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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-149

Subject: Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Date: Friday, June 26, 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-RFP-7	Road & Weather Information System (RWIS) and Operation Maintenance Services	June 26, 2026
2026-T-66	Supply and Delivery of OEM Cummins Engine Parts and Filters	June 26, 2026
2026-RFSQ-87	Campbell West Roof Replacement	June 29, 2026
2026-T-65	Snow Clearing & Removal for Niagara Transit Commission (NTC) Bus Stops & Shelters	June 29, 2026
2026-T-64	Consulting Services – Structural Analysis and Demolition of Regional Road 512 (74 Main Street West) in the Town of Grimsby	June 30, 2026
2026-RFP-16	Niagara Region Furniture Accommodation Partner	July 02, 2026
2026-T-52	Window Cleaning Services	July 02, 2026
2026-T-48	Perimeter Ditch Lining – Humberstone Landfill, Regional Municipality of Niagara	July 03, 2026
2026-T-89	Contract Administration and Inspection Services - Annual Strengthening and Resurfacing Programs - All Parts – Night Work – Region Wide	July 06, 2026
2026-RFP-86	Microwave Radio Replacement Project for the Niagara Regional Police Service	July 07, 2026
2026-RFP-17	Emergency Management Software	July 08, 2026
2026-RFP-81	Operations of the Re-usable Materials Drop-Off Depot, Niagara Road 12 Landfill Site in West Lincoln and/or Humberstone Landfill Site in Welland	July 08, 2026
2025-T-189	Road Reconstruction on Regional Road 49 (McLeod Road) from Oakwood Drive to Wilson Crescent in the City of Niagara Falls	July 09, 2026
2026-T-95	Supply and Delivery of Liquid Aluminum Sulphate	July 09, 2026
2026-RFSQ-99	Supply of Safety Work Shoes and/or Boots for Corporate Purchases for Niagara Region EMS Employees	July 10, 2026
2026-T-104	Telecom License and System Support (2026 - 2029)	July 13, 2026
2026-T-93	7835 McLeod Rd Public Health Business Licensing Amalgamation	July 13, 2026

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-Q-97	Niagara Region Landfill Naturalization and Canopy Enhancement	July 14, 2026
2026-RFP-74	Supported Transitional Housing	July 14, 2026
2026-T-101	Geotechnical Materials Testing Services for the Reconstruction of Regional Road 49 (McLeod Road) between Oakwood Drive and Wilson Crescent in the City of Niagara Falls	July 14, 2026
2026-T-70	Reconstruction of Regional Road 10 (Casablanca Boulevard) Between Regional Road 39 (North Service Road) and Regional Road 512 (Livingston Avenue) in the Town of Grimsby	July 14, 2026
2026-RFP-25	High-Voltage Electrical Services	July 16, 2026
2026-T-100	Manufacture, Supply, and Delivery of Organics Collection Containers	July 22, 2026
2026-RFP-94	Consulting Assignment to Undertake a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment for the Niagara Escarpment Crossing in the Towns of Grimsby and Lincoln and the Township of West Lincoln	August 04, 2026

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-150

Subject: Woodland By-law Annual Summary

Date: June 26, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Daniel Root, Regional Forester

The purpose of this memorandum is to present a brief summary of activities undertaken by Regional Staff in relation to administration of Niagara Region's Woodland Conservation By-law (2020-79) in 2025.

Niagara Region Woodland Conservation By-law 2020-79 exists to protect woodlands and promote sustainable stewardship of forests in Niagara Region. Under the authority granted by Section 135 of the Municipal Act, 2001, the By-law prohibits the clearing of woodlands except under specific circumstances and requires landowners to follow good forestry practices when harvesting trees in private woodlots.

Regional Council has designated two staff members to act as by-law Enforcement Officers for the purposes of enforcing By-law No. 2020-79. These staff members include a Registered Professional Forester charged with full-time administration of the by-law, and the Associate Director of Development Services, whose duties include acting as an auxiliary enforcement officer, when required.

This is the fifth year of the Woodland Conservation By-law being directly administered by Niagara Region, since moving back from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in 2020. This memorandum provides an update to Regional Council regarding Woodland by-law activities in 2025.

Woodland By-law Enquiries

In 2025, Staff responded to 136 inquiries relating to Woodlands and the Woodland Conservation by-law. The majority of enquiries related to enforcement concerns, planning questions, and by-law exemptions. Staff responded to enquiries by private landowners, Local Area Municipalities (LAMs), community groups, and concerned residents.

Enforcement

When necessary, charges resulting from by-law violations are initiated under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act. There was one by-law violation that required charges to be laid in 2025.

Two charges laid by Staff in prior years reached resolution in 2025, through restoration of the lands. In May, a court process related to charges laid in 2022 concluded, resulting in a guilty verdict. Regional prosecutors also dropped charges brought against a landowner in 2024. As of December 31, four court proceedings resulting from charges laid remain unresolved.

