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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
All Upper- and Lower-Tier Municipalities in Ontario

Please be advised that at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, September 29, 2025, the Council of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal unanimously adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal acknowledges that municipal infrastructure—roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems—underpins public safety, economic vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities;

WHEREAS the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist small and rural municipalities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenue capacities;

WHEREAS in 2022 the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF envelope from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five-year term, with that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of fiscal 2026;

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope, jeopardizing municipalities' ability to deliver and sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt;

WHEREAS predictable, multi-year funding indexed to real-world cost drivers is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long-term asset management plans, reduce emergency repairs and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure financing;

WHEREAS the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal requires a steadfast provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF beyond 2026, ensuring infrastructure resilience, fiscal sustainability and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF envelope at not less than \$400 million beyond its current five-year term ending in 2026, with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the total annual OCIF envelope—and each individual municipal allocation—to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI), calculated on a calendar-year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each fiscal year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five-year OCIF funding framework that guarantees annual envelopes and allocation percentages by municipality, enabling long-term capital planning and stable cash-flow management.
4. The Province undertake a formal review of the OCIF allocation formula at least once every four years, incorporating current municipal asset management data, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.
5. A dedicated contingency reserve equal to 5 percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs or project overruns without reallocating core funding.



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If you have any questions, please contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

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TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

Resolution Number 2025-253

September 29, 2025

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

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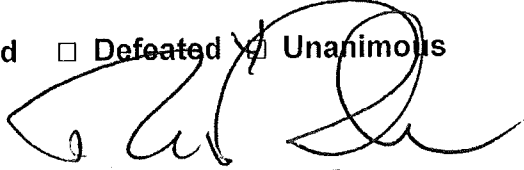
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☐ Carried ☐ Defeated ☒ Unanimous

Mayor: 

RECORDED VOTE REQUESTED BY: _____

NAME	YEA	NAY
Councillor J. Martelle		
Councillor W. Smail		
Councillor C. Ward		
Deputy Mayor S. Dillabough		
Mayor T. Deschamps		
TOTAL		

deputyclerk@khrtownship.ca

From: Bob Mahusky <bobm@MBCmedia.ca>
Sent: October 15, 2025 2:48 PM
To: deputyclerk@khrtownship.ca
Subject: Official Day for Christmas Greetings Best Offer of The Year from 96.1 myFM Radio
...Serving The Valley

Attention: Township of Killaloe Hagarty Richards (Sharlene Lapenskie - I welcome your completion
and return of Offer Form below.)



Christmas Greetings remain as popular today as they were when introduced in 1843. Christmas Greetings are an affordable, portable and convenient way to reach out to current and future customers to say "thank you" for their loyal patronage during the magical Christmas Season, the nicest time of year for most. Christmas Greetings definitely compliment our extensive Christmas Programming at 96.1 myFM Radio.

This Christmas Greetings Best Offer of The Year "Limited Time Offer" comes wrapped in savings and enables you to reserve your Christmas Greetings Airtime Messages today, (each containing the name and location of your business, service, industry or municipality) on the "voice" of The Ottawa Valley . . . 96.1 myFM Radio with your selection of one of the following Specially Priced Options:

- Option 1 3 x 15 second messages a day for 8 days December 1-21 for \$269.00+hst
- Option 2 2 x 15 second messages a day for 5 days December 1-21 for \$229.00+hst
- Option 3 2 x 15 second messages a day for 3 days December 1-21 for \$179.00+hst
- Option 4 3 x 15 second messages a day for 16 days December 1-21 for \$538.00+hst

Name of Business: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Option No: _____
Advertiser Signature: x _____
Email Offer Sheet To: bobm@mbcmedia.ca



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AMO's Healthy Democracy Leaders Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities

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Join AMO's new online workshop series for leaders seeking re-election or first-time aspiring candidates—**offered at no charge for participants**

As Ontario heads toward the 2026 municipal elections, elected officials and aspiring candidates are being tested like never before. From navigating divisive politics and social media toxicity to maintaining personal wellbeing under constant public scrutiny, the demands of leadership can feel overwhelming.

Developed in partnership with [Nominee](#), *Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities* is designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet these challenges head-on — and to rediscover the purpose that brought you to public service in the first place.

Through expert facilitation, guided peer-to-peer discussion, and practical takeaways, you'll leave each session with fresh insight, renewed energy, and a stronger foundation for leadership.

This workshop series is offered through [AMO's Healthy Democracy Project](#), please find additional research and resources on the Project's website.

This workshop series is being offered for no charge in two streams:

- Stream 1: For elected officials at the municipal level across Ontario who are considering re-election in 2026 and preparing their path forward.
- Stream 2: For community members considering a run for municipal office in 2026—first-time candidates who want to build confidence before launching a campaign. Civic-minded leaders who want to explore whether elected office is right for them.

Each stream includes four inspiring sessions (you can register for the full series or individual sessions):

- Session 1— Finding Your Why – Leading with Purpose and Authenticity
- Session 2— Praise Your Rivals – Managing Conflict and Building Effective Relationships
- Session 3— What Matters Most – Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Session 4— Building Your Movement – Turning Values into Action

What you'll gain by attending these sessions:

- Clarity of Purpose: reconnect with your values and what drives you to serve
- Resilience in Conflict: handle tough situations with skill and confidence
- Personal Wellbeing: prevent burnout and create sustainable leadership practices
- Stronger Communication: inspire trust and mobilize authentic community support
- Practical Tools & Resources: customized workbooks, scripts, and templates you can use immediately
- Peer Connection: build relationships with others also preparing to run in 2026

Dates: Workshops are 6:30 - 8:00pm on the following dates (you can register for the full series or individual sessions):

- **Stream 1: Register here for Stream 1**
 - November 26, 2025
 - January 28, 2026
 - February 25, 2026
 - March 25, 2026
- **Stream 2: Register here for Stream 2**
 - December 3, 2025
 - February 4, 2026
 - March 4, 2026
 - April 1, 2026

Registration is free.