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May 13, 2025

Dear Head of Council,

On May 12, 2025 I introduced the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025* ([Bill 17](#)). Through this legislation, and other changes, we are responding to recommendations and requests from municipal leaders to make it easier and faster to build new homes and infrastructure Ontario needs like transit, roads, water, and wastewater systems.

The bill contains bold actions to protect Ontario from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Infrastructure and the Ministry of Transportation. Details about the range of measures can be found in the [news release](#).

Building Code Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 1 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Building Code Act* which include:

- Adding a provision to clarify that municipalities do not have the authority to create or enforce their own construction standards.
- Eliminating the requirement for a secondary provincial approval of innovative construction products for products that have already undergone a “Canadian Code Compliance Evaluation” by the federal Canadian Construction Materials Centre ([25-MMAH0042](#)). Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025.

Development Charges Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 4 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to standardize the development charge (DC) methodology and framework and improve predictability of costs, include:

- Creating a regulation-making authority to merge service categories for DC credits.
- Creating a regulation-making authority to specify what constitutes a “local service.”
- Expanding the DC deferral to non-rental residential developments. Related changes include:

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- Providing municipalities authority, in circumstances set out in regulation, to require financial security for payment of deferred DCs for non-rental residential developments; and
- Removing authority for municipalities to charge interest on any legislated DC deferral amounts.
- Enabling municipalities to make any changes to their DC by-laws for the sole purpose of reducing DCs or removing indexing without undertaking certain procedural requirements.
- Creating a regulation-making authority to prescribe exceptions, including conditional exceptions, to capital costs that are eligible to be recovered from DCs.
- Providing that the frozen DC rates on a development would not be applicable if the current DC rates in effect would result in a lower payment.
- Exempting long-term care homes within the meaning of subsection 2 (1) of the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* from municipal DCs.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario (RR) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- [RR 25-MMAH003](#): Changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, to Simplify and Standardize the Development Charge (DC) Framework.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedules 3 and 7 of the Bill propose changes to the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* that would help streamline and standardize municipal development processes. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Provide authority for regulations to limit municipal complete application studies and provide greater recognition of planning reports prepared by prescribed certified professionals,
- Remove the need for certain minor variances,
- Give the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing the authority to impose conditions on a use permitted by a Minister's zoning order, and
- Streamline planning approvals for publicly funded kindergarten to grade 12 schools.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- [ERO 025-0461](#): Proposed Planning Act and City of Toronto Act, 2006 Changes (Schedules 3 and 7 of Bill 17- Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025).

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on associated regulatory changes. The government is undertaking 45-day consultations on the following proposals from May 12, 2025, to June 26, 2025:

- [ERO 025-0462](#): Proposed Regulations – Complete Application (seeking feedback on proposed regulations to address complete application requirements (study/report requirements) and submissions from certified professionals)
- [ERO 025-0463](#): Proposed Regulation – As-of-right Variations from Setback Requirements (seeking feedback on a proposed regulation that would allow variations to be permitted “as-of-right” if a proposal is within 10% of requirements for setbacks from property lines applicable to specified lands)

The Environmental Registry postings provide additional details regarding the proposed changes.

Ministry of Infrastructure Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Schedule 6 of the Bill proposes changes to the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011* (MOIA), to provide the Minister of Infrastructure with the authority to request information and data from municipalities and municipal agencies, where needed to support provincially funded infrastructure projects. This would help speed up the delivery of critical infrastructure that our growing communities need, while also supporting jobs and economic growth. Comments can be made through the Regulatory Registry of Ontario ([RR-25MOI003](#)) from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025.

Transit-Oriented Communities Act – Ministry of Infrastructure

Proposed changes to the *Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Act, 2020*, would reduce barriers to implementing the Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) by:

- Amending the definition of a “Transit Oriented Communities project” to include projects along the GO and LRT network more efficiently,
- Removing OIC approval requirements for any agreements between the Minister (or an entity with delegated powers) and a municipality, and
- Enabling the Minister to delegate certain responsibilities to Infrastructure Ontario for the purpose of developing TOCs.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed changes. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario from May 12, 2025, to June 11, 2025:

- [ERO 025-0504](#): Proposed *Transit-Oriented Communities Act, 2020*, changes to reduce barriers to implementing municipal agreements.

Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 2 of the bill proposes a change to the *Building Transit Faster Act, 2020* (BTFA) that, if passed, would extend the use of the BTFA measures to all provincial transit projects. This change would remove barriers to building transit faster and get shovels in the ground quicker to build major provincial transit projects that connect communities.

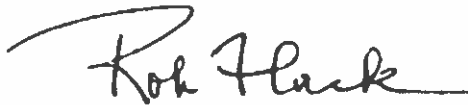
A proposed amendment to the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, permits the Minister of Transportation to request certain information and data from municipalities or municipal agencies necessary to support the development of provincial transit projects or Transit-Oriented Communities projects.

You may provide your comments on the proposed change to the BTFA through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice [ERO 025-0450](#) and the Ontario Regulatory Registry notice ([RR 25-MTO005](#)) and the Metrolinx Act ([RR 25-MTO006](#)) from May 12, 2025 to June 11, 2025.

The government invites you to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided above and share any feedback you may have. If you have any questions, please reach out to my Director of Stakeholder and Caucus Relations, Tanner Zelenko, at Tanner.Zelenko@ontario.ca.

In the face of economic uncertainty, we must protect Ontario by speeding up construction so we can lower housing costs and keep workers on the job. I look forward to continued collaboration with you, our municipal partners, to create the homes that Ontario need today, tomorrow, and in the decades to come.

Sincerely,



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

- c. The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
The Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff, Minister's Office
Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
David McLean, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Caspar Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

MOVED BY: Terry Kelly

SECONDED BY: Dan O'Mara

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

Increase in Provincial share for Mandated Public Health Programs

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Health are undertaking a review of the funding approach for local public health agencies; and

WHEREAS, many northern Medical Officers of Health and Health Units have supported resolutions asking to be included or consulted during the review; and

WHEREAS, seven of the Northern Medical Officers of Health signed a letter to Minister Sylvia Jones, titled **Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**, which shared some perspectives unique to the North regarding the current Public Health Funding review; and

WHEREAS, Municipalities have been long-standing financial partners in public health; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities ask the Minister of Health that FONOM have an equal role in discussions concerning the funding review of the Public Health Mandated Programs; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, the membership of FONOM, AMO, and the seven Northern Medical Officers of Health that signed the letter, **Perspectives from Northern Ontario for the Public Health Funding Review**

Carried

MOVED BY: Lynn Watson

SECONDED BY: Sally Hagman

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02

Policing costs for all communities

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets, including roads, bridges, water/ wastewater and municipally owned buildings, including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario municipalities' operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources

WHEREAS, Northern Ontario municipalities are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone

WHEREAS, in 2015, the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract O.P.P. (5.1) locations

WHEREAS, the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million

WHEREAS, before a one-time Provincial support transfer, Municipalities across Northern Ontario in 2024 received notices from the OPP with an average annual increase of 17.8%, representing 7.7% of the municipal tax levy

WHEREAS the estimated annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for Municipalities in the Northeast is \$43 million

WHEREAS, the police levy in 2025 to the four large cities in Northeastern Ontario is \$174 million after grants

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities calls on the Ontario Government to commit to phasing in a \$100 million Policing Grant over the next three years for the 157 northern communities. After the third year, the fund will increase by the minimum of the annual Consumer Price. Each community should receive a base amount of \$60,000, with the remaining funds allocated based on population. (Note: If the sum of the base amount and the population-based allocation exceeds the amounts received in 2024 notifications from the OPP, plus the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), the funding for that community will be capped to avoid surplus situations.)

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Solicitor General Michael Kerzner, the Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Membership of FONOM and NOMA and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Carried

Examples on the next page

Below is an example of the impact the funding would have on three of the 157 communities in Northern Ontario. The base year uses the 2025 OPP Billing Invoice or approved Budget. I estimated the CPI to be 3% in years two and three, compounded annually. The Cap amount in the example is a raw estimate, as many of those that did not respond to my OPP survey were smaller communities.

