



County of Brant Council Revised Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

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2. Land Acknowledgement

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet on the lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, Six Nations of the Grand River, and the traditional territory of the Attiwanderonk.

We remind ourselves that the County of Brant is situated on lands that are full of rich Indigenous history and home to many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people today; we recognize the significance of their contributions to the past, present, and future of this land.

As a County we have a shared responsibility for the stewardship of the land on which we live and work and a commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action. We commit to continue learning, reflecting on our past, and working in allyship.

3. Approval of Agenda Recommendation

THAT the County of Brant Council Agenda of April 28, 2026 be approved.

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THAT Staff Report RPT-0183-26 "Update on Social Services Budget / Liaison Committee" be received as information;

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Delegation Request Form

Name of Delegate(s) (comma separated) *

BCAA - Travis Welch / Mark Dremak

Delegation Status

☐ Attending as an Individual

☐ Representing a Group / Organization / Business

Name of Group / Organization / Business *

BCAA - Brant Civic Accountability Association (new community group)

Subject Matter *

County Amalgamation / West Brant Access Route (OPRE)

Committee/Council Meeting that you would like to attend *

County of Brant Council

Recommendation to Council / Committee (Please indicate below what action you would like the County of Brant to take with respect to the above-noted subject matter). *

BCAA is on record for request of motion to oppose per our April 21, 2026 A&O meeting delegation

Updated presentation to follow by Mon April 27

Contact Name *

Mark Dremak

Contact Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address *

[REDACTED]

Will a PowerPoint presentation be made? *

☒ No

☐ Yes

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Delegation Request Form

Name of Delegate(s) (comma separated) *

Heather Keam, Stacey Mitchell, Riley Sietz

Delegation Status

☐ Attending as an Individual

☒ Representing a Group / Organization / Business

Name of Group / Organization / Business *

Burford Optimist Baseball

Subject Matter *

Celebrating New Batting cages

Committee/Council Meeting that you would like to attend *

County of Brant Council

Recommendation to Council / Committee (Please indicate below what action you would like the County of Brant to take with respect to the above-noted subject matter). *

We wanted to celebrate and thank council for supporting the construction of the new batting cage in Burford.

Contact Name *

Heather Keam

Contact Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address *

[REDACTED]

Will a PowerPoint presentation be made? *

☒ No

☐ Yes

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Delegation Request Form

Name of Delegate(s) (comma separated) *

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 21 Paris
Barry Humphrey President
Roy Haggart Past President

Delegation Status

☐ Attending as an Individual

☒ Representing a Group / Organization / Business

Name of Group / Organization / Business *

Royal Canadian Legion Paris

Subject Matter *

Noise Exemption Exemption

Committee/Council Meeting that you would like to attend *

County of Brant Council

Recommendation to Council / Committee (Please indicate below what action you would like the County of Brant to take with respect to the above-noted subject matter). *

permanent Noise Exemption during summer months on outdoor Patio same as CENE20250035
with Lucas Oakley Meeting Tuesday April 28

Contact Name *

RoyHaggart Haggart

Contact Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address *

[REDACTED]

Will a PowerPoint presentation be made? *

☒ No

☐ Yes

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Annual Report 2025



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A Letter from Fred Gladding, Library Board Chair

I am incredibly proud of the impact our library continues to have on our community. Over the past year, despite ongoing challenges, our staff and Board have shown just how essential libraries are in supporting lifelong learning, curiosity, and opportunity for people of all ages.

In 2025, we reached several meaningful milestones, including re-starting the search for a site to locate our New Main Branch, welcoming more community members through increased card registrations and program attendance, and forming new local partnerships.

We also celebrated 20 years of *One Book, One Brant* with author Emma Donoghue, explored new initiatives such as Winter at Pemberley, and continued to inspire young readers through story times and the TD Summer Reading Program.

None of this would be possible without our patrons—your enthusiasm and support are what make our libraries vibrant and welcoming places for all.

Fred Gladding
Library Board Chair



Photo: Fred Gladding and Marilyn Sewell accepting the Community Impact Award at the County of Brant Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

2025 Library Board

Fred Gladding, **Chair**
Marilyn Sewell, **Vice-Chair**
John Bell
Kari Raymer Bishop
Paula Chorpitta

Susan Eddy
Nathan Etherington
Amanda Henderson
Steve Howes
Jennifer Kyle
Kelly Bernstein, **CEO, Secretary/Treasurer**

Our Mission, Vision, and Values

Our Mission

The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity and empowers lifelong learning.

Our Vision

Explore Today. Navigate Tomorrow.

Our Values

Community innovation | Equitable access | Client-centred service | Cooperation
Respect | Service team excellence | Intellectual freedom

2025 by the numbers

Traffic

128,910

In-person visits to
our branches.

Members

As of 2025, we have

32,070

registered members

Reference Queries

Our staff answered

43,029

research and reference
questions from patrons

“As a homeschooler, I greatly appreciate having **access to expensive equipment and technology** that is thought provoking and so easy to curate lessons around.”

Internet Usage

Brant Library saw a

9.11%

increase in internet
usage in our branches.

Online Classes

122.85%

more patrons used
online classes to
improve their skills.

Items Borrowed

378,144

items were borrowed
from Brant Library.

Our patrons
saved
\$7,271,709.12*
using the
library!

That is an
average of
\$19.23* for
every item
borrowed!

**25% more
savings
than 2024!**

*Based on 2025 circulation statistics.

Programming highlights

Programs Held

1,859

Adult & children programs

Program Attendance

30,650

patrons attended our programs.

“The library is doing a great job at programming. There are **programs offered that I haven't even heard of previously!** Great job!”



One Book, One Brant 20th Anniversary

2025 marked 20 years of CBPL's beloved community reads event. Over 200 patrons celebrated with us at bestselling author Emma Donoghue's visit and author talk in April.



In partnership with Therapeutic Paws of Canada, our new program **Paws to Read** quickly became a fan favourite.

Marcus, a certified (*and adorable*) therapy dog, listens while children practice reading to him.



We celebrated our first annual literary-themed gala, **Winter at Pemberley**, honoring Jane Austen's 250th birthday. Patrons enjoyed Regency-era crafts, learned period dancing, and put their knowledge to the test with trivia.

Community Initiatives



Free Period Products

In 2025, Brant Library began offering free menstrual products at all branches. This initiative is part of our commitment to period equity and improving access to essential resources for everyone in our community.

English Conversation Circle

ECC attendance jumped **116%** in 2025, leading to nearly three times more practice conversations than in 2024—and the momentum keeps building.



Wellness Drop-Ins

Introduced in 2025, Wellness Drop-Ins with the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant offer a supportive space for community members to explore wellness practices and concepts, while also accessing support related to sexual assault.

Our staff made **424** visits to local schools to promote early literacy!



Library Love



Friends of the Library

The Brant Friends of the Library volunteer group had a successful year, supporting Library programs through fundraisers like Trail of Toonies and the bi-annual book sale.

In 2025, the group celebrated its 25th Anniversary!

Award Winning

CBPL was honoured with the prestigious **Angus Mowat Award for Service Excellence**, in recognition of our innovative and highly popular programs for seniors.



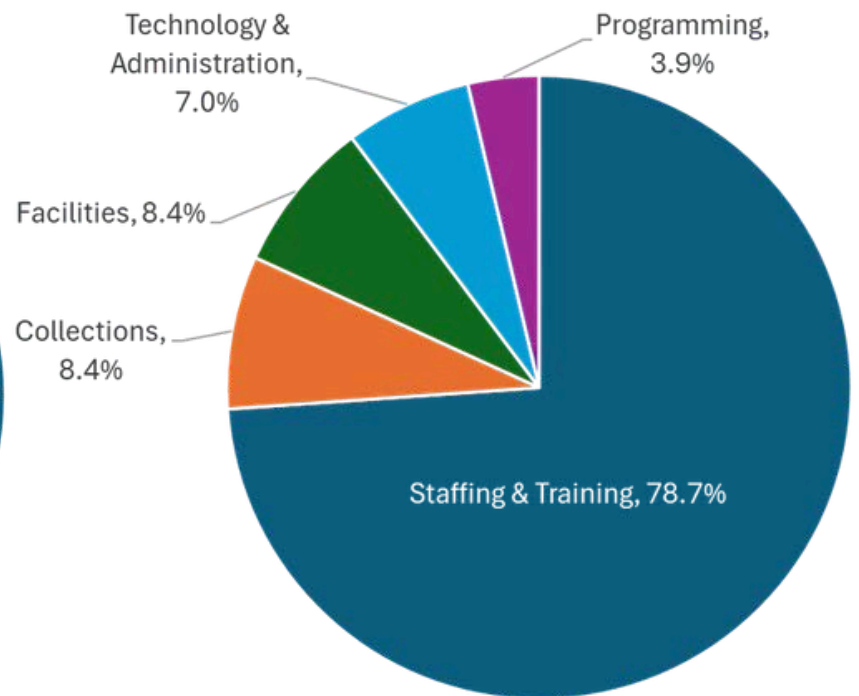
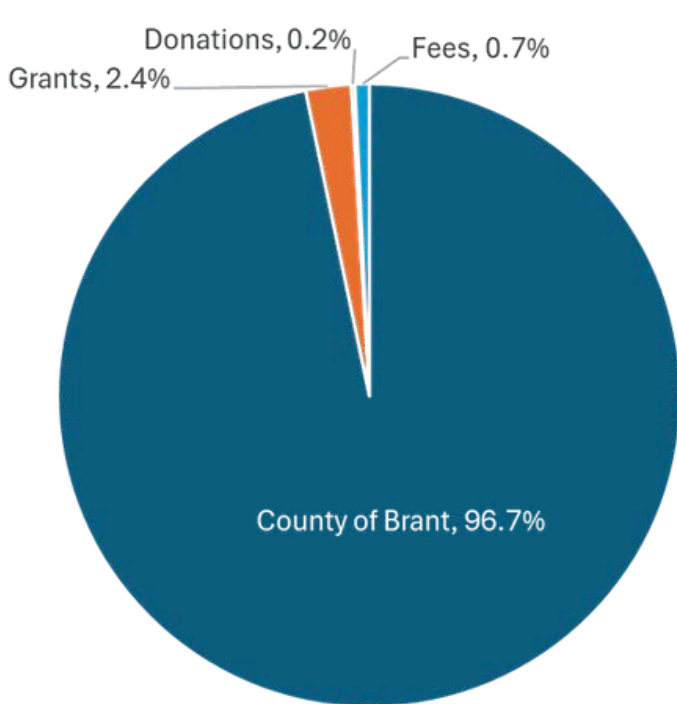
“Every experience that I have had with the [library] has been thoroughly enjoyable! **Staff are so welcoming and friendly every time I have been there** ... it doesn't cost anything to participate and learn new things. I am so thankful for all that you do.”

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us online!**

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Revenues & Expenditures



2025 Operating Budget

Thank you to our generous sponsors for supporting Library programs in 2025.



Did you know?

TD Summer Reading Club participants earned **3,204** prizes donated by our sponsors!



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Locations

Paris Branch

12 William Street, Paris
519-442-2433

Burford Branch

24 Park Avenue, Burford
519-449-5371

Glen Morris Branch

474 East River Road, Glen Morris
519-740-2122

Onondaga Mobile Service

Thursdays, 4-7 PM and 24/7 lending Kiosk
734 Highway 54, Onondaga
519-442-2433

Scotland-Oakland Branch

281 Oakland Road, Scotland
519-446-0181

St. George Branch

78 Main Street North, St. George
519-448-1300





Delegation Request Form

Name of Delegate(s) (comma separated) *

Jayne Lucente , Jim Stephenson, Kim Stephenson,Wally Lucente, Scott Felker, Lynn Felker

Delegation Status

☒ Attending as an Individual

☐ Representing a Group / Organization / Business

Name of Group / Organization / Business *

Concerned Oakhill Citizens

Subject Matter *

Airport, amalagamation

Committee/Council Meeting that you would like to attend *

County of Brant Council

Recommendation to Council / Committee (Please indicate below what action you would like the County of Brant to take with respect to the above-noted subject matter). *

We are very concerned about the speed and lack of transparency over this process. Usually the township has community information meetings and mailings to inform citizens of changes that will affect them. There has been no official communication outlying this process. There are a lot of issues involved- taxation, environmental etc. that need to be addressed.

Contact Name *

Jayne Lucente

Contact Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Mailing Address *

[REDACTED]

Will a PowerPoint presentation be made? *

☒ No

☐ Yes

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County of Brant Council Minutes

Date: March 24, 2026
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, MacAlpine, Howes, Oakley, Bell, Peirce, Miller, Chambers, Coleman, and Haley

Staff: Newton, Katikapalli, Boyd, Mellor, Stevenson, Dyjach, Mete, Crozier
Mayor Bailey in the Chair.

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1. Attendance

Taken by the Clerk.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Councillor MacAlpine delivered the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Certification of Election of Ward 5 Councillor of the County of Brant 2022 - 2026 Council - S. Katikapalli, Clerk

S. Katikapalli, Clerk/Director of Council Services, declared the certified results of the Ward 5 By-Election.

4. Declaration of Elected Office and Oath of Allegiance - S. Katikapalli, Clerk

S. Katikapalli administered the Declaration of Office. E. Haley declared and affirmed the oath, officially marking the beginning of her tenure as Ward 5 Councillor.

5. Approval of Agenda

The following additions to the agenda were requested:

- Councillor Miller requested that ATVs be added under Other Business.
- Councillor Oakley requested that Item 18 be considered immediately after Item 15 on the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Howes

THAT the County of Brant Council agenda and addendum of March 24, 2026 be approved.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

6. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

7. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

7.1 Janet Feaver - Municipal Policing Bureau - Policing Costs

Janet Feaver, of the Municipal Policing Bureau, delegated before Council on the topic of Municipal Policing Costs.

Moved by Councillor Howes
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the County of Brant Council receive the presentation from Janet Feaver, of the Municipal Policing Bureau, with regards to policing costs as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

8. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

8.1 County of Brant Council Minutes of February 24, 2026

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the County of Brant Council Minutes of February 24, 2026 be approved, as amended.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

10. Consent Items

10.1 Consent Items to be Approved

None.

10.2 Consent Items to be Received

Councillor Peirce posed a questions regarding items:

- 10.2.3 - County of Brant Public Library Board - Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026.
- 10.2.7 - County of Brant Public Library Board - Special Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026

Moved by Councillor Oakley

Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the following consent items be received as information:

- 10.2.1 - Downtown Paris BIA - Board of Management Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025.
- 10.2.2 - Downtown Paris BIA - Board of Management Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025.
- 10.2.4 - County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board - Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2026.
- 10.2.5 - Grand Erie Public Health - Grand Erie Board of Health Minutes - January 28, 2026.
- 10.2.6 - Long Point Region Conservation Authority Board of Director Minutes - February 4, 2026.
- 10.2.8 - Downtown Paris BIA - Board of Management Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026.
- 10.2.9 - York Region Resolution - Circular Materials Ontario.
- 10.2.10 - Township of Oro-Medonte Letter - Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Oakley

Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the following consent items be received as information:

- 10.2.3 - County of Brant Public Library Board - Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026.
- 10.2.7 - County of Brant Public Library Board - Special Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

11. Committee Reports

11.1 Administration and Operations Committee Report - March 17, 2026

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Chambers

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee Report and Minutes of March 17, 2026 be approved, including the following recommendations:

1. THAT the delegation from Henry Stolp - Northern Rudder Holdings Inc., be received as information;

AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff for a report with a recommendation.

2. THAT the delegation from Kristy Guthrie, municipal AI, be received as information;

AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff for a report outlining the advantages, disadvantages, and costs associated with municipal AI.

3. THAT OPS-RFP-26-01 Curbside Collection of Garbage, Large Items and Yard Waste be awarded to Environmental 360 Solutions Ltd. for the period of June 1, 2027, to May 31, 2034, for the submitted price for year one (1) of the contract of \$2,009,897.50 (excluding HST), with year two (2) to seven (7) contract price adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index.

4. WHEREAS Provincial Road Markings Inc. has performed adequately in delivering the 2024 and 2025 roadway line painting contracts; and

WHEREAS OPS-RFT-24-06 Pavement Marking – Longitudinal Lines included contract provisions allowing two (2) one (1) year extensions.

Therefore, be it resolved:

THAT OPS-RFT-24-06 Pavement Marking – Longitudinal Lines contract be extended for a one (1) year term to Provincial Road Marking Inc at an approximate cost of \$370,288.23 (excluding HST).

5. WHEREAS section 65(2) of the Drainage Act (the Act) prescribes that “If the owners of the subdivided land mutually agree on the share of the drainage assessment that each should pay, they may enter into a written agreement and file it with the clerk of the local municipality and, if the agreement is approved by the council by resolution, no engineer need be instructed under subsection (1)”;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk of the County of Brant (the County) received a signed agreement and intent to purchase from the owners of the subdivided land on February 4, 2026;

THAT the Council of the County of Brant approve the agreement, by resolution, to be used in conjunction with the most recent report on the affected drains at the time of billing out of future maintenance.

6. THAT staff be directed to establish a County of Brant Economic Development and Tourism Event Sponsorship Program including tiered sponsorship levels and associated user fees for County-run events effective April 1st, 2026;

AND THAT sponsorship user fees be incorporated into Schedule "A" of the Fees and Charges By-Law (By-Law 118-25);

AND THAT staff be authorized to accept both monetary sponsorships and sponsorship-in-kind contributions;

AND THAT staff be directed to implement a standardized sponsorship framework for County Economic Development and Tourism events;

AND THAT staff be authorized to administer the program through the Economic Development and Tourism Division.

7. WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 11 requires the Owners of the Drinking Water Systems to prepare an Annual Report summarizing the system process, major infrastructure expenses and the results of chemical and bacteriological tests completed from January 1 through December 31, and;

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 170/03, Schedule 22 requires the Owners of the Drinking Water Systems to provide members of Municipal Council a Drinking Water System Summary Report outlining water takings and system capacity for the previous year January 1 through December 31;

THAT RPT-0020-26 2025 Annual Summary Reports for the County of Brant Municipal Drinking Water Systems be received;

AND THAT the 2025 Annual Summary Reports for the Municipal Drinking Water Systems be made available to the public no later than March 31, 2026.

8. THAT RPT-0064-26 be received as information;

AND THAT a By-Law to further amend By-Law 102-00, being a By-Law to establish a County of Brant Heritage Committee, be approved.

9. WHEREAS staff follows the guidelines of the May 23, 2019, approved Council report "CD-19-63 - Brant Safe Streets Speed Control and Road Safety Strategy" for an enhanced level of pedestrian safety;

AND WHEREAS, in 2021, Staff reviewed several concerns with motorist speeds on various roads near schools, within the County of Brant (the County);

AND WHEREAS, the Brant Committee Report dated July 20, 2021, RPT-21-199 Proposal for Speed Limit Reductions and RPT-21-223 Proposal Community Safety Zones in school areas, a review of the speed limit reduction on all neighbourhood/local roadways to 40 km/hr;

AND WHEREAS, further to our adopted Transportation Master Plan (TMP) which identifies the requirement for a review of the speed limit on neighborhood/local roads;

AND WHEREAS, staff prepared report RPT-0344-24, 40 km/hr Neighborhood Zones; reducing the speed limit to a maximum 40 km/hr speed limit area to the following neighborhood/local areas, over a three (3) year period;

THAT Traffic Bylaw Number 182-05, Schedule J, be amended in 2026, by reducing the speed limit to a maximum 40 km/hr in the following neighborhood areas;

Paris Neighbourhoods (five (5) Proposed Neighbourhood Areas)

- Capron Street Neighbourhood Area
- Daugaard Avenue Neighbourhood Area
- Oak Avenue Neighbourhood Area
- Walnut Street Neighbourhood Area
- Wellington Street Neighbourhood Area

Onondaga Neighbourhoods (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Painter Road Neighbourhood Area

Scotland Neighbourhoods (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Royal Troon Neighbourhood area

Burford Neighbourhoods (two (2) Proposed Neighbourhood Areas)

- Elizabeth Street Neighbourhood Area
- Smith Street Neighbourhood Area

Oakland Neighbourhood (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Oakland Road Neighbourhood Area

Glen Morris Neighbourhoods (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Glen Morris Neighbourhood Area

St George Neighbourhoods (two (2) Proposed Neighbourhood Areas)

1. St George German Public School Neighbourhood Area
2. St George Public Library Neighbourhood Area

Harrisburg Neighbourhood (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

AND THAT Traffic Bylaw 182-05, Schedule J, be amended in 2027, by reducing the speed limit to a maximum 40 km/hr in the following neighbourhood areas, completing the three (3) year program;

Paris Neighbourhoods (ten (10) Proposed Neighbourhood Areas)

- Bradbury Crescent Neighbourhood Area
- Burwell Street Neighbourhood Area
- Church Street Neighbourhood Area
- Dundas Street Neighbourhood West Area
- Flagg Avenue Neighbourhood Area
- Hampton Street Neighbourhood Area
- Hartley Avenue Neighbourhood Area
- Hitchman Street Neighbourhood Area

- Tom Brown Drive Neighbourhood Area
- Washington Street Neighbourhood Area

Burford Neighbourhoods (three (3) Proposed Neighbourhood Areas)

- Broadview Drive Neighbourhood Area
- Dufferin Street Neighbourhood Area
- Melissa Avenue Neighbourhood Area

Scotland Neighbourhood (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Queen Street Neighbourhood Areaa

Glen Morris Neighbourhoods (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Stoney Brae Drive Neighbourhood Area

St George Neighbourhoods (two (2) Proposed Neighbourhood Areas)

- Snowball Street Neighbourhood Area
- West Street Neighbourhood Area

Middleport Neighbourhoods (one (1) Proposed Neighbourhood Area)

- Middleport Neighbourhood Area

AND THAT the Brant County Ontario Provincial Police Department be advised of these revisions;

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws, after the completion of the field revisions.

10. THAT RPT-0110-26 be received as information;

AND THAT staff be directed to create a noise control by-law, adopting a hybrid model using quantitative limits for specific recurring issues.

11. WHEREAS, Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025, received Royal Assent on November 27, 2025;

WHEREAS, Bill 60 enacted a legislative framework enabling the Province to designate public corporations to deliver water and wastewater services on behalf of prescribed municipalities and to require those municipalities to provide such services exclusively through the designated corporation as of a prescribed date;

WHEREAS, key details such as ownership and shareholding arrangements, board appointment methods, and rate-setting procedures are to be set by future regulations and are not defined in the statute itself

THEREFORE be it resolved,

THAT, Council receive this report for information and direct staff to monitor proposed and enacted provincial regulations made under Bill 60 related to water and wastewater public corporations, and report back to Council, as appropriate, with analysis of any implications for governance, finances, assets, workforce, or service delivery, including any options or actions requiring Council consideration.

12. THAT the Brant Heritage Committee Report and Minutes of March 5, 2026 be approved, including the following recommendations:

1. THAT the nominations for the positions of Chair be closed;

AND THAT Councillor Howes be declared Chair of the Brant Heritage Committee.

2. THAT the nominations for the positions of Vice Chair be closed;

AND THAT Member Campbell be declared Vice Chair of the Brant Heritage Committee.

3. THAT RPT-0064-26 be received as information;

AND THAT a By-Law to further amend By-Law 102-00, being a By-Law to establish a County of Brant Heritage Committee, be placed on the Administration and Operations Committee agenda for endorsement, and advanced to Council for final approval.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

11.2 Paramedic Services Committee Minutes - March 18, 2026

Moved by Councillor Miller

Seconded by Councillor Peirce

THAT the Paramedic Services Committee minutes of March 18, 2026, be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

12. Staff Reports

12.1 RPT-0135-26 - 2025 Year in Review - H. Gilmore

H. Gilmore, Manager of Corporate Initiatives, presented the 2025 Year in Review for the County of Brant.

Discussion:

Topics of discussion included 2025 highlights, communication plans, and key statistics.

Moved by Councillor Kyle

Seconded by Councillor Peirce

THAT RPT-0135-25 - 2025 Year in Review be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

12.2 RPT-0147-26 - 2026 Ward 5 By-Election Results - S. Katikapalli

Discussion:

Topics of discussion included staff's reflection on the administration of the Ward 5 By-election, and feedback from Councillor Haley.

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the County of Brant Council receive RPT-0147-26 - 2026 Ward 5 By-Election Results as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

12.3 RPT-0145-26 - Paris BIA Residential Permit Parking Program Delegation Request - G. Bergeron

G. Bergeron, Director of Enforcement and Regulatory Services, presented the Paris BIA Residential Permit Parking Program Delegation Request.

Discussion:

Councillor Howes inquired about communication plans for downtown residents.

Councillor Oakley requested that the two actionable clauses be voted on separately.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS at the November 21, 2023, Administration and Operations Committee meeting, the Committee approved RPT-506-23 supporting the concept of an expanded residential permit parking system for residents living within the Paris Business Improvement Area (BIA);

AND WHEREAS at the May 2024 Administration and Operations Committee meeting, the Committee approved the recommendations within RPT-283-24 directing staff to develop the framework and prepare the necessary By-law amendments to allow for residential permit parking for ten (10) spaces in Municipal Lot #3 (Cenotaph), 2 Grand River Street North, and ten (10) spaces in Municipal Lot #11 (former OPP Station), 28 Mechanic Street, for the conditional use of approved Paris BIA residents;

AND WHEREAS at the February 18, 2025 Administration and Operations Committee meeting, the Committee approved RPT-0093-25, the implementation of a one-year

pilot project permitting up to ten (10) residential permit parking spaces in Municipal Lot #11 (28 Mechanic Street) and up to ten (10) spaces in Municipal Lot #2 (10 Broadway Street West), noting that Municipal Lot #3 was removed due to Downtown Dig construction impacts;

AND WHEREAS at the March 17, 2026, Administration and Operations Committee meeting, the Committee received a delegation requesting modifications to the Paris Residential BIA Permit Parking Program, specifically:

- Replacing the (10) permits spaces in Municipal Lot #2 with (10) permit spaces in Municipal Lot #3 (2 Grand River Street North) in Parking By-law No. 004□19, Schedules 14 and 15;
- Reducing the monthly residential parking permit fee from \$120.00 to \$90.00; and
- Amend the by-law to allow a residential landowner to rent the permitted spaces rather than just residents

THAT Report RPT□0145□26 be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Bell

AND THAT Council direct staff to bring forward the necessary amendments to Schedules 14 and 15 of the County of Brant Parking By-law No. 004□19 to the April 14, 2026, Council meeting should Council wish to approve the recommendations contained in this report (clause 2).

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, and Councillor Coleman

No (1): Councillor Oakley

Abstain (1): Councillor Haley

Carried (9 to 2)

13. Communications

13.1 Petition Re: Board Cuts for Alternative School in Brantford - Grand Erie Learning Alternative (GELA) Students - Scarlett Parker

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the petition from Scarlett Parker, a Grand Erie Learning Alternative Student, with regards to board cuts for alternative school in Brantford be received as information.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

14. Resolutions

14.1 Resolution - Comprehensive Review of the County of Brant Procedural By-law - Councillor Oakley

Discussion:

Topics of discussion included the assessment of staff's capacity to undertake a comprehensive review of the Procedural By-law, and the merits of presenting the recommendations to the next cohort of Council.

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

WHEREAS good governance of the County of Brant requires a complete, updated, and clear procedural by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario recommend a thorough review of a council's procedural by-law once per term;

AND WHEREAS the County of Brant has not performed a comprehensive review of the procedural by-law during the 2022-2026 term of council;

AND WHEREAS the 2022-2026 term of council now has three and a half years of experience with the current procedural by-law and thus would be well informed of ways to improve the policy versus a brand new council;

AND WHEREAS the 2022-2026 term of council is well positioned to provide recommendations to the upcoming 2026-2030 term of council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Council Services staff perform a comprehensive review of the County of Brant Procedural by-law and provide a council with a report detailing potential changes to the procedural by-law by the end of the September cycle;

AND THAT the current Council of the County of Brant provide the next term of council with its recommendations for changes to the procedural by-law, to be approved by the next term of council.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, and Councillor Haley

No (2): Councillor Peirce, and Councillor Coleman

Carried (9 to 2)

15. Other Business

15.1 Councillor Oakley - Purple Benches

Councillor Oakley asked if the County could investigate opportunities to place purple benches to raise awareness for violence prevention. A. Newton stated that this could be achieved as the County is planning to replace street furniture shortly.

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT staff explore the installation of a purple bench in the County of Brant, as street furniture begins to be replaced.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

15.2 Councillor Miller - ATVs

Councillor Miller stated that actions taken to address ATVs should not be one off instances. He called for consistent action.

Councillor Kyle and Councillor Oakley echoed Councillor Miller's comments and referenced a County social media post from earlier in the day.

Councillor Haley recalled witnessing ATV activity on roads and trails by Mount Pleasant during the By-election.

16. In Camera

Moved by Councillor Oakley
Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT County of Brant Council convene In Camera at 7:27 p.m. to discuss S. 239(k) - A position to be applied to negotiations carried by or on behalf of the municipality (Correspondence - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator), and S.239(2)(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land S.239(2)(i) A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality, S.239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality (Administration and Operations Committee In Camera Report - March 17, 2026) and 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual (Brant Municipal Enterprises In Camera Report - March 19, 2026)

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee In Camera Report of March 17, 2026, be ratified in Open Session, noting the following recommendations:

1. WHEREAS the County of Brant released 202528 - Request for Expressions of Interest for Public-Private Partnership related to The Bawcutt Centre, with a submission date of September 30, 2025;

AND WHEREAS the County of Brant received one (1) submission related to the Expression of Interest process;

AND WHEREAS County of Brant Council and Staff have reviewed the submission and do not wish to proceed with further evaluation;

THAT no further action be taken regarding the submission;

AND THAT the process related to 202528 - Request for Expressions of Interest for Public-Private Partnership related to The Bawcutt Centre be closed.

2. THAT Staff Report RPT-0089-26 - Proposed Sale of Land – Block 4 & 5 Lauderdale Subdivision” be received as information;

THAT County-owned property, being Parts 4 and 5 of 2R-8414, Part Lot 17, Concession 4, geographic Township of Brantford as in A71986 (the “Subject Lands”), located adjacent to Block 36 of the Summit Estates Subdivision and fronting onto Willowdale Street be declared surplus to the municipality’s needs;

AND THAT the General Manager of Corporate Services be authorized to enter into an Agreement of Purchase and Sale for County-owned property, being Parts 4 and 5 of 2R-8414, Part Lot 17, Concession 4, geographic Township of Brantford as in A71986, located adjacent to Block 36 of the Summit Estates and fronting onto Willowdale Street, to be sold to Lauderdale (Summit) Estates Subdivision at a price of \$80,201.20.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

17. By-laws

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the following By-laws be read a first time:

1. By-law Number 34-26 - Being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limit - Various Streets).
2. By-law Number 35-26 - Being a By-law to assume and dedicate Part Lot 12, Concession 6, Burford, being Part 2, 2R-9225 for public road purposes.
3. By-law Number 36-26 - Being a By-law to amend the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law (By-law Number 118-25) related to Brant Transit.

4. By-law Number 37-26 - Being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limit - Various Streets - 2027).
5. By-law Number 38-26 - Being a By-law to further amend By-law 102-00, a By-law to Establish a County of Brant Heritage Committee, as amended.
6. By-law Number 39-26 - Being a By-law to provide for the final cost levy of the Rathbun Drain 2025.
7. By-law Number 40-26 - Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the following By-laws be read a second time and all preambles and clauses be adopted:

1. By-law Number 34-26 - Being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limit - Various Streets).
2. By-law Number 35-26 - Being a By-law to assume and dedicate Part Lot 12, Concession 6, Burford, being Part 2, 2R-9225 for public road purposes.
3. By-law Number 36-26 - Being a By-law to amend the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law (By-law Number 118-25) related to Brant Transit.
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7. By-law Number 40-26 - Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the following By-laws be read a third time, passed, signed and executed:

1. By-law Number 34-26 - Being a By-law to amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J - Speed Limit - Various Streets).

2. By-law Number 35-26 - Being a By-law to assume and dedicate Part Lot 12, Concession 6, Burford, being Part 2, 2R-9225 for public road purposes.
3. By-law Number 36-26 - Being a By-law to amend the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law (By-law Number 118-25) related to Brant Transit.
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7. By-law Number 40-26 - Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Yes (11): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Oakley, Councillor Bell, Councillor Peirce, Councillor Miller, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Carried (11 to 0)

18. Councillor Updates

Councillor Chambers drew attention to the increased number of large farm vehicles on the road at this time of the year. He asked if the Communications Department could publish messaging to raise awareness and encourage drivers to be patient around them.

19. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Council adjourned at 8:48 to meet again on April 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary



COUNTY OF BRANT OPP DETACHMENT BOARD CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT DU COMTÉ DE BRANT DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

BRANT COUNTY OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT DU COMTÉ DE BRANT DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes

Date: February 24, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillor Peirce, Members Brown, Budreau, Haley, and Stryker

Staff: Inspector McTaggart, Acting S/Sgt Coudenys, Stevenson, and Pluck
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Member Haley in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

THAT the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board agenda of February 24, 2026 be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

4.1 PC Dean McIntosh - Crimestoppers Coordinator Brant County Detachment - Crimestoppers

PC Dean McIntosh, Crimestoppers Coordinator, appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the Crimestoppers program. He reviewed the composition of the Crimestoppers Board and highlighted the 2025 statistics. PC McIntosh further outlined the number of charges laid, arrests made, and seizures resulting from the tips. He concluded with reviewing the program's financials, noting the operating costs, grant amounts, and fundraising activities.

In response to questions, PC McIntosh advised that the Crimestoppers 2026 golf tournament is July 24, 2026, and will be held at the Walter Gretzky Municipal Golf Course. He further spoke to the sponsored Crimestoppers vehicle from Brantford Nissan for Crimestoppers month, noting that there was an increase in tips received during Crimestoppers month. In response to further questions, PC McIntosh spoke to grants which the Crimestoppers program has received.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Stryker

THAT the delegation from PC Dean McIntosh regarding Crimestoppers be received as information.

Carried

4.2 S/Major Jason Little - OPRIL - Sergeant Major for West Region - Professional Standards

S/Major Jason Little, OPRIL, appeared before the Board and spoke to the levels of oversight within Ontario policing. He reviewed the responsibilities of investigators within the West Region Headquarters, and discipline and imposed penalties under the *Community Safety and Policing Act*. S/ Major Little further reviewed the Law Enforcement Complaint Agency (LECA) and the process by which complaints are received and processed. He concluded with reviewing the Inspectorate General (IOP), advising that the IOP handles complaints regarding service, policy, and Police Service Boards member conduct investigations.

In response to questions, S/Major Little advised that provincially, 98% of public complaints that are screened for investigation are found to be unsubstantiated. He further reviewed the process for complainants who are unsatisfied with the result of the complaint.

The Board held discussion regarding complaint statistics that appear within the Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Member Brown

THAT the delegation from S/Major Jason Little regarding Professional Standards be received as information.

Carried

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board Minutes of January 27, 2026

A correction was noted under item 12.1 - Brant County OPP 2026-2029 Detachment Action Plan.

Moved by Member Budreau
Seconded by Member Stryker

THAT the County of Brant O.P.P. Detachment Board minutes of January 27, 2026, be approved, as amended.

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Statistics

7.1 Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report

Inspector McTaggart appeared before the Board and presented the Detachment Commander's Report of February 24, 2026. Discussion was held on the following:

- Inspector McTaggart advised of staffing updates at the detachment.
- Acting S/Sgt Coudenys advised that the Brant County OPP is hosting a recruitment event at the Brant Sports Complex on February 24, 2026, and a Community Safety Information Session at the TF Warren Cainsville Community Centre on February 25, 2026.
- The Board discussed a social media post regarding OPP officers engaging with the community in St. George.

Moved by Councillor Peirce
Seconded by Member Budreau

THAT the Brant County OPP Detachment Commander's Report of February 24, 2026 be received as information.

Carried

8. Staff Reports

None.

9. Communications

9.1 Crimestoppers Brant-Brantford - 2025 Tip Statistics

The communication item was acknowledged.

10. Updates

10.1 Council Communication - Councillor Peirce

None.

10.2 OAPSB Zone 4 - J Haley

Chair Haley advised of OAPSB Zone 4 meetings within 2026 and further noted that work is being done to standardize all zones across the OAPSB.

10.3 Chair Update

Chair Haley spoke to the Detachment Commander interview process and further advised that the Youth Academy is progressing well. She concluded with highlighting that the 5th Annual Brant Emergency Services Golf Tournament will be taking place on September 11, 2026.

11. Other Business

11.1 Volunteer Police Checks

Chair Haley spoke to the volunteer police record check process, noting that a third-party service provider now administers the service. She advised the Board of concerns received related to the length of time required to process requests and further noted that the timelines posted on the website represent the maximum possible wait times.

Inspector McTaggart advised that thirty days is now the standard to process police record checks and advised that the accuracy of the application is the barrier for someone to receive their police check in a timely manner.

In response to questions, Inspector McTaggart advised that there is no priority sequence for processing police checks.

The Board held discussion regarding the process of receiving police record checks and discussed drafting a letter to the Online Police Record Check Unit regarding the prioritization of police checks for health care and work-related purposes.

12. In Camera

None.

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 11:13 a.m. to meet again on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary

Brant County OPP Detachment Local Updates – January

Mental Health Liaison Officer

January

There were twenty (32) mental health related calls in the month of January. The MCRT worker responded to four (4) crisis calls. There were five (5) new COAST referrals for follow up.

Of the thirty-two mental health calls, nine (9) resulted in apprehensions. Four (4) were admitted and

five (5) were released with follow-up care. Of the 5 released, two (2) were as a result of form 2 apprehensions.

The total time spent in the emergency room with apprehensions was 12hrs 55min (x2 officers)

- Comparison – Jan 2025 16hrs15min (x2 officers)

The mean time spent in the emergency room with apprehensions was 1h26min

- Comparison – Jan 2025 2hr19min

The time in the emergency room ranged from 29min – 2hr18min (x2 officers)

- Comparison – Jan 2025 - 29min – 5hr44min (x2 officers)

Police Hospital Transition protocol has been signed and training for officers and other signatories is

happening.

P.C. Kobyłka took part in various meetings including the Elder Abuse Committee, Woodview Suicide

Prevention, Brantford Immigration Partnership Lunch and Learns, and various grant meetings.

P.C. Kobyłka is assisting with the weekly Citizens Youth Police Academy.

The 2025/26 CSP grant with Darmont Gives Back and the County is underway with work being completed to bring supports and services to newcomers in the County of Brant.

YOUTH / SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

January

In the month of January 2026, there were 51 youth involved in a variety of occurrences ranging between criminal code, provincial offences, domestic and family disputes, mental health, and police assist calls. The outcome was five diversions or warns, seven HTA/POA charges, five

HTA warnings and four MHA apprehensions. None of the apprehended youth were formed. Of the 49 total occurrences, three had an online component.

In addition to regular visits to Paris District High School, PC Vitalis attended three elementary schools to deliver the OPP KIDS program to five grade six classes and assisted with the Brant OPP Youth Academy.

