Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan
November 4, 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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Verbal Report

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- Letter from Billy Denault

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- Town Of Gananoque

- Town of Gananoque - Declaration

10.5 Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant

- Municipality of Central Manitoulin/Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

11 New Business

11.1 Letter of Support - Proposed Change to the Property Tax Treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation Properties

- Letter of Support

11.2 Letter of Support - Request for Review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model

- Letter of Support

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- By-Law 2026-51

16 Adjournment

DELEGATION REQUEST FORM

Schedule "A" Procedural By-law 2023-19

TO BE A DELEGATION AT A RGULAR COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE MEETING you must complete this form, in its entirety and submit it to the Deputy Clerk no later than seven days prior to the meeting at which you wish to be heard. Council agendas are finalized the Friday prior to the meetings. The Clerk reserves the right to designate the request to the appropriate meeting upon review of the completed form.

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME: Yvonne LAST NAME: Dwyer

TITLE/ORGANIZATION (if applicable): Palmer Rapids and area Lions Club

SPOKESPERSON(S): Yvonne Dwyer

NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPECTED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE: 2

[redacted]

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NO.: [redacted]

E-MAIL: [redacted]

Has this subject matter been brought to council previously: yes [ ] no [x]

Please describe the topic or subject matter you wish to address:

Use of the hall at no cost to the Lions Club for meetings. Meetings are twice monthly, 2nd and fourth Monday, starting at 6:30 for about 2 hrs. No meetings are held in July and August. Meeting space is required starting January 2027.

If you are seeking a specific action or decision please explain:

Yes, would like a decision

Is this a time sensitive issue:	yes		no	x
Do you have supporting documentation:	yes		no	x

If yes: Please ensure documentation is attached or has been forwarded to **deputyclerk@blrtownship.ca** with the application. Please provide a copy of materials used in your presentation, if any, to the Deputy Clerk. Materials provided prior to the meeting will be circulated to Council/Committee for their review before the meeting. Please be advised all materials including your name form part of the Public Record.

Signature: Yvonne Dwyer Date: October 28, 2026

Received By: Tammy Thompson Date: October 28, 2026

Time: 10:36 AM

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting October 7, 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 Regular Council Meeting for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell Lyndoch and Raglan this 7th day of October, 2026 at 7:00 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: 2026-10-07-01
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

I attended two County Council meetings this month and attended the Municipal Office to deal with a few different matters.

6 Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

7 Delegations and/or Presentations

8 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-02
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Iris Kauffeldt

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 2nd, 2026 as presented."

CARRIED

9 Committee and/or Staff Reports

9.1 Staff Report Re: Upcoming Grant Opportunity
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-03
Moved By: Sheldon Keller
Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan provide staff with direction regarding the potential application of the Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund."

CARRIED

9.2 Staff Report Re: RFP 2026-2 - Construction, Demolition & Bulky Waste Processing
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-04
Moved By: Wayne Banks
Seconded By: Kevin Quade

“THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby award the Construction, Demolition and Bulky Waste Processing RFP-2026-2 to Sittler Grinding Inc. in the amount of $25,300.00 excluding HST.”

CARRIED

9.3 Fire Chief Report
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-05
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

“THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the Fire Chiefs Report as information and further approve a donation from Council in the amount of $200 to be put towards the BLRFD Halloween Trick or Treat Event on October 31st, 2026.”

CARRIED

9.4 Staff Report - Integrity Commissioner
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-06
Moved By: Sheldon Keller
Seconded By: Iris Kauffeldt

“THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby accept the Information Report regarding the retirement of Integrity Commissioner Tony Fleming and further approve the continuation of the current agreement with Cunningham Swan Lawyers until the expiry of June 30, 2027 and further direct staff to reach out to other municipalities regarding a joint RFP prior to the June 30, 2027 expiry.”

CARRIED

10 Correspondance
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-07
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"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 10.6, 10.7 and for item 10.1 to do an individual sponsor in the same amount as last year."

CARRIED

10.1 Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair

10.2 County Council Summary

10.3 Request for Province-Wide Regulatory Framework for E-Scooters

10.4 EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update August & September 2026

10.5 Mandated Conservation Authority Amalgamation

10.6 Proposed Changes to the Proper Tax Treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation Properties

10.7 Request for Review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model

10.8 Request for Province to Establish Regulatory Framework for E-Scooters

10.9 Property-Tax Treatment of Properties Owned by the Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC)

10.10 EOWC September Newsletter

10.11 Renfrew County - Economic Development Services

10.12 Request for Transport Canada Review and Amendment of Water Aerodrome Public Consultation Requirements

10.13 Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework

11 New Business

11.1 Letter of Support - Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-08
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Wasaga Beach's resolution regarding Finlay's Law on Emergency Room Reform as attached.
And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health, the Federal Minister of Health, the local MPP and MP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA), the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC), and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration."

CARRIED

11.2 Shoreline Road Allowance - Hartwick
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-09
Moved By: Sheldon Keller
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 for the Shoreline Road Allowance purchase by Gary & Deborah Hartwick."

CARRIED

11.3 Consent Application - Keith Kinder & Estate of Lynn Wood
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-10
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approve the Land Severance Applications #B058/2026 from Keith Kinder & the Estate of Lynn Wood, for the purpose of creating a right of way, as attached, provided that all the conditions as listed in the County of Renfrew Planning Report and that all conditions as identified by the Operations Manager/Fire Chief and Chief Building Official are met."

