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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-114

Subject: Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Date: Friday, May 29, 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-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
2026-T-76	Stanley Avenue Bridge Utility Works, in the City of Niagara Falls	June 01, 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-37	Domestic Hot Water Boilers and Hydronic Boilers - Replacement and Upgrades- Niagara Region Long Term Care	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-RFSQ-49	Tow Rotation List for Niagara Region / Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS)	June 05, 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
2025-T-43	Proposed Thorold West Flume	June 10, 2026
2026-RFP-3	Remote Patient Monitoring Program and Provisional Complementary Software Solution for Niagara Emergency Medical Services - Community Paramedicine Program	June 10, 2026
2026-T-57	2026 Roads Resurfacing Program - Part 3 - Multi-year	June 10, 2026
2026-RFP-63	DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant No. 2 Condition Assessment	June 11, 2026

Bid Number	Name	Closing Date
2026-T-64	Consulting Services – Structural Analysis and Demolition of Regional Road 512 (74 Main Street West) in the Town of Grimsby	June 11, 2026
2026-RFP-72	Baker Road WWTP Secondary Digester Upgrade	June 12, 2026
2026-RFP-54	Landscaping, Grubbing, Tree and Shrub Trimming/Removal, Hardscaping, Mulching and Flowerbed Maintenance at the Niagara Region Water and Wastewater Locations	June 15, 2026
2026-T-5	16 Mile Creek Bridge Rehabilitation on Regional Road 39 (North Service Road) in the Town of Lincoln	June 15, 2026
2026-T-71	2026 Pavement Preservation Program - Multi-year	June 15, 2026
2026-T-83	2026 Roads Resurfacing Program - Part 4	June 16, 2026
2026-T-66	Supply and Delivery of OEM Cummins Engine Parts and Filters	June 17, 2026
2026-RFP-62	Feasibility Study for the Preliminary Treatment Upgrades at the Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant	June 22, 2026
2026-RFP-7	Road & Weather Information System (RWIS) and Operation Maintenance Services	June 23, 2026
2026-RFP-17	Emergency Management Software	June 24, 2026

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-115

Subject: Niagara Irrigation Initiative Project – Notice of Public Information Center

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Rachel Daniels, Project Manager

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Regional Council that there will be a Public Information Center (PIC) on June 10, 2026 for the Niagara Irrigation Initiative Project: Upgrading and Enhancing Irrigation Infrastructure in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Information on the project was previously communicated to Regional Council through Confidential Report PDS 9-2025 (April 9, 2025) and Report PDS 16-2025 (September 10, 2025).

The Project Steering Committee, supported by Niagara Region and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Staff, and the Project Consulting Team, is hosting a drop-in Public Information Centre to answer questions and seek feedback about the project. All members of the public are invited to attend, learn about irrigation in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, get a project update, and provide feedback on the detailed design process.

This Public Information Centre will be a drop-in style event and will feature display boards with multiple subject matter experts available for questions. Materials will also be available on the project webpage following the event.

The PIC will be held on **Wednesday, June 10, 2026 from 6-8 p.m.** at:

Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre: Mori Room
14 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

The notice for the event is attached to this memorandum and will appear in the print and digital versions of local newspapers as well as on the Region's and Town's website.

Please contact me at Rachel.daniels@niagararegion.ca if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Rachel Daniels
Project Manager

Appendices

Appendix 1 Notice of Public Information Center

Niagara Irrigation Initiative Project

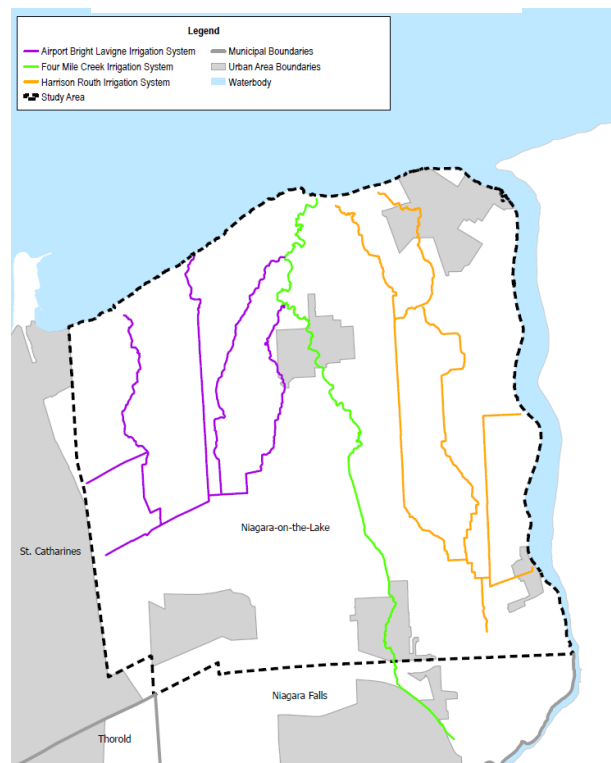
Notice of a Public Information Centre

Upgrading and Enhancing Irrigation Infrastructure in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Project Background

Part of the broader Niagara Irrigation Initiative, this project is working towards upgrades and enhancements to the existing irrigation system in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Additional capacity in the system is required to meet current water demand, improve drought resilience, and to plan for the future.

