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Sent: November 6, 2025 10:08 AM
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Cc: Lee Perkins; Mike Behm
Subject: Renfrew County Project Update - November 2025

Good morning,

The County of Renfrew is continuing to provide monthly updates on construction projects on transportation infrastructure throughout 2025. The update for November has been posted to the County website at the link below:

<https://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/en/living-here/resources/Documents/Construction-Updates/2025/County-Construction-Update---November-2025.pdf>

For further information on the County's 2025 projects, or to view a map of projects scheduled for 2025, please visit the link below:

<https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/2025-county-transportation-infrastructure-projects>

Please contact our office if you should have any questions or concerns about County projects.

Kind Regards,

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Construction Update – November 6, 2025

The County of Renfrew's Public Works and Engineering Department provides monthly updates on construction in the area. Please visit the link below to sign up to receive these updates by email: <https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/2025-county-transportation-infrastructure-projects>

Please share this notice so that residents, businesses, and others know about traffic delays from construction projects. For the latest details on current projects, and their traffic effect, please check Municipal511 at <https://www.municipal511.ca/>.

Ongoing Projects

County Road 4 (Storyland Road) – Township of Horton

Construction on Storyland Road, from Alex Lane to Highway 17, started September 22, 2025 and is expected to finish mid-November. During construction, parts of Storyland Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 71 (Matawatchan Rd.) – Township of Greater Madawaska

Rock removal and widening of the causeway is complete on Matawatchan Road, about 8.2km south of Highway 41. Utility relocations have also been completed, and road construction on Matawatchan Road, from Civic Address 4882 to Centennial Lake Road, continued in mid-October and is expected to finish mid-November. During construction, areas of Matawatchan Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Road 512 (Foymount Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley

Construction on Foymount Road, from Silver Lake Road to Highway 41, started September 8, 2025 and is expected to finish late-November. During construction, parts of Foymount Road will only have one lane open, with lights or workers directing traffic.

County Structure B122 (Waba Creek Bridge) – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Waba Creek Bridge, which is on Burnstown Road, about 0.7 km north of White Lake Road, started July 14, 2025 and is expected to finish late-November. During construction, only one lane will be open to cross the bridge, with signals directing traffic. Pedestrians can cross the bridge during construction.

County Structure B145 (Combermere Bridge) – Township of Madawaska Valley

Construction on Combermere Bridge, which is on Combermere Road, about 0.5km south of Palmer Road, started April 2, 2025 and is expected to finish mid-November. During construction, only one lane will be open to cross the bridge, with signals directing traffic. Mill Street will be closed at Combermere Road during construction, with signs showing the detour route. Pedestrians can cross the bridge during construction.

County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert & Dam) – Township of Whitewater Region

Construction on Broomes Creek Culvert and Dam, which is on Foresters Falls Road, about 0.1km east of Foresters Falls, started May 1, 2025 and is expected to finish in 2026, with a stoppage over winter. During construction, and over the winter, the road in this area will be closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with signs showing the detour route. The detour will follow Kohlsmith Road and Queens Line. For more details on this project, please visit: <https://renfrew-county.civilspace.io/en/projects/c201-broomes-creek-culvert-dam-reconstruction>

Algonquin Trail – Township of Head, Clara and Maria

Construction on Algonquin Trail, from Yates Road to Crossing Road, started September 29, 2025 and will finish late-November. Stone dust surface is also being applied from Mackey Creek Road to Yates Road. These sections of Algonquin Trail will remain closed until late 2025 once construction, including signage installation is completed.

Completed Projects

County Road 20 (Castleford Road) – Township of Horton

Construction on Castleford Road, from Highway 17 to Humphries Road, started August 25, 2025 and is nearly complete, with only shoulder sealing and line painting remaining to be completed.

County Road 26 (Doran Road) – Town of Petawawa

Construction on Doran Road, from Black Bay Road to Petawawa Boulevard, started July 22, 2025 and is nearly complete, with only line painting, minor sidewalk works, and a pedestrian crosswalk remaining to be completed.

County Road 52 (Burnstown Road) and 508 (Calabogie Road) – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction on Burnstown Road, from the Burnstown Bridge to Picket Hill Lane, and on Calabogie Road from Stacey Drive to 1803 Calabogie Road, started August 11, 2025 and was completed October 17, 2025.

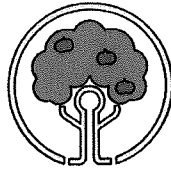
County Road 512 (Foymount Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley

Construction on Foymount Road, from Quadeville Road to McCauley Mount Road, started August 11, 2025 and finished September 29, 2025.

C134 (Campbell Drive Culvert) – Township of McNab/Braeside

Construction for slope stabilization at Campbell Drive Culvert, on Campbell Drive, approximately 2.4km north of Highway 417, started on October 6, 2025 and finished on November 4, 2025. Hydroseeding remains to be completed; at which time the roadway will be limited to a single lane of traffic with lights or workers directing traffic.

**PLEASE DRIVE WITH CARE THROUGH CONSTRUCTION SITES
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Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, November 7, 2025)

First local influenza case of the 2025/2026 season

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has received laboratory confirmation of the first local case of influenza A for the 2025-2026 season.

Seasonal influenza, commonly known as the flu, is a contagious viral respiratory illness that affects the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu vaccine (flu shot) is the most effective way to prevent influenza infection and severe illness.

Flu shots are available for anyone aged 6 months or older at RCDHU clinics across Renfrew County and District, at participating pharmacies, or from your primary care provider.

To see the full RCDHU clinic schedule and to book your flu shot, visit www.rcdhu.com or call us at 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004.

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Subject: Rent Protection for Tenants

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a Resolution recently passed by the Municipality of Wawa regarding rent protection for tenants.

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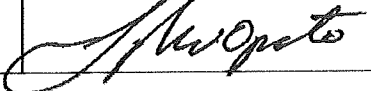


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS this council understands that the need for affordable rental housing not only applies to new builds but also to the protection of existing affordable units; and

WHEREAS the removal of rent control in 2018 on any new residential rental unit opened the door to excessive year over year rent increases and the resulting anxiety and mental anguish that come with unpredictable rental costs and loss of housing security; and

WHEREAS the loss of rent control has caused a high number of people across Ontario to be forced out of their homes due to their inability to afford their rent increases; and

WHEREAS without protection from excessive and malicious rent increases, many Wawa renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes; and

WHEREAS unlimited rent increases can be used as a tool by landlords acting in bad faith to remove existing tenants in order to replace them with new tenants at increased rates; and

WHEREAS providing housing stability, maintaining affordable housing stock, and protecting renters from unfair rent increases is of utmost importance to this council.