CARRIED

11.4 Consent Application - Bernadette & Samuel Voldock
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-11
Moved By: Wayne Banks
Seconded By: Kevin Quade

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan approve the Land Severance Applications #B059/2026 from Bernadette Voldock and Samuel Voldock, for the purpose of creating a right of way, as attached, provided that all the conditions as listed in the County of Renfrew Planning Report and that all conditions as identified by the Operations Manager/Fire Chief and Chief Building Official are met."

CARRIED

12 Financial Report
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-12
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Iris Kauffeldt

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan accept the Year-to-Date Budget Variance and the Monthly Expenses Summary as presented."

CARRIED

13 By-Laws

13.1 By-Law to Appoint Building Inspector
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-13
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan hereby adopts By-Law 2026-49 being a By-Law to appoint a Building Inspector, having been read a first, second and third time and finally passed."

CARRIED

14 Closed Session

14.1 To go into Closed
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-14
Moved By: Kevin Quade
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 two items under subsection (b) regarding personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees; and one item under subsection (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board."

CARRIED

14.2 To come out of Closed
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-15
Moved By: Wayne Banks
Seconded By: Sheldon Keller

"That Council comes out of closed at 8:13 pm."

CARRIED

14.3 Report from Closed

"In Closed Session Council received confidential information regarding identifiable individuals and discussed a potential litigation."

15 Confirmation By-Law
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-16
Moved By: Iris Kauffeldt
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT we the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan hereby adopts By-Law 2026-50 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the October 7th, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council, having been read a first, second and third time and finally passed."

CARRIED

16 Adjournment
Resolution No: 2026-10-07-17
Moved By: Kevin Quade
Seconded By: Wayne Banks

"THAT this meeting adjourns at 8:15 pm."

CARRIED

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Mayor, Valerie Jahn Clerk-Treasurer, Virginia Phanenhour

INFORMATION REPORT TO COUNCIL

Report Date: October 28, 2026

Date of Council Meeting: November 4, 2026

Prepared By: Tammy Thompson

Approved By: Virginia Phanenhour

Agenda Item: Committee/Staff Reports

Attachment(s): Calendar

Reason for this Report
To provide Council with Information regarding the upcoming Christmas Holiday Season regarding Office Hours and Wate Site Hours and Christmas bonuses.

Recommendation
THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby approve the holiday hours and staff Christmas bonus for 2026.

Information
Every year staff presents Council the recommended holiday hours, below is a calendar with recommendations. Public Works will operate under the same schedule as the Office unless they are required for snow plowing or other immediate needs. One paid day will be provided, all other days off, employees will be required to use their own banked or vacation time. In 2025, staff received a $100.00 Christmas Bonus. Council to set 2026 Christmas bonus.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 **CLOSED**	**21** **Regular Hours**	**22** **Regular Hours**	**23** **Regular Hours**	**24** Office **Closed** **Waste:** Raglan 8-12	**25** Christmas **CLOSED**	**26** Boxing Day **CLOSED**
27 **CLOSED**	**28** Office **Closed**	**29** Office **Closed** **Waste:** Raglan 9-12 Lyndoch 2:30-6:30	**30** Office **Closed** **Waste:** Brudenell 1-6	**31** Office **Closed** **Waste:** Raglan 8-12	**1** New Years Day **CLOSED**	**2** **Waste:** Raglan 8-11 Brudenell 1-4

Office:
December 21-23 – Regular Hours
December 24 – January 1 – Closed

Waste Sites:
December 21-23 – Regular Hours
December 24 – Modified (Raglan 8-12)
December 25-28 – Closed
December 29 – Regular Hours (Raglan 9-12 and Lyndoch 2:30-6:30)
December 30 – Regular Hours (Brudenell 1-6)
December 31 – Modified (Raglan 8-12)
January 1 – Closed
January 2 – Regular Hours (Raglan 8-11 and Brudenell 1-4)
January 4 – Regular Hours Resume

Council and Committee Monthly Summary

September 2026

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew Council and Committee meetings held September 16 and September 29, 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 September 16, 2026 and September 29, 2026 meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

At the September 16 meeting Warden Jennifer Murphy shared and acknowledged the following information:

- Attendance at the Ontario East Municipal Conference, where municipal leaders from across Eastern Ontario discussed shared priorities and challenges. The conference provided opportunities to collaborate, exchange ideas, and advocate for rural communities on key issues including housing, economic development, infrastructure renewal, and health care.

At the September 29 meeting Warden Murphy highlighted the following information:

- Appreciation to everyone who contributed to the success of Municipal Day on September 17, which helped kick off Rural Ontario Week. The event allowed staff, elected officials, candidates, community partners, and residents to learn about the important work of local government as it highlighted County departments and services.
- Recognition of Recovery Day as an important reminder that recovery from addiction and mental health challenges is possible and highlighted the vital role that support, understanding, and compassion play in helping individuals and families. She also thanked organizations, health care providers, peer supporters, and community advocates for their ongoing efforts to reduce stigma and support recovery across the region.
- Attendance at the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Community Leaders Banquet, where municipal leaders and community partners from across the region gathered to discuss ongoing investments, innovation, and collaboration. She highlighted CNL's continued role as a key economic driver and community partner, noting the positive impact of regional partnerships on communities throughout Renfrew County and beyond.
- Attendance at the grand opening of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation Water Treatment Plant, recognizing the project as a significant investment in safe, reliable infrastructure. She highlighted the milestone's importance for the community and the long-term benefits it will provide to current and future generations.
- Appreciation to the staff, residents, families, and volunteers of Miramichi Lodge and Bonnechere Manor for hosting successful Long-Term Care Community Engagement Day events. These open houses provided an excellent opportunity for residents and members of the public

to learn more about the outstanding care, programs, and services offered in our long-term homes.