To date, the Project Team has reviewed key background and design reports, conducted multiple site visits, released a user survey, consulted extensively with the Town's Irrigation Committee, and drafted a Consolidated Engineering Report, which includes several design alternatives. Based on a technical evaluation and feedback, the Project Team has recommended four solutions to proceed to the detailed design phase.



Join Us – Your Input is Important

The Project Steering Committee, supported by Niagara Region and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Staff, and the Project Consulting Team, is hosting a Public Information Centre to answer questions and seek feedback about the project.

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. (Drop-in anytime)
Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Centre: Mori Room
14 Anderson Lane, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

All members of the public are invited to attend, learn about irrigation in the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, get a project update, and provide feedback on the detailed design process. This Public Information Centre will be a drop-in style event and will feature display boards with multiple subject matter experts available for questions. Materials will also be available on the project webpage following the event: <https://www.niagararegion.ca/projects/irrigation-initiative/>

Contact Us

If you are interested in providing feedback on the project but cannot attend, please e-mail us at: irrigation@niagararegion.ca. For additional information, or if you require accessibility accommodations or materials in an alternate format to participate in meetings or events, please contact:

Sean Norman, PMP, MCIP, RPP
Manager, Strategic Initiatives, Niagara Region
905-980-6000, extension 3179
sean.norman@niagararegion.ca

Requests for accommodations should be made in advance to allow sufficient time for arrangements.

Any personal information submitted will be collected, used and disclosed, where applicable, by members of Regional staff according to the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA). Any information you share will only be used for the intended purpose for which it was provided. For questions or comments about privacy practices, or for more information about the administration of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act in Niagara Region programs see niagararegion.ca/government/foi.

This project is funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) - a five-year \$3.5-billion investment by federal-provincial and territorial governments.



Memorandum

CWCD 2026-116

Subject: Niagara Parents Changes to Service

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Pamela Dilts, Director Family and Community Health

The Niagara Parents service delivery model is being updated to better reflect current demand and patterns of service use. Fixed live response hours for the phone line will be discontinued, with calls answered live when Public Health Nurses are available and otherwise directed to voicemail, with follow-up provided within one to two business days. The Live Chat service will also be discontinued due to consistently low utilization.

The Niagara Parents phone line will remain a key access point to parenting and early childhood services in Public Health, supported by voicemail follow-up, e-registration through the website, and continued intake for referrals from healthcare providers and community partners. These changes reflect current practice, where clients often reach voicemail when staff are supporting other clients, and will maintain service expectations while improving efficiency and aligning resources with actual usage patterns.

Respectfully submitted and signed by



Pamela Dilts, RN BScN MHS
Director, Family and Community Health Division
Public Health and Emergency Services

Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre #1

Niagara Region Transportation Plan 2051 (Transportation Master Plan Study)

The Study

Niagara Region is developing a comprehensive Transportation Master Plan. This plan will update the Region's existing Transportation Master Plan that was approved in 2017. The new TMP will extend that vision to 2051 and beyond, focusing on the Region's long-term transportation needs. The TMP will address key concerns such as:

- **Connectivity:** Improving connections between communities and economic centres.
- **Active Transportation and Transit:** Supporting options for active transportation and public transit by connecting key destinations and corridors.
- **Goods Movement:** Supporting the movement of goods and regional freight corridors.
- **Resilience and Adaptability:** Ensuring the transportation system can adjust to future mobility trends.
- **Infrastructure and Services:** Identifying the infrastructure and service needs for a growing region.
- **Tourism Demand:** Planning for travel demand related to tourism.

The new TMP will outline the necessary infrastructure and service requirements to accommodate the Region's projected growth to 2051. It will act as a long-term guide to help improve the Region's transportation system, making sure it is safe, affordable, accessible, efficient, sustainable, and ready for growth. The new TMP will help shape the future of transportation in Niagara, making sure it meets both today's needs and those of the future, and will incorporate recommendations from other initiatives across Niagara Region. The TMP Study Area is shown in Figure 1 below.

