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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-103

Subject: Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Date: Friday, May 15, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Please be advised that the Bid Solicitations included in Appendix 1 are currently active.

As per the Procurement By-law 2025-57, section 19. Reporting, item 19.1 The Director, Procurement Services shall:

(a) report to Council on a weekly basis via Councillor Weekly Correspondence Distribution:

(i) a summary of active Bid Solicitations.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-T-19	Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement	May 13, 2026
2026-T-30	Supply and Delivery of Sand and Premixed Sand, Including Stockpiling and Mixing Services	May 13, 2026
2026-RFP-15	Niagara Region Roadway Asset Operational Review	May 14, 2026
2026-T-53	Contract Administration and Inspection Services. Capacity Improvements of Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) Niagara-on-the-Lake	May 14, 2026
2026-T-60	Supply and Delivery of Ammunition for the Niagara Regional Police Service	May 15, 2026
2026-RFP-68	Baker Road WWTP EA Outfall Geophysical Survey	May 18, 2026
2026-RFSQ-33	CCTV Inspection and Sewer Cleaning	May 19, 2026
2026-RFP-61	Niagara-on-the-Lake Water System Modelling	May 20, 2026
2026-T-51	Supply and Delivery of Sodium Hypochlorite 12% Bulk	May 20, 2026
2025-T-43	Proposed Thorold West Flume	May 21, 2026
2026-T-43	Overhead Doors, Gates, and Arms Preventative and On Demand Maintenance and Repair Services	May 21, 2026
2026-T-78	2026 Networking Initiative	May 25, 2026
2026-RFP-26	HVAC Preventative Maintenance, Demand Maintenance and Emergency Services	May 27, 2026
2026-RFP-32	Project: Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan- Education Campaign	May 27, 2026
2026-RFP-63	DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant No. 2 Condition Assessment	May 27, 2026
2026-T-37	Domestic Hot Water Boilers and Hydronic Boilers - Replacement and Upgrades- Niagara Region Long Term Care	May 27, 2026
2026-T-73	St. Catharines Train Station - Phase II	May 28, 2026
2026-RFSQ-55	Sewage Pumping Station and Forcemain Upgrades	May 29, 2026
2026-T-20	Stevensville-Douglastown Lagoon System Upgrades – Water Service	May 29, 2026

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-RFSQ-49	Tow Rotation List for Niagara Region / Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS)	June 01, 2026
2026-T-76	Stanley Avenue Bridge Utility Works, in the City of Niagara Falls	June 01, 2026
2026-RFP-7	Road & Weather Information System (RWIS) and Operation Maintenance Services	June 02, 2026
2025-T-223	Regional Road 55 (Niagara Stone Road) Reconstruction From 230m NE of Line 1 to East/West Line Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	June 03, 2026
2026-T-67	160 East Main St Landscaping Upgrades	June 03, 2026
2026-T-50	Roads Resurfacing Program - 2026 Part 1 - Region Wide - Multi-year	June 04, 2026
2026-T-56	Roads Resurfacing 2026 Part 2 - Multi Year	June 08, 2026
2026-T-59	Construction of Two (2) Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOS) in the City of Welland	June 08, 2026
2026-T-80	2026 Annual Asphalt Patching Program Various Locations	June 08, 2026
2026-T-82	Avaya Phone License and System Support Agreement	June 08, 2026
2026-T-57	2026 Roads Resurfacing Program - Part 3 - Multi-year	June 10, 2026
2026-RFP-62	Feasibility Study for the Preliminary Treatment Upgrades at the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant	June 11, 2026
2026-T-71	2026 Pavement Preservation Program - Multi-year	June 15, 2026
2025-T-5	16 Mile Creek Bridge Rehabilitation on Regional Road 39 (North Service Road) in the Town of Lincoln	June 15, 2026

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-104

Subject: Jurisdictional Transfer of Hwy 20 Between Hwy 58 and Townline Road in the City of Thorold

Date: Friday, May 15, 2026

To: Region Council

From: Frank Tassone, Director, Transportation Services

The purpose of this weekly correspondence is to make Council aware of the recent transfer of jurisdiction of Hwy 20 between Hwy 58 and Townline Road, from the Ministry of Transportation to Niagara Region.

In January 2025 Council approved report [PW 02-2025 Jurisdictional Transfer of Hwy 20 between Hwy 58 and Townline Road in the City of Thorold](#)

(<https://pub-niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=c3a81df6-c3c0-49a1-b0aa-9e6a66b11e83&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English&Item=22&Tab=attachments>)

The report sought Council approval to enter into negotiations with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) with respect to the potential transfer of the subject road section to Niagara Region.

In March 2025, staff sent a letter (Appendix 1) to the MTO requesting that negotiations between Niagara Region and MTO commence.

