

**Ministry of Emergency
Preparedness and Response**

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Toronto, ON M3M 0B1



June 30, 2025

Township of Mcgarry

Dear Melanie Jensen - CEMC:

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) is proud to support your efforts to deliver on our common mission to ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies.

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) requires each municipality to develop and implement an Emergency Management (EM) program that includes:

- Municipal hazard and identification risk assessment;
- Municipal critical infrastructure list;
- Municipal emergency plan;
- Program By-law;
- Annual Review;
- Annual training;
- Annual exercise;
- Public education program;
- An Emergency Operations Center;
- A Community Emergency Management Coordinator;
- An Emergency Management Program Committee;
- A Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and;
- An Emergency Information Officer.

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) assists municipalities by making available our Field Officers and other resources to provide advice and guidance, deliver training, participate in exercises, and other advisory services including annually advising municipalities on achieving their EMCPA requirements.

Thank you for sharing your EM program related information and the effort undertaken to do so. Upon review of the documentation submitted, EMO is pleased to advise that our assessment indicates that your municipality has satisfied all thirteen (13) program elements required under the EMCPA 2024.

Congratulations on your municipality's efforts in meeting your EMCPA requirements in 2024.

You may also be interested in learning of the following information for further context:

| Number of Truck Shipments by Routes ^{Note 1} | | | | | | # of lanes in Ontario |
|--|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|---|--|
| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | |
| Truck shipments to and from major destinations in western Canada to Toronto and Montreal | 1,019,899 | 927,405 | 986,136 | 924,682 | 767,998 | 2 lanes northern Ontario / 4 lanes southern and eastern segments |
| | | | | | NOTE: 5 year average 2013 to 2017= 925,224 | |
| Truck shipments to and from Toronto and Montreal | 867,321 | 894,068 | 1,237,732 | 916,433 | 884,474 | 4+ lanes |
| | | | | | Note: 5 year average = 960,005 | |
| Truck shipments to and from Toronto and Windsor | 67,119 | 100,507 | 97,640 | 80,267 | 142,502 | 4+ lanes |
| | | | | | Note: 5 year average= 97,607 | |
| Truck shipments to and from Toronto and Hamilton | 181,567 | 191,839 | 186,954 | 332,986 | 139,044 | 4+ lanes |
| | | | | | Note: 5 year average= 206,514 | |

Note 1: Statistics Canada. [Table 23-10-0142-01 Origin and destination of transported commodities, Canadian Freight Analysis Framework](#) (see Appendix A). Shipments represent the aggregate number of shipments transported.

- 423 of 444 municipalities sought EMO's advice on their progress to meet their EMCPA requirements in 2024, of which 418 were advised they appeared to satisfy their EMCPA requirements.
- Of the 5 municipalities who were advised they did not appear to meet all 13 program elements required under the EMCPA, the most prevalent reasons were:
 - Not conducting an annual exercise as prescribed;
 - CEMC did not complete training;
 - Not completing the annual MCEG training; and/or
 - Not completing an annual review of their EM program.

There is nothing more important than the safety and wellbeing of our families and loved ones, and the importance of ensuring that your municipality is as prepared as possible for any potential emergency cannot be understated.

Once again, EMO is here to assist municipalities in achieving their EMCPA requirements. For further information or if you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact our Field Officer assigned to your Sector; their contact information is below.

Sincerely,

Heather Levecque
Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division
Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response

cc: Mayor / Reeve Bonita Culhane



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J. Paul Dubé, Ombudsman

Madame / Monsieur,

J'ai le plaisir de vous envoyer deux exemplaires (un en anglais, un en français) de mon Rapport annuel de 2024-2025, à l'occasion du 50^e anniversaire de l'Ombudsman de l'Ontario.

Au cours de cette année charnière, nous avons aidé plus de personnes que jamais, avec plus de problèmes. Ce rapport examine les principales tendances des 30 675 plaintes et demandes de renseignements que nous avons reçues, notamment une augmentation de 55 % des cas concernant les établissements correctionnels provinciaux, et un nombre record de 3 908 cas concernant les municipalités. Nous avons également constaté un nombre record ou quasi-record de cas concernant les conseils scolaires, l'enseignement postsecondaire et les services à l'enfance.

Conformément à nos 50 années de protection des droits des Ontarien(ne)s, ce rapport accorde une attention particulière aux droits des enfants et jeunes vulnérables, des personnes handicapées, des détenu(e)s et des gens qui recherchent des services provinciaux en français. Le rapport décrit également les progrès réalisés dans notre élaboration conjointe d'un plan de services aux Autochtones (pages 8 à 10), ainsi que dans la mise en œuvre de notre plan stratégique (p. 11).

Nous vous encourageons à lire les chapitres de ce rapport qui traitent de votre secteur, où nous discutons des problèmes les plus courants et des types de cas que nous avons réglés. Nous vous encourageons également à partager le rapport avec vos collègues et toute autre partie intéressée.