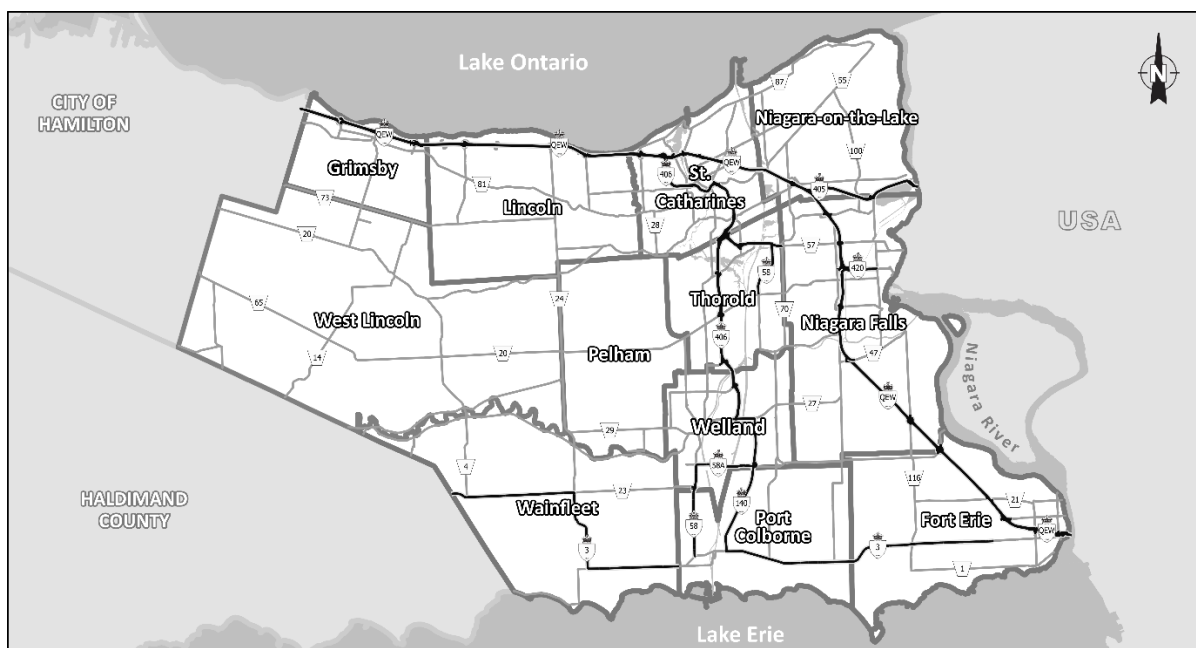


Figure 1: Transportation Plan Study Area - Niagara Region

The Process

The study follows the approved environmental planning process for infrastructure projects (Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, or Municipal Class EA). It will complete the first two steps of that process (Phases 1 and 2) that look at different options for how the Region provide the necessary infrastructure and service requirements to 2051. The project will follow Approach #1 for Master Plans based on the MCEA process.

You Are Invited to Participate!

The Niagara Region is planning to host the first of two Public Information Centres for this study. Public Information Centre #1 will provide an overview of the Study, including how the study will contribute to Niagara's overall growth plan to 2051, and how you can have your voice heard.

St. Catharines Seymour-Hannah Sports and Entertainment Centre – Meridian Room (240 St. Paul Street West, L2S 2E7) June 9th, 2026 5:30pm-7:30pm	Welland Welland Community Centre – Activity Room (145 Lincoln Street, L3B 6E1) June 10th, 2026 5:30pm-7:30pm
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In addition, the information materials related to Public Information Centre #1 will be available on the project webpage starting June 9th, 2026, and comments will be received until June 30th, 2026.

Get Involved!

Public input and comments are encouraged throughout the Study. Here is how you can be involved:

1. Two (2) Public Information Centres will be held to present and collect feedback on the study.
2. Provide feedback to the Region's project webpage at www.niagararegion.ca/projects/transportation-master-plan-update.
3. Join the study mailing list by emailing the project team at ttmp@niagararegion.ca.

Except for personal information, all comments received during the process will become part of the public record of the Study.

Stay Connected!

As the study progresses and more information becomes available, it will be posted on the project webpage: www.niagararegion.ca/projects/transportation-master-plan-update.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the study, or wish to be added to the email list for receiving notices, please contact the project team:

Amy Shanks, MCIP, RPP
Transportation Infrastructure Planning Project Manager
Niagara Region
905-980-6000 ext. 3532
ttmp@niagararegion.ca

Personal information collected or submitted in writing will be collected, used and disclosed by members of Regional Council and Regional staff in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). The written submissions including names, contact information and reports of the public meeting will be made available. Questions should be referred to the Privacy Office at 905-980-6000 ext. 3779 or FOI@niagararegion.ca.

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This notice was first issued on May 1, 2026.

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-118

Subject: Tobacco Hotline Discontinuation

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Sabrina Piluso, Director, Health Promotion and Foundational Standards Division

To align with the Ontario Public Health Standards' new direction for comprehensive health promotion, Public Health is shifting health promotion efforts toward preventing population health problems before they start and supporting people earlier by addressing the root causes of health issues. This approach centers on proactive prevention, early action, and community supports that improve health outcomes.

As part of this shift, the Niagara Region Tobacco Hotline has been discontinued, effective April 30, 2026. With numerous supports and services still available in the community, this change does not create a service gap for the residents of Niagara. The change will enable greater focus on broad population health interventions that build system-level capacity, and improve reach, equity, and access across Niagara.

