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February 3, 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;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
Mary ten Doeschate, Manitoulin Police Services Board Veronique Dion; and
Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

RE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR POLICE SERVICES REQUEST

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of January 29, 2026, the following motion was approved:

021-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the City of Peterborough meeting dated November 3, 2025:

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

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

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

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

Whereas police service boards within municipalities where court proceedings are conducted are required to ensure the security of judges, other judicial officials, members of the public participating in court proceedings, ensuring the secure custody of persons in custody who are on or about the premises, including persons taken into custody at proceedings; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, be it resolved that:

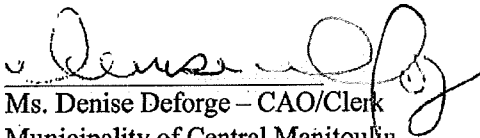
Council request that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, and not general increases to police budgets; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that:

*Council urge the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and
Therefore, be it further resolved that: Council request that the Province of Ontario provide stable sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provision of providing court security services;
and*

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

Sincerely,


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

cc. File



A LITTLE CARD
TO SAY A BIG

thank you



KILWALDE - HAGGARTY - RICHARDS,

THANK YOU
FOR HELPING US DO OUR WORK WITH
INTEGRITY & COMPASSION.



Alexis Sapera, CD
Chair of the Board of Directors

January 22, 2026

Dear Mayor Mayville,

I'm writing to you in regards to a Project that I've been working on through the Women's Sexual Assault Centre Renfrew County (WSAC), since the projects inception in 2017.

I was hired to create a model for female survivors of sexual abuse/assault, focused on Renfrew County. After meeting with many sexual violence survivors throughout Renfrew County, and clearly hearing what they told me they needed, I developed a 5-component model that was completed in 2021. The message I heard over and over again from survivors was that they didn't feel "seen, heard or believed" in Renfrew County and they clearly stated that the model must be based on "awareness". In 2021, WSAC received a second grant to enhance and expand pieces of the model in other rural communities in Ontario and across Canada.

The foundational component of the model is a yearly Awareness Campaign, entitled "We Stand with Survivors". We created a professional 28' street size banner that says "We Stand with Survivors" in both French and English, and it has the WSAC logo on each end. It hangs either across a street or in another visible location in the community during the month of May each year, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We started with one local community and have grown it yearly since 2017. In 2025 we had banners hanging in 8 Renfrew County communities, including Eganville, Pembroke, Arnprior, Petawawa, Women of Steel Union (Chalk River), Renfrew, Barry's Bay & Deux Rivieres. We are also very excited to share that in 2024/2025, several other Ontario municipalities, as well as the Provinces of Newfoundland & Labrador, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec joined our campaign. We are planning to bring on an additional Renfrew County municipality this year, and we feel that your community of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards would be an excellent addition. One of the messages I consistently heard from survivors was that it was very hard for them to reach out in rural areas, as often "everybody knows everybody else", and confidentiality was a huge concern. It is our intention through this campaign to let survivors know we see them, we hear them and we believe them.

Mayor Mayville, we are inviting the Municipality of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards to join our We Stand with Survivors Campaign, and to agree to hang our banner somewhere visible in your community during the month of May, 2026.

I want to thank you Mayor Mayville, and your fellow council members for considering our request. We would love your community to join us in this important Awareness Campaign. I am available to meet with you to discuss it further and answer any questions you may have. I'm also willing to make a presentation to Council if you feel that is appropriate.

I look forward to hearing back from you soon. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Kim Charlebois

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**The Corporation of the
Township of Perry**

Box 70 1695 Emsdale Road Emsdale, Ontario P0A 1J0

Date: February 18, 2026

Resolution No.: 2026- 078

Moved By: Joe Lumley **Seconded By:** Paul Sowrey

Whereas public libraries play a vital role in ensuring equitable access to information, literacy, education, and culture for all residents;

And whereas interlibrary loan services are an essential component of public library operations, particularly for small and rural communities with limited local collections;

And whereas reduced postal rates for library materials have historically enabled libraries to share resources efficiently and affordably across Canada;

And whereas recent amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act have removed the legislative requirement to provide reduced postal rates for library materials, creating uncertainty for the continued delivery of this essential service;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Perry calls upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation;

And that Council requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services;

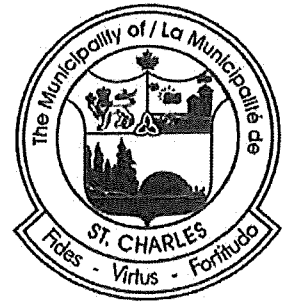
And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Joel Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound-Muskoka, Hon. Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario municipalities for support.

