of 450 units have been constructed annually. In the past year, residential construction was below this average, with 309 new units completed across the County. The updated dashboard is publicly available.
- The County of Renfrew is hosting the 2026 Ontario Professional Foresters Association Annual Conference & AGM, which will be held at the Best Western Pembroke from April 21-23, 2026. The conference will include a full-day field tour, two days of dynamic hybrid conference sessions, in-person workshops and social events that will support local businesses. More information is available on the OPFA Conference website.

On February 25, Heather Inwood-Montrose, Small Business Advisor, Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC), made a presentation to committee. She noted ERC provides 300+ consultations annually, supporting entrepreneurs across Renfrew County. It delivered major economic outcomes (2022–2025): 191 new businesses, 346 jobs, $352K in grants, $1M+ leveraged investment. She also noted core provincial funding has been stagnant for more than 10 years, creating an annual $35,000 budget shortfall. ERC is expanding revenue through sponsorships (growing to $12,500 in 2025) and new fee-based services and paid programs launching in 2026, with long-term revenue potential estimated at $10,000–$20,000 annually once fully implemented.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- The Committee reviewed Community Services statistics including the number of licensed spaces available and the total number of children served; Community Housing Waitlist statistics, as of December 31, 2025; Ontario Works caseload totals; and Emergency Assistance and Homelessness Prevention applications by municipality for 2025.

Additional Information

Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

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TOWNSHIP OF
McNab/Braeside

Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date:	February 17, 2026	No:	RESOLUTION - 56-2026
Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien		Disposition:	CARRIED
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum		Item No:	14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

WHEREAS The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

WHEREAS The maximum annual HODG grant of $1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

WHEREAS Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

WHEREAS Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:_____

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	____	____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	____	____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	____	____
Councillor Robert Campbell	____	____
Councillor Jill Campbell	____	____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:_____
Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote

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March 24, 2026

Via email: stan.cho@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
6th Floor
438 University Ave.
Toronto, ON M7A 1N3

Dear Hon. Stan Cho,

Re: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026 Regular Council Meeting:

125-2026
Moved By: Aaron Neeb
Seconded by: Ted Oke
That South Huron Council supports the February 17, 2026 correspondence of the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, Stan Cho, Lisa Thompson, MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.
Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.

cc: MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca ; and all municipalities in Ontario.

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February 26th, 2026

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
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By electronic submission

Re: Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

Dear Solicitor General,

Please be advised that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 25, 2026, considered and approved the following motion:

MOTION

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor S. Plante
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OCTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1st; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and

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WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and

WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and

WHEREAS enabling OCTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and

WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1st, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor
City of Ottawa

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
14th Floor, 400 University Ave
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,

Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte
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Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
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AORS
PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE. PURSUING EXCELLENCE.

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini
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February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

• An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
• A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
• A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
• Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
• A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
• A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

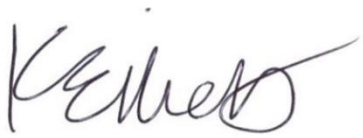
• Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
• Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
• Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



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Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street
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February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

• An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
• A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
• A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
• Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
• A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
• A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

• Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
• Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
• Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
• Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,

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March 2026,

Dear Mayor, Reeve and Members of Council:

I am writing to invite you to nominate an exceptional local senior for the 2026 Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

This award provides each municipality the opportunity to honour one outstanding senior for their contributions to enriching the social, cultural, and civic life of their community.

The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2026.

For more information on how to submit a nomination online, please visit the Ontario Senior of the Year webpage. Once your nomination is submitted, a personalized certificate with your nominee's name will be sent to you. I encourage you to present this certificate to your nominee in June during Seniors Month.

The Ontario government is proud to celebrate Seniors Month with municipalities across the province. Seniors generously give their time, knowledge and expertise making Ontario the best place in this country to live and work. It is important to take the time to celebrate our older population and acknowledge their invaluable contributions.

If you have any questions regarding the 2026 Ontario Senior of the Year Award, please contact Ontario Honours and Awards at OntarioHonoursAndAwards@ontario.ca.

Thank you for supporting the civic engagement of your local seniors.

Sincerely,

Raymond Cho

Raymond Cho

Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

Notice of Adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. 3 (OPA No. 3) for the County of Lennox and Addington

Date of Notice: March 20, 2026

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Lennox and Addington passed By-law 3652/26 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 3 to the County of Lennox and Addington Official Plan on March 18, 2026, under subsection 17 and 26 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, c. P. 13. The Amendment applies to all lands within the County of Lennox and Addington and as such, no key map has been provided in this notice.

Purpose and Effect of the Official Plan Amendment:

The purpose of Amendment No. 3 is to update the County's population and employment forecasts to the year 2051 to reflect current provincial planning direction and anticipated growth trends; revise growth allocations among the local municipalities to align with updated forecasts and supported coordinated and sustainable settlement area development; establish a Natural Heritage System and incorporate updated natural heritage policies to support the long-term protection, restoration and management of significant natural features and ecological functions; update policies through the Official Plan to ensure consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024; and implement minor structural, organizational and housekeeping amendments to improve clarify and usability of the Official Plan.

Effect of Consultation & Public Input:

The County of Lennox and Addington considered all oral and written submissions from members of the public and agencies which resulted in the creation of the Amendment. All comments were considered prior to the adoption of the Official Plan Amendment. Comments that were provided related primarily to natural heritage policies.

Further Approval and Procedures:

Official Plan Amendment No. 3 requires approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Ministry may decide to approve, modify and approve as modified or refuse to approve parts or all of the Amendment. Once the Ministry has made a decision, their decision is final. The Amendment or parts of the Amendment will not come into effect until

the day after the Ministry has approved or approved as modified, parts or all of the adopted Amendment..

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the approval authority, if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax or email address) is made to:

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Municipal Services Office – East
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E-mail: Janelle.Treash@ontario.ca

Additional Information:

For more information or to review the Council adopted Amendment, contact Planning Services, during business hours 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, phone: 613-354-4883; or email planningclerk@lennox-addington.on.ca

When the Decision is Final:

The adopted Official Plan Amendment requires the approval of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Following the decision by the Ministry, pursuant to Section 17(36.5) of the Planning Act, the decision will be final and not subject to appeal.

Dated, this 20th day of March, 2026

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The Corporation of the County of Lennox and Addington

By-law No. 3652/26

A By-law to Adopt Amendment No. 3 to the Official Plan of the Corporation of the County of Lennox and Addington

WHEREAS the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, authorizes the County of Lennox and Addington to pass by-laws for the adoption of Official Plans and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS a Statutory Public Open House and Public Meeting regarding the proposed amendment has been held pursuant to the requirements of Section 17 and Section 26 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990,c.P.13, as amended; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is the approval authority for amendments to the County of Lennox and Addington Official Plan pursuant to Section 17(1) and Section 26 of the Planning Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of Lennox and Addington in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended, hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT Amendment No. 3 to the Official Plan of the County of Lennox and Addington, consisting of the attached explanatory text and mapping is hereby adopted.

2. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to make application to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval of the aforementioned Amendment to the Lennox and Addington County Official Plan;

3. THAT the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of adoption of the aforementioned Amendment to the County of Lennox and Addington Official Plan and provide such information as required by the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13; and

4. THAT this By-law will come into force and effect on the day of final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed on this eighteenth day of March 2026.

Tracey McKenzie
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2026/03/19)
Verify with verifio.com or Adobe Reader.

Clerk

Nathan Townend
Signed with ConsignO Cloud (2026/03/19)
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AMENDMENT NO. 3

TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN

FOR

COUNTY OF LENNOX & ADDINGTON

March 12, 2026

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PART "A" – THE PREAMBLE

SECTION 1 – TITLE AND COMPONENTS

This document was approved in accordance with sections 17 and 21 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended and shall be known as Amendment No. X to the Official Plan as adopted by By-law No. _____.

Part "A", the Preamble, does not constitute part of this amendment.

Part "B", the amendment, consisting of the following text constitutes Amendment No. X to the Official Plan.

SECTION 2 – PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of the amendment is to:

a) update the population and employment forecasts to the year 2051 in the County of Lennox & Addington;

b) update the growth allocations by local municipality to the year 2051 in the County of Lennox & Addington;

c) incorporate a natural heritage system and updated natural heritage policies into the Official Plan;

d) update a number of policies to ensure consistency with the Provincial Planning Statement 2024; and

e) make a number of minor structural changes to Section A of the Official Plan.

SECTION 3 – LOCATION OF THE AMENDMENT

This amendment applies to the whole of Lennox & Addington County.

SECTION 4 – BASIS OF THE AMENDMENT

On September 30, 2015, the County of Lennox and Addington Council adopted its first Official Plan and it was approved by the Province on March 9, 2016, with the effective date being April 5, 2016.

Since then, the policy direction from the Province has changed. The Provincial Planning Statement (PPS), 2024 came into effect on October 20, 2024. The PPS 2024 is issued under section 3 of the *Planning Act*, which requires that all decisions affecting planning matters shall be consistent with the minimum standards set in the Provincial Planning Statement.

The PPS 2024 is an integrated province-wide land use planning policy framework that replaces both the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019 while building upon housing-supportive policies from both documents.

All of these changes to a very large extent have been designed to support the development of additional housing to meet the target of 1.5 million new homes set by the Provincial government.

As a consequence of the release of the PPS (2024), this Plan was updated in 2026.

The vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives and policies contained in this Plan are intended to guide the land use planning decisions of public authorities 2051.

PART B – THE AMENDMENT

All of this Part of the document entitled Part B - The Amendment consisting of the following text constitutes Amendment No. 3 to the County of Lennox & Addington.

Details of the Amendment

The County Official Plan is hereby amended as follows:

Item 1: Part 1 (The Preamble) is amended by deleting Section 1 (Introduction), Section 2 (Organization of the Plan), Section 3 (Location), Section 4 (Purpose of the Plan), Section 6 (The Structure of Part 2 of the Plan) and Section 7 (Schedules to the Plan).

Item 2: Part 1 (The Preamble), Section 5 (Basis) is renumbered to Section 1 and amended by deleting the third paragraph and replacing it with the following:

“Given that the four local municipalities in the County already have Official Plans, it will not be the intent of the County Official Plan to deal with land uses and policy issues that should much more properly be dealt within the context of the local Official Plans. This means that this Plan deals primarily with land use issues that cross municipal boundaries. These include growth and settlement, economic development and the protection of resources such as natural heritage resources, water resources, prime agricultural areas, mineral and petroleum resources and mineral aggregate resources as well as the conservation of cultural heritage resources. Direction is also provided in this Plan on natural and human-made hazards”

Item 3: Section 1 (Basis) is amended by replacing “Provincial Policy Statement” with "Provincial Planning Statement" and by adding the following after the sixth paragraph:

“On September 30, 2015, the County of Lennox & Addington Council adopted its first Official Plan and it was approved by the Province on March 9, 2016. The Official Plan was approved by the Ministry of Municipal and Housing and is now in effect, with the effective date being April 5, 2016.

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All of these changes to a very large extent have been designed to support the development of additional housing to meet the target of 1.5 million new homes set by the Provincial government.

As a consequence of the release of the PPS (2024), this Plan was updated in 2026."

Item 4: Section 1 (Basis) is amended by replacing "2036" with "2051" in the last paragraph.

Item 5: Part 2 (County of Lennox & Addington Official Plan), is amended by adding a new Section A1 (Plan Basics: Applicability, Purpose and Organization of the Official Plan) as follows:

"A1 PLAN BASICS: APPLICABILITY, PURPOSE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICIAL PLAN

A1.1 INTRODUCTION

This document comprises the Official Plan for the County of Lennox & Addington ("County of Lennox & Addington Official Plan" or "this Plan". The Plan is prepared under the authority of the Planning Act as required by Regulations to that Act.

A1.2 APPLICABILITY

This Official Plan is intended to guide development on all lands within of Lennox & Addington, save and except for lands that are owned by the Province of Ontario.

A1.3 PURPOSE

The purpose of the Official Plan is to provide direction and a policy framework for managing growth and land use decisions over the planning period to 2051. The Official Plan is one of a series of policies, guidelines and regulations that direct the actions of the County and shapes growth and development. The Plan is intended to:

a) Establish a broad, upper tier policy framework that provides guidance to local municipalities in the preparation of updated local Official Plans, Official Plan Amendments and zoning by-laws;

b) Implement the Provincial Planning Statement at the County level; and,

c) Establish a framework for coordination and cooperation amongst the local municipalities and the County on planning and development issues that cross municipal boundaries.

This Plan recognizes the importance of the land use planning responsibilities that are vested with the local municipalities. Given that the County of Lennox & Addington Official Plan is intended to establish an overall land use planning framework for the County and its municipalities, this Plan is not intended to duplicate the policies of the local Official Plans. Instead, this Plan is intended to provide the guidance necessary for the establishment of detailed strategies, policies and land use designations at the local level.

In this regard, it is anticipated that this Plan will be implemented through local

municipal Official Plans and Amendments, zoning by-laws and subdivision approvals, **watershed** and sub-watershed plans, together with long-term transportation and infrastructure master plans, environmental studies, energy and climate change plans, financial plans, economic development initiatives as well as other policies and studies.

A1.4 PLANNING PERIOD

The planning period for this Official Plan is to 2051. Notwithstanding the above, the planning for **infrastructure, public service facilities, strategic growth areas** and **employment areas** may extend beyond this time horizon.

A1.5 STRUCTURE OF THIS PLAN

This Plan (within Part 2) is divided into seven sections, each of which is described below:

Section A1 (Plan Basics: Applicability, Purpose and Organization of the Official Plan) establishes where the Official Plan applies, its purpose and how it is organized.

Section A2 (Vision, Guiding Principles and Land Use Concept) contains the vision of the County. This vision is based on an understanding of past and future trends and the wishes of the County's residents and business owners. The guiding principles that form the basis of the Plan flow from the vision. These guiding principles also establish a framework for the other goals, objectives and policies in the Plan. This section of the Plan also describes how it is to be implemented through land use designations.

Section B (Growth Management) contains the policies that provide the basis for accommodating expected growth in the County to 2051.

Section C (Land Use Designations) sets out the objectives and policies for the land use designations that apply in the County and the conditions under which development may be permitted within those land use designations.

Section D (Natural Heritage, Resource Areas and Hazards) contains objectives and policies on natural heritage, water, cultural heritage, mineral, petroleum and mineral aggregate resources in the County. Policies on natural and human-made hazards are also included within this part of the Plan.

Section E (General Development Policies) contains objectives and policies that, where appropriate, must be considered as part of the land use planning process.

Section F (Plan Implementation and Administration) describes how the vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives and policies of the Official Plan will be implemented.

Certain terms in Sections A to F of Part 2 of this Plan that are shown in **bold** are defined in Section F14.7 of this Plan.

A1.6 SCHEDULES TO THE PLAN

The following schedules, which are to be read in conjunction with the text of this document, constitute an operative part of this Official Plan.

Schedule A – Land Use

Schedule B1 – Selected Natural Heritage Features and Areas in NH1 designation and NH2 overlay

Schedule B2 – Other Natural Heritage Features and Areas and Supporting Features

Schedule B3 – Enhancement Areas and Linkages

Schedule C – Resource Areas, Constraint Areas and Waste Management

Schedule D – Transportation

Schedule E – Prime Agricultural Areas and Rural Areas

A1.7 APPENDICES

The following appendices, which are intended to provide additional information to assist in the interpretation of this Plan, do not constitute an operative part of this Official Plan.

Appendix A – Petroleum Resources and Areas of Fire Risk”

Item 6: Section A (Vision, Guiding Principles and Land Use Concept), is renumbered as Section A2.

Item 7: Section A1 (Vision) is renumbered as A2.1 and the following be added at the end of the first sentence in the second paragraph: “and to do so in a way that supports environmental sustainability and climate resilience.”

Item 8: Section A2 (Guiding Principles) is renumbered as A2.2 and is amended by adding the words “active and sustainable’ after the word ‘integrated’ in Principle 6, replacing “First Nation lands” with "Indigenous communities" under number 10, by replacing ‘To consider climate change adaptation and mitigation’ with the following: “To incorporate climate change mitigation and adaptation recommendations from the County of Lennox & Addington Climate Action Plan and incorporate these recommendations where feasible in” and is further amended by adding numbers 14, 15 and 16 as follows:

“14. To enhance the community's ability to prevent, endure, respond to and recover from the **impacts of a changing climate.**

15. To direct development away from **hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites.**

16. To use an **agricultural system** approach, based on provincial guidance, to maintain and enhance a geographically continuous agricultural land base and support and foster the

long-term economic prosperity and productive capacity of the **agri-food network.”**

Item 9: Section A3 (Provincial Land Use Concept) is renumbered as A2.4 and is further amended by replacing “Provincial Policy Statement (2014)" with "Provincial Planning Statement (2024)" and replacing “Province” with “County” in the first paragraph.

Item 10: Section A (Vision, Guiding Principles and Land Use Concept), is amended by adding new section A2.3 (Economic Development Objectives) as follows:

“A2.3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

The County is committed to supporting a strong local economy. The economic objectives in this section establish the basis for future land use planning decisions affecting economic development throughout the County. In this regard, it is the objective of this Plan to improve the economic well-being and quality of life in the County by:

a) Recognizing that a clean and healthy environment and a strong economy are inextricably linked and that all economic development is to be undertaken in a manner that protects the features, functions, and interconnections of the natural environment that sustains the County for future generations;

b) Encouraging the growth, diversification and vitality of the economy, particularly the tourism and recreation sectors as principal components of the economic base and other emerging and innovative sectors that maintain the character of the County;

c) Providing for an appropriate mix and range of employment, institutional, and broader mixed uses to meet long-term needs;

d) Providing opportunities for a diversified economic base, including maintaining a range and choice of suitable sites for employment uses which support a wide range of economic activities and ancillary uses, and take into account the needs of existing and future employers;

e) Recognizing the economic impact of the second home population on the County's economy, including jobs related to construction and development and the provision of local goods and services for this population;

f) Encouraging investment in the County's tourism and **recreation** industries and supporting marketing efforts in order to continue attracting visitors from across the world to the County;

g) Promoting the maintenance, expansion and upgrading of existing tourist-oriented uses and encourage the establishment of additional high quality attractions, facilities, accommodations, services, events and other tourism supportive uses;

h) Supporting the creative economy, which includes arts, culture, entertainment and knowledge-based industries in a variety of locations throughout the County;

i) Encouraging the conservation of cultural heritage resources in order to maintain and enhance economic development and tourism opportunities;

j) Creating a positive policy and regulatory framework to support business investments, growing incomes and a growing tax base;

k) Supporting the establishment of small and/or home-based businesses in residential, rural and waterfront settings;

l) Supporting opportunities for the agricultural sector to protect, diversify and expand their operations through initiatives such as sustainable agricultural practices, promotion and encouragement of associated food processing and value added technology facilities, promotion of local food, and encouraging accessory bed and breakfast operations, roadside markets and related **agri-tourism uses**;

m) Promoting economic development and competitiveness by identifying strategic sites for investment, monitoring the availability and suitability of employment sites, including market-ready sites, and seeking to address potential barriers to investment; and

n) Encouraging intensification of employment uses and compatible, compact, mixed-use development to support the achievement of complete communities."

Item 11: Section A4 (Land Use Concept) is renumbered to A2.5 and renamed as "County Land Use Concept" and is further amended by deleting "A3" and replacing it with "A2.4" and deleting "five" and replacing it with "six".

Item 12: Section A4.1 (Urban Area) is renumbered as A2.5.1 and deleted and replaced with the following:

"A2.5.1 URBAN AREA

The Urban Areas in the County are **settlement areas** that have **municipal sewage services** and **municipal water services** (Amherstview, Bath, Odessa and Napanee)."

Item 13: Section A4.2 (Rural Settlement Area) is renumbered to A2.5.2.

Item 14: Section A4.3 (Agricultural Area) is renumbered to A2.5.3.

Item 15: Section A4.4 (Rural Area) is renumbered to A2.5.4 and the text is deleted and replaced with the following: "This designation applies to all lands that are located outside of **settlement areas** and the Agricultural Area designation and which would be considered as **Rural Lands** as defined by the Provincial Planning Statement."

Item 16: Section A4.5 (Environmental Protection Area) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"A2.5.5 NATURAL HERITAGE ONE (NH1)

This designation applies to all Provincially **significant wetlands** and **significant coastal wetlands** as identified using evaluation procedures established by the Ministry with jurisdiction.

A2.5.6 NATURAL HERITAGE TWO (NH2)

This overlay applies to all **significant woodlands, significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, significant valleylands** and **non-significant coastal wetlands** and **significant wildlife habitat**."

Item 17: Section A5 (Delegation of Approval Authority) is deleted.

Item 18: Section A6 (Interpretation of this Official Plan) is renumbered as A2.6 and is further amended by replacing "A1" with "A2.1" in the second paragraph.

Item 19: Section B (Growth Management) is amended by adding a "Preamble" as follows:

"PREAMBLE

It is the intent of this section of the Plan to set out the policies that provide the basis for accommodating expected growth in the County to 2051. Other policies in this section deal with housing, servicing and employment areas."

Item 20: Section B1 (Focus of Growth) is amended by adding the following after the first sentence in sub-section b): "When directing development in Rural **Settlement Areas,** planning authorities shall give consideration to locally appropriate rural characteristics, the scale of development and the provision of appropriate service levels."

Item 21: Section B1 (Focus of Growth) is amended by adding new sub-sections d) and e):

"d) Within Urban Areas, growth will be focused within **strategic growth areas**, which include downtown areas and adjacent lands, lands in close proximity to publicly-assisted post-secondary secondary institutions and other areas where growth or development will be focused which may include infill, **redevelopment** (e.g., underutilized shopping malls and plazas), **brownfield sites,** the expansion or conversion of existing buildings, or greyfields. Lands along under-utilized commercial corridors and new mixed-use nodes that are established in new development areas and other areas with existing or planned frequent transit service may also be identified as strategic growth areas as well.

e) At the time of each local municipal Official Plan update, local municipalities shall ensure that sufficient land is available to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses to meet projected needs as allocated by the County, in Tables A, B, and C, and as informed by provincial guidance."

Item 22: Section B2 (Complete Communities) is amended by adding "including parkland" at the end of g) and is further amended by adding the following after h):

"i) An integrated **transportation system** that facilitates all modes of travel including active transportation."