BRANT TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT UNIT

Data in table is from July 2021 – January 31, 2026:

Part I Charges	Part III Charges	Criminal Charges
81912	378	31

Current Month:

	Part I Charges	Part III Charges	Criminal Charges		Part I Charg es	Part III Charges	Criminal Charges
January 2025	428	0	0	January 2026	115	10	2
Totals 2025	428	0	0	Totals 2026	115	10	2

COMMUNITY SERVICES/MEDIA OFFICER

January

On vacation from Jan 2 to 12, no posts during that time from the coverage.

14 News Releases.

30 posts to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

On Call Week West Region: Jan 19 – 25 – Two calls: Haldimand Fatal, Brant Fatal

Special Events/Meetings

January 29 – Tim Hortons Decorate a Donut Special Olympics event at 151 Dundas Street, Paris.

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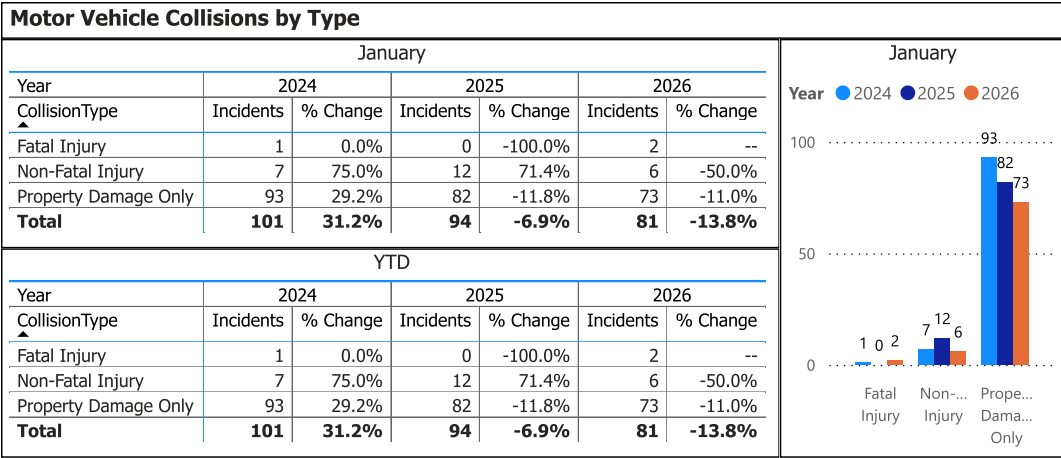
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BRANT DETACHMENT STATISTICS REPORT

February 24, 2026

OPP Detachment Board Report
Collision Reporting System
January 2026



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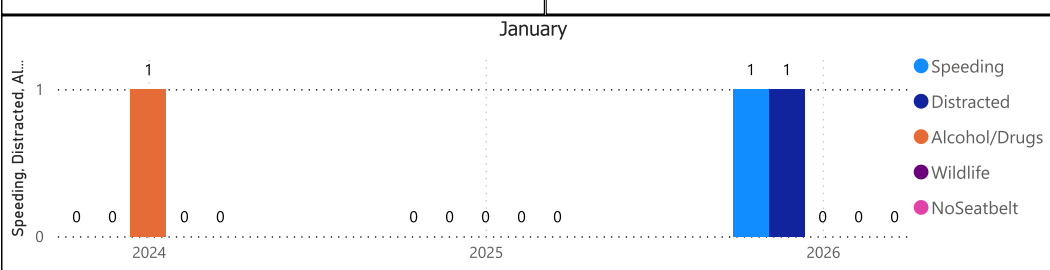
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YTD									
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Year	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change
2024	1	1	0.0%	0	0	--	0	0	--
2025	0	0	-100.0%	0	0	--	0	0	--
2026	0	1	--	0	1	--	0	0	--

January						
Type	Motor Vehicle		Motorized Snow Vehicle		Off-Road Vehicle	
Year	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change
2024	1	0.0%	0	--	0	--
2025	0	-100.0%	0	--	0	--
2026	1	--	1	--	0	--

YTD						
Type	Motor Vehicle		Motorized Snow Vehicle		Off-Road Vehicle	
Year	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change
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2026	1	--	1	--	0	--

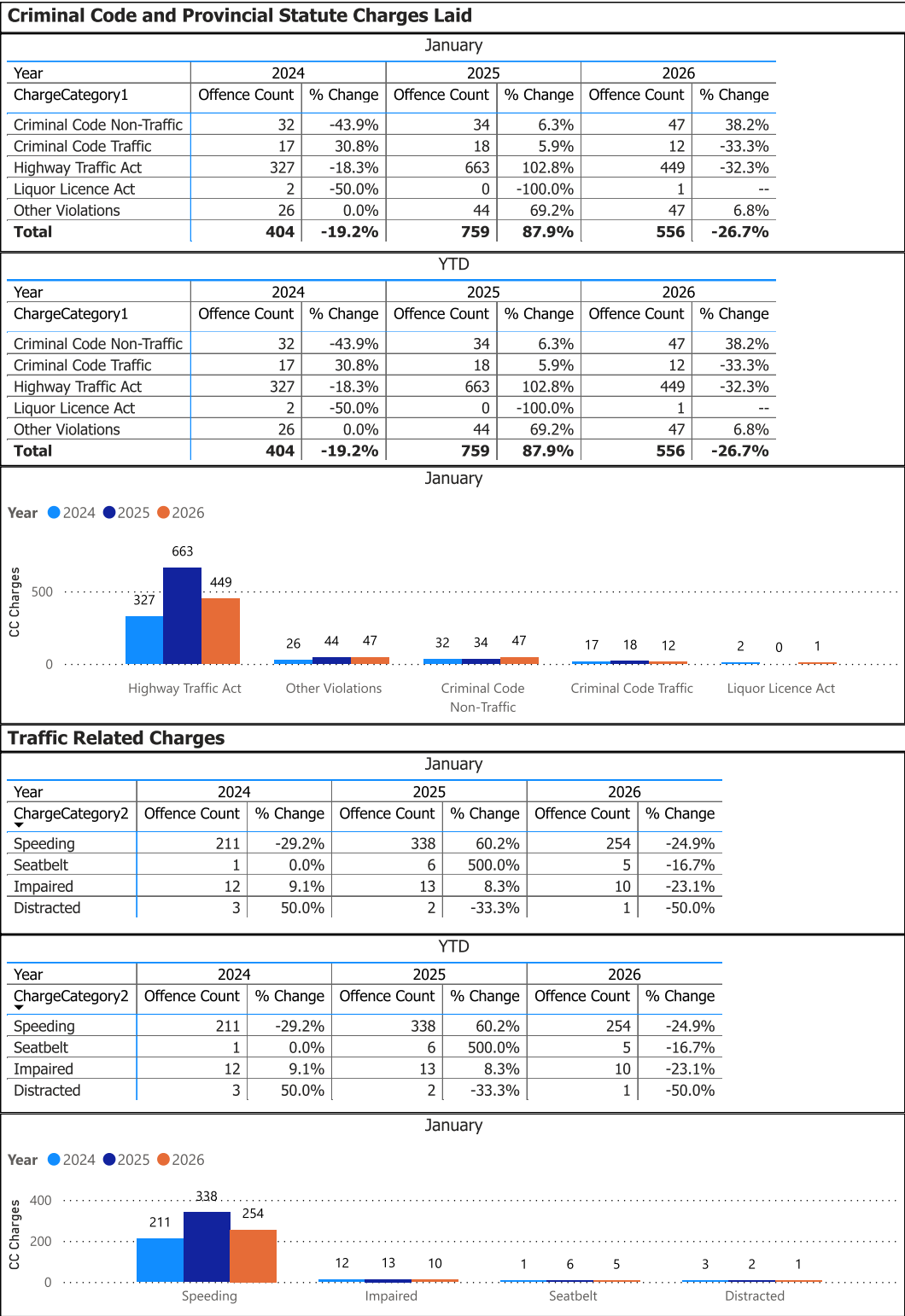
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	2024	2025	2026		2024	2025	2026
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Distracted	0	0	1	Distracted	0	0	1
Distracted % Change	--	--	--	Distracted % Change	--	--	--
Alcohol/Drugs	1	0	0	Alcohol/Drugs	1	0	0
Alcohol/Drugs % Change	--	-100.0%	--	Alcohol/Drugs % Change	--	-100.0%	--
Wildlife	0	0	0	Wildlife	0	0	0
Wildlife % Change	--	--	--	Wildlife % Change	--	--	--
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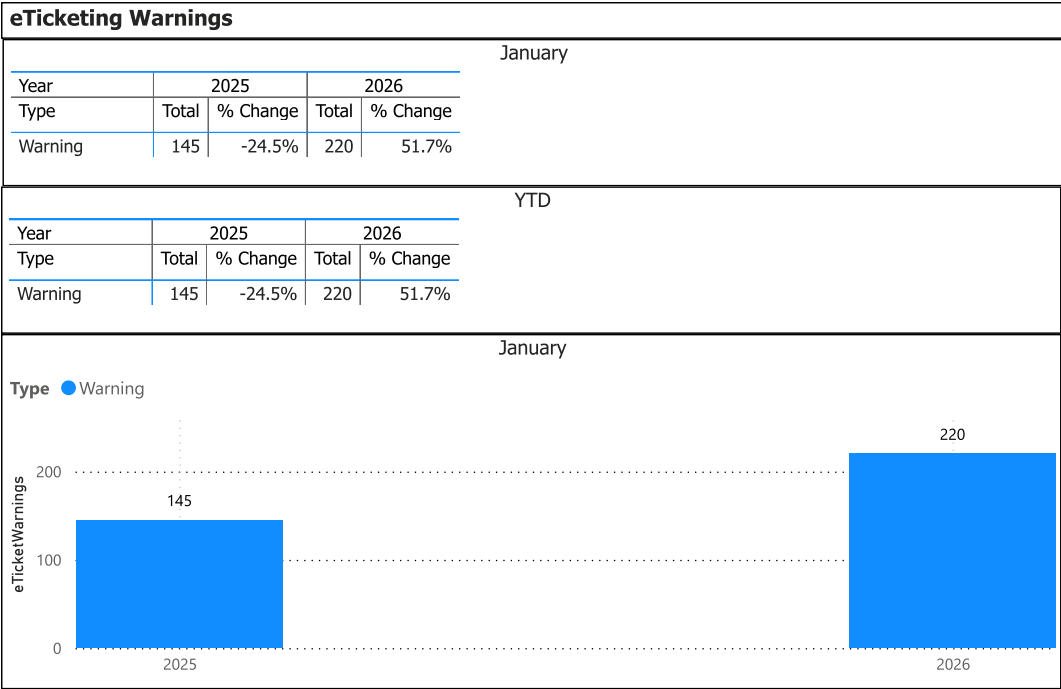
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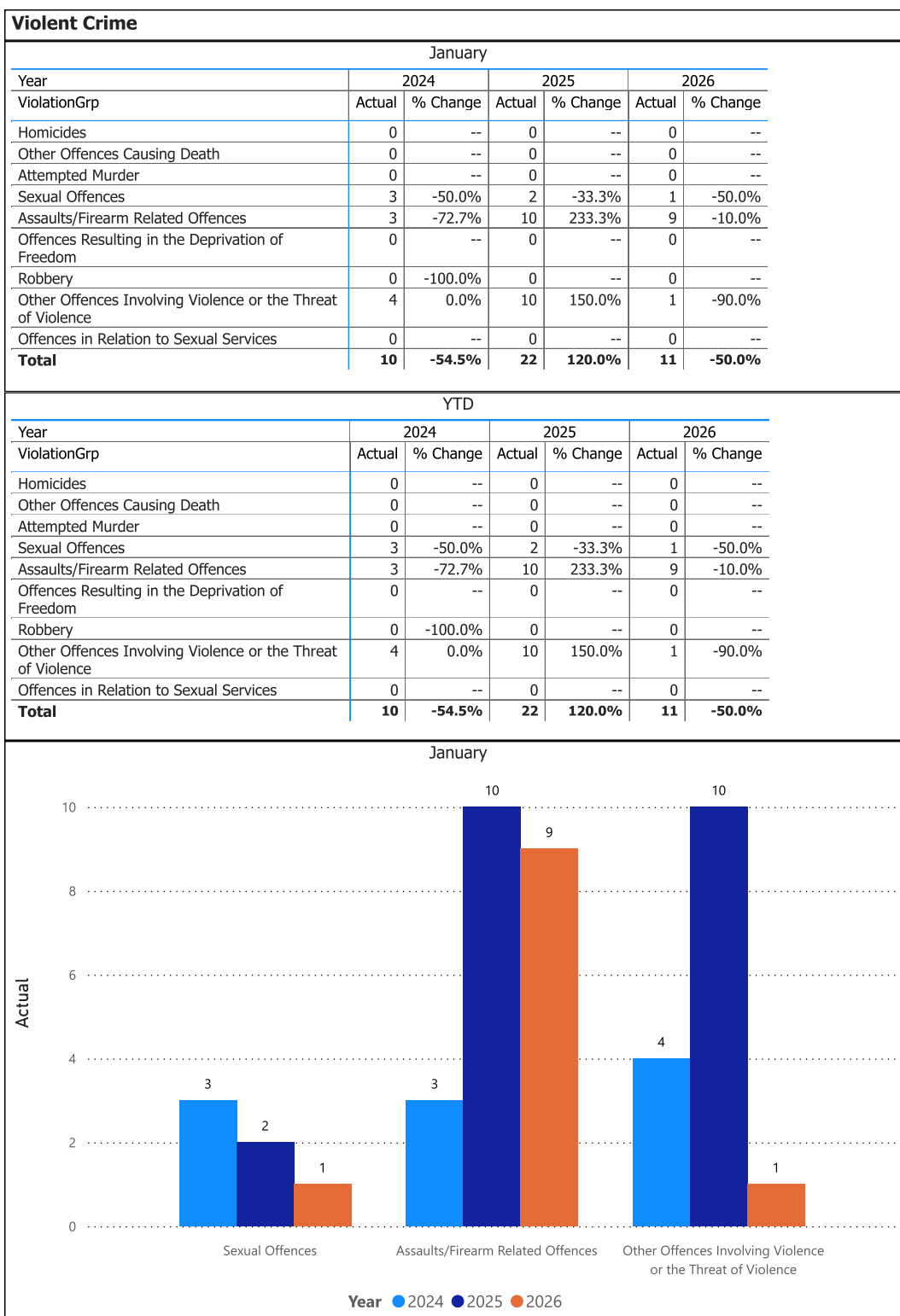
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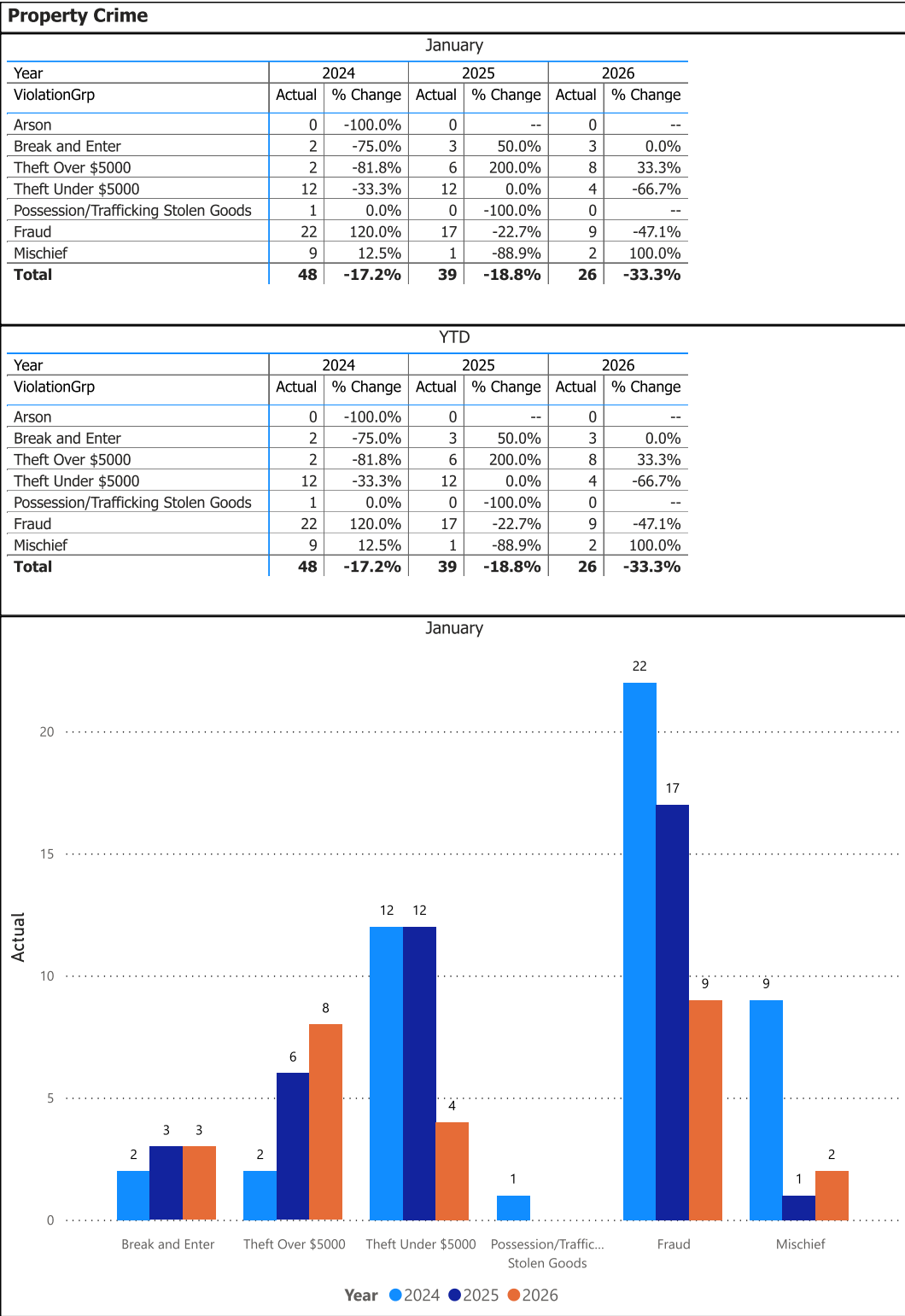
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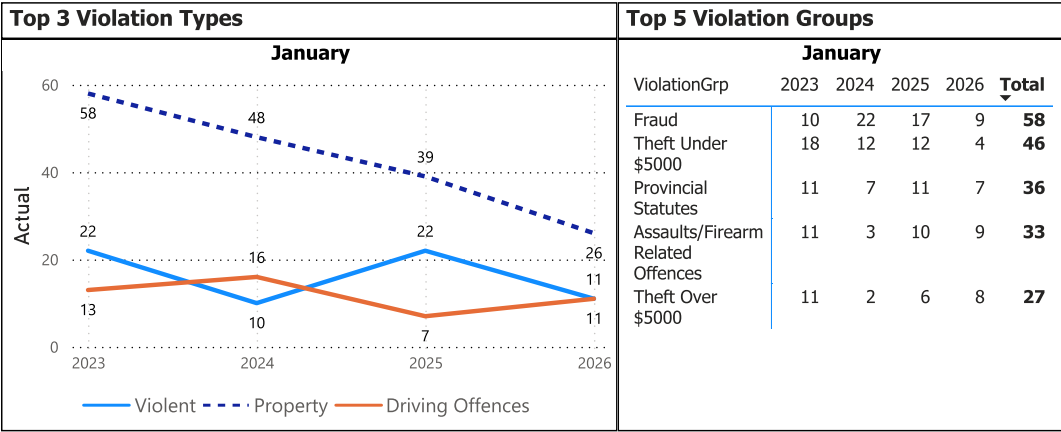
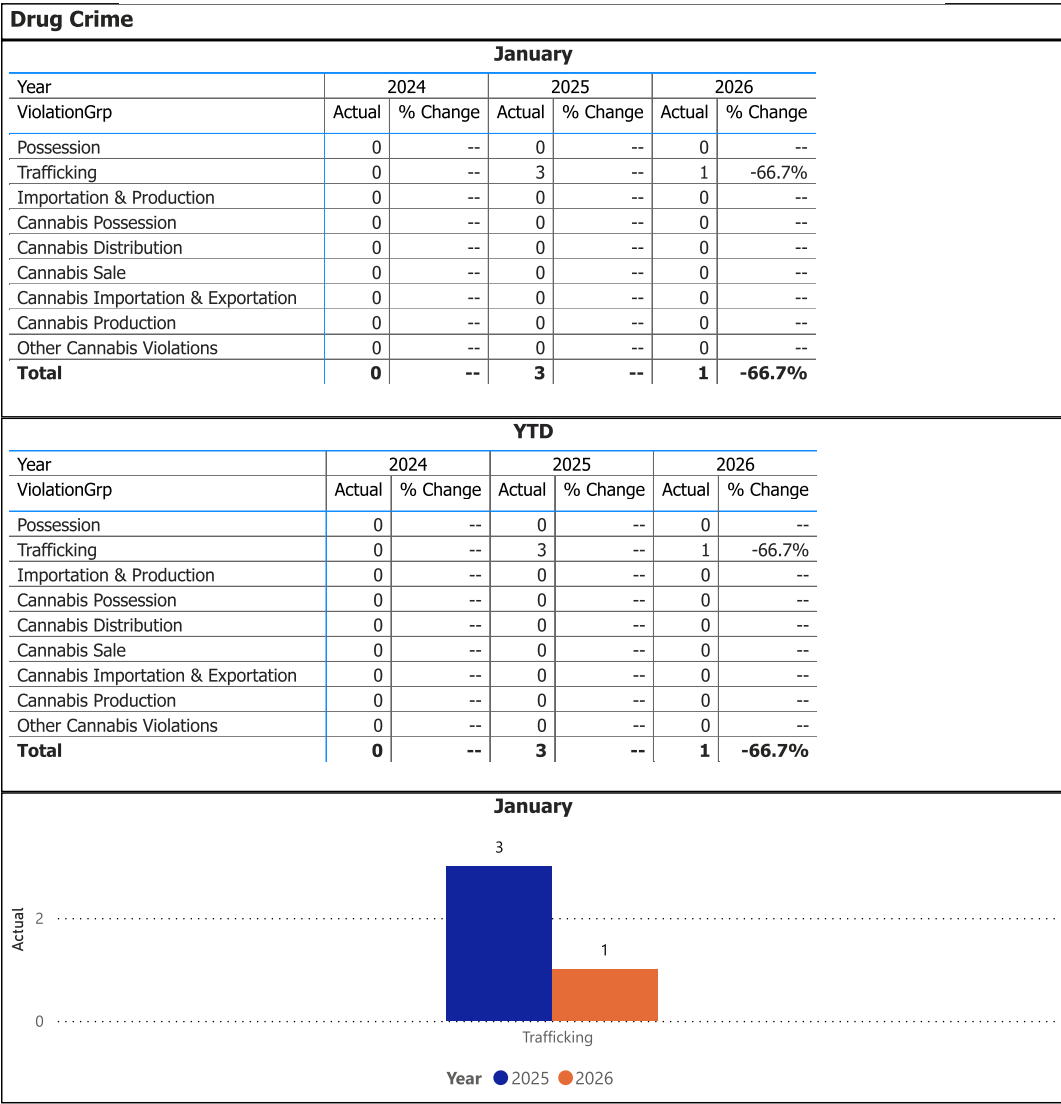
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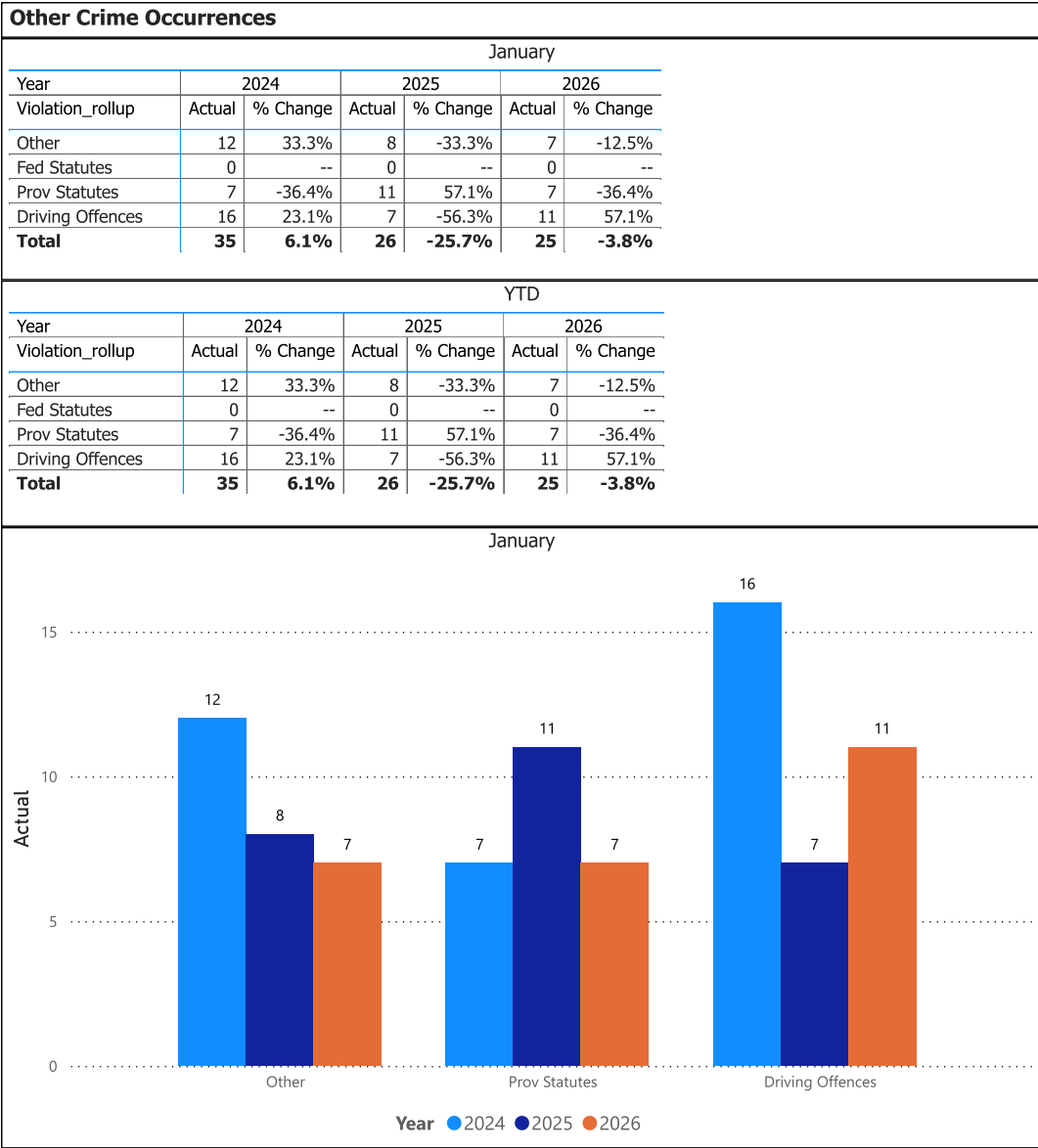
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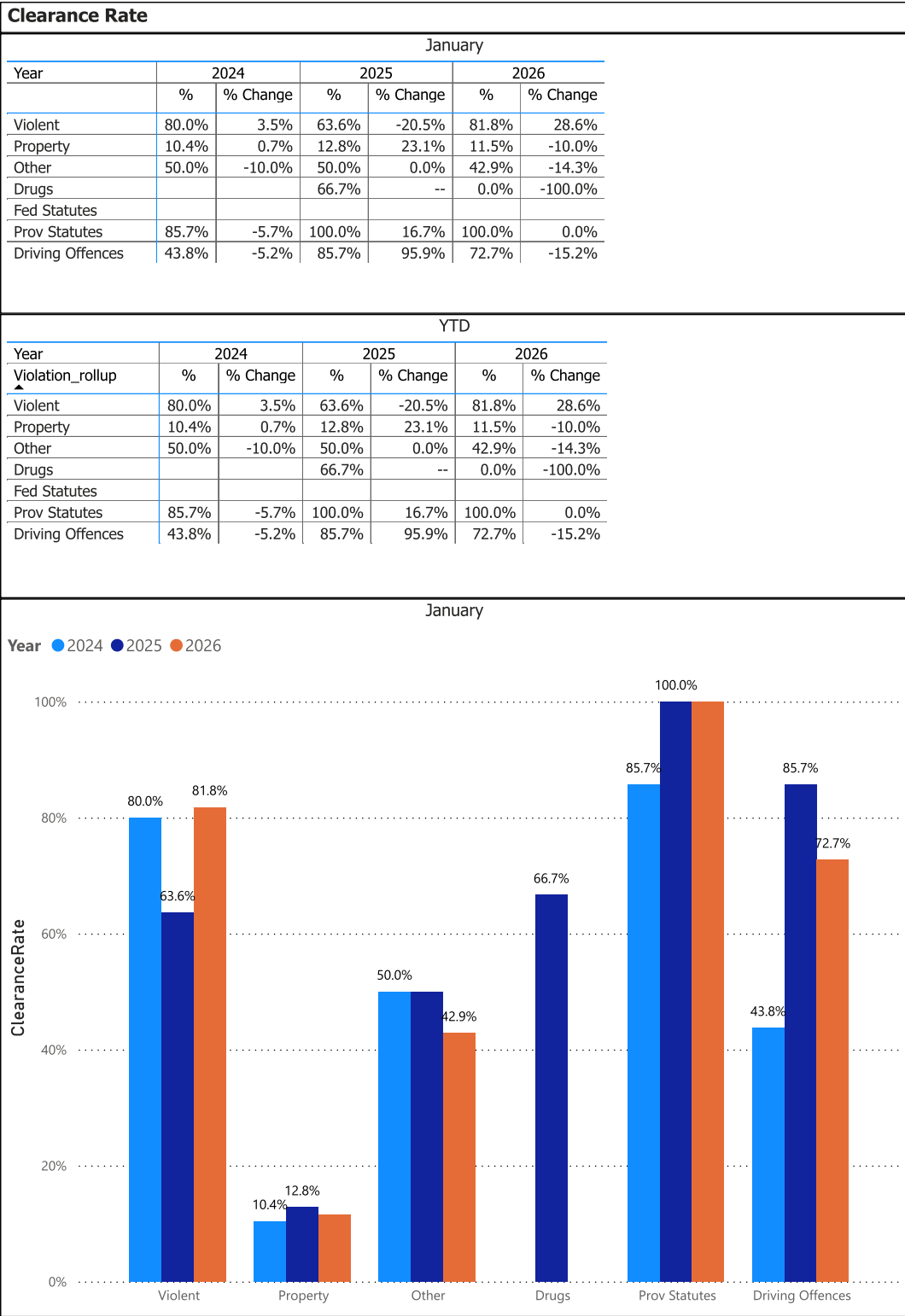
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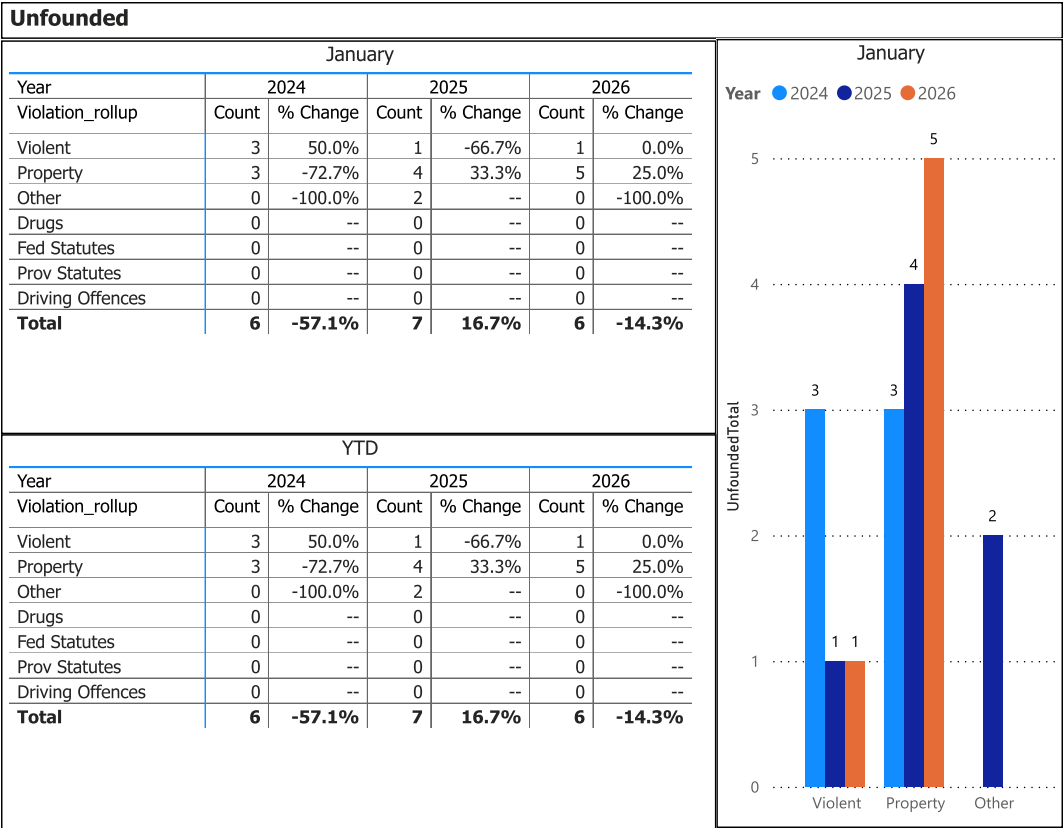
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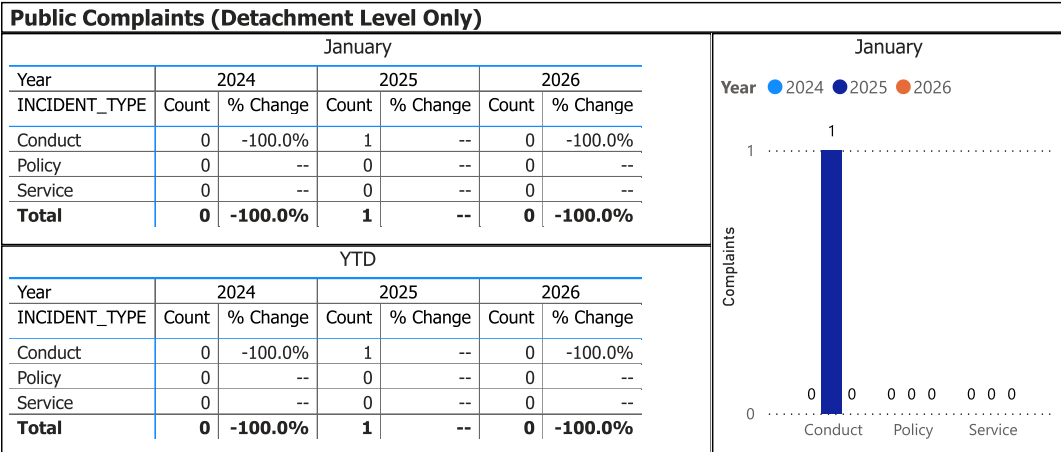
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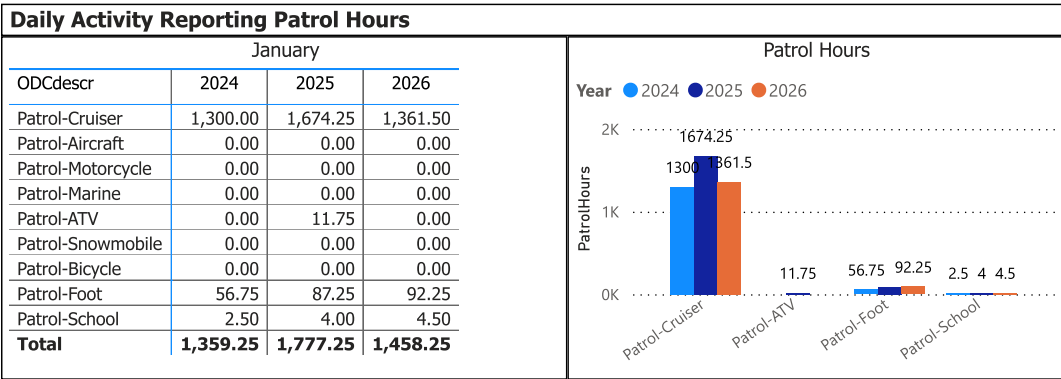
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Ontario Provincial Police, Professional Standards Bureau Commander Reports - File Manager System

Data source date:
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Daily Activity Reporting



Data source (Daily Activity Reporting System) date:
03-Feb-2026

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Youth Charges by Disposition Type			
January			
Disposition_Type	2024	2025	2026
Bail	0	0	0
Conference	0	0	0
Conviction	0	0	0
Diversion	0	0	0
NonConviction	0	0	0
NotAccepted	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0
YTD			
Disposition_Type	2024	2025	2026
Bail	0	0	0
Conference	0	0	0
Conviction	0	0	0
Diversion	0	0	0
NonConviction	0	0	0
NotAccepted	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Youth Charges by Disposition and Occurrence Type		
January		
Year	2026	Total
OccType		
Total		0

YTD		
Year	2026	Total
OccType		
Total		0

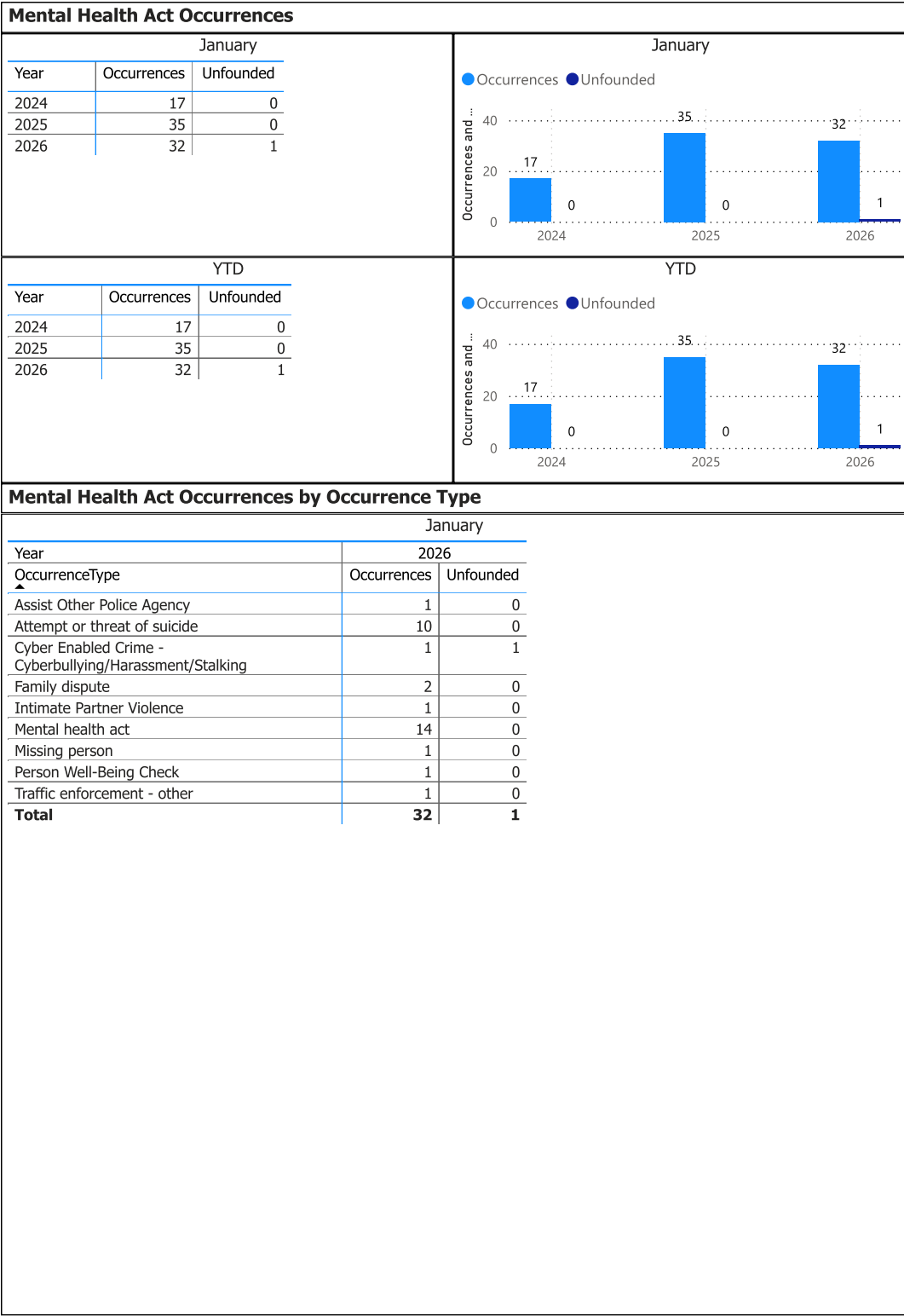
The tables and chart on this page present summarized youth charges by disposition and occurrence type that have been recorded in the OPP Niche RMS application. Of note... the Niche data sourced for this report page only lists youth charges that have had a disposition type entered against them. Therefore, please be aware that the counts of youth charges entries on this report page are under stating the potential sum of youth charges that are in OPP Niche RMS.

