

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**
4. **Adoption of previous minutes**
 - a. Regular Meeting of Council: October 14, 2025
5. **Presentations and Delegations** – None for this meeting
6. **Question Period**
7. **Staff Reports** – None for this meeting
8. **Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions**
 - a. **Emergency Services Committee** – October 20, 2025 – No Motions
 - b. **Corporate Services Committee** – October 20, 2025 - No Motions
9. **Items for Council Discussion**
 - a. Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal – Review and Extension of OCIF Funding
10. **Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption** – None for this meeting
11. **Correspondence**
 - a. Motion of Support – Elect Respect Pledge
 - Township of Zorra
 - Township of Springwater
 - b. OPP Letter of Commendation – Extreme Weather Event 2025
 - c. Kap Paper - FONOM and NOMA Thank the Federal and Provincial Governments
12. **Closed Session**
13. **Confirmatory By-Law**
Resolution to adopt By-law No. 2025-39
14. **Adjournment**



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
October 14th, 2025**

PRESENT: Narry Paquette, Chair
Donna Clark
Dan MacInnis

Jason Corbett
Steve Featherstone

STAFF PRESENT: Andrée Gagné, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manger
Antoine Boucher, Engineer
Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk-Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Councillor MacInnis
THAT this meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Councillor Clark

Carried

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Councillor Corbett
THAT the agenda presented to Council and dated the 14th day of October 2025, be adopted as prepared.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Councillor Clark
THAT the Minutes of the Special and Regular Council meeting of September 23rd, 2025 and Special Meeting of Council of October 1, 2025 be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

Carried

5. Presentation & Delegations – none for this session

6. Question Period

6.a Randall McLaren emailed a question “related to the statements, policy intention and dialogue related to the animal control bylaw. More specifically the \$300 per animal “cost recovery” fee as described in the last Council meeting of September”. Mr. McLaren further emailed to notify Council he was not able to attend but would like to present additional information at a future meeting. It was clarified the set fine is not per animal, but rather per event where the Township must become involved. Council later discussed the bylaw and communicated that the matter was deferred from the previous meeting already to add in a two-step warning system before a fine is issued and that there are components in the bylaw that Council wants to move forward with and ultimately the bylaw was adopted.

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7. Staff Reports

7.a Report from Antoine Boucher – Municipal Engineer – Trunk Road Bridge Update

Motion 4

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council accepts the updated Trunk Road Bridge report from the engineer; and that the project continues with the updated timeline.

Carried

8. Adoption of Committee Minutes/ Motions – none for this meeting

9. Items for Council Discussion – none for this meeting

10. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption

10.a ROMA Conference – January 18-20, 2026

Motion 5

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the following be approved to attend the ROMA Conference on January 18-20, 2026; AND THAT expenses be paid accordingly, Narry Paquette, Jason Corbett, Donna Clark, Steve Featherstone, Dan MacInnis, Nicky Kunkel & Andree Gagne.

Carried

10.b. i – Zoning By-Law Amendment

Motion 6

Moved by Councillor Featherstone

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT Council accepts this report as an update regarding the above submitted applications; AND accepts this recommendation made by staff to approve application reference B8/2025, which applies to a draft plan of subdivision; plus, application reference ZC1/2025, which applies to an accompanying Zoning By-Law Amendment application, subject to the conditions as outlined.

Carried

Motion 7

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2025-38, being a by-law to amend Zoning By-Law 2012-49; as presented and is hereby considered read three times and passed this 14th day of October, 2025.

Carried

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
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10.b.ii. Decision of Approval Authority

Motion 8

Moved by Councillor Clark

Seconded by Councillor Corbett

THAT the Planning Administrator recommends to Council that Consent Application B8/2025 1000328150 Ontario Inc, proposed draft plan of subdivision to create eighteen new lots, on the property legally described as Part of Lot 32 Concession 8 be approved subject to the conditions as outlined in the Notice of Decision; AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts the recommendation.

Carried

10.c By-Law 2025-36 – To Regulate Responsible Animal Ownership

Motion 9

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2025-36, being a by-law to regulate responsible animal ownership; AND THAT By-Law 2024-09 be repealed in its entirety, as presented and is hereby considered read three times and passed this 14th day of October, 2025.

Carried

11. Correspondence

Motion 10

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Featherstone

THAT Council receives the Correspondence circulated with the Agenda of October 14th, 2025.