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Item 23: Section B3 (Population and Growth Forecast), is amended by deleting Table 'A' and replacing it with the following:

TABLE A
Population Growth Forecast by Municipality 2021 – 2051

Municipality	Population Growth (2021 to 2051)
Greater Napanee	4,240
Loyalist Township	9,250
Stone Mills	1,542
Addington Highlands	608
Total	**15,640**

Item 24: Section B4 (Employment Growth Forecast), is amended by deleting Table 'B' and replacing it with the following:

TABLE B
Employment Growth Forecast by Municipality 2021 – 2051

Municipality	Employment Growth (2021 to 2051)
Greater Napanee	2,310
Loyalist Township	4,010
Stone Mills	650
Addington Highlands	240
Total	**7,210**

Item 25: Section B5 (Housing Forecast), is amended by deleting "lower tier" and replacing it with "local" in the third sentence, by deleting the words 'higher or lower and the housing mix' and by deleting Table 'C' and replacing it with the following:

TABLE C
Housing Forecast by Municipality 2021 – 2051

Municipality	Low Density	Medium Density	High Density	Total
Greater Napanee	998	332	691	2,022
Loyalist Township	2,281	817	663	3,762
Stone Mills	570	24	28	623

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TABLE C
Housing Forecast by Municipality 2021 – 2051

Municipality	Low Density	Medium Density	High Density	Total
Addington Highlands	224	12	0	237
Total	**4,073**	**1,185**	**1,382**	**6,643**

Item 26: Section B6 (Minimum Intensification Target) is amended by renaming it as "Intensification" and is further amended by deleting b) and replacing it the following:

"b) In order to maximize opportunities for **intensification,** each of the local municipalities with an Urban Area shall update its Official Plan to support **intensification** and **redevelopment** by:

i) Permitting and facilitating all forms of residential **intensification,** including the **development** and **redevelopment** of underutilized commercial and institutional sites (e.g., shopping malls and plazas) for residential use, development and introduction of new **housing options** within previously developed areas, and **redevelopment**, which results in a net increase in residential units;

ii) Identifying **strategic growth areas** to support achievement of intensification and redevelopment and recognizing them as a key focus for development;

iii) Identifying the appropriate type and scale of development in **strategic growth areas** and transition of built form to adjacent areas;

iv) Encouraging **intensification** generally throughout the Urban Area;

v) Promoting densities for new housing which efficiently use land, resources, **infrastructure** and **public service facilities**, and support the use of **active transportation**;

vi) Requiring that a certain minimum percentage of new single detached dwelling units in larger subdivisions include at least one purpose-built additional residential unit;

vii) Directing that the implementing zoning by-law pre-zone lands for **intensification** and redevelopment, particularly in **strategic growth areas** to support the achievement of **complete communities**;

viii) Directing that the implementing zoning by-law permit multiple dwelling types in areas that have been traditionally zoned to permit only single detached dwellings, subject to a local analysis of where this should be considered;

ix) Establishing development standards for residential **intensification**,

redevelopment and new residential development that minimize the cost of housing and facilitate compact form, while maintaining appropriate levels of public health and safety; and

x) Directing that the implementing zoning-by-law permit additional residential units throughout the Urban Area."

Item 27: Section B7 (Urban Area or Rural Settlement Area Boundary Expansions), is deleted and replaced with the following:

"In identifying a new **settlement area** or considering a **settlement area** boundary expansion through an Amendment to this Plan, the County shall consider the following:

a) the need to designate and plan for additional land to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses, that is based on and reflect the allocation of population, employment and housing in Tables A, B and C of this Plan;

b) if there is sufficient capacity in existing or planned **infrastructure** and **public service facilities;**

c) whether the applicable lands comprise **specialty crop areas;**

d) the evaluation of alternative locations which avoid **prime agricultural areas** and, where avoidance is not possible, consider reasonable alternatives on lower priority agricultural lands in **prime agricultural areas;**

e) whether the new or expanded **settlement area** complies with the **minimum distance separation formulae;**

f) whether impacts on the **agricultural system** are avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated to the extent feasible as determined through an **agricultural impact assessment** or equivalent analysis, based on provincial guidance; and

g) the new or expanded **settlement area** provides for the phased progression of urban development.

Notwithstanding Section B7 b), planning authorities may identify a new **settlement area** only where it has been demonstrated that the **infrastructure** and **public service facilities** to support development are planned or available."

Item 28: Section B9 is deleted and replaced with the following new section:

"**B9 DEVELOPMENT IN GREENFIELD AREAS**

The policies of this section apply to greenfield areas, which are those undeveloped areas located at the edge of already developed built-up areas in Urban Areas.

B9.1 EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY LIVING

It is the intent of this Plan to support excellence in community living in new development areas that is based on the application of the following principles that result in:

a) A well balanced community in terms of an appropriate mix and distribution of residential densities and complementary uses;

b) The promotion of excellence in civic design in both the public and private realm;

c) An interconnected system of open spaces, including recreational areas and natural features and areas;

d) A range of recreational and community facilities that facilitate shared use where practical;

e) The integration of new roads with existing roads in adjacent built-up areas;

f) An attractive built form of appropriate building heights, massing, setbacks, streetscapes, gateways and architectural treatments;

g) Efficient transportation links that provide for all modes of travel through and in and out of new development areas and which are planned with strong active transportation connections; and

h) Practical and cost effective innovations to support the development of a sustainable community that encourages where possible, the application of low impact development, alternative energy sources and energy conservation, water conservation, approximate targets for an urban forest canopy and, the restoration, linkage and enhancement of **natural heritage features and areas** where appropriate.

B9.2 DEVELOPMENT FORM

In cases where new development is proposed in greenfield areas and **designated growth areas**, it shall be demonstrated that:

a) The proposed development will generally serve as a logical extension to the existing built-up area, is compact and has a mix of uses to allow for the efficient use of land, **infrastructure** and **public service facilities;**

b) The proposal will contribute to the availability of a range of housing choices (e.g. density, form, and price) in new development areas;

c) All of the other **infrastructure** and **public service facilities** required to service the development is available or to be provided, with such **infrastructure** and **public service facilities** being used as efficiently as possible;

d) Access is provided in a manner that supports the provision of **essential emergency services**, **active transportation,** efficient transportation patterns, and/or linkages with adjacent existing or planned development;

e) The proposed development is planned to support the achievement of a minimum density that is not less than 40 residents per hectare that is measured across the greenfield area or **designated growth area,** with this calculation excluding natural **heritage features and areas** and **hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites**, provided **development** is prohibited in these areas; and

f) The proposed development aims to achieve densities that are **transit-supportive**, where feasible."

Item 29: Section B11 (Provision of Sewage and Water Services), is amended by adding a) and b) below and renumbering all subsections accordingly:

"a) **Municipal sewage services** and **municipal water services** are the preferred form of servicing for **settlement areas** to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety. For clarity, **municipal sewage services** and **municipal water services** include both centralized servicing systems and decentralized servicing systems.

b) Where **municipal sewage services** and **municipal water services** are not available, planned or feasible, **private communal sewage services** and **private communal water services** are the preferred form of servicing for multi-unit/lot development to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety."

Item 30: Section B11 c) (Provision of Sewage and Water Services), is amended by deleting "provided" and replacing it with "available, planned or feasible", and by deleting the final sentence and adding the following at the end as follows: "At the time of a local municipal Official Plan review or update, the municipality should assess the long-term impacts of **individual on-site sewage services** and **individual on-site water services on** environmental health and the financial viability or feasibility of other forms of servicing set out in Sections B11 a) and b)."

Item 31: Section B11 (Provision of Sewage and Water Services), is amended by deleting the word 'rural' in the first paragraph of sub-section d) ii), by adding the word "or" at the end of sub-section d) ii), and by adding a new sub-section d) iii) as follows:

"iii) Within Rural Settlement Areas where new development will be serviced by individual on-site water services in combination with **municipal sewage services** or **private communal sewage services.**

Item 32: Section B11 (Provision of Sewage and Water Services), is amended by deleting and replacing sub-section e) with the following:

"e) In **rural areas**, where **partial services** have been provided to address failed services in accordance with Section B11 d) i), infilling on existing lots of record may be permitted where this would represent a logical and financially viable connection to the existing **partial service** and provided that site conditions are suitable for the long-term provision of such services with no negative impacts."

Item 33: Section B12 (Reserve Capacity), is amended by deleting the section and replacing it with the following:

> "Planning authorities may allow lot creation where there is confirmation of sufficient **reserve sewage system capacity** and **reserve water system capacity**"

Item 34: Section B13 (Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities), is amended by deleting a) and replacing it with the following:

"a) **Infrastructure** and **public service facilities** shall be provided in an efficient manner while accommodating projected needs.

Planning for **infrastructure** and **public service facilities** shall be coordinated and integrated with land use planning and growth management so that they:

i) are financially viable over their life cycle, which may be demonstrated through asset management planning;

ii) leverage the capacity of development proponents, where appropriate; and

iii) are available to meet current and projected needs."

Item 35: Section 14.1 (Goals), is deleted and replaced with the following:

"B14.1 GOALS

It is the goal of the County that the County's current and future housing needs be met by:

a) Establishing and implementing minimum targets for the provision of housing that is **affordable to low and moderate income households**, and coordinating land use planning and planning for housing with Service Managers to address the full range of **housing options** including **affordable** housing needs;

b) Ensuring the provision of an appropriate range and mix of **housing options** and densities to meet the projected needs of current and future residents;

c) Assisting in the achievement of **residential intensification** and **affordable** housing by encouraging opportunities for mixed-use development in appropriate locations;

d) Permitting the development of additional residential units in accordance with the Planning Act and other applicable legislation;

e) Encouraging the use of surplus public lands for **affordable** housing only if the site is appropriate for such a use and located where the use would be compatible with adjacent uses;

f) Encouraging the development of **additional needs housing** in the County;

g) Supporting universal physical access and encourage the building industry to

incorporate such features in new residential structures;

h) Continuing to develop public housing through the Prince Edward – Lennox & Addington Housing Corporation as appropriate;

i) Considering any recommendations set out in the Housing and Homelessness Plan, as deemed appropriate; and

j) Encouraging the **redevelopment** of brownfield properties and incentives to achieve it."

Item 36: Section B14.2 (Housing - General Policies), is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"**B14.2 ADDITIONAL RESIDENTIAL UNITS**

B14.2.1 Up to three (3) residential units are permitted on a lot within any land use designation on **municipal sewage services** and **municipal water services** that permits residential uses subject to the policies of the local Official Plan.

B14.2.2 Notwithstanding Section B14.2.1, local municipalities are encouraged to exceed this permission in appropriate locations.

B14.2.3 Within the Agricultural Area designation, up to three (3) residential units are permitted in accordance with provincial guidance subject to the policies of the local Official Plan provided that any additional residential units:

a) comply with the minimum distance separation formulae;

b) are compatible with, and would not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations;

c) have appropriate sewage and water services;

d) address any public health or safety concerns;

e) are of limited scale and are located within, attached, or in close proximity to the principal dwelling or farm building cluster; and

f) minimize land taken out of agricultural production.

B14.2.4 Within the Rural Area designation, up to three (3) residential units are permitted subject to the policies of the local Official Plan provided that any additional residential units:

a) comply with the minimum distance separation formulae;

b) have appropriate sewage and water services; and

c) are of limited scale and are located within, attached, or in close proximity to

the principal dwelling or farm building cluster.

In implementing this Section of the Plan, local municipalities shall determine whether additional residential units should be permitted or not in shoreline areas due to concerns about environmental and water quality impacts.

B14.2.5 Within Rural **Settlement Areas**, up to three (3) residential units are permitted subject to the policies of the local Official Plan provided that any additional residential units have appropriate **sewage and water services.**

B14.2.6 Notwithstanding Sections B14.2.1 to B14.2.6, additional residential units shall be directed away from **hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites."**

Item 37: Section B14.3 (Secondary Residential Units) is deleted in its entirety and Section B14.4 is re-numbered as Section B14.3 and new sub-sections b) and c) are added as follows:

"b) The County shall consult with the local municipalities, school boards, and Federal and Provincial agencies to identify surplus lands and/or buildings that may be suitable for **affordable** housing development.

c) The County encourages the development of **affordable** housing within the Urban Areas to facilitate access to existing services and other facilities."

Item 38: Section B15 (Land Supply), is amended by deleting "10 years" and replacing it with "15 years" under sub-section a).

Item 39: Section B16 (Employment Area Conversion), is renamed as "Removal of Employment Areas" with all subsections deleted and replaced with the following:

"B16 REMOVAL OF EMPLOYMENT AREAS

The removal of Employment Lands within an urban area may be permitted where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the County and the lower tier municipality that:

a) there is an identified need for the removal and the land is not required for employment area uses over the long term;

b) the proposed uses would not negatively impact the overall viability of the employment area by:

i) avoiding, or where avoidance is not possible, minimizing and mitigating potential impacts to existing or planned employment area uses; and

ii) maintaining access to major goods movement facilities and corridors;

c) existing or planned **infrastructure** and **public service facilities** are available to accommodate the proposed uses; and

d) the County and the local municipality have sufficient employment lands to accommodate projected employment growth to the horizon of the Official Plan."

Item 40: Section B17 (Planning Period), is deleted and replaced with new Section B17 (Planning for Employment Areas and Uses) as follows:

"B17 PLANNING FOR EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND USES

a) Through a future Amendment to this Plan, this Plan shall designate **employment areas** within Urban Areas and rural **settlement areas** that are appropriate to the planned function of **employment areas. Employment areas** outside of the Urban Areas and Rural **Settlement Areas** may also be designated to recognize their role and function in the area.

b) Residential uses, commercial uses, **public service facilities** and other institutional uses are prohibited in **employment areas.**

c) Retail and office uses that are not associated with the primary employment use are prohibited in **employment areas.**

d) Other **sensitive land uses** that are not ancillary to the primary employment use are prohibited in **employment areas.**

e) On lands for employment outside of the **employment areas** identified in accordance with sub-section a) and taking into account the transition of uses to prevent **adverse effects,** a diverse mix of land uses, including residential, employment, **public service facilities** and other institutional uses shall be permitted to support the achievement of **complete communities.**

f) Industrial, manufacturing and small-scale warehousing uses that could be located adjacent to **sensitive land uses** without **adverse effects** are encouraged in **strategic growth areas** and other mixed-use areas where **frequent transit service** is available, outside of the **employment areas** identified in accordance with sub-section a).

g) Once a determination has been made on the location of **employment areas** in accordance with sub-section a) and the locations have been approved by the Province through a future amendment to this Plan new development on lands within 300 metres of **employment areas** shall avoid, or where avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate potential impacts on the long-term economic viability of employment uses within existing or planned **employment areas**, in accordance with Provincial guidelines. While this section will only apply after the location of the employment areas has been approved, Section E2.3 of this Plan applies."

Item 41: Section C (Land Use Designations), is amended by adding a "Preamble" as follows:

"PREAMBLE

It is the intent of this section of the Plan to set out the policies that apply to each of the land use designations that apply to lands within the County."

Item 42: Section C1.1 (General Land Use Objectives), is amended by adding the following

second paragraph:

> "A full range and mix of land uses, **housing options** including additional residential units, transportation options with multimodal access, employment, **public service facilities** and other institutional uses (including, schools and associated child care facilities, long-term care facilities, places of worship and cemeteries), recreation, parks and open space, and other uses to meet long-term needs are permitted in Urban Areas."

Item 43: Section C1.1.1 (Residential Areas), is amended by deleting "and" at the end of sub-section b) and by replacing "special" with "**additional needs**" under sub-section c).

Item 44: Section C1.1.1 (Residential Areas), is amended by adding the following sub-sections after c):

"d) Encourage a high standard of urban design for **development** and **redevelopment;**

e) Encourage local municipalities to establish comprehensive design guidelines and policies to foster the establishment of communities that are safe, functional and attractive; and,

f) Implement street designs that provide for pedestrian, cycling and other non-motorized modes of transportation to help create more healthy and complete communities."

Item 45: Section C1.1.2 (Commercial Areas), is amended by adding "and" at the end of c).

Item 46: Section C1.1.3 (Employment Areas and Uses), is amended by deleting 'and institutional uses' from sub-section a).

Item 47: Section C1 (Urban Areas), is amended by deleting Section C1.3.

Item 48: Section C3.2 a) and b) (Location), is amended by replacing "Schedule A" with "Schedule E" and adding the following two subsections after c):

"d) Local municipalities may designate additional agricultural areas, including areas identified for local food production.

e) It is recognized that the Agricultural Area designation on Schedule E overlaps with the NH1 designation on Schedule A. In cases where this overlap exists, the policies of the NH1 designation prevail and nothing in this Plan is intended to limit the ability of agricultural uses to continue."

Item 49: Section C3.3 a) iv) (Permitted Uses), is amended by adding "and additional residential units" after "residential uses" and "and" at the end of the sentence, in addition to adding the following after iv), as follows:

"v) Residential uses and additional residential units on a residential lot created through a farm consolidation and which would be considered a lot that is used

for a residence surplus to an agricultural operation in accordance with Section C3.4."

Item 50: Section C3.4 a) iii) (Lot Creation on Lands in the Agricultural Area Designation), is deleted and replaced with the following:

"iii) The lot is to be created will accommodate a **residence surplus to an agricultural operation** as a result of the acquisition of additional farm parcels to be operated as one farm operation (a farm consolidation) provided the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate **sewage and water services**; and the approval authority ensures that new residential dwellings and additional residential units are prohibited on any remnant parcel of farmland created by the severance; or"

Item 51: Section C3.4 a) iv) (Lot Creation on Lands in the Agricultural Area Designation), is amended by adding "or additional residential units" following "residential dwellings".

Item 52: Section C3.5 (Agricultural-Related Uses), be amended by adding the following after c):

"d) Local municipalities shall permit **agriculture-related uses** based on provincial guidance or local criteria in their Official Plans and implementing zoning by-laws as appropriate."

Item 53: Section C3.6 (On-Farm Diversified Uses), is amended by adding "and electricity generation facilities and transmission systems, and **energy storage systems**." in the last sentence of a).

Item 54: Section C3.6 a) (On-Farm Diversified Uses), is amended by adding the following at the end of a): "and electricity generation facilities and transmission systems, and **energy storage systems**."

Item 55: Section C3.6 a) (On-Farm Diversified Uses), is amended by deleting c) and replacing it with the following:

"c) Local municipalities shall permit **on-farm diversified uses** based on Provincial guidance in their Official Plans and implementing zoning by-laws as appropriate"

Item 56: Section C3.7 (Non Agricultural Uses in the Agricultural Area Designation), is amended by deleting c) and replacing it with the following:

"c) When considering a non-agricultural use in accordance with this section of the Plan, impacts from any new or expanding non-**agricultural uses** on the surrounding **agricultural system** are to be avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, minimized and mitigated as determined through an **agricultural impact assessment** or equivalent analysis, based on provincial guidance."

Item 57: The second Section C3.7 (Compatibility of Agricultural Uses with Other Land Uses), is re-numbered as Section C3.8.

Item 58: Section C3.8 a) (Compatibility of Agricultural Uses with Other Land Uses), is amended by deleting “agricultural” and replacing it with “livestock”.

Item 59: Section C3.8 c) (Compatibility of Agricultural Uses with Other Land Uses), is amended by deleting “may be” and replacing it with “shall be”.

Item 60: Section C4 (Rural Areas) is amended by deleting the ‘s’ at the end of the title and then Section C4.1 c) (Objectives for the Rural Area Designation), is amended by adding: “and that can be sustained by rural service levels;” at the end of the sentence.

Item 61: Section C4.1 (Objectives for the Rural Area Designation), is amended by deleting sub-section e) and replacing it with the following:

> “e) To provide for the development of residential development, where site conditions are suitable for the provision of appropriate **sewage and water services;”**

Item 62: Section C4.1 f) (Objectives for the Rural Area Designation), is amended by adding: “and” at the end followed by adding a new subsection as follows:

> “g) To ensure that new development is **appropriate** for the **infrastructure** which is planned or available and avoid the need for the uneconomical expansion of this **infrastructure**. “

Item 63: Section C4.2 (Location), is deleted and replaced with the following:

> “The Rural Area designation shown on Schedule E to this Plan applies to lands which are located outside of **settlement areas** and the Agricultural Area designation and which would be considered as **Rural Lands** as defined by the Provincial Planning Statement.
>
> It is recognized that the Rural Area designation on Schedule E overlaps with the NH1 designation on Schedule A. In cases where this overlap exists, the policies of the NH1 designation prevail and nothing in this Plan is intended to limit the ability of agricultural uses to continue.”

Item 64: Section C4.3 (Lot Creation), is amended by deleting the second paragraph.

Item 65: Section C4.4 (Permitted Uses), is amended by deleting vi) and replacing it with the following: "residential development, including lot creation and additional residential units, where site conditions are suitable for the provision of appropriate **sewage and water services**;”

Item 66: Section C4.4 (Permitted Uses), is amended by adding v), vi, vii and viii as follows and re-numbering the remaining sub-sections accordingly:

> “v) Resource-based recreational uses including recreational dwellings that are not intended as permanent residences;
>
> vi) Residential development, including lot creation and additional residential units, where site conditions are suitable for the provision of appropriate **sewage and water services**;

vii) Commercial and tourist resorts where the principal use is the short-term accommodation of visitors and guests in facilities such as lodges, resorts, hotels, cabins and lakefront villas and which provide access to the travelling and vacationing public to a significant natural asset (such as lakes and rivers or wilderness areas) or human-made tourism asset (such as golf courses and outdoor recreation areas);

viii) Rural commercial, industrial and institutional uses provided the use is appropriate given the level of infrastructure and the nature of surrounding land uses;"

Item 67: Section C4.4 xii) (Permitted Uses), is amended by adding "as determined by the local municipality" at the end.

Item 68: Section C4.4 (Permitted Uses), is amended by deleting the words 'unjustified and/or' from sub-section b).

Item 69: Section C4.4 (Permitted Uses), is amended by adding the following after d):

"e) New land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock facilities, shall comply with the **minimum distance separation formulae**."

Item 70: Section C4.5 (Land Use Compatibility) is deleted.

Item 71: new Section C5 (Natural Heritage One (NH1) and C6 (Natural Heritage Two (NH2), is amended by adding the following new sections after Section C4.5 as follows:

"C5 NATURAL HERITAGE ONE (NH1)

C5.1 LOCATION

a) All lands that are the site of known **significant wetlands, significant coastal wetlands** are designated Natural Heritage One (NH1) on Schedule A. Where information is known, individual **significant wetlands** and **significant coastal wetlands** are shown on Schedule B-1 for information purposes.

b) While known **significant wetlands** and **significant coastal wetlands have** been designated Natural Heritage One (NH1) on Schedule A, the identification, mapping and significance of others can only be determined after evaluation.

c) It is recognized that the Agricultural Area and Rural Area designations on Schedule E overlaps with the NH1 designation on Schedule A. In cases where this overlap exists, the policies of the NH1 designation prevail.

C5.2 PERMITTED USES IN SIGNIFICANT WETLANDS AND SIGNIFICANT COASTAL WETLANDS

a) Permitted uses in **significant wetlands** and **significant coastal wetlands** are limited to:

i) Forestry in the form of reforestation and regeneration, and excluding commercial logging and managed woodlots;

ii) Uses connected with the conservation of water, soil, wildlife and other natural resources; and

iii) The continuation of **agricultural uses.**

C5.3 OTHER DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

a) Other policies respecting **development** and **site alteration** within and adjacent to **significant wetlands** and **significant coastal wetlands** are contained in Section D1.

b) It is recognized that the boundaries of the **natural heritage features and areas** shown on the schedules to this Plan may be imprecise and that the boundaries may be refined through the completion of an Environmental Impact Study to the satisfaction of the approval authority.

C6 NATURAL HERITAGE TWO (NH2)

C6.1 LOCATION

a) All lands that are the site of known **significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest** and **significant woodlands** are identified in the Natural Heritage Two (NH2) overlay on Schedule A. Where information is known, individual **significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest** and **significant woodlands** are shown on Schedule B-1 for information purposes.

b) While known **significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest** and **significant woodlands** have been identified in the Natural Heritage Two (NH2) overlay on Schedule A, the identification, mapping and significance of others can only be determined after evaluation either by the Province in the case of an **Area of Natural and Scientific Interest** or the County, in the case of **significant woodlands.**

C6.2 PERMITTED USES

a) As the NH2 is an overlay, permitted uses are those in the underlying land use designation shown on **Schedule A** subject to the policies set out in Section D1."