WHEREAS This council recognizes that landlords are essential to a flourishing and affordable housing system; and

WHEREAS maintaining Northern Ontario as a location that is attractive to landlords is of utmost importance.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa request the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes while maintaining the ability for landlords to operate a viable and sustainable business, and that the Clerk for the Municipality of Wawa send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Terry Sheehan, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

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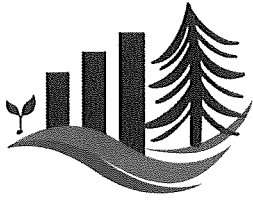
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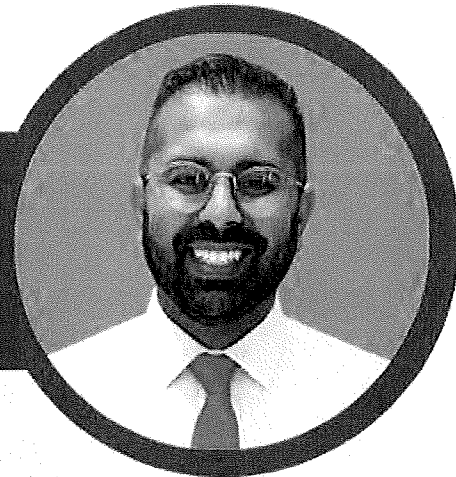


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Nov.10, 2025

Dear Honorable Mayor, Council Members, CAO, KHR Staff, and Community members
1 John Street,
P.O. Box 39
Killaloe, On

Thank you for reading my previous letter at the last council meeting, Nov. 4, 2025. I would like this letter to be read aloud at the next Council meeting (Nov. 18, 2025) as well, and I wonder Councillor Smith, where we can get a copy of the Lawyer's letter that you invited us to read.

This letter is in response, in part, to comments made, by Councillor MacMillan, after said letter was read.

I do thank Councillor MacMillan, Ward 2 representative, for responding to the letter from a Ward 1 member. Yes, you did answer some of the questions posed, but not all and It would have been nice to get the other Councillors thoughts on them as well. I think we may have to resign ourselves to the fact that they may be answered behind some political speak and not transparently.

The content of the second letter written and sent, changed from the first because, apparently there is a protocol in writing letters to Council...who knew. So there really was no need to be snarky about it. Thank you, Ms. Gorgerat, for pointing out my error and letting me revise. And as for talking to the Mayor after the meeting, I guess you overlooked the two ladies I was talking to before you exited the building. To be clear, the Mayor had no in-put, what-so-ever, in either of the letters I wrote and for you to suggest otherwise – Shame On You! I didn't realize that there was a By-Law stating that members of this Township couldn't talk to the Mayor. So many By-Laws...so little time.

As for the unpaid taxes, are we allowed to know what actions the current council has taken to try to rectify this, or is that part of the behind closed doors decisions, not to be discussed in public?

The issue of the ward system and number of councillors is obviously concerning for taxpayers, that's why it is brought up so often and as to your email, there was no vote on this topic. It was discussed, deferred, and the staff was supposed to have been asked to prepare a report with additional information. Contrary to popular opinion, unfortunately, it is this Council's decision to change these systems not the constituents. You stated we would be amazed at how many want the 6 Councillors and the Ward system, I think you would be equally amazed at how many don't (apparently yourself included, and up until a few months ago Councillor Browne). Yes it is a difficult decision to make, but if you can't make the hard decisions, what are you there for?

You bluster about the Mayor misrepresenting facts and changing his mind, you are doing the same thing with this issue. I ask you, Councillor Browne, did you discuss your flip flop with the people you represent? And why is no one badgering you about changing your mind?

Councillor MacMillan, you asked your co-workers who I was, and then asked if I was a troublemaker. My response to that is...I can be if I have to be.

It seems to me, from some of the comments made, from other Councillors, at this and other meetings, that our previous Mayor had Strong Mayor Powers, before it was even a thing.

Don't be lulled into thinking that people are not paying attention. They are, even though they don't express it like others do.

Everyone has a right to express their opinion, but Council has no right to be disrespectful of the seat they are sitting in, the people they represent, or each other.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna Lynch

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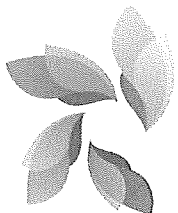
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Good Morning,

Please see the attached correspondence regarding a Resolution of Council of the Town of Deep River, passed at the October 22nd, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council, to support the future use and deployment of Canadian Nuclear Energy.

Best regards,

Jackie Mellon
Clerk
Town of Deep River





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To: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
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Municipality of Kincardine, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Municipality of Port Hope, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Municipality of Pickering, Ontario, Member of CANHC
District of Pinawa, Manitoba, Member of CANHC
Region of Durham, Ontario, Member of CANHC
County of Bruce, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Northumberland County, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Renfrew County, Ontario, Member of CANHC
South Bruce, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Peterborough, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Rural Community of Fundy Shores, Ontario, Member of CANHC
Municipalities of Renfrew County

Re: Support For the Future Use and Deployment of Canadian Nuclear Energy.

Please be advised the following Resolution of the Council of the Town of Deep River was passed at the October 22, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council, in support of the Canadians for CANDU movement for the future use and deployment of Canadian nuclear energy, particularly Canadian designed CANDU Reactors, associated medical isotopes, and Small Modular Reactors.

4.3.1 Canadians for CANDU

RESOLUTION 2025 295

MOVED BY: Mayor D'Eon
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hughes

WHEREAS *Canadians for CANDU* is an advocacy group of Canadian business, science, education and indigenous leaders with a mission to secure Canada's clean energy future through further adoption of CANDU technology; and

WHEREAS deploying safe, effective and efficient Made-in-Canada CANDU technology can help secure our energy independence and support a cleaner, healthier and more prosperous future for Canadians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT as representatives of the thousands of our residents who have worked as employees of AECL's Chalk River Laboratories, and been instrumental in the development of the CANDU design, and maintenance of CANDU technology around the world, the Town of Deep River is proud to join *Canadians for CANDU* ambassadors Jean Chretien, former Prime Minister of Canada and Mike Harris, Former Premier of Ontario, and the dozens of business leaders who have signed onto the *Canadians for CANDU* movement to support the future use and deployment of Canadian nuclear energy, particularly Canadian designed CANDU Reactors, associated medical isotopes and SMRs; and

FURTHER THAT this Resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew, all Municipalities in Renfrew County, all Members of CANHC, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, and the Prime Minister.

CARRIED

Best Regards,



Jackie Mellon
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Good afternoon,

Attached is an update about the progress made in the [EORN Cell Gap Project](#). It shows the progress of the project to date for the county your municipality is in.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a great day.

Marco

- [Read our FAQ](#) about what affects the strength of your cell phone signal and how to improve it.
- Take the [CIRA internet speed test](#) and assist us in telling the story of internet connectivity in eastern Ontario.