Carried

12. Closed Session – None for this session

13. Confirmatory By-Law

Motion 11

Moved by Councillor MacInnis

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT the Council for the Township of Bonfield hereby adopts By-Law 2025-37 to confirm the proceedings of Council from September 23rd, 2025 to October 14th, 2025, as presented and is considered read three times and passed this 14th day of October, 2025.

Carried

14. Adjournment

Motion 12

Moved by Councillor Corbett

Seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
October 20th, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Steve Featherstone, Chair Donna Clark, Vince Chair
Allan Reid, CEMC

STAFF PRESENT: Nicky Kunkel, CAO
Santana Chubb, Clerk
Matthew Strood, Deputy Chief
Ben Tastula, Training Officer

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Shaun McGee, Fire Chief

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Donna Clark
THAT this meeting be opened at 6:01 p.m.

Seconded by Allan Reid

Carried Steve Featherstone

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Matthew Strood
THAT the agenda for the Emergency Services Committee meeting for October 20, 2025, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by Donna Clark

Carried Steve Featherstone

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None for this meeting

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Allan Reid
THAT the minutes of the Emergency Services Committee meeting held September 15, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Seconded by Donna Clark

Carried Steve Featherstone

5. Presentation & Delegations – None for this meeting

6. Staff Reports

6.a Report from Fire Chief regarding recent calls, training, and community involvement

The Deputy Chief gave a report on recent calls, training, community involvement and other relevant information from September 12 to October 16, 2025.



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October 20, 2025

Recent Calls:

The volunteers responded to a total of 8 calls.

Types of calls:

- 7 medical
- 1 residential alarm

2025 calls to date: 75

Current volunteer staff: 18 operational members

Recent Training:

Weekly Training:

- EMS and Medical call procedures and equipment refresher
- PPE checks and familiarization
- Tanker Shuttling exercises
- Pump operations, hose lines and fire attack

Special Training:

- Preparing for NFPA certifications
- Auto Ex training

Fire Chief Updates:

- The Fire Chief is regularly reviewing the fire rating for the township
- Ongoing training for the new recruits
- The Fire Department welcomes two new volunteer firefighters
- Fire Prevention Week was October 5-11
- Emergency First Responder certification taking place November 28-30, and December 5-7
- 2026 Fire Department budget is in the works
- The Chief and Deputy Chief are working on asset management for the Fire Department

Fire Prevention:

- Fire Prevention is ongoing during calls
- New fire prevention materials have been received

Community involvement:

- A pancake breakfast fundraiser was held September 27th. Total proceeds raised were \$1,227.50 and will go towards the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department

7. Items for Committee Discussion

7.a Receive update on the CEPG Project provided by the CEMC

A brief update was provided on the project's setup to be completed by the end of the month.



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7.b Receive update on the MDRA June Storm application status

The CEMC provided an update and the following was noted:

- The application for ministry funding has been completed and submitted.
- The claim is for \$429,167.50.

7.c Receive update on the Lakes Sector Meeting provided by the CEMC

The CEMC provided a brief update on the meeting and the topics discussed. The meeting proved to be very educational and a great networking opportunity.

7.d Discuss the annual compliance

The CEMC provided an update and the following was noted:

- The annual compliance report has been started.
- This year's exercise will be replaced with the storm event that took place in June.
- The annual meeting and training of the ECG and CEMPC is scheduled.

7.e Fire Chief Updates

The following updates were provided.

1. Full Training Plan for the VFF (with the Training Officer) and what's required in 2026

- There's a new training plan coming in the new year in addition to the current training plan.
- They're using the Ontario Fire College JPRs (job performance requirements) for sign offs for the volunteers to acquire their Fire Fighter 1 and 2 certifications.
- They have started training in technical rescue, ice water rescue and auto extrication.

2. New report style to share more detailed updates for committee/council meetings

- The CAO and Fire Chief are working on a new format for the monthly fire department report to better highlight the work being done in the department.

3. First budget/workplan for 2026 for meeting on November 3rd

- There is an upcoming budget meeting for 2026 to discuss the work plan with all departments.

4. Asset Inventory (detailed) of Fire Department – ASAP

- A list of inventory will be made for the November 3rd budget meeting.