Residents can continue to access free cessation supports through various organizations across Niagara, including at Community Health Centres, Family Health Teams, Heart Niagara, STOP on the Net, and the Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation, while smoking or vaping-related complaints can be directed to the Environmental Health Duty Officer at 905-688-8248, ext. 7590.

Public Health will continue to support multi-dwelling unit landlords and residents with inquiries related to smoke-free environments and the Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Sabrina Piluso, BSc, MA, LSSBB
Director, Health Promotion and Foundational Standards Division

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-119

Subject: All Planned Procurements having a budget exceeding \$10,000,000

Date: Friday, May 29, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Bart Menage, Director, Procurement Services

Please be advised that the following Planned Procurements have a budget exceeding \$10,000,000 (excluding VAT):

- 2025-T-189 Road Reconstruction of Regional Road 49 (McLeod Road) between Oakwood Drive and Wilson Crescent in the City of Niagara Falls

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: (ii) all Planned Procurements having a budget exceeding \$10,000,000 (excluding VAT)”.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Bart Menage
Director, Procurement Services

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-120**Subject:** 2026 Wastewater System Wet Weather Performance Update**Date:** Friday, May 29, 2026**To:** Regional Council**From:** Dawn MacArthur, Manager, Compliance, Enforcement and Lab Services

Purpose

The purpose of the memorandum is to provide an update on wet weather overflows that occurred from January to April 2026, and to place current results in context by comparing them with recent years. This update is provided in response to a request for information made at the Public Works Committee meeting on May 12, 2026.

Background

Wet weather overflows occur when rainfall and snowmelt enter the sanitary sewer system, increasing flows to the point that system capacity may be exceeded. In these conditions, overflow structures within the wastewater system are designed to discharge excess flow in order to protect wastewater treatment processes and reduce the risk of sewer back-ups and basement flooding.

Wet weather performance is influenced by several factors, including total rainfall, rainfall intensity, snowmelt, ground conditions such as frozen or saturated soil, and the type of sewer system. As a result, direct year-over-year comparisons can be misleading unless weather conditions are also considered. To support a more meaningful comparison, staff reviewed data from 2021 to 2026 on a quarterly basis, grouping periods with similar wet weather conditions.

Analysis

Wet weather overflow volumes and event counts are higher in 2026 than in 2025, primarily due to wetter conditions in the first quarter, particularly in March. By the end of April 2026, the total overflow volume was approximately 1,388 millions of litres (ML), which already exceeds the total volume recorded in all of 2025. While significant, this comparison should be considered in the context of wetter conditions in 2026 and the fact that overflow volumes can vary significantly depending on weather related factors.

In Q1 2026, the total overflow volume was approximately 1,078 ML, compared with 211 ML in Q1 2025. Q1 2026 rainfall totaled approximately 192 mm, compared with 107 mm in Q1 2025. Q1 2026 also recorded 95 overflow events, compared with 23 events in Q1 2025. Table 1 shows the comparison below.

Table 1: Summary of 2025 and 2026 Wet Weather Overflows by Quarter with Supporting Rainfall Data

Month	2025 Number of Events	2025 Volume (ML)	2025 Rainfall (mm)	2026 Number of Events	2026 Volume (ML)	2026 Rainfall (mm)
Q1 (Jan, Feb, Mar)	23	211	107	95	1,078	192
Q2 (Apr, May, Jun)	81	697	218	41 ¹	310 ¹	99 ¹
Q3 (Jul, Aug, Sep)	18	42	135			
Q4 (Oct, Nov, Dec)	47	420	217			
Totals	169	1,370	677	136	1,388	291

Figure 1 illustrates overflow volumes (in millions of litres) by quarter from 2021 through March 2026, along with total recorded rainfall (in millimetres). When compared with other wetter first quarters, Q1 2026 is within the historical range observed in recent years. For example, Q1 overflow volume was approximately 1,165 ML in 2022 and 839 ML in 2023, with rainfall totals of approximately 215 mm and 209 mm respectively. Those years also experienced elevated overflow activity during wetter conditions.

Overall, the 2026 year-to-date results indicate elevated wet weather impacts relative to 2025; however, they are consistent with system performance observed during comparable wet weather periods. All overflow locations recorded to date in 2026 are locations that have historically experienced wet weather overflows; no unusual or unexpected new overflow locations have been identified.

¹ Q2 2026 values include data for the month of April only.