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EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update

October 2025

Regional view

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	311	311	n/a
New towers in service	258	149	3
New co-locations	75	69	1
Land use authority	257	253	0
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Renfrew County

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	25	25	n/a
New towers in service	47	34	0
New co-locations	10	9	1
Land use authority	47	46	0
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Note: data is updated by Rogers on the 15th of each month. Data provided for this update was received on October 15, 2025.

Renfrew County Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0367	Chalk River	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C1911	Deep River	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C1948	Petawawa	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4723	Petawawa Blvd. and Festubert Blvd.	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4724	Petawawa Blvd and Sharon St.	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C4820	Petawawa and Civic Centre	Town of Petawawa	In-service
C3434	Douglas	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C3425	Eganville	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C3439	Constant Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C3049	Calabogie	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C1910	Mackey	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C1912	Bisset Creek	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C2382	Renfrew Town	Township of Horton	In-service
C3437	Killaloe	Township of Killaloe, Hagartry and Richards	In-service

Renfrew County Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0377	Cobden	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C0414	Pembroke	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C2706	Barry's Bay	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C2914	Combermere	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C3438	Wilno	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C4077	Barry's Bay Town	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C0410	Renfrew	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C7844	Braeside	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C3436	Golden Lake	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C2569	Highway 17 and Haley Station	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C4088	Highway 17 and Cobden	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service

Renfrew County Co-location Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C4084	Chalk River at Ottawa River	Town of Deep River	2026
C4087	Deep River Town	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C6629	Meilleurs Bay	Town of Laurentian Hills	In-service
C8544	Janet Road at Granzies Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C6623	Black Donald Lake	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8470	Highway 41 and Highway 71	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8478	Trans Canada Highway and Brent Road	Township of Head, Clara and Maria	In-service
C8487	ON-60 and Cardinal Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C6619	Halfway Lake	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8265	Highway 41 and Greenlake Road	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8474	Trans Canada Highway at Orange Road	Town of Petawawa	2026
C8265	Colton Road and Quilty Road	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8465	ON-60 and Haley Road	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8625	Dunmore Road and Barr Line	Township of Adamston-Bromley	In-service
C8623	Opeongo Road West and Klondike Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8704	O'Connor Road and Wolfe Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	2026
C8705	Boldt Road and Donegal Road	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8511	Perrault	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8622	Corrigan Road and Silver Lake	Township of Bonnechere Valley	In-service
C8497	Hardwood Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8533	Highway 28 and Little Ireland Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8620	Letterkenny Road and Lost Nation Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8621	Heins Road and Quadeville Road	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8702	Schutt Road and Wingle	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8706	Quadeville Road and Murk Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2026
C8618	Oscar Boehme Road and River Bend Drive	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan	2025
C8619	Rochefort	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland	In-service
C8703	Gorman Lake	Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Ragland	In-service
C8713	Long Point Way and Inglis Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8498	Highway 41 and Doorley Creek Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	2026

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower Identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8668	Denzil Lane and Upper Spruce Hedge Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8532	ON-41 and Dunagans Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8711	Glenfield Road and Matawatchan Road	Township of Greater Madawaska	In-service
C8712	Holywell Road and Mt. St. Patrick Road	Township of Grater Madawaska	2025
C8501	Trans Canada Highway and Bissett Creek Road	Township of Head, Clara, Maria	2026
C8531	Trans Canada Highway 17 at Stonecliffe	Township of Head, Clara Maria	In-service
C8637	Jim Barr Road and Mullins Road	Township of Horton	In-service
C8627	Gunns Road and Round Lake Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C8696	Simpson Pit Road and Round Lake Road	Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards	In-service
C6620	Doran and Round Lake Road	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8473	Forest Lea Road at Pembroke	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8628	Doran Road and Witt Road	Township of Laurentian Valley	In-service
C8616	Dafoe Road and Micks Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	2026

Renfrew County New Tower Build Schedule

Tower Identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8626	Etmanski Road and Paugh Lake Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C8707	Stanley Olsheski Road and Hasanville Lane	Township of Madawaska Valley	2026
C8615	Kubesheski Road and Siberia Road	Township of Madawaska Valley	In-service
C4086	Highway 17 and Glasgow Station	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8515	White Lake Road and Mountain View Road	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8536	River Road and Lochwinnoch Road	Township of McNab-Braeside	In-service
C8512	Deacon	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C8624	Connaught Road and Bulger Road	Township of North Algona Wilberforce	In-service
C8635	Kerr Line and Magnesium Road	Township of Whitewater Region	2026
C8630	Branch Trail and Nangor Trail	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8631	Westmeath Road at Westmeath Provincial Park	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8632	La Passe Road and Hawthorne Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8633	Zion Line and Pappin Road	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service
C8634	Grants Settlement Road at Grants Settlement	Township of Whitewater Region	In-service

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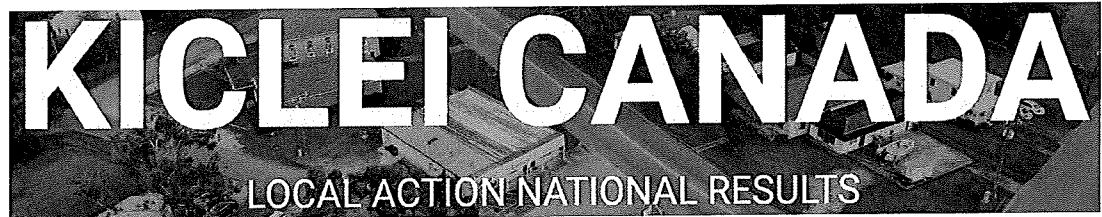
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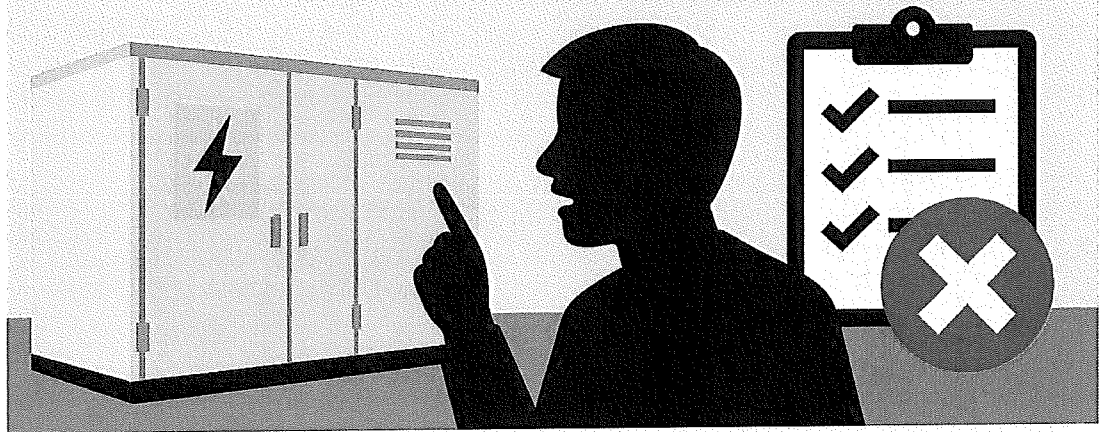
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Give Councils the Tools to Reject BESS

A Resource Brief for Local Energy Storage Projects



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About This Report

This report was developed as a direct response to a wave of outreach from communities across Canada. As residents began organizing against Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) proposals in their municipalities, it became clear that local councils were not being given the full picture. Private developers were presenting scripted, vague pitches emphasizing alignment with “green energy transitions” while downplaying the financial model, risk profile, and long-term liabilities. What was missing in council deliberations wasn’t goodwill or concern—but clarity.