5. HR on-boarding plan

- The CAO and Fire Chief are assembling a package for new recruits to insure they are aware of all policies and SOPs.



Emergency Services Committee Meeting
October 20, 2025

8. Resolutions to be Considered for Council Recommendation – None for this meeting

9. Correspondence

9.a Letter of commendation from Ontario Provincial Police

The Bonfield Fire Department received a letter from the OPP for “Exceptional courage, teamwork, and professionalism during severe weather response” for the emergency event that took place at the Samual de Champlain Provincial Park in June 2025.

10. Closed Session – None for this meeting

11. Adjournment

Motion 4

Moved by Allan Reid

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Seconded by Matthew Strood

Carried Steve Featherstone

CHAIR

SECRETARY



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD
CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
October 20th, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Dan MacInnis, Chair
Donna Clark
Narry Paquette

Jason Corbett
Steve Featherstone

STAFF PRESENT: Nicky Kunkel, CAO Clerk-Treasurer
Alex Hackenbrook, Public Works Manager

1. Call to Order

Motion 1

Moved by Jason Corbett
THAT the Corporate Services Committee Meeting be opened at 7:00 p.m.

Seconded by Donna Clark
Carried

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2

Moved by Steve Featherstone
THAT the agenda for the Corporate Services Committee Meeting for October 20, 2025 be approved as presented.

Seconded by Narry Paquette
Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None for this meeting

4. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion 3

Moved by Donna Clark
THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held September 15, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Seconded by Steve Featherstone
Carried

5. Presentation & Delegations – None for this meeting

6. Items for Discussions/ Staff Reports

a. Circular Material and Industrial Commercial and Institutional (ICI) Recycling

The Committee learned that the final decision on ICI recycling was that it would remain as it was, that ICI Recycling is the responsibility of the business and as of January 1, 2026 is not eligible for collection with residential recycling. The report indicated options for the Committee to consider including having the businesses remain responsible for the recycling themselves, facilitating the businesses to jointly manage the recycling or install a new bin at the landfill site for use only by the ICIs. The Committee requested a survey of other rural communities to determine the options they have chosen and for staff to have discussions with business owners and report back in November.



Corporate Services Committee Meeting
October 20, 2025

b. MECP Excess Soil Policy

The Committee learned that there has been a two-year extension on the soils legislation but do want to be ready for the appropriate implementation when the policy for excess soil does become legislation. The excess soil is from ditching material or any digging the Township may complete for construction work and with the legislation, will be considered contaminated. Contaminated soils will not be permitted to be given to residents for filling their properties. The Township will have to pre-plan work and have the soils tested and if there are soils not contaminated, they may be deposited on private property as long as contracts and fees are paid. If the soils are contaminated, the Township must find an appropriate location of their own to deposit the soils. If it is the landfill site, it will consume the remaining volume for land filling and the site may expire years earlier than estimated. Staff will continue to research options for consideration to be ready for implementation.

c. Levels of Service

The Asset Management Plan requires a cost be considered to maintain a level of service in operations of the Township. The Committee reviewed a number of draft levels of service for the Public Works Department. More will be presented in November for an approved Level of Service appendix to the Asset Management Plan.

d. 2026 Budget Workplan

The Public Works Manager presented a list of potential road work for 2026 for the Committee to consider. The Committee added a section of road on Sunnyside Road for costing out as well. Staff are meeting in early November to review draft workplans and cost projections for the 2026 budget process. The Committee has communicated a minimal increase is desired. There was also discussion on information already communicated by some boards and agencies that the Township should expect an increase in levies to the Township budget.

7. Resolutions to be Considered for Adoption – None for this meeting

8. Correspondence – None for this meeting

9. Adjournment

Motion 4

Moved by Narry Paquette
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Seconded by Jason Corbett

Carried

Chair

Secretary



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VIA EMAIL

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

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

RESOLUTION: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report—including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures—in a transparent, publicly accessible online dashboard.
7. The Clerk of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal forward this resolution to:
 - The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 - The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
 - The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 - The Honourable Francois-Phillipe Champagne, Minister of Finance
 - Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
 - Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM)
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
 - The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
 - All upper- and lower-tier municipalities in Ontario

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

Sincerely,



Natalie Charette
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October 16, 2025

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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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RE: Elect Respect Pledge

Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on October 1, 2025, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