As a follow-up to the letter, staff contacted the MTO in June and November 2025, requesting an update on the ability to commence negotiations. MTO notified staff on both occasions that Treasury Board approval was required before any further action could be initiated on the file.

On May 1, 2026, staff were notified by the MTO that by Order in Council the subject section of roadway was removed from the Ministry road network and is now under the jurisdiction of Niagara Region.

A fulsome report will be brought before Council in the coming months with full details of the road transfer.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Frank Tassone, C.E.T.
Director, Transportation Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 Staff letter to Ministry of Transportation

March 17, 2025

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Sent Via EMAIL

Re: Jurisdictional Transfer of Hwy 20 between Thorold Townline Road and Rail Corridor west of Hwy 58, in the City of Thorold

As Highway 20 presents a strategic opportunity for economic development, at its meeting on January 23, 2025, Regional Council directed staff to commence negotiations with the Ministry regarding the potential future jurisdictional transfer of Hwy 20 between Thorold Townline Road and the west limit of the MTO's jurisdiction (west of Hwy 58).

The City of Thorold is launching a new economic development program designed to drive future growth and prosperity, leveraging strategic partnerships with the Region. Highway 20 is now at the center of proposed investments in housing and employment opportunities along its corridor within the City of Thorold. This key stretch of highway is strategically located adjacent to Highway 406, which connects both North and South Niagara and has already attracted significant investment interest. Recognized as a strategic development corridor, it aligns with Niagara Region's Strategic Plan for a more prosperous and effective region, as well as the goals of the Region's 10-year Economic Development Strategy. The proposed transfer of ownership will unlock the full potential of these lands.

Hwy 20 west of Hwy 58 to the western boundary of the Region crosses through several municipalities (Thorold, Pelham, West Lincoln) and was transferred to the Region from the Ministry between 1998 and 2001. Hwy 20 from Townline Road to Portage Road in the City of Niagara Falls was transferred from the Province to the City, and ultimately to the Region in 1999.

The segment between the two segments listed above remains in Provincial ownership. The road section plays an integral role in the movement of local goods and services in an east-west direction across the Niagara Region and meets the criteria for an arterial road.

Hwy 20 between Hwy 58 and Townline Road no longer suits its original design as a rural, controlled-access highway. Operations of the road segment are undertaken by the Region on behalf of the Ministry with an annual financial contribution.

The City of Thorold is experiencing unprecedented growth in the Rolling Meadows community and is planning to exceed its growth targets for the next couple of years. In preparation to manage the impacts of new development further infrastructure must be implemented. This will include sanitary sewer and water main to service the adjacent lands. As you know, implementation of such infrastructure along a controlled access Highway is restrictive and can be extremely expensive and, in some cases, reduces the availability of connections within the controlled access corridor. This has the potential to stunt the City's ability to implement infrastructure in a timely manner, ultimately affecting housing targets.

The City of Thorold is supportive of the Region taking ownership of this road segment to stimulate development along the corridor. As such you will find attached a letter of support from the city on this matter.

Region staff would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the viability of a transfer from the Ministry to the Region along with any potential financial impacts. Given our collective goals on the creation of housing in the Region, time is of the essence and your earliest attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,



Frank Tassone, C.E.T.
Director, Transportation Services

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CC. Terry Ricketts, Commissioner of Public Works
Geoff Holman, City of Thorold

Attachment: City of Thorold Letter of Support

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-105

Subject: Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive

Date: Friday, May 15, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Purpose

This memorandum provides Council with a high-level overview and status update regarding the implementation of the *Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025* (the “Act”) and the associated *Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive* (the “Directive”).

Overview

The Act and Directive establish new provincial requirements intended to prioritize Ontario-based goods, services, and suppliers in public sector procurement.

The Directive applies to **new procurements only** and introduces requirements in two strategic categories for municipalities:

- **Fleet Vehicles- effective April 13, 2026**
- **Capital Infrastructure- effective May 15, 2026**

The Directive also applies to local boards and municipal services corporations, with application effective June 1, 2026.

At a high level, anticipated impacts of the Directive include:

- The introduction of mandatory or discretionary preference mechanisms for Ontario-based goods, services and suppliers.
- Restrictions or conditions on procuring that may limit access to non-Ontario or international suppliers.
- Additional documentation, reporting, approval and justification requirements in procurement processes.

A copy of the Directive is publicly available on the Province of Ontario’s website:

[Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/page/municipal-buy-ontario-procurement-directive)

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Implications for the Region

Implementation of the Directive is expected to affect Regional procurement practices, including the need to:

- review and update procurement templates and evaluation methodologies.
- assess operational impacts on procurement planning, timelines and market engagement; and
- consider potential budget impacts that may arise from reduced supplier competition, pricing differentials associated with Ontario-based sourcing requirements and increased administrative and compliance obligations.