Delegations

September 16:

- Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) Director of Education Kristin Niemi and Board Chair Leo Boland highlighted the school board's continued focus on student achievement, well-being, Indigenous education, and future-ready skills. The presentation showcased initiatives including new cultural spaces in schools, expanded outdoor learning opportunities, STEM and artificial intelligence programs, mental health supports, and ongoing investments in accessibility and school infrastructure. As one of Renfrew County's largest employers, the RCDSB continues to play a vital role in supporting students, families, and communities across the region.
- Council received a delegation from Carefor representatives, including Director of Communications, Marketing and Fundraising Trevor Eggleton and resident Melanie Freeman, who highlighted challenges facing local seniors such as affordability, housing, healthcare access, and food insecurity. The delegation also shared details of the 2026 Melanie Campaign, a community fundraising initiative supporting recreation, wellness, and essential needs programs for vulnerable seniors living in Carefor retirement homes across Renfrew County.
- Suzanne Madore, CEO of Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital, highlighted the need for greater collaboration across healthcare sectors to address hospital overcrowding and improve patient care. She provided an update on efforts to develop a non-emergency interfacility transfer model to reduce pressures on paramedic services and emphasized the importance of removing barriers between organizations to ensure residents receive seamless care across the region.

September 29:

- Members of County Council and staff gathered with representatives from the Circle of Turtle Lodge at the Noojimokamig Reconciliation Garden to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30). Led by Aimee Bailey, Annie Parker, the ceremony honoured the children who never returned home, Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. The gathering included smudging, a tobacco ceremony and drumming by Sherry Dion. During her remarks, Warden Jennifer Murphy offered an apology on behalf of the County of Renfrew and municipalities across the region, acknowledging the deep and lasting harm caused by the residential school system, the Sixties Scoop and other government actions that sought to erase Indigenous cultures and disrupt families and communities.

Announcements

- Nominations for the Warden's Community Service Awards are now open. These awards recognize outstanding individuals, not-for-profit organizations, and businesses that make a meaningful difference in our communities through their commitment to helping others and improving the quality of life across Renfrew County. The nomination deadline is October 16 and the awards will be presented at County Council on November 12.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- The County's Paramedic Service is working collaboratively with Renfrew Victoria Hospital and St. Francis Memorial Hospital to develop a dedicated non-urgent patient transfer service. The initiative aims to improve patient flow, reduce pressure on emergency ambulance resources, enhance hospital capacity, and ensure lower-acuity patients are transported through a service better suited to their needs. As part of the initiative, both hospitals have purchased surplus County ambulances to support the new transfer model, which will continue to be monitored as it is implemented.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council approved the official name of the County of Renfrew recreational trail located on the former Canadian National (CN) Rail Line be The Iron Timber Recreational Trail. Staff was directed to proceed with development of marketing materials reflecting the new trail name.
- County Council authorized the Warden to submit a letter of support to MP Cheryl Gallant, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, in support of renewed federal funding for the Trans Canada Trail as part of their national awareness campaign, "This is Not Just a Trail".
- County Council approved a new Recreational Trails Management Plan that will guide the management of the County's recreational trail network and replace the outdated K&P Corridor Management Plan from 2003. The new plan was developed to prepare for the addition of the former CN Rail Line, stretching from the Quebec border to Hawthorn Lane, to the County's trail system. It brings together management of the K&P Trail, the Algonquin Trail, and the newly acquired CN Rail corridor under one updated framework. The Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT) Management Plan approved in 2018 will remain in effect and continue to guide management of the broader OVRT partnership trail between Smiths Falls and Mattawa. The new County plan complements the existing OVRT plan by addressing the trail sections located within Renfrew County.
- County Council approved a new by-law that sets the rules for using County-owned recreational trails, which are designated as linear parks. The new by-law will replace the existing trail by-law adopted in 2024 once it receives approval from the Ministry of the Attorney General. The updated by-law was reviewed by trail user groups, including cycling, ATV, trail riding, and snowmobile organizations, as well as the OPP and enforcement partners. Feedback from these groups helped inform the final version. The by-law reflects the County's growing trail network and provides clearer rules and enforcement measures to help ensure recreational trails remain safe and enjoyable for all users.
- The approved contracts/tenders were as follows:
    - For the construction of Algonquin Trail from Bissett Creek to Deux-Rivières, a distance of 9.2 km northward, as well as rough grading and build-up of the balance of the trail to Deux-Rivières, a distance of 20 km. Following an adjustment to remove limestone crusher dust from the contract, it was awarded to G.P. Splinter Forest Products Ltd., Pembroke, Ontario, at a cost of $964,995.