C371-2025

Moved by: Councillor Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved that the correspondence from the Township of Southgate regarding the Elect Respect pledge; be received and supported as outlined below:

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

Whereas we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

Whereas Ontario's municipally elected officials and municipal staff are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

Whereas social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

Whereas better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around

municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

Whereas H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials and municipal staff that encourages individuals to participate in the political process.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of Springwater supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

Be It Further Resolved That the Township of Springwater Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, MP Doug Shipley and MPP Hon. Doug Downey, the Ontario Provincial Police, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Yours Truly,

Jennifer Marshall

Jennifer Marshall, AMP
Clerk

cc: Federation of Canadian Municipalities,
MP Doug Shipley,
MPP Honourable Doug Downey,
Ontario Provincial Police
All Ontario Municipalities



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Item 10(a)

Date: October 15, 2025

16-10-2025

Moved by *Katie Shrygg*
Seconded by *Cynthia Rich*

WHEREAS, democracy is strengthened when all individuals can participate fully, safely, and without discrimination, contributing to the well-being of their communities;

AND WHEREAS, democratic discourse and respectful debate are under pressure across all levels of government, including municipal councils in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, elected officials are increasingly facing harassment, threats, intimidation, and unsafe work environments, which undermine personal safety, deter civic participation, and erode public confidence in democratic institutions;

AND WHEREAS, social media platforms, while enabling legitimate discourse, have also amplified abusive, discriminatory, or threatening behaviour for many, often disproportionately affecting marginalized populations, discouraging many from seeking or remaining in public office;

AND WHEREAS, freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy and must be safeguarded, even as we combat unlawful harassment, violence, and hate;

AND WHEREAS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified troubling trends in declining voter turnout and a reduction in candidate participation at the municipal level;

AND WHEREAS, grassroots and national initiatives such as Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.) campaign and the Parliamentary Civility Pledge led by the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians, demonstrate a growing commitment to fostering respectful, safe, and inclusive environments in political life;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of Zorra Township:

1. Supports the principles of the Elect Respect pledge to:

- Treat all persons with dignity and respect in public, private, and online spaces;
- Reject and call out harassment, threats, unlawful discrimination, and personal abuse;
- Focus public debate on policies and ideas, rather than personal attacks or identity-based commentary;
- Build a culture of safety and inclusion, ensuring that individuals of all genders, identities, backgrounds, races, sexual orientations, ages, and abilities feel empowered to run for and serve in public office;

- Call on relevant authorities to investigate and respond to threats or harassment directed at elected officials, in accordance with applicable laws;
- Model accountability and integrity by holding ourselves and one another to clear, transparent, and legally grounded standards of conduct;
- Defend freedom of expression while actively opposing abuse and intimidation in all forms;

2. Encourages elected officials, political organizations, municipalities, and members of the public to sign and support the Elect Respect pledge by visiting: electrespect.ca; and,

3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Members of Provincial and Federal Parliament (MPPs and MPs), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), all municipalities in Ontario, Halton Elected Representatives (H.E.R.), and Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians

☒ Carried

☐ Defeated

☐ Recorded Vote

☐ Deferred

Recorded Vote:

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Ryan		
Councillor Stewart		
Councillor Grigg		
Councillor Mitchell		
Councillor Finch		



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GOV-CSC

Date: October 9, 2025

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Re: Exceptional Courage, Teamwork, and Professionalism During Severe Weather Response — Samuel de Champlain & Kiosk Provincial Park Incidents

On June 21st, 2025, during the late evening hours, an extreme weather event struck the Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park area. This fast-moving and violent storm caused the widespread downfall of trees, trapping multiple park visitors within their trailers, inflicting injuries, and inflicting significant structural and environmental damage throughout the park. As the storm progressed, floodwaters rose rapidly, creating dangerous and unstable conditions and significantly impeding access to emergency responders. The combined threat of downed trees, heavy rainfall, flooding, and darkness posed a grave risk to both park occupants and first responders attempting to enter the area.

From the earliest moments of the incident, local fire and medical personnel played a critical role in stabilizing the scene. Calvin Fire Department, Mattawa Fire Department, Bonfield Fire Department, Papineau-Cameron Fire Department, Paramedic Services, and North Bay OPP officers were among the first on scene, responding to 911 calls and reports of injuries. Despite the debris-filled, low-visibility, and high-risk environment, these first responders courageously entered the park and moved from site to site, reaching injured campers and extracting them from danger. Their efforts allowed paramedics to treat and transport victims to area hospitals, undoubtedly preventing further harm or fatalities.