Carried: Defeated:


Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

RECORDED VOTE		
Council	For	Against
Councillors Jim Cushman		
Joe Lumley		
Margaret Ann MacPhall		
Paul Sowrey		
Mayor Norm Hofstetter		

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



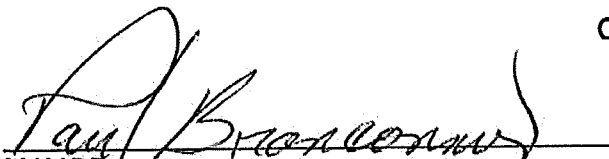
Regular Meeting of Council

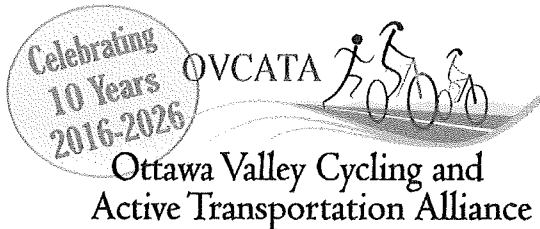
Agenda Number: 5.4.2.
Resolution Number 2026-022
Title: Resolution of Support - Hornepayne - Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class
Date: February 18, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Pothier
Seconded by: Councillor Lachance

WHEREAS there is a visible disparity between the northern and southern population of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS northern Ontario has an abundance of opportunity in the form of municipally serviced building lots for both Industry and population growth;
AND WHEREAS high residential property taxes in northern Ontario discourage and prohibit the construction of new residential single family dwellings;
AND WHEREAS the addition of a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass would create an incentive for the building of new homes in small northern Ontario communities;
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St-Charles does hereby request that the Honorable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Finance, amends the Assessment Act to include a Small Northern New Residential property tax class and subclass.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario; your Municipalities MPP; the Honourable Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Minister George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth; the Honourable Minister Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; AMO; FONOM; NOMA; NEOMA; NESMG; and ROMA.

CARRIED


MAYOR



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February 24, 2026

Dear Municipal Leaders:

Our organization was created to promote active transportation in all of its forms. This is more than just athletic young men and women on bicycles wearing spandex. It includes people of all ages and abilities doing all manner of active things, including cycling, walking and using mobility devices such as wheelchairs. We support municipal, long range capital works planning for roads infrastructure. For those municipalities with urban areas, we suggest and support the development of Active Transportation and Walkability Master Plans. We applaud the efforts Renfrew County's municipalities are undertaking to make themselves Active Transportation leaders.

Our members are also taxpayers who understand that municipal projects are paid with their tax dollars. Two of our board members have served or are serving on municipal councils and we understand the pressure municipalities face to keep budgets on track yet still provide important services.

Towards that end we are offering several ideas, based upon the experience and knowledge of our board and membership, that can help you improve and maintain the active use of our municipal infrastructure. This is not a list of demands but simply ideas for you to consider that are designed to fit budgets both large and small. We hope you find them useful. We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss how Active Transportation can fit into your municipal planning. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

The OVCATA Board of Directors :

Bob Peltzer – Co Chair

Ish Theilheimer – Co Chair

Debbie Fiebig – Treasurer

Connie White – Secretary

Dan Mancuso – Board Member

Lesley Cassidy – Board Member

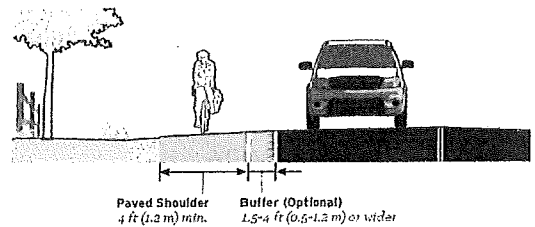
Paul Jorgensen – Board Member

Ron Moss – Board Member

Lynn Cheffins – Board Member

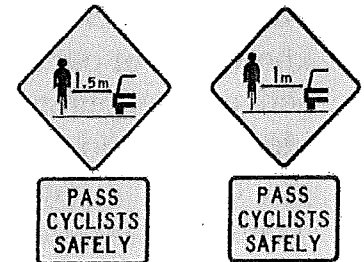
Ideas to Consider

1. While paved and partially paved road shoulders add to the cost of re-paving, they allow the road to last longer and that saves money. A quick Internet search can provide research to support this. Still, some roads are too narrow or budgets too constrained to add this feature to every road project. We do recommend that they be considered when rebuilding a road or incorporated into any grant proposal for road reconstruction. Our membership cycle all the roads in the County from paved to gravel surfaces. We would be happy to share with you which roads are part of key cycling routes.