- Reconstruction of the Intersection of County Road 51 (Petawawa Blvd.) with County Road 26 (Doran Rd.), Mohns Ave., and Hilda St. awarded to Bonnechere Excavating Inc., Renfrew, Ontario in the amount of 3,259,605.06 plus applicable tax.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- The Community Services Committee directed staff to return at its October meeting with additional information on a proposed full property tax exemption program for eligible non-profit housing providers beginning in 2027. Staff noted that exempting non-profit housing providers from property taxes could reduce administrative funding transfers within the affordable housing system, generate recurring savings, and align the County with common practices across Ontario. Further details on the proposed exemption framework and its implications will be presented for Committee consideration.
- County Council endorsed the advocacy efforts initiated by the Niagara Regional Council, requesting a provincial review and modernization of Provincial Offences Act set fines and costs payable upon conviction and requested Warden Murphy send a letter of support to the Attorney General of Ontario.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- Five properties have been transferred from Canadian Pacific to the County of Renfrew as part of the ongoing acquisition of lands for the Ottawa Valley Recreation Trail/Algonquin Trail. Staff continues to work with the County's legal firm and CP to complete the transfer of the remaining parcels.
- The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association will hold its AGM and Tourism Awards on November 3, 2026, at Festival Hall in Pembroke. Nominations are open in six award categories, and applications are being accepted for one vacant board position. The deadline for award nominations and board applications is October 9, 2026. Advance registration is required for the event.
- At the September 29 meeting, County Forester Lacey Rose presented the 2027-2036 Renfrew County Forest Management Plan, which outlines the long-term management of the Renfrew County Forest and will come into effect January 1, 2027, pending County Council approval. The plan balances economic sustainability, environmental stewardship, recreation, education, and climate change mitigation while maintaining third-party forest certification. Staff highlighted the significant ecological, recreational, educational, and economic value of the County Forest. The forest stores nearly one million tonnes of carbon, provides wildlife habitat and flood mitigation benefits, supports extensive recreational use, and generated approximately $2.35 million in revenue between 2017 and 2026. Revenue of approximately $2.3 million is projected during the next 10-year plan term.

Additional Information

Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

613-735-7288

Ontario

From the Desk of
Billy Denault, MPP
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

October 5, 2026

Dear Stakeholders,

Zee Hamid, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, announced that the Government of Ontario is investing nearly $30 million through the Ontario Trillium Foundation's (OTF) Capital grant stream to support more than 300 non-profit organizations, First Nations communities, and small municipalities across the province.

This important investment will help organizations improve and modernize the facilities and community spaces that families rely on every day. Through the Capital grant stream, eligible organizations can receive between $10,000 and $200,000 over 12 months to update buildings, purchase new equipment, build new spaces, or complete renovations and repairs.

These investments will support local jobs, strengthen community organizations, and ensure that Ontarians have safe, accessible places to gather, learn, stay active, and connect. Funding can support a wide range of community facilities, including arenas, community centres, arts and recreation spaces, and other important local gathering places.

Since 2018, the Government of Ontario has invested more than $887 million through OTF's three funding programs, supporting over 8,000 projects across the province. These investments have helped create more than 12,000 full-time jobs and generated over $1.3 billion in economic benefits for communities throughout Ontario.

In addition to the Capital grant stream, OTF is expanding funding opportunities for eligible organizations with the launch of a new Sector grant stream. These grants will range from $50,000 to $300,000 over one, two, or three years. The new funding will support projects that help non-profit organizations respond to changing community needs, improve data collection, and access alternative funding opportunities.

This investment represents an important commitment to strengthening Ontario's communities and ensuring that local organizations have the resources they need to continue serving families for years to come. By investing in community spaces, infrastructure, and organizations, we are helping build stronger, more connected communities across Ontario.

Sincerely,

MPP Billy Denault
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

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September 30, 2026

Delivered by email

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The Honourable Doug Ford
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The Honourable Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)
municipal@agco.ca

Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of September 22, 2026
Report No. CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and Recommendations

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 22, 2026, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

1. **That Report No. CS26-022 be received; and**
2. **That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and**
3. **That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

Anne Kantharajah

Anne Kantharajah
Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

AK/lb

Attachments (Council meeting extract and final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force)

Copy: Dawn Gallager Murphy, MPP Newmarket—Aurora (dawn.gallaghermurphy@pc.ola.org)
Hon. Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill (michael.parsaco@pc.ola.org)
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Council Meeting Extract

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

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8. Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026

Moved by Councillor Thompson
Seconded by Councillor Gallo

That the Committee of the Whole Meeting Report of September 8, 2026, be received and the recommendations carried by the Committee approved, with the exception of sub-items 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.9.1, which were discussed and voted on separately as recorded below.

Yeas (7): Mayor Mrakas, Councillor Weese, Councillor Gilliland, Councillor Gaertner, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Gallo, and Councillor Kim

Carried (7 to 0)

8.4 Corporate Services Committee Agenda

8.4.4 CS26-022 - Cannabis Retail Review Task Force - Findings and Recommendations

1. That Report No. CS26-022 be received; and
2. That the Local Actions set out in the Recommendations section of the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be implemented; and
3. That the final report of the Cannabis Retail Review Task Force be circulated to York Regional Police, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all municipalities in Ontario for consideration and support.

Carried

Attachment 1 to Report No. CS26-022

Cannabis Retail Review Task Force

Final Findings and Recommendations

August 27, 2026

1. Purpose

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force was established by Council to review the Town of Aurora's experience since opting in to Ontario's retail cannabis framework and to report back to Council with findings and recommendations.

The Task Force reviewed the provincial regulatory framework, previous Council decisions and reports, information from Town staff and York Regional Police, enforcement and complaint information, community concerns, the experience of neighbouring residents and businesses, and feedback received through the 2026 Cannabis Retail Review Survey.

The Task Force recognizes that legal cannabis retailers are legitimate businesses operating within a provincially regulated framework. The purpose of this review is not to reconsider the legalization of cannabis or Aurora's decision to opt in, but to determine what has been learned from Aurora's experience and identify opportunities to better address community impacts.

2. Background

Aurora Council opted in to permit private cannabis retail stores on January 21, 2019.

At the same time, Council recognized potential concerns regarding the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores and requested that the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario consider additional location restrictions.

Specifically, Council requested:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and specified sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and

counselling facilities, recreation facilities, the Aurora Public Library, Town Hall and similar public gathering uses.

Despite Council's request, these additional criteria were not adopted by the AGCO.

The Province currently requires a 150-metre separation from schools and private schools. Municipalities do not have authority to license private cannabis retailers or regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use. Cannabis stores are otherwise subject to the same applicable municipal zoning requirements as other permitted retail uses.