By the next day, June 22nd, 2025, the broader regional impact of the storm became fully apparent. Two separate sections of Highway 17, both east and west of Samuel de Champlain Park, suffered major flooding and water damage. These conditions led to full highway closures, disrupting traffic flow and complicating emergency operations across the region. The North Bay OPP Auxiliary and Cadets stepped up

immediately to assist with the highway closures, allowing frontline officers to remain focused on critical search and rescue efforts.

Meanwhile, emergency crews inside Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park continued to work through the night and into the morning, cutting fallen trees and clearing debris to access the park's interior. At the same time, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Dispatch had received 77 calls for service, including ambulance assists, dangerous condition reports, and property damage complaints.

In response, the Northeast Region Emergency Response Team (ERT) was deployed. Despite having just completed a two-week missing person search operation in Webwood and being scheduled for their only day off, Staff Sergeant Lefebvre and all ERT members voluntarily returned to duty without hesitation. They were joined by the K-9 Unit, SAVE Unit, and members of the North Bay OPP Detachment. These teams conducted a full-scale search in the park under punishing conditions — temperatures over 30°C, humidity of 100%, flooded trails, and widespread storm damage. Over a period of more than 10 hours, they searched and documented every campsite, ensuring that all park visitors were accounted for.

In parallel, OPP Aviation Services played a critical support role throughout the day. Their air assets enabled real-time aerial assessments of the scene and coordinated search efforts on the ground. The aerial support proved instrumental in both protecting responder safety and enhancing operational efficiency for ground teams navigating the chaotic landscape below.

As Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park operations reached resolution, a secondary emergency developed: Highway 630, the only access route to Kiosk Provincial Park, had suffered multiple flash flood washouts, rendering the road completely impassable. The washouts were so severe that reopening the highway was not expected for 7 to 10 days, effectively stranding more than 100 individuals and their pets in Kiosk with no alternate exit.

Without delay, the Incident Commander, ERT Team Leader, and OPP Aviation Services collaborated to formulate and execute an aerial evacuation plan. Utilizing OPP air resources, they successfully extracted stranded campers and animals from Kiosk Provincial Park and transported them to safety — avoiding what could have become a prolonged and dangerous isolation event in a remote location.

This letter formally recognizes and commends the remarkable response, coordination, and sacrifice shown by the following:

- Calvin Fire Department – Host and Command Agency
- Mattawa Fire Department
- North Bay Fire Department
- East Ferris Fire Department
- Bonfield Fire Department
- West Nipissing Fire Department
- Chief R. MAKI – South River/Machar Fire Dpt. (Mutual Aid Coordinator)
- District of Nipissing Paramedic Services
- North Bay OPP Detachment Officers, Auxiliaries, and Cadets
- Northeast Region Emergency Response Team (ERT)
- OPP K-9 Unit
- OPP SAVE Unit
- OPP Aviation Services
- Ontario Parks Staff and Rangers
- Emergency Management Ontario

These individuals and teams exhibited exceptional professionalism, extraordinary courage, and an unwavering commitment to public safety under the most demanding and hazardous conditions. Their collective efforts resulted in the safe extraction of injured persons, the full accounting of park guests, and the successful evacuation of stranded campers, all while maintaining a standard of conduct that reflects the highest ideals of service. We extend our deepest gratitude and commendation to all who participated in this complex and heroic response.

Sincerely,

William McMullen

Inspector William McMullen
Ontario Provincial Police
Incident Commander

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 10, 2025

FONOM and NOMA Thank the Federal and Provincial Governments for their Partnership to Keep Kap Paper Operating

Northern leaders commend collaboration to protect jobs, families, and regional stability

KAPUSKASING / MARATHON, ON – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) are expressing their sincere appreciation to the Government of Canada, Premier Doug Ford, and the Province of Ontario for their coordinated efforts to keep the Kapuskasing Paper facility operating.

This joint support provides much-needed stability to families, workers, and businesses across Northeastern Ontario. The decision ensures that a cornerstone of the regional forestry supply chain — vital to Canada’s housing and construction goals — continues to operate and support communities that depend on its success.

