



CORRESPONDENCE ITEMS PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

November 18, 2025

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1. Correspondence from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority regarding the Province of Ontario's intention to create a new provincial agency to provide leadership and coordination for Ontario's Conservation Authorities.
2. Correspondence from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority regarding the Province of Ontario's recent Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) posting that seeks feedback on proposed boundaries and criteria to consolidate Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into 7 regional Conservation Authorities, aligned along watershed boundaries.
3. Correspondence requesting that the Province of Ontario provide adequate protection against excessive rent increases for all rental units occupied for residential purposes:
 - a. City of Cambridge
 - b. Municipality of Wawa
4. Correspondence from the Village of Thornloe requesting the reinstatement of annual funding support for the operations and governance of the Temiskaming OPP Detachment Board.
5. Correspondence from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, and Raglan requesting to incorporate mandatory water safety and Survive-to-Swim training into elementary curriculum for all Ontario students.

Item 1



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Township of Southgate
Municipality of South Bruce
Township of Wellington North
Municipality of West Grey

October 31, 2025

Subject: Province of Ontario

To our Municipal Partners,

On October 31, 2025, the Province of Ontario issued a news release announcing its intent to create a new provincial agency to provide leadership and coordination for Ontario's Conservation Authorities. The announcement can be read here: [Ontario Creating New Conservation Authority Agency to Improve Service Delivery and Protect Communities](#)

At this stage, this is a proposal and will be followed by a 45-day consultation period through the Environmental Registry of Ontario. No legislative or operational changes have been made, and Conservation Authorities continue to operate as usual.

Saugeen Conservation, along with Conservation Ontario and our colleagues across the province, is reviewing the proposal and will provide comments during the consultation period. We appreciate the opportunity to be engaged and will share accurate information with our member municipalities as details emerge.

We want to assure you that there is no disruption to our programs, staffing, or services.

Our team continues to deliver all watershed-based programs and services under the Conservation Authorities Act and through our existing municipal agreements, including:

- Flood forecasting and warning, and natural hazard management
- Drinking water source protection
- Environmental planning and permitting
- Management of conservation areas and trails
- Stewardship and restoration projects
- Forestry and other land management work

It remains business as usual for watershed protection, and SVCA programs and services. Our staff remain focused on providing timely support to our fifteen member municipalities and local residents.

Conservation Authorities remain one of Ontario's most effective tools for balancing the province's urgent housing needs with the equally urgent imperatives of watershed protection and climate resilience. Across the province, CAs are already implementing standardized checklists, pre-consultation protocols, and clearer application requirements to streamline permitting and support housing delivery while protecting communities from flooding and erosion.

Saugeen Conservation will continue to:

- Deliver on all current municipal agreements
- Participate actively in the provincial consultation
- Provide clear and factual updates to our partners as new information becomes available

We value our strong relationships with our member municipalities and will continue to work collaboratively to protect our shared watersheds and communities.

Sincerely,



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November 10, 2025

Subject: Environmental Registry Posting on Conservation Authorities

To our Municipal Partners,

The Province of Ontario has posted a new Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice titled [“Proposed boundaries for the regional consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities.”](#) The posting was released on November 7, 2025, and the public comment period is open until December 22, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

For background, the Environmental Registry of Ontario is the Province’s official online platform for public consultation on environmental legislation, regulations, and policy changes. Ministries use the Registry to post proposals, receive comments, and record decisions. Conservation authorities (CA), municipalities, community organizations, and members of the public are invited to participate in this process.

Summary of the ERO Notice:

- The Province is seeking feedback on proposed boundaries and criteria to consolidate Ontario’s 36 CAs into 7 regional CAs, aligned along watershed boundaries. This is a proposal only, not a finalized decision.
- The stated intent is to improve consistency, reduce duplication, and direct more resources to front-line watershed work, while aligning with provincial priorities.

- The notice identifies seven proposed regional groupings and provides both a detailed map (attached) and supplemental information outlining how these boundaries might be applied.
- SVCA is identified within the proposed “Huron–Superior Regional Conservation Authority,” which would merge the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority with Ausable Bayfield, Maitland Valley, Grey Sauble, Nottawasaga Valley, Lake Simcoe Region, and Thunder Bay Conservation Authorities.
- While the majority of this proposed regional jurisdiction would encompass watersheds along the southwestern shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, the inclusion of the Thunder Bay watershed extends the region’s reach to Lake Superior, approximately 1,400 kilometres to the northwest, encompassing a total of 78 municipalities.
- The criteria used to draw the proposed boundaries includes intent to maintain watershed-based jurisdictions, simplifying relationships with municipalities, balancing technical capacity across authorities, and ensuring continuity of key programs such as permitting, flood forecasting and warning, and source water protection.
- The notice states that no changes are proposed to the overall extent of conservation authority jurisdiction and that regional CAs would remain independent organizations operating under municipal governance and oversight. Mandated programs would continue.
- The Province is requesting feedback on boundaries, transition considerations, governance options, transparent budgeting across multiple municipalities, and the maintenance of strong local relationships.