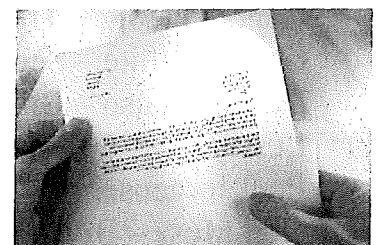
2. Municipal roads need to accommodate a variety of transportation forms including motor vehicles, walkers, cyclists, horse-powered buggies as well as purely recreational use. Here are some ideas to make those roads safer for all users:

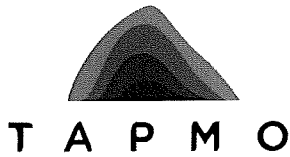
- a. Keep shoulder sight lines open and free of obstructions such as tall weeds and debris.
- b. Use signage to alert motorists of other users. We suggest:
 - i. Share the Road
 - ii. 1-meter distance to pass (cyclist and walkers)
 - iii. Children Playing
 - iv. Lower speed limits on gravel and narrow roads
 - v. Horse-and-buggy caution signs
 - vi. "Keep Right" signage on steep hills and tight curves
- c. Consider improvements to road or shoulder width in dangerous locations such as tight curves and blind hills.
 - i. Paved or partially paved shoulders in these areas
 - ii. Additional weed cutting in these areas
 - iii. The use of surplus materials in those specific locations to widen the shoulder and keep the weeds down



3. Most municipalities have some sort of recreation committee. Cycling and walking are great forms of recreation. Our organization can help your residents enjoy these activities by helping with the following:

- a. Bicycle & walking safety instruction
- b. Bicycle repair clinics
- c. Letters of support for active transportation grant applications





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NEWS LETTER



Introducing TAPMO's Next Phase of Engagement

As TAPMO enters 2026, the organization is launching a new phase focused on strengthening member engagement, improving information-sharing, and better supporting municipalities in navigating aggregate-related issues.

TAPMO is pleased to be working with Alyssa Gosse to lead its communications and marketing efforts. As a freelance communications and strategy professional, Alyssa has developed a forward-looking approach focused on improving the clarity and consistency of TAPMO communications, strengthening advocacy through timely policy updates and issue briefings, and developing practical tools, templates, and guidance materials to support municipal decision-making.



This newsletter marks the first step in this strategy and the beginning of a more regular communications program. Future updates will provide timely insights on policy and regulatory developments, highlight key issues facing aggregate-producing municipalities, and share resources designed to support members' work at the local level.

Advocating for Stronger Oversight at the AMO Conference

At the 2025 AMO Conference in Ottawa, members of the TAPMO Executive Committee met with Dawn Murphy-Gallagher, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR), along with senior Ministry staff. The delegation, led by Board Chair James Seeley, called for increased provincial funding for inspections of aggregate sites to ensure strong environmental and safety standards, as well as the implementation of annual inspection plans across all operations to improve oversight and consistency. TAPMO also emphasized the importance of publicly posting non-compliance offences to improve transparency, promote accountability, and strengthen public trust, noting that transparency acts as a deterrent to non-compliance and reinforces Ontario's commitment to high regulatory standards.

HIGHLIGHTS

MARKETING
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AMO
CONFERENCE

PROVINCIAL
AGGREGATE
POLICY
FRAMEWORK

COMMITTEE
VACANCY

NEW
MEMBERS

THE
AGGREGATE
RESOURCES
ACT

TAPMO Comments on Amendments to the Provincial Aggregate Policy Framework

TAPMO recently submitted comments to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding proposed amendments to the provincial aggregate policy framework.

In its submission, TAPMO focused on three key priorities:

1. Fair, Consistent, and Efficient Approvals

TAPMO called for a proactive and streamlined consultation and approval process that is fair, consistent, and accessible, while reducing unnecessary delays and maintaining clear municipal requirements and meaningful community engagement.

2. Cost Recovery for Municipalities

TAPMO emphasized that taxpayers should not subsidize aggregate operations. Property taxes must reflect the true cost of municipal services, and aggregate levies must adequately cover infrastructure damage caused by aggregate haulage.

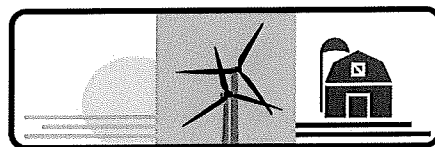
3. Balanced and Sustainable Solutions

TAPMO supported the development of constructive solutions that balance growth in Ontario's aggregate sector with municipal and community needs through stronger collaboration, clearer technical standards, and improved haul route planning.