Item 72: Within Section D (Resource Areas, Hazards and Other Constraint Areas), Section D1.1 to D1.11 and Section D1.12.1 are deleted and replaced, Section D1.12.2 is re-numbered as Section D1.6 and amended, Section D1.12.3 is deleted and Section D1.13 is deleted so that there are new Sections D1.1 to D1.13 as shown below:

"D NATURAL HERITAGE, RESOURCE AREAS AND HAZARDS

D1 NATURAL HERITAGE

D1.1 OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of this Plan to:

a) Maintain, restore, or where possible, improve the diversity and connectivity of natural features in the County, and the long-term **ecological function** and biodiversity of **natural heritage systems** recognizing linkages between and among **natural heritage features and areas, surface water features** and **ground water features**;

b) Establish a resilient, interconnected **natural heritage system** that preserves and enhances natural features, **ecological functions** and native biodiversity, contributes to healthy watersheds, recognizes the important role the agricultural and rural landscape plays in the system, and maintains the unique natural landscape and geography of the County for future generations;

c) Identify and maintain linkages and related functions among **ground water features, hydrologic functions, natural heritage features and areas,** and **surface water features** including shoreline areas;

d) Recognize the role and value of compatible and complementary agricultural and rural uses in and adjacent to the **natural heritage system** and recognize that flexible approaches to existing uses in the **natural heritage system** are required;

e) Recognize the important role the natural **heritage system plays** in mitigating the impacts of climate change by protecting and enhancing **natural heritage features and areas, ecological functions,** and connections within the system.

f) Encourage the acquisition of land that is the site of **natural heritage features and areas** by public authorities or non-profit land trusts for conservation purposes;

g) Discourage the introduction, planting and/or use of invasive non-native species to minimize their impact on the County's biodiversity;

h) Provide the tools to properly assess development applications located in close proximity to **natural heritage features and areas**;

i) Ensure that development is appropriately setback and buffered from **natural heritage features and areas**; and

j) Provide opportunities, where appropriate, for passive outdoor recreational activities in the **natural heritage system** provided the features and **ecological functions** are not adversely impacted.

D1.2 COMPONENTS OF THE COUNTY'S NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

a) It is the intent of this Plan that a resilient, interconnected **natural heritage system** that preserves and enhances natural features, **ecological functions** and native biodiversity, contributes to healthy **watersheds**, recognizes the important role the agricultural and rural landscape plays in the system, and maintains the unique natural landscape and geography of the County for future generations be

maintained and improved through the life of this Plan.

b) The following are components of the County's **natural heritage system**, which applies to lands within the Ecoregion 6E boundary as shown on Schedules A, B-1, B-2 and B-3 to this Plan:

i) **Natural heritage features and areas** that are designated Natural Heritage One on Schedule A to this Plan;

ii) **Natural heritage features and areas** that are within the Natural Heritage Two overlay on Schedule A to this Plan;

iii) Watercourses (permanent and intermittent); and

iv) Other supporting features and areas that are shown on Schedules B-2 and B-3 to this Plan.

D1.3 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

a) The County supports enhancements to the **natural heritage system** to support **ecological functions** and improve **ecological integrity** of the **natural heritage system.** Enhancements can be as a result of a range of specific actions being undertaken by a landowner, developer, or public agency.

b) Where the preparation of a **watershed** or sub-**watershed** study or an environmental impact study is required, the study will demonstrate how enhancements to **ecological function, ecological integrity,** or biodiversity of the **natural heritage system** can be achieved, and will be implemented, through for example:

i) increases in the spatial extent of a feature or features;

ii) increases in biological and habitat diversity;

iii) enhancement of ecological system function;

iv) enhancement of wildlife habitat;

v) enhancement or creation of **wetlands,** water systems or **woodlands;**

vi) enhancement of riparian corridors through tree planting and soil stabilization;

vii) enhancement of ecological services;

viii) enhancement of groundwater recharge areas;

ix) establishment or enhancement of linkages or connectivity between **natural heritage features and areas**;

x) establishment, enhancement or restoration of **green infrastructure** to prevent and/or mitigate the **effects of a changing climate; and**

xi) Restoration of areas that have been degraded or eroded."

D1.4 DEVELOPMENT AND SITE ALTERATION

a) **Development** and **site alteration** shall not be permitted in **significant wetlands** and **significant coastal wetlands.**

b) **Development** and **site alteration** shall not be permitted in the following features unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no **negative impacts** on the natural features or their **ecological functions:**

i) **Significant woodlands;**

ii) **Significant valleylands;**

iii) Non-**significant coastal wetlands** that are not subject to Section D1.4 a);

iv) **Significant wildlife habitat** as shown on Schedule B2; and,

v) **Significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest**.

c) **Development** and **site alteration** shall not be permitted in **fish habitat** except in accordance with **provincial and federal requirements.**

d) **Development** and **site alteration** shall not be permitted in **habitat of endangered species and threatened species,** except in accordance with **provincial and federal requirements.**

e) While known **natural heritage features and areas** have been identified and shown on the schedules to this Plan, the identification, mapping and significance of others can only be determined after evaluation.

D1.5 CRITERIA FOR SIGNIFICANT WOODLANDS

a) **Significant woodlands** are 20 hectares in size or larger; OR

b) have a minimum width of greater than 40 metres for features less than 1.0 hectare OR a minimum width of greater than 20 metres for features greater than 1.0 hectare (and in both cases would not be considered hedgerows) AND

i) Contain 2 hectares of greater of forest interior, measured as the area greater than 100 metres from the woodland or canopy edge; OR

ii) Occur within 30 metres of a permanent or intermittent stream or other waterbody.

D1.6 ADJACENT LANDS

a) **Adjacent lands** are the lands contiguous to a **natural heritage feature and area** where it is likely that **development** or **site alteration** would have a

negative impact on the feature or area. For the purposes of this Plan, **adjacent lands** are defined as all lands within the specified distance of the boundary of **natural heritage features and areas** as set out in **Table D.**

TABLE D
Adjacent Lands

Natural Heritage Feature and Area	Minimum Adjacent Lands (Metres)
Significant wetlands and **significant coastal wetlands**	120
Significant woodlands	120
Significant wildlife habitat	120
Significant and Regional **Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest** – Earth Science	50
Significant and Regional **Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest** – Life Science	120
Significant Valleylands	120
Fish Habitat	120

b) No **development** or **site alteration** shall be permitted on these **adjacent lands** unless the **ecological function** of the **adjacent lands** has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated, through an Environmental Impact Study (EIS), that there will be no **negative impact** on the natural features or their **ecological functions**.

c) The approval authority may reduce the minimum width of the **adjacent lands** and/or scope the requirements of an EIS within the **adjacent lands** set out in **Table D** when **development** or **site alteration** is proposed, if, in the opinion of the approval authority, the proposed **development** or **site alteration** is not anticipated to have a **negative impact** on the natural heritage feature or its **ecological functions.**

D1.7 MINIMUM BUFFERS

a) **Table E** sets out the minimum buffers required from certain **significant natural heritage features and areas** outside of Urban Areas and Rural **Settlement Areas**:

Table E: Minimum Buffers outside of Urban Areas and Rural Settlement Areas

Natural Heritage Feature or Area	Minimum Buffer
Significant Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest	15 metres
Valleyland (significant)	15 metres
Significant wetlands and significant coastal wetlands	30 metres
Wildlife habitat (significant)	15 metres
Woodland (significant)	20 metres

Note: Conservation Authority regulatory allowances apply separate from the buffers in this table

b) The location of the required buffers set out in Table E are intended to align with the edge of the feature. For clarity, if the edge of the feature changes as a consequence of a more detailed review of the feature in accordance with the policies of this Plan, so does the location of the buffer, which is intended to protect the **ecological functions** of the feature over the long term. Reductions in the size of the buffer may be considered by the approval authority, if the **ecological function** of the **adjacent lands** has been evaluated and it has been demonstrated, through an Environmental Impact Study (EIS), that there will be no **negative impact** on the natural features or their **ecological functions** if a minor reduction in the required buffer is proposed.

c) Within Urban Areas and Rural **Settlement Areas**, buffers are to be informed by both existing conditions and sensitivities, and the anticipated impacts that a buffer is being used to mitigate. Where possible, opportunities to address impacts (avoid, minimize) through the siting and design of land uses should be considered as part of a layered approach to mitigation. This approach will reduce the overall impact of developments, encourage sustainable design and support development of resilient system(s) and communities.

d) Based on the above, minimum buffer widths in Urban Areas and Rural **Settlement Areas** will be established in studies prepared to the satisfaction of the approval authority. When determining the appropriate buffer width, consideration will be given to the following matters:

i) Enhancement and mitigation opportunities such as vegetative planting within the buffers or fencing on abutting lands;

ii) Achieving adequate buffers to stormwater management components, which may necessitate wider buffer widths;

iii) The intensity of the abutting land uses as illustrated through specific plans for such uses (i.e., grading, setbacks, maintenance, servicing, built form including height, location of buildings and structures and other activities); and,

iv) The ecological functions, characteristics, significance and sensitivity of the feature the buffer is required from.

e) Where a feature is regulated by a Conservation Authority within an Urban Area or Rural **Settlement Area**, and the regulatory requirements exceed the required buffer as determined through the policies of this Plan, those regulatory requirements will apply, subject to the provisions of the Conservation Authorities Act.

D1.8 SUPPORTING FEATURES AND AREAS (SFA)

D1.8.1 LOCATION

a) Supporting Features and Areas (SFA) include the following:

i) Candidate earth science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest;

ii) Candidate life science Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest;

iii) Candidate **significant wildlife habitat** - forest area sensitive breeding bird habitat;

iv) Candidate **significant wildlife habitat** - landbird migratory stopovers;

v) Candidate **significant wildlife habitat** - **woodland** raptor nesting habitat;

vi) Other potential significant wildlife habitat - such as alvars;

vii) Deer yarding or wintering habitat - Type 1;

viii) Deer yarding or wintering habitat - Type 2;

ix) Enhancement or linkage areas including watercourse-oriented linkages;

x) Other **wetlands** (non-**significant** or non-evaluated);

xi) Regionally important Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest; and

xii) Supporting **woodlands** (non-significant).

b) Where information is known, individual supporting features and areas are shown on Schedule B-2 for information purposes. In addition, enhancement areas and linkages (including watercourse-oriented linkages) are shown on Schedule B-3 for information purposes.

c) On Schedule B-3, all mapped features that are designated NH1 on Schedule A are shown as primary features and all mapped features that are identified in the

NH2 overlay on Schedule A are shown as secondary features to assist in the interpretation of this schedule.

d) While some of the supporting features and areas are known and some have been identified on Schedules B-2 and B-3, the identification, mapping and significance of others can only be determined after evaluation. In addition, the boundaries of supporting areas and features are subject to change based on the submission of additional information, site visits and/or future assessment and consideration.

D1.8.2 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES

a) When **development** or **site alteration** is proposed within a supporting feature or area shown on Schedules B-1 or B-2, or within 30 metres of the boundary of the supporting feature or area, an Environmental Impact Study shall be completed that assesses and determines:

i) Whether the supporting feature or area is a **significant natural heritage feature or area** and if it is confirmed that a supporting feature or area is one of these features or areas, the relevant policies that apply to those features or areas apply;

ii) The boundary of the supporting feature or area along with its **ecological functions** and relationship to nearby **significant natural heritage feature or areas**; and

iii) What conditions should be attached to the approval of the proposed development to enhance the supporting feature or area where possible and to mitigate and minimize impacts on the supporting feature or area.

b) **Development** and **site alteration** in and within 30 metres of other **wetlands** that are regulated by the applicable Conservation Authority is subject to the policies of the Conservation Authority.

c) Notwithstanding sub-section a) above, where a site plan pursuant to Section 41 of the Planning Act has been approved on lands that have been identified as being the site of a supporting feature or area on Schedules B-1 or B-2, that approval can be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the County Official Plan and the Local Official Plan as they existed when the site plan was approved.

d) Notwithstanding sub-section a) above, where lands have been approved for development by way of Plan of Subdivision or Plan of Condominium on lands that have been identified as being the site of a supporting feature or area on Schedules B-1 or B-2, that approval can be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the County Official Plan and the local Official Plan as they existed when the lands were approved and any conditions that were put in place at the time of approval.

e) Notwithstanding sub-section a) above, where lands have been approved for a **mineral aggregate operation** pursuant to a license issued under the Aggregate Resources Act on lands that have been identified as being the site of a supporting feature or area on Schedules B-1 or B-2, that approval can be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the County Official Plan and the local Official Plan as they existed when the lands were licensed and any conditions that were put in place at the time of approval. If the licensed area is proposed to be expanded, then the policies of this Plan fully apply.

f) Local municipalities are encouraged to go beyond the minimum standards established in this Plan and develop policies for the protection of all **wetlands.**

D1.8.3 DEVELOPMENT POLICIES – POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENT AREAS POTENTIAL LINKAGE AREAS

a) Enhancement areas are intended to consist of areas of natural self-sustaining vegetation that increase the ecological resilience and function of individual **natural heritage features and areas** by:

i) increasing the size of **natural heritage features and areas;**

ii) connecting **natural heritage features and areas** to create larger contiguous natural areas;

iii) improving the shape of **natural heritage features and areas** by filling in bays and inlets (which are areas of intrusion into existing features), or holes in a feature or a gap between two or more features that are in close proximity (less than 30 metres) to increase interior habitat conditions; or,

iv) including critical function zones and important catchment areas for sustaining **ecological functions** and/or **hydrological functions.**

b) Linkage areas are made up of areas of natural or semi-natural corridors of land or water that connect **natural heritage features and areas** and potentially supporting features and areas and which if created or maintained, allow for plants and animals to move between and among **natural heritage features and areas,** in some cases over multiple generations, thereby supporting biodiversity and the sustainability of the overall **natural heritage system.**

c) In addition to satisfying Section D1.8.2, if the supporting feature or area is a potential enhancement area or potential linkage area that is shown on Schedule B-3, the required Environmental Impact Study should:

i) Determine whether the area identified has the potential to be an enhancement area or a linkage area as defined in sub-sections a) and b) above;

ii) Assess the ecological benefit of establishing, maintaining or restoring the enhancement area or linkage area;

v) Consider how the function and spatial extent of the enhancement area or linkage area could if feasible be incorporated into the design and layout of the proposed development, if located within an urban area or rural **settlement area**; and

vi) Make recommendations on potentially minimizing the amount of disturbed area if feasible in the enhancement or linkage area, where it is currently in a natural state or under agricultural production, if located in the Agricultural Area or Rural Area designations.

D1.8.4 DEVELOPMENT POLICIES – WATERCOURSE-ORIENTED LINKAGE AREAS

In addition to satisfying Section D1.8.2, if the supporting feature or area is a watercourse-oriented linkage area shown on Schedule B-3, the required Environmental Impact Study should:

a) Assess the ecological features and functions of the watercourse-oriented linkage, including its vegetative, wildlife, and/or landscape features or functions;

b) Identify appropriate boundaries/widths that permit the movement of wildlife along the watercourse;

c) Describe the **ecological function** the watercourse-oriented linkage is intended to provide and identifies how these **ecological functions** can be maintained or enhanced within a **development** proposal;

d) Assess potential impacts on the linkage as a result of the **development**; and,

e) Make recommendations on how to protect, enhance, or mitigate impacts on the watercourse-oriented linkage and its **ecological functions.**

D1.9 TRANSFER OF NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES AND AREAS INTO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

a) The County may work with the local municipalities and other public agencies and/or non-profit land trust organizations to develop and implement a land securement strategy that would result in the transfer of private lands with natural heritage attributes into public ownership. However, given the financial limitations of every level of government and consistent with the principle of land stewardship, this policy does not imply that **natural heritage features and areas** will be purchased by the County or other public or non-profit agencies.

b) The County and the local municipalities shall consider opportunities to obtain, through dedication, lands with natural heritage attributes through the development approval process.

c) Arrangements for the conveyance of **natural heritage features and areas** into public ownership shall be undertaken before or concurrent with the approval of development applications through the development approval process."

D1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDIES

a) Where the policies of this Plan require that an Environmental Impact Study ('EIS') be prepared, such an EIS shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements of this section of the Plan.

b) An EIS required under the policies of this Plan shall be submitted with the **development** application and shall be prepared and signed by a qualified person in accordance with relevant environmental impact study guidelines in addition to the relevant policies of this Plan.

c) An EIS shall include a detailed inventory of the on-site conditions, including detailed inventory and ecological land classification mapping of vegetation communities, and inventories for natural heritage features and species using accepted methods, criteria, and survey protocols undertaken at the appropriate time of year. This inventory and characterization shall extend to adjacent lands, with field surveys undertaken where permission to enter is granted.

d) The approval authority may scope or waive the requirement for an EIS to support a development proposal within or adjacent to **natural heritage features and areas** if, in the opinion of the approval authority the proposed development is minor and is not anticipated to have a **negative impact** on the **natural heritage feature and area** or its **ecological functions** or if the policies of this Plan provide an exception to the submission of an EIS related to the **natural heritage feature and area.**

e) The approval authority may scope or waive the requirement for an EIS to support a development proposal within or adjacent to a supporting feature or area if, in the opinion of the approval authority the proposed development is minor.

f) The approval authority, in consultation with the appropriate Conservation Authority if applicable, must be satisfied with an EIS prior to the granting of **development** approvals. The recommendations of an EIS shall be implemented through the planning approvals process.

g) The approval authority may require an independent peer review of an EIS, with the costs to be borne by the applicant.

h) The purpose of an EIS is to:

   i) Collect and evaluate the appropriate information in order to have a complete understanding of the boundaries, attributes and functions of **natural heritage features and areas** and associated **ecological functions** and hydrological functions that exist on the subject lands and/or **adjacent lands**;

ii) Determine whether there are any additional **natural heritage features and areas** on the subject lands and nearby lands and that meet the accepted criteria established by the Province, as amended from time to time;

iii) Undertake a comprehensive impact analysis in order to determine whether or not the proposed **development** and/or **site alteration** will have a **negative impact** on **natural heritage features and areas** and their **ecological functions**;

iv) Propose appropriate mitigation measures or revisions to the proposed **development** and/or **site alteration** to reduce or avoid **negative impacts**;

v) Clearly articulate any **negative impacts** that cannot be avoided or mitigated;

vi) Where appropriate, recommend monitoring provisions to evaluate the long-term effectiveness of the identified mitigation measures; and

vii) Demonstrate that the proposed **development** and/or **site alteration** supports the County's objectives for the **natural heritage system**.

i) Local municipalities are encouraged to develop their own terms of reference for the preparation of Environmental Impact Studies provided the general intent of this Official Plan is maintained.

D1.11 SIGNIFICANT WOODLANDS AND ANTHROPOGENIC DISTURBANCES

a) Where a feature was identified as a **significant woodland** as of the date of approval of this Plan and no longer meets the definition of **significant woodland** due to either a natural or unauthorized anthropogenic disturbance, the feature shall retain its status as a **significant woodland** and the policies of this Plan protecting **significant woodlands** will continue to apply.

b) Notwithstanding the above, this Plan recognizes that the **ecological functions** of some **significant woodlands** or other **woodlands** or portions thereof in Urban Areas, Rural **Settlement Areas** or in developed shoreline areas may be substantially compromised as a result of prior land use activity and as a result would be difficult to restore and/or manage as a native **woodland**. In cases such as these, consideration can be given to reclassifying all or a portion of such a **woodland** as a cultural and regenerating woodland. **Woodlands** (including plantations) established and/or managed for the purpose of restoring a native tree community cannot be classified as **cultural and regenerating woodlands.**

c) In order for a **woodland** to be identified as a cultural and regenerating woodland, all of the following must be met, as determined through an Environmental Impact Study:

i) The **woodland** is regenerating, typically with a dominant proportion of woody species being invasive and non-native (e.g., Norway Maple, Siberian Elm, Scots Pine, European Buckthorn, White Mulberry, Tree-of-heaven, Apple, White Poplar, etc.);

ii) The area was not treed approximately 20 to 30 years ago as determined through air photo interpretation or other suitable technique;

iii) The soils have been degraded, through compaction, topsoil removal or as a result of substantial erosion from over-use and/or if the **woodland** may be regenerating on fill; and

iv) There is limited ability to maintain or restore self-sustaining ecological functions typical of native **woodlands**.

d) If the tests set out in Section D1.11 c) have been satisfied to the satisfaction of the approval authority, and it has been concluded that the woodland is a cultural and regenerating woodland, the removal of the treed area of a cultural and regenerating woodland may be permitted without an Amendment to this Plan being required subject to preparing a woodland enhancement plan in accordance with Section D1.11 e) that demonstrates an enhancement in **woodland** area is achieved, either on the same property or in the immediate area.

e) A required woodland enhancement plan must be prepared to the satisfaction of the approval authority, in consultation with other agencies. As part of requirement for a woodland enhancement plan the following should be taken into consideration:

i) If the removal occurs within a **settlement area,** the required enhancement also be provided in the **settlement area;**

ii) That the enhancement be in the form of a **woodland** and not just the planting of individual trees, i.e., street planting or ornamental tree planting in a park setting is not considered **woodland** enhancement;

iii) The goal of the **woodland** enhancement is it so create a native **woodland** of equal or greater size;

iv) Landscape ecology principles including size, patch shape, connectivity, edge to area ratio should be considered;

v) Responsibilities will be determined for who will undertake the restoration of the **woodland** and the schedule for implementing the plan;

vi) The woodland enhancement plan includes a program for the long-term maintenance and management of the restoration **woodland** until such time as it is deemed to be self-sufficient or when a public agency assumes responsibility for it; and,

vii) The plan includes a monitoring plan and periodic reporting to determine if the **woodland** is progressing toward the approved goal(s) and objectives of the Plan.

D1.12 AGRICULTURAL USES

Nothing in this Plan is intended to limit the ability of **agricultural uses** to continue in

areas that are the site of a **natural heritage feature and area.**

D1.13 IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION

a) Local municipalities are required to incorporate the NH1 designation and NH2 overlay in their Official Plans. Local municipalities are encouraged to incorporate the mapping of supporting features in their Official Plans as appropriate.

b) Through the process of implementation, local municipalities may refine the boundaries of **natural heritage features and areas** within the NH1 designation and the NH2 overlay on the basis of updated information and or detailed studies in consultation with the County.

c) Local municipalities are required to incorporate the NH1 designation and NH2 overlay as determined in the local Official Plan in their Zoning By-laws.

d) Where a secondary plan has been approved, those portions that are not yet the site of a draft approved Plan of Subdivision or Plan of Condominium shall be reviewed to determine how the intent of this Plan with respect to the **natural heritage system** can be achieved on the lands affected.

e) For secondary plans in process, the policies of this Plan shall be taken into account in the work program and final product, to the satisfaction of the County.

f) Where a site plan pursuant to Section 41 of the Planning Act has been approved, that approval can be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the County Official Plan and the Local Official Plan as they existed when the site plan was approved.

g) Where lands have been approved for development by way of Plan of Subdivision or Plan of Condominium, that approval can be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the County Official Plan and the local Official Plan as they existed when the lands were approved and any conditions that were put in place at the time of approval.

h) If a draft plan approval is proposed to be extended, the approval authority may review the findings and recommendations made in the studies that supported the initial draft plan approval and request that the studies be updated to determine if changes to the layout of the draft plan and/or any of the conditions need to be made before the extension request is granted.

i) The County encourages the local municipalities to review older existing draft plan approvals to determine if updates are required.

j) If a draft plan lapses or is withdrawn, any subsequent application shall conform to this Plan.

k) Where major modifications to a draft plan are proposed, the revised plan shall be designed to reduce impacts on the **natural heritage system.**

l) Notwithstanding sub-section a) above, where lands have been approved for a **mineral aggregate operation** pursuant to a license issued under the Aggregate Resources Act, that approval can be implemented in accordance with the provisions of the County Official Plan and the local Official Plan as they existed when the lands were licensed and any conditions that were put in place at the time of approval. If the licensed area is proposed to be expanded, then the policies of this Plan fully apply."