This report distills what citizens, councillors, and municipal staff need to know: how BESS projects actually make money, what risks they pose, and why councils are under no obligation to approve them. It includes a checklist of key questions, a model resolution to pause approvals, and an urgent call for transparency. We urge everyone reading to share this with their local council. It's just 10 pages, easy to digest, and could make the difference between informed consent and costly regret.

1. Executive Summary

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) are being marketed to municipalities across Canada as key components of the “clean energy transition.” Developers frame these projects as safe, necessary, and beneficial to the public. In practice, most BESS projects are privately owned industrial sites that profit from electricity market speculation and provincial subsidies—while leaving municipalities to manage fire risk, public concern, emergency response, and eventual decommissioning.

A typical BESS facility stores grid electricity in lithium-ion batteries when prices are low, and resells it at peak rates. The system is designed for profit, not local energy access. Developers receive guaranteed payments from provincial grid operators, while ratepayers cover the cost of generation, storage, and repurchase. Municipalities receive no direct revenue from energy trading and no ownership of the infrastructure. Meanwhile, local governments must oversee permitting, fire response planning, public consultation, and potential environmental or liability issues.

This report provides a detailed breakdown of the risks, responsibilities, and red flags associated with BESS approvals. It also includes a list of questions councils should ask, a sample resolution for municipalities to pause or decline participation, and a guide to asserting local authority in energy development decisions.

2. Understanding BESS: Function, Finance, and Framing

What It Is

A Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is an industrial-scale facility that stores energy in lithium-ion battery containers—each the size of a shipping container—linked to the provincial power grid. These units include transformers, inverters, monitoring systems, and control software. Projects vary in size, but many range from 50 to 250 megawatts, covering several acres.

How It Makes Money

Developers profit in two ways:

- **Capacity Payments** – Grid operators pay developers simply to be “available” during peak demand. These payments are guaranteed, even if the batteries are never used.
- **Energy Arbitrage** – Electricity is purchased from the grid at off-peak prices and resold at peak rates. Developers pocket the price spread, without generating any new energy.

Who Pays?

The public pays at every stage:

1. To generate the original electricity through hydro, nuclear, or wind;
2. To subsidize battery storage via provincial programs;
3. To repurchase stored energy at peak markup rates.

What Municipalities Are Told

Developers frame these proposals as green infrastructure partnerships—but they are not public projects. They are speculative investments that need local zoning approval and land-use permissions to proceed. Once approvals are secured, ownership may be transferred to private investors, foreign firms, or asset management companies.

3. Risk Areas for Municipalities

A. Fire and Public Safety

Lithium-ion battery fires are rare, but catastrophic. Thermal runaway can create intense fires lasting hours or days, releasing hazardous gases including hydrogen fluoride. These events require specialized response strategies, which most municipal fire departments lack. Several global incidents have led to injuries, evacuations, and environmental contamination. No project should proceed without a third-party fire safety plan and developer-funded training and equipment for local responders.

B. Environmental Risk and Upstream Impacts

While framed as clean energy, BESS projects rely on overseas mining and manufacturing. The lithium, cobalt, and graphite used in battery cells are extracted in jurisdictions with known environmental degradation and labour violations. The facilities themselves can leak, burn, or require hazardous cleanup. Canada lacks a full closed-loop recycling system for utility-scale batteries. Disposal and long-term storage are unresolved.

C. Property and Insurance Impacts

Locating a BESS near homes can trigger higher insurance premiums, denied coverage, and reduced property values. There is currently no standardized compensation model for affected residents.

D. Fiscal Liability and Staff Time

Municipal planners, legal staff, and emergency personnel are required to review and coordinate these projects—often without compensation. If a developer dissolves or abandons a site, the cost of decommissioning and environmental remediation can fall to the municipality.

4. The Push for Rural and Small-Town Approvals

BESS proponents prefer rural areas for several reasons:

- Lower land costs
- Easier access to hydro corridors and transmission lines
- Limited staff capacity to analyze complex proposals
- Lower likelihood of organized opposition

These councils are often assumed to lack the technical knowledge or legal support to fully scrutinize the project. Proponents rely on familiar buzzwords like “clean energy,” “grid modernization,” and “helping the province transition to net-zero” to frame their proposals as beneficial. In reality, these are private profit-driven ventures with no meaningful benefit to the host community.

These projects do not offer local electricity access, do not generate municipal revenue, and do not deliver lasting jobs. What they do bring are long-term liabilities: fire risk, property devaluation, insurance complications, and eventual decommissioning costs.

Councils must recognize that they are being approached not because they're key partners in a transition, but because they're seen as easy targets—jurisdictions less likely to push back. Understanding this dynamic is essential. These are not local energy partnerships; they are speculative corporate installations that depend on local governments granting land use and zoning approvals without fully understanding the risks or asking who benefits.

Municipalities should not feel pressured to participate. Approval is voluntary. Under the Municipal Act, councils are responsible for resident safety, financial prudence, and land stewardship—not for meeting private investment timelines or provincial procurement targets.

5. Sustainability vs. Stewardship: What's Council's Role?

The term “sustainability” has been co-opted into global economic programs and carbon trading schemes. A project may claim to be

sustainable while depending on coal-fired Chinese manufacturing, lithium mined in water-stressed regions, and shipping across the Pacific. These emissions and costs are not reflected in provincial program materials.

Environmental stewardship, on the other hand, is a legal and ethical responsibility under the Municipal Act. It means safeguarding air, land, water, and residents within your jurisdiction. It requires local consent, transparency, and accountability.

Approving a BESS project without clear local benefit, verifiable risk controls, or enforceable restoration plans is not stewardship—it's liability transfer.

6. Council Questions Checklist

Use this list to guide staff reports, public consultations, and developer meetings:

Ownership & Control

- Who owns the project entity today?
- Can the project be sold or transferred without council input?