Year one - \$34 million

$$157 * \$60,000 = \$9,420,000$$

$$\$34,000,000 - \$9,420,000 = \$24,580,000$$

$$\$24,580,000 / 900,000 \text{ people} = \$27.31 \text{ per person}$$

Community of 1513 (cap \$284,949.50)

$$\$60,000 + (1513 * \$27.31) = \$101,320.03$$

Community of 8,057 people (cap \$2,561,265.98)

$$\$60,000 + (8,057 * \$27.31) = \$280,036.67$$

Community of 41,145 people (cap \$21,027,721.92)

$$\$60,000 + (41,145 * \$27.31) = \$1,183,669.95$$

Year two – \$67 Million

$$157 * \$60,000 = \$9,420,000$$

$$\$67,000,000 - \$9,420,000 + \$2,000,000 \text{ (estimated cap surplus)} = \$59,580,000 +$$

$$\$59,580,000 / 900,000 \text{ people} = \$66.20 \text{ per person}$$

Community of 1513 (cap \$293,497.98)

$$\$60,000 + (1513 * \$66.20) = \$160,160.60$$

Community of 8,057 people (cap \$2,638,103.95)

$$\$60,000 + (8,057 * \$66.20) = \$593,373.40$$

Community of 41,145 people (cap \$21,658,553.57)

$$\$60,000 + (41,145 * \$66.20) = \$2,783,799$$

Year three – \$100 Million

$$157 * \$60,000 = \$9,420,000$$

$$\$100,000,000 - \$9,420,000 + \$3,000,000 \text{ (estimated cap surplus)} = \$93,580,000$$

$$\$93,580,000 / 900,000 \text{ people} = \$103.97 \text{ per person}$$

Community of 1513 (cap \$302,302.91)

$$\$60,000 + (1513 * \$103.97) = \$217,306.61$$

Community of 8,057 people (cap \$2,717,247.06)

$$\$60,000 + (8,057 * \$103.97) = \$897,686.29$$

Community of 41,145 people (cap \$22,308,310.17)

$$\$60,000 + (41,145 * \$103.97) = \$4,337,845.65$$

MOVED BY: Sandra Hollingsworth

SECONDED BY: Al MacNevin

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review

WHEREAS, current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS, nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS, inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities requests the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to Premier Ford, the Honourable Rob Flack, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, the Minister of Finance, the membership of FONOM, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried.

MOVED BY: Maggie Horsfield

SECONDED BY: Lynda Carleton

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04

Expand Extended Producer Responsibility to the ICI Sector

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only

WHEREAS producers are not responsible for collecting products and packaging sold to the industrial, commercial, and institutional sectors, which include the provincial government and our member municipalities

WHEREAS the products and packaging mentioned in the previous paragraph either end up in landfills or are recycled by the industrial, commercial, and institutional sectors, often at a cost

WHEREAS the landfill capacity in Ontario is nearing a critical point, and the process to site or create a landfill is both lengthy and costly

WHEREAS under the current Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation, a can of soda consumed at home and placed in the Blue Box is considered an "eligible" source, meaning producers are responsible for its recycling. However, if the same soda can is consumed by the same individual at Queen's Park, it is deemed "ineligible." In this case, the government is responsible for managing the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, as well as covering all associated costs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources, including Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) properties

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the membership of FONOM and AMO.

Carried.