Item 73: Section D1.14 a) (Watercourses and Surface Water Features), is amended by adding the words "and hydrological' after 'ecological' in sub-section a)

Item 74: Section D1.14 c) and d) (Watercourses and Surface Water Features), is amended by deleting c) and d) and replacing these sections with the following with the remaining sub-sections re-numbered accordingly:

"c) A minimum 30 metre setback from the high water mark shall be required for all development, excluding shoreline structures, open decks and accessory structures, unless a greater setback is specified by this Plan. Where these setbacks cannot be achieved, a lesser setback may be considered in the following circumstances provided impact mitigation measures are implemented:

i) Sufficient lot depth is not available;

ii) Terrain or soil conditions exist which make other locations on the lot less suitable;

iii) Redevelopment on an existing lot is proposed where the setback is not further reduced;

iv) Redevelopment on an existing lot where the setback is further reduced and a net improvement over the existing situation is achieved; or

v) The lot is located within a **settlement area** and a net improvement over the existing situation is achieved.

d) Where new residential waterfront lots are being created or where vacant residential waterfront lots are being developed, a target of 75% of the area within 30 metres of the shoreline should be maintained in a natural state to the extent feasible to reduce erosion and sediment run-off. The linear vegetative buffer should be consecutive where terrain and soil conditions permit. Within this area, impervious surfaces shall also be minimized to the extent feasible.

e) Where additions to existing buildings are proposed, or where existing buildings are being reconstructed, or where an existing vacant lot with limited depth exists, or where the lot is located within a **settlement area**, it shall be demonstrated that a net improvement over the existing situation

with respect to the retention, enhancement and/or establishment of vegetation within 30 metres of the shoreline can be achieved through the design of the development and/or implementation."

Item 75: Section D1.14 f) (Watercourses and Surface Water Features), is amended by deleting "Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change" and replacing it with "Ministry with jurisdiction".

Item 76: Section D1.14 (Watercourses and Surface Water Features), is amended by adding sub-section g) as follows:

"f) Maximizing waterbody setbacks is a key tool in building resiliency against the **impacts of a changing climate** and flooding, as greater flood depths and velocities are generally associated with closer proximities to the shoreline"

Item 77: Section D2.3.1 c) (Source Protection Plans), is deleted and replaced with the following:

"c) Once a Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report are approved and in effect, as amended from time to time, all municipal decisions made under the Planning Act shall conform with the **significant** threat policies and have regard to moderate and low threat policies. The policies apply to **designated vulnerable areas** identified in the technical studies (Assessment Report) for the Source Protection Plan, including "Wellhead Protection Areas" (WHPA), and "Intake Protection Zones" (IPZs), Highly Vulnerable Aquifers (HVAs), and Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRAs). Mapping of each of these areas will be shown in local Official Plans."

Item 78: Section D2.3.2 (Wellhead Protection Areas and Intake Protection Zones) is amended by changing the title of this section to "Designated Vulnerable Areas" and by adding the following before the first paragraph:

"Highly vulnerable aquifers cover most of the County, while significant groundwater recharge areas cover mostly the southern extent of the County. The County will consider impacts to groundwater quality and quantity in planning decisions as it relates to these types of vulnerable areas."

Item 79: Section D2.3.2 c) (Designated Vulnerable Areas) is amended by adding: "or risk management official, as applicable" following 'satisfaction of the local municipality'.

Item 80: Section D2.3.2 (Designated Vulnerable Areas) is amended by deleting the word 'a' before the first use of the term 'designated' in sub-section d), by deleting the words 'as appropriate' at the end of sub-section d) and by deleting the word 'a' before the term 'designated' in sub-section e).

Item 81: Section D2.4 (Stormwater Management), is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

"Planning for stormwater management shall:

a) be integrated with planning for **sewage and water services** and ensure that

systems are optimized, retrofitted as appropriate, feasible and financially viable over their full life cycle;

b) minimize, or, where possible, prevent or reduce increases in stormwater volumes and contaminant loads;

c) minimize erosion and changes in water balance including through the use of **green infrastructure;**

d) mitigate risks to human health, safety, property and the environment;

e) maximize the extent and function of vegetative and pervious surfaces;

f) promote best practices, including stormwater attenuation and re-use, water conservation and efficiency, and **low impact development;** and

g) align with any comprehensive municipal plans for stormwater management that consider cumulative impacts of stormwater from development on a **watershed** scale."

Item 82: Section D2.5 a) and b) (Lake Trout Lakes) is amended by deleting "Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)" and "Ministry of Environment and Climate Change" and replacing it with "Ministry with jurisdiction" and by adding the following after b):

"c) The creation of new lots within 300 metres of at-capacity lake trout lakes shall not be permitted except where:

i) All new leaching beds are set back at least 300 metres from the shoreline of the lake;

ii) All new leaching beds are located such that they would drain into the drainage basin of another waterbody that is not at capacity;

iii) To separate existing habitable dwellings, each on a lot capable of supporting a Class 4 sewage system, provided that the land use would not change; or

iv) Where it is demonstrated through the submission of a site specific soils investigation prepared by a qualified professional, in consultation with the Ministry with jurisdiction, if applicable, that there are undisturbed native soils over 3 metres in depth on the site and which meet Provincial requirements for chemical composition and hydrological conditions.

Where lot creation or development is permitted subject to these criteria, planning tools must require long-term monitoring and maintenance of specific conditions."

Item 83: New Section D2.6 (Watershed and Sub-Watershed Planning), is added as follows:

"D2.6 WATERSHED AND SUB-WATERSHED PLANNING

a) This Plan supports the implementation of an advanced form of integrated **watershed** management in the County, which is designed ultimately to drive all aspects of environmental management and land-use planning.

b) Integrated **watershed planning** will be guided by a net benefit mitigation hierarchy, which is a sequential approach to planning and decision-making where emphasis is placed on avoidance, followed by minimization and mitigation to achieving no **negative impact** before considering other options.

c) The net benefit mitigation hierarchy requires that the outcome exceeds no **negative impact** and achieves a net positive outcome. The net gain mitigation hierarchy is generally described as follows and is required to be relied upon in future detailed studies for major Secondary Plans or major **settlement area** expansions:

   i) Avoid Creating the Impact – this can be achieved through a range of actions including protecting features and functions, siting, management techniques and design;

   ii) Minimize and Mitigate the Impact(s) – where impacts cannot be avoided, effort should be placed on opportunities to minimize impacts to the extent possible and mitigate remaining impacts;

   iii) Restore the System – Restoration includes opportunities to address existing issues or impacts to improve the form or function of the system in the original location;

   iv) Enhance the System – Enhancements in the system context generally include additions to natural cover, increasing habitat diversity to enhance functions, etc. These can be used to support retaining a feature in-situ to avoid impact(s) and support achieving a net benefit outcome; and

   v) Replication/Compensation – Replication and/or compensation may be considered in limited circumstances. Replication and/or compensation are to be considered only after consideration is given to preceding steps in the hierarchy.

d) Integrated **watershed planning** will inform:

   i) The development of an interactive hydrological model of the entire watershed covering both the landscape and the rivers and lakes;

   ii) The identification and refinement of **water resource systems**;

   iii) Risk management strategies to address impacts from flooding, drought, erosion and climate change;

   iv) The protection, enhancement, or restoration of the **quality and quantity of water**; and

v) Planning for **infrastructure**.

e) **Watershed planning** typically includes

i) **Watershed** characterization;

ii) A water budget and conservation plan;

iii) Nutrient loading assessments;

iv) Assessment of climate change impacts and severe weather events;

v) Land and water use management objectives and strategies;

vi) Natural hazard identification including areas susceptible to flooding and erosion;

vii) Scenario modelling to evaluate the impacts of forecasted growth and servicing options, and mitigation measures including **watershed** management options;

viii) An environmental monitoring plan;

ix) Requirements for the use of environmental best management practices, programs, and performance measures;

x) Establishing criteria for evaluating the protection of **quality and quantity of water**;

xi) The identification and protection of hydrologic features and **hydrologic functions** and the inter-relationships between or among them;

xii) Targets for the protection and restoration of riparian areas; and

xiii) Adaptive management frameworks.

f) A subwatershed plan, or its equivalent, shall be prepared by the proponent to inform the identification of the **natural heritage system, hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites** and the development of policies to protect the **natural heritage system** when major Secondary Plans or major **settlement area** expansions are proposed. Such a sub-watershed plan, or equivalent, shall:

i) Consider existing development and evaluate impacts of any potential or proposed land uses and development;

ii) Identify hydrologic features, areas, linkages, and functions;

iii) Identify a natural heritage system, natural heritage features and areas and related hydrologic functions; and

iv) Provide for protecting, improving, or restoring the quality and quantity of water within a sub-watershed through adaptive management."

Item 84: Section D3 (Cultural Heritage Resources) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"D3 CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

D3.1 OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of this Plan that the County and local municipalities encourage the conservation of cultural heritage resources, which includes their identification, protection, management and use by:

a) Conserving **protected heritage properties** which may contain **built heritage resources**, **cultural heritage landscapes**, and **archaeological resources;**

b) Conserving and mitigating impacts to protected **heritage properties** including when undertaking public works; and

c) Engaging early with Indigenous communities and ensure their interests are considered when identifying, protecting, and managing cultural heritage resources.

Local official plans shall include policies requiring technical cultural heritage studies (e.g., archeological assessment, heritage impact assessment and/or conservation plan) to be prepared by a qualified professional whenever a development has the potential to impact a **protected heritage property** through alteration, demolition, or removal."

Item 84a: Section D3.2 (Types of Cultural Heritage Resources) is amended by deleting sub-section d) and adding the following words at the end of sub-section c): "which include marine **archaeological resources**."

Item 85: Section D3.3 (Significant Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"D3.3 BUILT HERITAGE RESOURCES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE LANDSCAPES

a) Planning authorities shall not permit **development** and **site alteration** on **adjacent lands** to **protected heritage property** unless the **heritage attributes** of the **protected heritage property** will be conserved.

b) Local Official Plans shall contain policies on the designation of properties under the Ontario Heritage Act, including the establishment of Heritage Conservation Districts and the need for Heritage Impact Assessments, as required.

c) Local Official Plans shall include policies to conserve cultural heritage resources, such as the establishment of municipal heritage committees, maintenance of a municipal heritage register, and designation, including the process to demolish or alter a designated property

d) Pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act, a local municipal Council may by by-law, and in consultation with the municipal heritage committee, where one has been established:

i) Designate properties to be of cultural heritage value or interest

ii) Define the municipality, or any area or areas within the municipality as an area to be examined for designation as a heritage conservation district; and

iii) Designate the municipality, or any area or areas within the municipality, as a heritage conservation district."

Item 86: Section D3.4 (Archaeological Resources), is deleted and replaced with the following:

"D3.4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

a) **Development** and **site alteration** shall not be permitted on lands containing **archaeological resources** or **areas of archaeological potential** unless **significant archaeological resources** have been **conserved**. Any alterations to known archeological sites will only be performed by archaeologists licensed under the Ontario Heritage Act.

b) The County and/or local municipalities shall require an archaeological assessment as a condition of any development proposal affecting areas containing **archeological resources** or **areas of archeological potential.** Archaeological assessment reports by licensed archaeologists are to be in compliance with guidelines set out by the Provincial ministry with jurisdiction as well as licensing requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act.

c) The appropriate Indigenous community shall be engaged early with regard to the identification of burial sites and **archaeological resources** affiliated with their community.

d) Where **development** has the potential to impact a known or suspected cemetery or burial site, the relevant approval authority shall require an archaeologist assessment by a licensed archaeologist. Provisions under both the Ontario Heritage Act and the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act shall apply. **Development** shall be guided by this legislation and in accordance with any directives from the Province.

e) The County may consider, in partnership with Indigenous communities, local municipalities and other stakeholders a County Archaeological Management Plan which considers:

i) The locations of archaeological resources and areas of archaeological potential; and,

ii) Protocols for the conservation of **archaeological resources**.

f) Where an archaeological assessment is required, **development** and **site**

alteration shall not proceed until the assessment or assessments have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports, and where these reports conclude that:

i) The assessment of the area is complete; and

ii) All archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest, or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy."

Item 87: Section D3.5 b) and c) (Marine Archeological Resources) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"b) The approval authority shall, prior to approving a **development** or **site alteration** proposal where there is potential for marine **archaeological resources**, require a marine archaeological assessment to be conducted by a licensed marine archaeologist pursuant to the Ontario Heritage Act.

c) In considering applications for waterfront **development**, the approval authority shall ensure that marine **archaeological resources** are not adversely affected. When necessary, the approval authority will require satisfactory measures to ensure that such marine **archaeological resources** are **conserved**."

Item 88: Sections D3.6 a) and b) (Municipal Public Works) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"a) The County shall make every effort to **conserve** known and potential cultural heritage resources and **areas of archaeological potential** when undertaking County public works, such as roads, bridges and other **infrastructure** projects. Local municipalities are encouraged to support cultural heritage conservation by reviewing public works to determine impacts on known and potential cultural heritage resources.

b) The County encourages utility companies to place equipment and devices in locations that avoid direct and indirect impacts to cultural heritage resources."

Item 89: Section D3.7 (Accessibility and Heritage Conservation) is amended by adding 'Cultural' in the title before 'Heritage' and deleting "respects" and replacing it with "**conserves**" following "a manner that" and is further amended by adding "of the property" at the end of the paragraph.

Item 90: Section D4.1 b) (Location) is deleted and replaced as follows:

"b) **Petroleum resources** are shown on Appendix A."

Item 91: New Section D4.4 (Development on Adjacent Lands) is added as follows:

"D4.4 DEVELOPMENT ON ADJACENT LANDS

Development on, abutting or adjacent to lands affected by mine hazards; oil, gas and

salt hazards; or former mineral mining operations, mineral aggregate operations or petroleum resource operations may be permitted only if rehabilitation or other measures to address and mitigate known or suspected hazards are under way or have been completed."

Item 92: Section D5.1 (Mineral Aggregate Resources) is amended by adding the following words after 'protect' in sub-section c): "mineral aggregate resources for long term use and protect" and deleting sub-section f) and replacing it with the following:

"f) Ensure that final and progressive rehabilitation occurs to accommodate subsequent land uses, to promote land use compatibility, to recognize the interim nature of extraction, and to mitigate negative impacts to the extent possible."

Item 93: Section D5.5.3 (Exemption #2) is deleted and replaced as follows:

"The development and/or expansion of an **agricultural use,** an **agricultural related use** and an **on-farm diversified use** in the Agricultural Area designation s exempted from Section D5.5.1 of this Plan, provided an Official Plan Amendment is not required and provided a new lot is not required to establish the use."

Item 94: Section D5.5.4 (Exemption #3) is amended by deleting sub-sections a) and b) and renumbering the remaining sections accordingly and by deleting the words 'development or' in renumbered sub-section c).

Item 95: Section D5.5.5 b) (Requirements for a Section D5.5.1 Assessment) is amended by deleting and replacing sub-section ix) as follows:

"The presence of archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes on the subject lands or in the immediate area."

Item 96: Section D5.5.5 (Requirements for a Section D5.5.1 Assessment) is amended by deleting "Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry" to "Ministry with jurisdiction".

Item 97: Section D5.6 a) (Application Requirements) is amended by replacing '120 metres' with "adjacent lands" at the end of i).

Item 98: Section D5.6 a) (Application Requirements) is amended by deleting and replacing sub-section v) as follows:

"The archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes on the site and in the area;"

Item 99: Section D5.8 (Mineral Aggregate Operations in Prime Agricultural Areas) is amended by adding "impacts to prime agricultural areas are addressed in accordance with Section C3.6 c) of this Plan, and" following the words: 'provided that'.

Item 100: Section D5.8 (Mineral Aggregate Operations in Prime Agricultural Areas) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"In **prime agricultural areas,** on **prime agricultural land**, extraction of **mineral aggregate resources** is permitted as an interim use provided that impacts to the **prime agricultural areas** are addressed in accordance with Section C3.7 c) of this Plan and, the site will be rehabilitated back to an **agricultural condition**.

Notwithstanding the above, complete rehabilitation to an **agricultural condition** is not required if the depth of planned extraction makes restoration of pre-extraction agricultural capability unfeasible; and agricultural rehabilitation in remaining areas is maximized."

Item 101: Section D6 (Natural Hazards) is amended by deleting Section D6.1 and replacing it with the following:

"D6.1 OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of this Plan to:

a) Minimize potential costs, social disruption, and risks to public health and safety from natural and human-made hazards;

b) Apply the precautionary principle by minimizing the amount and type of new development permitted on lands impacted by natural hazards including flooding and erosion;

c) Support collaboration between the County, the local municipalities and conservation authorities, where they exist, to identify **hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites** and manage development in these areas;

d) Protect and maintain natural self-sustaining vegetation in shoreline areas to help minimize the effects of flooding and erosion on the environment and public health and safety;

e) Ensure that the **impacts of a changing climate** are considered as it relates to increasing the risk associated with natural hazards;

f) Ensure that development is directed away from **hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites** where there is an unacceptable risk to public health or safety or of property damage and not create or aggravate existing hazards;

g) Ensure hazard mitigation occurs in accordance with Provincial and other applicable standards and that natural mitigation solutions are implemented to the maximum extent feasible;

h) Ensure land use policies and regulations applying to **hazardous lands** and **hazardous sites** are applied consistently by the local municipalities; and

i) Support public awareness about flood risks and preparedness measures.

D6.2 GENERAL POLICY FOR NATURAL AND HUMAN-MADE HAZARDS

Development shall be directed away from areas of natural or human-made hazards where there is an unacceptable risk to public health or safety or of property damage, and not create new or aggravate existing hazards."

Item 102: Former Sections D6.2 (Description of Hazardous Lands) and repeated Section D6.2 (Description of Hazardous Sites) are deleted.

Item 103: Section D6.7 (Special Policy on Karst) Topography) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"D6.7 SPECIAL POLICY ON KARST TOPOGRAPHY

Karst topography generally forms on limestone and dolostone plains and is marked by sink or karst holes, interspersed with abrupt ridges and irregular protuberant bedrock that is commonly underlain by caverns and solution-enhanced joints and bedding plans that influence the flow of surface and ground waters. Due to the nature of its formation, karst terrains are ephemeral and are controlled by past and present climatic and local weather conditions. The following policies apply:

a) Due to its geological nature, karst topography presents a potential hazard to human health and safety that should be avoided and, where applicable, fully investigated to understand its full extent and the risks it poses for development.

b) Areas shown on the Schedule C to this Plan as being karst topography are considered to be potential development constraint areas. It is recognized that the mapping is approximate and identifies areas of potential environmental constraint to development that must be addressed prior to development occurring.

c) Development should generally be directed to areas outside of karst topography unless:

   i) the effects and risk to human health and safety are minor and could be mitigated in accordance with provincial standards;

   ii) new hazards are not created and existing ones are not aggravated; and

   iii) development will not result in adverse impacts to the environment.

d) In areas suspected to have karst topography, an assessment of the presence of karst topography and the measures required to avoid and, where appropriate, address potential hazard shall be required when development is proposed. Local municipalities may establish policies that require the necessary scope of investigation and assessment in consultation with the relevant agencies."

Item 104: Section a) D6.8 (Wildfires) is amended by adding, "as depicted on Appendix A." at the end.

Item 105: Section D7.1 (New Development On Lands Affected By Mine Hazards; Oil, Gas and Salt Hazards; Or Former Mineral Mining Operations, Mineral Aggregate Operations Or

Petroleum Resource Operations) is amended by replacing the second paragraph with the following:

> "The County shall consult with the Ministry with jurisdiction for **development** applications within one kilometre of former mineral mining operations as may be shown on Schedule C, and with the Ministry with jurisdiction for **development** applications within one kilometre of any identified former petroleum resource operations, including abandoned wells. The County shall utilize information made available by the Province and other sources to determine if human-made hazards are present on or adjacent to **development** applications. As new information becomes available, updated mapping provided by the Ministries with jurisdiction will be relied upon to assist in determining the locations of human-made hazards."

Item 106: Section d) D7.3 (Development Adjacent to Existing and Closed Landfill Sites) is amended by deleting "Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change" with "Ministry with jurisdiction".

Item 107: Section D7.4 (Contaminated Lands (Brownfields)) is amended by deleting "Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change" with "Provincial".

Item 108: Section D8 (Lands Owned by The Provincial and Federal Governments) is deleted.

Item 109: Section D9 (Dark Sky Viewing Area) is deleted in its entirety

Item 110: Section D10 (Forestry) is renumbered as Section D8 and all subsections are renumbered accordingly.

Item 111: Section D8.2 (Polices) is amended by deleting "Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry" and replacing it with "Province" under a).

Item 112: Section D8.2 (Polices) is amended by deleting "Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry" and replacing it with "Ministry with jurisdiction" under b) i).

Item 113: Section E1.5 (Subdivision Review Considerations) is amended by adding the following after d) and by renumbering all subsections accordingly:

> "e) If any affordable housing units are proposed, the suitability of the proposed units for affordable housing;"

Item 114: Section E1.5 (Subdivision Review Considerations) is amended by deleting o) and subsection i) and replacing it with the following: "

> "o) How the proposed **development** addresses the **impacts of a changing climate** including but not limited to:
>
> i) The risk associated with natural hazards;"

Item 115: Section E1.6.1 (General Criteria) is amended to by deleting "Provincial Policy Statement" and replacing it with "Provincial Planning Statement".

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Item 116: Section E2.1 (Objectives) is amended by adding the following after i)"

"j) Support the use of zero- and low-emission vehicles; and

k) Plan for, maintain, and, where possible, improve, connectivity among transportation systems and modes, including connections which cross jurisdictional boundaries."

Item 117: Section E.2.2.1 (Road Classification System) is amended by adding the words "Arterial and/or" before 'Collector Roads' in the last paragraph and Section E2.2.2 (Function of County Roads) is combined with Section E2.2.3 (Right-of-Way and Road Widenings) and renumbered and renamed as "E2.2.2 (County Roads)" and all following subsections are renumbered accordingly.

Item 118: Section E2.2.2 (County Roads) is amended by adding a new subsection i) at the end as follows:

"i) In reviewing development applications and proposed road improvements, the County shall:

i) Take into consideration the need to improve traffic flow;

ii) Strive to minimize conflict between local and non-local traffic by protecting the County Road system;

iii) The County shall discourage new development that would adversely impact the safe movement of people and goods along the County Road system unless road improvements can be undertaken to eliminate the adverse impacts.

iv) Require a Traffic Impact Study addressing the potential impacts of the development on traffic, surrounding land uses and how to minimize any identified negative impact."

Item 119: Section E2.2.5 (Provincial Highways) is renumbered to E2.2.3 and by adding new sub-sections a) and h) as follows and all following subsections are renumbered accordingly:

"a) Provincial Highways are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transportation and are subject to permit control and approval under the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act. In addition to all municipal requirements under the Planning Act, Ministry of Transportation permits are required for access to Provincial Highways, where permitted, and for the construction of buildings, structures and signs in proximity to the Provincial Highways. All applicants proposing new development or changes to existing development on lands adjacent to a Provincial Highway are advised to consult with the Ministry of Transportation prior to making formal applications under the Planning Act."

"h) Land uses adjacent to existing MTO patrol yards shall be compatible with the patrol yard and not hinder its ability to operate and/or expand."