At this stage, there are no immediate changes to Saugeen Conservation’s programs, staffing, or governance as a result of this posting. The *Conservation Authorities Act* remains fully in effect.

SVCA will review all materials, coordinate closely with Conservation Ontario and our neighbouring CAs, and prepare a response to the ERO posting within the consultation period.

We will continue to participate in this process, engage constructively on behalf of our member municipalities, and share updates as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping to maintain balanced communication during this consultation period.

Sincerely,



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October 30, 2025

Re: Rent Protection for Tenants

At its Council Meeting of October 28, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Cambridge passed the following Motion:

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.

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.

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 Cambridge renters will also be at risk of being priced out of their own homes.

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.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Cambridge City Council 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 City Clerk for the City of Cambridge send a letter to Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, MPP Jess Dixon, MPP Brian Riddell, and other municipalities throughout Ontario for their endorsement consideration.

Should you have any questions related to the approved resolution, please contact me.

Yours Truly,



Jennifer Shaw
City Clerk

CC: (via email)
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
MPP Jess Dixon
MPP Brian Riddell
Ontario Municipalities



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Resolution # RC25177	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>M. Opato</i>

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		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

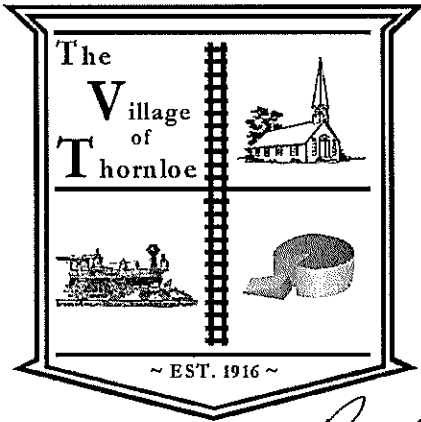
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Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

Item 4



CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF THORNLOE
 10 Main Street, Thornloe, Ontario P0J 1S0

DATE: September 16th, 2025
 RESOLUTION #: 2025-110

Moved by: Pauline Peddie
 Seconded by: Alvin Peddie

WHEREAS under the former Police Services Act, 1990, municipalities received provincial grant funding to offset the costs associated with the appointment of provincial representatives to local police services board;

AND WHEREAS the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) came into effect on April 1, 2024, consolidating multiple individual police services boards into regional OPP Detachment Boards, thereby streamlining governance across jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the establishment of Detachment Boards under the CSPA has resulted in a reduction in the number of provincial appointees required in OPP-policed municipalities, yielding cost savings for the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the CSPA was designed to enhance community engagement and local governance in policing, yet the withdrawal of provincial funding undermines this intent by shifting the financial burden entirely onto municipalities and local taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS during the development of both the 2024 and 2025 Board budgets, it was understood that provincial funding would be provided in support of Detachment Board operations;

And whereas it has since been confirmed that the province will not be providing the anticipated contribution of \$6,600, a figure previously expected as part of ongoing provincial support;

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That a formal request be submitted to the Premier of Ontario and the Ministry of the Solicitor General, respectfully requesting the reinstatement of the annual \$6,600 in funding to support the ongoing operations and governance of the Temiskaming OPP Detachment Board; and

RESOLUTION #: 2025-110 Continued

2. That a copy of the letter be circulated to all participating municipalities within the Detachment Board area, all Municipal Councils and Police Services Boards throughout Ontario, as well as to the Member of Parliament (MP) and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Temiskaming-Cochrane.

	COUNCILLOR	YEA	NAY	PID
CARRIED	✓ Mr. Wayne Miller Reeve			
AMENDED	Mr. Rob Addison Deputy Reeve			
DEFEATED	Ms. Cher Kiff Councillor			
TABLED	Mr. Alan Peddie Councillor			
	Mrs. Pauline Peddie Councillor			

Wayne Miller
Reeve

Tricia Addison
Clerk



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November 5, 2025

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
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RE: Request to Incorporate mandatory water safety and Survive-to-Swim training into elementary curriculum for all Ontario students.

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on November 5th, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the City of Dryden.

Resolution No: 2025-11-05-07
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the City of Dryden’s resolution requesting to incorporate mandatory water safety and Survive-to-Swim training into elementary curriculum for all Ontario students.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.”

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price **DATE:** 22-Sep-25
SECONDED BY: Klewning **RESOLUTION NO.:** 14

Whereas drowning is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths among children in Ontario and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario shows that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT	
			Councilors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
Councillor	Yes	No		
Councillor C. Klewning				
Councillor B. Latham				
Councillor M. MacKinnon				
Councillor R. Noel				
Councillor M. Price				
Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
			Disposition of Resolution (Check One)	
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

MAYOR: Harrison