The Town's 2023 Retail Cannabis Update subsequently confirmed that the number or proximity of cannabis stores is not an objectionable criterion under the provincial framework and that municipalities have no control over their locations beyond the zoning requirements applicable to retail uses generally.

3. Community Survey

Council authorized a Cannabis Retail Review Survey to provide the Task Force with current community feedback.

The survey was conducted from July 14 to August 9, 2026 and was promoted through Town communication channels.

The survey received:

- 479 visits; and
- 154 completed responses.

The survey should be considered an important source of community feedback rather than a statistically representative referendum of all Aurora residents.

Overall, the survey indicates that the principal concern among respondents is not simply the existence of legal cannabis retail stores. Concerns are more strongly associated with:

- The number of cannabis retail stores;
- Concentration and clustering;
- Store locations;
- Proximity to sensitive uses;

- Youth exposure; and
- Neighbourhood impacts.

The Task Force also recognizes that a segment of respondents supports cannabis retail and considers these businesses legitimate and appropriately regulated retail operations.

These results generally reinforce the location and concentration concerns identified by Aurora Council when it opted in to cannabis retail in 2019.

4. Task Force Findings

Finding 1: Cannabis retail has not created a significant town-wide enforcement problem

The available information does not demonstrate widespread public safety, crime or municipal enforcement problems associated with cannabis retail stores across Aurora.

Town staff have historically reported relatively few complaints associated with legal cannabis retailers, and proactive By-law inspections conducted in March 2026 did not identify violations.

The Task Force therefore does not find evidence supporting a conclusion that cannabis retail stores, as a class of business, represent a significant town-wide enforcement problem.

Finding 2: Town-wide statistics do not necessarily reflect localized impacts

While aggregate complaint and enforcement numbers are relatively low, the Task Force heard concerns regarding impacts experienced by residents and businesses neighbouring certain cannabis retail locations.

Issues identified during the Task Force's work included:

- Litter and discarded cannabis packaging;

- Parking;
- Signage;
- Patron behaviour;
- Loitering or prolonged gathering;
- Neighbourhood compatibility; and
- Other nuisance and quality-of-life concerns.

The Task Force finds that a relatively small number of locations can generate significant impacts for immediate neighbours without producing large town-wide complaint statistics.

Accordingly, aggregate complaint data should not be the sole measure used to determine whether a localized problem exists.

Finding 3: Location and concentration are central concerns

The Task Force finds that one of the most consistent concerns is the location and concentration of cannabis retail stores rather than the existence of legal cannabis retail itself.

This finding is reinforced by the 2026 community survey, which identified the perceived number, concentration and location of stores as primary concerns.

The existing provincial framework provides Aurora with little ability to address these concerns.

Finding 4: Aurora anticipated these concerns in 2019

The Task Force finds it significant that Aurora Council identified location and concentration as potential concerns before cannabis retail stores began operating in the Town.

Council's 2019 request for:

- 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- 150-metre separation from specified sensitive uses

was intended to provide reasonable safeguards while allowing legal cannabis retail businesses to operate in Aurora.

Seven years of experience and the results of the 2026 review demonstrate that many of the concerns identified by Council in 2019 remain relevant.

Finding 5: The provincial framework significantly limits municipal control

The Task Force finds that there is a significant gap between municipal responsibility for responding to community concerns and municipal authority to prevent or address the underlying location issues.

Aurora can enforce generally applicable municipal bylaws, including parking, signage and property-related regulations.

However, Aurora cannot:

- License cannabis retail stores;
- Regulate cannabis retail as a separate land use;
- Establish cannabis-specific zoning;
- Establish mandatory separation distances between cannabis stores; or
- Establish additional cannabis-specific setbacks from sensitive uses.

The ultimate authority respecting retail cannabis authorizations rests with the Province through the AGCO.

Finding 6: Localized problems require targeted responses

Given the relatively low level of town-wide complaints but more significant concerns associated with particular locations, the Task Force finds that targeted intervention is preferable to blanket enforcement.

Where persistent problems are identified, the Town should coordinate available resources and work with retailers, property owners, neighbouring businesses, residents, By-law Services, YRP and the AGCO, as appropriate, to address the specific circumstances.

Finding 7: Residents need clearer information about where and how to report concerns

Responsibility for cannabis-related concerns is divided among several organizations.

Depending upon the issue, residents may need to contact:

- Town of Aurora By-law Services;
- York Regional Police;
- The AGCO;
- York Region; or
- A property owner or business operator.

The Task Force finds that clearer public information would improve reporting, allow concerns to be directed to the appropriate authority and improve the quality of information available for future monitoring.

5. Recommendations

The Cannabis Retail Review Task Force recommends that Council endorse the following actions.

A. Local Actions

1. Improve public information and reporting

That the Town develop clear public information identifying where residents and businesses should report cannabis retail concerns, including the respective responsibilities of the Town, AGCO, York Regional Police and other appropriate agencies.

2. Establish a targeted response approach

That where recurring concerns are identified around a cannabis retail location, appropriate Town departments coordinate a targeted response using existing municipal

enforcement authorities and engage the retailer, property owner, neighbouring residents and businesses, YRP and AGCO where appropriate.

3. Encourage retailer and property-owner engagement

That the Town encourage cannabis retailers and property owners to proactively address legitimate neighbourhood concerns, including litter, parking, property maintenance and patron behaviour occurring on their properties.

4. Continue monitoring

That the Town periodically monitor cannabis retail-related complaints and enforcement activity to identify emerging trends or recurring locations of concern and report significant developments to Council as appropriate.