Item 120: Section E2.2.6 (Rail Network) is renumbered as E2.2.4 and then deleted and replaced by the following:

"E2.2.4 RAIL NETWORK

The following policies apply to the rail network in the County:

a) The County and the local municipalities shall work with the Railway Corporations, Federal, Provincial and local governments to establish grade separated railway crossings on major roads wherever possible. Improvements to existing at-grade crossings shall also be encouraged to improve safety

b) All proposed residential or other sensitive use development within 75 metres of a railway right-of-way will be required to undertake vibration studies, to the satisfaction of the local municipality in consultation with the appropriate railway, and shall undertake appropriate measures to mitigate any adverse effects from vibration that were identified.

c) All proposed development adjacent to railways shall ensure that appropriate safety measures such as setbacks, berms and security fencing are provided, to the satisfaction of the local municipality in consultation with the appropriate railway. Where applicable, the local municipality will ensure that sightline requirements of Transport Canada and the railways are addressed.

d) The County and the local municipalities shall work with the appropriate agencies to develop appropriate strategies to deal with the movement of dangerous goods through the County

e) When considering the establishment of new **employment areas** in the County, regard will be had to the location of the existing rail network and whether access to that rail network can be provided."

Item 121: Section E2.2.8 (Development in Planned Corridors) is renumbered as E2.2.5.

Item 122 Section E2.2.9 (Active Transportation) is renumbered as E2.2.6.

Item 123: New Section E2.2.7 (Transportation Master Plan) is added following Section E2.2.6 (Active Transportation), as follows:

“E2.2.7 TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

The County of Lennox & Addington has a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) prepared in 2014 which contains policies and implementation strategies to meet the County’s needs for the next 20 years. Since preparation of the TMP, the County has experienced fundamental changes because of climate change, demographic, economic and technological changes. The recommendations in the 2014 TMP are currently being reviewed and updated and will be implemented by way of a future amendment to this Plan if needed.

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"A future update to the TMP should consider, but not be limited to, the following:

a) Identifying right-of-way (ROW) allowances that support a multi-modal transportation network;

b) Updating County road classifications to ensure it supports the goals and vision for the County's transportation system;

c) Planning and designing of the County's transportation system to address the impacts of climate change, and to meet the needs of all users including cyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders.

d) Consulting and referencing relevant policies and actions from Provincial transportation plans, such as "Connecting the East: A Draft Transportation Plan for Eastern Ontario" to identify opportunities for alignment and regional coordination."

Item 124: Section E2.3 (Land Use Compatibility) is renumbered as E3 and amended by deleting all subsections and replacing them with the following:

"a) **Major facilities** and **sensitive land uses** shall be planned and developed to avoid, or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate any potential **adverse effects** from odour, noise and other contaminants, minimize risk to public health and safety, and to ensure the long-term operational and economic viability of **major facilities** in accordance with provincial guidelines, standards and procedures.

b) Where avoidance is not possible in accordance with sub-section a), planning authorities shall protect the long-term viability of existing or planned industrial, manufacturing or other **major facilities** that are vulnerable to encroachment by ensuring that the planning and **development** of proposed adjacent **sensitive land uses** is only permitted if potential **adverse effects** to the proposed **sensitive land use** are minimized and mitigated, and potential impacts to industrial, manufacturing or other **major facilities** are minimized and mitigated in accordance with provincial guidelines, standards and procedures."

Item 125: Section E2.4 (Uses on Hydro Corridor Lands) is renumbered as E4.

Item 126: Section E2.5 (TransCanada Pipelines) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"E5 PIPELINES

a) TransCanada PipeLines Limited (TCPL) operates two high pressure natural gas pipelines within its right-of-way, which crosses the County and is identified on Schedule A to this Plan. A pipeline operated by Trans-Northern Pipelines Inc (TNPI) is also shown on Schedule A as well. Lastly, Enbridge also operates a pipeline in the County, also as shown on Schedule A to this Plan.

b) The above noted pipelines in the County are regulated by the Canada Energy Regulator (CER), which has a number of requirements regulating development in

proximity to the pipelines, including approval for activities within 30 metres of the pipeline centreline.

c) New **development** can result in increasing the population density in the area and may result in the pipeline operator being required to replace its pipeline to comply with the CSA Code Z662. Therefore, the County shall require early consultation with pipeline operators for any **development** proposals within 200 metres of its facilities.

d) New **development** in proximity to a pipeline right-of-way shall incorporate appropriate setbacks in accordance with pipeline operator development standards and the local municipalities' zoning by-laws.

e) In areas of more urban **development**, the County will encourage the use of the pipeline right-of-way for passive parkland or open space purposes subject to pipeline easement rights."

Item 127: New Sections E6 (Dark Skies) and E7 (Climate Change) is added following Section E5 (Pipelines), as follows:

"**E6 DARK SKIES**

E6.1 PURPOSE

The policies in this section seek to minimize the negative impacts of artificial light by promoting responsible outdoor lighting practices that support community safety, environmental protection and economic benefits such as astrotourism.

E6.2 OBJECTIVES

The following objectives shall guide development and land use planning decisions related to outdoor lighting:

a) To preserve and enhance dark sky viewing areas by minimizing unnecessary light pollution and glare;

b) To reduce the impact of artificial lighting on wildlife, particularly nocturnal species;

c) To promote responsible outdoor lighting that improves public safety while reducing energy consumption;

d) To encourage the use of dark sky-friendly lighting technologies and best practices; and

e) To support local tourism by fostering opportunities for astronomical observation and public education on light pollution.

E6.3 POLICIES

a) The County encourages the use of energy-efficient, dark sky-compliant lighting

fixtures for all streetlights, municipal facilities and private developments.

b) Outdoor lighting is encouraged to be fully shielded, directing light downward to prevent light spillover onto adjacent properties, roadways, and natural areas.

c) Full cut-off fixtures shall be required for all new developments in order to minimize light spillage into the surrounding environs, while maintaining safety. The use of motion-activated lighting and dimmable LED fixtures are promoted to reduce overall light output while maintaining security and visibility.

d) Development proposals shall incorporate outdoor lighting designs that adhere to the standards established by DarkSky International and the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada including minimizing brightness, reducing blue light emissions, and shielding light fixtures.

E6.4 DARK SKY VIEWING AREA

E6.4.1 LOCATION

The Township of Stone Mills is home to the most southerly Dark Sky Viewing Area in Southern Ontario, providing viewers the opportunity to witness the night sky in pristine darkness. In order to preserve the Dark Sky Viewing Area and rural character of the area, action is required to preserve the quality of the night sky and the policies of this section are required to be considered when **development** is proposed in the vicinity of the dark sky viewing area shown on Schedule C**.**

E6.4.2 POLICIES

In addition to the policies of Section E6.3, the following policies apply to the dark sky viewing area shown on Schedule C and nearby lands:

a) Any new major development within thirty kilometres of the Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area shown on Schedule C shall provide a detailed lighting plan that demonstrates how all light will be directed downward and will not otherwise compromise the integrity of the night sky in the vicinity of the Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area shown on Schedule C. For the purposes of this policy, major developments are defined as those non-residential developments that include the outdoor lighting or parking, loading and/or service areas (such as commercial uses and plazas, gas stations, garden centres, industrial uses etc.).

b) The Council of the Township of Stone Mills is encouraged to pass a bylaw to restrict light pollution or include regulatory provisions in the zoning by-law to implement this Plan.

E7 CLIMATE CHANGE

a) The County's climate is predicted to change and it is expected to have hotter, drier summers with more heat waves and more intense rainfall events, while generally having warmer and milder winters. These changes will impact how the County and local municipalities plan for development and redevelopment,

infrastructure and the public realm to ensure the area remains resilient to **the impacts of a changing climate** from economic, health, social, emergency services and environmental perspectives.

b) Through initiatives such as the County's Climate Action Plan (2022), the County recognizes that sustaining and enhancing the resistance to and resilience of communities and ecosystems will be required to address local climate change impacts.

c) As an approval authority and a commenting agency, the County shall work toward the implementation of a “climate change lens” as the approval authority on Planning Act applications and as a commenting agency to maximize resiliency of ecosystems and communities, manage the risks associated with climate change and provide sustainable natural environmental services for future generations of residents and visitors to the County. Considerations shall include but are not limited to:

   i) Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

   ii) Improvement of air quality;

   iii) Promotion of compact form;

   iv) Efforts to limit the dispersal of the population and travel times between housing, employment, and amenities and services;

   v) Use of green infrastructure and development of green design development guidelines;

   vi) Promotion of design to maximize energy efficiency and conservation including consideration of the mitigating effects of vegetation; and maximize opportunities for the use of renewable and alternative energy sources and systems;

   vii) Identification and possible mitigation of existing hazards which may be compounded or aggravated by climate change, including flood prone areas and wildland fire areas; and

   viii) Assessment of potential impacts from drought to guide development plans that include built in resilience to assist residents and business owners in adapting and being prepared to deal with drought; and

   ix) Identification of **natural heritage features and areas** that have become more sensitive to development pressures due to climate change.

d) The implementation of the climate change lens may result in requiring resiliency measures such as:

   i) Use of improved floodplain mapping with consistent application and increased restrictions for redevelopment of existing structures;

ii) Increased setbacks for development adjacent to wetlands, lakes, rivers, headwater areas and groundwater recharge areas;

iii) Retention of natural vegetation and consideration towards vegetated protection zones to increase resiliency against flooding and erosion hazards;

iv) More stringent requirements for stormwater management and flood abatement;

v) Provisions to increase the resilience of power and data grids;

vi) Establishing more stringent standards for built infrastructure to increase climate resiliency; and

vii) Increased energy efficiency through the use of energy sources that reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions, the use of passive solar design principles; and the use of net-zero design principles to reduce or eliminate energy demand by built infrastructure."

Item 128: Section F2 (Official Plan Administration) is amended by replacing "2036" with "2051" under subsection a) and further replacing "five years" with "ten years" in f) and by deleting f) iv).

Item 129: Section F (Implementation and Administration) is amended by adding F4 (County Official Plan Amendments) as follows:

"F4 COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

a) This Plan has been prepared to manage growth and land use changes until the year 2051. An amendment to this Plan is required to:

b) Expand the limits of a **settlement area**;

c) Establish a new **settlement area**;

d) Remove lands from an **employment area** in a **settlement area**; or

e) Permit the establishment of a use that is clearly not permitted in the Agricultural Areas and Rural Area designations."

Item 130: Former Section F4 (Local Zoning By-laws) is renumbered to F5 and all remaining sections are re-numbered accordingly.

Item 131: Section F5 (Community Improvement Plans) is renumbered to F6 and is amended by adding the following after l):

"m) To support the achievement of **complete communities** by improving accessibility for people of all ages and abilities by addressing land use barriers which restrict their full participation in society; and

n) To promote and facilitate the development of affordable housing."

Item 132: Section F5.2 (Implementation) is amended by replacing “Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing” with “Province”.

Item 133: Section F9 (Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities) is amended by adding the following at the end of sub-section b): “and to ensure public health and safety in accordance with the policies of Section D6 (Natural Hazards) and Section D7 (Human-Made Hazards) of this Plan and by replacing sub-section c) with the following: “**Public service facilities** should be co-located with one another, along with parks and open space where appropriate, to promote cost-effectiveness and facilitate service integration, access to transit and **active transportation.”** and by adding the following:

“d) The County and local municipalities shall collaborate with school boards to facilitate early and integrated planning for schools and associated child care facilities to meet current and future needs.

e) The County and local municipalities, should, in collaboration with school boards, consider and encourage innovative approaches in the design of schools and associated child care facilities in areas with a **compact built form**.”

Item 134: Section F10 (Waste Management) is amended by deleting this section and replacing it with the following:

“**Waste management systems** need to be planned for and provided that are of an appropriate size, type, and location to accommodate present and future requirements, and facilitate integrated waste management.”

Item 135: Section F11 (Public Participation and Consultation) is amended by deleting c) and replacing it with the following:

“c) The County will consult early with First Nations on applications that will have the potential to affect on aboriginal treaty rights and aboriginal interests.”

Item 136: Section F13.3 (Supplemental Submission Requirements) is amended by replacing “F12.4” with “F13.4” and “F12.5” with “F13.5”.

Item 137: Section F13.4 (Pre-Consultation) is amended by replacing 'required' with “encouraged” under “a)” after “applicants are” and by deleting the first sentence in sub-section b).

Item 138: Section F15.1 (Interpretation) is amended by adding the following after the first paragraph:

“Where numeric values are included in the Official Plan, minor deviations to those values will not require an amendment to this Plan unless the Plan states otherwise.”

Item 139: Section F15.2 (Interpretation of Land Use Designation Boundaries) is amended by replacing b) with the following and deleting d):

"b) It is recognized that the boundaries of the NH1 designation and NH2 overlay may be imprecise and subject to change without the need for an Amendment to this Plan.

c) The boundaries of the Agricultural Area designation identified on Schedule A of this Plan are representative of the boundaries as delineated in the local Official Plans and are considered to be firm boundaries. An Amendment to this Plan will be required for changes to the boundary of the Agricultural Area designation."

Item 140: Section F15.3 (Legislation) is amended by replacing "Provincial Policy Statement" with "Provincial Planning Statement".

Item 141: Section F15.5 (Permitted Uses) is amended by replacing "Provincial Policy Statement" with "Provincial Planning Statement".

Item 142: Section F15.7 (Definitions) is amended by deleting the second sentence.

Item 143: Section F17.7 (Definitions) is amended by deleting the following definitions:

- Comprehensive review;
- Recreation;
- Residential intensification;
- Special needs; and
- Wave uprush.

Item 144: Section F15.7 (Definitions), is amended by adding the following definitions:

"**Additional needs housing:** means any housing, including dedicated facilities, in whole or in part, that is used by people who have specific needs beyond economic needs, including but not limited to, needs such as mobility requirements or support functions required for daily living. Examples of **additional needs housing** may include, but are not limited to long-term care homes, adaptable and accessible housing, and housing for persons with disabilities such as physical, sensory or mental health disabilities, and housing for older persons."

"**Agricultural impact assessment:** means the evaluation of potential impacts of non-agricultural uses on the **agricultural system**. An assessment recommends ways to avoid or if avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate adverse impacts."

"**Agricultural system:** means a system comprised of a group of inter-connected elements that collectively create a viable, thriving agri-food sector. It has two components:

a) An agricultural land base comprised of **prime agricultural areas**, including **specialty crop areas**. It may also include **rural lands** that help to create a continuous productive land base for agriculture; and

b) An **agri-food network** which includes agricultural operations, **infrastructure,** services, and assets important to the viability of the agri-food sector."

"**Agricultural uses:** means the growing of crops, including nursery, biomass, and horticultural

crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and **fish**; aquaculture; apiaries; agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures, including, but not limited to livestock facilities, manure storages, value-retaining facilities, and housing for farm workers, when the size and nature of the operation requires additional employment."

"Alvars: Means naturally open areas of thin or no soil over essentially flat limestone, dolostone, or marble rock, supporting a sparse vegetation cover of mostly shrubs and herbs."

"Compact built form: means a land use pattern that encourages the efficient use of land, walkable neighbourhoods, mixed land uses (residential, retail, workplace, and institutional) all within one neighbourhood, proximity to transit and reduced need for **infrastructure**. **Compact built form** can include detached and semi-detached houses on small lots as well as townhouses, duplexes, triplexes and walk-up apartments, multi-storey commercial developments, and apartments or offices above retail. Walkable neighbourhoods can be characterized by roads laid out in a well-connected network, destinations that are easily accessible by transit and **active transportation,** sidewalks with minimal interruptions for vehicle access, and a pedestrian-friendly environment along roads."

"**Complete communities:** means places such as mixed-use neighbourhoods or other areas within cities, towns, and **settlement areas** that offer and support opportunities for equitable access to many necessities for daily living for people of all ages and abilities, including an appropriate mix of jobs, a full range of housing, transportation options, **public service facilities**, local stores and services. Complete communities are inclusive and may take different shapes and forms appropriate to their contexts to meet the diverse needs of their populations."

"**Energy storage system:** means a system or facility that captures energy produced at one time for use at a later time to reduce imbalances between energy demand and energy production, including for example, flywheels, pumped hydro storage, hydrogen storage, fuels storage, compressed air storage, and battery storage."

"**Frequent transit:** means a public transit service that runs at least every 15 minutes in both directions throughout the day and into the evening every day of the week.

"**Higher order transit:** means transit that generally operates in partially or completely dedicated rights-of-way, outside of mixed traffic, and therefore can achieve levels of speed and reliability greater than mixed-traffic transit. **Higher order transit** can include heavy rail (such as subways, elevated or surface rail, and commuter rail), light rail, and buses in dedicated rights-of-way."

"**Housing options:** means a range of housing types such as, but not limited to single-detached, semidetached, rowhouses, townhouses, stacked townhouses, multiplexes, additional residential units, tiny homes, laneway housing, garden suites, rooming houses and multi-residential buildings, including low-and mid-rise apartments. The term can also refer to a variety of housing arrangements and forms such as, but not limited to, life lease housing, co-ownership housing, co-operative housing, community land trusts, land lease community homes, **affordable** housing, **additional needs housing**, multi-generational housing, student housing, farm worker housing, culturally appropriate housing, supportive, community and transitional housing and housing related to employment, educational, or **institutional uses**, such as long-

term care homes.”

“**Impacts of a changing climate:** means the present and future consequences from changes in weather patterns at local and regional levels including extreme weather events and increased climate variability.”

Intermittent streams: means stream-related watercourses that contain water or are dry at times of the year that are more or less predictable, generally flowing during wet seasons of the year but not the entire year, and where the water table is above the stream bottom during parts of the year.

“**Large and fast-growing municipalities:** means municipalities identified in Schedule 1 of the PPS 2024.”

“**Low impact development:** means an approach to stormwater management that seeks to manage rain and other precipitation as close as possible to where it falls to mitigate the impacts of increased runoff and stormwater pollution. It typically includes a set of site design strategies and distributed, small-scale structural practices to mimic the natural hydrology to the greatest extent possible through infiltration, evapotranspiration, harvesting, filtration, and detention of stormwater. **Low impact development** can include, for example: bioswales, vegetated areas at the edge of paved surfaces, permeable pavement, rain gardens, green roofs, and exfiltration systems.”

“**Major transit station area:** means the area including and around any existing or planned **higher order transit** station or stop within a **settlement area**; or the area including and around a major bus depot in an urban core. **Major transit station areas** generally are defined as the area within an approximate 500 to 800-metre radius of a transit station.”

“**Major trip generators:** means origins and destinations with high population densities or concentrated activities which generate many trips (e.g., **strategic growth areas**, major office and office parks, major retail, **employment** *areas*, community hubs, large parks and recreational destinations, **public service facilities**, and other mixed-use areas).”

“**Multimodal:** means relating to the availability or use of more than one form of transportation, such as automobiles, walking, cycling, buses, rapid transit, **higher order transit,** rail (such as freight), trucks, air, and marine.”

“**Strategic growth areas:** means within **settlement** areas, nodes, corridors, and other areas that have been identified by municipalities to be the focus for accommodating **intensification** and higher-density mixed uses in a more **compact built form**. **Strategic growth areas** include **major transit station areas**, existing and emerging downtowns, lands in close proximity to publicly-assisted postsecondary institutions and other areas where growth or development will be focused, that may include infill, **redevelopment** (e.g., underutilized shopping malls and plazas), **brownfield sites**, the expansion or conversion of existing buildings, or greyfields. Lands along major roads, arterials, or other areas with existing or planned **frequent transit service** or **higher order transit** corridors may also be identified as **strategic growth areas**.”

“**Transit service integration:** means the coordinated planning or operation of transit service between two or more agencies or services that contributes to the goal of seamless service for

riders and could include considerations of service schedules, service routes, information, fare policy, and fare payment."

"**Urban agriculture:** means food production in **settlement areas**, whether it is for personal consumption, commercial sale, education, or therapy. Examples include, but are not limited to, vertical agriculture facilities, community gardens, greenhouses, and rooftop gardens."

"**Watershed planning:** means planning that provides a framework for establishing comprehensive and integrated goals, objectives, and direction for the protection, enhancement, or restoration of water resources, including the **quality and quantity of water**, within a **watershed** and for the assessment of cumulative, cross-jurisdictional, and cross-*watershed* impacts. **Watershed planning** evaluates and considers the **impacts of a changing climate** on **water resource systems** and is undertaken at many scales. It may inform the identification of **water resource systems**."

"**Water resource systems:** means a system consisting of **ground water features** and areas, **surface water features** (including shoreline areas), **natural heritage features and areas**, and **hydrologic functions**, which are necessary for the ecological and hydrological integrity of the **watershed**."

Item 145: The following definitions under Section F14.7 (Definitions) are deleted and replaced as follows:

"**Adjacent lands:** means

a) For the purposes of Section E2.2.8 b) of this Plan, those lands contiguous to existing or **planned corridors** and transportation facilities where **development** would have a **negative impact** on the corridor or facility. The extent of the **adjacent lands** may be recommended in provincial guidance or based on municipal approaches that achieve the same objectives;

b) For the purposes of Section D1.6 of this Plan, those lands contiguous to a specific **natural heritage feature** or area where it is likely that **development** or **site alteration** would have a **negative impact** on the feature or area. The extent of the **adjacent lands** may be recommended by the Province or based on municipal approaches which achieve the same objectives;

c) For the purposes of Section D4.2 b) and Section D5.5.1 of this Plan, those lands contiguous to lands on the surface of known **petroleum resources, mineral deposits**, or **deposits of mineral aggregate resources** where it is likely that **development** would constrain future access to the resources. The extent of the **adjacent lands** may be recommended by the Province; and,

d) For the purposes of Section D3.3 b) of this Plan, those lands contiguous to a **protected heritage property** or as otherwise defined in the municipal Official Plan."

"**Affordable:** means

a) In the case of ownership housing, the least expensive of:

1. Housing for which the purchase price results in annual accommodation costs which do not exceed 30 percent of gross annual household income for **low and moderate income households**; or

2. Housing for which the purchase price is at least 10 percent below the average purchase price of a resale unit in the municipality;

b) In the case of rental housing, the least expensive of:

1. A unit for which the rent does not exceed 30 percent of gross annual household income for **low and moderate income households**; or

2. A unit for which the rent is at or below the average market rent of a unit in the municipality."

"**Agricultural condition:** means

a) In regard to **specialty crop areas,** a condition in which substantially the same areas and same average soil capability for agriculture are restored, the same range and productivity of specialty crops common in the area can be achieved, and, where applicable, the microclimate on which the site and surrounding area may be dependent for specialty crop production will be maintained, restored or enhanced; and,

b) In regard to **prime agricultural land** outside of **specialty crop areas,** a condition in which substantially the same areas and same average soil capability for agriculture will be maintained, restored or enhanced."

"**Agricultural uses:** means the growing of crops, including nursery, biomass, and horticultural crops; raising of livestock; raising of other animals for food, fur or fibre, including poultry and **fish**; aquaculture; apiaries; agro-forestry; maple syrup production; and associated on-farm buildings and structures, including, but not limited to livestock facilities, manure storages, value-retaining facilities, and housing for farm workers, when the size and nature of the operation requires additional employment."

"**Archaeological resources:** includes artifacts, archaeological sites, and marine archaeological sites, as defined under the Ontario Heritage Act. The identification and evaluation of such resources are based upon archaeological assessments carried out by archaeologists licensed under the Ontario Heritage Act."