Risk and Emergency Response

- Has a fire plan been submitted and reviewed by the local fire department?
- Who pays for firefighter training, response equipment, and overtime?
- Is there a defined evacuation radius for smoke or explosion scenarios?

Local Benefit & Economic Impact

- Will any revenue flow to the municipality or residents?
- How many permanent local jobs will the facility create?
- What protections exist for property owners nearby?

- Will insurance costs for neighbouring properties increase as a result of this installation?
- Has the potential for nearby property devaluation been assessed and addressed?

Environmental and Ethical Standards

- Where are battery components manufactured?
- Are ethical labour and environmental sourcing verified?
- What is the full environmental cost of mining, processing, shipping, and disposal?

Decommissioning and Long-Term Liability

- What is the guaranteed lifespan of the facility?
- Is there a binding, fully funded decommissioning agreement?
- What happens if the developer dissolves or defaults?

Governance and Transparency

- Has an independent peer-reviewed risk study been shared publicly?
- Was there a public meeting with independent experts?
- Do local residents support the proposal?

7. Recommended Municipal Actions

Municipal councils are being asked to greenlight high-risk industrial energy storage projects with no proven local benefit, no guaranteed revenue, and unresolved safety and environmental concerns. The financial structure is designed to favour private profit while offloading long-term costs and emergency obligations to local governments and taxpayers. These projects offer no direct electricity access to residents, create few if any permanent jobs, and provide no revenue-sharing model for host municipalities. In light of these imbalances, councils are well within their authority—and duty—to pause or reject proposals outright.

1. Pause or Decline

Do not approve any BESS proposal until the municipality has received:

- An independent, third-party, peer-reviewed risk assessment covering fire, environmental, fiscal, and supply chain impacts;
- A legal review of the developer's ownership, transfer rights, and liability structures;
- Confirmation that local emergency services have reviewed the application and support its feasibility. A pause is not a rejection—it is a responsible delay to ensure informed, transparent decision-making.

2. Demand Cost Recovery

Developers must cover 100% of local costs tied to their project, including:

- Firefighter and emergency responder training;
- Specialized equipment (e.g. foam, thermal cameras, PPE);
- Legal review, planning hours, community consultation, and permit processing. Include cost-recovery terms in any conditional agreement. Without them, the municipality is subsidizing a private business with public funds.

3. Require Safe Siting

Set minimum setbacks for all BESS projects, including:

- 500–1,000 metres from any residential, institutional, or recreational property;
- Minimum distances from schools, hospitals, and watercourses;
- Prohibitions on siting in areas with limited fire access or high evacuation vulnerability. Councils should not rely on developers' maps alone—commission an independent siting review.

4. Insist on Transparency

Require meaningful and public engagement before approvals:

- Host at least one public meeting facilitated by independent, non-affiliated experts (not company reps);
- Publish risk assessments, fire plans, and site layouts in advance of council deliberation;
- Provide space for resident deputations and written submissions. Transparency builds trust and allows informed public feedback.

Transparent governance requires more than disclosure—it demands consent. If residents oppose a proposal, that must be treated as a decisive factor. Councils have the authority and responsibility to reject BESS projects that lack community support.

5. Mandate Decommissioning Bonds

Do not accept vague “restoration plans” or token deposits. Require:

- A legally binding decommissioning agreement that includes:
 - Full hazardous material removal;
 - Soil and groundwater testing;
 - Site restoration to pre-construction condition;
- A secured financial bond (not a letter of intent) sufficient to cover all work, indexed for inflation. If the developer walks, the municipality should not be left cleaning up a toxic site.

8. Sample Municipal Resolution

Motion Title: Pause or Decline Approval of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project

WHEREAS [Municipality] has been approached to host a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS); and

WHEREAS Council affirms its duty to represent residents, ensure fiscal integrity, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS BESS projects pose documented fire, environmental, insurance, and long-term liability risks; and

WHEREAS the municipality receives no guaranteed local energy access, job creation, or share of revenue;


BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL:


1. Declines approval until a third-party, peer-reviewed risk and benefit assessment is completed and shared publicly;
2. Directs staff to prepare a report on:
 - All expected municipal costs;
 - Fire and emergency planning;
 - Siting criteria and zoning implications;
3. Requires the developer to fund all emergency preparedness and response costs;
4. Suspends zoning or permitting until public benefit is demonstrated and a binding decommissioning agreement is in place;
5. Communicate this resolution to the province, the IESO, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and any municipal associations or caucuses of which [Municipality] is a member.
6. **Moved by:** _____ **Seconded**
by: _____
Date: _____
Status: Carried / Deferred / Defeated

9. Next Steps for Municipal Leaders

- Share this report with council colleagues, CAOs, and planning staff.
- Ask for a staff report on BESS implications in your community.
- Organize a public meeting or deputation.

- Contact KICLEI for tools, petitions, meeting templates, and resources.

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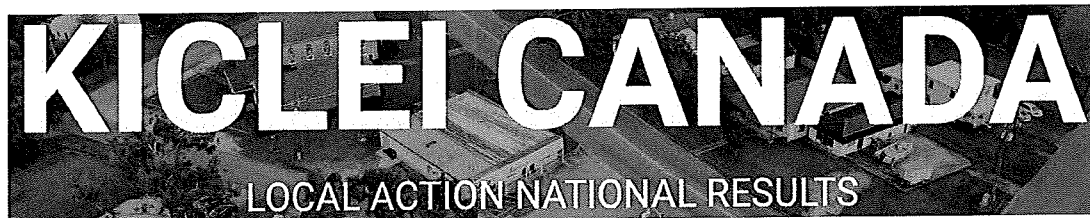
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A Council's Guide to Battery Energy Storage Projects in Canada

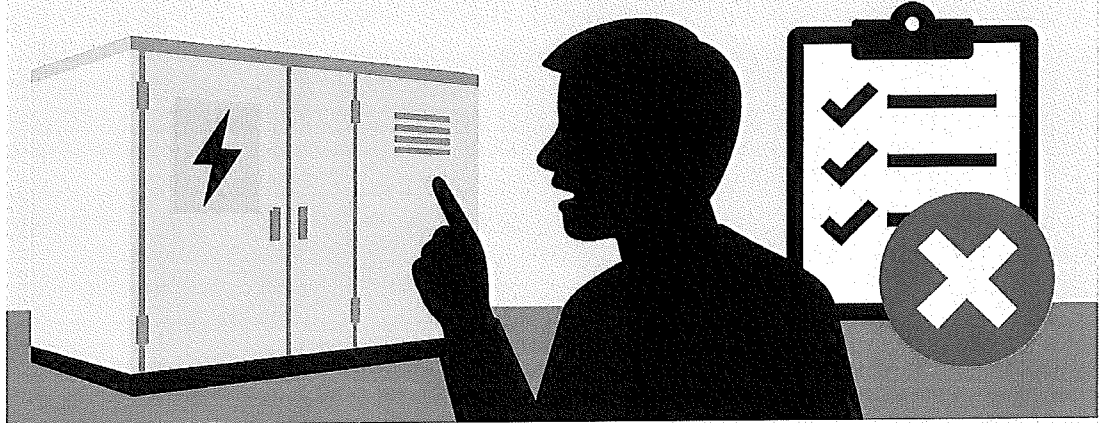
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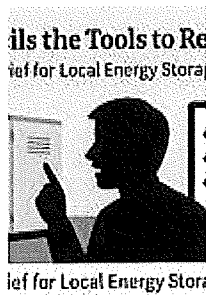
Give Councils the Tools to Reject BESS