Pursuant to sections 5 and 6 of the *Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025*, compliance with the Directive is deemed to form part of provincial funding arrangements, and the province may direct that funds be withheld from a municipality in cases of non-compliance.

Given that certain key elements of the Directive remain subject to further clarification or future regulation, some uncertainty persists regarding the full scope of municipal obligations.

Next Steps

Legal Services and Procurement Services staff are actively working in collaboration to:

- Review the Act and Directive in detail and assess municipal obligations.
- Identify legal, operational, financial, and trade-related considerations.
- Develop recommended updates to procurement policies and processes to support compliance.
- Monitor for additional Provincial guidance or regulatory direction.

Staff will report back to Council with a more detailed analysis, including potential financial implications and recommended implementation approaches once further clarity is available and a comprehensive review has been completed. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services



May 14, 2026

Welcome to the new AMO Watchfile!

Today, more than 16 years and 853 issues after its launch in January 2010, we're pleased to introduce a refreshed design for AMO's weekly Watchfile.

It's built to be clear and easy to read, while maintaining the familiarity and key resources, events, and information you've come to expect.

2026-2028 AMO Board of Directors Nominations

Are you interested in running for the AMO Board of Directors? Visit our website for the Board elections guide and nomination form.

[Submit Your Nomination](#)

Last Call: Delegation Meeting Requests Close May 21

Submit your request by Thursday, May 21, at 5 pm ET. Attendance at AMO Conference is required to participate in these meetings.

[Get the Request Form](#)

Provincial Matters

Last Chance to Share Input on OMPF Funding! Survey Closes May 19

Please complete a short 5-minute survey from the Ministry of Finance on how your municipality uses the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding. The survey was **emailed to municipal finance staff** from the OMPF team. Email subject: "Survey on Use of 2025 OMPF Funding | Sondage sur l'utilisation du FPMO 2025". The survey closes on May 19, 2026

Events & Education

Apply for the 2026 PJ Marshall Awards by May 22

The PJ Marshall Awards recognize Ontario municipalities that have found smarter, creative or more cost-effective ways to deliver public services with tangible results. Applications are due by Friday, May 22, 2026 and the awards will be announced at the AMO [2026 Conference](#), held August 16 -19, 2026, in the City of Ottawa. [For more information and to apply, click here.](#)

New Dates - AMO's Candidate Support Pre-Election Workshops

Through its [Healthy Democracy Project](#), AMO is offering information sessions to support aspiring municipal candidates. Whether first-time, incumbent, underrepresented, or young leaders, these sessions meet you where you are and help you move forward with confidence. [Register for one of these free workshops today.](#)

MAY 25 - Recent Developments on OMERS Governance Webinar

AMO is working collaboratively with other plan sponsors and the OMERS Administration Corporation to establish the new OMERS Sponsors Council. [Join us for a free webinar](#) on May 25 with AMO and MEPCO on these developments and why they matter to municipal employers.

JUN 2 - Preparing for Bill 97 Changes Webinar, hosted by Vayle and AMO

Municipalities and Ontario public sector institutions are seeking clarity on how amendments to MFIPPA and FIPPA will impact FOI processes, timelines, and privacy obligations. [Register for the three-hour in-person or online session on June 2:](#) Preparing for Bill 97 FOI & Privacy Changes.

Watch the Recording - Mayor-CAO Relationship Series Webinar

Last week's session of the Mayor-CAO Relationship Series explored Upper Tier Leadership Dynamics, focusing on the political and administrative dimensions of the Warden-CAO relationship. You can [watch the recorded session here.](#)

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Streamline your Risk and Claim Management Process

AMO/LAS Business Services, in partnership with ClearRisk Inc., offers a Risk and Claim Management System that is an accessible, agile, cloud-based solution that automates risk and claims data processing and informs enterprise-wide decision-making for your municipality. [Learn more](#).

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Nominations Open – 2026 OHRC Human Rights Awards

Nominations are open for the 2026 Daniel G. Hill Human Rights Awards, recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to advancing human rights in Ontario. [Submissions open until May 29](#).

Nominations Call: Medal of Distinction in Public Administration

Nominations for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public servants, are [open until June 8](#).

IPC Transparency Challenge

The IPC's third Transparency Challenge is now open. [Submit your institution's innovative projects](#) advancing government openness and get showcased in Ontario's online Transparency gallery.

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FCM's Sustainable Communities Awards recognize proven solutions that other communities can learn from and replicate. Each winning project will receive one complimentary full pass to the FCM Sustainable Communities Conference 2027. There, winners will be invited to present their work in a TED Talk-style presentation - with expert coaching in public speaking. Nominations close on June 28, 2026. [Explore the award categories and criteria.](#)

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[Housing Program Specialist - Region of Durham](#). Closing Date: May 22, 2026.

[More Careers](#)

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