B. Provincial Advocacy

5. Reaffirm Aurora's 2019 position

That Council reaffirm its January 21, 2019 position respecting cannabis retail store locations and advocate to the Province of Ontario and the AGCO for implementation of those principles.

Specifically, Aurora should continue to advocate for authority to establish:

- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores; and
- A minimum 150-metre separation between cannabis retail stores and appropriate sensitive uses, including daycares, nurseries, parks, group homes, addiction and counselling facilities, recreation facilities, libraries and other appropriate public gathering places.

6. Provide municipalities greater authority over location and clustering

That Council request that the Province amend the cannabis retail regulatory framework to provide municipalities with meaningful authority to address the location, density and clustering of cannabis retail stores within their communities.

Any expanded municipal authority should allow municipalities to develop locally appropriate standards while maintaining reasonable opportunities for legal cannabis retailers to operate.

7. Strengthen municipal input into AGCO decisions

That Council request that the Province strengthen the municipal role in the AGCO retail store authorization process, including requiring meaningful consideration of municipal concerns regarding location, concentration, sensitive uses and documented community impacts.

8. Review operating conditions where neighbourhood impacts exist

That the Province and AGCO be requested to examine whether additional regulatory tools are appropriate where a cannabis retail operation generates repeated, documented impacts on neighbouring residential or commercial properties, including whether operating conditions or hours may be considered where warranted.

9. Coordinate advocacy with other Ontario municipalities

That Aurora's final Task Force report and Council resolution be forwarded to:

- The Premier of Ontario;
- The appropriate Provincial Ministers;
- The AGCO;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- York Region;
- All Ontario municipalities,

with a request for support for greater municipal authority over cannabis retail location and clustering.

6. Conclusion

Aurora's experience with legal cannabis retail is nuanced.

The Task Force did not find evidence that cannabis retailers generally represent a significant town-wide public safety or enforcement problem. Legal cannabis retailers

are regulated businesses that contribute to Aurora's economy and should be treated fairly.

At the same time, the review demonstrates that legitimate localized impacts can occur and that the current provincial framework leaves municipalities with limited tools to address one of the community's principal concerns: where cannabis stores locate and how closely they may be concentrated.

Importantly, Aurora anticipated these issues in 2019.

When Council opted in to cannabis retail, it supported reasonable separation distances between stores and from sensitive uses. Those recommendations were not incorporated into the provincial framework. The concerns identified through the Task Force's work and the 2026 community survey demonstrate that those principles remain relevant today.

The Task Force therefore recommends a balanced approach.

Locally, Aurora should improve reporting, monitoring, communication and targeted responses where problems occur.

Provincially, Aurora should renew and strengthen its advocacy for the principles Council established in 2019 and request meaningful municipal authority over cannabis retail location, concentration and neighbourhood compatibility.

This approach recognizes cannabis retailers as legitimate businesses while also recognizing the responsibility of municipal government to protect the quality of life of residents and neighbouring businesses.

Councillor John Gallo
Town of Aurora
Cannabis Retail Review Task Force Chair

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF

GANANOQUE

Canadian Gateway to the 1000 Islands

14 October 2026

The Municipal Councils of Ontario

Request for Endorsement - Declaration Against Religious Violence

Colleagues,

I write to you today knowing that we are all aware of the horrible trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted. In light of this, and following recent tragic events at the Sons of Jacob synagogue in Belleville I drafted, put forward and signed the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence at the October 7th meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque.

As a 30-year veteran of the Canadian Forces with service all across Canada, in Europe, as a UN Peacekeeper in the Middle East, and service in Afghanistan, I have witnessed what happens when intolerance and "othering" are allowed to take root and grow.

I believe that the importance of publicly stating the fundamental principles for which we stand, that we refuse to compromise and will defend, and the kinds of behaviour we oppose and will stand against, cannot be overstated. Central to this is the defence of the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

Therefore, and on behalf of the Council of Gananoque, we invite you to join us by endorsing the attached Declaration Against Religious Violence and ask if you would please forward to us a copy of your endorsement with cc Minister Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism of the Province of Ontario.

Thank you for your consideration,

John S. Beddows

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Declaration

In light of, and having reflected on the tragic trend of religiously based violence in Canada over the last few years in which people of many faiths and their places worship have been targeted, I am writing today as the Mayor of Gananoque to publicly articulate a simple message of what I believe we stand for in our Town, and what we stand against.

Here in Gananoque we stand for community, understanding, communication, caring, supporting our neighbours, courtesy, kindness, the value of hard work, the fact that respect must be earned by the way we comport ourselves and conduct our lives as individuals and a simple and unshakable belief that a stranger is a friend you haven't met yet.

We believe that all people share, at core, the same hopes and aspirations. We all want our children to be able to attend school, move freely, live, play and congregate without fear or concern. We want our children to have the same opportunities or better ones than we had to grow, learn, love, laugh, experience, travel, work and succeed on their own terms and as they define success. We all want security of place, security from hunger, security of our persons and security of our property. We believe in building bridges, not fences. We believe in the power of debate, that facts matter, and of understanding. We believe in providing help to those who need it and in doing our best to ensure that everyone has a place to find help, warmth and hope when they need it, without judgement.

We believe that faith is a personal choice and that the individual and collective quest for truth brings hope and light into a world which need them very badly.

We assert and we will stand and defend the fundamental principle that all persons are equal and share the same fundamental rights and dignity as persons.

The other side of the coin. Here is what Gananoque stands against.