Vous pouvez voir le rapport complet, les documents pour les médias et les statistiques sur notre site Web. Nous pourrions également fournir d'autres exemplaires sur demande.

Si vous avez la moindre question à propos du rapport ou de cas relatifs à votre organisme, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous. Nous serons aussi heureux(es) de répondre à toute question générale à propos de notre travail. Vous pouvez contacter notre personnel à info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Cordialement,

Paul Dubé
Ombudsman de l'Ontario

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August 08, 2025

Subject: Proposed updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregates Resource Act*

Hello,

Ontario's aggregate industry plays a key role in our government's vision to build Ontario, supporting vital development and jobs across the province. At this time, MNR is proposing updates to certain operational policies under the *Aggregate Resources Act*.

Over the last six years, changes to the Act, regulation, and the development of the Aggregate Resources of Ontario Standards, have left several aggregate resources policies outdated and/or inaccurate. New requirements and provisions introduced through these changes also need to be supported with new policy direction.

In a continued effort to clarify requirements and improve efficiencies, three policies are proposed to be updated (replacing seven outdated policies) related to new aggregate licence/permit applications addressing Water Report, Cultural Heritage Report, and Matters to be Considered in the Issuance of a Licence. One new policy based on the 2020 requirements in the Standards, Maximum Predicted Water Table Report is being proposed. In addition, the government is focused on reducing burden to businesses; this is why we are proposing to rescind 28 policies that are outdated or unnecessary.

Updated policies are an important step in modernizing the Ministry's aggregate program, ensuring transparency and consistency in program delivery, and providing certainty to industry and the public about the Ministry's expectations.

A complete summary of the proposed policy changes can be found on the [Environmental Registry](#) (search for notice: 025-0216) for a 48-day commenting period ending September 25, 2025.

We invite you to review the changes and offer comments.

There are several ways you can comment on this proposal, including:

1. Directly through the Environmental Registry posting (click on the "Submit a comment" button)

2. By email to aggregates@ontario.ca, or

3. By mail to:

Resources Development Section
Ministry of Natural Resources
300 Water Street, 2nd Floor South
Peterborough, ON K9J 3C7

For questions, contact Sheena Tower at aggregates@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Keyes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Keyes

Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

Aggregate Information Collection

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Fri, Aug 8, 2025 at 2:39 PM

**MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY
ASSESSMENT
CORPORATION**

Good afternoon Karine,

I am following up to keep you informed of some upcoming work that MPAC is conducting in regards to aggregate properties.

As you will recall, the provincial government introduced a new property class for aggregate extraction sites for the 2025 property taxation year. In late 2024, MPAC mailed updated Property Assessment Notices to property owners with properties used in aggregate extraction, identifying the assessment and classification land eligible for the new property tax class effective for the 2025 taxation year.

In order to better understand the activities undertaken on aggregate sites across the province and to continue to assist the provincial government's ongoing review of property assessment and taxation system, MPAC will be mailing a formal information request to property owners of aggregate sites in Ontario. This mail out will be delivered next week.

There is no action required by your municipality at this time and we are simply letting you know that this work is occurring. Should you receive enquiries from any aggregate property owners please have them reach out to MPAC. Information has been provided to property owners on how to address any questions.

Additional information, including resources, are available on
<https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/AggregateSites>

Thank you and we will continue to keep you informed.

Kind Regards,

Mary Dawson-Cole
Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations
Public Affairs & Customer Experience

[mpac.ca](https://www.mpac.ca)
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
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**Ministry of
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August 7, 2025

Dear CAO/City Manager/Municipal Treasurer/Clerk-Treasurer:

I am writing to inform you that updates are being made to the Housing and Homelessness services categories in the 2026 Financial Information Return (FIR) (for release in early 2027). The changes that are being made will update legacy definitions and categories to better reflect the diversity of local reporting policies and practices and the range of housing and homelessness programs delivered by municipalities.

Over the past few years, ministry staff have consulted with the municipal sector in both targeted and open consultations and gathered feedback that support making changes that are workable at the local level.

To assist with the transition to the new Housing and Homelessness services categories, you can view a PDF draft version of the 2026 FIR at the link [here](#). You may also navigate to the FIR website "News" section available [here](#). Please be sure to consider if any changes to internal systems effective January 1, 2026 are required to accommodate future FIR reporting. Please note the 2026 PDF does not reflect other changes that may be made to the 2025 and 2026 FIR template.

Also, please be advised that the Municipal Finance Officers' Association (MFOA) will be hosting a free webinar on August 20, 2025, called "Updates to the FIR". The session will walk through changes to the reporting of housing and homelessness services in the FIR, as well as spotlight the new Public Sector Accounting Standard - PS 1202 Financial Statement Presentation. Register at the link [here](#).