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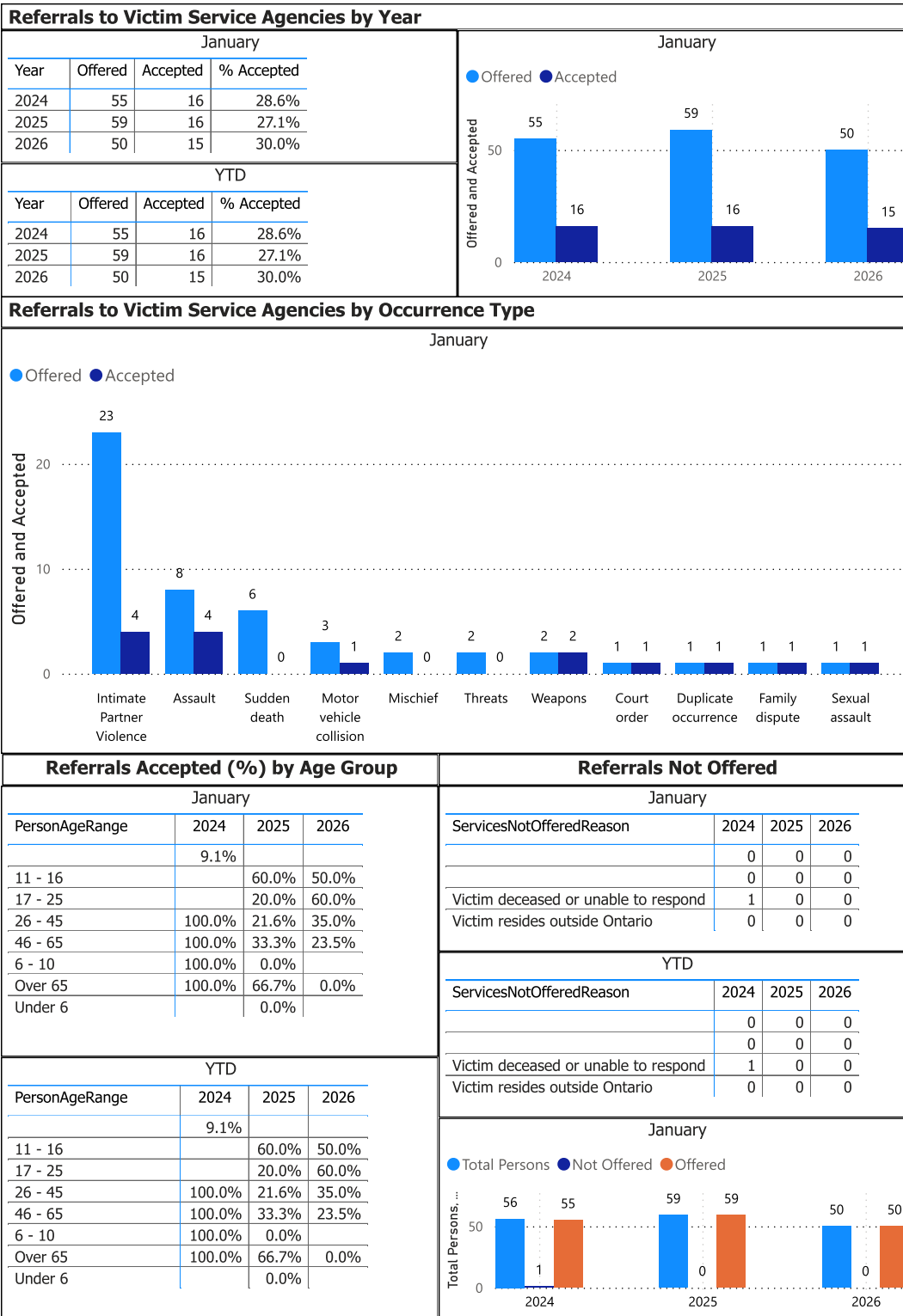


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Report Information Page

Report Data Source Information:

Data Sources Utilized

- Niche RMS – CTSB Data Feed
- Collision Reporting System (eCRS)
- POIB File Manager
- Daily Activity Reporting System

Niche RMS

RMS data presented in this report is dynamic in nature and any numbers may change over time as the OPP continue to investigate and solve crime.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP Niche RMS – CTSB Data Feed

- Complaints (Public Complaints Section Only)
- Charges
- Warnings
- Violent Crime
- Property Crime
- Drug Crime
- Clearance Rate
- Unfounded
- Other Crime
- Youth Charges
- MHA – Mental Health Act
- Overdose
- Victim Services

Collision Reporting System (eCRS)

Traffic related data for Collisions and Fatalities are collected from the OPP eCRS application.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP eCRS (Collision Reporting System)

- Collisions
- Fatalities

DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)

Patrol hours are collected from the OPP DAR application.

The following report tabs acquire their data from the OPP DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)

- Complaints (Patrol Hours Section Only)



Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 25, 2026
*The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: February 25, 2026

Place: Paris Branch

Present: John Bell, Paula Chorpitta (via Zoom), Susan Eddy, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Jennifer Kyle, Kari Raymer Bishop (via Zoom), Marilyn Sewell (via Zoom)

Regrets: Steve Howes

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Approval of the Agenda

N. Etherington requested one addition to New Business.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: J. Kyle

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: P. Chorpitta

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting February 11, 2026, the minutes of the regular meeting January 26, 2026, and the minutes of the In Camera Meeting January 26, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: J. Kyle

THAT the Chair of the County of Brant Public Library is directed to write correspondence to the County of Brant requesting that all official correspondence be sent to the County of Brant Public Library Secretary/ Treasurer which has been delegated to the CEO of the County of Brant Public Library.

Carried

Consent Items to be Received – Communications

Moved by: J. Bell

Seconded by: A. Henderson

THAT the February Safety Talk and JHSC Minutes: January 2026, be received as correspondence.

Carried

Library Board Development

M. Sewell, F. Gladding and A. Henderson attended Library Board Bootcamp 2026, held at the Ontario Library Association's Super Conference on January 31. Board Member N. Etherington was in attendance as the host and planner. Topics of discussion included intellectual freedom, advocacy and Truth and Reconciliation actions.

Submissions for Board Development

F. Gladding reminded Board Members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

Reports

K. Bernstein reported on January statistics which show a strong start to the year, with physical circulation increasing as well as a rise in online circulation. In-person program attendance also rose. Online engagement measures now include LinkedIn and Threads and have been adjusted to provide a more accurate picture of social media engagement.

Two financial reports were presented: January 2026 operating expenditures are normal. 2025 year-end operating budget was slightly overspent (0.6%) due to emergency facility repairs and the County's market adjustments to salaries and wages. J. Bell commented that 0.6% overage should be considered reasonable. In response to a question, the CEO answered that budget deficits are generally paid from Library reserve funds.

The Library is currently recruiting for a Coordinator, Marketing and Communications and initial response to the job posting has been excellent.

February's *Something for Everyone* newsletter highlights the upcoming "One Book, One Brant" event, featuring Linwood Barclay. 150 tickets have been sold to date. The Spring Program Guide is now available; and March Break registration is open and filling fast.

P. Chorpitta reported updates on behalf of the Facility Committee.

Moved by: J. Kyle

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the reports be received as presented.

Carried

N. Etherington presented draft changes to policies G9: Use of Corporate Resources During Municipal Elections, G10: Fundraising, LS15: Meeting Rooms, and LS21: Accessibility in the Library for approval.

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: J. Bell

THAT policies G9: (renamed) The Library and Political Elections, G10: Fundraising, LS15: Meeting Rooms, and LS21: Accessibility in the Library be approved as presented.

Carried

New Business

K. Bernstein presented the Draft 2025 Annual report for approval. Once approved, the Report will be professionally printed, posted online, and presented to Council.

Moved by: M. Sewell

Seconded by: A. Henderson

THAT the 2025 Annual Report be approved as amended.

N. Etherington highlighted Freedom to Read Week, outlining potential actions that could be taken to support the initiative and sharing challenges that other libraries have faced. In response to an inquiry from a Board Member, the CEO advised that no Requests for Consideration were received in 2025.

In Camera Session

Moved by: J. Kyle

Seconded by: M. Sewell

THAT the Library Board convene in camera to discuss confidential matters: 16.1 (4):(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the board.

On a motion by J. Kyle and seconded by S. Eddy the Library Board rose from closed session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Carried

Next Meeting

March 25, 2026 Paris Branch

Adjournment

K. Raymer Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Meeting adjourned.



Minutes of the Special Meeting March 4, 2026

*The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: March 4, 2026

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Zoom

Present: John Bell, Paula Chorpitta, Susan Eddy, Nathan Etherington, Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Jennifer Kyle, Kari Raymer Bishop, Marilyn Sewell

Staff: Kelly Bernstein

Call to Order: F. Gladding, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: J. Bell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

In-Camera

Moved by: N. Etherington

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the Library Board convene in camera to discuss confidential matters: 16.1 (4):(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the board.

a. Broker Opinion of Value

On a motion by J. Kyle and seconded by K. Raymer Bishop, the Library Board rose from closed session.

Carried

Next Meeting

March 25, 2026 Paris Branch

Adjournment

S. Howes moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55pm

Meeting adjourned.



Minutes of the Regular Meeting March 25, 2026
*The County of Brant Public Library cultivates inclusivity
and empowers lifelong learning.*

Date: March 25, 2026

Place: Paris Branch

Present: John Bell, Paula Chorpitta (via Zoom), Susan Eddy (via Zoom), Nathan Etherington (via Zoom), Fred Gladding, Amanda Henderson, Steve Howes, Jennifer Kyle, Kari Raymer Bishop (via Zoom), Marilyn Sewell (via Zoom)

Staff: Kelly Bernstein, Steph Burchill

Call to Order: F. Gladding, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: J. Kyle

Seconded by: S. Howes

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature of

None

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: J. Bell

Seconded by: N. Etherington

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting February 25, 2026, the minutes of the In-Camera meeting February 25, 2026, the minutes of the Special meeting March 4, 2026, and the minutes of the In-Camera Meeting March 4, 2026, be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising

In response to a Board member question regarding the Library's pay structure in relation to the County, the CEO noted that the Library has a long-standing participation in the County's job evaluation plan, which includes pay structure. This is in keeping with the Library Board's personnel policy.

Consent Items to be Received – Communications

Moved by: A. Henderson

Seconded by: J. Kyle

THAT the March Safety Talk and JHSC Minutes: February 2026, be received as correspondence.

Carried

Library Board Development

Nil.

Submissions for Board Development

F. Gladding reminded Board Members that suggestions for Board Development are encouraged and should be submitted to the Chair or CEO for inclusion in the agenda.

Reports

February circulation results show an overall increase, with a notable growth in eMusic usage. Outreach efforts in Onondaga have led to a meaningful increase in usage. Online traffic and engagement performance is healthy.

The February Operating Statement reflects that spending to date is on track. Budget lines that are close to fully spent early in the year are usually due to annual contract and license costs that are paid in full in January. Maintenance costs at the Paris branch are currently high, reinforcing the timeliness of upcoming capital improvements approved in this year's budget.

Staff at the St. George Branch are reporting a significant increase in the number of tax payments processed. In February alone, approximately \$138,000 in tax revenue was collected.

The vacant Marketing & Communications Coordinator role has been filled; the new hire will begin in April.

The newly elected Ward 5 Councilor Ella Haley has been invited to tour the library with the Board Chair and CEO.

One Book One Brant featuring author Linwood Barclay, is nearly sold out, with over 200 tickets already reserved.

The Library has received a dividend of \$9,814 from the dissolution of the not-for-profit book wholesaler Library Service Centre, a long-term supplier to the Library. The Board requested that staff return next month with recommendations regarding the allocation of the funds.

P. Chorpitta reported updates on behalf of the Facility Committee.

Moved by: J. Bell
Seconded by: J. Kyle
THAT the reports be received as presented.

Carried

On behalf of the Planning Committee, K. Bernstein presented draft changes to policy “G3: By-Laws” for first reading and review.

Draft changes to policy “G6: Policy Development” were presented for approval.

Moved by: N. Etherington
Seconded by: K. Raymer Bishop
THAT G 6 Policy Development be approved as presented.

Carried

New Business

Nil.

In Camera Session

Moved by: K. Raymer Bishop
Seconded by: A. Henderson
THAT the Library Board convene in camera to discuss confidential matters: 16.1 (4):(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the board.

On a motion by J. Bell and seconded by J. Kyle the Library Board rose from closed session and reconvened the regular meeting.

Carried

Next Meeting

April 22, 2026 Paris Branch

Adjournment

S. Howes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.

Meeting adjourned.



March 27, 2026

County of Brant

Sent via email: clerks@brant.ca

Dear County of Brant:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held March 24, 2026 adopted the following:

12.1.3 City of Brantford Drinking Water System- Annual Summary Report, 2026-32

- A. THAT Report No. 2026-32 titled “2025 Annual Summary Report for the City of Brantford Water System” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward this Report (No. 2026-32) to the Corporation of the County of Brant.

12.2.1 2025 Point in Time (PiT) Count [Financial Impact: None], 2026-75

- A. THAT report 2026-75, 2025 Point in Time (PiT) Count BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the Count of Brant.

12.2.2 Annual Centralized Housing Waitlist Update 2025 [Financial Impact- None], 2026-41

- A. THAT Report 2026-41 Annual Centralized Housing Waitlist Update 202 BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

12.2.3 City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) 2025 Annual Update [Financial Impact: None], 2026-74

- A. THAT Report 2026-74, City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) 2025 Annual Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CG' with a stylized flourish.

Chris Gauthier City Clerk,
cgauthier@brantford.ca



Alternative formats and communication supports available upon request. Please contact accessibility@brantford.ca or 519-759-4150 for assistance.

Date March 3, 2026 **Report No.** 2026-32

To Mayor and Members of City Council

From Selvi Kongara, M.S.(Eng.), P.Eng
Commissioner of Public Works

1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item ☐

Item For Consideration ☒

2.0 Topic City of Brantford Drinking Water System- Annual Summary Report

3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT Report No. 2026-32 titled “2025 Annual Summary Report for the City of Brantford Water System” BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward this Report (No. 2026-32) to the Corporation of the County of Brant.

4.0 Executive Summary

The City of Brantford is committed to providing our customers with a safe and adequate supply of drinking water that either meets or surpasses applicable regulations and legislation in the Province of Ontario. The information in the Annual Summary Report is intended to inform members of Council and the public about the current state of the Drinking Water System and demonstrate that high quality drinking water is continually supplied to consumers.

The 2025 Annual Summary Report attached in Appendix A shows that the City met the drinking water regulatory requirements outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act (2002) and Ontario Regulation 170/03. The drinking water was tested for various operational, biological and chemical (inorganic and organic) parameters using a certified lab and all the parameters were within the regulatory limits. Notably, no adverse water quality results were reported in 2025 – a first-time achievement for the City.

The quantity of raw water taken under the Permit to Take Water and the treated water produced under the Municipal Drinking Water License were in compliance with the Provincial regulations.

A gradual increase in nitrate levels in the source water (Grand River water) has been observed in recent years. The 2025 nitrate level in the raw water was in the range of 5-9.1 mg/L and in the point of entry in the winter months was in the range of 4.8-9.1 mg/L where the Provincial drinking water limit is 10 mg/L. In 2025, the City proactively evaluated treatment options to treat the water if the nitrate levels in the Grand River water reached the drinking water limit. Reverse Osmosis (RO) treatment process was selected as a suitable solution. The City installed temporary mobile reverse osmosis units to address high nitrate levels in the river water until the full-scale treatment process upgrade is constructed. The temporary reverse osmosis treatment process was installed from March to May 2025 and again starting at the end of November 2025 and continuing through the winter months of 2026. The City is continuing to collaborate with the Grand River Conservation Authority, Grand Erie Public Health and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks to keep the nitrate levels in the Grand River water lower than the drinking water limit.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) conduct an annual inspection of the City's water treatment plant and the distribution system. **Our Drinking Water System received a score of 100% in 2025.**

The Water and Wastewater Financial Plan is being completed in 2026. The update was started earlier than required in 2025 to provide efficiencies by combining the update with the Development Charges Study. This combined delivery of projects will address water and wastewater capital funding needs sooner and will enable delivery of the Financial Plan project more efficiently.

In accordance with Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the City is required to inform Council of the status of drinking water compliance by March 31 of every year. A copy of this report will be available to the public at City Hall and the City's website upon Council

approval. A copy of this report will be provided to the Corporation of the County of Brant as it receives drinking water in bulk from the City to supply to the Cainsville area. It is recommended that the 2025 Annual Summary Report for the City of Brantford Water System, as prepared by the staff, be received.

5.0 Purpose and Overview

To inform Council about the operation and performance of the municipal water treatment and distribution system as required by Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under *the Safe Drinking Water Act*. The 2025 performance is outlined in the attached report titled, “City of Brantford Drinking Water System-Annual Summary Report”.

6.0 Background

Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* requires that a Drinking Water Annual Summary Report be prepared and submitted to the members of municipal Council by March 31st of each year relating to the operation and performance of the municipal drinking water system for the preceding calendar year. The report must list any non-compliance issues, which occurred in the previous year related to the drinking water regulation, drinking water works permit, municipal drinking water license and any orders applicable to the system. The report must also specify the duration of failure(s) and measures taken to correct the issue(s). Other information that must be featured in the report includes the quantity of water supplied for the purpose of enabling the owner of the system to assess the capability of the system to meet existing and future uses of the system. The regulation requires that a copy of the report be provided to The Corporation of the County of Brant, which is a municipality that receives water from the City.

7.0 Corporate Policy Context

The Water Operations 2023 Annual Summary Report documents how the division’s activities are in line with Council’s 2023-2026 priorities which is “Strategic Theme #10 –Building a Greener Brantford” by:

- Monitoring the raw water taking from the Grand River and the discharge of effluent from the Residual Management Facility to the Grand River to ensure the impact on the Grand River ecosystem is minimal; and

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- Maintaining all equipment to ensure that the Water Treatment Plant, Pumping Stations and Reservoirs can operate to their full capabilities and minimize the carbon footprint.

8.0 Input From Other Sources

Staff from the Environmental Services and Finance Departments and the Climate Change Officer were consulted in the development of the Water Operations 2025 Annual Summary Report.

9.0 Analysis

The 2025 Annual Summary Report (Attached as Appendix 1) outlines the performance of the City of Brantford Water System (including the Water Treatment Plant & Distribution System) for the calendar year.

Specifically, the report outlines:

- Background and Description of Drinking Water System
- List of Water Treatment Chemicals Used
- Major Expenses
- Summary of Reporting Adverse Test Results and Other Problems (Schedule 16)
- Holmedale Water Treatment Plant Flows
- Summary of Test Results Required Under On. Reg. 170/03
- Summary of Test Results Required Under the Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL)
- MECP Annual Inspection Summary: 100% final inspection rating achieved during the annual inspection, which occurred from September 29th, 2025 to October 15th, 2025.

Copies of this report will be available for the public at City Hall and the City's website upon Council approval. A copy of the report will be provided to the Corporation of the County of Brant by March 31, 2026.

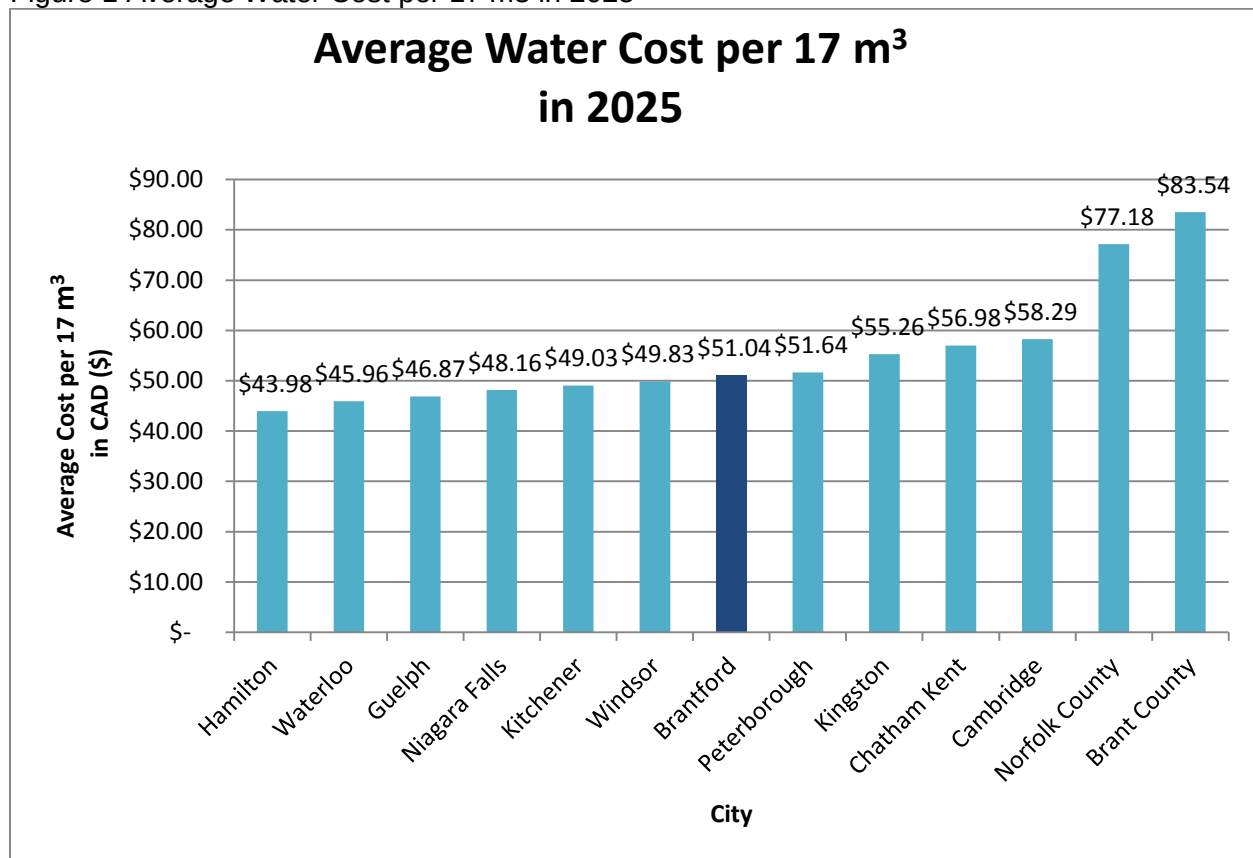
10.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

The Water Operations division is fully funded from the revenue generated from user fees and water rates. It does not receive any funding from the tax revenue. The 10-year forecast of capital and operating expenses shows that there will be a shortfall in funds available in the water reserves from 2029 onward. This shortfall is driven by increased labour, material costs and supply chain issues affecting many capital projects and operating contracts such as chemical supply and sludge hauling. The addition of the reverse osmosis treatment process to address the increasing nitrate levels and other potential contaminants in the Grand River will require an estimated \$125 million or greater within the next five to seven years. Staff are actively pursuing provincial and federal grant opportunities to help address the funding deficiency and minimize impact on the rate payers.

The Water and Wastewater Financial Plan must be updated once every 5 years. The last update of the Financial Plan was completed in 2022. In 2025, Council approved a project that incorporated developing the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan along with the Development Charges Study to address the financial needs sooner and more efficiently. This update is being undertaken in 2026. Council and stakeholders will be consulted at various stages of the process.

A comparison of Brantford's monthly average water cost for a single-family home (17 cubic meters per month) to other local municipalities is trended in Figure 1. The comparison shows that Brantford water rate is in the middle of the comparator municipalities.

Figure 1 Average Water Cost per 17 m³ in 2025

11.0 Climate and Environmental Implications

Water treatment and supply are important functions of a municipality. However, it is energy intensive to consistently provide safe drinking water throughout the City's Distribution System. In 2025, water treatment produced an estimated total of 1,319 T of carbon dioxide equivalent from electricity and natural gas usage. This is an increase in greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 9% compared to 2024. This increase is likely due to an increase in the emissions factor for electricity, a 19% increase in natural gas used, and an increase in the amount of water being pumped and consumed.

Water Treatment activities include administration, treatment, storage and pumping to the water distribution network. Water Operations continually monitors its processes and is committed to reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions through various optimization approaches such as investigating and implementing new pumping system strategies, replacing old equipment with new energy efficient alternatives and ensuring that capital projects take into account technologies that reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. An energy audit was completed in 2024. The first

recommendation to be implemented is the Building Automation System (BAS) project that was started in 2025 with a targeted completion in the second quarter of 2026.

12.0 Conclusion

In accordance with Schedule 22 of Ontario Regulation 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, it is recommended that the 2025 Annual Summary Report for the City of Brantford Water System, as prepared by the Environmental Services Department be received.

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Attachments:
Appendix A – City of Brantford Drinking Water System Annual Summary Report

In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

By-law required ☐ yes ☒ no

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk ☐ yes ☒ no

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? ☐ yes ☒ no

2025 City of Brantford Water System

Annual Summary Report



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2025 Annual Summary Report

– Executive Summary

The City of Brantford is committed to providing our residents with a safe and adequate supply of drinking water that meets or surpasses applicable regulatory requirements in the Province of Ontario. The information in the Annual Summary Report is intended to inform the members of Council and the public about the current state of the City's Drinking Water System and to demonstrate the high quality of our drinking water.

The Brantford Water System is owned and operated by the Corporation of the City of Brantford. The raw water supply to produce drinking water is withdrawn from the Grand River through the Holmedale Canal. The raw water is treated at the Holmedale Water Treatment Plant before it is distributed through the extensive underground water pipe network. The water treatment plant is a state-of-the-art facility with the highest Class IV rating and is designed to produce up to 100 million liters per day (MLD) of drinking water. There are three reservoirs in the network in addition to an in-plant reservoir, one booster pumping station and two elevated tanks that are used in the distribution system to equalize water demand, to reduce pressure fluctuations and to provide adequate reserves for firefighting, power outages and other emergencies.

The municipal drinking water must satisfy the provincial requirements of O. Reg. 170/03 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 and additional requirements outlined in the Municipal Drinking Water License. The drinking water was tested for various operational, biological and chemical (inorganic and organic) parameters using a certified laboratory and all the parameters were within the regulatory limits. In 2025, 1688 bacteriological samples were tested in the distribution system and all of the samples complied with the regulation.

The quantity of raw water taken under the Permit to Take Water and the treated water produced under the Municipal Drinking Water License were in compliance with Provincial regulations.

The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) performs an annual inspection of the City's water treatment plant and the distribution system. Brantford's Drinking Water System received an impressive score of 100% in 2025.



A. Background

The information in the Annual Summary Report is intended to inform members of Council and the public about the current state of the Drinking Water System and demonstrate that high quality drinking water is continually supplied to consumers.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the terms and requirements set out in the Safe Drinking Water Act (2002), as Section 11 – Annual Reports and Schedule 22 – Summary Reports of Ontario Regulation 170/03. It covers the period from January 1st to December 31st, 2025.

The 2025 Annual Summary Report will be available to the public without charge, beginning March 31st, 2025. A copy of this report can be obtained via the Internet (www.brantford.ca) and at Brantford Customer Service by contacting (519)759-4150.

B. Description of Drinking Water System

Table 1: Description of the City of Brantford Drinking Water System

Water System Element	Details
Drinking Water System Number	#220003564
Owner	The Corporation of the City of Brantford
Classification	Large Municipal Residential
Treatment	Class IV
Distribution	Class III
Raw Water Supply	Grand River (Holmedale Canal)
DWS Location	324 Grand River Ave.
Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL)	063-101 Issue # 9, Issued: October 30th, 2024
Drinking Water Works Permit (DWWP)	#063-201 Issue # 7, Issued: October 30th, 2024
Permit to Take Water	#2375-BLHMW5
Bulk Water Receiving Customer	The Corporation of the County of Brant. Town of Cainsville Distribution System (Drinking Water System #: 260002616, Class I) which is owned and managed by the County of Brant.

The City of Brantford Water System is owned and operated by the Corporation of the City of Brantford. The Drinking Water System is a Large Municipal Residential System consisting of a Class IV Water Treatment Plant (Holmedale Water Treatment Plant) and a Class III Distribution System.

The Holmedale Water Treatment Plant is located at 324 Grand River Avenue in Brantford, Ontario. The City's raw water supply is drawn from the Grand River through the Holmedale Canal. The City is responsible for the overall management of the production and distribution of Brantford's drinking water to homes and businesses across the city. Specifically, this includes treatment of Grand River water, maintenance of the plant, distribution and metering systems, expansion of the network systems and meeting and/or exceeding the applicable regulatory requirements. The water treatment plant is designed to produce drinking water up to 100 million liters per day (MLD). The volume of water permitted to be taken from the Grand River for drinking water supply is up to 260 million liters per day (MLD) (Permit to Take Water #2375-BLHMW5 Issued on May 8th, 2017, expires on May 31st, 2027). The water treatment plant contains the following process units:

Screening, coagulation, sand-ballasted flocculation (Violia's Actiflo®), sedimentation, ozonation, biological filtration, seasonal temporary reverse osmosis, UV disinfection, chlorination, chloramination and fluoridation.

Three reservoirs (in addition to an in-plant reservoir), one booster pumping station and two elevated tanks are used in the distribution system to equalize water demand, to reduce pressure fluctuations and to provide reserves for firefighting, power outages and other emergencies. A Residue Management Facility (RMF) treats the wastewater generated in the water production process for disposal in an environmentally sound manner. Wastewater treatment consists of concentrating the wastewater by three gravity settler thickeners and dewatering by two belt filter presses. Dewatered waste (sludge) is disposed at the Brantford Landfill.

The City of Brantford Water System is the water service provider to the Town of Cainsville Distribution System (Drinking Water System #:260002616, Class I) which is owned and managed by the County of Brant. Connection of the Tutela Heights area annexed by the City in 2017 to the City's water distribution system (disconnect from the Mount Pleasant well water system) was completed in January 2025.

C. List of Water Treatment Chemicals Used

Table 2: Water Treatment Chemicals

Chemical Name	Chemical Use
Polyaluminum chloride	Primary Coagulant
Flopam AN 934 PWG	Settling Aid
Microsand	Settling Aid
Liquid oxygen	Primary Chemical for Ozone Generation
Sodium Hydroxide	pH adjustment following Reverse Osmosis (RO)
Chlorine gas	Primary Disinfectant
Ammonia gas	Used in combination with free chlorine for secondary disinfection
Hydrofluosilicic Acid	Fluoridation
Sulfur dioxide gas	Dechlorination Chemical

D. Major Expenses

To maintain the water assets in optimal condition, the City regularly evaluates the condition and performance of the assets and plans upgrades accordingly with the 10-year capital program. Various critical capital projects delivered in 2025 are listed below.

Table 3: Major Expenses

Description of the Project	Cost
SCADA infrastructure, and process upgrades	\$200,000
Mobile Reverse Osmosis (March to May 2025)	\$1,107,377
Ozone Contact Chamber Cleanout	\$25,651
RMF Sludge Mixer Replacement	\$58,393
Reservoir Pump Rebuilds	\$86,402
High Lift Pump Station Electrical Upgrades	\$51,287
Reverse Osmosis Transformer Installation	\$850,084
Total Expenses	\$2,292,792

E. Summary of Test Results Required Under O.Reg 170/03

i) Operational Testing Required Under Schedule 7

Appendix A summarizes the Operational Testing required under Schedule 7. Water quality tests were conducted at the required frequency and all results were within compliance limits in 2025.

ii) Bacteriological Testing Required Under Schedule 10

Table 4 summarizes the Bacteriological Testing required under Schedule 10. Bacteriological tests were conducted at the required frequency.

Table 4: Results from Bacteriological Testing Required Under Schedule 10

Source	Number of Samples	Range of Total Coliform (colonies per 100mL)	Range of E.Coli (colonies per 100mL)	Range of Background (colonies per 100mL)	Range of HPC (colonies per mL)	Number of Samples Tested for HPC	Percentage of Samples Tested for HPC
Raw	53	120-31,000	5-1,160	310-51,000	40-2340	55	100%
Treated	54	0	0	0	0	54	100%
Distribution	1688	0	0	0-99	0-99	876	51.9%

*General bacteria population expressed as Background

**HPC – Heterotrophic Plate Count – General bacteria population expressed as colony counts on a heterotrophic plate count
Regulatory Limits for Treated and Distribution Samples: Total Coliform <1 colony/100mL, E. Coli - <1 colony/100mL

iii) Summary of Inorganic Results Required Under Schedule 23

Appendix B summarizes the Inorganic parameter testing results required under Schedule 23; Samples were tested at the required frequency and all results were within compliance limits in 2025.

Nitrates

The City has experienced a gradual rise in quarterly nitrate sampling results exceeding half of the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC-10 mg/L, half-MAC 5 mg/L) in the drinking water source from the Grand River. In response to this observed trend, the City has undertaken proactive monitoring and planning measures to manage potential seasonal variability in nitrate levels. Data trending demonstrates that nitrate levels tend to be higher in the cold winter months due to the reduced biological activity in the river that would otherwise consume nitrate. The occurrence of nitrate in the Grand River is a result of the cumulative inputs from rural non-point sources (such as agricultural activities), urban runoff and wastewater discharges upstream of the City of Brantford water treatment plant.¹

The 2025 nitrate sampling data confirms the trends that have been observed in the past, showing that nitrate concentration in the river exceeded half of the MAC on regulated samples collected from January to April 2025 and again in December 2025. In 2025 the average nitrate concentration in the raw water was 7.37 mg/L, the maximum was 9.13 mg/L and the minimum was 3.05 mg/L. At the Point of Entry, the average was 7.00 mg/L, the minimum was 3.14 mg/L, and the maximum was 8.91 mg/L.

No corrective actions are required by the City when a water quality parameter level is between half its MAC and the MAC. However, as a proactive measure, City staff have been planning for the possibility that the nitrate concentration in the river could exceed the MAC at some point in the future. The City has procured a temporary Reverse Osmosis (RO) water treatment system to remove nitrate from a portion of the treated water to reduce the overall nitrate concentration in the treated water during the winter months.

An online nitrate analyzer was installed at the head gates in early 2025 to give the plant operator early notice when nitrate concentration is increasing in the river water. Increased nitrate monitoring was also implemented since January 2025 to ensure that the drinking water supply is safe.

A detailed summary of important information related to nitrate levels in drinking water and actions being taken to protect public health can be accessed at [Brantford.ca/Nitrate](https://brantford.ca/Nitrate).

iv) Summary of Organic Results required under Schedule 24

Appendix C summarizes the Organic parameters testing results required under Schedule 24; Samples were tested at the required frequency and all results were within compliance limits in 2025.

v) Summary of the results of tests required under the Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL):

Under the City of Brantford Water System's Municipal Drinking Water License, several parameters are required to be tested at varying frequencies and locations throughout the water treatment process and distribution system. Parameters tested include Lead, N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA), Bromate, Microcystin and Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

Health Related Parameter - Lead

Table 5 summarizes the lead samples tested before service line replacement and the regulatory lead sampling requirement detailed in the License. The distribution system lead sample result was representative of the drinking water with results well below the MAC of 10 µg/L, while the residential samples taken from homes supplied by lead water service pipes had variable results with some of the results exceeding the MAC.

The City's Lead Reduction Plan (LRP) main strategy for mitigating lead in tap water is replacing old lead water service pipes. After replacement, a lead sample is tested to assess the performance of this strategy. The results unequivocally demonstrate that replacing lead water services reduces the concentration of lead in the tap water well below the provincial limit. It is to be noted that the City provides free funding of up to \$1500 per water service to help with the cost of replacing a lead water service on the private property. The City also offers a low-interest loan of up to \$3,000 for eligible work. In 2025, seventy (70) lead service replacements were completed through the Lead Financial Incentive Program. A total of fifty-nine (59) grants were paid out in 2025 totaling \$88,500. Of the seventy residents who applied for the grant, only twelve (12) also opted for the loan with a total cost of \$33,864.27 paid in 2025.

Table 5: Lead Sampling Results Summary

Sampling Locations	Number of Sampling Points Tested	Number of Sampling Points Required by Licence	Minimum (µg/L)	Maximum (µg/L)	Average (µg/L)	pH	Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO ₃)
Distribution	1	1	0.05	0.05	0.05	7.25	152
Non-residential	1	0	5.51	16.4	8.39	7.43	N/A*
Residential	121	20	0.02	59.1	5.11	7.48	N/A*
After Replacement	40	0	0.03	5.0	0.57	7.39	N/A*

* N/A =Not Applicable

Health Related Parameter – Bromate

The monthly bromate testing at the POE is a requirement under the License. The results are summarized in Table 6. All the results were within the regulatory limit.

Table 6: Summary of Bromate Test Results

Month	Bromate (mg/L)	Within Regulatory Limit?
January	0.005*	Yes
February	0.005*	Yes
March	0.005*	Yes
April	0.01*	Yes
May	0.008	Yes
June	0.005*	Yes
July	0.005*	Yes
August	0.005*	Yes
September	0.007	Yes
October	0.005*	Yes
November	0.005*	Yes
December	0.005*	Yes

*result was less than the method detection limit

Health Related Parameter – N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)

Quarterly NDMA testing in the distribution system is a requirement under the License. The results are summarized in Table 7 with the POE for comparison.