FONOM President **Dave Plourde** said the announcement reflects the power of collaboration between governments and Northern communities:

“On behalf of FONOM and the people of Northeastern Ontario, I want to thank both the federal and provincial governments for stepping up for Kapuskasing and the entire forestry sector. This partnership demonstrates what’s possible when all levels of government collaborate to protect jobs and ensure a sustainable future for the North. The continued operation of Kap Paper means stability for families and hope for the next generation.”

NOMA President **Rick Dumas** echoed those sentiments, emphasizing the regional and national significance of the mill:

“This is a win not only for Kapuskasing but for all of Northern Ontario and Canada’s housing sector. The forestry industry is the backbone of our northern economy, and Kap Paper is a critical link in that chain. We deeply appreciate the leadership shown by the federal government, Premier Ford, and Ministers Harris and Holland in finding a path forward that keeps people working and our communities strong.”

The forestry sector remains one of Northern Ontario’s most important economic drivers, connecting sawmills, trucking operations, contractors, and service providers across the region. The continued operation of Kap Paper protects thousands of direct and indirect jobs, reinforcing the importance of the North’s contribution to national priorities, including affordable housing and sustainable economic growth.

FONOM and NOMA also acknowledged the constructive engagement from federal and provincial officials throughout the process, noting that their responsiveness and cooperation made this outcome possible.

“When Northern voices are heard, the results speak for themselves,” added Plourde. “This outcome is a clear example of partnership in action — and a model for how governments can work together to strengthen our communities.”

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NOMA and FONOM welcome federal support for Kap Paper, urge all governments to secure long-term stability for Northern Ontario's forestry sector

KAPUSKASING, ON and THUNDER BAY, ON — October 17, 2025 —The Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA) and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcome the statement from the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for FedNor, reaffirming the federal government's support for Kap Paper and the workers and families of Kapuskasing.

Both organizations extend their appreciation to Minister Hajdu and the Government of Canada for recognizing the critical importance of the forestry and pulp & paper sector to Northern Ontario's economy. This commitment underscores the value of sustained federal engagement in supporting communities that form the backbone of Canada's resource economy.

"We appreciate Minister Hajdu's leadership and the federal government's continued attention to the challenges facing Kap Paper," said **Rick Dumas, NOMA President and Mayor of Marathon**. "The North's workers, businesses, and communities have proven time and again that when governments step up, they deliver. This recognition of Kapuskasing's vital role in the regional and national economy is a positive step forward."

At the same time, both associations stress that **urgent and coordinated action** is required to ensure long-term stability across Northern Ontario's forestry and resource sectors. With the recent announcement of the idling of the Ear Falls sawmill, the vulnerability of Northern industries has once again been brought into sharp focus.

"Now more than ever, we need the Government of Canada — led by Prime Minister Mark Carney — and the Province of Ontario, under Premier Doug Ford, to work at lightspeed to secure a fair and durable trade agreement with the United States that protects, strengthens, and rebuilds lasting economic viability for sawmills like Ear Falls and mills like Kap Paper," said **Dave Plourde, FONOM President and Mayor of Kapuskasing**. "The people of Northern Ontario deserve stability and certainty — and we cannot afford to lose another cornerstone industry."

NOMA and FONOM continue to call on all levels of government — federal, provincial, municipal, and Indigenous — along with labour and industry partners to remain united and focused on developing a comprehensive, long-term strategy that safeguards jobs, fosters innovation, and ensures the future of Northern Ontario's forestry sector for generations to come.

The forestry and pulp & paper industries remain pillars of Northern Ontario's economy, supporting thousands of direct and indirect jobs, local businesses, and community services. Both associations reaffirm their commitment to advocating for a sustainable, modern, and competitive forestry sector that continues to drive growth and opportunity across the North.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONFIELD

BY-LAW NO. 2025-39

Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council

WHEREAS it is the desire of Council to confirm all Proceedings and By-Laws:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Bonfield **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT** the Confirmatory Period of this By-Law shall be for all Regular Council and Special Meetings from October 14, 2025 to October 28, 2025 inclusive.
2. **THAT** all By-Laws passed by the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
3. **THAT** all resolutions passed by the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. **THAT** all other proceedings, decisions and directions of the Council of the Township of Bonfield during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

MAYOR

CLERK