MOVED BY: Margaret Young

SECONDED BY: Marc Dupuis

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

An addition to the Ministry of Transportation

WHEREAS the topography and climate of Ontario, North and West of the Canadian Shield, is uniquely different from that of the balance of the Province

WHEREAS due to that topography, it is more costly to construct or maintain 100 km of Highway in Northern Ontario than the balance of the Province

WHEREAS the highway network in Northern Ontario is vital to connecting our citizens to health care, employment, groceries, and recreation

WHEREAS Highway 11, Highway 17, and Highway 69 are our 400 systems, and the municipal share of Connecting Link has become prohibitive for all communities

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has made and continues to make a significant investment in the Ontario Northland and bring back the Northlander

WHEREAS every senior politician in Ontario and the balance of Canada noted the Raw Earth Elements deposits in the Ring of Fire. FONOM wants to note that the transportation of the Raw Earth Elements will travel through Northern Ontario

WHEREAS the Nuclear Waste Management Organization has selected the community of Ignace for the location of Canada's deep geological repository for spent nuclear fuel. Therefore, the fuel will be transported through Northern Ontario.

WHEREAS on November 10, 2022, the Province announced, 'Ontario Moving Ahead with First-Ever 2+1 Highway in North America'; on July 14, 2023, the Ministry of Transportation announced, 'Ontario Starting Work on 2+1 Highway', and during the recent campaign, Premier Ford announced his government would 'extend the 2+1 highway another 220 kilometres from Temiskaming Shores to Cochrane'

WHEREAS of May 2025, the Minister has not announced a start date for construction of the initial 2+1 Highway

WHEREAS the annual Ontario Road Safety Annual Report Selected Statistics does not provide a breakdown by region

WHEREAS the 2023 Ontario Road Safety Annual Report Selected Statistics reported that there were 1,504 large truck accidents in Ontario with 107 fatalities

WHEREAS large truck accidents occur daily in Northern Ontario, often resulting in death

WHEREAS accidents in Northern Ontario are the cause of many lengthy closures or detours using municipal infrastructure not designed for highway traffic

WHEREAS many FONOM members have commented that there is a lack of response to their concerns or inquiries from the Ministry and/or regional staff, which is concerning to the Board

THEREFORE IT WAS RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities should ask the Premier to either appoint a Deputy Minister of Transportation for Northern Ontario or create an Associate Minister responsible for Northern Ontario Transportation. FONOM believes Northern Ontario will be the economic engine that drives Ontario and Canada for the next 100 years and that the Province needs a dedicated team focused on improving today's network while planning for and acting on future requirements

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, the Membership of FONOM, NOMA, ROMA, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Carried.

MINUTES

Northeastern Health Unit Board of Health

Regular Meeting held on April 3, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Microsoft Teams

1.0 **ROLL CALL**

Board of Health Members

Michelle Boileau	City of Timmins
Andrew Marks	City of Timmins
Rock Whissell	City of Timmins
Mark Wilson	Temiskaming Shores
Jeff Laferriere	Temiskaming Shores
Carol Lowery	Rural South: Armstrong, Brethour, Casey, Cobalt, Coleman, Harley, Harris, Hilliard, Hudson, Kerns, Latchford, Temagami, Thornloe
Paul Kelly	Rural Central South: Charlton & Dack, Chamberlain, Englehart, Evanturel, Gauthier, James, Larder Lake, McGarry, Matachewan
Marc Dupuis	Rural North: Fauquier-Strickland, Hornepayne, Hearst, Mattice Val Cote, Moonbeam, Opasatika, Val Rita Harty
Casey Owens	Kirkland Lake
Peter Politis	Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls
Savion Nakogee	Rural Far North: Moosonee, James Bay and Hudson Bay region
Curtis Arthur	Provincial Appointee
Cathy Dwyer	Provincial Appointee
David Lowe	Provincial Appointee
Cindy Marks-Campbell	Provincial Appointee
Suzanne Perras	Provincial Appointee
Todd Steis	Provincial Appointee

Northeastern Public Health Staff Members

Dr. Lianne Catton	Acting Medical Officer of Health/Chief Executive Officer
Randy Winters	Director of Corporate and Protection Services
Rosa Montico-Reimer	Director of Finance
Lori McCord	Executive Assistant
Rachelle Cote	Executive Assistant

Regrets

Tory Delaurier	Rural Central North: Iroquois Falls, Black River Matheson
Gary Fortin	Kapuskasing

- 1.1 **CALL TO ORDER:** the meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

1.2 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION #20-R-2025

Moved by: David Lowe

Seconded by: Marc Dupuis

That the agenda for the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit meeting of April 3, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

1.3 **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE**

None declared.