Table 7: Summary of NDMA Test Results

Quarter	POE (µg/L)	Distribution (µg/L)	Within Regulatory Limit?
First	0.003	0.0034	Yes
Second	0.004	0.0026	Yes
Third	0.0024	0.0032	Yes
Fourth	0.0011	0.0027	Yes

Algae Management Plan – Microcystin

Microcystin testing frequency is weekly on raw water and monthly at the POE from June 1 until October 31st as part of the City Algae Management Plan. All results for samples collected in 2025 had a microcystin concentration lower than the method detection limit.

Environmental Discharge Parameter - Residue Management Facility – Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

Under the City of Brantford Water System's License, the annual average concentration of TSS discharged from the RMF thickeners must be below 25 mg/L. Table 8 outlines the Monthly Average TSS for 2025. Each month was well below the 25 mg/L compliance limit with an annual average of 3.58 mg/L for 2025.

Table 8: Monthly Average TSS (mg/L)

Month	TSS (mg/L)	Within Regulatory Limit?
January	4.50	Yes
February	3.60	Yes
March	3.60	Yes
April	3.80	Yes
May	4.20	Yes
June	3.70	Yes
July	3.30	Yes
August	3.20	Yes
September	2.70	Yes
October	3.70	Yes
November	3.70	Yes
December	2.90	Yes
Annual Average	3.58	Yes

City staff respond to a water main break.



F. Summary of Reporting Adverse Test Results and Other Problems (Schedule 16)

i) Adverse Bacteriological or Combined Chlorine Residual Results and Corrective Actions Results

In 2025, 1688 bacteriological samples were collected and tested throughout the City. None of sample results were reported to be adverse by an accredited laboratory.

ii) Adverse Chemical Results and Corrective Actions

Sodium

Samples collected from treated water and distribution system had an annual sodium average of 81.0 mg/L & 77.8 mg/L respectively. According to O.Reg 170/03, despite an aesthetic objective of 200 mg/L, any concentration above 20 mg/L is considered an adverse result. The City of Brantford Water System is required to report the results to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Grand Erie Public Health (GEPH) once every 57 months. The sodium results were reported to both agencies in August 2022. Sodium concentration in the City's drinking water supply reflects the level found in the Grand River and cannot be removed by conventional water treatment methods.

iii) Non-Compliance Events with Provincial Regulations, Municipal Drinking Water License, Municipal Drinking Water Works Permit, and Other Official Documents

No non-compliance events were reported in 2025.

After reviewing the Drinking Water System, the MECP issued a score of 100.00% for the 2025 Brantford Drinking Water System Annual Inspection.

G. Holmedale Water Treatment Plant Flows

i) Drinking Water Flows

According to the City of Brantford Water System's Municipal Drinking Water License (Schedule C), the maximum daily volume of treated water that flows from the Holmedale Water Treatment Plant into the distribution system must not exceed 100 MLD.

At the Holmedale Water Treatment Plant, the treated water flow is measured by continuous on-line flow meters and monitored and controlled via a Supervisor Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) computer system. The daily average flow for 2025 was 34.15 MLD.

Figure 1 outlines the monthly average daily flow and maximum total daily flow of treated water for the Holmedale Water Treatment Plant in 2025. The monthly average daily flow was calculated by averaging the total daily flows for a given month. The monthly maximum daily flow corresponds to the highest daily average flow for that month.

Figure 1 Drinking Water Flows (Million Liters per day or MLD)

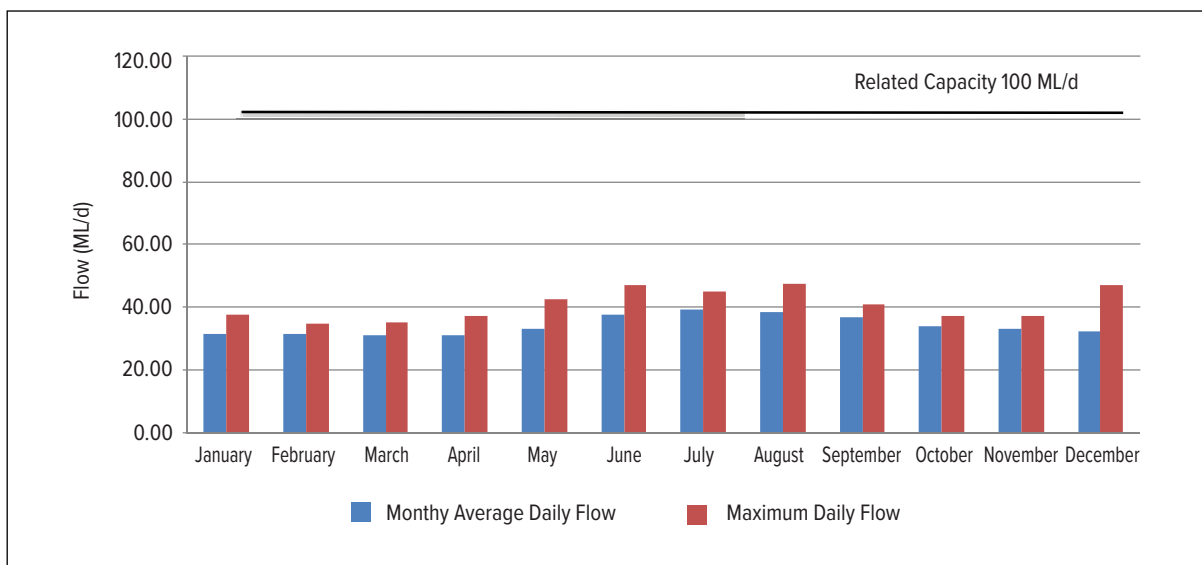


Figure 1 indicates that the monthly average daily flow and maximum total daily flow never exceeded the rated capacity in 2025. The highest monthly average daily flow was 39.37 MLD, which occurred in July. The highest maximum daily flow was 47.32 MLD, which occurred in August.

ii) Grand River Flow Intake

The City of Brantford Water System's Permit to Take Water (# 2375-BLHMW5) for the water treatment plant allows the City of Brantford to withdraw up to 260 MLD of raw water from the Grand River daily at a peak flow not to exceed 181,000 L/min. At the Holmedale Water Treatment Plant, the raw water flow is measured by continuous on-line flow meters and monitored and controlled via a SCADA computer system. The daily average raw water flow for 2025 was 37.82 MLD.

Figure 2 outlines the monthly average daily flow, maximum daily flow and % Grand River flow taken for the Holmedale Water Treatment Plant in 2025. The monthly average daily flow was calculated by averaging the total daily flows for a given month. The monthly maximum daily flow corresponds to the highest daily average flow for that month. The City's Permit to Take Water requires monitoring of the water taking impact has on the Grand River. To ensure there are no negative effects to the Grand River, the City monitors the percentage of Grand River Flow Taken. The Percentage of Grand River Flow Taken is calculated by dividing the daily average flow taken from the Grand River by the Grand River flow measured at the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) Brant Park monitoring station.

Figure 2 Raw Water Flows (million liters per day or MLD)

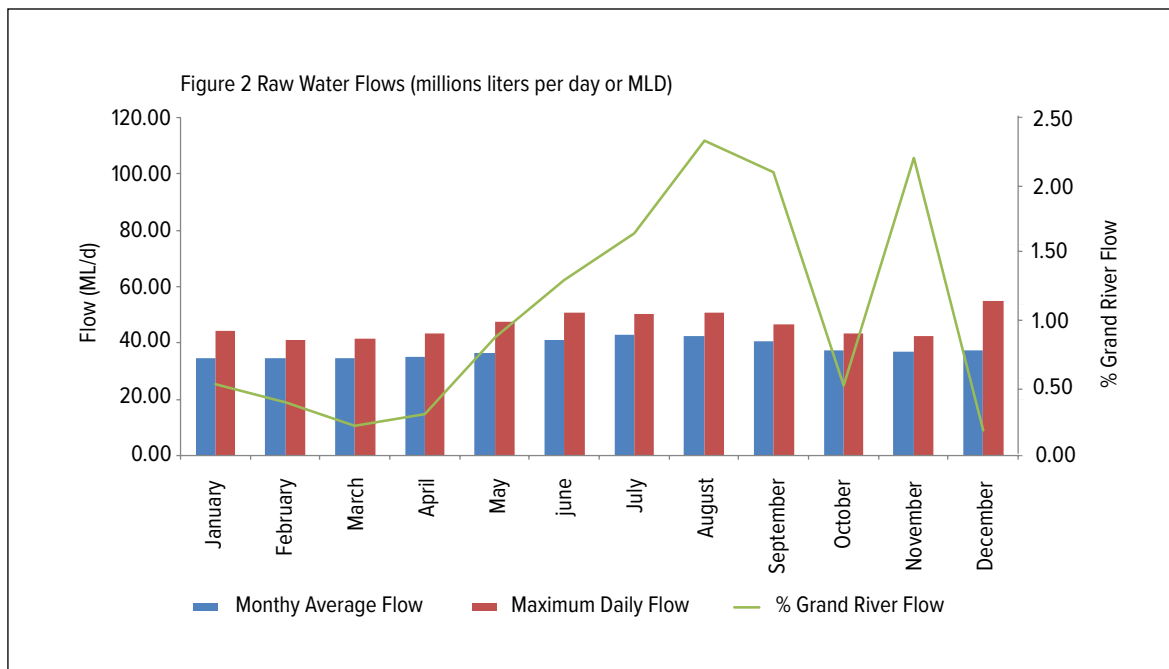


Figure 2 indicates that the highest monthly average daily flow was 42.93 MLD which occurred in July and the highest maximum daily flow was 54.98 MLD which occurred in December caused by a large water main break. The maximum daily flow was well below the daily flow limit of 260 MLD as outlined in the City's Permit to Take Water.

The peak percentage of river flow taken from the Grand River was at 2.33% in August followed by a second peak at 2.20% in November. The two peaks can be attributed to lower flows in the Grand River due to a very dry and warm summer and fall. There were no reported complaints to the City of Brantford as a result of its water taking activities.

Appendix A-Operational Parameter Summary

Table 9: Operational Parameter Summary-Water Treatment

Location	Parameter	Unit	MAC	O.Reg 170/03 Limit	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Within Regulatory Limit?
Grand River	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	N/A	2.69	30.86	7.53	N/A
Filter 1	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.034	0.062	0.049	Yes
Filter 2	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.024	0.051	0.040	Yes
Filter 3	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.028	0.052	0.042	Yes
Filter 4	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.033	0.064	0.049	Yes
Filter 5	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.026	0.053	0.040	Yes
Filter 6	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.034	0.065	0.044	Yes
Filter 7	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.032	0.057	0.046	Yes
Filter 8	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	less than 1.00	0.037	0.067	0.052	Yes
CCC Effluent	Log Removal (Giardia)	N/A	N/A	more than 3.0	8.40	26.58	14.78	Yes
Brantford POE	Combined Chlorine	mg/L	3.00	N/A	2.50	2.65	2.57	Yes
Brantford POE	Turbidity	NTU	N/A	N/A	0.026	0.054	0.043	NRL
Brantford POE	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	97.15	97.54	97.35	Yes
Brantford POE	Fluoride	mg/L	1.50	N/A	0.63	0.73	0.68	Yes

Definitions: POE - Point of Entry to the Distribution System (Treated Water)

CCC - Chlorine Contact Chambers

Log Removal – a shorthand term for $\log_{10}$ removal, used in reference to the physical-chemical treatment of water to remove, kill, or inactivate pathogenic organisms.

Combined Chlorine -Combined chlorine residual is the chlorine species that exists in water in chemical combination with ammonia or other organic nitrogen compounds for the purpose of disinfection.

MAC - Maximum Acceptable Concentration

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

N/A - Not Applicable

NRL - No Regulatory Limit

Table 10: Operational Parameter Summary – Water Distribution

Location	Parameter	Unit	MAC	O.Reg 170/03 Limit	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Within Regulatory Limit?
Tollgate Reservoir	Total Chlorine	mg/L	3.00	N/A	1.98	2.52	2.24	Yes
Park Rd. Reservoir	Total Chlorine	mg/L	3.00	N/A	1.99	2.42	2.22	Yes
Northwest Reservoir	Total Chlorine	mg/L	3.00	N/A	2.25	2.53	2.40	Yes
Albion St. Booster	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	90.18	90.97	90.57	Yes
Tollgate Reservoir	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	57.96	58.95	58.52	Yes
Park Rd. Reservoir	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	78.37	78.64	78.53	Yes
Northwest Reservoir	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	84.23	86.69	85.26	Yes
Bell Lane	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	50.10	50.44	50.27	Yes
Fifth Ave.	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	96.12	96.74	96.49	Yes
Lawren Harris	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	64.43	64.86	64.64	Yes
St. Andrews	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	91.12	93.54	92.49	Yes
Empey St.	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	76.50	82.51	81.89	Yes
Stauffer Rd.	Pressure	psi	N/A	more than 20	78.10	81.56	80.16	Yes

Definitions: Combined Chlorine - Combined chlorine residual is the chlorine species that exists in water in chemical combination with ammonia or other organic nitrogen compounds

MAC - Maximum Acceptable Concentration

PSI - Pounds per square inch

N/A - Not Applicable

The Grand River



Appendix B – Inorganic Parameter Summary

Table 11: Inorganic Parameter Summary

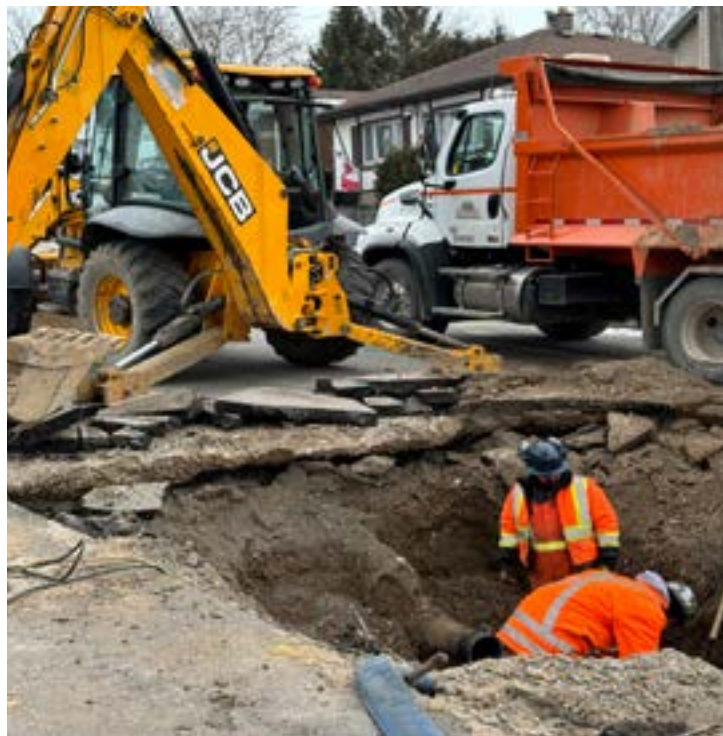
Parameter	Recent Sample	Unit of Measure	MAC	MDL	Treated Water	Within Regulatory Limit?
Bromate	13-August-25	mg/L	0.01	0.005	<MDL	Yes
Bromide	13-August-25	mg/L	N/A	0.001	0.083	NRL
Nitrite (as Nitrogen)	13-August-25	mg/L	1	0.003	<MDL	Yes
Nitrate (as Nitrogen)	13-August-25	mg/L	10	0.006	3.14	Yes
Antimony	13-August-25	ug/L	6	0.60	<MDL	Yes
Arsenic	13-August-25	ug/L	10	0.2	0.5	Yes
Barium	13-August-25	ug/L	1000	0.02	30	Yes
Boron	13-August-25	ug/L	5000	2	46	Yes
Cadmium	13-August-25	ug/L	5	0.003	0.005	Yes
Chromium	13-August-25	ug/L	50	0.08	0.19	Yes
Mercury	13-August-25	ug/L	1	0.01	<MDL	Yes
Sodium	13-August-25	mg/L	20	0.01	65.7	No
Selenium	13-August-25	ug/L	50	0.04	0.13	Yes
Uranium	13-August-25	ug/L	20	0.002	0.238	Yes

Definitions: MAC – Maximum Acceptable Concentration

MDL – Method Detection Limit

NRL - No Regulatory Limit

City staff make repairs to a broken water main.



Appendix C – Organic Parameter Summary

Table 12: Organic Parameter Summary

Parameter	Recent Sample	Unit of Measure	MAC	MDL	Treated Water	Within Regulatory Limit?
1,1-Dichloroethylene	13-August-25	µg/L	14	0.33	< MDL	Yes
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	13-August-25	µg/L	200	0.41	< MDL	Yes
1,2-Dichloroethane	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.35	< MDL	Yes
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.36	< MDL	Yes
2,3,4,6-tetrachlorophenol	13-August-25	µg/L	100	0.2	< MDL	Yes
2,4,6-trichlorophenol	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.25	< MDL	Yes
2,4-dichlorophenol	13-August-25	µg/L	900	0.15	< MDL	Yes
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	13-August-25	µg/L	100	0.19	< MDL	Yes
Alachlor	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.02	< MDL	Yes
Atrazine	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	0.01	0.02	NRL
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.01	0.06	Yes
Azinphos-methyl	13-August-25	µg/L	20	0.05	< MDL	Yes
Benzene	13-August-25	µg/L	1	0.32	< MDL	Yes
Benzo(a)pyrene	13-August-25	µg/L	0.01	0.004	< MDL	Yes
Bromoacetic Acid	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	2.9	< MDL	NRL
Bromodichloromethane	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	0.26	12	NRL
Bromoform	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	0.34	0.60	NRL
Bromoxynil	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.33	< MDL	Yes
Carbaryl	13-August-25	µg/L	90	0.05	< MDL	Yes
Carbofuran	13-August-25	µg/L	90	0.01	< MDL	Yes
Carbon tetrachloride	13-August-25	µg/L	2	0.17	< MDL	Yes
Chloroacetic Acid	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	4.7	< MDL	NRL
Chloroform	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	0.29	8.9	NRL
Chlorpyrifos	13-August-25	µg/L	90	0.02	< MDL	Yes
Desethyl atrazine	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	0.01	0.02	NRL
Diazinon	13-August-25	µg/L	20	0.02	< MDL	Yes
Dibromoacetic Acid	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	2	< MDL	NRL
Dibromochloromethane	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	0.37	24	Yes
Dicamba	13-August-25	µg/L	120	0.2	< MDL	Yes
Dichloroacetic Acid	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	2.6	4.6	NRL
Dichloromethane	13-August-25	µg/L	50	0.35	< MDL	Yes

Appendix C – Organic Parameter Summary

Table 12: Organic Parameter Summary (continued)

Parameter	Recent Sample	Unit of Measure	MAC	MDL	Treated Water	Within Regulatory Limit?
Diclofop-methyl	13-August-25	µg/L	9	0.4	< MDL	Yes
Dimethoate	13-August-25	µg/L	20	0.06	< MDL	Yes
Diquat	13-August-25	µg/L	70	1	< MDL	Yes
Diuron	13-August-25	µg/L	150	0.03	< MDL	Yes
Geosmin	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	3	< MDL	NRL
Glyphosate	13-August-25	µg/L	280	1	< MDL	Yes
Malathion	13-August-25	µg/L	190	0.02	< MDL	Yes
MCPA	13-August-25	µg/L	0.1	0.00012	< MDL	Yes
Metolachlor	13-August-25	µg/L	50	0.01	0.05	Yes
Metribuzin	13-August-25	µg/L	80	0.02	< MDL	Yes
MIB	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	3	< MDL	NRL
Monochlorobenzene	13-August-25	µg/L	80	.30	< MDL	Yes
NDMA N-Nitrosodimethylamine	13-August-25	µg/L	0.009	0.0009	< MDL	Yes
Paraquat	13-August-25	µg/L	10	1	< MDL	Yes
Pentachlorophenol	13-August-25	µg/L	60	0.15	< MDL	Yes
Phorate	13-August-25	µg/L	2	0.01	< MDL	Yes
Picloram	13-August-25	µg/L	190	1	< MDL	Yes
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) - Total	13-August-25	µg/L	3	0.04	< MDL	Yes
Prometryne	13-August-25	µg/L	1	0.03	< MDL	Yes
Simazine	13-August-25	µg/L	10	0.01	< MDL	Yes
Terbufos	13-August-25	µg/L	1	0.01	< MDL	Yes
Tetrachloroethylene	13-August-25	µg/L	30	0.35	< MDL	Yes
THMs (total)	13-August-25	µg/L	100	0.37	59	Yes
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	13-August-25	ng/L	80	5.3	11.1	Yes
Triallate	13-August-25	ng/L	230	0.01	< MDL	Yes
Trichloroacetic Acid	13-August-25	µg/L	N/A	5.3	< MDL	NRL
Trichloroethylene	13-August-25	µg/L	5	0.44	< MDL	Yes
Trifluralin	13-August-25	µg/L	45	0.02	< MDL	Yes
Vinyl Chloride	13-August-25	µg/L	1	.17	< MDL	Yes

Definitions: MDL – Method Detection Limit MAC – Maximum Acceptable Concentration
 NRL – No Regulatory Limit N/A – Not Available



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Date March 4, 2026 **Report No.** 2026-75

To Chair and Members
Social Services Committee

From Katie Maas, Director
Housing and Homelessness Services

1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item ☒ [X]
Item For Consideration ☐ []

2.0 Topic 2025 Point in Time (PiT) Count [Financial Impact: None]

3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT Report 2026-75, 2025 Point in Time (PiT) Count BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the Count of Brant.

4.0 Executive Summary

Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (RH) is a community-based program aimed at preventing and reducing homelessness by providing direct support and funding to Designated Communities (urban centres), Indigenous communities, territorial communities and rural and remote communities across Canada.

The City of Brantford is the designated Community Entity for the Federal Reaching Home program and is responsible for ensuring that Reaching Home

funds are used for activities that contribute to the objectives of the program while reflecting local realities and community needs and opportunities.

Conducting the Point in Time (PiT) Count¹ on the schedule prescribed by the federal government is a requirement of receiving these funds.

Traditionally, the PiT Count has been comprised of two components: an enumeration of those who are homeless conducted through system data analysis, visual identification, and conversations; and a survey to better understand the stories, experiences, and needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Reaching Home program requirements have been updated so that the survey component is now only required every three years. As a result, the 2025 and 2026 PiT Counts will only require enumeration components.

The 2025 PiT Count was conducted over the evening of October 14, 2025, and the morning of October 15, 2025. The City of Brantford asked the single mandatory question and added three additional local questions to aid in program planning (Appendix A).

Core partners completed the count at their agencies and by walking routes in locations across the City of Brantford and the County of Brant. Shelter data was also collected from participating agencies and from the Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS)².

The 2025 PiT Count enumerated 379 individuals experiencing homelessness in Brantford-Brant on the night of October 14, 2025.

5.0 Purpose and Overview

This report provides a summary of the 2025 PiT Count that was conducted in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant.

6.0 Background

Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy (RH) is a federal community-based program overseen by Housing, Infrastructure and

¹ A Point in Time (PiT) Count is an enumeration method that seeks to identify the number of people experiencing homelessness at one specific point in time.

² HIFIS is a comprehensive federal software tool in Canada used by service providers to collect, manage, and share real-time data on homelessness.

Communities Canada (HICC). The City of Brantford is the designated Community Entity for the Reaching Home Program.

Community Entities across Canada must lead a Point-in-Time (PiT) count as a funding requirement, which the City of Brantford has participated in since its inception in 2016. A PiT Count is a national standardized approach used to measure the extent of homelessness in a community on a single night. All Reaching Home communities are required to complete a PiT Count as part of Canada's National Homelessness Strategy.

Previously, the PiT Count consistently had two primary components: an enumeration (count) of individuals visibly or known to be experiencing homelessness on the night of the count and an anonymous voluntary survey that provided valuable insight into the lives of those experiencing homelessness. In 2024, the Government of Canada announced that they will only be requiring surveys to be conducted every three years, with the next full enumeration and survey year being in 2027. As a result, the 2025 PiT Count was an enumeration-only year, with a single required question, and three local questions added.

The PiT Count has mandatory questions which have been provided by HICC. These questions are consistent across Canada and provide the opportunity to benchmark collected data. All communities use a similar PiT Count approach which includes a core set of survey questions. A consistent methodology is encouraged that helps guide communities in gathering essential information in an unbiased and non-judgmental manner.

All information collected in the PiT Count is anonymous and cannot be traced back to any specific person. PiT homeless data only represents people staying in participating facilities and those who are approached by an interviewer and consent to participating.

The PiT Count methodology is unable to capture everyone experiencing homelessness in a community. The PiT Count should be viewed as an estimated minimum number of people experiencing homelessness on a given date and the data provided in this report is an estimate and potentially an undercount of the number of people experiencing homelessness. Many individuals experience "hidden homelessness", which includes those who are couch surfing, staying with family temporarily, or underhoused and self-paying. These individuals are typically not encountered in the shelter system or during a PiT Count and so their data is not included.

While PiT Count data should be considered a minimum estimate, the information collected provides local and national governments with invaluable data to inform decision makers, planner, and service providers to help end homelessness in Canada.

7.0 Corporate Policy Context

Brantford City Council 2023-2026 Strategic Priorities Theme 6. b. Invest in a long-term strategy and plan to manage the homelessness crisis, inclusive of the related issues of mental health and addiction issues and safety and security concerns.

County of Brant 2024-2027 Strategic Priorities 2. Focused Growth and Infrastructure and 3. Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Communities

[Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan \(2014-2024\)](#)

City of Brantford [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan \(2021-2025\)](#)

County of Brant [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan \(2025-2029\)](#)

8.0 Input From Other Sources

Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada

[Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy](#)

Brantford Native Housing

Community Advisory Board (CAB)

9.0 Analysis

9.1 Participation

The 2025 PiT Count was conducted over the night of October 14, 2025 and into the morning of October 15, 2025.

Similar to the 2024 PiT Count, the 2025 PiT Count was co-led between the City of Brantford and Brantford Native Housing. Three local questions were added to support program planning and data trends.

To support the enumeration, data was pulled from all emergency shelter locations regarding overnight stays on October 14, 2025.

2025 PiT Count surveys and/or data collection were conducted by staff and volunteers from the following participating community agencies:

- Brantford Native Housing;
- Brantford Public Library;
- Canadian Mental Health Association;
- City of Brantford:
 - Housing Stability Division,
 - Ontario Works Division, and
 - The Live Well Brantford-Brant Supportive Housing program;
- Grand Erie Family and Children's Services;
- Grand River Community Health Centre;
- Nova Vita;
- Rosewood House;
- SOAR Community Services; and
- The Salvation Army – Brantford Booth Centre.

Staff from Brantford Native Housing and the City of Brantford also attended known encampments and walked routes in areas within the City of Brantford and the County of Brant where those experiencing homelessness are often located.

Everyone who agreed to participate in the survey was offered an honorarium for their valuable input.

9.2 Data Validity

The PiT Count methodology is unable to capture everyone experiencing homelessness in a community and should be viewed as an estimated minimum number of people experiencing homelessness on a given date.

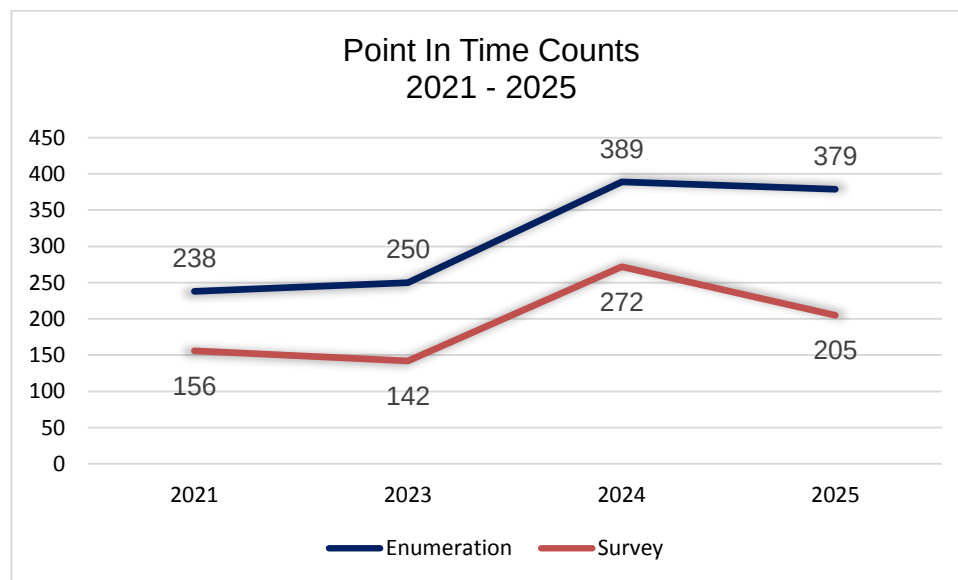
Certain demographics within the homeless population are often harder to connect with during outreach activities due to their increased vulnerability,

systemic barriers, and the experiences of hidden homelessness. This includes Indigenous peoples, women fleeing violence, 2SLGBTQI+ Youth, people living temporarily with others without guarantee of continued residence or access to permanent housing, and people accessing temporary rental accommodations without security of tenure. These groups are often overrepresented in populations experiencing homelessness but underrepresented in data collection.

The 2025 PiT Count enumeration completed in October 2025 identified 379 individuals experiencing homelessness.

Of these 379 individuals, 205 participants (54%) consented to completing a survey. The 2025 PiT Count enumeration results are a slight decrease from 2024 (Chart 1).

Chart 1 - Brantford-Brant Point In Time Count Results, 2021-2025



The 2025 PiT Count figure is 43% lower than the City's By Name List data³ which had 665 unique individuals identified as experiencing homelessness in October 2025.

The City of Brantford, as the Reaching Home Community Entity, has been nationally recognized for having Quality By-Name List (BNL) Data to provide an accurate and detailed measure of homelessness in Brantford-Brant.

³ A By-Name List is a real-time list of all people experiencing homelessness in a community. It includes a robust set of data points that support coordinated access and prioritization at a household level and an understanding of homeless inflow and outflow at a system level.

The difference between the By-Name List (BNL) data from October 2025 and the results of the 2025 Point-in-Time (PiT) Count is expected. The BNL captures all known individuals experiencing homelessness in Brantford-Brant who have engaged with the homelessness system and have agreed to ongoing case management and is a more accurate measurement of all types of homelessness.

The PiT Count is a one-day snapshot that provides a broader overview of homelessness in the community. It includes individuals who may not access services, who avoid contact with support agencies, who are staying in unsheltered locations that are less frequently monitored, or who are experiencing hidden homelessness.

The findings from the PiT Count can help identify areas where people are not yet connected to the service system. This information supports targeted outreach efforts aimed at engaging these individuals and, where appropriate, adding them to the By-Name List so they can receive coordinated and long-term housing supports.

9.3 Findings

The mandatory enumeration question required by HICC requested individuals to disclose where they spent the night of the PiT Count.

Of the 379 individuals enumerated:

- 35% (n=131) spent the night in an unsheltered location,
- 27% (n=102) were in an emergency shelter, and
- 15% (n=58) reported to be in an encampment.

The remaining 16% of respondents declared to be residing homeless in various locations (Table 1).

Table 1 - Where People Spent the Night, 2025 PiT Count Findings

	Number	Percentage
Unsheltered in a Public Space	131	34.6%
Homeless Shelter	102	26.9%
Encampment	58	15.3%
Transitional Shelter / Housing	28	7.4%
Someone Else's Residence	17	4.5%
DV Shelter (not funded by City)	16	4.2%
Hotel/Motel (self-funded)	14	3.7%
Vehicle	8	2.1%
Jail, Prison, Remand Centre	2	0.5%
Treatment Centre	1	0.3%
Hospital	1	0.3%
Did Not Answer	1	0.3%
Total	379	100%

In the 2024 PiT Count, 43% of respondents declared they were residing unsheltered in a public space, 23% were residing in an emergency shelter and 13% were sleeping outdoors including in vehicles, encampments, and makeshift shelters.

The 2025 PiT Count results show a decrease in the percentage of individuals residing unsheltered and an increase in the percentage of individuals accessing emergency shelter services.

In addition to the single mandatory question, three additional local questions were added to the survey to aid in program planning:

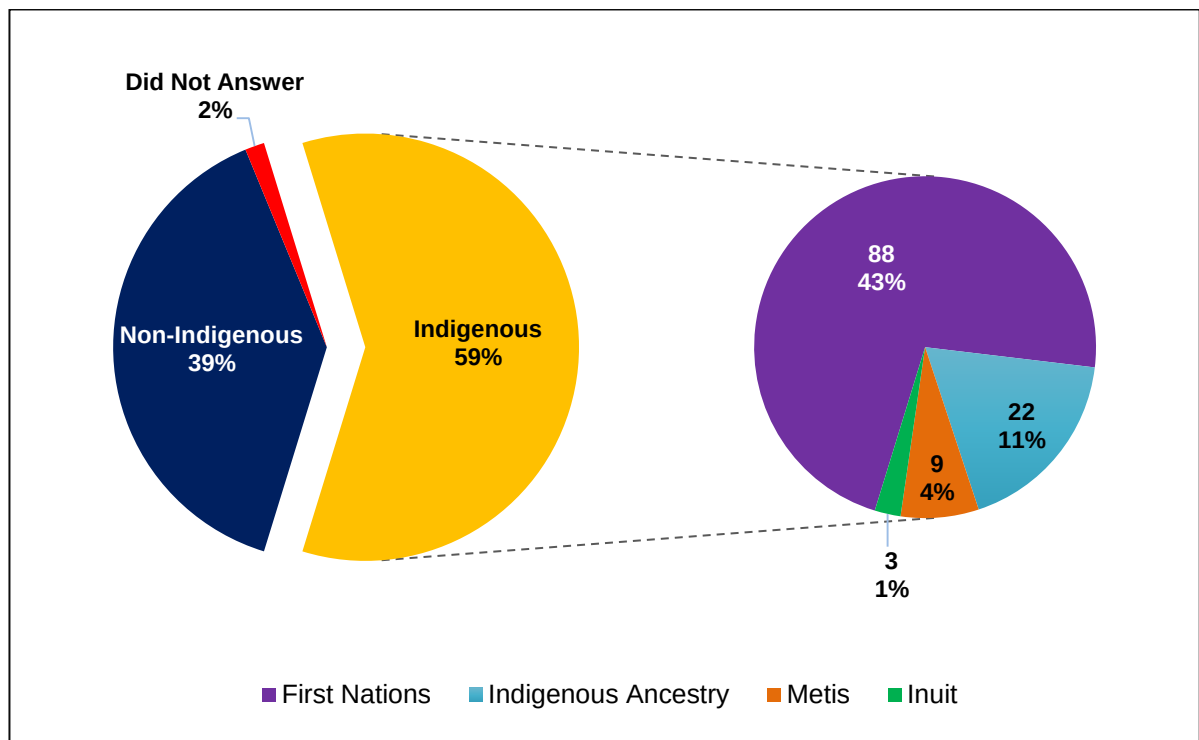
1. Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Métis, or Inuit, or do you have North American Indigenous ancestry?
2. Have you ever served in the Canadian Military or RCMP?
3. What gender do you identify with?

These questions were added because certain demographic groups are disproportionately represented within the homeless population, despite being underrepresented in the general community. Having accurate information from people with lived experience helps ensure that programs, policies, and services are informed by the realities of those most affected and allows staff to identify

unique barriers, understand patterns of inequity and design more equitable, culturally responsive supports that reflect the needs of the community.

Of the 205 people who completed the additional survey questions, 59% (n=122) identified as Indigenous or having Indigenous Ancestry (Chart 2). The 2025 PiT Count results are congruent with previous PiT Counts: in 2024 64% of survey respondents identified as being Indigenous or having Indigenous Ancestry.

Chart 2 - Indigenous Identity, 2025 PiT Count



Addressing Veteran homelessness directly supports the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) mission, which emphasizes coordinated, data-driven community responses and has already helped several communities reach *functional zero*⁴ for veteran homelessness through Built for Zero Canada. This work also aligns with Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, which requires communities to use coordinated access, real-time data, and

⁴ Functional zero is a measurable milestone indicating that a community has *effectively ended homelessness for a specific population* by ensuring it is rare, brief, and non-recurring. In practical terms, this means the number of people experiencing homelessness at any given time is lower than the community's demonstrated ability to house them in a month, supported by real-time, by-name data systems that track every person experiencing homelessness.

targeted supports to reduce homelessness and improve housing stability for vulnerable groups, including veterans.

Brantford-Brant has consistently identified a small percentage of the homeless population identifying as Veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

In the 2025 PiT Count, 4% (n=8) of the 205 respondents declared that they were veterans.

Of the 205 respondents in the 2025 PiT Count, 59% (n=121) identified as men. Women accounted for 40% (n=81) of the respondents and three individuals (1%) chose not to identify.

9.4 National and Local Trends

[Everyone Counts 2024 – Highlights Report Part 2](#) published by Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities Canada (HICC), presents the national findings from the 2024 coordinated Point-in-Time (PiT) Count.

The report shows that communities nationwide are experiencing similar patterns in homelessness, including significant variation in where people stay overnight, diverse demographic profiles, and persistent themes such as long-term homelessness, early onset of housing instability, and complex health and disability-related needs. It also identifies consistent systemic drivers such as income insecurity, movement between communities, and the disproportionate overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples, newcomers, 2SLGBTQI+ individuals, and racialized groups within the homeless population.

These national trends closely mirror those observed in local PiT Counts, including the one conducted in Brantford-Brant. The same factors influencing homelessness across Canada; chronic homelessness, mental and physical health challenges, and the need for coordinated, system-level responses are evident at the municipal level. HICC's published report reinforces that Brantford-Brant's experiences align with broader national patterns in the drivers, demographics, and service needs surfaced through local enumeration and survey efforts.

10.0 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

11.0 Climate and Environmental Implications

There are no direct climate and environmental implications associated with this report.

12.0 Conclusion

The PiT Count is an annual Reaching Home funding requirement from Housing Infrastructure and Communities Canada. The findings of the 2025 PiT Count support ongoing service and program planning for the Brantford-Brant Coordinated Access System.

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Attachments:

Appendix A - 2025 PiT Count Survey

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In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

By-law required ☐ yes ☒ no

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk ☐ yes ☒ no

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? ☐ yes ☒ no

PiT 2025 Questions

Screening Question A

Hi, I'm ____[your name]_____, I'm conducting the PiT count to better understand homelessness. Have you already spoken to someone this morning with this sticker?

Yes/No

If they answer "no," proceed with the informed consent script:

Consent Script

- We're talking to people experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness in Brantford-Brant. We expect more than twenty thousand people across Canada to participate.
- Participation is voluntary and we won't write down your name.
- You can choose to skip any question or to stop the survey at any time.
- This will only take a couple of minutes, and you'll receive a gift card for your time.
- Your responses will be confidential and anonymous.
- The survey results are shared with the community and our federal partners to improve our understanding of homelessness across the country.
- Results will help develop programs and services that prevent and stop homelessness.
- Your participation and answers will not have an impact on the services you're offered or receive.

Screening Question B

Are you willing to answer a few brief questions about housing and homelessness in our community?