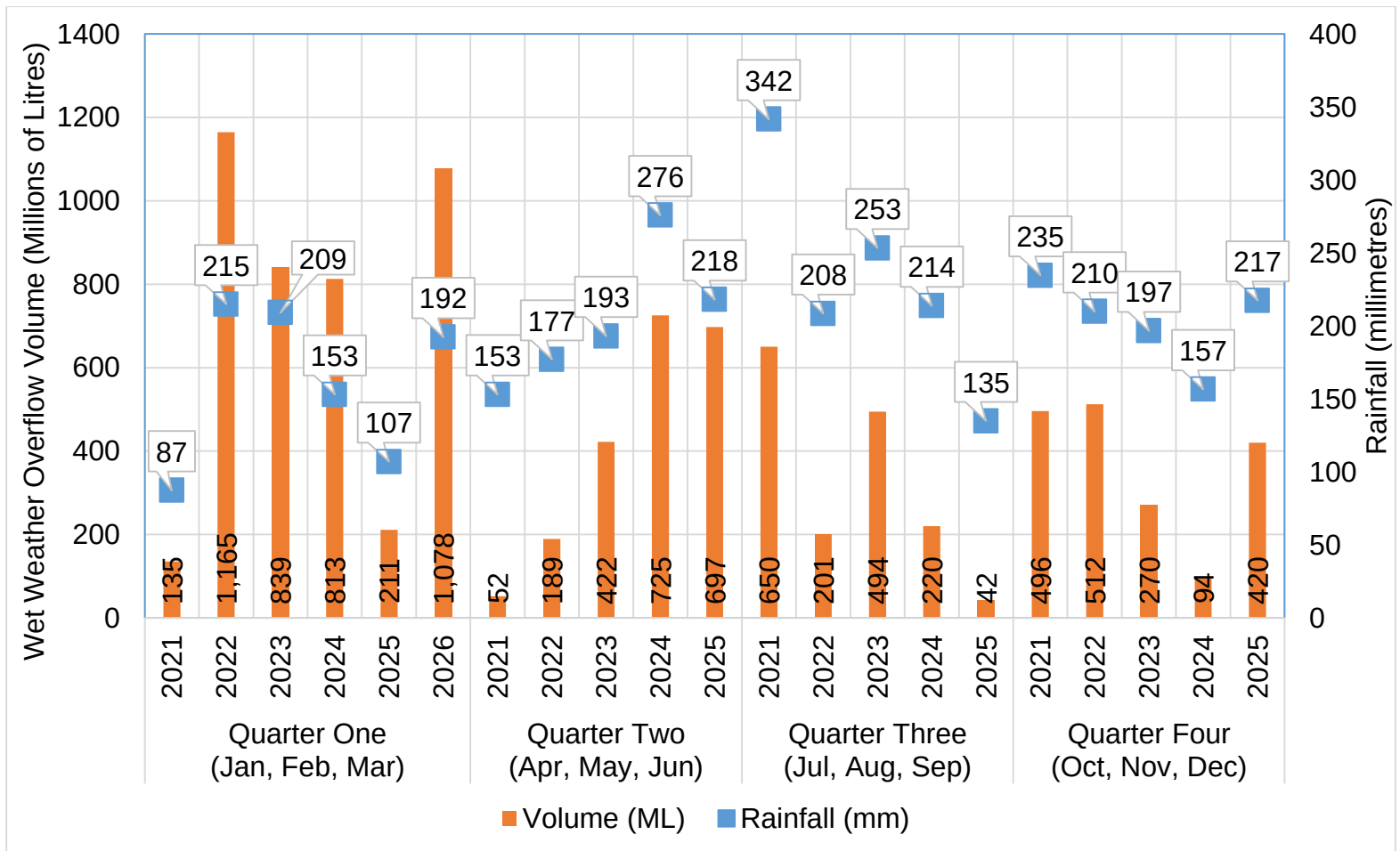


Figure 1 – Quarterly overflow volume and total rainfall, 2021 to March 2026

Summary

Rainfall in early 2026, particularly in March, has contributed to increased wet weather overflow events and corresponding volumes. By the end of April 2026, the total overflow volume had reached approximately 1,388 ML, exceeding the total recorded in all of 2025. While this is a notable year-to-date result, it is consistent with the need to consider rainfall and related seasonal conditions when assessing system performance. Compared with other recent wet years (such as 2022), Q1 2026 results remain within the range observed during similarly wet periods, with no unusual or unexpected new overflow locations identified.

The Niagara Region's wastewater treatment and collection system performance is reported annually as required under Ontario regulation and are publicly available on the

[Niagara Region website](https://niagararegion.ca/living/sewage/wastewater-annual-reports) (niagararegion.ca/living/sewage/wastewater-annual-reports).

These reports provide further details on system overflows as well as compliance information for each facility, including effluent quality, spills and complaints. A summary of the Niagara Region Wastewater Systems 2025 Annual Performance Reports was provided to Regional Council on May 22, 2026 as [CWCD 2026-111](#).

(niagararegion.escribemeetings.com/Council%20Weekly%20Correspondence%20Distribution_May22_2026/Pages/VisitorView.aspx?itemID=3).

Niagara Region continues to undertake initiatives to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) and associated wet weather overflows across the wastewater systems. The Region also collaborates with local area municipalities through the Combined Sewer Overflow cost-sharing program. Near real-time information on wet weather overflows is available through the [overflow map](#) on the Niagara Region website.

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Respectfully submitted and signed by

Dawn MacArthur, B.Sc. C.Chem.