2.0 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

2.1 **NEPH BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES – February 27, 2025**

MOTION #21-R-2025

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Casey Owens

That the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit approve the minutes for the meeting dated February 27, 2025.

CARRIED

3.0 **AGENDA ITEMS FOR INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, DECISION**

3.1 **Finance Committee**

3.1.1 **Meeting Report**

Finance Committee Chair A. Marks provided a brief verbal update. A Finance Committee was held on March 12, 2025. Elections were held for the 2025 Finance Committee Chair and Vice-Chair. Andrew Marks is Finance Chair and Curt Arthur is the Vice-Chair. The Finance Committee met again on March 31, 2025, to review and discuss a detailed presentation of the 2025 cost shared budget and per capita rate. The Finance Committee recommends approval by the Board of Health. Finance Chair Marks advised the Board that the 2025 meeting schedule for the Finance Committee was approved.

3.1.2 **Finance Committee Minutes – March 12, 2025**

The Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit received the Finance Committee Minutes – March 12th for information purposes.

3.1.3 Terms of Reference

The Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit received the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee for approval.

MOTION #22-R-2025

Moved by: Paul Kelly

Seconded by: Andrew Marks

That the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit approve the Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

3.1.4 2025 Cost-Shared Public Health Budget

Dr. Catton and R. Montico-Reimer presented the 2025 Cost-Shared budget, with discussion and opportunities for questions. It was reiterated this was the minimum budget required to maintain current staff complement and current level of programs and services. The merger is for strengthening public health, not cost savings. The merger is fully funded by the Province, and has been an opportunity to mitigate other costs to municipalities.

MOTION #23-R-2025

Moved by: Sue Perras

Seconded by: Cindy Marks Campbell

That the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit approves the 2025 cost-shared budget for Northeastern Health Unit in the amount of \$6,696,177.96; and,

That the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit approves the per capita rate at \$55.87 for legacy PHU and \$65.56 for legacy THU and the levy increase to be paid by the municipalities; and,

That the remaining shortfall up to \$567,909.87 be drawn from reserves.

CARRIED

Recorded Vote

The recorded vote was as follows:

Board Member	For	Against	Abstain
Curt Arthur	✓		
Michelle Boileau	✓		
Andrew Marks	✓		
Cindy Campbell	✓		
Casey Owens	✓		
Cathy Dwyer	✓		
Marc Dupuis	✓		
Savion Nakogee	✓		

Rock Whissell	✓		
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Board Member	For	Against	Abstain
Carol Lowery	✓		
Paul Kelly	✓		
Jeff Laferriere		X	
Sue Perras	✓		
Peter Politis	✓		
Todd Steis	✓		
Mark Wilson		X	

3.2 **Board Member Attendance to Workshops/Conferences**

3.2.1 **alPHa Annual General Meeting (June 18-20, 2025)**

Information around the upcoming alPHa Annual General meeting was previously shared with the Board. Board members were encouraged to advise the Board Secretary of their interest. A maximum of three Board member attendees will be approved at the May 8th meeting of the Board of Health.

3.2.2 **alPHa Board of Directors**

Dr. Catton provided an overview of the alPHa Board of Directors. There is a representative for the Board of Health section from every region across the province. All Boards in the Northeastern region have been asked for interest in representation. The two year term position with elections to be held on May 6th. An expression of interest was received by Sue Perras, who provided the Board a summary of her experience and her strong advocacy of public health.

MOTION #24-R-2025

Moved by: David Lowe

Seconded by: Todd Steis

That the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit approve the nomination of Sue Perras as a candidate for election to the alPHa Board of Directors for the following Board of Health Section Executive seats from the Northeast: and,

Furthermore that the Board of Health authorize the MOH/CEO to forward a copy of this resolution to alpha. Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

3.3 **Board Attendance Report**

A quarterly report of the Board attendance was shared with the Board for information purposes.