Yes/No

no: stop

yes: conduct survey and provide gift card at the end.

Question 1

Where did you sleep last night?

- ☐ DECLINE TO ANSWER
- ☐ OWN APARTMENT/HOUSE
- ☐ SOMEONE ELSE'S PLACE
- ☐ MOTEL/HOTEL SELF-FUNDED
- ☐ HOSPITAL
- ☐ TREATMENT CENTRE
- ☐ JAIL, PRISON, REMAND CENTRE
- ☐ HOMELESS SHELTER (e.g. emergency, family or domestic violence shelter, warming centre, drop-in)
- ☐ HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDED BY CITY OR HOMELESS PROGRAM
- ☐ TRANSITIONAL SHELTER/HOUSING
- ☐ UNSHELTERED IN A PUBLIC SPACE (e.g., street, park, bus shelter, forest or abandoned building)
- ☐ ENCAMPMENT (e.g., group of tents, makeshift shelters or other long-term outdoor settlement)
- ☐ VEHICLE (e.g., car, van, recreational vehicle [RV], truck, boat)

IF UNSURE: Ask follow-up questions and indicate probable location from the options above.

Question 2

Do you identify as First Nations (with or without status), Métis, or Inuit, or do you have North American Indigenous ancestry? (If yes, please specify)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Decline to answer
- ☐ Yes (please specify):
 - ☐ First Nations
 - ☐ Inuit
 - ☐ Metis
 - ☐ Indigenous Ancestry
 - ☐ Other: _____

Question 3

Have you ever served in the Canadian Military or RCMP?

Military includes all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces including the Navy, Army, and Air Force, both Regular and Reserve, and Canadian Army Rangers. *Military members must have successfully completed basic training.*

- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Decline to answer
- ☐ Yes (please specify):
 - ☐ RCMP
 - ☐ Military
 - ☐ RCMP & Military

Question 4

What gender do you identify with? (Show list or read list)

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Two-Spirit
- ☐ Trans Woman
- ☐ Trans Man
- ☐ Non-Binary (Genderqueer)
- ☐ Other / Not listed: _____
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Decline to answer

From Katie Maas, Director
Housing and Homelessness Services

As of December 31, 2025, there were 1,050 active households on the centralized housing wait list. This represents a slight increase from 2024; however, waitlist levels have remained relatively similar over the past few years and continue to reflect the lowest levels observed in the last 10 years.

5.0 Purpose and Overview

The report is the 2025 annual update regarding the Service Manager's centralized housing waitlist.

6.0 Background

The centralized housing waitlist for Rent-Geared-To-Income (RGI) housing (also referred to as Community Housing) is managed and administered by the City of Brantford in its role as the Service Manager for both the City of Brantford and the County of Brant. The centralized waitlist is a legislative requirement under the [Housing Services Act, 2011](#).

In most cases, RGI rent is calculated as 30% of a household's monthly adjusted Family Net Income (AFNI). AFNI is assessed annually based on each household member's Notice of Assessment issued by the Canada Revenue Agency (annual income tax return). For households receiving social assistance, rent is determined using the shelter benefit amount set by the Ontario government.

Individuals may apply for RGI housing as long as they meet the following criteria:

- At least one household member is 16 years of age or older;
- At least one household member is able to live independently, with or without support services; and
- Each household member can verify their legal status in Canada as one of the following:
 - a Canadian citizen;
 - a permanent resident of Canada;
 - an applicant for Canadian permanent resident status; or
 - a refugee claimant or Convention refugee.

Applicants are required to submit their Notice of Assessment (NOA) annually for the current taxation year while they remain on the centralized housing waitlist. This information is used to confirm ongoing eligibility for Rent Geared to Income

(RGI) assistance and must also be provided prior to accepting an offer of housing.

When applying for RGI housing, if any member of the household owns residential property, this must be disclosed at time of completing application and the applicant must agree to sell the property (or their share of property) within six months of moving into subsidized housing. For individuals applying without income, it is a requirement to pursue all sources of income such as Ontario Works.

Each Service Manager is responsible for maintaining their own centralized housing waitlist for their Service Manager area. Households can apply to RGI waitlists in multiple municipalities but cannot transfer their RGI application for housing between municipalities.

Eligible households can apply to any RGI units in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant as well as Rent Supplement units made available through private sector landlords, through the centralized housing waitlist. If eligible, applicants can also choose to stay in their current unit and receive a temporary rent allowance if their landlord is willing to enter into an agreement with the City of Brantford.

On the RGI application, eligible households can select as few or as many buildings and can update their building selections whenever they wish.

5.0 Corporate Policy Context

This report supports:

City Council's 2023-2026 Strategic Theme 6 (b): invest in a long-term strategy and plan to manage the homelessness crisis, inclusive of the related issues of mental health and addiction issues and safety and security concerns.

County of Brant's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan, Priority 2. Focused Growth and Infrastructure.

[Brantford Brant Housing Stability Plan \(2014-2024\)](#)

6.0 Input From Other Sources

[Housing Services Act, 2011](#)

7.0 Analysis

To manage and administer the centralized wait list, staff implemented a new database in 2023: Arcori (IHS) *Integrated Housing System*. Throughout 2025, ongoing system improvement implementation continued to roll out in phases.

The online portal functionality of IHS was enabled in 2025 allowing individuals and households to create a unique account and:

- Submit applications online;
- monitor their application's status; and
- update application information at any time.

Staff continue to work with current and new applicant households to support use of the IHS online portal.

Staff also continue to work closely with Arcori to implement ongoing system improvements to applicant communications, reports, and statistical data extraction, and to continuously customize the system to meet local needs.

7.1 Applications

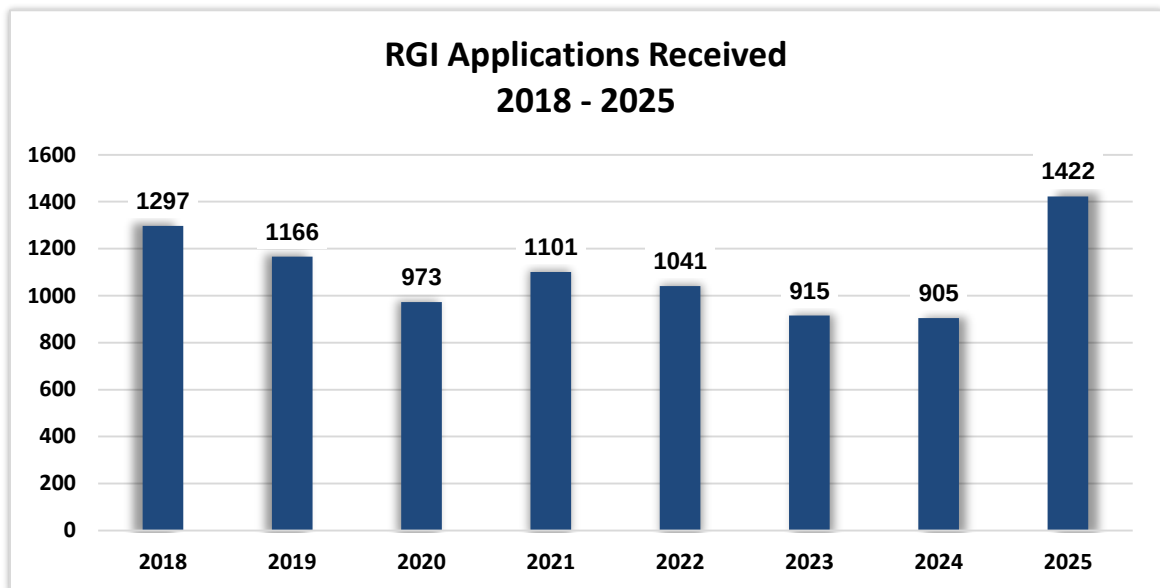
In 2025, staff received and processed 1,422 new applications for RGI housing.

This is a 57% increase in comparison to 2024 and the most applications received and processed in a 12-month period since 2018 (Chart 1).

Staff attribute the implementation of the online application portal to the increase in applications. Starting in 2025 applicants have been able to apply for RGI housing faster and more conveniently, decreasing the amount of staff time required to process an application.

Of the 1,422 applications received, 403 (28%) were deemed eligible and placed on the centralized waitlist. An application is deemed eligible once all required documentation has been submitted and legislated requirements have been met.

Chart 1 - RGI Applications Received, 2018-25



Once a household is placed on the centralized housing waitlist, estimated wait times vary based on several factors, including the number of preferred locations selected, the unit size required, and the number of applicants on the centralized housing waitlist.

Estimated approximate wait times for community housing remain unchanged from 2024:

- Seniors aged 60 and older – between 3-5 years;
- Families with dependents – between 4-8 years; and
- Non-senior applicants with no dependents – 8-12 years.

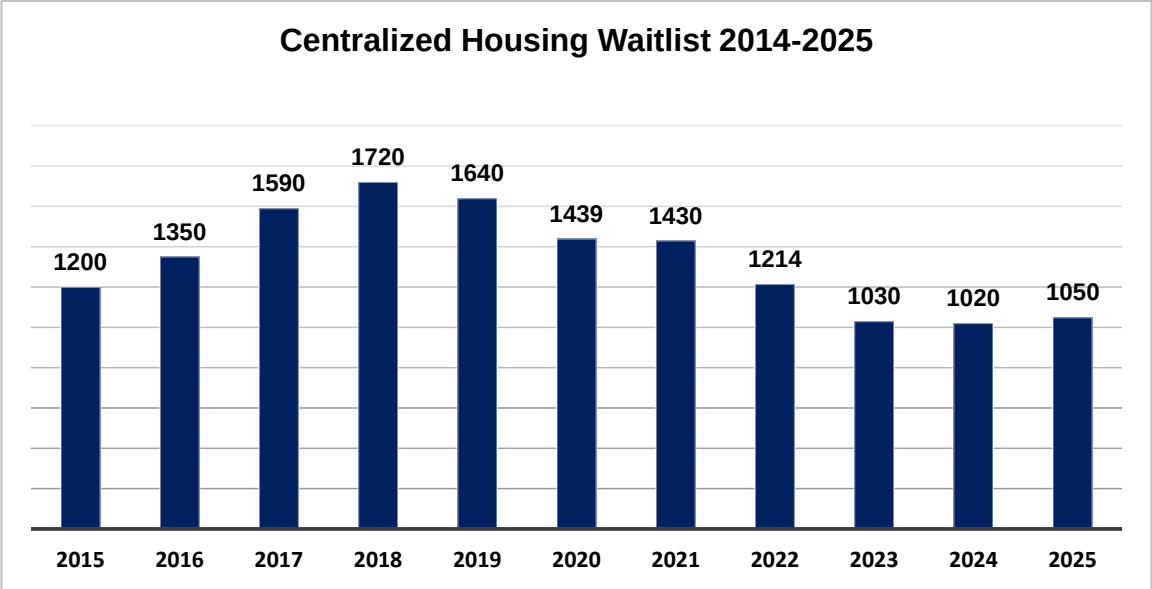
Wait times vary depending on the type and size of unit selected. Applicants who limit their housing choices to fewer locations or specific unit types can expect longer waiting times.

A key factor contributing to extended wait time is the continued increase in home prices and private market rents. These market conditions have resulted in fewer households transitioning out of RGI housing, which subsequently reduces unit turnover and limits the number of RGI units available to new applicants.

7.2 Centralized Housing Waitlist Data

As of December 31, 2025, there were 1,050 active households on the centralized housing wait list. While this represents a slight increase from 2024, the waitlist remains significantly lower than historical levels over the past decade.

Chart 2 - Centralized Housing Waitlist, 2015-2025



Most applicant households currently reside in the City of Brantford (Chart 3), and the majority of the 1,050 households on the waitlist are families with dependents (Chart 4).

It is important to note that bachelor/one-bedroom units are still the highest in demand in order to provide adequate housing options for singles, couples without dependents, and seniors:

Chart 3 - Current Residency

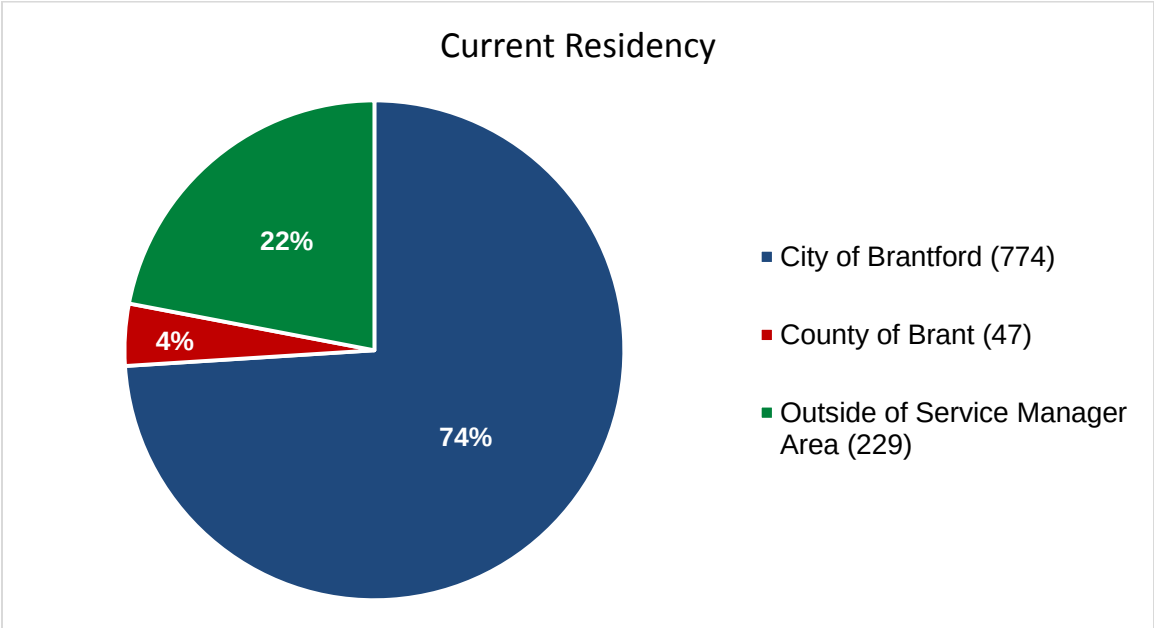
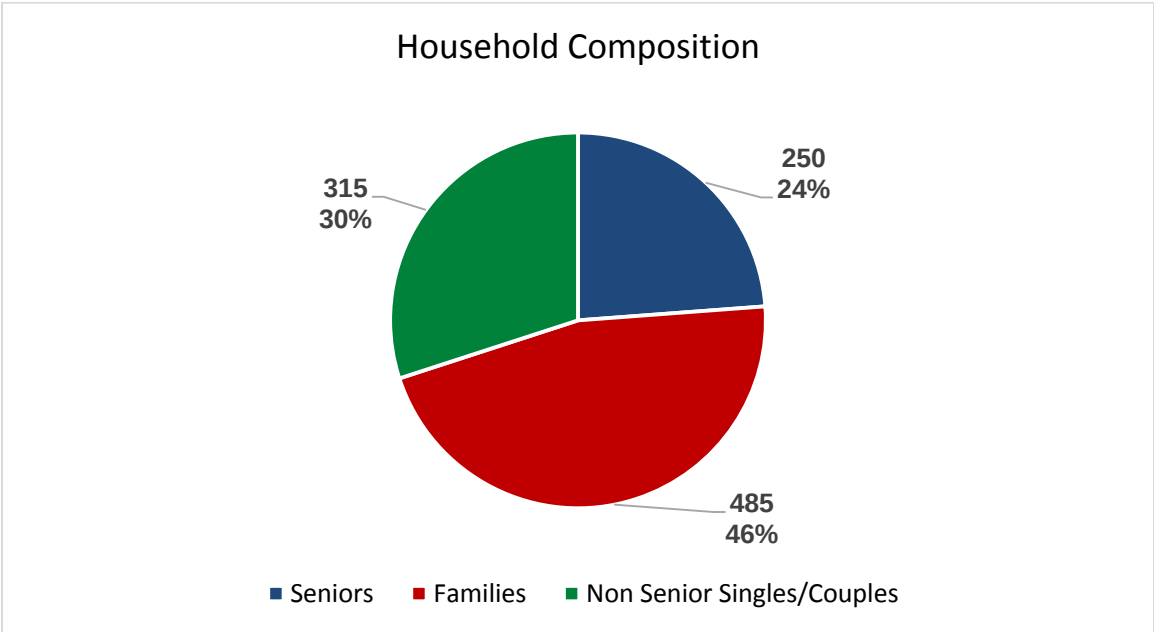


Chart 4 – Household Composition



9.3 Priority Status

The Special Priority Program (SPP) established Under the *Housing Services Act*, 2011 is available to households with current or recent experience of abuse or human trafficking. Where applicable, SPP status provides priority access to Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) housing and/or Portable Housing Benefits.

Applicants approved for SPP status are ranked ahead of all other households on the centralized waiting list for the community housing and are typically housed more quickly. Placement timelines may vary depending on factors such as the number of housing selections made by the applicant and unit turnover within the requested communities. Housing staff rely on documentation from qualified professionals to confirm eligibility and ensure that SPP status is granted only to households that meet the program criteria.

Households at imminent risk of or experiencing homelessness are provided with Urgent Priority status.

Households that qualify for Urgent Priority status are eligible for priority consideration for one in ten vacancies on the waiting list if the unit is of the appropriate size for the household.

All other households on the centralized waiting list are ranked in chronological order according to their application date and are offered housing based on this sequence.

Of the 1,050 households currently active on the centralized waiting list:

- 117 (11%) have Special Priority Status: this is a slight increase from 2024 when 10% of households (n=107) on the waiting list had SPP status; and
- 229 (22%) households have Urgent Priority status: which is also a slight increase from 2024 when 17% of households (n=175) on the waiting list had Urgent Priority status.

7.4 Canada Ontario Housing Benefit

The Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) is a portable housing benefit that applicants can access if they are active on the centralized housing waitlist.

Housing staff support and facilitate applications to the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit where appropriate to assist households in securing affordable housing in the private rental market. COHB funding is provided through the National Housing Strategy. Applications are administered by the Ministry of Finance and are accepted on a fiscal year cycle (April 1- March 31). Staff continue to actively promote this housing benefit to eligible households and community partners working with families experiencing housing instability.

The City of Brantford was allocated \$266,000 (41 households) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26, which is the lowest base funding allocation amount since FY 2021-22 and represents an overall decrease of \$15,600 from FY 2024-25 and \$368,000 from the total COHB allocation from FY 2023-24, when one time funding was provided. (Figure 6).

A total of twenty-seven (27) applications for the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit were submitted in the 2025 calendar year as of December 31, 2025. This reflects a decrease of approximately 60% compared to the 67 applications submitted in 2024.

Staff continue to match eligible households to the COHB program in Q1 2026 and will fully exhaust the 2025-26 allocations.

Figure 1 - COHB Allocations by Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year	Base Funding	Increase / (Decrease) to Base Funding from previous FY	One Time Additional Funding	Total COHB	Increase / (Decrease) to total COHB from previous FY
2020-21	\$ 275,381	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 275,381	\$ -
2021-22	\$ 85,450	\$ (189,931)	\$ -	\$ 85,450	\$ (189,931)
2022-23	\$ 447,600	\$ 362,150	\$ -	\$ 447,600	\$ 362,150
2023-24	\$ 317,000	\$ (130,600)	\$ 317,000	\$ 634,000	\$ 186,400
2024-25	\$ 281,600	\$ (35,400)	\$ -	\$ 281,600	\$ (352,400)
2025-26	\$ 266,000	\$ (15,600)	\$ -	\$ 266,000	\$ (15,600)

As of December 31, 2025, there were 145 households on the wait list for COHB.

7.1 Housed

Over the past year, fewer applicants were housed from the centralized Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) waitlist compared to previous reporting periods. 135 households were housed from the centralized housing waitlist in 2025.

This total number includes households that have accepted:

- an offer of tenancy in community (RGI) housing;
- a Rent Supplement;
- a Portable Housing Benefit; or
- placement in a supportive housing site.

This is a significant decrease from 2024 when 212 households were housed and is comparable to 2022 when 145 applicant households received offers of tenancy.

This decline is the result of several factors including:

1. Reduced turnover within the existing RGI housing stock.

More tenants are choosing to remain in their units due to rising market rents and limited affordable alternatives in the private rental market. With fewer units becoming vacant, fewer opportunities existed to place applicants from the waitlist.

2. The increasingly complex needs of applicants.

Many households on the centralized housing waitlist require specific features such as accessible units or large family-sized units of four or more bedrooms that are in short supply across the RGI housing system.

Many applicants are also experiencing homelessness or are transient in nature. This resulted in applicants who could not be located by staff in order to make an offer of housing. This results in a process delay to ensure staff do their full due diligence before removing the application from the waiting list and moving on to the next eligible household.

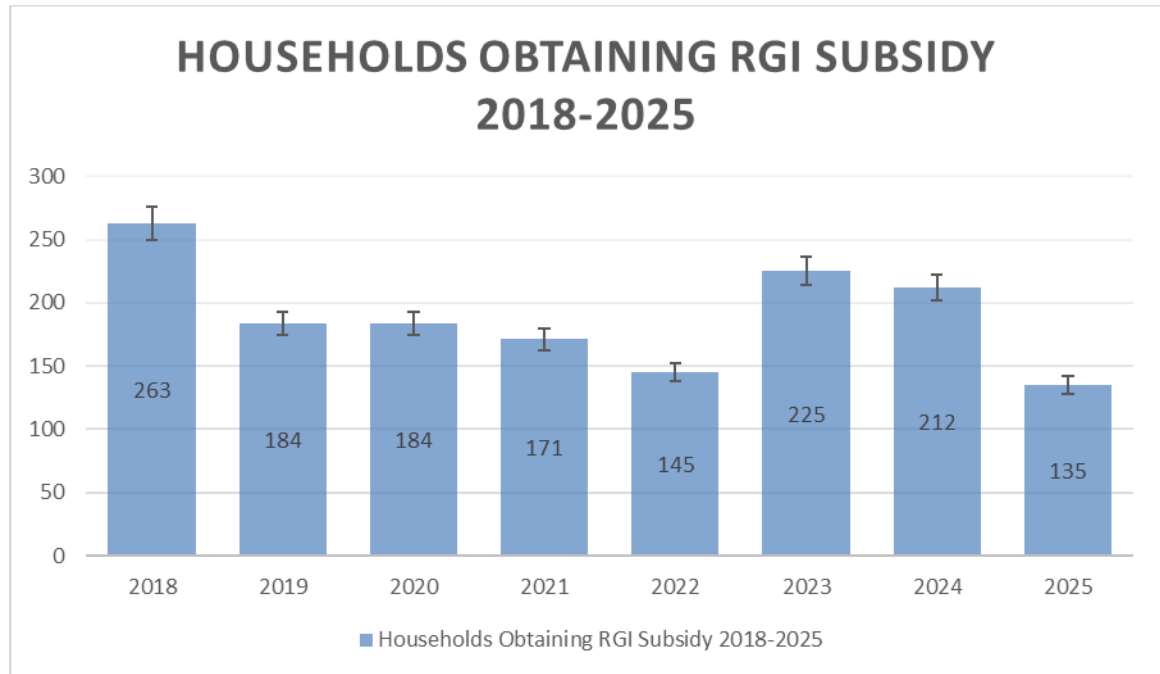
3. Declined offers of housing.

76 offers of housing were declined by applicants in 2025 which further limited successful placements. Some applicants declined the offer for an RGI unit due to location, accessibility, or suitability concerns.

Together, these factors reflect a broader context in which demand for RGI housing continues to grow while community supply remains constrained,

resulting in fewer households being housed from the waitlist despite ongoing efforts to optimize unit turnover and placement processes.

Figure 1 - Households Obtaining RGI Subsidy, 2018-2024



8.0 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

9.0 Climate and Environmental Implications

There are no direct climate and environmental implications associated with this report.

10.0 Conclusion

The centralized housing waitlist continues to reflect ongoing need for affordable housing across the Service Manager area. Improvements to the system structure, including the implementation of the Integrated Housing System and online application portal, have enhanced transparency and streamlined access to the application process.

As of December 31, 2025, 1,050 households were active on the waitlist. While this represents a modest increase over 2024, waitlist volumes remain below peak levels experienced earlier in the past decade. Simultaneously, application

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activity increased, and the proportion of households requiring Special or Urgent priority consideration has grown, indicating rising complexity among applicants.

Looking ahead, maintaining an efficient waitlist system, preserving existing housing stock, and leveraging available funding streams for Rent Supplements will be essential to supporting housing stability in the Brantford-Brant communities.

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To Chair and Members
Social Service Committee

From Katie Maas, Director
Housing and Homelessness Services

1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item ☒ [X]
Item For Consideration ☐ []

**2.0 Topic City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN)
2025 Annual Update [Financial Impact: None]**

3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT Report 2026-74, City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) 2025 Annual Update BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to forward a copy of the final resolution and staff report to the County of Brant.

4.0 Executive Summary

The *Housing Services Act*, 2011 (HSA) designates the City of Brantford as the Service Manager responsible for the administration and delivery of housing and homelessness services and programs in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant.

The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) coordinates and leads encampment response in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant. Current

COBEN partner organizations are: Brantford Native Housing, Grand River Community Health Centre, Gihekdagye Friendship Centre, City of Brantford's Family and Income Stability Division (Ontario Works), Ontario Disability Support Program, SOAR Community Services including staff from the Housing Resource Centre and Emergency Intake, Brantford Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinic (RAAM), Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COAST), Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT), and Brantford Public Library.

Identified gaps in previous encampment outreach service delivery led to the Housing-Bylaw Pilot Project, launched in July 2023, to provide outreach services to people residing in encampments. This program was subsequently made permanent, effective April 2025.

Key findings for 2025:

- The City's encampment team visited a total of 278 encampments;
- The team encountered 249 unique individuals, 96% of whom were known to the system; and
- Permanent independent or supportive housing was secured for 25 (10%) of the unique individuals supported.

5.0 Purpose and Overview

The purpose of this report is to provide the 2025 program outcomes update for the City of Brantford's Encampment Network.

6.0 Background

The *Housing Services Act*, 2011 (HSA) designates the City of Brantford as the Service Manager responsible for the administration and delivery of housing and homelessness services and programs in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant.

The City of Brantford Encampment Network (COBEN) coordinates and leads encampment response in the City of Brantford and the County of Brant. COBEN launched on July 4, 2023 to address identified gaps in service delivery and to provide housing stability support to people residing in encampments. It was subsequently made permanent effective April 1, 2025. This enables prompt responses to community concerns and coordination of efforts between the bylaw team, housing stability team, and community partners. COBEN also ensures

those experiencing homelessness are offered appropriate support and resources, while applicable bylaws continue to be enforced.

A coordinated and trauma-informed response is essential when engaging with individuals experiencing homelessness. People experiencing homelessness in general, and encampment residents in particular continue to face significant stigma. Vulnerable populations remain overrepresented among those experiencing homelessness and are at heightened risk of housing instability. The needs of unhoused individuals are shaped by intersecting and often compounding systemic barriers, emphasizing the importance of the City of Brantford's collaboration with relevant community partners to ensure the provision of comprehensive and coordinated support.

6.1 Staffing

Throughout 2025, the City's Encampment Outreach Response Team consisted of two Community Initiatives Coordinators (CICs) working in partnership with designated Bylaw staff. Together, this team conducts joint visits to reported encampments within the community and provides coordinated interventions and pathways to support individuals in transitioning from living outdoors to more appropriate and safer accommodations.

The Community Initiatives Coordinators are primarily dedicated to encampment outreach within the City of Brantford, with support provided to the County of Brant on an as-needed basis. CICs collaborate closely with community partners to ensure that individuals receive comprehensive, client-centered supports that address their immediate needs and facilitate longer-term stability.

6.2 Encampment Response

Encampments within the City of Brantford may be reported by anyone through the City's Customer Contact Centre. The response to each report is based on the encampment's location.

If individuals at an encampment identify as Indigenous, Brantford Native Housing is the designated outreach provider and leads the coordination of supports.

For encampments on private property, Bylaw staff contact the property owner to request permission to engage with individuals on site. With permission, the Housing–Bylaw team attends, offers supports, and provides information on available services. If individuals decline assistance, property owners are advised

on how to work with Brantford Police Services to enforce the Trespass to Property Act.

For encampments on public property, the Housing–Bylaw team attends to engage with residents, offer services, and provide information on community resources, including food programs and medical supports. When suitable space is available within the emergency shelter system, it is offered as part of the City’s compassionate response. If appropriate accommodation is available but declined, Bylaw staff advise residents that the encampment cannot remain and that the site will be scheduled for cleanup.

Appropriate notice is provided before any encampment cleanup to ensure residents have sufficient time to gather their belongings. During this period, staff continue engaging with residents and offer additional connections to support.

When individuals or households accept assistance, the Housing–Bylaw team coordinates the necessary services. For those placed in emergency shelters, staff complete a warm handoff so shelter staff can begin intensive case management and develop individualized housing plans.

For individuals or households accommodated in motels, Community Initiatives Coordinators provide ongoing support with the goal of securing permanent housing. This includes assistance with housing applications, obtaining identification, accessing medical care, and ensuring food security.

COBEN partner agencies meet weekly to review case management and the current needs of all households receiving support. These meetings enhance communication, improve information sharing, and coordinate resources effectively, reducing duplication of effort and maximizing the number of individuals and families who can be assisted.

7.0 Corporate Policy Context

City Council’s 2023-2026 Strategic Theme 6. b) Invest in a long-term strategy and plan to manage the homelessness crisis, inclusive of related issues of mental health and addiction issues, and safety and security concerns.

County Council’s 2024-2027 Strategic Priority 3. Healthy, Safe, and Engaged Communities

[Brantford-Brant Housing Stability Plan \(2014-2024\)](#)

City of Brantford [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan \(2021-2025\)](#)

County of Brant [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan \(2025-2029\)](#)

8.0 Input From Other Sources

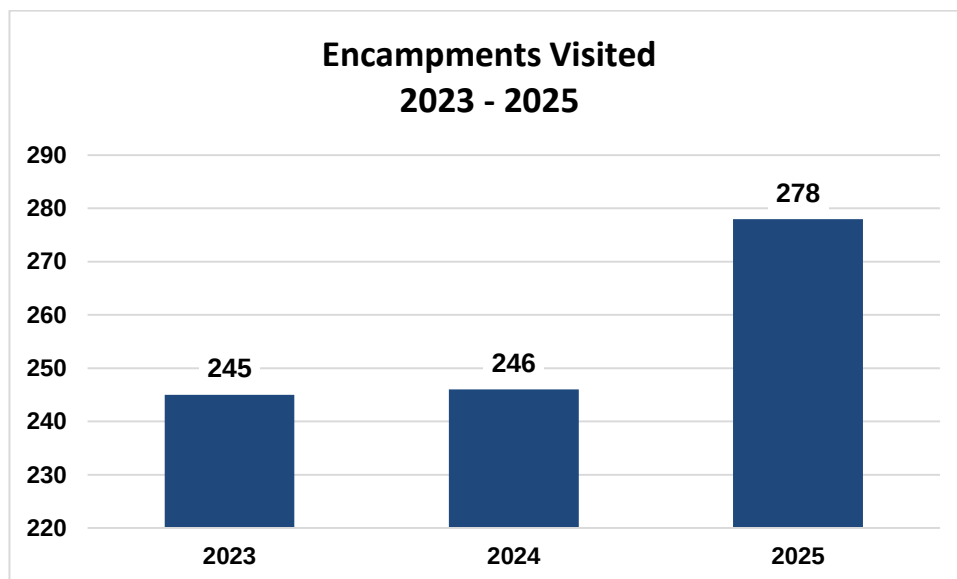
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9.0 Analysis

9.1 2025 Outcomes

In 2025, a total of 278 encampments were visited. This is a 13% increase in comparison to the past two years.

Figure 1 - Encampments Visited



Encampment outreach staff had 249 unique encounters, of which 238 people (96%) were identified as known to the system. Staff had 223 repeat encounters, meaning staff met individual(s) in an encampment that they had already engaged with previously in the year.

Of the 249 unique clients encountered:

- 238 (96%) were known/connected with the system;
- 11 (4%) chose not to identify/connect;
- 50 (20%) self-identified as Indigenous;
- 35 (14%) self-identified as non-Indigenous; and

- 164 (66%) did not disclose self-identification.

Figure 2 - Unique Clients Encountered

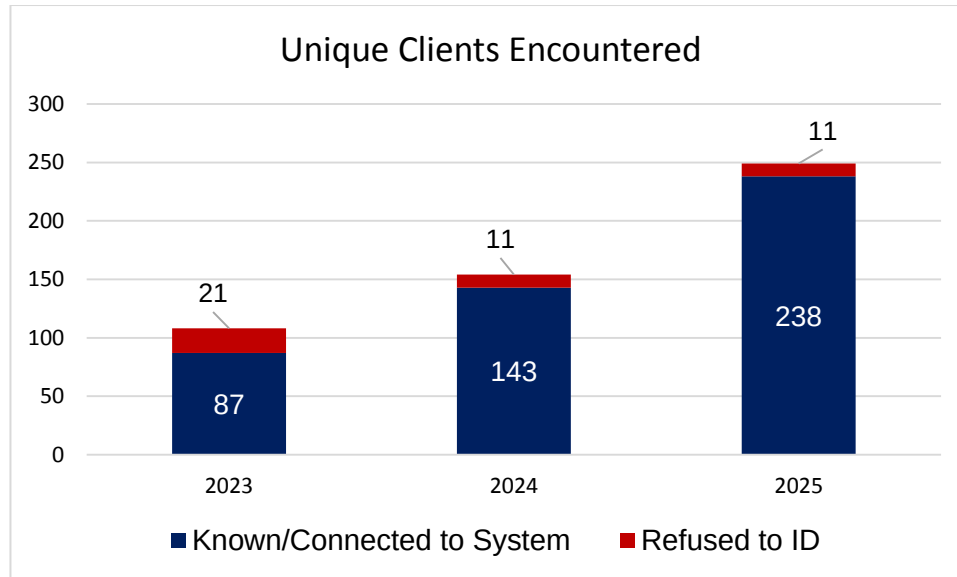
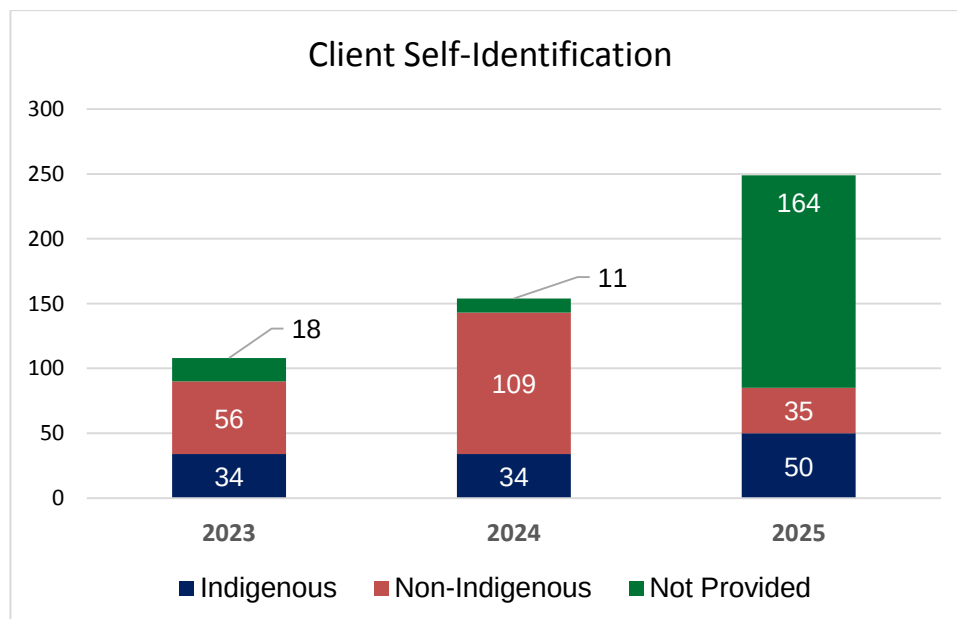
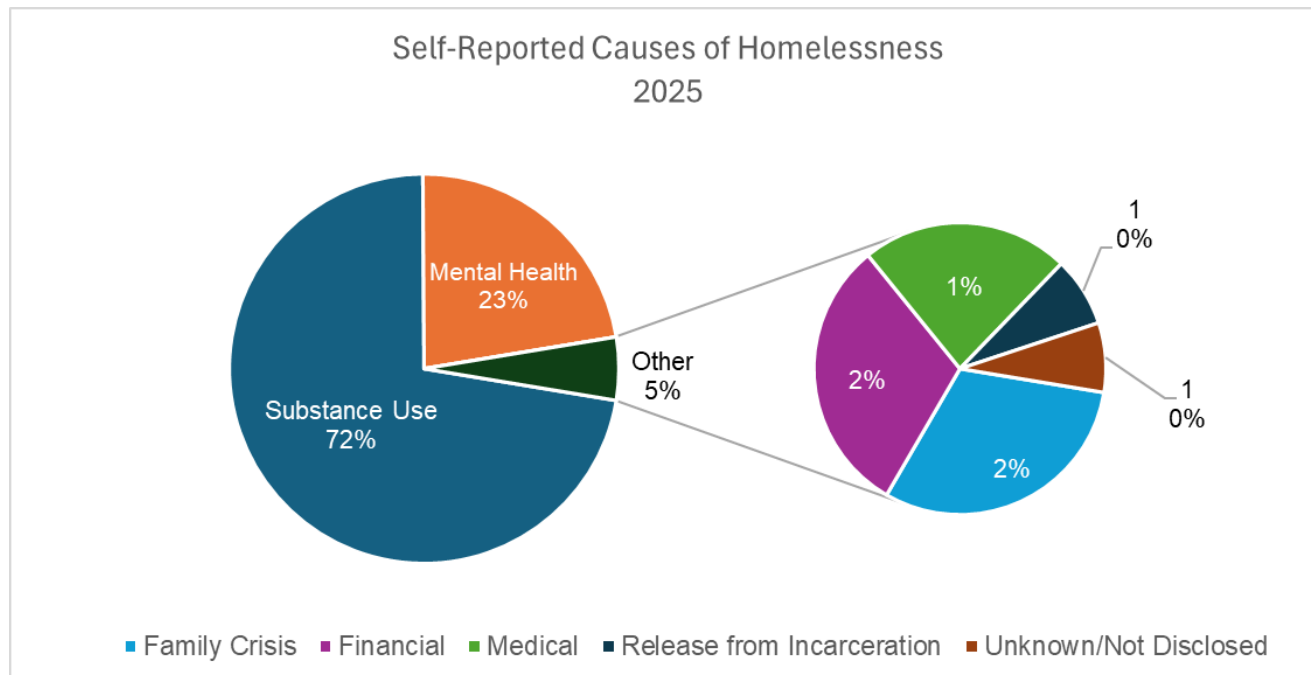


Figure 3 - Client Self-Identification



Similar to the previous year, substance use (n=180, 72%), mental health (n=56, 23%), and family crisis (n=4, 2%) were the top three self-reported primary causes of homelessness by those living in an encampment.