Manager, Compliance, Enforcement and Lab Services

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357-2026-1281

May 1, 2026

TO: Conservation Authorities Chairs, GMs/CAOs, and municipalities**SUBJECT:** Minister's direction under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act*
(re: temporary restrictions)

I am writing with regards to the transition of Ontario's conservation authority system to a consolidated regional model. The *Plan to Protect Ontario Act* (Budget Measures), 2026 received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026 and pursuant to my authority under section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (CAA), I am issuing a direction to conservation authorities – please see attached to this letter as Attachment A (the "Direction").

The intention of this Direction, which is effective from May 1, 2026 to the transition date under the CAA (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations), is to apply temporary restrictions on significant financial, asset or employment decisions to mitigate risk and ensure a stable transition to the new regional structure.

This Direction applies to certain conservation authority decisions related to: governance, organizational or staffing changes; the acquisition and disposition of lands; significant capital transactions; and the provision or acquisition of goods or services. For the decisions specified in this Direction, conservation authorities will be required to seek authorization from the chief executive officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (or the Chief Conservation Executive of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks if the chief executive officer has not yet been appointed), before the authority can make the decision. This Direction applies to all current conservation authorities, as listed in Appendix A to the attachment. Further guidance on the process to obtain authorization is set out in Appendix B to the attachment. The CAA provides that if an authority makes a decision in contravention of a direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a), the authority's decision has no effect and any agreement that the authority enters into that is in contravention of the direction is void.

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These measures are not intended to interfere with the regular day-to-day business and operations of conservation authorities. If you are contemplating whether or not this Direction applies to a conservation authority decision under consideration, if you have any questions regarding this Direction, or if you are looking to request authorization for a conservation authority decision that may be covered under this Direction, please contact the Chief Conservation Executive at CCEO@ontario.ca and copy the Conservation Authorities Section at the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks at ca.office@ontario.ca.

Continuity for communities is a core principle of this transition. These time-limited measures are intended to ensure there aren't any service disruptions during transition and to ensure that the transition to consolidation is smooth and successful with minimal disruptions to conservation authorities' governance, programs and services. Thank you for your continued leadership and collaboration as we work to improve the conservation authority system in Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd McCarthy", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosures

c: The Honorable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Attachment A

Minister's Direction Issued Pursuant to Section 1.14 of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (this "Direction")

Section 1.14 of the Conservation Authorities Act provides the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks with the authority to issue a direction to a conservation authority in relation to various matters for the purpose of facilitating the transition to a regional watershed-based framework for conservation authorities. The types of directions that can be issued by the Minister are set out in clauses 1.14 (1) (a) to (d):

- (a) prohibiting the authority from making a decision in relation to its exercise of any of its powers under this Act or any other Act in the circumstances specified in the direction and subject to any specified conditions;
- (b) requiring the authority to give notice, in accordance with the direction, of a decision that it has made;
- (c) requiring the authority to send notices under subsection 25 (2), 27 (3) or 27.2 (3) by the date specified in the direction;
- (d) governing budgetary and apportionment matters relating to the authority that are otherwise addressed in a regulation made under clause 40 (1) (c), (e) or (f) or clause 40 (3) (k).

Section 1.14 further provides that an authority that receives such a direction shall comply with the direction within the time specified in the direction.

If an authority makes decision in contravention of a direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a), the authority's decision has no effect and any agreement that the authority enters into that is in contravention of the direction is void.

Pursuant to the authority of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under clauses 1.14 (1) (a) and (b), the conservation authorities set out under Appendix "A" to this Direction (the "**authorities**" or each, an "**authority**") are hereby directed as follows:

Decisions prohibited unless authorization obtained (direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a))

1. Commencing on the Effective Date and until the transition date, an authority is prohibited from making a decision to do any of the following unless the authority obtains written authorization from the chief executive officer of the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency ("OPCA CEO") in accordance with the conditions set out in paragraph 4:

- i. Amending an authority's by-laws made under section 19.1 of the CAA, unless the amendment is administrative in nature and does not affect the substance or legal effect of the by-law (e.g. updating references, dates, and terminology; name or title changes; and making obvious corrections where the intended meaning is clear).
- ii. Any of the following related to employment:
 - a. Terminating the employment of a permanent or temporary employee who serves in a senior leadership position, including the authority's chief administrative officer or general manager, its secretary treasurer, and any departmental directors if applicable.
 - b. Filling a vacancy for (i.e. temporarily or permanently) or making any changes to the terms and conditions of employment for any senior leadership position as referred to in sub-subparagraph a.
 - c. Terminating the employment of any employee who serves in a leadership position related to or who are essential to the provision of the following mandatory programs and services described in the following provisions of O. Reg. 686/21 made under the CAA: flood forecasting and warning (section 2), ice management (section 4), infrastructure (section 5), plan reviews (sections 6 and 7) and the administration and enforcement of Parts VI and VII of the CAA (section 8).
 - d. Increasing the total number of employees of the authority unless the increase was already included in the authority's approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year.
- iii. Changing the organizational structure of the employees of the authority, including creating, merging, or eliminating departments.
- iv. Acquiring, by purchase, lease or otherwise, any land or to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any land owned by the authority.
- v. Acquiring services from a person or body where:
 - a. the duration of the provision of the service exceeds 2 years in length,
or
 - b. the total cost of the service exceeds the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's operating expenses, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