We stand against "othering". We stand against the objectification of people. We stand against any person or group that denies that all persons are equal in rights, dignity and freedoms. We stand against any person or group that seeks to use or that uses violence or intimidation as tools to target persons or groups or to try to change our society, our way of life and who we are as Canadians.

Here in Gananoque when a neighbour's house is on fire, we run towards the flames and not away. This will not change.

Hate has no home here.

Signed and dated this 7th day of October, 2026.

John S. Beddows, Mayor

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October 23, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier for the Government of Ontario;
Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General;
Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
Honorable Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Finance
Honorable Victor Fedeli; Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
Northern Ontario Municipalities Association;
Councils of each of Ontario's Municipalities.

RE: Support FONOM - Establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant.

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of August 27, 2026, the following motion was approved:

225-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the Corporation of the Township of McGarry meeting dated June 4, 2026:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the resolution from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding the Establishment of Northern Ontario Policing Grant.*

WHEREAS *Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;*

AND WHEREAS *many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;*

AND WHEREAS *recent increase in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;*

AND WHEREAS *Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy, including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;*

AND WHEREAS *municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities call on the Government of Ontario to establish a $100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services;*

AND THAT *the grant includes a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes;*

AND THAT *the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognized the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.*

Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File

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November 4, 2026

County of Renfrew
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RE: Proposed Changes to the Property Tax Treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation Properties

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution No: 2026-11-04-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 Town of Arnprior's resolution regarding the Proposed Changes to the Property Tax Treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation Properties.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke, Billy Denault, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Warden of the County of Renfrew, all members of Renfrew County Council and all lower-tier municipalities within the County of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

Resolution to the County of Renfrew

Re: Proposed Changes to the Property Tax Treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation Properties

WHEREAS the Treasurer of the County of Renfrew presented a proposal at a meeting held on September 8, 2026, to the Treasurers of the lower-tier municipalities and the City of Pembroke regarding changes to the property tax treatment of properties owned by the Renfrew County Housing Corporation; and

WHEREAS the proposed changes would have significant financial implications, including property tax revenue losses for several lower-tier municipalities, particularly urban municipalities that contain a substantial proportion of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation housing stock; and

WHEREAS the proposal will also create inequities in the allocation of social housing costs across lower-tier municipalities by altering the balance between property tax revenues received and social housing costs shared across the County; and

WHEREAS the County of Renfrew Treasurer acknowledged that the proposal would likely not be supported by a number of lower-tier municipalities, however no advance consultation was undertaken prior to the proposal being presented, giving lower-tier municipalities only one week to review and respond before the matter is scheduled to be considered by County Council at a Committee meeting on September 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and information to fully assess the financial, taxation, and budgetary impacts of significant policy changes and to provide meaningful input prior to County Council consideration; and

WHEREAS the proposal is being advanced during a municipal election period when County Council is operating under restrictions associated with a lame duck or restricted acts period, raising concerns regarding the appropriateness of considering a matter with substantial long-term financial impacts during this time; and

WHEREAS requiring individual municipalities to seek resolutions of opposition and separately appear before County Council on short notice represents an unnecessary use of municipal resources and could have been avoided through a proper consultation process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Amprior requests the Council of the County of Renfrew:

1. Defer consideration of the proposed changes to the property tax treatment of Renfrew County Housing Corporation properties until meaningful consultation has occurred with all affected lower-tier municipalities and the City of Pembroke; and

2. Direct County staff to prepare and distribute a comprehensive financial analysis to impacted municipalities identifying:
    a. The property tax impacts on each affected municipality included not only lost revenues but a lowered assessment base;
    b. The resulting changes to the allocation of social housing costs across all lower-tier municipalities;
    c. Clear demonstration of the inequities being created by the proposed changes, especially to municipalities that contain housing properties; and
    d. Alternative approaches that could achieve the County's objectives while minimizing adverse financial impacts on municipalities; and

3. Refrain from making a final decision on a change of this magnitude during a restricted acts or election period and instead defer the matter until 2027 when the newly constituted County Council has had the opportunity to consider the proposal and feedback from impacted municipalities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to MPP Renfrew – Nipissing – Pembroke, Billy Denault, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, the Warden of the County of Renfrew, all members of Renfrew County Council, all lower-tier municipalities within the County of Renfrew, and the City of Pembroke.

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Burnette – Yes

Councillor Couper – Yes

County Councillor Lynch – Yes

Councillor Strike – Yes

Councillor Toner – Yes

Mayor McGee – Yes

Resolution Carried

Certified True Copy of Resolution No. 243-26
passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior at their Regular Meeting held on the 14th day of September 2026.

Given under the hand of the Deputy Clerk and under the Corporate seal of the Town of Arnprior this 14th day of September 2026.

Kaitlyn Wendland

Kaitlyn Wendland
Deputy Clerk

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November 4, 2026

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Office of the Solicitor General
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON
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RE: Request for Review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model

Dear Minister Kerzner:

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside.

Resolution No: 2026-11-04-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 Township of McNab/Braeside's resolution regarding the Request for Review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Billy Denault, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke and All Ontario Municipalities.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

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McNab/Braeside
Where nature awaits.

September 10, 2026

The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner
Office of the Solicitor General
25 Grosvenor Street, 18th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Re: Request for Review of the OPP Municipal Policing Cost Model

Dear Minister Kerzner:

The Township of McNab/Braeside is writing to express its strong opposition to the current Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) municipal policing cost model and the significant cost increases being imposed on small rural municipalities. While the Province has limited the increase in OPP policing costs for 2027 to a maximum of 11 per cent, an increase of up to 11 per cent is not reasonable or sustainable for a small rural municipality. This level of increase places significant pressure on municipal budgets and local taxpayers, particularly at a time when communities are already facing substantial economic pressures.