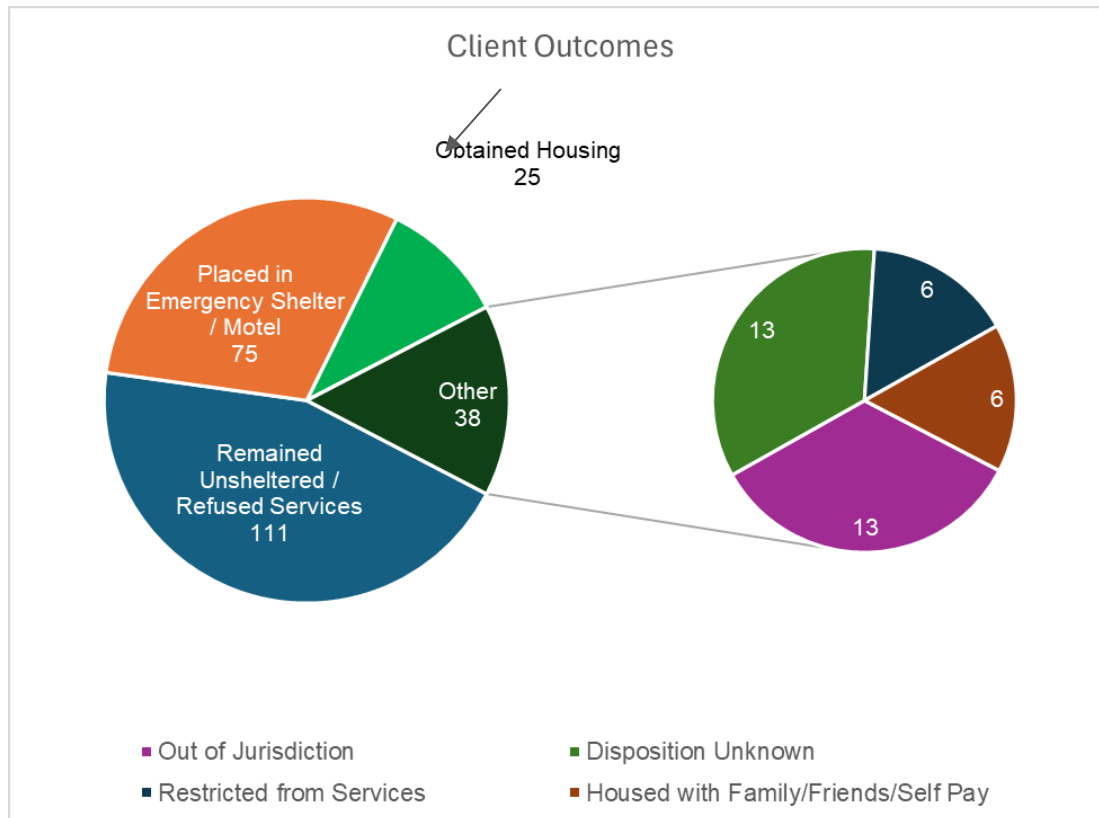
Figure 4 - Self-Reported Causes of Homelessness



Of the 249 individuals encountered in encampments in 2025:

- 111 (45%) chose to remain unsheltered / refused services.
- 75 (30%) individuals were placed in emergency sheltering/motel - a significant increase from 2024.
- 25 (10%) individuals obtained housing – another significant increase from 2024.
- 13 (5%) were out of jurisdiction individuals who were offered support to return to home communities.
- 6 (2%) were diverted to housing with family/friends.
- 6 (2%) were restricted from services.
- 13 (5%) individuals' disposition is unknown.

Figure 5 - Client Outcomes



In 2025, staff observed a greater willingness among encampment residents to engage with support.

This is reflected in the reduction in service refusals from 51% in 2024 to 45% in 2025 and an increase in acceptance of emergency shelter/motel placements by encampment residents from 10% in 2024 to 30% in 2025.

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Table 1 – Annualized Encampment Data, 2023-2025

	2023		2024		2025	
Encampments Visited	245		246		278	
Total Unique Clients Encountered	108		154		249	
Known (connected)	87	81%	143	93%	238	96%
Unknown (refused to ID)	21	19%	11	7%	11	4%
Self-Identification by Clients:						
Indigenous	34	31%	34	22%	50	20%
Non-Indigenous	56	52%	109	71%	35	14%
Not Provided	18	17%	11	7%	164	66%
Primary Self-Reported Cause(s) of Homelessness:						
Substance Use	58	54%	100	65%	180	72%
Mental Health	15	14%	21	14%	56	22%
Family Crisis	17	16%	22	14%	4	2%
Financial	10	9%	4	3%	4	2%
Medical	2	2%	2	1%	3	1%
Release from Incarceration	6	6%	4	3%	1	0%
Unknown/Not Disclosed	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%
Outcomes						
Remained Unsheltered / Refused Services	44	41%	79	51%	111	45%
Placed in Emergency Shelter / Motel	26	24%	16	10%	75	30%
Obtained Housing	2	2%	10	6%	25	10%
Out of Jurisdiction	0	0%	0	0%	13	5%
Disposition Unknown	2	2%	1	1%	13	5%
Restricted from Services	0	0%	16	10%	6	2%
Housed with Family/Friends/Self Pay	0	0%	0	0%	6	2%
Diverted from Shelter	0	0%	20	13%	0	0%
Discharged (Non-Participation)	11	10%	5	3%	0	0%
Discharged to Other Services	22	20%	4	3%	0	0%
Incarcerated	0	0%	3	2%	0	0%
Voluntary Withdrawal from Services	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%

9.2 Encampment Activity (Monthly)

Monthly encampment activity in 2025 peaked in August, September, and October, consistent with trends observed in 2024. In December 2025 the system experienced a significant decline in reported encampments when compared to encampment activity in November and December 2024.

Many people experiencing homelessness tend to relocate to indoor spaces during cold weather months including formal emergency shelters or temporary accommodation that may be unsuitable for permanent housing. Staff are anticipating an increase in reported encampments by Q2 2026.

Table 2 – Encampments Attended, By Month, 2025

Encampments Attended	
Month	Number
January	11
February	8
March	12
April	25
May	28
June	23
July	32
August	36
September	43
October	40
November	17
December	3
Total	278
Monthly Average	23
Most Active Month	September

9.3 Successful Interventions

9.3.1 Client 1

This individual had been living in an encampment and faced significant barriers to safety and stability. Community Initiatives Coordinators (CICs) supported them in securing a motel room using their ODSP shelter allowance. Although the stay was self-funded, it provided a safe and stable environment where this person could begin planning next steps.

During this period, staff recognized this individual's strong motivation to secure housing and supported them in meeting the requirements for the Centralized Waitlist. Staff assisted in locating their Permanent Residency Card, completing multiple years of income tax filings, and obtaining the documentation needed for housing eligibility. Without a phone, this person struggled to track appointments and access services, so regular case management by the CIC team ensured consistent follow-up. Staff also accompanied them to Service Ontario to obtain a new Health Card, enabling access to essential medical care.

One of the most significant outcomes of this support was this person's ability to obtain new dentures and eyeglasses, which improved their confidence and further increased their motivation to address other areas of their life. As housing and health needs stabilized, this individual began reconnecting with family, experienced improved mental health, and significantly reduced their substance use. This person became stable enough to attend the Rapid Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Clinic daily and actively engage in recovery supports.

This individual is now successfully housed in long-term supportive housing. Their journey demonstrates the meaningful impact of consistent, compassionate outreach and stabilization services, and highlights how targeted investments in these areas lead to lasting improvements in people's lives.

9.3.2 Client 2

During the CICs' initial engagement with the client in an encampment, staff identified significant safety concerns. The client reported that they could not use shelter services due to safety issues and limited capacity. Given the urgency, CIC staff arranged a motel stay, which provided a safe environment and allowed for consistent, comprehensive case

management. During this time, the client accessed essential medical services, supported through ODSP-funded transportation. CICs also worked with the client to complete all documentation required for the Centralized Waitlist, including obtaining identification and filing outstanding taxes.

While in the community, the client later experienced gender-based violence. CIC staff responded immediately, assisting with medical reporting, developing a safety plan, and connecting the client with resources for ongoing support. This response ensured the client felt heard, protected, and supported throughout the process.

CIC staff then assisted the client in navigating the steps toward long-term supportive housing. Support included completing referrals, securing tenant insurance, arranging transportation, preparing for interviews, and coordinating move-in logistics. Access to on-site security in supportive housing has provided the client with a sense of safety and stability.

Now fully stabilized in long-term supportive housing, the client reports increased feelings of safety, dignity, and hope for the future. Their experience demonstrates the impact of individualized support, advocacy, and trauma-informed care, and highlights the critical role of community-based outreach in helping individuals achieve housing stability and improved well-being.

9.4 Planned Activities for 2026

As a result of the approved 2026 Shared Social Services Operating Budget, two (2) additional permanent CIC positions have been authorized, and recruitment activities are currently underway. The primary function of these positions will be to enhance encampment outreach throughout the City of Brantford and expand services into County of Brant. This expansion will also allow for concentrated street outreach in the downtown areas of Brantford and Paris.

The growth of the CIC team will increase organizational capacity to deliver education and resources, promote safety, and facilitate connections to housing, health, and general wellness support. This additional capacity will also enhance the CICs' ability to support shelter diversion and coordinate linkages to appropriate community resources.

10.0 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

11.0 Climate and Environmental Implications

There are no climate or environmental implications associated with this report.

9.0 Conclusion

Since the launch of City- led housing outreach for encampments, there have been notable improvements in coordinated service delivery and communication across both internal teams and external partners.

In 2025, the City's encampment team visited 278 encampments, including 249 unique clients. There was a considerable increase in engagement, resulting in a 190% increase in shelter/motel placements, and a 4% increase in housing rates.

The collaboration between Housing Stability and Bylaw in responding to encampments continues to see greater efficiencies and a more effective approach to meeting the needs of individuals and households experiencing homelessness and living outdoors. The program offers intensive, tailored supports that align with each client's level of readiness. Comprehensive wraparound services are provided to address client needs and help them work toward improving their circumstances. An expansion to the program in the near future will provide further capacity for staff to increase outreach services to the County of Brant and the downtown core.

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Sarah Titmus, Director, Public Health
Syed Shah, Director, Public Health
Brad Stark, Director, Finance
Katie Greene, Director, Human Resources
Gary Williams, Director, Communications & Strategic Initiatives
Alexey Babayan, Director, Foundational Standards
Hilary Wren-Atilola, Director, Healthy Communities
DeAnna Renn, Manager, Healthy Communities
Jackie Wood, Manager, Planning and Evaluation
Laura Goyette, Public Health Dietitian
Lisa Vermeersch, Public Health Dietitian
Nicole Chambers, Board Clerk & Privacy Officer
April Parkinson, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Mandy Babbey, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chair M. Kinkel called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She noted that Member R. Sicoli will be joining later in the meeting.

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Chair Kinkel reminded Members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

3. Approval of Agenda / Urgent Business

Moved By: Member K. Huffman
Seconded by: Member J. Bell

That the February 18, 2026 Board of Health agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations

None

5. Standing Reports

5.1. Report from the Chair (Verbal Report)

Chair M. Kinkel provided a verbal update, thanking Member A. Martin for her leadership during her tenure as Board Chair. The Board received correspondence from Norfolk County regarding the appointment of a temporary Member during her leave, and from the City of Brantford confirming Mayor Davis' resignation – a replacement is expected following the February 24 City Council meeting. Chair Kinkel also advised that Dr. Malenfant has received his official provincial appointment.

Chair Kinkel summarized highlights from alPHa's winter symposium, which J. Bell also attended. Member Bell referenced comments from Dr. Kieran Moore regarding wage harmonization delays, the prioritization of the Ontario Health Data Platform, and a forthcoming review of public health governance, and expressed concerns related to funding and reinvestment.

Moved By:
Seconded by:

Member J. Metcalfe
Member A. Martin

That the Report from the Chair (Verbal Report), be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

6. Special Topic Report

6.1. Food Insecurity in the GEPH Region, 2025

L. Goyette and L. Vermeersch presented a report as provided in the agenda package. Chair Kinkel thanked staff, and Members noted the report was timely, data-driven, and responsive to the province's request for additional data.

Members asked questions about the proposed resolution, the use of home ownership data, the absence of Indigenous data, and how data is shared with community partners. Members recommended that future reports include MPAC-benchmarked home ownership data.

Moved By:
Seconded by:

Member A. Martin
Member K. Huffman

That Report 2026-007: Food Insecurity in the GEPH Region, 2025, be received for informational purposes; and

That Report 2026-007 be forwarded to The Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Ontario Boards of Health, and local community partners including food banks and housing associations; and

That the Board of Health correspond with the provincial government including local MPPs to share food affordability data that demonstrates the need to increase Ontario Works rates; and

That the Board of Health correspond with the federal government including local MPs applauding the impact of the Canada Child Benefit to households experiencing severe food insecurity, and encourage the expansion of the benefit by increasing the amount for lowest income households and equalizing the benefit for low income families with children over 6 years old; and

That both correspondence include specific notice that Six Nations Reserve and MCFN have not been accounted for in the data reported by the Canadian Income Survey; and

That the Board of Health endorse Attachment A: *A Primer for Municipalities on Food Insecurity in the Grand Erie Public Health Region* and forward the primer to the City of Brantford, County of Brant, Haldimand County and Norfolk County; and

That staff be directed to connect with municipal partners for a primer presentation.

Carried.

L. Goyette and L. Vermeersch left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

7. Program Reports & New Business

7.1. Healthy Communities (Chronic Disease Prevention and Well-Being) Program Report

D. Renn and J. Wood presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Members asked questions about program attendance, outreach strategies, and the use of social media and targeted advertising. Staff advised that while large turnout is not anticipated, the program is successfully reaching individuals who do not typically access other services, including populations most affected by the social determinants of health, with consistent attendance indicating positive impact.

L. Goyette and L. Vermeersch joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Moved By: Member J. Bell
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That Report 2026-008: Chronic Disease Prevention: Built Environment, Healthy Eating, Injury Prevention, be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

Member A. Martin had a follow-up question regarding agenda item 6.1; she sought clarification regarding the use of a land acknowledgement in the report.

D. Renn, J. Wood, L. Goyette and L. Vermeersch left the meeting at 10:27 a.m. and did not return.

7.2. Organizational and Financial Merger Process Report

B. Stark and H. Wren-Atilola presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Members asked questions about remote and hybrid work arrangements, budget variances and projected expenditures, use of merger and capital funding, and funding allocated for governance activities.

Member R. Sicoli joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Direction was provided to staff to advance advocacy through municipal channels and local MPPs, consistent with advice from Dr. Kieran Moore. Staff were further requested to bring forward, for Board consideration, an analysis of public health budget trends and to develop messaging to the province advocating for the restoration or revision of the current 75/25 funding model.

Moved By: Member J. Metcalfe
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That Report 2026-009: Organizational and Financial Merger Process, be received for informational purposes; and

Carried.

7.3. GEPH Cash Position (Verbal Report)

B. Stark presented a verbal update on the organization's cash position, noting that despite approved merger and one-time funding, funds were delayed, resulting in a period of limited cash flow. He noted that all funding issues are expected to be resolved by April 1st. Staff are working on developing an investment policy, including the use of short-term GICs, while balancing cash flow needs. Direction was provided to include an update regarding the 2025 financial position to the Committee's next meeting on February 26th.

Members also inquired about credit card limits and capacities, municipal reimbursement, risks associated with delayed provincial funding in future years, and the development and approval process for corporate services and finance-related policies.

Moved By: Member K. Huffman
Seconded by: Member J. Bell

That Item 7.3, GEPH Cash Position (Verbal Report), be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

8. Committee Reports and Recommendations

None

9. Consent Agenda

9.1. Brantford Brant Norfolk Ontario Health Team - Q1 2026 Report

9.2. Middlesex-London Board of Health - Alcohol Labelling Policy Position

9.3. Board of Health - Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2026 (Special)

9.4. Board of Health - In-Camera Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2026 (Confidential)

9.5. Board of Health - Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2026

9.6. Board of Health - In-Camera Meeting Minutes - January 28, 2026 (Confidential)

9.7. Governance Committee - Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2025

9.8. Norfolk County - Alternate Board Member Representation

9.9. City of Brantford - Letter of Resignation - K. Davis

Moved By: Member J. Metcalfe
Seconded by: Member R. Sicoli

That items 9.1 and items 9.3 through 9.9 inclusive of the Consent Agenda dated February 18, 2026, be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

Moved By: Member J. Bell
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That item 9.2 be received for informational purposes; and

That staff be directed to send a letter of endorsement on behalf of the Board of Health regarding Middlesex-London Health Unit's Policy Position on Alcohol Labelling (Appendix 'C') and the Statement from Provincial/Territorial Chief Medical Officers of Health on Labelling of Alcohol Products (Appendix 'D') to all members of the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science, and Technology, copied to all Ontario boards of Health and local Members of Parliament.

Carried.

10. Notices of Motion/Motion

10.1. Governance Training and Funding Options

Moved By: Member A. Martin

Seconded by: Member R. Sicoli

That staff be directed to bring forward a report for Board consideration regarding potential funding options for governance training, including (but not limited to) available courses, consultant support and/or shadowing opportunities for the Executive Leadership Team.

Carried.

11. Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items will be considered at the Board of Health Meeting on March 25, 2026:

- New Business: Strategic Planning Workshop
- Board of Health Orientation

The Board of Health recessed at 10:55 a.m. and resumed at 11:00 a.m.

12. In Camera Session

12.1. Confidential Legal Matter (Historical Employment-Related Matter)

12.2. Confidential Employment Matter

Moved By: Member A. Martin
Seconded by: Member K. Huffman

That the Grand Erie Board of Health meeting move In Camera at 11:00 a.m. pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Item 12.1); and

Pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations. (Item 12.2).

Carried.

The Board of Health convened in Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

Chair M. Kinkel noted that two motions resulted from Closed Session.

Moved By: Member J. Bell
Seconded by: Member A. Martin

That Report 2026-005: Confidential Legal Matters, be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

Moved By: Member M. Bodnar
Seconded by: Member J. Metcalfe

That In Camera agenda item 12.2 (Confidential Employment Matter), be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Member R. Sicoli
Seconded by: Member J. Metcalfe

That the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Carried.

'Original Signed By'

Chair

'Original Signed By'

Board of Health Clerk



GRAND ERIE BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:00 AM

Boardroom 422/Hybrid

194 Terrace Hill Street, Brantford, ON

Members Present:

Maria Kinkel, Chair, Provincial Appointee
John Bell, Vice Chair, Brant County
Michael Bodnar, Provincial Appointee
Kim Huffman, Norfolk County
Greg Martin, City of Brantford
Tom Masschaele, Norfolk County
John Metcalfe, Haldimand County
Rose Sicoli, City of Brantford

Members' Regrets:

None

Staff Present:

Dr. Jason Malenfant, Medical Officer of Health
Sarah Page, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Seamus Norton, Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health
Katie Greene, Director, Human Resources
Brad Stark, Director, Finance
Sarah Titmus, Director, Population & Community Health
Hilary Wren-Atilola, Director, Environmental Health
Nicole Chambers, Board Clerk & Privacy Officer
April Parkinson, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Mandy Babbey, Executive Assistant

Guests Present:

Ian Brunskill, Consultant
Monika Turner, Consultant
Michael Schlesinger, Sense & Nous
Serene Bosco, Sense & Nous

1. Call to Order

Chair M. Kinkel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. It was noted that Member R. Sicoli is expected to join later in the meeting.

Chair Kinkel introduced Dr. S. Norton, Associate Medical Officer of Health, and on behalf of the Board, extended congratulations to Member A. Martin on the birth of her baby earlier this month.

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Chair Kinkel reminded Members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest.

3. Approval of Agenda / Urgent Business

Moved By: Member J. Bell
Seconded by: Member J. Metcalfe

That the March 25, 2026 Board of Health agenda be approved, as amended (Item 13 broken into 13.1 and 13.2).

Carried.

4. In Camera Session

4.1. Confidential Report: Land Acknowledgement

4.2. Confidential Report: Financial Savings Update

Moved By: Member M. Bodnar
Seconded by: Member G. Martin

That the Grand Erie Board of Health meeting move In Camera at 9:05 a.m. pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (Item 4.1);

Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege (Item 4.1);

Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations. (Items 4.2 and 4.3); and

Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Item 4.3).

Carried.

The Board of Health convened in Closed Session at 9:05 a.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 9:20 a.m.

Chair M. Kinkel noted that three motions resulted from Closed Session.

Moved By: Member J. Bell
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That Report 2026-015: Land Acknowledgement, be received for informational purposes; and

That the matter be referred to the Governance Committee for further consideration

Carried.

Moved By: Member K. Huffman
Seconded by: Member J. Metcalfe

That staff proceed as directed in closed session regarding item 4.2, Confidential Report: Financial Savings Update.

Carried.

Moved By: Member J. Bell
Seconded by: Member G. Martin

That staff proceed as directed in closed session regarding Item 4.3, Confidential Discussion: Human Resources Matter.

Carried.

5. Delegations

None

S. Titmus, Director, Population & Community Health, joined the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

H. Wren-Atilola, Director, Environmental Health, joined the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

6. Standing Reports

6.1. Report from the CEO

CEO S. Page presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Discussion took place regarding the proposed training options as detailed in the report. Members noted the value of in-person training geared towards senior executive leaders.

Moved By: Member R. Sicoli
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That Report 2026-011: Governance Training Options, be received for informational purposes; and

That the Board of Health encourages governance training by the Executive Leadership team through participation in Option #2 as detailed in report; and further

That the governance training selected be fully funded through the “Education and Training – Governance” budget included in the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Merger Budget.

Carried.

7. Program Reports

None

8. New Business

8.1. Appointment of Chief Nursing Officer

Moved By: Member J. Metcalfe
Seconded by: Member R. Sicoli

That the Board of Health appoint Eric Robertson as Chief Nursing Officer for Grand Erie Public Health, effective immediately.

Carried.

8.2. Municipal vs. Ministry of Health Funding Trend

B. Stark, Director of Finance, presented the report as provided in the agenda package. Members noted that this trend is not acceptable and reflects the increase in healthcare costs that have been downloaded to municipalities.

M. Schlesinger and S. Bosco, Consultants, Sense & Nous, joined the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Moved By: Member R. Sicoli
Seconded by: Member J. Metcalfe

That Report 2026-013: Municipal vs. Ministry of Health Funding Trend, be received for informational purposes;

That staff be directed to send correspondence on behalf of the Board of Health to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, copying all area Members of Provincial Parliament, expressing the Board's concerns regarding the current municipal versus Ministry of Health funding trend and requesting a return to the established funding model; and

And that staff be directed to organize a joint delegation with the City of Brantford, County of Brant, Haldimand County and Norfolk County to meet with the Ministry of Health at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference to discuss the public health funding model.

Carried.

9. Committee Reports and Recommendations

9.1. Finance and Audit Committee

Member M. Bodnar, Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee presented a report

summarizing the Committee's activities and its meeting with the Board's auditor.

Moved By: Member K. Huffman
Seconded by: Member G. Martin

That the Report from the Finance and Audit Committee Chair be received, for informational purposes.

Carried.

9.2. Governance Committee

N. Chambers, Board of Health Clerk, presented the report as provided in the agenda package.

Moved By: Member M. Bodnar
Seconded by: Member R. Sicoli

That Report 2026-010: Governance Committee Resolution - BOH By-laws and TOR be received, for informational purposes; and

That the following be approved:

- By-law No. 02 - Banking and Finance
- By-law No. 03 - Appointment and Duties of the Auditor
- Policy III-032(d) - Governance Committee Terms of Reference.

Carried.

10. Consent Agenda

- 10.1. City of Brantford - Grand Erie Public Health Board of Health Council Appointee**
- 10.2. Board of Health - Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2026**
- 10.3. Board of Health - In-Camera Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2026 (Confidential)**
- 10.4. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health - Food Handler Training and WEC Food Premises**
- 10.5. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health - Digital Dependence Support and Prevention in Pre-School and School Aged Children**
- 10.6. Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health - Premise Licensing for WEC Municipalities**
- 10.7. Northwestern Health Unit - Endorsement of Middlesex-London Health Unit Policy Position on Alcohol Labelling**
- 10.8. Algoma Public Health Board of Health - Combined dTaP-HB-HPV-Hib Vaccine**

Moved By: Member J. Metcalfe
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That items 10.1 through 10.8 inclusive of the Consent Agenda dated March 25, 2026, be received for informational purposes.

Carried.

11. Notices of Motion/Motions

None

12. Upcoming Agenda Items

The following items will be considered at the Board of Health Meeting on April 15, 2026:

- Program Reports: Environmental Health & Healthy Growth and Development

The Board of Health recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

13. Strategic Planning Workshop

13.1. Workshop – Open Session

M. Schlesinger and S. Bosco, Consultants, Sense & Nous, presented an overview of the strategic planning process so far. Interviews are underway with the leadership team, staff, and community partners.

13.2. Workshop – Closed Session

Moved By: Member R. Sicoli
Seconded by: Member M. Bodnar

That the Grand Erie Board of Health meeting move In Camera at 9:52 a.m. pursuant to Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to labour relations or employee negotiations;

Section 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them;

Section 239(2)(i) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization; and

Section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, as the matter pertains to a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (Strategic Planning).

Carried.

The Board of Health convened in Closed Session at 9:52 a.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 10:37 a.m.

No motions resulted from Closed Session.

14. Adjournment

Moved By: Member J. Metcalfe
Seconded by: Member J. Bell

That the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Carried.

'Original Signed By'
Chair

'Original Signed By'
Board of Health Clerk



LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
Board of Directors Annual General Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2026
Approved April 1, 2026

Members in attendance:

Doug Brunton, Chair	Norfolk County
Chris Van Paassen, Vice-Chair	Norfolk County
Dave Beres	Town of Tillsonburg
Robert Chambers	County of Brant
Michael Columbus	Norfolk County
Ed Ketchabaw	Municipality of Bayham/Township of Malahide
Tom Masschaele	Norfolk County
Debera McKeen	Haldimand County
Jim Palmer	Township of Norwich

Regrets:

Peter Ypma	Township of South-West Oxford
Shelley Ann Bentley	Haldimand County

Staff in attendance:

Judy Maxwell, General Manager
Aaron LeDuc, Manager of Corporate Services
Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
Saifur Rahman, Manager of Engineering and Infrastructure
Jessica King, Social Media and Marketing Associate
Nicole Sullivan, HR/Coordinator/Executive Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair, Doug Brunton, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's 2026 Annual General Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm, Friday, March 6, 2026 in the Tillsonburg Administration Office Boardroom.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None were declared.

3. Additional Agenda Items

There were no additional agenda items.

4. Approval of the Agenda

A-32/26

Moved by T. Masschaele
Seconded J. Palmer

That the Board of Directors approves the agenda as circulated.

Carried

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Ed Ketchabaw
Tom Masschaele, Debera McKeen, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Board of Directors Hearing Board Meeting of February 4, 2026

A-33/26

Moved by D. McKeen

Seconded by E. Ketchabaw

That the minutes of the Board of Directors Hearing Board Meeting held February 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

b) Board of Directors Meeting of February 4, 2026

A-34/26

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by D. Beres

That the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting held February 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Introduction of the Board of Directors and Committees

The members of the Board and the community members of the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee and the Backus Museum Committee were introduced by Chair Brunton.

7. Introduction and Greetings from Special Guests

Greetings were extended from Councillor Robert Chambers, County of Brant, Mayor Ed Ketchabaw, the Municipality of Bayham, Debera McKeen, Haldimand County, Mayor Jim Palmer, Township of Norwich, Deputy Mayor Dave Beres, Town of Tillsonburg, and Mike Columbus, Norfolk County.

Bonnie Fox, Conservation Ontario Director, Policy and Planning, spoke for Conservation Ontario and its support of Conservation Authorities and on the role of Conservation Ontario.

8. Remarks from Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP Haldimand-Norfolk

Bobbi Ann Brady, MPP Haldimand Norfolk, acknowledged and thanked the Authority for the invitation and how nice it was to be back. MPP Bobbi Ann Brady spoke on the passion and commitment that the Authority staff has for their job and the region and acknowledged that the Authority always finds a way to work positively with the community. MPP Bobbi Ann Brady is happy to stand with Conservation Authorities in the coming year and supports the work carried out by LPRCA as environmental stewards.

9. Service Awards Presentation

The following staff were recognized for reaching service milestones with LPRCA this past year.

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Ed Ketchabaw
Tom Masschaele, Debera McKeen, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

10-Year Service Award

Leigh-Anne Mauthe, Manager of Watershed Services
Sarah Dancey, Norfolk Conservation Area Supervisor

15-Year Service Award

Dave Beres, Board member
Michael Columbus, Board Member

50-year Special Recognition

Tom Haskett, Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee Chair

10. Audit and Finance Committee

The Chair called upon Dave Beres, Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, to present the financial statements.

Dave Beres reported that the Committee met on February 20, 2026 and received and reviewed the financial statements in detail. MNP issued a clean opinion of the Authority's 2025 financial reports and found that the financial statements fairly presented the Authority's position.

The Chair introduced the auditors, Ray Mile and Julia Aubertin of MNP, and thanked MNP for their services.

A-35/26

Moved by D. McKeen
Seconded by E. Ketchabaw

THAT the minutes of the LPRCA Audit and Finance Committee's meeting held February 20, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

A-36/26

Moved by J. Palmer
Seconded by T. Masschaele

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the LPRCA 2025 Audit Findings Report from MNP, LLP Chartered Professional Accountants as information.

Carried

A-37/26

Moved by M. Columbus
Seconded by R. Chambers

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the financial statements for the year ended December 31st, 2025 audited by MNP, LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants.

Carried

A-38/26

Moved by D. McKeen
Seconded by J. Palmer

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Ed Ketchabaw
Tom Masschaele, Debera McKeen, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

THAT the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the appointment of MNP, LLP Chartered Accountants as LPRCA's auditors for the 2026 fiscal period.

Carried

11. Notice of Formal Motions

a) Designate Signing Officers

A-39/26

Moved by D. Beres

Seconded by J. Palmer

That the LPRCA Board of Directors approves the Chair, Vice-chair, General Manager, and Manager of Corporate Services as designated signing officers for Authority business for the year 2026.

Carried

b) Borrowing

A-40/26

Moved by T. Masschaele

Seconded by D. McKeen

That the LPRCA Board of Directors authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair and the General Manager or Manager of Corporate Services to borrow funds as required for the day-to-day operations of the Authority.

Carried

c) Designate Conservation Ontario Council Representatives

A-41/26

Moved by J. Palmer

Seconded by R. Chambers

That the LPRCA Board of Directors designates the Authority Chair as the Authority's representative to Conservation Ontario (CO), with the Vice-Chair designated as alternate,

AND

Further that the General Manager be directed to participate on appropriate committees of CO and be authorized to vote in the absence of the designated representatives.

Carried

12. 2025 Annual Report

Judy Maxwell presented the 2025 Annual Report and provided an overview of the year's activities and achievements. Hard copies are available at the head office and the report is available on the LPRCA website; <https://www.lprca.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/2025-Annual-Report-LPRCA-bleed-compressed.pdf>

On behalf of the staff, General Manager, Judy Maxwell, thanked staff, the Board, municipal partners, the various community partners, and customers for their continued support.

A-42/26

Moved by M. Columbus

Seconded by J. Palmer

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Ed Ketchabaw
Tom Masschaele, Debera McKeen, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

That the LPRCA Board of Directors receives the 2025 Annual Report as information.

Carried

13. Chair's Remarks

Chair, Doug Brunton, addressed the Board and guests to highlight the successes and accomplishments of Long Point Region Conservation Authority in 2025.

Chair, Doug Brunton, spoke on the announcement of the proposed amalgamations of Conservation Authorities into 7 regional Conservation Authorities and reiterated that the Board of Directors does not support the Regional Conservation Authority consolidation proposal that was outlined in the Environmental Registry of Ontario. Doug Brunton is hopeful that our collective efforts have been heard and the importance of locally driven, watershed-based programs and services will continue into the future.

The Chair then thanked the current and former members of the Board, the Lee Brown Marsh Management Committee, the Backus Museum committee, Norfolk Fibre Arts Guild Volunteers, and the staff for their dedication and support.

14. Stewardship Award Presentation

Chair Brunton stated that the Long Point Region Conservation Stewardship award was created to recognize those individuals or groups who have made a commitment to environmental sustainability and conservation.

Jeff Tribe was selected as the recipient of the 2025 Long Point Region Conservation Stewardship Award.

Jeff, a proud resident of Oxford County, is a journalist, photographer, videographer and content creator who is passionate about the environment. Jeff, with the help of Ducks Unlimited Canada, facilitated a wetland restoration project on the Tribe Family Farm resulting in 1.4 acres of newly created wetland, including 2 wetland cells, several smaller water features and 8.9 acres of surrounding upland habitat. Around the wetland, Jeff planted 450 trees and shrubs. Most recently, Jeff planted another 550 trees on the farm through Forests Canada's 50 Million Tree Planting Program facilitated by LPRCA.

A plaque was presented to Jeff Tribe, who spoke briefly in appreciation of the Stewardship Award.

15. Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Chair Brunton introduced Gregg McLachlan, founder of WorkCabin Films and full-time conservation filmmaker. Gregg is not just the founder of WorkCabin films but also the Cinematographer, Writer, Editor, Executive Producer and handles Post-Production. Gregg has spent more than a decade pursuing his lifelong passion for nature and filmmaking.

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Ed Ketchabaw
Tom Masschaele, Debera McKeen, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

16. Keynote Presentation – Destiny Wild: How Conservation Efforts Are Showing Returns, Gregg McLachlan

Gregg McLachlan's presentation included the trailer for his upcoming film Destiny Wild, which follows biologists, conservationists, and community stewards in the Long Point Biosphere region as they document rare wildlife, fragile habitats, and the subtle signals that suggest the land is remembering what it once was.

Gregg McLachlan spoke on his other conservation documentaries, including Saving the Night Caller, which covers the Eastern Whip-poor-will in Walsingham Forest and Norfolk County. The film explores the heart behind conservation science, helping viewers gain a deeper appreciation for the work it takes to ensure these species are still calling through the night for generations to come.

Mr. McLachlan spoke on the importance of Norfolk County's environment and unique ecosystems and highlighted that through years of conservation effort, starting with the forestry station in 1909, many animals are returning and could return to Norfolk County.

Gregg thanked the Board and the Authority for the opportunity to speak.

Chari Brunton thanked and gave Gregg McLachlan a gift for his presentation.

14. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Doug Brunton
Chair
/ns

Judy Maxwell
General Manager

FULL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shelley Ann Bentley, Dave Beres, Doug Brunton, Robert Chambers, Michael Columbus, Ed Ketchabaw
Tom Masschaele, Debera McKeen, Jim Palmer, Chris Van Paassen, Peter Ypma

March 20, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
Via email: Pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Marjorie Michel
Minister of Health
Via email: Marjorie.michel@parl.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Via email: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
Via email: Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca

Dear Prime Minister Carney, Minister Michel, Premier Ford and Minister Jones:

Re: Food Insecurity Emergency Declaration

The following motion was passed by Council declaring food insecurity an emergency in our community. This declaration reflects our growing concern about the impact of food insecurity on the health and well-being of residents across Chatham-Kent.

In passing this motion, we have joined other cities in Ontario who have declared food insecurity an emergency and hope it will initiate collaborative action and policy development at the provincial and federal levels of government.

“Whereas food insecurity is defined as, the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints, a marker of material deprivation (poverty), and a serious public health problem because it increases the risk of non-communicable and infectious diseases, and premature death.

Whereas chronic stressors like disability, precarious work, and acute shocks like COVID-19, illness or eviction, make it more difficult to afford life's basic needs and live free from poverty. Whereas income-based policies are necessary to effectively reduce household food insecurity, which Chatham-Kent Public Health reports is experienced by at least 1 in 5 households in Chatham-Kent. Whereas the income provided through provincial and federal programs has not kept up with rising costs of food, housing and other basic needs.

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Whereas Ontario Works rates have been frozen since 2018: the maximum single person monthly benefit for basic needs is \$343 and \$390 for shelter, totalling \$733 per month.

Whereas Chatham-Kent Public Health reports a single person on Ontario Works spends ~134% of their income on food and rent. Whereas the Municipality of Chatham-Kent provides programs and services that decrease the impacts of poverty and income inequality and provides participants with a better quality of life which can positively improve health and well-being.

Whereas the number of individuals using Chatham-Kent Outreach for Hunger has increased by ~38% from 2022 to 2024, from 2781 unique individuals in 2022, to 3752 unique individuals in 2024, with a ~51% increase in families with children.

Whereas the number of households using the food assistance program within the Village Pantry has increased by ~124%, from 76 unique households in 2022, to 170 unique households in 2024.

Whereas the number of meals served to under-housed people by Reach Out Chatham-Kent has increased by ~17% from 2022 to 2024, from 43,594 meals in 2022, to 51,313 meals 2024.

Whereas Hope Haven has already had 4000 more visits in 2025 compared to 2024.

Whereas poverty costs Ontario around \$27.1 – 33 billion dollars per year: justice system \$1.1 billion; health care \$3.9 billion; lost income \$19.4 – 25 billion; lost tax revenue \$2.7 – 3 billion.

Whereas the provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy's (Building a Strong Foundation for Success: Reducing Poverty in Ontario (2020-2025)) primary measure of success is that more social assistance recipients move into employment, despite people with employment income being one of the fastest growing groups at food banks.

Whereas the Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council's mission is to lead in the development of relevant policies and to advocate for our local food system, and values that all people should have physical and economic access to healthy, culturally diverse, local food.

Whereas the Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council's Strategic Plan for 2025-2027 highlights the need to advocate for government-level policies that impact food systems, and specifically, to advocate for income-based solutions to food insecurity to provide families with more agency in food choices.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor and Council support the advocacy of the Chatham-Kent Food Policy Council by declaring food insecurity an emergency in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

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And that Mayor and Council request the Provincial Government focus its upcoming 2026-2030 Poverty Reduction Strategy around reducing measures of material deprivation, such as food insecurity.

And that Mayor and Council request the Provincial Government immediately raise social assistance rates to meet life's basic needs.

And that Mayor and Council request the Provincial and Federal Governments to address the causes of food insecurity by establishing a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income for those living in poverty.

And that Mayor and Council request the Provincial and Federal Governments to increase the rates of income support programs to ensure they are adequate to address the basic needs of individuals and families.

And that Mayor and Council request that the Provincial and Federal Governments include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all appropriate government policies. And that a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Municipalities of Canada (FCM), Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA), all Ontario Municipalities, all Members of Provincial Parliament and Parliament, The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, all federal party leaders, the Honourable M.P.P. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, and the Federal Minister of Health Marjorie Michel."

Sincerely,



Darrin Canniff, Mayor/CEO
Municipality of Chatham-Kent

C: All Members of Provincial Parliament and Parliament
Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA)
Federation of Municipalities of Canada (FCM) Association of
Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA)
Ontario Municipalities



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March 25, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

Hon. Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
10215 Kennedy Rd. N
Brampton, ON L6Z 0C5

RE: Town of Lincoln Resolution – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 23, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: PED-2026-22
Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

c.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Niagara West Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Community Heritage Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Manager of Planning and Development
Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee



Box 608, Little Current, POP 1K0
705-368-3500

Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

Resolution No. 75-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

Whereas the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

Whereas the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

Whereas the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

Whereas the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenburg, and all other municipalities.