4.0 MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Catton presented an update on the finance/corporate services and recent highlights of key services and programs. Dr. Catton shared that staff are participating in San'yas, an online Indigenous cultural mindfulness course which is highly recommended for all Board members as part of their orientation. The enclosed presentation summarizes the main points shared for information purposes.

5.0 NEPH MERGER-TRANSITION REPORT

Dr. Catton provided an update on the merger transition. The enclosed presentation summarizes the main points shared for information purposes.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was received for information purposes.

7.0 CLOSED SESSION

N/A

8.0 RISE AND REPORTING OF CLOSED SESSION

N/A

9.0 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The Finance Committee will meet on September 11, 2025, and the next meeting of the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit on May 8, 2025. The Board agreed to proceed per the timelines noted above.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT**MOTION #25-R-2025**

Moved by: Andrew Marks

Seconded by: Paul Kelly

THAT the meeting of the Board of Health for the Northeastern Health Unit adjourn at 7:06 pm and that the next meeting be held on May 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED



Michelle Boileau, Board Chair

Lori McCord, Recorder, Rachelle Cote, Recorder

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May 13, 2025

Mayor Reeve and Clerk CAO,

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) regularly evaluates its operations to ensure the effective use of resources while maintaining high-quality service. As part of this process, the OPP has undertaken an organizational realignment to better align with its strategic goals and priorities.

Effective immediately Municipal Policing Bureau has been dissolved. Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Service Unit have been realigned and will fall under the OPP's Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau.

Municipal Policing Unit and Financial Services Unit will continue their regular business, including managing the cost recovery process for municipal policing services in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CPSA) O. Reg. 413/23 Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police*, managing municipal policing agreements under the CPSA, delivering presentations, and providing clarifications on municipal inquiries.

Please continue to direct all future inquiries on municipal policing billing, requests for presentations, etc. to OPP.MunicipalPolicing@opp.ca. Please note, the general email inbox OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@opp.ca will be decommissioned and will no longer be monitored. We also encourage you to visit www.opp.ca/billingmodel where the 2025 estimate updates have been posted for your reference and planning purposes.

The OPP remains committed to working collaboratively with municipalities to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable policing services across Ontario.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. I look forward to your support during this transition and to a successful partnership.

J.G. (John) Dumond,
Chief Superintendent
Bureau Commander
Crime Prevention and Community Support Bureau

cc: OPP Regional and Detachment Commanders

#7 (e)

May 28, 2025

Dear Community Partners and Health Care Providers:

Subject: Dashboard on local air quality and fire danger

Northeastern Public Health (NEPH) is highlighting a seasonal dashboard on our website, [Wildfires and Your Health](#) (available at www.timiskaminghu.com/396/Wildfire-Air-Quality-Surveillance), where information on wildfires and local air quality is available. On this dashboard, you will find regularly updated information on the level of smoke and air quality in the NEPH region.

The frequency and duration of wildfires is expected to worsen as impacts from climate change continue to increase. Wildfire smoke contains pollutants such as fine particulate matter (PM^{2.5}), ozone (O₃), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), which can impact physical and mental health and overall well-being.

Long-term air quality monitors that measure ozone, nitrogen dioxide, and PM^{2.5}, and provide data for Environment Canada's Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), are not available in the Cochrane or Temiskaming districts. Therefore, information from PurpleAir sensors will be used to inform the NEPH dashboard. PurpleAir sensors were installed by community partners across the region to monitor PM^{2.5}, which is one of the main air pollutants of concern in wildfire smoke. The data collected is used to estimate an approximate AQHI value to help residents make informed decisions during periods of air pollution and smoke from wildfires.

For additional details on wildfire smoke, air quality, and your health: please consult www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index/wildfire-smoke.html.

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For more information about smoke and air quality monitoring in the NEPH region and how to protect yourself, visit the dashboard and resource page on our website [Wildfires and Your Health](#).