A Resource Brief for Local Energy Storage Projects



A Resource Brief for Local Energy Storage Projects

Battery energy storage developers are targeting small and rural municipalities across Canada—and most councils are not being told the full story. KICLEI Canada has just released a 10-page municipal briefing to help councils push back, ask better questions, and protect their communities from long-term risk. Download the report here:



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Why this matters

In townships, counties, and rural municipalities across the Canada, councillors are being approached by private developers pitching Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) as part of the “clean energy transition.”

The pitch sounds good: safe, green, and aligned with provincial goals. But beneath the surface, these projects are speculative, profit-driven ventures that offer no local energy access, no permanent jobs, and no guaranteed financial benefit to host communities.

In fact, most BESS contracts:

- Shift fire, environmental, and emergency response risk onto the municipality
- Increase insurance costs and lower property values for nearby residents
- Involve foreign-owned subsidiaries and offshore supply chains
- Depend on zoning approvals granted by small councils with limited technical support

The public pays three times—first to generate the electricity, again to store it, and once more to buy it back at a markup—while councils carry the legal liability if something goes wrong.

Councils need to hear this

This new KICLEI report equips councillors, CAOs, planners, and citizens with:

- A plain-language explanation of how BESS works
- A breakdown of the financial model and who actually benefits
- Real-world fire, insurance, and liability risks
- A checklist of questions every council should ask
- A sample resolution to **pause or decline** approvals

⦿ These proposals are not municipal initiatives. They're corporate energy trading platforms disguised as local green infrastructure. And councils are being pressured to approve them without fully understanding the implications.

What you can do

📄 **Download** the report and send it to your local council.

It's only 10 pages—designed to be shared and understood quickly by staff and councillors.

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Dear [Mayor/Councillor NAME],

I'm writing to share a new report that lays out the real risks and unanswered questions surrounding the battery energy storage system (BESS) projects being proposed to municipalities like ours.

The report, created by KICLEI Canada, outlines:

- The business model and how it works
- Fire, insurance, and decommissioning risks
- What municipalities are being asked to approve
- A full list of council questions and a sample resolution

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I hope you'll take a few minutes to review this and share it with our staff and planning team. These projects are being framed as harmless "green infrastructure," but this report shows otherwise. We need full transparency before any approvals move forward.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Municipality]

What's next

This is just the beginning

This brief is the first in a full KICLEI series designed to equip councils with the facts they aren't getting from corporate proponents, consultants, or federal funders.

Future municipal briefings will expose:

Industrial wind and solar installations – what's actually being built, who profits, and who carries the long-term liability.

Municipal carbon-credit purchasing under "net-zero" targets – voluntary programs that drain local budgets while enriching private brokers.


FCM and ICLEI top-down globalist programming – federal and international agendas steering local planning under the radar of public consent.

Municipal jurisdiction and local authority – what councils can lawfully refuse, and how to reassert control over land-use and environmental decisions.

Data centres, EV charging corridors, 15-minute cities, and smart surveillance tech – the new wave of digital infrastructure being quietly downloaded for municipal approval with little scrutiny, no cost transparency, and major long-term implications.

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 Questions or feedback?

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Download the report, read it, and pass it on. Local government is the last line of defence.

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These briefings don't produce themselves.

Every report we publish takes hours of research, review, and collaboration with grassroots organizers and municipal watchdogs across the country. And they're working—every councillor who reads these materials becomes harder to mislead and more equipped to say **no**.

Meanwhile, multinational corporations and global NGOs are counting on quiet approvals, uninformed councils, and unchallenged talking points to

push their agenda through. Between now and 2050, they aim to siphon trillions from public infrastructure, ratepayers, and local budgets.

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November 12, 2025

Dear Head of Council,

On October 23, 2025, our government introduced the *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 (Bill 60)*. Through this legislation and other changes, we are protecting Ontario's economy and keeping workers on the job by cutting red tape, getting shovels in the ground faster and supporting the construction of homes, roads and infrastructure.

The bill contains bold actions, creating the conditions for building housing and transportation infrastructure faster to support families, attract investments, create good jobs and keep Ontario competitive.

You are invited to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided with this letter and share any feedback you may have.

If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca.

In the face of economic uncertainty, we must protect Ontario. I look forward to continued collaboration with you, our municipal partners, to build the more prosperous, resilient and competitive economy that Ontario needs today, tomorrow, and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

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

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Development Charges Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 3 of the Bill would make amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

Land Acquisition Costs

A new subsection 7 (3.1) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* would require development charge-eligible land acquisition costs to be part of a class in a development charge by-law consisting only of those costs. Land acquisition costs would, pursuant to a new section 5.3, be exempted from the historic service level cap, and these costs, for certain services, would be limited to those that relate to the ten-year period after the background study.

A new subsection 35 (1.1) of the Act would provide that money in an existing reserve fund established to pay for growth-related capital costs of eligible services can continue to be used for growth-related land acquisition costs of the applicable service, so long as those costs are not being paid from the reserve fund for the land acquisition class.

Requiring Local Service Policies

A new subsection 59 (2.2) of the Act would require municipalities that levy development charges to establish local service policies for each service to which the by-law relates and for which a part of the service would be provided as a local service.

The local service policy must identify the works or classes of works that are intended to be for the provision of local services. It could also identify works or classes of works that are not intended to be for the provision of local services (e.g. works that would be funded through development charges) or works or classes of works that would only partially be intended to be for the provision of local services.

A municipality could not require a work for the provision of local service to be paid for or constructed as a condition of land division if it is not identified as being intended to be so provided in the local service policy. This rule applies on the earlier of 18 months after Royal Assent or the day on which the local service policy is established.

The municipality would need to send a copy of the local service policy to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on request, by the date specified in the request.

If a local service policy has been established, it must be reviewed and a resolution passed by council at the same time as a development charge by-law is passed, indicating whether revisions would be needed.

Requiring Treasurer's Statements to be Submitted by a Specific Date

Subsection 43 (1) of the Act is amended to require the municipal treasurer to give council a development charges financial statement (commonly referred to as the treasurer's statement) on or before June 30 annually. Subsection 43 (3) of the Act is amended to require the treasurer to give a copy of the financial statement to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing no later than July 15 of the year in which the statement is provided to council.