Carried

Sent by Email

April 8, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney
Prime Minister of Canada
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pm@pm.gc.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park Room 281
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premier@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 01-26
Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince
Re: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on March 23, 2026 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 01-26, from Megha Trivedi, Clerk-Treasurer, Township of Prince, dated February 10, 2026, regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General, The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and all municipalities in Ontario.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your information.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel

City Clerk

SC:am

Encl.

Copy: The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Justice and Attorney General
 The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
 The Honourable Doug Downey, Solicitor General
 All Ontario Municipalities
 Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

Chief Administrative Officer



The Corporation of the Township Of Prince
3042 Second Line West, Prince Township, Ontario P6A 6K4
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February 10th ,2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 10th , 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Prince passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

Resolution Number: 2026 - 33

Moved by: Councillor M. Christenson

Seconded by: Councillor J. Weir

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Prince support the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan's resolution regarding a call to action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

Sincerely,

Megha Trivedi
Clerk-Treasurer
Township of Prince



TOWNSHIP OF BRUDENELL, LYNDOCH AND RAGLAN

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Palmer Rapids, Ontario K0J 2E0
TEL: (613) 758-2061 · FAX: (613) 758-2235

February 4, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

RE: Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Prime Minister,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on February 4th, 2026, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the resolution from the Town of Aylmer.

Resolution No: 2026-02-04-05
Moved by: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

"Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the Town of Aylmer's resolution regarding a Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children.

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MPP and MP, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all municipalities in Ontario."

Carried.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

January 15, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON
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Mark.carney@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister

Re: Support for the City of Welland's Call to Action for Justice and Protection of Canada's Children

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 15, 2026, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

Whereas the Town of Aylmer supports the City of Welland's call to action for justice and protection of Canada's children; and,

Whereas the safety and well-being of children is a fundamental responsibility shared by all levels of government; and,

Whereas recent incidents involving sexual offences against children have deeply affected communities across Ontario and Canada, raising serious concerns about public safety and the adequacy of existing legislative protections; and,

Whereas violent sexual crimes against children represent some of the most serious offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and have lifelong impacts on victims, families, and communities; and,

Whereas municipalities play a critical role in advocating for policies that protect residents and promote safe communities; and,

Whereas there is a growing concern that gaps in bail, sentencing, parole eligibility, and offender monitoring allow high-risk individuals to re-enter communities pre-maturely, placing children at continued risk;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Aylmer formally urges all levels of government to review and strengthen legislation and policies related to violent and sexual offences against children, including but not limited to:

1. **Bail and Sentencing Provisions** - ensuring that individuals charged with or convicted of violent sexual offences against children are subject to the strictest possible bail conditions and sentencing outcomes that reflect the severity of these crimes;
2. **Parole and Early Release** - limiting parole eligibility, statutory release, or other forms of early release for offenders convicted of sexual offences against children who pose ongoing risks to public safety;
3. **Sex Offender Monitoring** - strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry and related provincial tools to improve accuracy, enforcement, and timely access to information for law enforcement; and
4. **Victim and Community Safety** - prioritizing the protection of children and community safety within the justice system above administrative or procedural efficiencies;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

The Premier of Ontario
The Attorney General of Ontario
The Solicitor General of Ontario
The Prime Minister of Canada
The Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
Member of Provincial Parliament, Rob Flack
Member of Parliament, Andrew Lawton
The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and;
All 444 Ontario Municipalities

And be it further resolved that Council encourages municipalities to adopt similar resolutions to work collaboratively to present a unified municipal voice advocating for stronger protections for children across Canada.

Yours sincerely,

Owen Jaggard
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer
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CC:

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Hon. Doug Downey doug.downey@pc.ola.org
Hon. Michael S. Kerzner michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org
Hon. Sean Fraser sean.fraser@parl.gc.ca

Hon. Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Mr. Andrew Lawton andrew.lawton@parl.gc.ca

Mayor Frank Campion c/o Theresa Ettore Theresa.ettore@welland.ca

Federation of Canadian Municipalities resolutions@fcm.ca

All municipalities



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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion
Mayor of Welland



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

April 23, 2026

Sent via Email:

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, pm@pm.gc.ca
Senator Robert Black, robert.black@sen.parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation, steven.mackinnon@parl.gc.ca
The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
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Liberal Riding Association, ontario@liberal.ca
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The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, amo@amo.on.ca
Rural Ontario Municipal Association, roma@roma.on.ca
Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, info@eowc.org
All Ontario Municipalities

Re: Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan Resolution - ALTO High Speed Rail

Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, at its meeting on April 20th, 2026 passed the following resolution:

R83-2026

The council of the Township of Otonabee South Monaghan wishes to formally register opposition to the ALTO High Speed rail project as it is currently proposed. We find the first round of consultation to be inadequate, and critical information is lacking. This includes but is not limited to:

- the location of the route and the social and economic impact that will divide communities,
- how landowners directly and indirectly affected by this route will be compensated,
- how much agricultural land will be taken out of production,
- how environmental impact will be mitigated,
- how municipalities will be compensated for land assessment loss,
- how many rural roads will be dead ended at the tracks,
- where overpasses will be constructed,

- how municipalities will be compensated for increased road maintenance and emergency response costs due to these closures,
- how a project which travels through a small section of Canada and benefits a very small percentage of our urban population can be considered “Nation Building”,
- a very weak and extremely long-term business case with no unknown long term financial impact,
- a project that will add substantially to an already crippling national debt load of approximately \$1.4 trillion, which currently costs Canadians about \$75 million/day to service.

Moved by: Nick Powers; seconded by: Bonnie Clark

Yes: Bonnie Clark, Joe Taylor, Mark Allen, Terry Holmes, and Nick Powers

Carried 5-0

Yours truly,

Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan



Liz Ross
Deputy Clerk

From: Clerks
Sent: April 21, 2026 9:57 AM
To: Mila Raic
Subject: FW: Conservation Authority Letter of Support

April 20, 2026
Mayor David Bailey:

Subject: Concerns Regarding Proposed Conservation Authority Consolidation (Bill 68, Schedule 3)

Dear Mayor Bailey:

On behalf of the Cathcart Women's Institute of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) and our members, we are writing to formally support the resolution put forward by United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, to maintain local, independent, and municipally governed watershed-based conservation authorities.

Conservation authorities (CAs) collectively manage thousands of acres of land—much of which was donated by local residents and entrusted to these bodies as a personal legacy. These donors acted with the clear expectation that their land would be stewarded by locally governed authorities committed to long-term protection and the local public good.

We have significant concerns regarding **Bill 68 (Schedule 3)**, which proposes to consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into nine regional entities governed by a provincial Crown corporation, the **Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency**.

The loss of local oversight is particularly troubling for the following reasons:

- **Breach of Public Trust:** Transferring lands donated by community members to a centralized provincial entity feels like a repurposing of assets without local consent.
- **Erosion of Stewardship:** Local CAs provide specialized, community-focused programs—including fishing, bird watching, paddling, and hiking—that foster a direct connection between residents and their environment.
- **Effective Governance:** The current watershed-based model ensures that environmental management remains responsive to the unique ecological and social needs of each region.

It is the hope of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario that the Province will work collaboratively with municipalities and local conservation authorities to identify a strategic path forward. We believe any modernization should enhance—rather than replace—the effective local governance that has protected Ontario's natural heritage for decades.

Sincerely,

Members of Cathcart Women's Institute of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario

c/o Janet Barnard, Secretary Cathcart WI

Mila Raic

From: Clerks
Sent: April 21, 2026 9:58 AM
To: Mila Raic
Subject: FW: IPV Resolution of 2022

April 20, 2026

Dear Mayor Bailey:

Subject: URGENT: Implementation of the 2022 Coroner's Inquest Recommendations regarding VAW/IPV

On behalf of the Cathcart Women's Institute of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario (FWIO) and our members, we are writing to re-state our unwavering support for the resolution put forth by the Burnstown Women's Institute.

It has been nearly four years since the tragic events in Renfrew County and nearly two years since our initial correspondence. We are deeply concerned by the lack of a formal response regarding the Province's stance on the June 2022 Coroner's Inquest recommendations. Violence Against Women (VAW) and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) have reached epidemic proportions in Ontario, and the time for coordinated, provincial action is long overdue.

The Resolution

Title: Implementation of the June 2022 Coroner's Inquest Recommendations to Curtail VAW and IPV

- **Whereas** VAW and IPV are increasing at an alarming rate, causing irreparable harm to families and resulting in the death of a woman every week in Ontario;
- **Whereas** the 2022 Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest highlighted that rural women face heightened risks due to isolation, lack of transportation, and unreliable communication services;
- **Whereas** current judicial procedures often fail to hold abusers accountable, placing the burden of safety entirely on the victims;
- **Whereas** numerous Ontario municipalities, including Ottawa and Toronto, as well as the Government of Canada, have already recognized this crisis as an "epidemic";

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario urges the Government of Ontario to:

1. **Declare VAW/IPV an epidemic** as per Recommendation #1 of the Coroner's Inquest to acknowledge the gravity of this social crisis.

2. **Formally adopt and implement** the remaining recommendations of the 2022 Renfrew County Coroner's Inquest as an immediate provincial priority.
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The FWIO is eager to collaborate with the government to develop and implement these life-saving initiatives. We believe a collective, provincial effort is the only way to create a safe environment for those affected by domestic and partner violence.

We have waited two years for a meaningful dialogue on this matter. We look forward to your prompt response and a clear timeline for the implementation of these recommendations.

Sincerely,

**On behalf of the Members, Cathcart Women's Institute, Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario
c/o Janet Barnard, Secretary Cathcart WI**

Administration and Operations Committee Report

The Administration and Operations Committee makes the following recommendations from its meeting on April 21, 2026:

1. THAT the delegation from Travis Welch and Mark Dremak be received as information;
AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.
2. THAT the delegation from Andrea Berestovenko be received as information;
AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.
3. THAT RPT-0160-26 “2026 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee” be received as information;

THAT the County of Brant support the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee between the County of Brant, the City of Brantford, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County for the 2026-2030 term of office, to serve in the role as outlined in Sections 88.33 to 88.37 of The Municipal Elections Act;

AND THAT the Delegation of Authority By-law be amended to delegate authority to the Clerk to select and appoint members to the Compliance Audit Committee, in consultation with the other participating municipalities.

4. WHEREAS fees and charges for all Municipal Services including applications, licenses and permits are established through the Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law;

AND whereas additional recreational programs, facilities and services are offered to meet the needs of the Community;

THEREFORE, be it recommended that the following additions to the 2026 Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law be approved:

Swim to Survive Program Participant Fee	\$10.00 (taxes exempt)
National Lifeguard Recertification Fee	\$95.00 (taxes included)

5. THAT Council approve the construction of a batting cage in Burford Optimist and Lions Park at the estimated amount of \$35,000.00, to be fully recovered from the Burford Optimist Club.
6. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application STG-26-01 from the owner of 9 Main Street North, St. George, for façade improvements be approved to a maximum of \$4,000.
7. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application CIP-26-03 from the owner of 1 Grand River Street North, Paris, for internal renovations and façade improvements to be approved to a maximum of \$40,000.
8. THAT OPS-RFT-26-05 Scott Culvert Rehabilitation tender be awarded to Decew Construction Inc. for the bid price of \$449,955.00 (excluding HST).

9. THAT OPS-RFT-26-06 – Maple Grove Road Resurfacing be awarded to GIP Paving Inc. for the bid price of \$1,688,400.00 (excluding HST).

10. THAT the following tax rates be approved;

Property Class	Tax Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Special Levy Tax Rate
Commercial Small Scale on Farm	C0N, C7N	0.0051233	0.0000948
Commercial	CTN, GTN, STN, CHN, DTN, GFN, CFN, CGN	0.0204932	0.0003793
Commercial Vacant/Excess Land	CUN, CWN, CXN, GUN, SUN, CJN, CZN	0.0133206	0.0002465
Farmland	FTEP, FTES, FTFP, FTFS, FPEP, FPES, FPFP, FPFS	0.0025886	0.0000479
Landfill	HFN	0.0118645	0.0002196
Industrial AWD 1	I1N	0.0070108	0.0001298
Industrial Small Scale on Farm	I7N	0.0068760	0.0001273
Industrial	ITN, IHN, LTN	0.0275041	0.0005091
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Multi-Residential	MTEP, MTES, MTFP, MTFS	0.0183360	0.0003394
New Multi-residential	NTEP, NTES, NTFP, NTFS	0.0118645	0.0002196
Pipeline	PTN	0.0191450	0.0003543
Residential	RPEP, RPES, RPFS, RPFP, RHES, RHEP, RHFP, RHFS, RTEP, RTFP, RTFS, RTES, RFEP, RFES, RFFP, RFFS, RGN	0.0107859	0.0001996
Managed Forest	TTEP, TTES, TTFP, TTFS	0.0026965	0.0000499
Aggregate Extraction	VT	0.0223802	0.0004142

AND THAT the Bylaw to implement these recommendations be forwarded to Council for consideration.

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	Total Projects	27,098,123

AND WHEREAS Council approved complete and/or partial funding of these capital projects by long-term debt, and these capital projects are now complete, or substantially complete;

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the application to Infrastructure Ontario for the purpose of issuing debentures for the indicated projects.

12. THAT COM-RFT-26-01 – Onondaga Park Retrofit be awarded to Vista Contracting Ltd. to reconstruct Onondaga Ball Park, 21 Brantford Street, Onondaga, at a cost of \$314,031.61 plus HST.

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AND WHEREAS the Annual Performance Report is to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Ministry) by April 30, 2025.

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THAT, the 2025 Annual Performance Report - Stormwater Management System be made available to the public no later than June 1, 2026.

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AND WHEREAS the required expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge was unforeseen prior to approval of the 2026 Capital Budget;

AND WHEREAS the Weir Bridge project (BRD084) and the Peddie Bridge project (BRD074), both have been awarded and have surplus funding;

THAT \$181,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Weir Bridge Project (BRD084) to a new project for expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge.

AND THAT \$74,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Peddie Bridge Project (BRD074) to a new project for expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge.

17. WHEREAS upgrades to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant have begun and are expected to have a duration of approximately 9 months;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised regarding ingress and egress of construction vehicles to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant, predominantly when cars are parked near the entrance/exit laneway to the treatment plant;

THAT a Bylaw be prepared for Council's consideration to amend Parking Bylaw 004-19, Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime - to restrict parking temporarily on Victor Boulevard until the construction at the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant has concluded;

- To implement into Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime, east of Austin Crescent, on the north and west sides from civic address, 38 Victor Boulevard to civic address 48 Victor Boulevard;
- To implement into Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime, east of Austin Crescent, on the south and east sides from civic address 37 Victor Boulevard to civic address 49 Victor Boulevard

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws and when the field modifications have been completed.

18. WHEREAS Highway 2 (Oxford Road 2) is a shared boundary road with Oxford County;

AND WHEREAS staff from both municipalities are in support of implementing a speed limit reduction;

AND WHEREAS these recommendations follow the guidelines of the May 23, 2019, approved Council report CD-19-63 - Brant Safe Streets Speed Control and Road Safety Strategy;

THAT a By-law be prepared for Council's consideration to amend Traffic Bylaw 182-05, (Schedule J - to reduce the speed limit from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr on Highway 2 from 350 metres west of the west limit of Gobles Road to 30 metres east of the east limit of West Quarter Townline Road;

AND THAT the Brant County Ontario Provincial Police Department be advised of the proposed revisions.

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws and when the field modifications have been completed.

19. THAT RPT-0173-26 "Council Appointment to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee" be received as information;

AND THAT Councillor Haley be appointed to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councillor Howes
Vice Chair



Administration and Operations Committee Minutes

Date: April 21, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers
7 Broadway Street West
Paris, ON

Present: Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, MacAlpine, Howes, Bell, Chambers, Miller, Coleman, and Haley

Regrets: Councillors Oakley, and Peirce

Staff: Newton, Boyd, Crozier, Dyjach, Mellor, Mete, Stevenson, Bazzard, Demers, Eby, Gable, Katikapalli, Maxwell, Mifflin, Bailey, vanEngen, D'Hondt, Murphy, Tweedle, and Pluck

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Councillor Howes in the Chair.

1. Attendance

Attendance was taken.

2. Approval of Agenda

Councillor Coleman noted an addition under Other Business.

Item 4.2 was moved to be heard ahead of item 4.1.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee agenda for April 21, 2026 be approved, as amended.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

4. Delegations / Petitions / Presentations

4.2 Travis Welch & Mark Dremak - Brant Civic Accountability Association - City Request for Boundary Negotiations

Travis Welch, Brant Civic Accountability Association (BCAA), appeared before the Committee and delegated on the City of Brantford request for boundary negotiations of the Airport lands, and the proposed West Brant Access Route. He provided an overview of the BCAA, standard municipal governance, and the resolution introduced at the Brantford Airport Board meeting. He expressed concerns regarding the boundary negotiations, noting procedural fairness, transparency, a lack of public consultation, and timing ahead of the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election. T. Welch concluded with requesting that County of Brant Council defer decisions on the negotiations until after the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

In response to questions, T. Welch advised that the BCAA is in the process of communicating with the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the provincial facilitator appointee.

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

THAT the delegation from Travis Welch and Mark Dremak be received as information;

AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

4.1 Andrea Berestovenko - Oakhill Community - Oakhill Annexation

Andrea Berestovenko appeared before the Committee and expressed her objections to the boundary negotiations with the City of Brantford for the Airport lands. She advised of her petition with over 600 signatures which objects to the Oakhill community becoming a part of the City of Brantford, and noted concerns regarding the impact on rural character of the Oakhill community, a lack of consultation with residents, a change in taxation, and a potential impact on property value.

In response to questions, A. Berestovenko advised she encountered no residents who supported the boundary adjustment when seeking signatures for their petition. She further advised that she has been in contact with the local MPP and intends to present at City of Brantford Council. In response to further questions, A.

Berestovenko spoke to the change in services from the County of Brant to the City of Brantford and advised of what the anticipated property tax increase would be.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the delegation from Andrea Berestovenko be received as information;

AND THAT the delegation be referred to staff.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

4.3 Alexis Keresturi, Lisa Lane, Don Lane - Surface/Paving Fifth Concession Rd, Brant County

Alexis Keresturi and Lisa Lane appeared before the Committee and advocated for the hard surfacing of Fifth Concession Road. L. Lane advised of the traffic on Fifth Concession Road, noting agricultural and transport vehicles, and further spoke to the current road condition. She concluded with advising of a petition that was previously submitted to County of Brant Council in 2025.

In response to questions, David Mellor, General Manager of Operations, spoke to the Annual Average Daily Traffic measurements of Fifth Concession Road, and advised of a two-phased plan, with a short section of Fifth Concession Road being hard surfaced in phase one, and the rest of the road included in phase two.

Moved by Councillor Coleman
Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT the delegation from Alexis Keresturi, Lisa Lane, and Don Lane, be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

5. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

5.1 Administration and Operations Committee Minutes of March 17, 2026

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee minutes of March 17, 2026, be approved.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Consent Items

7.1 Consent Items to be Approved

The following items were separated for discussion:

- 7.1.2 - RPT-0155-26 - 2026 Tax Rates
- 7.1.3 - RPT-0176-26 - 2026 Debenture Issue Application
- 7.1.5 - RPT-0037-26 - Onondaga Park Retrofit Tender Award
- 7.1.10 - RPT-0121-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-01 East Paris Flats Reconstruction - Phase 1
- 7.1.12 - RPT-0130-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-10 - Low Volume Roads Tender

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the following consent items be approved:

1. THAT RPT-0160-26 "2026 Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee" be received as information;

THAT the County of Brant support the establishment of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee between the County of Brant, the City of Brantford, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County for the 2026-2030 term of office, to serve in the role as outlined in Sections 88.33 to 88.37 of The Municipal Elections Act;

AND THAT the Delegation of Authority By-law be amended to delegate authority to the Clerk to select and appoint members to the Compliance Audit Committee, in consultation with the other participating municipalities.

2. WHEREAS fees and charges for all Municipal Services including applications, licenses and permits are established through the Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law;

AND whereas additional recreational programs, facilities and services are offered to meet the needs of the Community;

THEREFORE, be it recommended that the following additions to the 2026 Municipal Fees and Charges By-Law be approved:

Swim to Survive Program Participant Fee	\$10.00 (taxes exempt)
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National Lifeguard Recertification Fee	\$95.00 (taxes included)
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3. THAT Council approve the construction of a batting cage in Burford Optimist and Lions Park at the estimated amount of \$35,000.00, to be fully recovered from the Burford Optimist Club.
4. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application STG-26-01 from the owner of 9 Main Street North, St. George, for façade improvements be approved to a maximum of \$4,000.
5. THAT Community Improvement Plan (CIP) application CIP-26-03 from the owner of 1 Grand River Street North, Paris, for internal renovations and façade improvements to be approved to a maximum of \$40,000.
6. THAT OPS-RFT-26-05 Scott Culvert Rehabilitation tender be awarded to Decew Construction Inc. for the bid price of \$449,955.00 (excluding HST).
7. THAT OPS-RFT-26-10 – Low Volume Roads be awarded to Cornell Construction Limited for the bid price of \$2,051,290.07 (excluding HST);

AND THAT \$200,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Low Volume Roads project (RDS323) to the Middleport Street Rehabilitations project (RDS406).

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.2 RPT-0155-26 - 2026 Tax Rates

In response to questions, Dustin vanEngen, Manager of Taxation & Revenue, confirmed that the percentage rate for farmland and the education levy has remained unchanged. In response to further questions, D. vanEngen advised that the special levy is for the new hospital project.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

THAT the following tax rates be approved;

Property Class	Tax Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Special Levy Tax Rate
Commercial Small Scale on Farm	C0N, C7N	0.0051233	0.0000948
Commercial	CTN, GTN, STN, CHN, DTN, GFN, CFN, CGN	0.0204932	0.0003793
Commercial Vacant/Excess Land	CUN, CWN, CXN, GUN, SUN, CJN, CZN	0.0133206	0.0002465
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AND THAT the Bylaw to implement these recommendations be forwarded to Council for consideration.

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Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.3 RPT-0176-26 - 2026 Debenture Issue Application

In response to questions, Heather Bailey, Manager of Budgets & Long-term Financial Planning, spoke to the use of long-term debt funding as a financial tool used by municipalities and further noted when the capital projects were approved. In response to further questions, H. Bailey provided the reasoning for using a twenty year debenture term versus a twenty-five year term, based on the anticipated lifespan of the asset.

Moved by Councillor Bell

Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

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AND WHEREAS Council approved complete and/or partial funding of these capital projects by long-term debt, and these capital projects are now complete, or substantially complete;

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the application to Infrastructure Ontario for the purpose of issuing debentures for the indicated projects.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.5 RPT-0037-26 - Onondaga Park Retrofit Tender Award

Councillor Haley spoke to the social component of pickleball and requested that additional pickleball courts be considered.

Moved by Councillor Coleman

Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT COM-RFT-26-01 – Onondaga Park Retrofit be awarded to Vista Contracting Ltd. to reconstruct Onondaga Ball Park, 21 Brantford Street, Onondaga, at a cost of \$314,031.61 plus HST.

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Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.10 RPT-0121-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-01 East Paris Flats Reconstruction – Phase 1

In response to questions, Mark Maxwell, Director of Engineering & Infrastructure Planning, advised that the anticipated starting time of the construction would be early June and that the majority of work being done is off of the main roads. He further provided a brief overview of the tender process.

Moved by Councillor Miller

Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT OPS-RFT-26-01 East Paris Flats Reconstruction – Phase 1 be awarded to L82 (EAST) Construction Incorporated for the bid price of \$1,455,516.42 (excluding HST).

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.1.12 RPT-0130-26 - Award of OPS-RFT-26-10 – Low Volume Roads Tender

In response to questions, Mark Eby, Director of Infrastructure and Asset Management, advised that \$815,000 has been allocated for 2026 in the gravel to hard top conversion program and further advised that \$200,000 reallocation is a result of being underbudget.

In response to questions, D. Mellor provided an update on communications with the City of Hamilton with regards to work on the boundary roads in Ward 5.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Miller

THAT OPS-RFT-26-10 – Low Volume Roads be awarded to Cornell Construction Limited for the bid price of \$2,051,290.07 (excluding HST);

AND THAT \$200,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Low Volume Roads project (RDS323) to the Middleport Street Rehabilitations project (RDS406)

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.2 Consent Items to be Received

7.2.1 RPT-0164-26 - 2025 Economic Development Year End Report

In response to questions, Zach Gable, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, provided an overview on the Building Permit Data and Top Industries by Number of Jobs statistics presented within the report.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT RPT-0164-26 - 2025 Economic Development Year End Report be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.2.2 RPT-0165-26 - Medium to Large Scale Ticketed Events on Municipal Property

In response to questions, Z. Gable advised that the cost to rent the Syl Apps Community Centre is \$1,500.00 a day and further spoke to Special Event Application Team (SEAT) applications.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor MacAlpine

THAT RPT-0165-26- be received as information;

AND THAT staff continue to investigate avenues to support special events in the County of Brant while balancing the concerns of residents.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

7.2.3 Fire Services Activity Report - March 2026

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT the Fire Services Activity Report - March 2026 be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8. Staff Reports

8.1 RPT-0022-26 - 2025 Annual Performance Report – Stormwater Management System

Andrea Bazzard, Director of Environmental Services, appeared before the Committee and presented the 2025 Stormwater Management System Annual Performance Report. She provided an overview of the stormwater management system, stormwater management programs developed in 2025, and highlighted various maintenance and repair projects conducted throughout the year.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the Consolidated Linear Infrastructure Environmental Compliance Approval issued under the Environmental Protection Act to fulfill requirements in section 53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act requires the Owner of the Stormwater Management System to prepare an Annual Performance Report summarizing

operational activities and issues, monitoring data, system maintenance, abnormal conditions and system alterations.

AND WHEREAS the Annual Performance Report is to be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Ministry) by April 30, 2025.

THAT, RPT-0022-26 2025 Annual Performance Report – Stormwater Management System be received as information, and;

AND THAT, the 2025 Annual Performance Report - Stormwater Management System be made available to the public no later than June 1, 2026.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.2 RPT-0023-26 - 2025 Annual Report – Municipal Drains

A. Bazzard further presented the 2025 Municipal Drains Year in Review, providing an overview of the number of municipal drains within the County of Brant. She noted the implementation of a proactive drain maintenance program in 2021 and highlighted drainage works completed in 2025. A. Bazzard concluded with a review of the 10-year proactive drain maintenance program and capital drain projects, noting that there were 15 active capital projects in 2025.

In response to questions, Shannon Tweedle, Environmental Services Technologist & Drainage Superintendent, advised that municipal drains are not registered on title and have an implied easement under the Drainage Act. In response to further questions, she advised that a map of municipal drains is available on the County of Brant website.

The Committee held discussion regarding the success of the proactive drain maintenance program and commended staff for their work.

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT RPT-0023-26 “2025 Annual Report – Municipal Drains” be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.3 RPT-0021-26 - 2025 Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection System Annual Reports

In response to questions, Matt D'Hondt, Solid Waste/Wastewater Operations Manager, advised that the decrease in annual day flows from 2024 to 2025 was attributed to the drier summer season. He further spoke to future capacity for Cainsville, noting a new sanitary pump station with anticipated construction to begin in 2027. In response to further questions, M. D'Hondt advised that there is no notification requirement for the discharging of the Cainsville Lagoon System.

Moved by Councillor Kyle
Seconded by Councillor Bell

WHEREAS annual performance reports on the County of Brant's (the County's) 4 Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection Systems are submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (the Ministry) by March 31, annually;

AND WHEREAS, the annual performance reports are posted on the County Website at <https://www.brant.ca/en/water-services/operational-reports.aspx>

THAT, RPT-0021-26 2025 Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Collection System Annual Reports be received for information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.4 RPT-0082-26 - Whiting Bridge Repair Funding Allocation

In response to questions, Joe Murphy, Capital Project Manager, advised that the damage to the expansion joint is an isolated issue. He further advised of the estimated timelines for the projection completion using a full closure or a staged closure.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Haley

WHEREAS 1 of the expansion joints of Whiting Bridge has been damaged and requires replacement within the 2026 construction season;

AND WHEREAS the required expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge was unforeseen prior to approval of the 2026 Capital Budget;

AND WHEREAS the Weir Bridge project (BRD084) and the Peddie Bridge project (BRD074), both have been awarded and have surplus funding;

THAT \$181,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Weir Bridge Project (BRD084) to a new project for expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge.

AND THAT \$74,000 in capital levy funding be reallocated from the Peddie Bridge Project (BRD074) to a new project for expansion joint replacement at the Whiting Bridge.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.5 RPT-0156-26 - Victor Boulevard – Proposed Temporary Parking Restrictions

In response to questions, Greg Demers, Director of Roads, advised that a notification will be hand-delivered to properties bordering the entrance to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant to inform residents of the changes.

Moved by Mayor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

WHEREAS upgrades to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant have begun and are expected to have a duration of approximately 9 months;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised regarding ingress and egress of construction vehicles to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant, predominantly when cars are parked near the entrance/exit laneway to the treatment plant;

THAT a Bylaw be prepared for Council's consideration to amend Parking Bylaw 004-19, Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime - to restrict parking temporarily on Victor Boulevard until the construction at the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant has concluded;

- To implement into Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime, east of Austin Crescent, on the north and west sides from civic address, 38 Victor Boulevard to civic address 48 Victor Boulevard;
- To implement into Schedule 3, Parking Prohibited Anytime, east of Austin Crescent, on the south and east sides from civic address 37 Victor Boulevard to civic address 49 Victor Boulevard

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws and when the field modifications have been completed.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.6 RPT-0124-26 - Highway 2 (Oxford Road 2) – Proposed Speed Limit Reduction

Moved by Councillor Haley
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

WHEREAS Highway 2 (Oxford Road 2) is a shared boundary road with Oxford County;

AND WHEREAS staff from both municipalities are in support of implementing a speed limit reduction;

AND WHEREAS these recommendations follow the guidelines of the May 23, 2019, approved Council report CD-19-63 - Brant Safe Streets Speed Control and Road Safety Strategy;

THAT a By-law be prepared for Council's consideration to amend Traffic Bylaw 182-05, (Schedule J - to reduce the speed limit from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr on Highway 2 from 350 metres west of the west limit of Gobles Road to 30 metres east of the east limit of West Quarter Townline Road;

AND THAT the Brant County Ontario Provincial Police Department be advised of the proposed revisions.

AND THAT the necessary Bylaws shall come into force and take effect upon the third reading and passage of the amended Bylaws and when the field modifications have been completed.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.7 RPT-0173-26 - Council Appointment to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee

Councillor Miller nominated Councillor Haley to be appointed to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee.

Councillor Haley accepted the nomination.

Moved by Councillor Miller
Seconded by Councillor Coleman

THAT RPT-0173-26 "Council Appointment to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee" be received as information;

AND THAT Councillor Haley be appointed to the Biggars Lane Landfill Liaison Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

8.8 RPT-0182-26 - 2026 Alternative Forms of Voting By-Law

In response to questions, Sunayana Katikapalli, Director of Council Services/ Clerk, confirmed that in-person voter assistance locations will be available on election day and during advanced polls. She advised that each ward will have at least two voter assistance locations and that votes may also be cast online or by telephone. In response to further questions, she advised that a scrutineer guide will be made available, and further noted the ability of a scrutineer to review who has and has not voted on the voter's list.

In response to questions, H. Boyd advised that under the Municipal Elections Act, recounts are conducted in the same manner as the voting was.

Moved by Councillor Chambers
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT Staff Report RPT-0182-26 "2026 Alternative Forms of Voting By-law" be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

9. Committee Reports & Minutes

9.1 Brant Heritage Committee Minutes of April 2, 2026

Moved by Councillor MacAlpine
Seconded by Councillor Kyle

THAT the Brant Heritage Committee Minutes of April 2, 2026 be received as information.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

10. Communications

None.

11. Other Business

Brant Church Road and Oxbow Road - Councillor Coleman

Councillor Coleman spoke to the need of maintenance on Brant Church Road and Oxbow Road.

12. In Camera

Moved by Mayor Bailey

Seconded by Councillor Haley

THAT the Administration and Operations Committee convene In Camera to discuss S. 239(k) - A position to be applied to negotiations carried by or on behalf of the municipality - Verbal Update - Brant/Brantford Boundary Negotiations - A. Newton.

Yes (9): Mayor Bailey, Councillor Kyle, Councillor MacAlpine, Councillor Howes, Councillor Bell, Councillor Chambers, Councillor Miller, Councillor Coleman, and Councillor Haley

Absent (2): Councillor Oakley, and Councillor Peirce

Carried (9 to 0)

Committee convened In Camera at 11:25 a.m. to discuss S.239(2)(k) A position to be applied to negotiations carried by or on behalf of the municipality - Verbal Update - Brant/Brantford Boundary Negotiations. This portion of the meeting is recorded in the Confidential – In Camera minutes of April 21, 2026. Committee reconvened in Open Session at 12:26 p.m. on a motion of Councillors Coleman and Kyle.

13. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 12:27 pm. to meet again on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

Secretary



County of Brant Council Report

To: The Mayor and Members of County of Brant Council
From: Heather Boyd, General Manager of Corporate Services
Date: April 28, 2026
Report #: RPT-0183-26
Subject: Update on Social Services Budget / Liaison Committee
Purpose: For Approval

Recommendation

That Staff Report RPT-0183-26 "Update on Social Services Budget / Liaison Committee" be received as information;

And that the City of Brantford be advised that a meeting of the Liaison Committee is not needed.

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 1 - Economic and Financial Resilience

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

No social impacts are anticipated as a result of this report.

Environmental Impacts

No environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of this report.

Economic Impacts

The recommendation of this report is consistent with the 2026 budget amounts for both the County of Brant and the City of Brantford.

Report

Background

At its meeting on January 22, 2026, County of Brant Council passed the following resolution:

"That the County of Brant Council refer the 2026 Social Services budget to the City-County Liaison Committee with respect to the enhancements that were not included in the City Council approved budget"

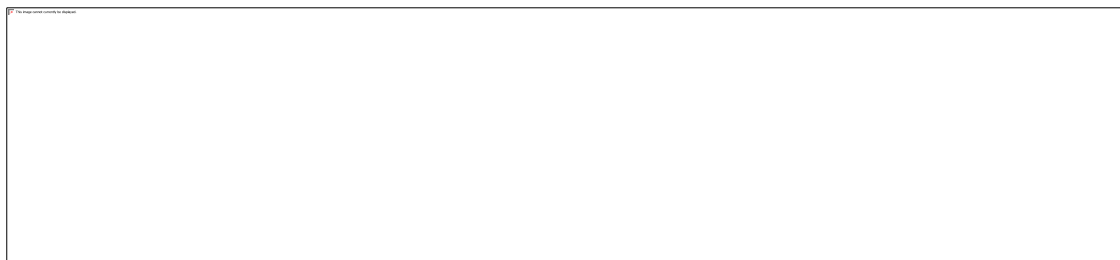
This direction resulted from the fact that several staffing enhancements that were supported by the Social Services Committee (with City and County representation) and by County Council were not included in the budget approved by the City as the service provider. Council indicated that it was primarily seeking clarification as to why these enhancements did not move forward and requested a Liaison Committee meeting to discuss.

Following this direction, a further amendment to the Social Services Budget was made as part of the City of Brantford's Mayor's Budget presentation, which is in keeping with the Strong Mayor Power legislation. Initial plans were made for the Liaison Committee to meet and County of Brant staff followed up with City of Brantford staff to discuss.

Analysis

Final Social Services Budget

The final 2026 Social Services Budget, included several of the adjustments that were supported by the Social Services Committee and County Council, including three (3) Housing Stability Workers and one (1) Community Initiatives Coordinator. This direction is fully reflected in both the City of Brantford and the County of Brant 2026 budgets. The approved 2026 Social Services Budget is as follows:



The outstanding difference between the budget that was supported by the Committee and the final approved budget is two enhancements, one (1) additional Housing Stability Worker and one (1) additional Community Initiatives Coordinators. The additional cost would be roughly \$197,000.

Social Service Budget Approval Process

The Social Services Budget (with final approval through the City of Brantford as the Service Provider) and the Paramedic Services Budget (with final approval through the County of Brant as the Service Provider) are both governed by respective Shared Services Agreement, which mirror processes for the respective Standing Committees and both Councils to have input into the budget prior to final approval. How both municipalities take this input and incorporate it into a final approved budget is different, notably with the City using multi-year budgeting and consideration of any enhancements separate from the base budget and the County using change requests as part of its Long Term Financial Plan. The Shared Services Agreement budget processes need to be updated, specifically to address the impact on Strong Mayor Powers on the budget process. County and City Finance Teams are working together to look at adjustments accordingly and will be presenting, as a minimum, revised timelines to be considered for the 2027 budget in light of the 2026 municipal election.

Summary and Recommendations

The 2026 Social Services Budget was presented, amended and adopted within the parameters of the Shared Services Agreement. It is staff’s position that there is little value in pursuing a liaison committee meeting at this time, recognizing that any enhancement to the budget would require additional funds that were not included in the County’s 2026 budget. Staff recommends that the County of Brant not further pursue a Liaison Committee meeting with regards to the 2026 Social Services Budget.

Attachments

None

Reviewed By

N/A

Copied To

Alison Newton, CAO
Heather Mifflin, Director of Finance, Treasurer
Heather Bailey, Manager of Budgets, Long Term Financial Planning

By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No

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234-2026-1123

April 1, 2026

On March 30, 2026, our government introduced the *Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026*, (Bill 98). Through this legislation and accompanying measures, we are creating the conditions for Ontario to build the housing and infrastructure it needs to grow and remain competitive. These changes will help get shovels in the ground faster for much-needed housing, and housing enabling-infrastructure projects, while improving the way people and goods move across Ontario.

A brief description of the proposals in this bill are included in this letter below. You are also invited to review the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#) and [Regulatory Registry of Ontario](#) posting links provided with this letter 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

I look forward to our continued collaboration with our municipal partners as we build a more prosperous, resilient and competitive economy that will enhance affordability and the quality of life for Ontario residents and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Robert J. Flack'.

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

- c. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing
Sean Fraser, Assistant Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs and Housing

Development Charges Act, 1997 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 3 of the Bill would make amendments to the *Development Charges Act, 1997*.

New section 4.5 would provide that non-profit retirement home developments are exempt from development charges.

The Schedule would also make technical amendments to address out-of-date cross-references in provisions related to front-ending agreements.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act, 1997* through the Ontario Regulatory Registry

<https://www.regulatoryregistry.gov.on.ca/proposal/52054>

Municipal Act, 2001 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Schedule repeals and remakes section 93 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, to address barriers to the development of communal water and wastewater systems and increase housing supply across Ontario.