"**Areas of archaeological potential:** means areas with the likelihood to contain **archaeological resources**, as evaluated using the processes and criteria that are established under the Ontario Heritage Act."

"**Built heritage resource:** means a building, structure, monument, installation or any manufactured or constructed part or remnant that contributes to a property's cultural heritage value or interest as identified by a community, including an Indigenous community. **Coastal wetland:** means

a) Any wetland that is located on one of the Great Lakes or their connecting channels (Lake St. Clair, St. Marys, St. Clair, Detroit, Niagara and St. Lawrence Rivers); or

b) Any other wetland that is on a tributary to any of the above-specified water bodies and lies, either wholly or in part, downstream of a line located 2 kilometres upstream of the 1:100 year floodline (plus wave run-up) of the large water body to which the tributary is connected."

"**Conserved:** means the identification, protection, management and use of **built heritage resources, cultural heritage landscapes** and **archaeological resources** in a manner that ensures their cultural heritage value or interest is retained. This may be achieved by the implementation of recommendations set out in a conservation plan, archaeological assessment and/or heritage impact assessment that has been approved, accepted or adopted by the relevant planning authority and/or decision-maker. Mitigative measures and/or alternative **development** approaches should be included in these plans and assessments."

"**Cultural heritage landscape:** means a defined geographical area that may have been modified by human activity and is identified as having cultural heritage value or interest by a community, including an Indigenous community. The area may include features such as buildings, structures, spaces, views, archaeological sites or natural elements that are valued together for their interrelationship, meaning or association."

"**Deposits of mineral aggregate resources:** means an area of identified **mineral aggregate resources,** as delineated in Aggregate Resource Inventory Papers or comprehensive studies prepared using provincial guidance for surficial and bedrock resources, as amended from time to time, that has a sufficient quantity and quality to warrant present or future extraction."

"**Designated growth areas:** means lands within **settlement areas** designated for growth or lands added to **settlement areas** that have not yet been fully developed. **Designated growth areas** include lands which are **designated and available** for residential growth in accordance with Section B15 a) of this Plan, as well as lands required for employment and other uses."

"**Development:** means the creation of a new lot, a change in land use, or the construction of buildings and structures requiring approval under the Planning Act, but does not include:

a) Activities that create or maintain **infrastructure** authorized under an environmental assessment process; or identified in provincial standards; or

b) Works subject to the Drainage Act. or for the purposes of Section D1.2 a) underground or surface mining of minerals or advanced exploration on mining lands in **significant areas** of **mineral potential** in Ecoregion 5E, where advanced exploration has the same meaning as under the Mining Act. Instead, those matters shall be subject to Section D1.2 b) i) of this Plan."

"**Employment area:** means those areas designated in an official plan for clusters of business and economic activities including manufacturing, research and development in connection with manufacturing, warehousing, goods movement, associated retail and office, and ancillary facilities. An **employment area** also includes areas of land described by subsection 1(1.1) of the Planning Act. Uses that are excluded from **employment areas** are institutional and

commercial, including retail and office not associated with the primary employment use listed above."

"**Endangered species:** means a species that is classified as "**Endangered Species**" on the Species at Risk in Ontario List, as updated and amended from time to time."

"**Fish habitat:** as defined in the Fisheries Act, means water frequented by **fish** and any other areas, on which **fish** depend directly or indirectly to carry out their life processes, including spawning grounds and nursery, rearing, food supply, and migration areas."

"**Flooding hazard:** means the inundation, under the conditions specified below, of areas adjacent to a shoreline or a river or stream system and not ordinarily covered by water:

a) Along the shorelines of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River System and **large inland lakes**, the **flooding hazard** limit is based on the **one hundred year flood level** plus an allowance for **wave effects** and **other water-related hazards**;

b) Along **river, stream and small inland lake systems**, the **flooding hazard** limit is the greater of:

1. The flood resulting from the rainfall actually experienced during a major storm such as the Hurricane Hazel storm (1954) or the Timmins storm (1961), transposed over a specific **watershed** and combined with the local conditions, where evidence suggests that the storm event could have potentially occurred over **watersheds** in the general area;

2. The **one hundred year flood**; and,

3. A flood which is greater than 1. or 2. which was actually experienced in a particular **watershed** or portion thereof, for example as a result of ice jams and which has been approved as the standard for that specific area by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; except where the use of the **one hundred year flood** or the actually experienced event has been approved by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry as the standard for a specific **watershed** (where the past history of flooding supports the lowering of the standard)."

"**Floodproofing standard:** means the combination of measures incorporated into the basic design and/or construction of buildings, structures, or properties to reduce or eliminate **flooding hazards, wave effects** and **other water-related hazards** along the shorelines of the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River System and **large inland lakes**, and **flooding hazards** along **river, stream and small inland lake systems**."

"**Freight-supportive:** in regard to land use patterns, means **transportation system**s and facilities that facilitate the movement of goods. This includes policies or programs intended to support efficient freight movement through the planning, design and operation of land use and **transportation systems.** Approaches may be recommended in Provincial guidance or based on municipal approaches that achieve the same objectives."

"**Great Lakes St. Lawrence River System:** means the major water system consisting of

Lakes Superior, Huron, St. Clair, Erie and Ontario and their connecting channels, and the St. Lawrence River within the boundaries of the Province of Ontario."

"**Habitat of endangered species and threatened species:** means habitat within the meaning of section 2 of the Endangered Species Act, 2007."

"**Hazardous forest types for wildland fire:** means forest types assessed as being associated with the risk of high to extreme wildland fire using risk assessment tools established by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, as amended from time to time."

"**Heritage attributes:** means, as defined under the Ontario Heritage Act, in relation to real property, and to the buildings and structures on the real property, the attributes of the property, buildings and structures that contribute to their cultural heritage value or interest."

"**Infrastructure:** means physical structures (facilities and corridors) that form the foundation for **development**. **Infrastructure** includes: sewage and water systems, septage treatment systems, stormwater management systems, **waste management system**s, electricity generation facilities, electricity transmission and distribution systems, communications/telecommunications, including broadband, transit and transportation corridors and facilities, **active transportation systems**, oil and gas pipelines and associated facilities."

"**Intensification:** means the **development** of a property, site or area at a higher density than currently exists through:

a) **Redevelopment**, including the reuse of **brownfield sites** and underutilized shopping malls and plazas;

b) The **development** of vacant and/or underutilized lots within previously developed areas;

c) Infill **development**; and,

d) The expansion or conversion of existing buildings."

"**Low and moderate income households:** means a) in the case of ownership housing, households with incomes in the lowest 60 percent of the income distribution for the municipality; or b) in the case of rental housing, household with incomes in the lowest 60 percent of the income distribution for renter households for the municipality."

"Major facilities: means facilities which may require separation from **sensitive land uses**, including but not limited to **airports**, manufacturing uses, transportation **infrastructure** and corridors, **rail facilities**, **marine facilities**, sewage treatment facilities, **waste management system**s, oil and gas pipelines, industries, energy generation facilities and transmission systems, and resource extraction activities."

"**Major facilities:** means facilities which may require separation from **sensitive land uses**, including but not limited to **airports**, manufacturing uses, transportation **infrastructure** and corridors, **rail facilities**, **marine facilities**, sewage treatment facilities, **waste management system**s, oil and gas pipelines, industries, energy generation facilities and transmission systems, and resource extraction activities."

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"**Major goods movement facilities and corridors:** means transportation facilities, corridors and networks associated with the inter- and intra-provincial movement of goods. Examples include: inter-modal facilities, ports, **airports**, **rail facilities**, truck terminals, freight corridors, freight facilities, and haul routes, primary transportation corridors used for the movement of goods and those identified in provincial transportation plans. Approaches that are **freight-supportive** may be recommended in guidelines developed by the provincial guidance or based on municipal approaches that achieve the same objectives."

"**Non-metallic minerals:** means those **minerals** that are of value for intrinsic properties of the **minerals** themselves and not as a source of metal. They are generally synonymous with industrial **minerals** (e.g. graphite, kyanite, mica, nepheline syenite, salt, talc, and wollastonite). Critical minerals are a subset of raw materials that have specific industrial, technological or strategic applications for which there are a few viable substitutes."

"**Mineral aggregate operation:** means

a) Lands under license or permit, other than for **wayside pits and quarries**, issued in accordance with the Aggregate Resources Act;

b) for lands not designated under the Aggregate Resources Act, established pits and quarries that are not in contravention of municipal zoning by-laws and including adjacent land under agreement with or owned by the operator, to permit continuation of the operation; and

c) associated facilities used in extraction, transport, beneficiation, processing or recycling of **mineral aggregate resources** and derived products such as asphalt and concrete, or the production of secondary related products."

"**Natural heritage features and areas:** means features and areas, including **significant wetlands, significant coastal wetlands,** other **coastal wetlands** in Ecoregions 5E, 6E and 7E**, fish habitat**, **significant woodlands** and **significant valleylands** in Ecoregions 6E and 7E (excluding islands in Lake Huron and the St. Marys River), **habitat of endangered species** and **threatened species**, **significant wildlife habitat**, and **significant areas of natural and scientific interest**, which are important for their environmental and social values as a legacy of the natural landscapes of an area."

"**Negative impacts:** means

a) In regard to Section B11 a) and b) of this Plan, potential risks to human health and safety and degradation to the **quality and quantity of water**, **sensitive surface water features** and **sensitive ground water features**, and their related **hydrologic functions,** due to single, multiple or successive **development**. **Negative impacts** should be assessed through environmental studies including hydrogeological or water quality impact assessments, in accordance with provincial standards;

b) In regard to **fish habitat**, any harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of **fish habitat**, except where, an exemption to the prohibition has been authorized under the Fisheries Act;

c) In regard to other **natural heritage features and areas**, degradation that threatens the health and integrity of the natural features or **ecological functions** for which an area is identified due to single, multiple or successive **development** or **site alteration** activities;

d) In regard to Section D2.1 b), of this Plan, degradation to the quality and quantity of water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive **ground water features**, and their related **hydrologic functions**, due to single, multiple or successive **development** or **site alteration** activities; and,

e) In regard to Section E2.2.8 b) of this Plan any **development** or **site alteration** that would compromise or conflict with the planned or existing function, capacity to accommodate future needs, and cost of implementation of the corridor."

"**On-farm diversified uses:** means uses that are secondary to the principal agricultural use of the property, and are limited in area. **On-farm diversified uses** include, but are not limited to, home occupations, home industries, **agri-tourism uses**, uses that produce value-added agricultural products, and electricity generation facilities and transmission systems, and **energy storage systems**."

"**Other water-related hazards:** means water-associated phenomena other than **flooding hazards** and **wave effects** which act on shorelines. This includes, but is not limited to ship-generated waves, ice piling and ice jamming."

"**Partial services:** means

a) **Municipal sewage services** or **private communal sewage services** combined with **individual on-site water services;** or

b) **Municipal water services** or **private communal water services** combined with **individual on-site sewage services.**"

"**Petroleum resource operations:** means oil, gas and salt wells and associated facilities and other drilling operations, oil field fluid disposal wells and associated facilities, and wells and facilities for the underground storage of natural gas, other hydrocarbons, and compressed air energy storage."

"**Petroleum resources:** means oil, gas, and salt (extracted by solution mining method) and formation water resources which have been identified through exploration and verified by preliminary drilling or other forms of investigation. This may include sites of former operations where resources are still present or former sites that may be converted to underground storage for natural gas, other hydrocarbons or compressed air energy storage."

"Planned corridors: means corridors or future corridors which are required to meet projected needs, and are identified through provincial transportation plans, preferred alignment(s) determined through the Environmental Assessment Act process, or identified through planning studies where the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Ontario Ministry of Energy and Electrification, Ontario Northland, Ministry of Northern Development or Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) or any successor to those ministries or entities is actively pursuing, or has completed, the identification of a corridor."

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“Prime agricultural area: means areas where **prime agricultural lands** predominate. This includes areas of **prime agricultural lands** and associated Canada Land Inventory Class 4 through 7 lands, and additional areas with a local concentration of farms which exhibit characteristics of ongoing agriculture. **Prime agricultural areas** may be identified by a planning authority based on provincial guidance or informed by mapping obtained from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and the Ontario Ministry of Rural Affairs or any successor to those ministries. **Prime agricultural land:** means **specialty crop areas** and/or Canada Land Inventory Class 1, 2, and 3 lands, as amended from time to time, in this order of priority for protection.”

“Protected heritage property: means property designated under Part IV or VI of the Ontario Heritage Act; property included in an area designated as a heritage conservation district under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act; property subject to a heritage conservation easement or covenant under Part II or IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; property identified by a provincial ministry or a prescribed public body as a property having cultural heritage value or interest under the Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties; property protected under federal heritage legislation; and UNESCO World Heritage Sites.”

"Provincial and federal requirements: means

a) In In regard to Section D1.4 c) of this Plan, legislation and policies administered by the federal or provincial governments for the purpose of fisheries protection (including **fish and fish habitat**), and related, scientifically established standards such as water quality criteria for protecting lake trout populations; and,

b) In regard to Section D1.4 d) of this Plan, legislation and policies administered by the provincial government or federal government, where applicable, for the purpose of protecting species at risk and their habitat."

“Public service facilities: means land, buildings and structures, including but not limited to schools, hospitals and community recreation facilities, for the provision of programs and services provided or subsidized by a government or other body, such as social assistance, recreation, police and fire protection, health, child care and educational programs, including elementary, secondary, post-secondary, long-term care services, and cultural services. **Public service facilities** do not include **infrastructure**.”

“**Reserve sewage system capacity:** means design or planned capacity in a waste water treatment facility, within **municipal sewage services** or **private communal sewage services**, which is not yet committed to existing or approved **development**. For lot creation using **private communal sewage services** and **individual on-site sewage services**, **reserve sewage system capacity** includes approved capacity to treat and land-apply, treat and dispose of, or dispose of, hauled sewage in accordance with applicable legislation but not by land-applying untreated, hauled sewage. Treatment of hauled sewage can include, for example, a sewage treatment plant, anaerobic digestion, composting or other waste processing.”

“**Reserve water system capacity:** means design or planned capacity in a water treatment facility which is not yet committed to existing or approved **development**. **Reserve water system capacity** applies to **municipal water services** or **private communal water services**, and not **individual on-site water services**.”

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"**Residence surplus an agricultural operation:** means one existing habitable detached dwelling, including any associated additional residential units, that is rendered surplus as a result of farm consolidation (the acquisition of additional farm parcels to be operated as one farm operation)."

"Rural Lands: means lands which are located outside **settlement areas** and which are outside **prime agricultural areas.** For the purposes of this Plan, the Rural Area designation is considered to be Rural Lands as defined by the Provincial Planning Statement."

"**Sensitive:** in regard to **surface water features** and **ground water features**, means features that are particularly susceptible to impacts from activities or events including, but not limited to, water withdrawals, and additions of pollutants."

"Settlement areas: means Urban Areas and Rural **Settlement Areas** within municipalities (such as cities, towns, villages and hamlets). Ontario's *settlement areas* vary significantly in terms of size, density, population, economic activity, diversity and intensity of land uses, service levels, and types of infrastructure available."

Settlement areas are:

a) Built up areas where development is concentrated and which have a mix of land uses; and,

b) Lands which have been designated in an Official Plan for development over the long-term."

"**Significant:** means

a) In regard to **wetlands**, **coastal wetland**s and **areas of natural and scientific interest,** an area identified as provincially **significant** using evaluation criteria and procedures established by the Province, as amended from time to time;

b) In regard to **woodlands**, an area which is ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to its contribution to the broader landscape because of its location, size or due to the amount of forest cover in the planning area; or economically important due to site quality, species composition, or past management history. These are to be identified using criteria and procedures established by the Province;

c) In regard to other features and areas in Section D1.2 b) of this Plan, ecologically important in terms of features, functions, representation or amount, and contributing to the quality and diversity of an identifiable geographic area or **natural heritage system**;

d) In regard to **mineral potential,** an area identified as provincially **significant** through provincial guidance such as the Provincially **Significant** Mineral Potential Index; and,

e) In regard to cultural heritage and archaeology, resources that have been determined to have cultural heritage value or interest Processes and criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest are established by the Province under the authority of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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Criteria for determining significance for the resources identified in sections c)-d) are provided in provincial guidance, but municipal approaches that achieve or exceed the same objective may also be used.

While some **significant** resources may already be identified and inventoried by official sources, the significance of others can only be determined after evaluation."

"Site alteration: means activities, such as grading, excavation and the placement of fill that would change the landform and natural vegetative characteristics of a site. For the purposes of Section D1.2 a), **site alteration** does not include underground or surface mining of **minerals** or advanced exploration on mining lands in **significant areas of mineral potential** in Ecoregion 5E, where advanced exploration has the same meaning as in the Mining Act. Instead, those matters shall be subject to Section D1.2 b) i)."

"**Special Policy Area:** means an area within a community that has historically existed in the **flood plain** and where site-specific policies, approved by both the Ministers of Natural Resources and Forestry and Municipal Affairs and Housing, are intended to provide for the continued viability of existing uses (which are generally on a small scale) and address the **significant** social and economic hardships to the community that would result from strict adherence to provincial policies concerning **development**. The criteria for designation and procedures for approval are established by the Province."

A **Special Policy Area** is not intended to allow for new or intensified **development** and **site alteration**, if a community has feasible opportunities for **development** outside the **flood plain."**

"**Specialty crop area:** means areas within the agricultural land base designated based on provincial guidance. In these areas, specialty crops are predominantly grown such as tender fruits (peaches, cherries, plums), grapes, other fruit crops, vegetable crops, greenhouse crops, and crops from agriculturally developed organic soil, usually resulting from:

a) Soils that have suitability to produce specialty crops, or lands that are subject to special climatic conditions, or a combination of both;

b) Farmers skilled in the production of specialty crops; and,

c) A long-term investment of capital in areas such as crops, drainage, **infrastructure** and related facilities and services to produce, store, or process specialty crops."

"**Surface water feature:** means water-related features on the earth's surface, including headwaters, rivers, permanent and intermittent streams, inland lakes, seepage areas, recharge/discharge areas, springs, **wetlands,** and associated riparian lands that can be defined by their soil moisture, soil type, vegetation or topographic characteristics."

"Threatened species: means a species that is classified as "**Threatened Species**" on the Species at Risk in Ontario List, as updated and amended from time to time"

"Transit-supportive: in regard to land use patterns, means **development** that makes transit viable, optimizes investments in transit infrastructure, and improves the quality of the experience of using transit. It often refers to compact, mixed-use **development** that has a high

level of employment and residential densities, including air rights development, in proximity to transit stations, corridors and associated elements within the **transportation system**."

Item 146: Schedules A, B, C and D are replaced with new Schedules A, B-1, B-2, B-3, C and D.

Item 147: A new Schedule E is added.

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Legend

Land Use Designations

- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Agricultural Area and Rural Area – See Schedule E for further details
- Natural Heritage One (NH1)

Overlays

- Natural Heritage Two (NH2)

Transportation Elements

- Trans-Canada Highway
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Local Road
- Ferry
- Railway

Other Map Elements

- Crown Land
- Provincial Park and Conservation Reserves
- Ecoregion 6E Boundary from the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)
- Pipelines
- Hydro Line
- Municipal Boundary
- Lennox & Addington Boundary

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SCHEDULE A LAND USE

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- Provincially Significant Wetlands
- Significant Coastal Wetlands
- Significant Woodlands
- ANSI - Provincial Significance

Other Map Elements

- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area
- Provincial Park and Conservation Reserves
- Crown Land
- Ecoregion 6E Boundary from the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)
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SCHEDULE B1
SELECTED NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES AND AREAS IN NH1 DESIGNATION AND NH2 OVERLAY

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- Candidate ANSI - Earth Science
- ANSI - Earth Science (Regional Significance)
- Candidate ANSI - Life Science
- ANSI - Life Science (Regional Significance)
- Potential Alvars
- Other Wetlands
- Supporting Woodlands
- Significant Wildlife Habitat
- Deer Habitat - Type 1
- Deer Habitat - Type 2
- Candidate Landbird Migratory Stopover
- Candidate Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat
- Candidate Breeding Bird Habitat

Other Map Elements

- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area
- Provincial Park and Conservation Reserves
- Crown Land
- Ecoregion 6E Boundary from the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)
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SCHEDULE B2
OTHER NATURAL HERITAGE FEATURES AND AREAS AND SUPPORTING FEATURES

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Legend

- Watercourse-oriented Linkages
- Enhancement Area or Linkage
- Primary Features
- Supporting Features

Other Map Elements

- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area
- Crown Land
- Ecoregion 6E Boundary from the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)
- Municipal Boundary
- Lennox & Addington Boundary
- Trans-Canada Highway
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Local Road
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SCHEDULE B3 ENHANCEMENT AREAS & LINKAGES

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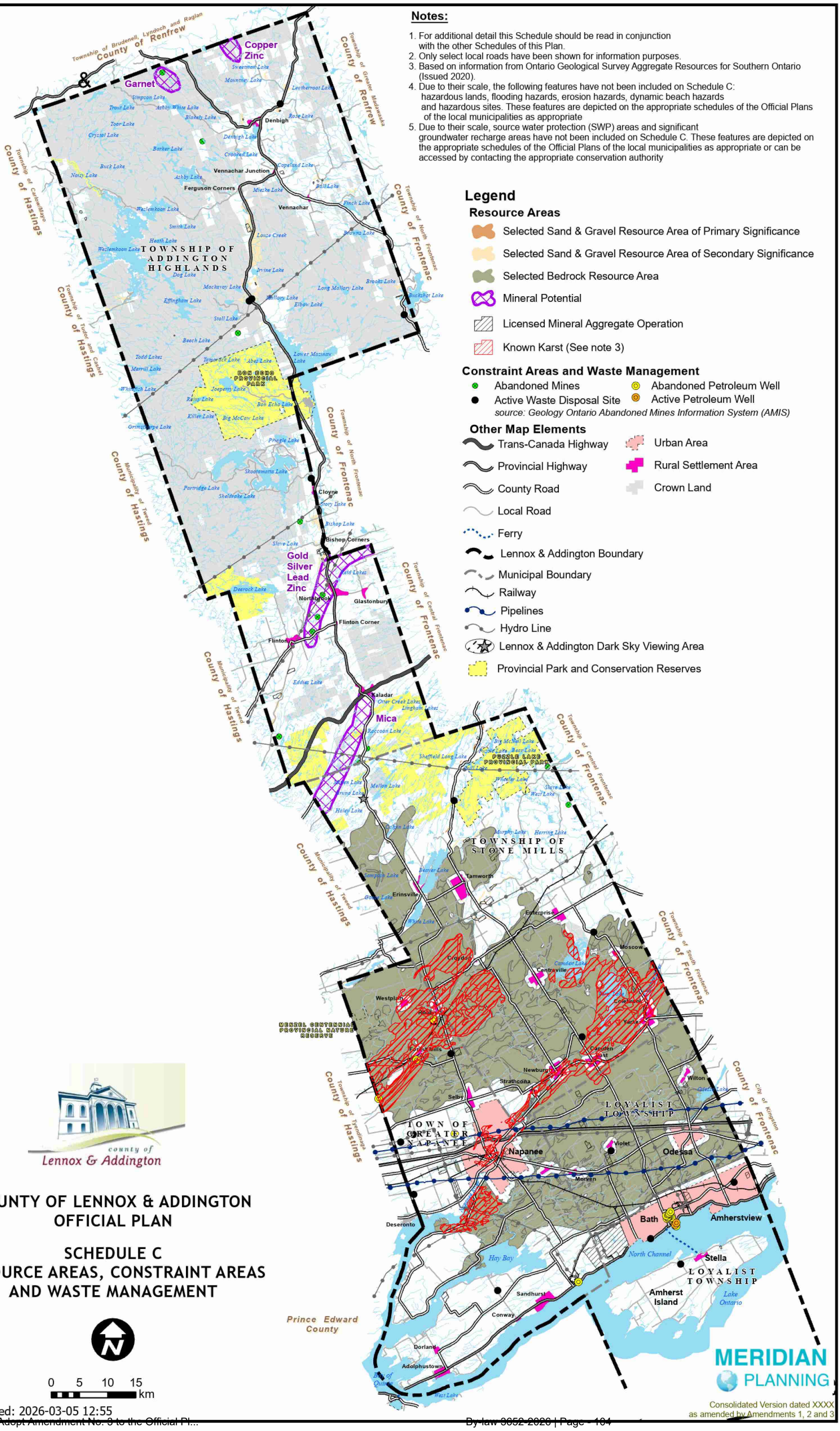