This does not include a decision to renew or extend an agreement for a service that a person or body was providing to the authority prior to the Effective Date.

vi. Providing a service to a person or body where:

- a. the duration of the provision of the service exceeds 2 years in length,
or
- b. the total amount to be charged for the service exceeds the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's revenues, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

This does not include a decision to, renew or extend an agreement for a service that the authority was providing to the person or body prior to the Effective Date.

vii. Incurring a capital cost in connection with a project or purchasing, leasing or otherwise acquiring personal property, including materials, equipment and vehicles, where:

- a. in the case of a lease, the duration of the term of the lease exceeds 2 years in length,
or
- b. the total amount of the capital cost or purchase, lease or other acquisition would exceed the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's tangible capital assets, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

This direction does not apply if the capital cost or acquisition is contemplated for a particular program or service identified in the authority's approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year and the total capital cost or acquisition amount is within the budgeted amount for the program or service.

viii. Selling, leasing, or otherwise disposing of or dealing with personal property, including materials, equipment and vehicles, where:

- a. in the case of the lease, the duration of the term of the lease exceeds 2 years in length,
or
- b. the total amount of the lease or other disposition or dealing would exceed the lesser of \$500,000 and 5% of the authority's tangible capital assets, as reported in the authority's most recent audited financial statement.

2. Despite paragraph 1, sub-paragraphs 1. v to viii do not apply to a decision of an authority that is made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, the health of any persons, or to property.

3. For greater certainty, paragraph 1 does not apply to a decision of an authority to execute an agreement that has the effect of implementing a decision made by the authority before the Effective Date.
4. The following conditions must be satisfied before an authority is authorized to make a decision that is subject to paragraph 1:
 - i. The authority must request authorization from the OPCA CEO to make the decision, in accordance with paragraph 5 of this Direction.
 - ii. The authority must receive written authorization from the OPCA CEO to make the decision. If authorization for the request is granted only in part, the authority must ensure that its decision does not exceed the scope of the authorization.
5. For the purposes of paragraph 4, the authority must request authorization to make a decision that is subject to paragraph 1 by submitting the following information to the OPCA CEO:
 - i. A description of the decision that the authority is seeking authorization to make, including details of the proposed decision and why the proposed decision is a decision that is subject to paragraph 1.
 - ii. A resolution of the authority supporting the proposed decision.
 - iii. An explanation for why authorization should be granted, including any risks associated with deferring the proposed decision until after the transition date.
 - iv. Any information about relevant dates for the proposed decision, including any considerations around urgency or the time-sensitive nature of the proposed decision.
6. The authority must provide any additional information about the request to the OPCA CEO at the OPCA CEO's request.

**Notice of a decision that an authority has made to address an emergency
(direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (b))**

7. Commencing on the Effective Date and until the transition date, where the authority makes a decision that is not subject to paragraph 1 by reason that the decision is made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, health, or property, the authority must give notice to OPCA CEO within 3 business days after making the decision.
8. The notice mentioned in paragraph 7 must describe the decision that was made and explain how the decision that was made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, the health of any persons, or to property.

General

9. In this Direction, a reference to the OPCA CEO means the Chief Conservation Executive of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, if a chief executive officer of OPCA has not yet been appointed.
10. In this Direction, a reference to an authority's approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year means the authority's final budget for the 2026 calendar year that was approved prior to the Effective Date. For greater certainty, if an authority has not yet approved its final budget for the 2026 calendar year prior to the Effective Date, the authority does not have an approved final budget for the 2026 calendar year for the purposes of this Direction.
11. The authority must ensure that any employee of the authority who is responsible for or involved in making a decision that is subject to this Direction is made aware of this Direction, and the authority must require these employees to take all steps necessary to ensure the authority complies with this Direction.
12. This Direction applies to the conservation authorities listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction.
13. For greater certainty, this Direction also applies to the conservation authorities listed in Appendix "A" to this Direction when such conservation authorities are meeting as a source protection authority under the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.
14. This Direction is effective from May 1, 2026 (the "**Effective Date**") to the transition date, within the meaning of the *Conservation Authorities Act* (i.e., February 1, 2027 or such later date as may be prescribed by the regulations).
15. This Direction may be amended in writing from time to time at the sole discretion of the Minister.