New subsection 93 (1) of the Act provides that no person shall construct, maintain or operate a non-municipal water or sewage public utility without first applying for and obtaining the consent of the municipality. Under new subsection 93 (2) of the Act, a municipality that receives an application for one of these utilities must review that application and either provide consent subject to conditions and limits that are agreed upon, or, in the case of a regulation having been made setting out criteria or conditions that must be met, and the municipality is of the opinion that regulated requirements have been met, the municipality must provide consent to the application. Regulation-making authority would be made to establish the criteria or conditions related to applications for consent and for the proposed public utility.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([ERO 026-0302](#)) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.

Planning Act – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 7 of the Bill proposes the following amendments to the *Planning Act* that would help create the conditions necessary to support housing and community development. If passed, the proposed changes would:

- Specify a standardized structure and a standardized set of land use designations for local official plans (i.e., lower- and single-tier municipalities and planning boards).
- Provide a two-phased implementation approach for the new official plan framework which focuses on the 29 large and fast-growing municipalities in the first phase,
- Remove redundant requirement for municipalities to include climate change policies in their official plans,
- Provide the Minister with authority to exempt lower-tier municipalities from requirement to conform with upper-tier official plan to facilitate voluntary early implementation of the proposed official plan framework,

- Provide that for an already approved Protected Major Transit Station Area (PMTSA), only official plan amendments changing the boundaries of the PMTSA or the planned population and jobs for the area would require the Minister's approval,
- Remove the legislative requirement for the Minister to provide notice on proposed amendments to or revocations of Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs),
- Provide flexibility for removing Simcoe County's planning responsibilities in up to three separate phases, based on municipal readiness, and
- Facilitate the implementation of provisions from Bill 23, the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*, that provide for a new framework for developer-identified land, including encumbered land and privately owned public spaces (POPS) arrangements, to count toward municipal parkland dedication requirements.
- Remove references to "sustainable design" from site plan control and restrict municipalities from requiring an owner of land to provide electric vehicle supply equipment in connection with off-street vehicular parking facilities, so that municipalities may not impose 'enhanced' development standards at the lot level that are not required for health, safety, or environmental performance (e.g., stormwater).
- Provide the Minister with authority to establish a minimum lot size through regulation.

We are interested in receiving your comments on these proposed measures. Comments can be made through the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the Ontario Regulatory Registry from March 30, 2026, to April 29, 2026:

- [ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026.

We are also interested in receiving any comments you may have on other associated proposals:

- [ERO 026-0315](#): Consultation on upper-tier official plans, secondary plans, and site and area-specific policies
- [ERO 026-0310](#): Consultation on site plan control reform under the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*
- [ERO 026-0305](#): Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the *Planning Act* to Facilitate the Electronic Submission of Information and Materials to Approval Authorities and Allow Notices to be Given Electronically to the Province
- [ERO 026-0314](#): Proposed Changes to Various Regulations Under the *Planning Act* and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* to Specify Additional "Prescribed Professions" for the Purposes of a Complete Application
- [ERO 026-0313](#): Streamlining the Information and Material that Planning Authorities can Require as Part of a Complete Application
- [ERO 026-0309](#): Proposed Regulation to Prohibit Mandatory Enhanced Development Standards as a Condition of Land Division Approvals
- [ERO 026-0311](#): Proposed Regulatory Approach to Establish a Minimum Residential Lot Size in Urban Areas
- [ERO 026-0304](#): Draft Projection Methodology Guideline to support the implementation of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024
- [ERO 026-0312](#): Proposed Changes to Support Standardizing of Parkland Requirements Under the *Planning Act*

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

Building Code Act, 1992 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Schedule 1 amends the *Building Code Act, 1992* to clarify that standards for the protection or conservation of the environment are included in the meaning of municipal by-laws respecting the construction or demolition of buildings for the purposes of section 35 of the Act.

[ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026.

City of Toronto Act, 2006 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The proposed change would, through various amendments to section 114 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, remove references to “sustainable design” in site plan control. Changes would also be made to allow the Minister to establish a minimum lot size through regulation under the *Planning Act*.

[ERO 026-0300](#): Proposed Planning Act, City of Toronto Act, 2006, Building Code Act, 1992 and Municipal Act, 2001 Changes (Schedules 7, 2 and 1 of Bill 98, the Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, 2026

Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025 – Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The ministry is proposing legislative amendments to the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*. These include:

- Explicitly prohibiting private ownership in any new Water and Wastewater Public Corporation (WWPC) to align with the government’s intent to maintain 100% public sector ownership and respond to the strong feedback we have heard on the issue from the public, unions, associations and municipalities regarding privatization.
- Supporting the continuation of services and existing contracts – so that transferred contracts and agreements are not affected by a transfer to a new WWPC. This includes contracts such as employment or insurance, permits, licenses or a collective agreement, helping to support an efficient transfer and continuity of service during the transfer process.
- Supporting labour and employment continuity by clarifying that certain rights (such as successor, employment, and pay equity rights) are carried forward to a new WWPC.
- This would include regulation-making authority to help ensure continuity of services related to contracts and employees that are transferred to a new WWPC.
- Prohibiting the transfer of long-term municipal water and wastewater debt to a WWPC to provide clarity and reduce lender uncertainty, while creating new regulation-making authority to enable future regulations to address other matters related to municipal debt.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notice and the Ontario Regulatory Registry ([026-0301](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301)) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.
<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301>

Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 – Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Schedule 8 of the Bill proposes a change to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (SDWA)* to clarify that a drinking water system owned by a WWPC would be considered a municipal drinking water system under the SDWA. This change would ensure that WWPCs are subject to the same public health and safety requirements under the SDWA that apply to all municipal drinking water systems.

The Bill also proposes changes to the *Safe Drinking Water Act* that would deem municipal consent to have been provided under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* for a proposed non-municipal drinking water system if consent has been provided by a municipality under the *Municipal Act* and regulated requirements under that Act were met. This avoids duplication of the municipal consent and helps to remove a barrier to development on communal systems.

You may provide your comments on the proposed changes to the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) notices related to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, [026-0302](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0302), and the *Water and Wastewater Public Corporations Act, 2025*, [026-0301](https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301) from March 30, 2026 to April 29, 2026.

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0301>

<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/026-0302>

Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 4 of the bill enacts the *Fare Alignment and Seamless Transit Act, 2026*. The proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Transportation to make regulations:

1. **Prescribing local transit systems** in the GTHA that are subject to the Act.
2. **Establishing One Fare 2.0**, including: setting fare prices and categories; defining eligibility and fare discount policies; establishing fare and transfer policies between prescribed transit systems (e.g., free transfers); requiring participation in a unified fare payment system approved by the Minister (e.g., PRESTO); and determining how fares shall be apportioned among prescribed transit systems in a geographic zone, which could result in the reallocation of fare revenue collected in one prescribed transit system to another prescribed transit system in a different municipality.
3. **Improving service to key regional destinations** by designating new and existing routes as “priority routes”, including routes that may cross municipal boundaries; setting service standards for priority routes; and prescribing requirements for service integration between prescribed transit systems, including requiring a prescribed transit system to provide services outside of its primary service area (i.e., in other municipalities).

4. **Improving specialized transit service**, including requiring prescribed specialized transit systems to: participate in a unified trip booking system approved by the Minister; and provide transportation a prescribed distance outside of its primary service area (i.e., in another municipality) without requiring a person with a disability to transfer to a different passenger transportation system.
5. **Creating exemptions** from the Act or regulations.

Metrolinx Act, 2006 – Ministry of Transportation

Schedule 5 amends *the Metrolinx Act, 2006* to create a voluntary, streamlined compliance reporting process for Metrolinx which will be more scoped than the traditional building permit process. The proposed compliance reporting process does not override the existing building permit process. Instead, it allows for more flexibility for Metrolinx by creating a streamlined process to get building science expertise from municipalities.

The proposed legislative amendments require municipalities, upon receiving a proposed construction or demolition notice from Metrolinx, to provide Metrolinx with a report that includes:

- An assessment of whether the proposal would contravene the Building Code.
 - Municipalities would not include a review of certain *Planning Act* requirements such as municipal zoning bylaw and site plan approvals.
- An assessment of the applicability of the Architects Act or the Professional Engineers Act.
- An assessment of whether every person who prepared the relevant building documents had the correct qualifications under the Building Code.
- Any other prescribed information.

The proposed legislation also enables the Minister of Transportation, through regulation, to prescribe additional exemptions to applicable law and specific timelines for municipal inspections and conveyance of occupancy reports, among other items.

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234-2026-1390

April 22, 2026

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to update you on amendments to Ontario Regulation 584/06 under the *Municipal Act, 2001* (MA) and O. Reg 595/06 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (COTA) that were filed on April 17, 2026. These changes come into force on July 16, 2026.

As you know, since spring 2024 the province has encouraged municipalities designing stormwater fees and charges to ensure that there are no unintended consequences that would disproportionately impact farmers and greenhouse operators.

In the province's 2025 Fall Economic Statement, our government stressed the importance of the agri-food sector and that protecting Ontario's local agriculture and food industry is essential to ensuring a strong, self-sufficient food supply chain.

Agricultural properties generally have invested in their own stormwater-mitigating measures and have large areas of green space that contribute significantly to stormwater runoff management.

In this respect, the province is making changes to remove the authority for municipalities to impose stormwater fees and charges on portions of properties that are classified in the farm or managed forests property class, if they are not connected to a municipal storm sewer.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities, I look forward to our continued collaboration in investing in key infrastructure projects while making life more affordable for members of the agri-food sector and supporting the viability of their operations. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert J. Flack".

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

- c. Municipal Chief Administrative Officer and/or Treasurer
Hon. Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Robert Dodd, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ryan Puviraj, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Laurie Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, Local Government Division,
Municipal Affairs and Housing

March 30, 2026

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Brantford
County of Brant
Haldimand County
Norfolk County
Sent Electronically

Dear Mayors and Members of Council:

Re: Joint Delegation Request – Public Health Funding Model

At its meeting on March 25, 2026, the Board of Health for Grand Erie Public Health passed the following resolution regarding the municipal-Ministry of Health funding trend for cost-shared mandatory public health programs:

That [Report 2026-013: Municipal vs. Ministry of Health Funding Trend](#), be received for informational purposes; and

That staff be directed to send correspondence on behalf of the Board of Health to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, copying all area Members of Provincial Parliament, expressing the Board's concerns regarding the current municipal versus Ministry of Health funding trend and requesting a return to the established funding model; and

And that staff be directed to organize a joint delegation with the City of Brantford, County of Brant, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County to meet with the Ministry of Health at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference to discuss the public health funding model.

Correspondence has been sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones to express the Board's concerns regarding the erosion of the established cost-sharing framework and the increasing financial pressure placed on municipalities to bridge the resulting funding gap.

The Medical Officer of Health for Grand Erie Public Health, Dr. Jason Malenfant, is currently seeking opportunities to coordinate a joint delegation with the Ministry of Health at the upcoming AMO Annual Conference. The purpose of this delegation would be to highlight the local impacts of the current funding trend, advocate for a return to the [historically established](#) cost-sharing model, and discuss the need for a sustainable and predictable public health funding framework.

We would welcome the opportunity to coordinate next steps. We appreciate your continued partnership and collaboration in supporting public health across the GEPH region.

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly: board@geph.ca.

Sincerely,



Nicole Chambers
Board of Health Clerk
On behalf of the Board of Health for Grand Erie Public Health

cc: Maria Kinkel, Board of Health Chair, mkinkel@geph.ca
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From: [OPP GHQ Municipal Policing \(OPP\)](#)
To: [Alison Newton](#); [Cindy Stevenson](#); [Heather Mifflin](#); [Heather Boyd](#); [Clerks](#)
Subject: Brant Co - 2026 Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Grant Update
Date: March 30, 2026 11:32:30 AM

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Good morning,

We are pleased to advise we have received approval to release a portion of the 2026 Court Security Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) grant allotted to your Municipality.

Based on estimated 2026 costs, the Municipality's allotment for the 2026 calendar year is \$19805.

We have asked Ontario Shared Services to issue a credit memo for 25% of the 2026 allotment in the amount of \$4950.

We anticipate the remainder of the grant will be credited in September 2026. Please note that 2025 reconciled CSPT costs will be compared to the actual grant allocated for 2025, and any grant overpayment will be deducted from the outstanding grant allocation.

Respectfully,

MPU Financial Services Unit Team Members

To: Mayor David Bailey and Members of Brant County Council

Date: April 26, 2026

Subject: Formal Opposition to the Proposed Boundary Adjustment and Transfer of Airport Lands

Dear Mayor Bailey and Council,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed transfer of the Brantford Municipal Airport lands from the County of Brant to the City of Brantford. As a stakeholder invested in the economic health of our County, I am deeply concerned that this jurisdictional shift—now directed toward provincial mediation—will have long-term negative consequences for our local business community.

The County of Brant has spent years cultivating a unique economic identity centred on a balance between agricultural preservation and strategic industrial growth. This proposed land transfer threatens that balance in several key ways:

- **Erosion of the Property Tax Base:** The removal of such a significant land asset from the County's jurisdiction directly reduces our future municipal tax base. This creates a high risk of future tax increases for existing businesses to offset resulting revenue shortfalls for essential County services and infrastructure.
- **Loss of Local Planning Control:** Businesses within the County rely on its zoning and development standards. Transferring this land to the City would subject surrounding employment lands to a different set of priorities, potentially leading to urban encroachment incompatible with the County's current business ecosystem.
- **Economic Uncertainty:** The lack of consultation and the sudden nature of this request create an unstable environment for investment. Businesses depend on predictability, and jurisdictional disputes of this magnitude signal risk to both current and prospective investors.
- **Agricultural Integrity:** Many businesses in Brant are directly or indirectly tied to the County's \$100-million-plus agricultural sector. Losing control over the airport lands sets a concerning precedent for future boundary adjustments that could further fragment prime agricultural land.

In addition to these broader concerns, I respectfully ask Council to consider implementing a **grandfathering provision** as part of any negotiated outcome. Such a provision would allow existing businesses—like ours—to continue servicing any lands affected by the transfer, despite a change in municipal boundaries. This approach would help ensure continuity, minimize disruption, and support small businesses that have been operating in good faith within the region.

I urge Council to maintain its firm stance against this transfer during the upcoming facilitated negotiations, while also considering practical measures that protect the viability of existing local businesses. Thank you for your continued dedication to protecting the interests of Brant County's residents and business community.

Respectfully,

Danny Teves
Grand River Cab Inc

[REDACTED]

Proclamation Request

- Proclamations should be submitted at least 90 days in advance of the event/date of significance.
- View the Proclamation, Flag-Raising and Lighting of Penman's Dam Policy for full details and eligibility requirements.
- Please note that requests for a Flag-Raising or Lighting of Penman's Dam must be accompanied by a request for Proclamation.

Name of Individual, Organization or Community Group *

Lupus Ontario

Contact Name *

Hajra Batool

Mailing address *

[REDACTED]

City/Town *

Oshawa

Postal Code *

[REDACTED]

Email Address *

[REDACTED]

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Requested Date of Proclamation *

5/10/2026



Description of Organization *

Lupus Ontario's mission is to provide vital support, education, awareness, advocacy and research through the fundraising efforts of our staff and volunteer community to help those with lupus live longer, healthier and better lives.

Purpose of Proclamation *

Lupus Awareness Day brings awareness to the impact that lupus has on people around the world. At least five million people worldwide have lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that can damage any organ or tissue from the skin or joints to the heart, kidneys or brain.

LAD focuses on the need for heightened public awareness of lupus, improved patient healthcare services, increased research into the causes of and desperately needed treatments for lupus, enhanced physician diagnosis of lupus, and better epidemiological data on lupus globally.

Please provide the text you wish to see included for the Proclamation. Please note that the text is subject to approval by the County Clerk and may be edited or rewritten to ensure compliance with County policies and procedures. *

May 10th is Lupus Awareness Day, which brings awareness to the impact that lupus has on people around the world. At least five million people worldwide have lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that can damage any organ or tissue from the skin or joints to the heart, kidneys or brain. We hope to one day find a cure!

Would you like to attach supporting information for this proclamation request? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Do you want to include a request for a flag-raising and/or lighting of Penman's Dam? *

- ☐ Flag-raising
- ☒ Lighting of Penman's Dam
- ☐ None

Lighting of Penman's Dam

Requests for lighting of the dam will only be considered upon the approval of the application for a proclamation.

Approved lighting of the dam will be scheduled on or as close to the date of the proclamation as possible.

Colour(s) requested for Penman's Dam lighting *

Purple

Purpose of the dam lighting: *

Lupus Awareness

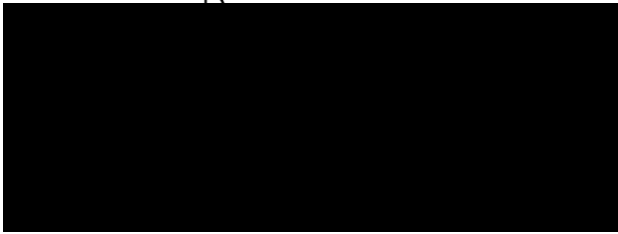
By signing below, I hereby certify that the information contained in this application form is accurate.

Date *

3/31/2026



Signature *



Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended and will be used to administer your [proclamation \(flag raising, dam lighting, delegation\)](#) request the County of Brant. Questions about this collection should be directed to Council Services at clerks@brant.ca

Thank You

We have recieved your request.

Proclamation Request

- Proclamations should be submitted at least 90 days in advance of the event/date of significance.
- View the Proclamation, Flag-Raising and Lighting of Penman's Dam Policy for full details and eligibility requirements.
- Please not that requests for a Flag-Raising or Lighting of Penman's Dam must be accompanied by a request for Proclamation.

Name of Individual, Organization or Community Group *

Grand River Council on Aging

Contact Name *

Lucy Marco

Mailing address *

[REDACTED]

City/Town *

Brantford

Postal Code *

[REDACTED]

Email Address *

[REDACTED]

Phone Number *

[REDACTED]

Requested Date of Proclamation *

6/1/2026



Description of Organization *

the GRCOA is a registered charitable non-profit organization dedicated to the development of an age-friendly community that optimizes opportunities for health, participation and security.

Purpose of Proclamation *

To recognize June 1 as Intergenerational Day, June 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day and June as Seniors" Month

Please provide the text you wish to see included for the Proclamation. Please note that the text is subject to approval by the County Clerk and may be edited or rewritten to ensure compliance with County policies and procedures. *

June 2026 County of Brant Seniors' Month Proclamation

WHEREAS June is Seniors month in the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS Age-Friendly Community planning was adopted as a fundamental strategic action to ensure a high quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS the County of Brant was recognized for its efforts to build spaces that are inclusive, welcoming and supportive of older adults, helping them live safely, stay active, and remain engaged in their community; and

WHEREAS the County of Brant continues to work collaboratively with a number of community partners including the Grand River Council on Aging, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, and the Brant Elder Abuse Awareness Committee; and

WHEREAS Monday, June 1 2026 is Intergenerational Day, Monday, June 15 is Elder Abuse Awareness Day, and the month of June is Seniors' Month in Ontario

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant PROCLAIM June as Seniors Month and celebrates strong community partnerships that support the County of Brant as an Age-Friendly Community.

Would you like to attach supporting information for this proclamation request? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Do you want to include a request for a flag-raising and/or lighting of Penman's Dam? *

- ☒ Flag-raising
- ☐ Lighting of Penman's Dam
- ☐ None

Flag-Raising Request

Requests for Flag-Raising will only be considered upon the approval of the application for a proclamation.

If approved, the Flag-Raising will be scheduled as close to the date of the Proclamation as possible.

Purpose of the flag-raising: *

If approved, we would like 1.00 p.m. on June 1.
The City flag raising is taking place at 10.00 a.m.
on June 1. The purpose is the same as stated
above for the proclamation.

Please note that the County has a CARP flag that
has been used for similar flag raisings. The
GRCOA has ordered its own flag and would like to
replace the CARP flag.

**Would you like to attach supporting information for
the flag-raising? ***

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Please attach the supporting information for the flag-raising.

By signing below, I hereby certify that the information
contained in this application form is accurate.

Date *

4/10/2026



Signature *

[Redacted signature]

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and will be used to administer your [proclamation \(flag raising, dam lighting, delegation\)](#) request the County of Brant.
Questions about this collection should be directed to Council Services at clerks@brant.ca

Thank You

We have recieved your request.

BY- LAW NUMBER 49-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To authorize the use of internet voting for the purposes of casting and counting votes for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, including the advance vote.

WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that the Council of a Municipality may, by by-law, authorize the use of alternate voting methods for the purposes of casting counting votes at Municipal Elections;

AND WHEREAS Section 42 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, provides that when a by-law authorizing the use of an alternative voting method is in effect, Section 43 (advance votes) apply only if the by-law so specifies;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting of November 26, 2024, the County of Brant Council approved internet voting as the voting method for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant considers it desirable to pass a by-law to authorize the use of internet voting with respect to the 2026 municipal election for all positions, including school board representation;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** the use of internet voting for the purposes of casting and counting votes at the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election is hereby authorized.
2. **THAT** this direction be applicable for all advanced and regular election voting days for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.
3. **THAT** the Clerk prepare any and all procedures and forms required to implement internet voting before June 1, 2026, in accordance with Section 42 (3) and (4) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended.
4. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and effect immediately upon the passing thereof and shall remain in force only for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 52-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (Mathew Marostega & Josh Ens)

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c. 1, authority is vested in the municipality to appoint persons to enforce the by-laws of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23, grants enforcement powers to Property Standards Officers who have been assigned the responsibility of administering and enforcing by-laws passed under section 15(1);

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 12 of the Dog Owners Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D16, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers are deemed peace officers for the purposes of the Act;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 435 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, C 25, a municipality has the power to pass by-laws providing that the municipality may enter on land at any reasonable time for the purpose of carrying out an inspection to determine whether or not a bylaw, direction or order of the municipality is being complied with and further that the power of entry shall be exercised by an employee, officer or agent of the municipality or a member of the police force;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT
HEREBY ENACTS** as follows:

1. **THAT** Mathew Marostega is hereby appointed as a Property Standards Officer, as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcing all County By-laws and for the purpose of exercising the powers of a peace officer pursuant to the Dog Owners' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D16, and as an Inspector for the purpose of administering and enforcing the County of Brant Site Alteration By-law.
2. **THAT** Josh Ens is hereby appointed as a Property Standards Officer, as a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the purpose of enforcing all County By-laws and for the purpose of exercising the powers of a peace officer pursuant to the Dog Owners' Liability Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. D16, and as an Inspector for the purpose of administering and enforcing the County of Brant Site Alteration By-law.

3. **THAT** this by-law shall be effective on May 4, 2026.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026;

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 53-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To authorize the execution of a Letter of Agreement between His Majesty, the King in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation and the Corporation of the County of Brant for funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program

WHEREAS the Ministry intends to provide dedicated gas tax funds to the County of Brant in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Letter of Agreement and the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program 2025-26 up to a maximum amount of \$280,774;

AND WHEREAS the County of Brant is desirous of entering into a Letter of Agreement with His Majesty, the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation, for funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** the Letter of Agreement, attached hereto, between the Corporation of the County of Brant and His Majesty, the King in Right of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation, for funding under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program be and it is hereby approved.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and the Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the said Agreement on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Brant and to affix the corporate seal thereto.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026;

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

Ministry of Transportation

Ministère des Transports



Office of
Assistant
Deputy Minister

Bureau du sous-ministre
adjoint
Division des transports en
commun
777, rue Bay, 30e étage
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Transit Division

777 Bay Street, 30th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

March 27, 2026

Mayor David Bailey
County of Brant
26 Park Avenue
Burford ON N0E 1A0

Dear Mayor Bailey:

RE: Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program Letter of Agreement

This Letter of Agreement between the **County of Brant** (the “Municipality”) and His Majesty the King in right of the Province of Ontario, as represented by the Minister of Transportation (the “Ministry”), sets out the terms and conditions for the provision and use of dedicated gas tax funds under the Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program (the “Program”).

Under the Program, the Ministry provides two cents out of the revenue from each litre of gasoline sold in Ontario, in accordance with provincial gas tax statutory requirements, to municipalities to fund improvements to Ontario’s transportation network and supporting economic development in communities for public transportation expenditures.

The Ministry intends to provide dedicated gas tax funds to the Municipality in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this Letter of Agreement and the enclosed Dedicated Gas Tax Funds for Public Transportation Program 2025-26 Guidelines and Requirements (the “Guidelines and Requirements”).

In consideration of the mutual covenants contained in this Letter of Agreement and the Guidelines and Requirements, which the Municipality has reviewed and understands and are hereby incorporated by reference, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are expressly acknowledged, the Ministry and the Municipality agree as follows:

1. To support local public transportation services in the Municipality, the Ministry agrees to provide funding to the Municipality under the Program to a maximum amount of up to **\$280,774** (“the “Maximum Funds”) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms and conditions set out in this Letter of Agreement and the Guidelines and Requirements.

2. The Municipality,
 - a) shall provide to the Ministry a fully signed copy of this Letter of Agreement no later than **April 30, 2026**;
 - b) hereby represents and warrants that it has a municipal by-law(s), indicating that the Municipality shall provide ongoing Public Transportation Services. The Municipality agrees to provide to the Ministry a copy of the municipal by-law(s) upon request in the Ministry's sole discretion; and
 - c) hereby represents and warrants that it has the authorizing municipal by-law(s) and, if applicable, resolution(s) for the Municipality to enter into this Letter of Agreement. The Municipality agrees to provide to the Ministry a copy of the authorizing municipal by-law(s) and, if applicable, the resolution(s) for the Municipality to enter into this Letter of Agreement upon request in the Ministry's sole discretion.
3. Upon receipt of the documentation identified in Section 2 above, the Ministry will provide the Municipality with 75% of its Maximum Funds. Reporting forms are due for submission by **May 15, 2026**. Upon approval of the reporting forms, the Ministry will provide the Municipality with any remaining payment(s). Any outstanding reporting requirements from previous years of the Program will need to be submitted and approved prior to receiving 2025-26 Gas Tax funding.
4. The Municipality will adhere to all terms and conditions set out in the Guidelines and Requirements, including, but not limited to, the host and contributing municipality process for when a municipality authorizes another municipality to provide public transportation services on its behalf.
5. The Municipality agrees that any amount payable under this Letter of Agreement and the Program may be subject, at the Ministry's sole discretion, to any other adjustments as set out in the Guidelines and Requirements.
6. The Municipality will deposit the Maximum Funds received in accordance with the Program into a dedicated gas tax funds reserve bank account and use the Maximum Funds, and any related interest, only in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements.
7. The Municipality will adhere to all requirements set out in the Guidelines and Requirements, including, but not limited to, reporting and accountability measures. The Municipality will also provide all requested documentation to the Ministry in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements.
8. The Municipality agrees that the Maximum Funds represent the full extent of the financial contribution from the Ministry and the Province of Ontario under the Program for the 2025-26 Program year.
9. The Ministry may terminate this Letter of Agreement at any time, without liability, penalty or costs upon giving at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Municipality. If the Ministry terminates this Letter of Agreement, the Ministry may take one or more of the following actions: (a) cancel all further payments of dedicated gas tax funds; (b) demand the return of any dedicated gas tax funds remaining in the possession or under the control of the Municipality; and (c) determine the reasonable costs for the Municipality to terminate

any binding agreement(s) for the acquisition of eligible public transportation services acquired, or to be acquired, with dedicated gas tax funds provided under this Letter of Agreement, and do either or both of the following: (i) permit the Municipality to offset such costs against the amount the Municipality owes pursuant to Section 9(b) of this Letter of Agreement; and (ii) subject to Section 1, provide the Municipality with funding to cover, in whole or in part, such costs. The funding may be provided only if there is an appropriation for this purpose, and in no event will the funding result in the Maximum Funds exceeding the amount specified under Section 1.

10. Any provisions which by their nature are intended to survive the termination or expiration of this Letter of Agreement including, without limitation, those related to disposition, accountability, records, audit, inspection, reporting, communication, liability, indemnity, and rights and remedies, will survive its termination or expiration.
11. This Letter of Agreement may only be amended by a written agreement duly executed by the Ministry and the Municipality.
12. The Municipality agrees that it will not assign any of its rights or obligations, or both, under this Letter of Agreement.
13. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Letter of Agreement will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Letter of Agreement. Any invalid or unenforceable provision will be deemed to be severed.
14. The term of this Letter of Agreement will commence on the date of the last signature of this Letter of Agreement and shall remain in force and effect until the completion of the 2025-26 Program in accordance with the Guidelines and Requirements.
15. The parties hereby consent to the execution of this Letter of Agreement by means of an electronic signature.

If the Municipality is satisfied with and accepts the terms and conditions of this Letter of Agreement, please sign and deliver a fully signed pdf copy to the Ministry. The Municipality may sign and deliver the Letter of Agreement to the Ministry electronically. In addition, all program reporting documents are also to be sent through Transfer Payment Ontario (TPON).

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,
as represented by the Minister of Transportation



March 27, 2026

Date

Name: James Pearce

Title: Assistant Deputy Minister, Transit Division

Pursuant to Delegated Authority.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this Letter of Agreement, as set out above, and, by signing below, I am signifying the Municipality's consent to be bound by these terms and conditions.

Municipality

Date

Name (print):
Title (head of council or
authorized delegate):

I have authority to bind the Municipality.

Date:

Name (print):
Title (clerk or authorized delegate):

I have authority to bind the Municipality.

BY-LAW NUMBER 54-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To assume and dedicate 0.30 metre reserve being Part Reserve Block 88, 2M-1941, designated as Parts 32 to 55, 2R-8542 for public road purposes.

WHEREAS the above noted reserve was authorized and laid down in accordance with the County's requirements;

AND WHEREAS development of the adjoining land has been approved and to provide public road access, it is necessary to assume said Part Block for public road purposes;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 31 (2) of The Municipal Act, being Chapter M.25, R.S.O. 2001, as amended, authority is vested in Council to establish and lay out highways.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** Part Block 88, 2M-1941, designated as Parts 32 to 55, 2R-8542 be assumed and dedicated as part of Tom Brown Drive by The Corporation of the County of Brant.
2. **THAT** the above noted Part Block be assumed, dedicated, established and laid out as a public highway by The Corporation of the County of Brant.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 55-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To amend the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law (By-law Number 118-25) related to School Board

WHEREAS Section 391 of The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons;

AND WHEREAS County of Brant Council, at its December 16, 2025 meeting, approved an amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law (By-law Number 118-25) related to Swim to Survive and National Lifeguard Program Fees;

NOW THEREFORE THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** Fees and Charges By-law Number 118-25 be amended as follows:

(Amended Fees) Community Services – School Board Fees:

Description	JUFA Fee
Swim to Survive Participant Fee	\$10.00
National Lifeguard Recertification Fee	\$95.00

2. **THAT** this by-law comes into effect on May 1, 2026.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026;

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 56-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2026

WHEREAS Sections 311 and 312 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, C. 25, provide that the Council of a local municipality shall, after the adoption of estimates for the year, pass a by-law to levy a separate tax rate on the assessment in each property class:

AND WHEREAS sections 307 and 308 of the said Act require that tax rates be established in the same proportions to the tax ratios.

AND WHEREAS 2026 property tax levy has been set at \$90,777,399 plus a special levy of \$1,680,176:

AND WHEREAS certain regulations require reductions in certain tax rates for certain classes or subclasses of property.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** for the taxation year 2026, the Corporation of the County of Brant shall levy upon the residential/farm assessment, multi-residential assessment, commercial assessment, industrial assessment, farmland assessment, managed forest assessment, pipeline assessment and aggregate extraction assessment as determined by the property assessment rolls the following rates of taxation for general purposes:

Property Class	Tax Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Special Levy Tax Rate
Commercial Small Scale on Farm	C0N, C7N	0.0051233	0.0000948
Commercial	CTN, GTN, STN, CHN, DTN, GFN, CFN, CGN	0.0204932	0.0003793
Commercial Vacant/Excess Land	CUN, CWN, CXN, GUN, SUN, CJN, CZN	0.0133206	0.0002465
Farmland	FTEP, FTES, FTFP, FTFS, FPEP, FPES, FPFP, FPFS	0.0025886	0.0000479
Landfill	HFN	0.0118645	0.0002196
Industrial AWD 1	I1N	0.0070108	0.0001298
Industrial Small Scale on Farm	I7N	0.0068760	0.0001273
Industrial	ITN, IHN, LTN	0.0275041	0.0005091
Industrial Vacant/Excess Land	IUN, IXN, IJN, IKN, IZN, LUN	0.0178776	0.0003309
Residential AWD 1	R1EP, R1ES, R1FP, RFFS	0.0070108	0.0001298
Multi-Residential	MTEP, MTES, MTFP, MTFS	0.0183360	0.0003394
New Multi-residential	NTEP, NTES, NTFP, NTFS	0.0118645	0.0002196
Pipeline	PTN	0.0191450	0.0003543

Residential	RPEP, RPES, RPFS, RPF, RHES, RHEP, RHFP, RHFS, RTEP, RTFP, RTFS, RTES, RFEP, RFES, RFFP, RFFS, RGN	0.0107859	0.0001996
Managed Forest	TTEP, TTES, TTFP, TTFS	0.0026965	0.0000499
Aggregate Extraction	VT	0.0223802	0.0004142

2. **THAT** the Manager of Taxation & Revenues be directed to add to the tax rates, the tax rates as established by the Ministry of Finance for education purposes to determine the overall rate to be used for the calculation of the 2026 final tax levy.
3. **THAT** there may be added to the Collector's Roll all or any charges which would be collected pursuant to any statute or by-laws, which are now or may become due to the municipality in 2026 and that all said charges shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as all other rates and levies.
4. **THAT** the 2026 Interim Tax Levy shall be shown as a deduction on the final tax notice.
5. **THAT** every owner shall be taxed according to the tax rates in this By-law and such tax shall become due and payable on such dates as designated by resolution of Council.
6. **THAT** on all taxes of the levy, which are in default on the first day of default, a penalty of 1.25 percent shall be added, and thereafter a penalty of 1.25 percent per month will be added on the first day of each and every month the default continues, until December 31, 2026.
7. **THAT** on all taxes in default on January 1st, 2026, interest shall be added at the rate of 1.25 percent per month for each month or fraction thereof in that the default continues.
8. **THAT** penalties and interest added in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid tax levy.
9. **THAT** part payment of taxes due may be accepted, if acceptance of any such part payment does not affect the collection of any percentage charge imposed and collectible in respect of non-payment of any taxes or any class of taxes or of any instalment thereof.
10. **THAT** where part payment on account of taxes due for any year is accepted, such part payment shall be credited first on account of the interest and penalty charges. If any, added to such taxes and where such taxes are required to be paid by instalments, the remainder of such payments shall be credited first against the instalment first due and secondly against the instalment next due, and so on, until the whole of the remainder of the payment has been credited against such taxes.
11. **THAT** the Manager of Taxation & Revenues may mail or cause to be mailed or emailed to the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice specifying the amount of taxes payable.
12. **THAT** taxes are payable at any County of Brant Customer Service Office or by telephone/internet banking, pre-authorized bank withdrawals or through the County website by credit card.

13. **THAT** the said final tax levies shall become due and payable in two equal instalments on July 31, 2026, and September 29, 2026, and non-payment of the amount on the dates stated in accordance with this section shall constitute default.
14. **THAT** By-law number 41-25 be and is hereby repealed.
15. **THAT** this by-law shall be effective as of January 1st, 2026.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 57-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To amend Traffic By-law Number 182-05 (Schedule J – Speed Limits – Highway 2)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant enacted By-law Number 182-05, being a by-law to regulate traffic, on August 23, 2005, as amended;

AND WHEREAS the County of Brant Council approved changes to Schedule J – Speed Limits at its meeting on April 28, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** By-law Number 182-05, Schedule B – Stop Signs be amended to add the following locations:
 - Highway 2 – To amend the current speed limit from 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr from 350 metres west of the west limit of Gobles Road to 30 metres east of the east limit of West Quarter Townline Road;
2. **THAT** this By-law comes into force and takes effect upon the placement of appropriate signs.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 58-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To amend Parking By-law Number 04-19
(Schedule 3 – Parking Prohibited Anytime – Victor Boulevard)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant enacted By-law Number 004-19, being a by-law to regulate parking, on January 22, 2019;

AND WHEREAS upgrades to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant have begun and are expected to have a duration of approximately 9 months;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised regarding ingress and egress of construction vehicles to the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant, predominantly when cars are parked near the entrance/exit laneway to the treatment plant;

AND WHEREAS the County of Brant Council approved changes to Schedule 3 – Parking Prohibited Anytime, at its meeting on April 28, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** By-law Number 04-19, Schedule 3 – Parking Prohibited Anytime be amended to add the following temporary locations, until such time that the construction at the St. George Wastewater Treatment Plant has concluded:
 - Victor Boulevard – North and West Sides – east of Austin Crescent, from civic address 38 Victor Boulevard to civic address 48 Victor Boulevard;
 - Victor Boulevard – South and East Sides – east of Austin Crescent, from civic address 37 Victor Boulevard to civic address 49 Victor Voulevard;
2. **THAT** this By-law comes into force and takes effect upon the placement of appropriate signs.
3. **THAT** this by-law expire upon the removal of appropriate signs and completion of the construction project.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April, 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April, 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY-LAW NUMBER 59-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To amend By-law Number 73-22, being a By-law to Delegate Specific Administrative and Legislative Matters to Staff

WHEREAS Section 9 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25 provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the *Municipal Act* or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 227 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25 provides, among other matters, that it is the role of officers and employees of the municipality to implement Council's decisions and establish administrative practices and procedures to carry out Council's decisions;

AND WHEREAS Council may pursuant to Section 23 of the *Municipal Act 2001*, S.O. 2001 c. 25 delegate its powers, duties and functions subject to the limitations as set out in the *Municipal Act 2001* and any other applicable Act(s) in order to maximize administrative and operational efficiency;

AND WHEREAS Council passed by-law 73-22- the Delegation of Authority By-law at its meeting of June 28, 2022;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting of April 28, 2026, County of Brant Council approved amendments to the delegation of authority by-law to provide the Clerk with the authority under the by-law to select and appoint members to the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. That Schedule A of By-law Number 73-22 be amended to include the following under 'Governance and Administration':

Type of Authority/ Legislative Authority	Matter to be Approved	Term, Conditions and Limitations	Commenting Departments, as applicable	Authority Delegated to:
Formation, Selection, and Appointment of Municipal Compliance Audit Committee Members, with the City of Brantford, Haldimand County, and Norfolk County. <i>Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O, 1996,c. 32 (hereinafter "MEA, 1996")</i> Section 88.37	Formation, selection and appointment of members to the Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee.	Consultation with other participating municipalities if a Joint Municipal Election Compliance Audit Committee is struck.		Clerk

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk

BY- LAW NUMBER 60-26

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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

To confirm the proceedings of Council

WHEREAS by Section 5 of The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS by Section 11 of The Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. **THAT** the action of the Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant in respect of each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by Council of the Corporation of the County of Brant, at its regular meeting held on April 28, 2026, are hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law;
2. **THAT** the Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the County of Brant are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the action of the Council referred to in the preceding section hereof;
3. **THAT** the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all documents in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation of the County of Brant.

READ a first and second time, this 28th day of April 2026.

READ a third time and finally passed in Council, this 28th day of April 2026.

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF BRANT

David Bailey, Mayor

Sunayana Katikapalli, Clerk