Permits

Staff issued six Good Forestry Practices Permits in 2025. Per By-law requirements, Good Forestry Practices Permits are issued for forest management projects that include commercial timber harvesting within a private woodlot. Good Forestry Practices Permits are not issued to allow landowners to clear Woodlands. Regional Staff inspect properties that have received permits to ensure that harvesting does not destroy or degrade forest values.

Outreach and Landowner Engagement

Staff participated in activities to promote landowner awareness of tree health and woodland stewardship throughout Niagara Region. This included maintaining an advisory position on the board of the Niagara Chapter of the Ontario Woodlot Association. Through this connection, Staff also lead “woodland walk” events and gave a presentation about the Woodland By-law at the organization’s AGM. Regional Staff also partnered with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to host a public “Tree Check Month” event, providing information to residents about emerging threats to tree and forest health in Niagara Region.

In 2025, Staff also produced an educational pamphlet titled “Woodland Conservation in Niagara Region: Information for Landowners”. Staff also regularly responded to questions from the public about tree health and forest management.

Staff participated in an ongoing partnership with the Town of Pelham to assist Town Staff in the identification of Heritage or Significant Community Trees to be nominated for protection under the Woodland By-law.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Daniel Root, RPF
Regional Forester

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-151**Subject:** Notification to System Owner of Spill**Date:** Friday, June 26, 2026**To:** Regional Council**From:** Dawn MacArthur, Manager, Compliance, Enforcement and Lab Services

Purpose

This memorandum is being provided to ensure timely communication to Regional Council regarding spills in connection with the collection/treatment of wastewater in Niagara Region.

Three occurrences of spills occurred from May 5 to June 1, 2026. The impacted system/municipality, date, location and material of each spill are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Table listing spills that occurred in May to June 1, 2026 from a Niagara Region wastewater system.

Date of Spill	Impacted Wastewater System/Municipality	Location of Spill	Material Spilled
May 5, 2026	Welland Wastewater System/ City of Welland	Welland Wastewater Treatment Plant	Digested Sludge
May 19, 2026	Niagara Falls Wastewater System/ City of Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant	Digested Sludge and Digester Biogas
June 1, 2026	Niagara Falls Wastewater System/ City of Niagara Falls	Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant	Digester Biogas

The details of each spill are included below. All spills are reported to regulatory authorities.

Welland Wastewater Treatment Plant Spill of Digested Sludge During Loading of Tanker – May 5, 2026

Situation

On May 5, 2026, digested sludge was being transferred from a digester to a tanker for routine transport to the centralized Garner Road biosolids storage and dewatering facility. During loading, the tanker was overfilled. As the tanker moved from the loading area, digested sludge spilled from the tanker onto the asphalt.

The spill was contained entirely within the plant site on the asphalt surface. Spilled material was promptly cleaned up and returned to the plant process. No material was spilled to the natural environment.

Corrective Actions

Niagara Region staff used a vacuum truck to clean up the spilled material. The tanker contractor provided additional driver training to reduce the risk of recurrence.

Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Primary Digester Emergency Pressure Relief Event – Spill of Digested Sludge and Digester Biogas – May 19, 2026

Situation

On May 19, 2026, a digester process upset occurred at the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The upset caused excessive biogas production, resulting in a pressure spike within the digester that triggered the emergency relief hatches to open. These hatches are designed to relieve excess pressure and prevent structural damage to the digester by relieving excess pressure. As a result of the opening of the hatches, digester biogas was released to the atmosphere and digested sludge was discharged to the immediate area surrounding the digester.

The spilled sludge was contained on-site and was not spilled to the natural environment.

The cause of the digester upset was identified as overfeeding the digester with sludge. Operations staff were managing higher than normal sludge levels in the primary clarifiers. To prevent solids carryover that could negatively impact the final effluent

quality, sludge pumping rates to the digester were increased. The additional organic loading caused the bacteria in the digester to produce excess biogas, resulting in elevated digester pressure.

Niagara Falls WWTP has been operating with reduced digester capacity following the catastrophic failure of one of two primary digesters in 2017. This capacity limitation reduces operational flexibility and requires careful balancing of digester performance while maintaining effluent quality.

Corrective Actions

Upon discovery of the spill, operations staff took immediate action to contain the sludge and reduce sludge volumes in the digester to stop the release. A vacuum truck was used to clean the affected area. No recovery or clean-up of the released biogas was possible. No adverse impacts were observed or reported.

To maintain digestion capacity at the facility, the secondary digester was converted for use as a primary digester until inspection and repairs to the affected primary digester are completed.

Measures to strengthen early warning of digester upset conditions and reduce the likelihood of recurrence are being implemented, including:

- Review of digester feeding practices with operations staff;
- Alarms to alert operators when digester loading limits are approached; and
- Warning prompts on laboratory entry sheet to draw operator attention to unusual laboratory results related to digester performance

A study is currently underway to evaluate the potential centralization of digester capacity. Study results will inform a long-term strategy for addressing digester capacity needs at Niagara Falls WWTP and across other wastewater treatment plants in Niagara Region.

Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Repairs to Primary Digester Emergency Relief Hatch – Planned Spill of Digester Biogas – June 1, 2026

Situation

Following the emergency pressure relief event on May 19, 2026, a post-event inspection of the primary digester emergency relief hatch identified damage that

required repair. To complete the repairs safely, the hatch needed to be opened, which required a planned release of digester biogas to the atmosphere. Approval for the discharge was obtained from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks before the work proceeded.

On June 1, 2026, a contractor released biogas from the digester in a controlled manner to reduce internal pressure. The emergency relief hatch was then opened and the required repairs were completed.

Corrective Actions

Mitigation measures were implemented in advance of the planned repair to reduce the volume of digester biogas released. The digester was not fed sludge from the wastewater treatment process and heating to the digester was suspended. These measures reduced biogas production within the digester. No recovery or clean-up of the released biogas was possible. No adverse impacts were observed or reported.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Dawn MacArthur, B.Sc., C.Chem.

Manager, Compliance, Enforcement and Lab Services



June 25, 2026

Registration Now Open: AMO's Local Leadership Foundations

Designed for Ontario's elected officials, this program offers a practical, post-election introduction to leading on council to build the knowledge, confidence and skills to succeed from day one.

Municipalities can register now to reserve spots for their incoming council members. A limited number of bursaries are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Register Here](#)

Don't Miss: Housing & Homelessness at AMO 2026

Take part in plenary and concurrent sessions addressing various municipal priorities, including housing and homelessness. For program information and to register, click here.

[Program Info](#)

June is Indigenous History Month

Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQ+ people continue to experience higher rates of violence due to the ongoing effects of colonialism. Find resources developed with and for Indigenous and 2SLGBTQ+ communities to support this work.

[Get the Resources](#)

Provincial Updates

Energy Reporting Deadline Less Than a Week Away

Report your annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by July 1! This helps manage costs, identify energy-saving opportunities, and reduce emissions. [Click here for more information.](#)

Applications Open – Hydro One Community Partnership Grant

Municipalities and municipality-endorsed charitable partners are invited to apply for Hydro One's Community Partnership Grant, supporting initiatives enhancing emergency preparedness, critical infrastructure, or community well-being. [Applications close on June 30.](#)

Events & Education

- **JUN 30 - Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities - Session Four (Community Members)**

For community members considering running for office, this free workshop is session two in the series and will cover how to prioritize and protect mental health and well-being. [Register here.](#)

- **AUG 16 - Indigenous-Municipal Relations Workshop**

Looking to improve Indigenous-Municipal relations? Don't miss this hands-on workshop happening in person in Ottawa with special conference rates. You don't have to be registered for the conference to participate. [Register here.](#)

- **AUG 16 - Preventing Escalated Behaviours Workshop**

Gain practical strategies for safer municipal workspaces with this educational workshop happening in person in Ottawa with special conference rates. You don't have to be registered for the conference to participate. [Register here.](#)

[See the Full Event Calendar](#)

LAS AMO Business Services

Reduce Employee Group Benefits Costs

The LAS Group Benefits program offered by Mosey & Mosey helps reduce your employee group benefit costs. The plan offerings are customizable to your municipality's needs, and quotes are free of charge. [Visit our website for more information.](#)

The All Risk Municipal Grant Winners Will Be Announced at the AMO Conference

The [*All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency*](#) recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. Three municipalities will receive \$10,000 towards their project. The winners will be announced at the AMO Conference in August.

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It's Not Too Late: Complete Your Census Questionnaire

Municipalities are encouraged to spread the word that it's not too late to complete the 2026 Census. It only takes a few minutes and makes a big difference. This data helps to paint a portrait of Canadians and their stories – from small communities to entire provinces and territories. [Share the website.](#)

Applications Open - 2026/27 MHS4PSP Grant Program

Applications for the MHS4PSP Grant are now open to eligible Ontario Public Safety Organizations in the EHS, fire, and police sectors. The [deadline to submit your application is July 7, 2026](#), at 4:00 p.m.

Careers

[Manager, Planning & Heritage - Municipality of Meaford](#). Closing Date: July 10, 2026.

[Supervisor of Utility, Revenue and Billing - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: July 5, 2026.

[Director, SVC System Planning & Integrity - City of Toronto](#). Closing Date: July 13, 2026.

[Asset Management Analyst - City of Belleville](#). Closing Date: July 14, 2026.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

AMO Calls for Bill 100 Reversal

AMO calls for the province to restore local voice and keep local governance accountable to the communities they serve by reversing the appointment of Regional Chairs through Bill 100, *Better Regional Governance Act*. [Read the AMO Policy Update](#).

Canada-Ontario Development Charges Reduction Program

On June 1, the federal and Ontario governments launched The Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program. Municipalities have until June 19, 2026 to submit projects for funding consideration. [Read AMO's Policy Update for more information](#).

New Code of Conduct Bill Passes,

Bill 9, the Municipal Accountability Act, passed third reading, a significant achievement for the municipal sector. Read the [AMO Policy Update](#).

June is Pride Month

Find a list of municipalities celebrating and raising flags for the month [here](#).

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