Requiring Municipal Documents to be Submitted to the Ministry on Request

A new subsection 10 (5) of the Act would require municipal councils to give a copy of the development charge background study to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on request, by the deadline specified in the request

A new subsection 13 (5) of the Act, requires municipal councils to give a copy of the development charge by-law passed by the municipality to the Minister on request, by the deadline specified in the request.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* through the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([25-MMAH018](#)) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Municipal Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 7 of the Bill propose changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to transfer jurisdiction over water and wastewater (sewage) services from Peel Region to the lower-tier municipalities of Mississauga and Brampton, and Caledon, effective January 1, 2029, or a different date as prescribed by the Minister. The proposed amendments prevent the transfer of jurisdiction over water and wastewater back from the lower-tier municipalities to Peel Region using existing authority to transfer services in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([025-1098](#)) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 10 of the Bill proposes the following amendments to the *Planning Act* that would help create the conditions necessary to support housing and community development. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Provide authority for the Minister to make regulations that would remove the need for certain minor variances,
- Allow certain official plan amendments modifying the authorized uses of land within a Protected Major Transit Station Areas (PMTSA) to be exempt from Minister's approval,
- Make provincial policy statements inapplicable with respect to all Minister's decisions under the *Planning Act* outside the Greenbelt Area. A transparent and accountable oversight framework would be developed to support implementation,
- Enable all upper-tier municipalities to establish regional Community Improvement Plans (CIPs) without being prescribed, allow municipalities to fund the CIPs of their respective upper- or lower-tier municipalities, and, for upper-tier municipalities without planning responsibilities, to revive CIPs that were in effect on the day before the municipality lost its planning responsibilities, and
- Enable Minister's zoning orders (MZO) to be made by non-regulatory orders and require them to be published on a Government of Ontario website.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry from October 23, 2025, to November 22, 2025:

- ERO 025-1097 Proposed Planning Act Changes (Schedule 10 of Bill 60 - *Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025*).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on associated consultation postings:

- ERO 025-1099: Consultation on simplifying and standardizing official plans.
- ERO 025-1100: Consultation to better understand the linkage between minimum lot sizes on urban residential lands and increased housing options and affordability.
- ERO 025-1101: Consultation to understand current municipal practices with respect to green development standards at the lot level (outside of building) in order to assess whether future changes are needed to prohibit mandatory green development standards in order to improve consistency and clarity across Ontario.

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

City of Toronto Act, 2006 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The proposed change would, through a proclamation order, remove the City of Toronto's authority, under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, to require green roofs or other alternative roof surfaces on buildings, effective November 3, 2025.

Residential Tenancies Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing / Ministry of the Attorney General

Schedule 12 of the Bill amends the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (RTA) to help address delays and support backlog reduction efforts at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) and adjust the balance of landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Remove the requirement for a landlord to provide compensation to a tenant when evicting for personal use of the rental unit, if the landlord gives at least 120 days' notice of termination, instead of the required 60 days' notice;
- Shorten the notice period a landlord must provide to a fixed-term or month-to-month tenant to evict them for rent arrears from 14 days to 7 days;
- Remove a tenant's ability to raise issues that could otherwise be the subject of a tenant application to the LTB as part of a rent arrears hearing, if the tenant has not paid at least half of the rent arrears claimed in the application filed by the landlord;
- Remove a tenant's ability to raise issues that could otherwise be the subject of a tenant application to the LTB on the day of a rent arrears hearing, if the tenant has not given prior notice in accordance with LTB timelines;
- Specify a 15-day period for a landlord or tenant to request internal review of a final order or decision of the LTB; and

- Create new regulation-making authorities for the government to prescribe:
 - The form of a notice given by a landlord or tenant to terminate a tenancy.
 - Rules and guidelines for determining what qualifies as a “persistent” failure to pay rent / monthly housing charges, when they are due, by a tenant / member of non-profit housing co-operative.
 - Limitations on the LTB’s ability to postpone the enforcement of an eviction order and/or factors the LTB must consider before postponing enforcement.
 - Limitations, conditions, or tests related to a tenant / member of non-profit housing co-operative making a motion to set aside an eviction order that has been issued, without a hearing, when the tenant/member has given notice of termination to a landlord/co-op, or the parties have entered into an agreement to end a tenancy.
 - Limits or conditions on the power of the LTB to review its final decisions and orders.

The proposed amendments would come into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change through the Ontario Regulatory Registry from October 23, 2025, to November 22, 2025 at the links below:

- [RR 25-MMAH019](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Rules Related to Tenants Raising New Issues at a Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) Rent Arrears Hearing
- [RR 25-MMAH024](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendments to Shorten the Rent Arrears Eviction Notice Period
- [RR 25-MMAH025](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendments to the Compensation Requirements for Landlord's Own Use Evictions
- [RR 25-MAG017](#): Seeking Feedback on Proposed Amendment to the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006 (RTA) to Shorten the Period of Time Available to Request a Review of an LTB order

Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 16 of the Bill proposes a new Act which sets out a framework for a new delivery model for water and wastewater services. The new framework will include legislative authority for the Minister to:

- Designate corporations as water and wastewater public corporations by regulation.
- Require prescribed municipalities to deliver water and wastewater exclusively through a water and wastewater public corporation beginning on a date as prescribed.

Under the new framework, the Minister will have regulation-making authority, including the ability to:

- Prescribe duties and responsibilities for the water and wastewater public corporation.
- Govern the transfer, issuance, redemption and purchase of shares and dividends of a water and wastewater public corporation.
- Govern requirements related to the nomination, appointment, election, resignation or removal of members of the board of directors of the corporation.
- Govern powers for the water and wastewater public corporation to impose and collect fees and charges. If required by LGIC regulation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing would have oversight powers over rate plans (and additional plans that may be prescribed in regulations).
- Provide for additional transitional matters.

Subject to future regulations setting out the share allocation, the first corporation would provide water and wastewater services in Peel Region and would be jointly owned by Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. A corporation would be incorporated under the *Ontario Business Corporations Act* at the direction of the Minister that the Minister would designate as a water and wastewater public corporation.

The council of a municipality prescribed by the regulations shall, by the date specified in the regulations, make by-laws transferring employees, assets, liabilities, rights and obligations of the municipality to a water and wastewater public corporation for the purpose of providing water and wastewater services.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry (025-1098) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

GO Transit Station Funding Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 4 of the Bill proposes changes the *GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023*, to enable Municipalities the flexibility to specify payment of a transit station charge, in respect of any part of a development that consists of residential development, upon occupancy and require financial security to secure the payment of any transit station charge that is required to be paid upon occupancy of residential development.

