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September 10, 2026

Dear Head of Council,

I am writing to advise that the content of proposed regulations under the Municipal Accountability Act, 2026, which received Royal Assent on June 2, 2026, is now posted on Ontario's regulatory registry for public comment.

The Act represents a significant step toward strengthening accountability and public confidence in local government. If the changes made by this Act are brought into force, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing regulations that would:

1. Establish a standardized municipal code of conduct for members of council and certain local boards;
2. Establish standardized municipal integrity commissioner inquiry processes; and
3. Establish education and training requirements for municipal integrity commissioners and for members of councils and certain local boards.

I value your perspective as Head of Council and encourage you to provide comments through the Regulatory Registry on behalf of your municipality, including any views or feedback from members of council: [Proposal for Regulations to Establish a Standardized Municipal Code of Conduct; Municipal Integrity Commissioner Processes and Education and Training Requirements | regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca](https://regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca)

The proposal is open for public comment until October 2, 2026. Feedback will help inform the development of these regulations and support their effective implementation for the start of the new municipal council term on November 15, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the proposal, please contact Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Robert.Dodd@ontario.ca.

I look forward to receiving your input.

Sincerely,

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

cc : Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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Cheryl Gallant

Member of Parliament
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke



Sept 8/26
Dear Killaloe - Fagarty - Richards Township
Mayor, Council and Staff,

Thank you for allowing my team
and me to use Council Chambers
to provide federal services to our
mutual constituents during our recent
Clinic!

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Subject: Township of McNab/Braeside - Letter of Support: Ontario Provincial Police Municipal Policing Cost Model

On behalf of the Township of McNab/Braeside, please find attached a copy of a letter sent to the Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General, regarding the current Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) municipal policing cost model.

While the Province has introduced a time-limited 11% cap on policing cost increases for 2027, an increase of this magnitude remains unsustainable for small rural municipalities with limited tax bases and expansive geographic areas.

The Township is advocating for a comprehensive, equitable review of the funding model to ensure it fairly reflects the realities of small rural communities.

We respectfully request that your municipality consider passing a resolution of support at an upcoming meeting to amplify this vital advocacy. Please forward copies of any supporting motions to the Office of the Solicitor General, with a copy sent to the Township of McNab/Braeside.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and collaboration on this important municipal matter.

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September 10, 2026

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

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

Dear Minister Kerzner:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Mandy Cannon
CAO, Interim Clerk
Township of McNab/Braeside

cc:

MPP Billy Denault, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
All Ontario Municipalities

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Please read at next meeting.

Thank you.

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Round Lake Centre right beside the Round Lake boat launch. Some of our windows face the water washing machine for boaters to use that RHR and the Round Lake Property Association placed at the beginning of summer.

I can honestly say this is a waste of money as I have never seen any boater use this machine on their boat.

I did see one man wash off his motor, but not his boat. I have seen many people, especially kids lift the hose to check it out, but that's about it. One kid washed his bike off.

I was very shocked when I read an article in the Eganville Leader a few weeks ago that said it was used "25" times. Absolutely NOT! It might have been touched 25 times, but not used on boats! This is a waste of money for this boat launch.

Sincerely

Deborah Begley
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