The issue is not the importance of effective policing or the services provided by the OPP. The Township recognizes and values the OPP's role in keeping our community safe. Our concern is that the current funding model does not fairly reflect the financial realities and policing circumstances of small rural municipalities.

Municipalities with populations of 10,000 or less can have substantially different circumstances than larger urban communities, including smaller tax bases, larger geographic areas and different policing demands. These factors should be meaningfully reflected in how policing costs are allocated.

The Township therefore respectfully requests that the Province undertake a comprehensive review of the OPP municipal policing cost model and consider factors including population, geographic area, policing demand, calls for service and municipal financial capacity when determining municipal policing costs.

Small rural municipalities should not be expected to absorb increases of this magnitude under a funding model that does not adequately recognize the differences between rural and urban communities.

The Township urges the Province to re-evaluate the OPP municipal policing cost model and develop a more equitable, predictable and sustainable approach to policing costs for small rural municipalities.

The Township invites recipient municipalities to consider passing a resolution of support at an upcoming council meeting. Please forward any supporting motions to the Office of the Solicitor General to amplify this vital advocacy for rural communities.

Sincerely,

Mandy Cannon
CAO, Interim Clerk
Township of McNab/Braeside

cc:
MPP Billy Denault, Renfrew–Nipissing–Pembroke
All Ontario Municipalities

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ACTUAL vs. BUDGET YTD YEAR 2026

G/L Code	Account Title	Actual	Budget	Remaining $	Remaining %
5002	Administration	$483,804.27	$569,525.00	$85,720.73	15.05%
5003	Fire Department	$269,141.05	$377,578.00	$108,436.95	28.72%
5004	Building Department	$76,528.27	$109,800.00	$33,271.73	30.30%
5005	Livestock Valuers	$5,708.86	$1,000.00	($4,708.86)	-470.89%
5006	Policing Services	$247,140.27	$373,918.00	$126,777.73	33.91%
5007	911 Service	$250.00	$2,000.00	$1,750.00	87.50%
5008	Transportation Services	$1,463,543.47	$1,840,030.00	$376,486.53	20.46%
5009	Streetlights	$2,734.77	$3,500.00	$765.23	21.86%
5010	Environmental Services	$201,624.95	$295,542.00	$93,917.05	31.78%
5015	Recreation & Four Season Park	$106,184.23	$130,767.00	$24,582.77	18.80%
5020	Library Services	$0.00	$6,939.00	$6,939.00	100.00%
5022	Planning & Development	$13,930.58	$8,000.00	($5,930.58)	-74.13%
Total		**$2,870,590.72**	**$3,718,599.00**	**$848,008.28**	**22.80%**

MONTHLY EXPENSES SUMMARY

Account Title

911 Services	Administration	Building Department	Environmental Services	Fire Department	Library Services	Livestock Valuers
Planning & Development	Policing Services	Recreation & Four Season Park	Streetlights	Transportation Services		

G/L Code	Account Title	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	
5002	Administration	$92,537.86	$27,378.96	$41,892.02	$49,578.63	$90,037.40	$30,679.95	$25,767.16	$30,488.24	$36,108.51	$59,335.54			$483,804.27	
5003	Fire Department	$37,228.12	$10,503.72	$40,709.92	$14,322.51	$49,176.18	$59,928.22	$8,393.77	$20,078.06	$17,299.62	$11,500.93			$269,141.05	
5004	Building Department	$3,083.01	$1,355.87	$6,948.85	$9,311.17	$11,659.95	$9,369.66	$8,414.89	$4,423.06	$8,970.01	$12,991.80			$76,528.27	
5005	Livestock Valuers	$3,042.20	$43.96		$405.00	$26.36	$579.90	$96.66	$26.36	$768.37	$720.05			$5,708.86	
5006	Policing Services	($27,922.00)	$27,922.00	$30,262.96	$30,633.00	$30,993.00	$30,734.46	$30,993.00	$31,939.89	$30,590.96	$30,993.00			$247,140.27	
5007	911 Services						$250.00							$250.00	
5008	Transportation Services	$109,477.66	$81,018.55	$98,372.70	$117,779.35	$87,191.26	$82,089.53	$249,064.00	$63,979.82	$79,936.54	$494,634.06			$1,463,543.47	
5009	Streetlights	$1,051.26	$206.49	$176.09	$184.64	$194.37	$176.09	$184.64	$200.46	$176.09	$184.64			$2,734.77	
5010	Environmental Services	$8,940.36	$12,868.34	$12,108.00	$15,531.70	$36,597.49	$7,685.73	$64,846.73	$7,326.82	$12,432.57	$23,287.21			$201,624.95	
5015	Recreation & Four Season Park	$32,781.05	$8,824.49	$13,277.03	$6,215.65	$6,089.56	$12,937.83	$8,375.00	$4,788.39	$4,957.99	$7,937.24			$106,184.23	
5020	Library Services													$0.00	
5022	Planning & Development			$417.22		$1,794.06			$2,954.25	$18,000.00	($9,234.95)			$13,930.58	
Total		**$260,219.52**	**$170,122.38**	**$244,164.79**	**$243,961.65**	**$313,759.63**	**$234,431.37**	**$396,135.85**	**$166,205.35**	**$209,240.66**	**$632,349.52**	**$0.00**	**$0.00**	**$2,870,590.72**	

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

BYLAW NO. 2026-51

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 November 4, 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 November 4th, 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 2026-11-04-XX this 4th Day of November, 2026.

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Mayor, Valerie Jahn **Clerk-Treasurer**, Virginia Phanenhour