Yours in health,

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DATE: May 21, 2025

MEMORANDUM TO: CAOs and Mayors from Municipalities Billed under
O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for
Policing from Ontario Provincial Police

FROM: Mario Di Tommaso
Deputy Solicitor General, Community Safety

SUBJECT: Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model
Review and June 2025 Webinars

In Fall 2024, the Solicitor General announced a commitment to review of the OPP cost recovery model as set out in [O. Reg. 413/23: Amount Payable by Municipalities for Policing from Ontario Provincial Police](#) under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is pleased to announce that this review has been initiated. The ministry will be working with a third-party vendor to support an evidence-based review and analysis of the OPP cost recovery model.

The intent is for the review to be completed in time to inform the issuing of the 2026 annual billing statements and the approach going forward.

I would like to thank you for the extensive feedback you have shared with the ministry to date. This feedback is valuable in shaping the review.

We look forward to the opportunity for continued input from your municipalities. To achieve this goal, engagement webinars will take place in June 2025. More information regarding these webinars will follow as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged to ensure that your perspectives are heard.

You can expect outreach in the coming weeks with details for the June webinars. Should you have any immediate questions, please reach out to Sheela Subramanian, Director, Community Safety and Intergovernmental Policy Branch at sheela.subramanian@ontario.ca

Thank you for your continued collaboration and future input.



Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
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MPAC:2025 Ontario Budget Update

1 message

Mon, May 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM



MUNICIPAL
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Good morning, Karine.

Last week's **2025 Ontario Budget, *A Plan to Protect Ontario***, includes several measures that directly impact property assessment and related municipal services. As your property assessment partner, MPAC is committed to keeping you informed and ensuring you have the tools and information needed to support your community.

Property assessment-related highlights from the **Budget** include:

- Starting in 2026, municipalities will have the option to reduce the municipal property tax rate for eligible affordable rental housing units by up to 35 per cent.
- Changes to legislation that allow MPAC to deliver assessment notices electronically starting in 2026.
- Introducing legislation to provide regulatory authority to facilitate expanded use of MPAC property assessment information, such as for research and operational needs.
- Announcing that work is underway to enable MPAC to provide centralized online access to assessment roll information rather than requiring on-site viewing in municipal offices.

Additionally, the budget notes that the review of Ontario's property assessment and taxation system is ongoing, and we look forward to future announcements.

Like you, we are in the early stages of reviewing the budget, and we will continue to keep you informed on our next steps as we learn more.

We're excited to modernize the way we deliver services—not just to keep pace with change, but to lead it. By continuing to embrace innovation, we're helping to strengthen the foundation of Ontario's property assessment system and, in turn, support vibrant, well-resourced local communities across the province.

MPAC's new strategic plan is aligned with these provincial initiatives. We remain committed to modernizing assessment delivery, supporting transparency, and helping municipalities make data-driven decisions to serve their residents.

We look forward to sharing more with you as information becomes available. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of your [Municipal and Stakeholder Relations Team](#).

Thank you,

Jamie

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May 27, 2025

Subject: Reintroduction of the *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*

Hello,

Over the past three years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has been taking a measured and phased approach to enabling and regulating geologic 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.

Geologic carbon storage (further referred to as carbon storage) involves injecting captured carbon dioxide (CO₂) 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.

On November 25, 2024, the Resource Management and Safety Act, 2024 was introduced in the Ontario legislature. This Act included a proposed *Geologic Carbon Storage Act*. The legislature was dissolved on January 28, 2025, and all incomplete business was terminated.

We are writing to notify you that today, the Bill was reintroduced in the legislature. The suite of proposed changes remains the same as what was introduced in November 2024, aside from a small number of administrative updates made to provide clarity.

The original proposal can be accessed through the Environmental Registry/Regulatory Registry: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9299>.

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,



Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazard Policy Branch

May 28, 2025

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Township of McGarry
Melanie Jensen
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Re: Invitation to Participate in the Community Profile Development Project for Timiskaming District

Dear: Ms. Jensen,

Blanche River Health established the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee ("the Committee") in 2023 to support the hospitals in attracting physicians. We reached a desperate state in Kirkland Lake and Englehart when we went from a complement of 12 down to 5. It has been challenging competing with Southern Ontario, with hospitals in the North, within the province and even beyond. Because of the physician shortage, Englehart had an Emergency service closure in March 2024 for approximately 48 hours, the first time since the hospital was built.