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3. Based on information from Ontario Geological Survey Aggregate Resources for Southern Ontario (Issued 2020).
4. Due to their scale, the following features have not been included on Schedule C: hazardous lands, flooding hazards, erosion hazards, dynamic beach hazards and hazardous sites. These features are depicted on the appropriate schedules of the Official Plans of the local municipalities as appropriate
5. Due to their scale, source water protection (SWP) areas and significant groundwater recharge areas have not been included on Schedule C. These features are depicted on the appropriate schedules of the Official Plans of the local municipalities as appropriate or can be accessed by contacting the appropriate conservation authority

Legend

Resource Areas

- Selected Sand & Gravel Resource Area of Primary Significance
- Selected Sand & Gravel Resource Area of Secondary Significance
- Selected Bedrock Resource Area
- Mineral Potential
- Licensed Mineral Aggregate Operation
- Known Karst (See note 3)

Constraint Areas and Waste Management

- Abandoned Mines
- Active Waste Disposal Site
- Abandoned Petroleum Well
- Active Petroleum Well

source: Geology Ontario Abandoned Mines Information System (AMIS)

Other Map Elements

- Trans-Canada Highway
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Local Road
- Ferry
- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Crown Land
- Lennox & Addington Boundary
- Municipal Boundary
- Railway
- Pipelines
- Hydro Line
- Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area
- Provincial Park and Conservation Reserves

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SCHEDULE C
RESOURCE AREAS, CONSTRAINT AREAS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

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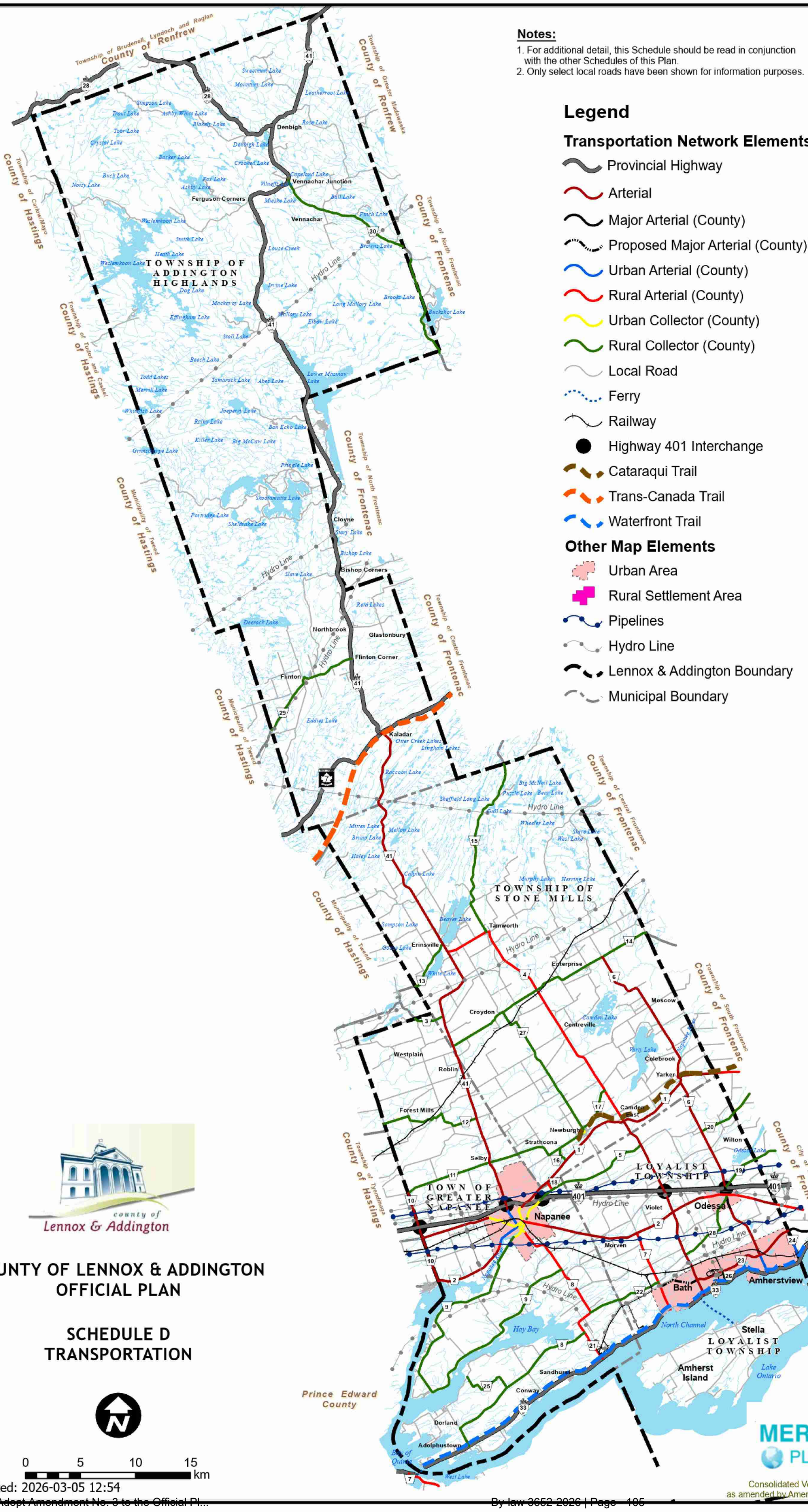

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Legend

Transportation Network Elements

- Provincial Highway
- Arterial
- Major Arterial (County)
- Proposed Major Arterial (County)
- Urban Arterial (County)
- Rural Arterial (County)
- Urban Collector (County)
- Rural Collector (County)
- Local Road
- Ferry
- Railway
- Highway 401 Interchange
- Cataraqui Trail
- Trans-Canada Trail
- Waterfront Trail

Other Map Elements

- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Pipelines
- Hydro Line
- Lennox & Addington Boundary
- Municipal Boundary

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SCHEDULE D TRANSPORTATION

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3. The limits of the NH1 Designation are shown on Schedule A

Legend

Land Use Designations

- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Rural Area
- Agricultural Area

Transportation Elements

- Trans-Canada Highway
- Provincial Highway
- County Road
- Local Road
- Ferry
- Railway

Other Map Elements

- Crown Land
- Provincial Park and Conservation Reserves
- Ecoregion 6E Boundary from the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)
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SCHEDULE E
PRIME AGRICULTURAL AREAS AND RURAL AREAS

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Herring Lake
Township of Central Frontenac
County of Frontenac
Sampson Lake
Beaver Lake
Goose Lake
White Lake
Municipality of Tweed
County of Hastings
Camden Lake
Napanee River
Township of South Frontenac
County of Frontenac
Varty Lake
Odessa Lake
Township of Tyendinaga
County of Hastings
City of Kingston
County of Frontenac
Hay Bay
North Channel
Lake Ontario
Prince Edward County
Bay of Quinte
West Lake

Legend

Petroleum Resources

- Active Petroleum Well
- Abandoned Petroleum Well

Other Map Elements

- Areas of Fire Risk
- Urban Area
- Rural Settlement Area
- Crown Land
- Ecoregion 6E Boundary from the Provincial Planning Statement (2024)
- Municipal Boundary
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APPENDIX A
PETROLEUM RESOURCES AND AREAS OF FIRE RISK

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TOWNSHIP OF
GREATER MADAWASKA

Council Resolution Form

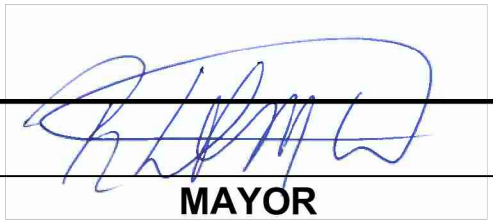
Date:	19 Mar 2026	No:	Resolution No.58-26
Moved By:	Councillor Thomson	Disposition:	CARRIED.
Seconded By:	Councillor Tripp		
		Item No:	13.1

Description: Canada Post Rate Reductions for Libraries - Motion brought forward by Councillor Thomson

RESOLUTION:

That Council support Resolution #2026-078 carried by the Council of the Township of Perry on February 18, 2026, calling upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials, and;

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Perry, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Services and Procurement Joel Lightbound, MP Cheryl Gallant, MPP Billy Denault, and all Ontario Municipalities for support.



MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:

.....NA.....

	Yea	Nay
J. Levesque	____	____
T. Popkie	____	____
L. Thomson	____	____
R. Tripp	____	____
R. Weir	____	____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

.....NA.....
Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

The Corporation of the Township of Perry

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: **2026-** 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: ✓ **Defeated:** _____

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE			
Council		**For**	**Against**
Councillors	Jim Cushman		
	Joe Lumley		
	Margaret Ann MacPhail		
	Paul Sowrey		
Mayor	**Norm Hofstetter**		

Resolution: The EOWC Opposes ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in its Current Form

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Date: March 19, 2026

Moved by: Warden Richard Kidd, Lanark County
Seconded by: Warden Corinna Smith-Gatcke, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

WHEREAS the Federal Government has identified ALTO high-speed rail as a nation-building project with an estimated cost of $60 to $90 billion, to deliver faster, more reliable passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS ALTO is advancing plans for a high-speed passenger rail project between the Quebec City-Toronto corridor, cutting through eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS there is only currently one proposed stop across the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus' (EOWC) 50,000 square kilometre region, benefitting urban residents at the cost of rural residents and lands; and

WHEREAS portions of the proposed project will traverse and impact eastern Ontario communities, infrastructure, residential and agricultural lands, municipal trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, and with no long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS the closure and/or dead-ending of roads will have significant ongoing and unknown costs to municipalities, as well as service delivery and emergency response implications to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS eastern Ontario municipalities and residents have not received sufficient detailed information regarding potential local impacts, including land use, environmental effects, municipal infrastructure interfaces, and long-term financial or operational implications; and

WHEREAS municipal governments are responsible for protecting local interests, ensuring compatibility with existing planning frameworks, as well as safeguarding environmental, community, and resident mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS the EOWC and its member municipalities are actively trying to engage with ALTO through a truly meaningful consultation process to understand the impacts of both proposed high speed rail train routes to our residents, lands, trails, and businesses; and

WHEREAS the EOWC is eastern Ontario's united advocacy voice representing 103 communities who value and will advocate for the region's beautiful lands that hold deep

agricultural and cultural roots, and that are home to our rural and small-urban communities that will be impacted by ALTO.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the EOWC formally opposes the ALTO project in its current form; and

THAT this opposition is based on concerns related to insufficient municipal consultation, unclear rural and small-urban impacts, potential environmental effects, and alignments with existing eastern Ontario planning and infrastructure priorities; and

THAT the EOWC urge our member municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to share their questions and comments with ALTO and federal representatives as part of the engagement process; and

THAT the EOWC look to gather detailed information from ALTO to more fulsomely understand the project and its impacts across eastern Ontario; and

THAT the EOWC advocates that the Federal Government and ALTO fully explore train route options along existing infrastructure corridors, such as VIA Rail and/or Highway 401; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of ALTO, EOWC Members of Parliament, Premier Doug Ford, EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, and Eastern Ontario First Nations partners.

CARRIED

Signed by:

Bonnie Clark

EOWC Chair Bonnie Clark
info@eowc.org

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March 10, 2026

Dear Senator,

Re: Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

We in Rideau Lakes Township are writing this letter because of major concerns about the Alto High Speed Rail Project (HSR), as well as a request to fully evaluate our concerns of Bill C-15 in relation to Alto HSR and expropriation of land.

The Alto HSR is lacking full and meaningful consultation of critical information for the early design and development phase. We recognize that having this information is important to the engineers in determining routes that minimize disruptions to the communities, residents, businesses, farmland, waterways, environment, and ecosystems that they pass through. What we have experienced is less than adequate information upon which to base our ability to conduct impact assessments involving our rural communities, agriculture, businesses, and countless heritage buildings and monuments. Alto's recently proposed Southern Ontario route included a 10 km wide corridor, and they provided high-level maps which are not useful in determining the impacts which more detailed route maps would give us and that are vital to our informed feedback. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our more local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

HSR will divide communities. There will be a major impact on our roadways for school buses, public transportation and emergency vehicles given the many closed roadways when fences are erected along the HSR route. This will increase mortality and morbidity as it will take longer to receive timely care. Farther to travel will also increase emissions and costs for plowing and road maintenance. Without more information from Alto, this reduces our local and valuable ability to provide critical information to Alto planners and engineers.

The Southern route would traverse the UNESCO recognized Frontenac Arch Biosphere Region, the ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee (Kanien'kehá꞉ka) and Anishinaabeg (Algonquin); where a land bridge of the Canadian Shield connects the Algonquin and Laurentian Highlands to the Adirondack Mountains in the USA. Many animals use this migration route in both directions every year, and unless wildlife corridors are included in the ALTO plans, this would cut off their migration.

This does not begin to speak to the negative impact on tourism which is estimated in the order of $30 million for the UNESCO Rideau Canal system from Ottawa to Kingston.

Another major concern is that the government proposes to grant Alto, as a Crown Corporation, the right to 3 methods of property expropriation! Until now the government itself held the right to a single method of property expropriation. This causes our residents varying degrees of stress ranging to mental anguish if their properties are affected and they will not get full current market value if they decided to sell. Under the new proposed legislation, they would be forced to sell to the Corporation! This is of particular concern to many potentially affected property owners who are in the business of farming and feeding our population.

Cost analysis to build the railway in the northern and southern routes has not been done. We have also been told that a route parallel to the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario is not viable. We do not have enough information to understand why this option is not viable.

Rideau Lakes Township is asking you, and your Senate colleagues, to undertake your considered review of our concerns that are being sent to you for First Reading. We hope that you will see that this portion of Bill-C15 (HSR and expropriation) is premature, given that there are many unanswered questions and important issues have not been adequately addressed in the information provided. There has been inadequate public consultation to move to the development stage of this generationally important Canadian transportation project affecting so many lives along whatever corridor may eventually be approved. Should the Senate determine that a delegation to a Senate committee be appropriate with a view to consolidating recommendations for changes that would go back to the House of Commons, we would be available to participate, of course upon invitation.

Thank you for your attention in this very important matter affecting all of us here and across Ontario! It would be very much appreciated if I could receive a response in order to brief my Council.
Yours respectfully,

Arie Hoogenboom
Mayor, Rideau Lakes Township
mayor@rideaulakes.ca
613-323-0901

Cc: Prime Minister of Canada
All Members of Parliament
All Provincial Cabinet Ministers
MPP Steve Clark
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities

The Corporation of the
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

March 23, 2026

Via Email: mtruelove@rideaulakes.ca

Rideau Lakes
1439 County Road 8
Delta, Ontario K0E 1G0

Dear Mayor Arie Hoogenboom:

Re: Resolution - Rideau Lakes Concerns re Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget)

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan at its meeting on March 16th, 2026, passed the following resolution:

R67-2026

Moved by Councillor Terry Holmes
Seconded by Councillor Mark Allen

That Council hereby supports the letter to Senator from Rideau Lakes regarding concerns with the Alto High Speed Rail Project (Bill C-15 Budget), as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to all parties listed on the original correspondence.

CARRIED.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

Cc: Prime Minister of Canada
MP Emma Harrison
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Association of Municipalities of Ontario
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February 26, 2026

The Ontario Veterinary College
50 Stone Road East
Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

RE: Ontario Veterinary College expansion of enrollment capacity

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The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council Meeting on February 24, 2026 and passed the attached resolution 2026-50 that relates to the Ontario Veterinary College's enrollment capacity.

Yours truly,

Venessa Wilson
Administrative Assistant

Encl: Resolution 2026-50, Township of Papineau-Cameron

Cc: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Honorable Trevor Jones, MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Honorable Nolan Quinn, MPP, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
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Website: www.papineaucameron.ca

DATE: February 24, 2026 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2026-50

MOVED BY: Shelley L Belanger **SECONDED BY:** M Chenier

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: Robert Corriveau (Mayor) **NOT CARRIED:** _____ (Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

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March 24, 2026

Via email: trevor.jones@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
11th Floor
77 Grenville Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1B3

Dear Hon. Trevor Jones,

Re: Ontario Veterinary College Enrollment Capacity

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their March 16, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

126-2026
Moved By: Jim Dietrich
Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt
That South Huron Council supports the February 26, 2026 correspondence of the Township of Papineau-Cameron regarding Ontario Veterinary College Enrollment Capacity; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Trevor Jones, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Victor Fedeli, the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Nolan Quinn, Lisa Thompson, MPP, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
Municipality of South Huron
kwebster@southhuron.ca

519-235-0310 x. 232

Encl.

cc: Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Victor Fedeli, vic.fedeli@pc.ola.org; the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Nolan Quinn, nolan.quinn@pc.ola.org; MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, admin@cvma-acmv.org; AMO, resolutions@amo.on.ca; and all municipalities in Ontario.

Municipality of Bluewater

March 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
5th Floor
438 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 2A5

via email: premier@ontario.ca
minister.edu@ontario.ca

RE: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

At their regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2026, Council of the Municipality of Bluewater received correspondence from Michael Bannerman, Board of Trustees Chair for the Avon Maitland District School Board regarding the potential changes to the English Public School Board Governance and passed the following resolution:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED**: Councillor Walden
THAT Council of the Municipality of Bluewater supports the Avon Maitland District School Board in their request to the Government of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, MPP Lisa Thompson all Ontario municipalities. **CARRIED**.

Sincerely,

Chandra Alexander
Acting CAO/Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

Encl: Letter from Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee Chair

cc: Michael Bannerman, Chair, Board of Trustees
MPP Lisa Thompson
All Ontario Municipalities

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March 2, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
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And

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Education, Ministry of Education
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Re: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

Dear Premier Doug Ford and Minister Paul Calandra,

On behalf of the Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board, I am writing to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards.

Recent public statements indicating that the Ministry is considering eliminating the role of democratically elected English public school trustees have generated significant concern among school boards, families, and communities across the province. Trustees serve as an essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any proposal to fundamentally alter or remove this role would represent a major shift in the governance of education in Ontario and warrants careful study, thoughtful analysis, and open dialogue.

Given the magnitude of this potential change, we respectfully ask the government to clearly demonstrate how it has arrived at its current thinking. Specifically, we request that the Ministry make public the research, evidence, data analysis, policy reviews, stakeholder input, and performance evaluations that have informed its consideration of altering or eliminating the role of elected trustees. Transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board believe that decisions of this significance must be supported by transparent research and meaningful engagement with stakeholders. We respectfully request that the government initiate a formal consultation process that includes school boards, parents, educators, students, First Nations representatives, and the broader public. Such a process would help ensure that any future governance model is grounded in evidence and reflects the needs and priorities of Ontario's diverse communities.

Dr. Graham Shantz, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board

Michael Bannerman, Chair of the Board

As a board serving a large and predominantly rural geographic area, we also wish to emphasize the critical importance of the democratically elected trustee role in ensuring that rural perspectives are represented in education decision-making. Trustees provide an essential local voice for communities whose priorities and challenges may differ significantly from those experienced in larger urban centres. Issues such as student transportation, long travel distances, rural school viability, access to programming, and community connectivity are often best understood by locally elected representatives who live and work in those communities. Preserving avenues for rural representation helps ensure that provincial education policies reflect the realities of students and families across all regions of Ontario.

We are also concerned that removing English public school trustees could have unintended consequences for representation and accountability within the system. In many boards, legislated First Nations representation and student trustees play an important role in ensuring diverse voices are heard in decision-making. The loss of elected trustees could impact these mechanisms that currently provide important perspectives at the governance table.

We are aware that the Waterloo District School Board has written to the Ombudsman's Office to request an investigation into the fairness, transparency, and accountability of the process used to implement changes to the school board governance model, and we are in full support of this request.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board remain committed to working collaboratively with the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Government of Ontario to support a strong, transparent, and responsive public education system. We believe that transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and meaningful consultation will best serve students, families, and communities across the province.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in any consultation process or discussion regarding the future governance of Ontario's public education system.

Sincerely,

Michael Bannerman
Chair, Board of Trustees
Avon Maitland District School Board

cc: AMDSB Trustees
MPP Lisa Thompson
MPP Matthew Rae
Local Municipalities
Local Media Outlets
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Member Boards
AMDSB Parent Involvement Committee
AMDSB Special Education Advisory Committee
AMDSB Parent Councils Chairs

Good afternoon,

My name is Paul Sullivan and I am partner with Ryan. My role in the firm is to advocate on behalf of taxpayers to ensure fairness and equity through good tax policy. The frozen assessment roll in Ontario is hurting all types of businesses throughout our communities.

Please see attached background article as well as a proposed motion for Mayor and Council.

We hope you will pass a motion to this effect and contribute to making Ontario fair and competitive for all businesses. This is an urgent matter as Government must direct MPAC to create a 2027 Assessment Role in the near future. It would be anticipated that taxpayers would receive their new assessment in November.

Yours truly,

Paul Sullivan

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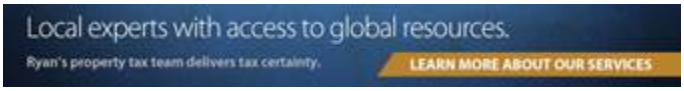


Ontario's Tax Freeze: Costing Jobs, Raising Prices

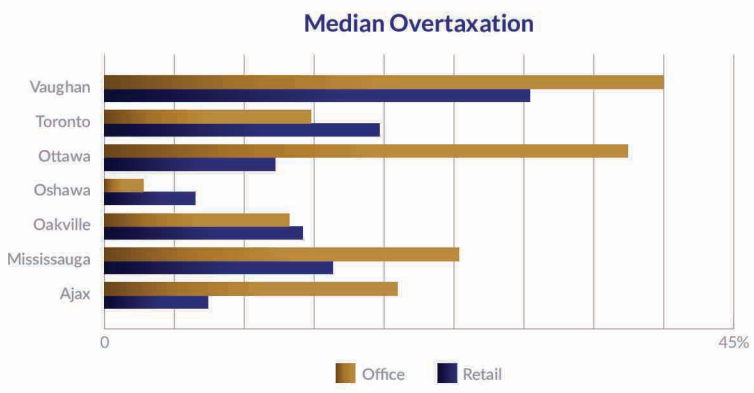
Unfair property tax policies are placing a hidden tariff on consumers, driving up the cost of goods and putting immense pressure on small businesses. Local retailers, the backbone of our communities, are overtaxed, threatening jobs and economic stability across Ontario.

Who's Bearing the Hidden Consumer Tariff in Ontario?

Local Businesses, Unfairly Taxed

Unfair taxation is placing a hidden burden on local communities across Ontario. Independent businesses are overtaxed, driving up prices for consumers and putting jobs and livelihoods at risk. Residents are paying the price while trying to support their local retailers.