Additional amendments will provide for the determination of a transit station charge that is payable upon occupancy of residential development.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *GO Transit Station Funding Act, 2023* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice 025-1182 from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

The proposed amendments to the *Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, 2002* would extend the mandate of Waterfront Toronto from 2028 to 2035, and allow for a further extension up to 2040.

The amendments also include provisions relating to a strategic review of Waterfront Toronto in 2031-32 that may inform the extension, a provision requiring the provincial government to consult with the federal government and City of Toronto prior to winding-up the corporation, and the repeal of provisions in the Act that are no longer applicable.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation Act, 2002* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [025-1182](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 15 of the Bill proposes to amend the *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*, which may allow the Minister to establish a Transit-Oriented Communities Advisory Panel. The Minister may appoint up to four individuals to this Advisory Panel and appoint a Chair from among them.

The Transit-Oriented Communities Advisory Panel would advise and make recommendations to the Minister, in respect of such matters as the Minister directs, related to infrastructure, transit-oriented community projects, land designated as transit-oriented community land under the Act, and other related matters.

The amendments will also enable the Minister to make an order requiring an owner of land designated as transit-oriented community land to enter into an agreement with a municipality addressing any matters that the Minister considers necessary for the appropriate development of the transit-oriented community land.

Municipalities will also be required to designate a municipal officer or employee to give to the Minister such information as the Minister requests with respect to the implementation of transit-oriented community projects that are located within that municipality.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [025-1182](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025.

Construction Act - Ministry of the Attorney General

Schedule 2 of the bill proposes the following amendments to the *Construction Act* that would, if passed, refine the new annual release of holdback system that was enacted in 2024 but that is not yet in force:

Section 30 is re-enacted in order to apply with respect to the abandonment or termination of a contract or subcontract, rather than to a circumstance in which a contractor or subcontractor defaults in the performance of a contract or subcontract.

Not-yet-in-force amendments to section 31 that would have been made by section 27 of Schedule 4 to the *Building Ontario For You Act (Budget Measures), 2024* – providing for annual lien expiry – are repealed. Section 31 is amended to retain the provisions of those amendments dealing with notice of termination and its effects. The not-yet-in-force re-enacted version of section 26 (payment of basic holdback) is consequently amended to require the annual release of holdback without the expiry of liens.

Section 87.4 is amended by adding a separate transition rule for alternative financing and procurement arrangements (otherwise known as “public-private partnerships”) and to adjust the transition rules respecting amendments made to section 31.

Transitional regulation-making authority in section 88 is made more generally applicable and is transferred from the Lieutenant Governor in Council to the Minister.

The amendments are to come into force at the same time as related amendments to the Act made by the *Building Ontario For You Act (Budget Measures), 2024*, except for the transitional regulation-making authority which comes into force on Royal Assent.

Ontario Water Resources Act - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Schedule 8 of the bill proposes amendments to the *Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA)* that would, if enacted, would reduce the time and costs with providing on-site sewage treatment to on-farm worker housing by allowing larger systems (comprised of multiple systems with design capacities no greater than 10,000 L/d each and up to 50,000 L/d total per lot or parcel of land) to be regulated under the Ontario’s Building Code and exempting these systems from existing *Ontario Water Resources Act* requirements for environmental compliance approvals.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the *Ontario Water Resources Act* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [ERO 025-0900](#) from October 23, 2025 to November 22, 2025. In parallel, the government is also consulting on a policy proposal on how the Ontario Building Code will continue to provide protection to human health, the environment, and neighbouring properties in relation to these on-farm systems. You may provide comments on this supporting policy proposal to the Ontario Building Code through Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-0899](#) from October 24, 2025 to December 7, 2025.

Building Transit Faster Act, 2020 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 1 of the bill proposes amendments to the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (BTFA) that, if passed, would remove barriers and streamline processes that may otherwise result in delays to the timely completion of provincial transit projects by:

- Reducing the notice period to property owners from 30 to 15 days for Metrolinx to conduct due diligence work (e.g., carrying out inspections, removing obstructions), extending access to municipal right-of-way and third-party lands to the operation and maintenance of projects, and expanding the application of Minister's access orders to additional infrastructure (e.g., tunnels, life safety systems, buildings, bridges). Amendments will also create Minister's regulation-making authorities to name additional infrastructure and to delegate powers for access orders to Metrolinx or to an MTO official.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the BTFA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-1035](#).

Highway Traffic Act – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 5 of the bill amends the *Highway Traffic Act* (HTA) to require applicants for a Driver's Licence, Photo Card and Registrant Identification Number demonstrate that the person is a resident of Ontario, that the person has legal status in Canada and, with respect to an application for a commercial class driver's licence, that the person is lawfully able to work in Canada.

The Schedule also makes amendments to Part II.1 of the HTA to address concerns about the impact of vehicle lane reductions on traffic flow, congestion, and transportation efficiency. Amendments to s.195.3 would prohibit all municipalities from reducing the number of motor vehicle lanes when installing new bicycle lanes. Regulation-making authority is also proposed that would allow the Minister to expand the prohibition to include other municipal activities or provide exemptions to the prohibition altogether.

Finally, amendments to s. 195.9 would streamline the process for reimbursement regarding the existing bicycle lane provisions.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes through Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-1071](#) and Regulatory Registry notice [RR 25-MTO019](#).

Local Roads Boards Act – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 6 of the bill amends the *Local Roads Boards Act* to allow owners of certain tax-exempt lands to make voluntary payments to their local roads boards. If approved by the Minister, the voluntary payments would be eligible for matching provincial government funding. The Minister is provided regulation-making authority to prescribe lands for this purpose, as well as to establish an approvals process for such payments. Other related amendments are made regarding record-keeping.

Photo Card Act, 2008 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 9 of the bill amends the *Photo Card Act, 2008*, to require that an applicant for a photo card establish that they are a resident of Ontario, and that they are in Canada lawfully.

Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 11 of the bill adds a new section to the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act (PTHIA)*, stating that various things under the Act do not constitute an expropriation or injurious affection.

This Schedule also repeals and replaces s. 117 of the Act. The Minister of Transportation has existing authority under this section to set mandatory standards for highways, including for municipal roads; however, there is no such regulation currently in place. Proposed amendments would support implementation of common road construction standards across the province by creating new regulation-making authorities to allow the province to prescribe requirements for road construction contracts, establish an exemption process, and set reporting requirements pertaining to road standards. Amendments also allow the Minister to require input from stakeholders regarding standards upon request.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the PTHIA related to road construction standards through the Environmental Registry of Ontario notice [ERO 025-1140](#).

Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 14 of the bill amends the *Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021*, such that tow operators and vehicle storage operators are not required to submit their rates to the ministry for a service where a maximum amount for that service has been set by regulation.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes through Regulatory Registry notice [RR 25-MTO017](#).