BRH quickly realized that we needed as much support as we could gather – from health partners, from municipalities, from the BRH Foundation, businesses, and other key partners in the communities. We could not resolve this situation on our own.

The Committee was established with goals that included the outreach to municipalities for financial and other in-kind support, better coordination on recruitment and organized social events to welcome prospects during site visits and when they move to our communities. We welcomed 3 new physicians in 2024 and we are about to welcome 2 more this year.

Another strategy that was identified was to find ways to support the communities in developing promotional materials that we, and other establishments, can use in our own recruitment efforts. It was great timing when we approached the Town of Kirkland Lake as they just approved resources to focus on strategies to attract new residents and businesses to KL. It was also decided to approach the Town of Englehart due to the catchment area that BRH serves. Our inaugural meeting was held on April 15th with the following objectives:

- Promote our communities as a district to assist establishments in various recruitment efforts.
- Reach out to municipalities and key partners within the Timiskaming District to solicit participation to promoting not only one community but the entire district.
- To organize a symposium in October 2025 to get together and map out existing community resources and establish a strategy to promote the communities
- To identify core members in seeing this project through with the support from partners.



We are now reaching out to you as one of the identified key partners in making this community promotion revitalization project a reality.

There are a number of ways that you can support:

- Consent to being part of our mailing list so you are kept up to date with this project
- Actively participate in meetings to contribute to the discussions
- Actively provide information that can support the project – whether via email or survey requests
- Join us in our October 2025 symposium – more information coming soon
- Contribute resources for the project which is yet to be determined at this time

Kindly let us know on or before June 16, 2025 how you would wish to be involved. Please email Barb Cook, BRH Executive Assistant, at barb.cook@blancheriverhealth.ca.

We hope you are as excited as we are to see our communities get together towards a common goal.

We look forward to your response. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Jorge VanSlyke, BRH CEO

On behalf of the Community Profile Development ad hoc group

Streamlining environmental permissions for construction site dewatering activities and residential foundation drainage systems

1 message

Permissions Modernization (MECP)

Wed, May 28, 2025 at 3:06 PM

Good afternoon,

Ontario is streamlining environmental permissions by creating smarter and more efficient environmental permissions processes that reduce unnecessary burden for businesses while protecting human health and the natural environment.

We have proceeded with amendments to Ontario Regulation 63/16 to move additional construction site dewatering activities to a registration-first approach by removing the volumetric restriction such that proponents would be required to self-register construction dewatering activities online on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) regardless of the volume of water taking, allowing them to start operations immediately without requiring a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) or an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).

The regulation continues to require environmentally protective measures such as monitoring plans, erosion and sediment control, and treatment measures that have been included in the reports to safeguard that the taking of water and subsequent discharge do not cause adverse effects.

Ontario Regulation 387/04 has been amended to exempt foundation drainage systems used primarily for residential purposes, for takings of up to 379,000 litres of water per day, from requiring approval or self-registration.

These amendments will streamline permissions for housing and infrastructure projects, enabling them to begin faster while reducing regulatory burden on businesses, developers, and municipalities. Reducing regulatory burden for housing and infrastructure projects also reduces regulatory process duplications, supports efforts to create much needed housing supply in Ontario, boosts the province's economy and supports job creation. Registered activities are required to comply with requirements set out in sector specific regulations to maintain environmental protection.

Both amendments will come into effect July 1, 2025.

More information about these changes is available on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#). If you are interested in attending a Fall training session, you may provide your contact details by visiting the Microsoft form at: <https://forms.office.com/r/N2xy3WhwJt>.

Until the regulation comes into effect, if you require a PTTW, we encourage you to apply for your permit through the environmental [permissions](#) on-line services. Please note that as of September 1, 2025, the ministry will require that all PTTW applications be submitted through this online application process.