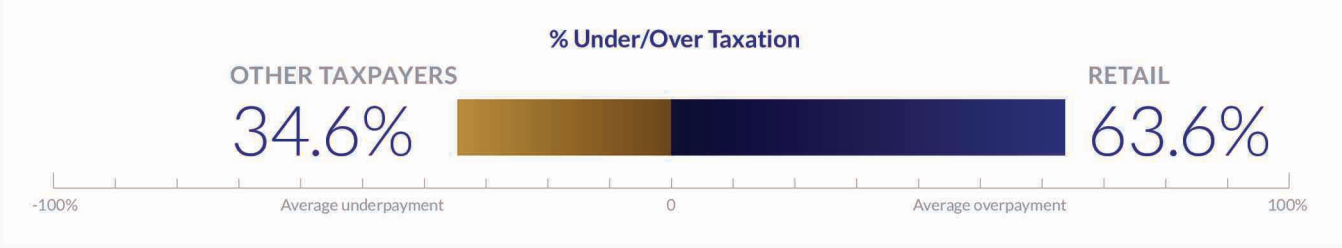
Residents want to support local businesses but are facing higher prices due to an outdated tax system that favors large properties. This province-wide issue is putting undue pressure on communities and demands immediate action.

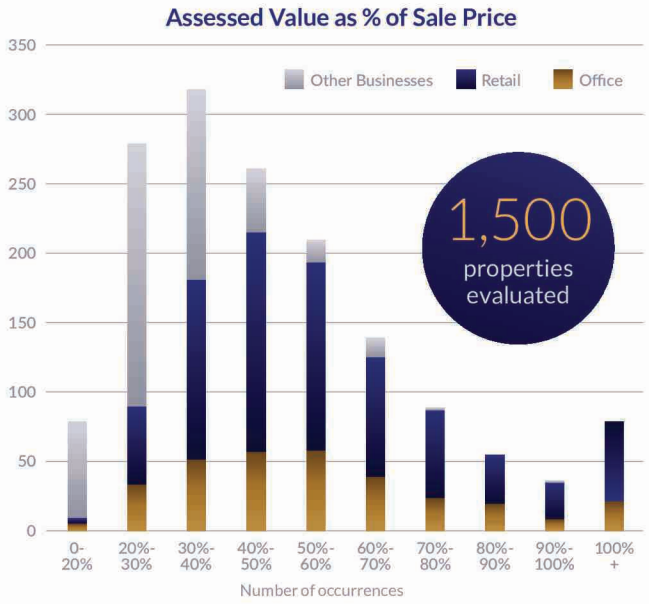


Retail and Office Tenants Overpay While Others Get a Pass

Ontario's outdated assessed values are putting jobs and local businesses at risk. Retail and office tenants are taxed based on inflated values, while other businesses get a pass—leaving everyday residents to make up the difference through higher prices.

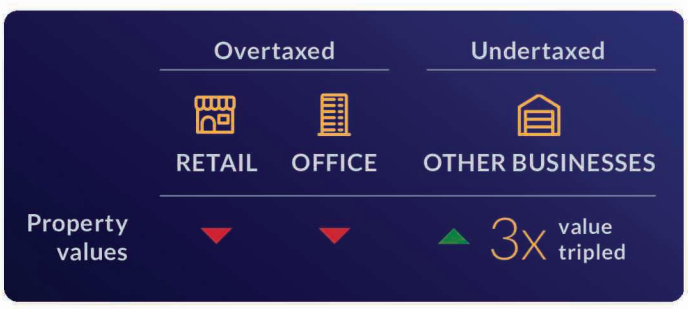
It's time to reassess and restore fairness.





Property Taxes Out of Sync with Reality

Ontario's property tax system is out of sync with market reality. Retail and office properties have declined in value, yet remain overtaxed, while other businesses—whose values have tripled—are undertaxed.

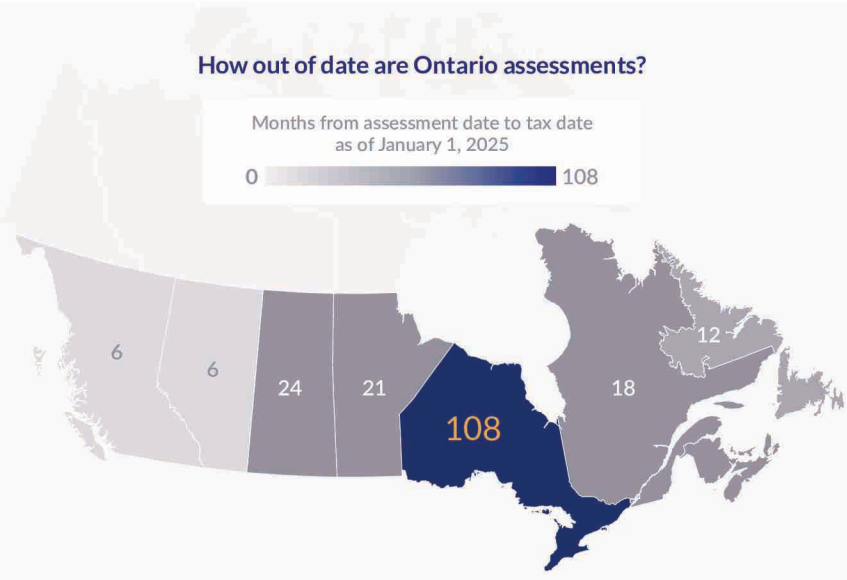


Without reassessment, struggling retail and office sectors face rising costs, lower occupancy, and mounting pressure.

The Only Province Without Reassessment Since the Pandemic

Ontario is the only province that hasn't reassessed property values since the pandemic. As of January 1st 2025, Ontario taxes were based on values that are 108 months in the past, while in the rest of Canada assessed values are 6-24 months in the past.

Regular reassessments give businesses the stability to plan and invest. Without it, struggling sectors like retail and office face uncertainty and discouraging costs.



It's Time to Reassess and Restore Fairness

Reassess Ontario's Properties:
Support Local Jobs and Economic Balance

Learn more at ryan.com

We kindly request that that Council call on the Government of Ontario to promptly move to update property assessments in the Province.

The following resolution has been drafted for Council's consideration at its next meeting:

- **WHEREAS** a well-functioning and up-to-date assessment system supports strong communities and makes the province an attractive place to invest; and

- **WHEREAS** property assessments in Ontario have not been updated in over a decade, making them the most outdated in Canada, while provinces such as Alberta and British Columbia update assessments annually to reflect current market conditions; and

- **WHEREAS** the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and

- **WHEREAS** outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and

- **WHEREAS** reassessments are designed to be revenue neutral for the municipality, ensure fairness in taxation, maintain public confidence in the property tax system, and support long-term municipal financial planning; and

- **WHEREAS** a coalition of municipalities, chambers of commerce, tourism organizations, small businesses, and major property owners have called upon the Government of Ontario to update property assessments;

- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of [Name of Municipality] hereby calls upon the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Finance to direct the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to promptly resume the regular property assessment cycle; and

- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for their consideration and timely action.

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April 1, 2026

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RE: Provincial Bail Notification Program

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East.

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-XX
Moved by: Councillor XXX
Seconded by: Councillor XXX

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East regarding a Provincial Bail Notification Program as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the all OPP Detachment Boards, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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February 20, 2026

VIA EMAIL

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Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST

Cassandra Child, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.
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April 1, 2026

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 Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board.

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-XX
Moved by: Councillor XXX
Seconded by: Councillor XXX

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board regarding Support for Enhanced School Bus Safety and the Implementation of Stop-Arm Camera Systems, as attached.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Steve Clark, Government House Leader, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE, MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD VILLAGE OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
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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.

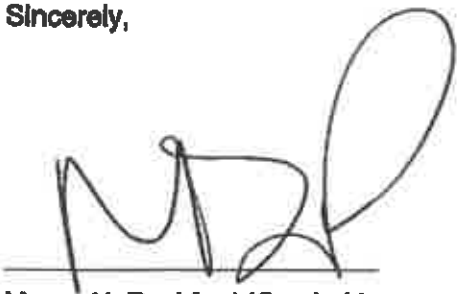
Grenville 1 O.P.P. Detachment Board also proudly supports the Let's Remember Adam – Stop for the School Bus campaign, launched in memory of Adam Ranger, a five-year-old child who tragically lost his life when a driver failed to stop for a school bus displaying its flashing lights and stop arm. Adam's 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.

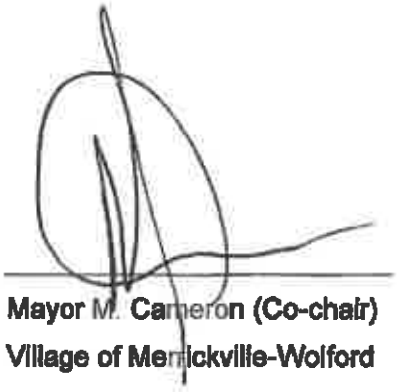
Protecting children is a shared responsibility. With provincial leadership and municipal partnership, we can take meaningful action to prevent further tragedies and ensure Ontario's roads are safer for students and families.

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

Sincerely,



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



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

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April 1, 2026

RE: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025

Dear Leaders,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on April 1st, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approved the following:

Resolution No: 2026-04-01-XX
Moved by: Councillor XXX
Seconded by: Councillor XXX

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and
WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and
WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and
That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Billy Denault, Senator Rob Black, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BY-LAW NO. 2026-17

(being a by-law to acquire and dedicate land as a public highway and to provide for the closing and stopping up of part of the original allowance for road along the shore of Raglan Lake lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 13 in the Geographic Township of Raglan, and for the transfer thereof to the owner of the abutting land)

WHEREAS:

1. The road allowance laid out by the original Crown survey along the shore of Raglan Lake is a "highway" by virtue of Section 26 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 (the "Act"); and

2. By Subsection 34(1) of the Act, a municipality is empowered to permanently close a highway; and

3. The owners of the parcel of land abutting the said road allowance have applied to the Municipality to close parts of it and sell one of such parts to them; and

4. The closure will not result in any person having no motor vehicle access to and from that person's land; and

5. Those parts of the said road allowance to be closed by this By-law are not covered with water and neither abuts any land owned by the Crown in right of Canada or leads to any work owned by the Crown in right of Canada and, therefore, the consent of neither the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario nor the Government of Canada to the passing of this By-law is required by Section 43 or Subsection 34(2) respectively of the Act; and

6. Adequate and reasonable public notice of its intention to enact this By-law was given by the Municipality; and

7. It is desirable and in the interests of the Municipality that this By-law be enacted,

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan enacts as follows:

1. That those parts of the road allowance along the shore of Raglan Lake in front of Lot 21, Concession 13, in the Geographic Township of Raglan within the Municipality laid out and designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 49R-

21086, being parts of PIN 57600-0132, be and the same is hereby permanently closed.

2. That the said part of the said road allowance laid out and designated as Part 2 on Plan 49R-21086 be sold and conveyed to the owner of the land abutting same for a price of $720.00 (calculated at the rate of $5.00 per linear foot for 144 feet (43.85 m. +/-) plus all survey, advertising, administrative, legal and other costs and expenses associated with the said closure, sale and conveyance.

3. That the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sign and to affix the seal of the Municipality to a Transfer to the said owners of the said parts of the said road allowance permanently closed by this By-law, and to authorize the electronic registration of the said Transfer in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Renfrew (No. 49) in consideration for and upon payment of the sale price and costs and expenses aforesaid.

4. That this By-law shall take effect upon registration of a certified copy hereof in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Renfrew (No. 49), pursuant to Subsection 34(1) of the Act.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

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Valerie Jahn, Mayor Virginia Phanenhour, Clerk-Treasurer

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED AND ENACTED THIS 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2026.

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Valerie Jahn, Mayor Virginia Phanenhour, Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BY-LAW NO. 2026-07

(being a by-law to acquire and dedicate land as a public highway and to provide for the closing and stopping up of part of the original allowance for road along the shore of Raglan Lake lying in front of Part Lot 21, Concession 13, in the Geographic Township of Raglan, and for the transfer thereof to the owner of the abutting land)

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2. By Subsection 34(1) of the Act, a municipality is empowered to permanently close a highway; and

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1. That those parts of the road allowance along the shore of Raglan Lake in front of Part Lot 21, Concession 13, in the Geographic Township of Raglan within the Municipality laid out and designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 49R-21072, being parts of PIN 57600-0132, be and the same is hereby permanently closed.

2. That the said part of the said road allowance laid out and designated as Part 1 on Plan 49R-21072 be sold and conveyed to the owner of the land abutting same for a price of $312.00 (calculated at the rate of $5.00 per linear foot for 62.4 feet (19.03 m. +/-) plus all survey, advertising, administrative, legal and other costs and expenses associated with the said closure, sale and conveyance.

3. That the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized and directed to sign and to affix the seal of the Municipality to a Transfer to the said owners of the said parts of the said road allowance permanently closed by this By-law, and to authorize the electronic registration of the said Transfer in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Renfrew (No. 49) in consideration for and upon payment of the sale price and costs and expenses aforesaid.

4. That this By-law shall take effect upon registration of a certified copy hereof in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Renfrew (No. 49), pursuant to Subsection 34(1) of the Act.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

Valerie Jahn, Mayor

Virginia Phanenhour, Clerk-Treasurer

READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED AND ENACTED THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

Valerie Jahn, Mayor

Virginia Phanenhour, Clerk-Treasurer

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL,

LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BY-LAW NO. 2026-18

being a by-law to accept a transfer of property from Kolja Milosavljevic for the purpose of assuming it as part of the municipal road system with the property being Part of Lot 17 Concession 13 Lyndoch being Part 2 of Plan 49R21053; Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN ENACTS THE FOLLOWING:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized to execute any documents necessary for the transfer of the aforesaid lands described in Schedule 'A' hereto attached from the landowner(s) and the affix the corporate seal thereto.
2. This by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-04-01-XX this 1st Day of April, 2026.

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Mayor- Valerie Jahn Clerk-Treasurer- Virginia Phanenhour

SCHEDULE 'A'

Part Lot 17 Concession 13 being Lyndoch Part 2 of Plan 49R21053; Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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Mayor - Valerie Jahn Clerk-Treasurer – Virginia Phanenhour

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL,

LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BY-LAW NO. 2026-19

BEING A BY-LAW for the assumption and dedication of Part of Lot 17, Concession 13 Lyndoch, being Part 2 on Plan 49R21053; Lyndoch; Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, being part of PIN 57498-0119(LT) in the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, in the County of Renfrew as part of the Heins Road;

WHEREAS Section 31 (2) of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, and amendments thereto provides that a Municipality may by by-law establish a highway.

AND WHEREAS Section 31(2) provides that a Municipality may by by-law assume land as a Highway,

AND WHEREAS Council is of the opinion that it is appropriate to assume the said lands as a Highway being Part of the Heins Road.

NOW THEREFORE THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan assumes Part of Lot 17, Concession 13, Lyndoch, being Part 2 on Plan 49R21053; Lyndoch; Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, being part of PIN 57498-0119(LT) for public use as a Highway, being part of the Heins Road.

2. That the Mayor and the Clerk/Treasurer of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan be and they are hereby authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to affect and confirm the transfer of the said lands for the purposes aforesaid.

3. This by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of final passing thereof.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-04-01-XX this 1st Day of April, 2026.

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Mayor- Valerie Jahn Clerk-Treasurer- Virginia Phanenhour

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BYLAW NUMBER 2026-20

Being A Bylaw to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and Murry Gallagher

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Legal Authority

Scope of Powers
Section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act*¸ 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("*Municipal Act*") as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues.

Powers of a Natural Person
Section 9 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

Powers Exercised by Council
Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council

Powers Exercised by By-law
Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

Preamble
Council adopted Bylaw 2026-20 authorizing an agreement between the Township and Murray Gallagher for the lease of property known as 3459 Quadeville Road.

The Agreement has expired, and Mr. Gallagher wishes to extend the lease.

Direction
Council of the Corporation of the Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan believes it advisable to continue to allow Mr. Gallagher to lease the property.

Decision
Council of the Corporation of the Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan therefore enacts as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement attached hereto and marked as Schedule 'A' to this by-law and affix the Corporate Seal.

2. That Council may by resolution annually approve the continuance of the Agreement and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same.

3. That By-Law 2022-18 be repealed.

4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect upon the date of final passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-04-01-XX, this 1st Day of April, 2026.

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Mayor, Valerie Jahn **Clerk-Treasurer,** Virginia Phanenhour

THIS LEASE made as of the 1st day of January, 2026

BETWEEN:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, L YNDOCH AND RAGLAN, County of Renfrew, Province of Ontario.

(Hereinafter called the "Landlord") OF THE FIRST PART

- and-

(Hereinafter called the "Tenant") OF THE SECOND PART

WITNESSES THAT WHEREAS the Landlord is the sole legal and beneficial owner of a parcel of vacant land (hereinafter called the "Demised Premises") located at the intersection of County Road No. 515 and the Addington Road, in the geographic Township of Lyndoch in the County of Renfrew, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto, and has agreed to lease the Demised Premises to the Tenant, on the terms and conditions hereinafter contained,

NOW THEREFORE IN CONSIDERATION of the rent, covenants and agreements herein contained on the part of the Tenant to be paid, observed and performed:

1.01 The Landlord by these presents doth demise and lease the Demised Premises to the Tenant on the terms and conditions herein contained.

2.01 To have and hold the Demised Premises for and during the term of 12 months commencing on the date hereof and concluding on December 31, 2026.

3.01 Yielding and paying thereof to the Landlord at its address for notice hereinafter stipulated or at such other place or address as the Landlord shall designate from time to time in writing, in respect of each month of the term, the sum of Sixty Two Dollars and Fifty Cents ($62.50) payable on or before the date hereof and on or before the first day of each and every succeeding month on the term.

TENANT'S COVENANTS:

The Tenant covenants with the Landlord as follows:

4.01 To use the Demised Premises only for the purpose of parking thereon a "Chip

Truck" for the sale at retail to the general public of "fast foods", beverages and related sundries, and for the parking of motor vehicles operated by the staff and patrons of the "Chip Truck", in conformity with all legislation and regulations administered by the Renfrew County & District Health Unit, the Ontario Ministry of Health and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

4.02 To pay promptly when due to the Landlord all business taxes and licence fees levied in respect of the use and occupation of the Demised Premises by the Tenant or in respect of the business carried on by the Tenant upon or from the Demised Premises, and to pay all charges for Ontario Hydro, propane, telephone and any other energy, services or utilities provided to the Demised Premises.

4.03 To permit access to the Demised Premises by vehicles from the Addington Road, or from County Road No. 515.

4.04 To maintain the Demised Premises in a neat and tidy condition and, to this end, to provide appropriately designed and placed containers for refuse, and not to permit refuse to accumulate on the Demised Premises.

4.05 To take out and keep in force public liability and property damage insurance in such reasonable amounts as would be carried by a prudent tenant in similar circumstances, for joint benefit of the Landlord and the Tenant, including Tenant's legal liability coverage, and to furnish reasonable proof to the Landlord from time to time upon demand that such insurance coverage has been taken out and is in force.

4.06 To permit the designated representatives of the Landlord to enter upon the Demised Premises at all reasonable times to inspect the state and condition thereof.

4.07 To be responsible for the cost of bringing Hydro One service to the Demised Premises, to pay the Hydro One account promptly when rendered, and to arrange for the Hydro One service to be disconnected and the final bill to be paid at the end of the term of this Lease.

4.08 Not to assign this Lease or sublet the whole or any part of the Demised Premises except with the Landlord's prior written consent, which may be arbitrarily withheld.

4.09 To indemnify and save the Landlord harmless in respect of all claims for bodily injury or death, property damage or other loss or damage arising from the willful act or negligence of the Tenant or any person for whom in law the Tenant is responsible, and in respect of all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Landlord in connection with or arising out of such claims.

4.10 To close for business not later than 11 o'clock p.m. on any day, and not to re-open for business before sunrise on the following day.

4.11 To permit a Local Organization to erect a Christmas Tree on an agreed upon site on the lot.

4.12 To take out and keep in force and, upon request made not more frequently than annually, to provide the Township with reasonable evidence of, a policy of liability insurance with respect to the matters referred to in clause 4.09, which policy shall include the Township as a named insured, to a limit of not less than $ 1 million per occurrence.

LANDLORD'S COVENANTS:

The Landlord covenants with the Tenant as follows:

5.01 For quiet enjoyment.

5.02 To permit the Tenant to erect and to maintain on the Demised Premises such signs and plaques as the Tenant reasonably requires in order to identify its business to the public, provided that any illuminated sign shall be extinguished by no later than 11 o'clock p.m. on any day and not turned on again until after sunrise on the following day.

MUTUAL COVENANTS:

The parties hereto mutually covenant and agree as follows:

6.01 The Tenant shall have the right to locate and install a "Chip Truck" and other temporary improvements and to place tables and other things on the Demised Premises, provided that all of same shall be removed prior to or at the end of the term of the Lease, and the Demised Premises shall be restored as nearly as reasonably possible to their original condition.

6.02 Any notice to be given hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing and shall be either delivered personally to the other party (in the case of the Landlord, the Reeve or the Clerk-Treasurer) or sent by prepaid registered mail. Any notice to be given hereunder to the Landlord shall be sufficiently given if addressed and mailed to the Landlord at 42 Burnt Bridge Road, Palmer Rapids, Ontario, KOJ 2EO, and any notice to be given hereunder to the Tenant shall be sufficiently given if addressed and mailed to the Tenant at 159 Keller Road, P. O. Box 11, Palmer Rapids, ON KOJ 2EO. The effective date of any such notice shall be the date of personal delivery to the other party, or the second business day following the date upon which it is deposited in the Post Office for delivery. Any address for notice herein referred to may be changed by notice in writing given pursuant to this section.

6.03 If either the Landlord or the Tenant shall overlook, excuse, condone or suffer any default, breach or non-observance by the other of any obligation hereunder, this shall not operate as a waiver of such obligation in respect of any continuing or subsequent default, breach or non-observance, and no such waiver shall be implied but shall only be effective if expressed in writing.

6.04 The parties agree that in this Lease:

(a) the words "herein", "hereof", "hereunder", "hereto", "hereinafter" and similar expressions refer to this Lease, and not to any particular paragraph or other portion, unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith;

(b) all of the provisions of this Lease are to be construed as covenants and agreements as though the words importing such covenants and agreements were used in each separate section hereof;

(c) should any provision of this Lease be illegal or unenforceable, it or they shall be considered separate and severable and the remaining provisions shall remain in force and be binding upon the parties hereto as though such provision or provisions had never been included.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Lease in triplicate as of the date first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of:

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Witness

_____
Murray Gallagher

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF BRUDENELL, L YNDOCH
AND RAGLAN

Per:_____
Mayor, Valerie Jahn

Per: _____
Clerk-Treasurer, Virginia Phanenhour

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BYLAW NO. 2026-21

Being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan at its Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2026.

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Chapter 25 provides that, except where otherwise provided, the powers of the Council shall be exercised by bylaw;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and desirable that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT the actions of the Council at its Regular Council Meeting of April 1, 2026, in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other body is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this bylaw.

2. THAT the Head of Council and proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain appropriate approvals where required, except where otherwise provided, and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan to all such documents.

3. This bylaw takes effect on the day of its final passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 2026-04-01-xx this 1st Day of April, 2026.

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Mayor, Valerie Jahn **Clerk-Treasurer**, Virginia Phanenhour