Members are encouraged to submit similar comments to MNR at aggregates@ontario.ca. For a copy of TAPMO's full submission, please contact executivedirector@tapmo.ca.

TAPMO Welcomes New Members

TAPMO is pleased to welcome the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the Township of Ramara as new member municipalities. With their addition, TAPMO now represents 26 active member municipalities across Ontario.



— TOWNSHIP OF —
ASHFIELD-COLBORNE-WAWANOSH

Committee Vacancy

Following the resignation of an Executive Committee Member, TAPMO is seeking one member from the Greater Toronto/Hamilton/Niagara District to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee.

Interested members are invited to submit an expression of interest by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2026 by email executivedirector@tapmo.ca



Ministry of Natural Resources Interpretation of Imported Materials under the Aggregate Resources Act

Overview

In October 2025, the TAPMO Chair, Mayor James Seeley, met with senior staff from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to seek clarification on how the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) is currently being interpreted with respect to the importation, processing, and blending of aggregate materials from other licensed sites. This discussion has since been followed by written confirmation from the Ministry outlining its current position.

Ministry Interpretation

According to the MNR's written clarification, where a licensed aggregate site's site plan explicitly permits the importation of aggregate materials, the licence authorizes the following:

- Aggregate material may be imported from other licensed sites in Ontario.
- Imported material does not count toward the site's annual licensed tonnage limit.
- Where site plans also permit processing, including blending, the licensee may process imported material for the duration of the licence, unless the site plan is amended or surrendered.
- The Ministry is currently reviewing whether imported material that is subsequently processed or blended should count toward licensed tonnage limits. While the current interpretation is that it does not, this position remains under internal review.

Under the Ministry's current interpretation, sites with explicit importation permissions may import unlimited quantities of aggregate from other licensed sites in Ontario for the life of the licence. These imported volumes are not subject to annual tonnage caps, nor are they subject to TOARC fees.

Municipal Considerations

This interpretation raises important concerns from a municipal land use planning and governance perspective. In practice, a site with importation, processing, and blending permissions could function as a permanent off-site processing facility without tonnage restrictions or associated fee obligations, even after on-site extraction activities have ceased.

Such an outcome may conflict with the intent of aggregate operations as interim land uses under the Planning Act, where rehabilitation and transition to appropriate end uses are key expectations. The interpretation also has broader implications for environmental management, long-term land use planning, infrastructure impacts, and community compatibility.

Municipalities have a vested interest in ensuring that aggregate operations operate within the scope originally contemplated by both the Aggregate Resources Act and the Planning Act, and that regulatory interpretations do not unintentionally extend or intensify industrial activity without appropriate oversight, consultation, or compensation mechanisms.

Next Steps

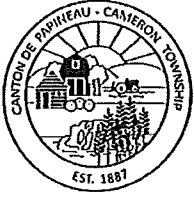
While the Ministry's clarification provides valuable insight into its current interpretation of the ARA, certain elements remain under review. TAPMO will continue to monitor the Ministry's internal evaluation and will share updates as further clarification becomes available.

Members are encouraged to share experiences or questions related to ARA interpretation and site plan permissions, as continued dialogue and coordination may support greater consistency in understanding and application across Ontario municipalities.

Become a Member

To learn more about TAPMO's work, visit www.tapmo.ca or email executivedirector@tapmo.ca.





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February 26, 2026

The Ontario Veterinary College
50 Stone Road East
Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

RE: Ontario Veterinary College expansion of enrollment capacity

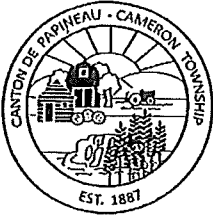
The Council of The Corporation of The Township of Papineau-Cameron met at their Regular Council Meeting on February 24, 2026 and passed the attached resolution 2026-50 that relates to the Ontario Veterinary College's enrollment capacity.

Yours truly,

Venessa Wilson
Administrative Assistant

Encl: Resolution 2026-50, Township of Papineau-Cameron

Cc: The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Canadian Veterinary Medical Association
The Honorable Victor Fedeli, MPP, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
The Honorable Trevor Jones, MPP, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
The Honorable Nolan Quinn, MPP, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
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DATE: February 24, 2026 RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2026-50

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* SECONDED BY: *M Chenier*

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau* (Mayor) NOT CARRIED: _____ (Mayor)

Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Section 246 (1) Municipal Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			

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