Your assistance with sharing this letter and the draft PDF version of the 2026 FIR with any impacted staff members (such as Housing and Finance staff) in your municipality would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this letter or the FIR, please contact your local MMAH, Municipal Services Office (MSO), or Shira Babins at shira.babins@ontario.ca of the Municipal Finance Policy Branch of the Ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ruchi Parkash". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Ruchi" and last name "Parkash" clearly distinguishable.

Ruchi Parkash
Director, Local Government Division
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

cc. Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and
Housing
Christopher Pearce, Assistant Deputy Minister (A), Ministry of Finance
Marc Sharrett, Director (A), Ministry of Finance

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July 18, 2025

Karine Pelletier
Clerk-Treasurer
The Township of McGarry
27 Webster Street
P.O. Box 99,
Virginiatown, ON P0K 1X0

Dear Ms. Pelletier:

**Re: Acceptance of Operational Plan:
Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System**

This letter is to inform you that the Operational Plan identified below for the above Drinking Water System meets the requirements of the Director's Directions - Minimum Requirements for Operational Plans made under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* (SDWA) and has been accepted.

| Number | Operational Plan Name | Date |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 280-401 | The Township of McGarry Operational Plan for the Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System | March 6, 2023 |

Sincerely,



Aziz Ahmed, P.Eng.
Director, Part V, SDWA

c: Water Compliance Supervisor, MECP Timmins

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August 13, 2025

Subject: Proposed regulations to support the implementation of the proposed
Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025, if passed by the Legislature

Hello,

Over the past three years, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) in Ontario. Carbon storage is new to the province and developing a comprehensive framework to regulate this activity would help ensure that it is done responsibly, with measures in place to safeguard people and the environment.

Carbon storage involves injecting captured carbon dioxide into deep geological formations for permanent storage. This technology could provide industries in Ontario with a critical tool for managing their emissions and contributing to the achievement of Ontario's emissions reduction targets.

As you may be aware, the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act, 2025* was introduced into the Ontario legislature on May 27th, 2025 as part of Bill 27, Resource Management and Safety Act, 2025. The Bill has now reached second reading in the Legislature, and debate of the Bill will continue after the legislature resumes on October 20th, 2025. The status of the Bill in the legislative process can be viewed on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website.

The proposed Act, if passed by the Legislature, would require the development of supporting regulations that would cover the detailed regulatory requirements for the authorization of research and evaluation activities, and carbon storage activities, before the Act could be proclaimed and brought into force.

We are writing to notify you that the MNR is seeking feedback on the general content of proposed regulations that are being considered under the proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*, 2025, if it is passed by the Legislature.

More details on the general content of the proposed regulations can be viewed in a proposal notice on the Regulatory Registry, posting # [25-MNRF006](#). Feedback on the proposal can be provided directly to MNR through the email address provided below.

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Andrew Ogilvie, Manager of Resources Development Section, at 705-761-5815 or through email: Resources.Development@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

Notification of Proposed Updates to the Projection Methodology Guideline (Township of McGarry)

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Tue, Aug 12, 2025 at 3:56 PM

to: kpelletier@mcgarry.ca

August 12, 2025;

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The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to provide updated guidance for planning authorities on how to determine population and employment forecasts and to assess the amount of land needed to accommodate that growth. This guidance is intended to support implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (PPS 2024).

As you may be aware, on October 20, 2024, the PPS 2024 came into effect to provide a streamlined province-wide land use planning policy framework. Planning authorities must base their population and employment growth forecasts on the [Ontario Population Projections](#) published by the Ministry of Finance and may modify as appropriate, as informed by provincial guidance. Planning authorities must also ensure that sufficient land is made available to accommodate an appropriate range and mix of land uses to meet projected needs, as informed by provincial guidance.

A 60-day consultation seeking input on a draft of this proposed guidance has been posted through the Environmental Registry of Ontario ([ERO 025-0844](#)) closing on October 11, 2025. You are invited to share any feedback through this consultation or by email at growthplanning@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

David McLean

Assistant Deputy Minister | Housing Policy and Planning Division Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing | Ontario Public Service
647-640-3054 ;

Le ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement entend publier un document d'orientation mis à jour à l'intention des offices d'aménagement sur la marche à suivre pour établir des prévisions de population et d'emploi et évaluer la quantité de terrains nécessaires pour répondre à cette croissance. Ce document vise à favoriser la mise en œuvre de la Déclaration provinciale sur la planification, 2024 (DPP 2024).

Vous savez peut-être que le 20 octobre 2024, la DPP 2024 est entrée en vigueur; elle constitue un cadre stratégique rationalisé d'aménagement du territoire pour l'ensemble de la province. Les offices d'aménagement doivent fonder leurs prévisions de croissance de la population et de l'emploi sur les [Projections démographiques pour l'Ontario](#) publiées par le ministère des Finances et peuvent apporter des modifications au besoin, selon les directives provinciales. Les offices

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Dear McGarry Township,
Thank you for the generous
Bursary. It will help me
Succeed in my Post-Secondary
Education.

Thank you,
Arianna Jensen.