Todd McCarthy
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
May 1, 2026

Appendix A

LIST OF CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES TO WHICH THE DIRECTION APPLIES

Ausable Bayfield CA	Lower Trent Region CA
Cataraqui Region CA	Maitland Valley CA
Catfish Creek CA	Mattagami Region CA
Central Lake Ontario CA	Mississippi Valley CA
Credit Valley CA	Niagara Peninsula CA
Crowe Valley CA	Nickel District CA
Essex Region CA	North Bay-Mattawa CA
Ganaraska Region CA	Nottawasaga Valley CA
Grand River CA	Otonabee Region CA
Grey Sauble CA	Quinte Region CA
Halton Region CA	Raisin Region CA
Hamilton Region CA	Rideau Valley CA
Kawartha Region CA	Saugeen Valley CA
Kettle Creek CA	Sault Ste. Marie Region CA
Lake Simcoe Region CA	South Nation River CA
Lakehead Region CA	St. Clair Region CA
Long Point Region CA	Toronto and Region CA
Lower Thames Valley CA	Upper Thames River CA

Appendix B

GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR THE MINISTER'S DIRECTION ISSUED UNDER SECTION 1.14 OF THE CAA

The following sets out additional information and guidance for authorities in relation to the Minister's Direction issued May 1, 2026 under s. 1.14 of the CAA.

The ministry strongly encourages conservation authorities to contact the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency (OPCA) at CCEO@ontario.ca if an authority is uncertain about the scope, application or requirements of this direction. OPCA can help clarify whether a proposed decision is subject to this Direction and how the authority can ensure it complies with this Direction.

As paragraph 11 of the Direction provides, if any decisions covered by the Direction are made by employees of the authority, the authority has the obligation to ensure that their employees are aware of this Direction and that the authority seeks prior authorization in accordance with the Direction before the decision is made.

The CAA provides that, if an authority makes a decision in contravention of a direction issued under clause 1.14 (1) (a), the authority's decision has no effect and any agreement that the authority enters into that is in contravention of the direction is void.

Request and OPCA CEO Decision Process

Making a Request

After a conservation authority determines that a proposed decision requires authorization from the OPCA CEO, the authority may make a request for authorization via email to CCEO@ontario.ca containing the following required information:

- A description of the decision that the authority is seeking authorization to make, including details of the proposed decision and why the proposed decision is a decision that is subject to paragraph 1 of the Direction.
- A resolution of the authority supporting the proposed decision.
- An explanation for why authorization should be granted, including any risks associated with deferring the proposed decision until after the transition date.
- Any information about relevant dates for the proposed decision, including any considerations around urgency or the time-sensitive nature of the proposed decision.

Any notices of decisions required to be given to OPCA CEO under paragraph 7 of the Direction should also be sent via email to CCEO@ontario.ca.

Confirmation of Receipt

Once the OPCA (or Office of the Chief Conservation Executive (OCCE) if the OPCA CEO has not yet been appointed), receives a request from the authority that includes the required information, the authority will be notified by OPCA that the request has been received and the timeline for a decision. The OPCA will also inform the Ministry's Conservation Authorities Section (CAS) (via ca.office@ontario.ca) that a request for written authorization has been received. In addition, if the authority provides notice under paragraph 7 of the Direction of a decision made for the purpose of alleviating an immediate danger to human life, health, or property, the OPCA will inform the CAS.

If, upon review by the OPCA CEO, it is determined that a decision is not subject to the requirement for prior written authorization, the authority will be notified as soon as possible that the decision is not subject to this Direction.

Consideration of Request

The OPCA CEO will endeavour to make a decision on the request in a timely manner and not more than 30 calendar days from the day of receiving the request that is accompanied with the required information. Where the complexity of the request or the need for additional information necessitates, written notice will be provided to the authority by the OPCA of any additional time needed to issue a decision.

The OPCA CEO may consult on an authority's request with the relevant transition committee and project executive that has been appointed by OPCA for that authority. . The OPCA CEO may also require the authority to provide additional information if needed to support their consideration of the request.

Decision

The OPCA CEO may make the following types of decisions on a request for written authorization:

- Grant authorization to the authority to proceed with making the decision that was the subject of the request, in whole or in part (i.e., authorize the authority to proceed in a more limited manner than what was requested).
- Deny authorization, including in circumstances where, in the opinion of the OPCA CEO, the decision would not be in the best interest of the future regional conservation authority, or it would be more appropriate to defer the decision to the future regional conservation authority.

The decision of the OPCA CEO on the request will be given in writing to the authority and will include a rationale for the decision if the decision is to deny authorization or only grant authorization in part. The Ministry's CAS will also be notified of the OPCA CEO's decision.

Where an authority's proposed decision is authorized by the OPCA CEO, or where the proposed decision has been authorized but only in part, this in no way compels the authority to proceed with the decision. In all cases, the authority retains the sole power to determine whether to proceed with any decision that has been authorized by the OPCA CEO.

Reconsideration

There is no process for reconsideration of an OPCA CEO decision on a request for authorization under the Direction.

An authority whose request for authorization is denied or granted only in part may request authorization again in accordance with the Direction at a later date if the circumstances have changed and the authority believes that these changes in circumstances would support the granting of authorization.

May 21, 2026

Via Email

Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health of Ontario
Ministry of Health
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
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Dear Honourable Minister Jones:

Re: Healthy Smiles Ontario Fee Schedule and Access to Dental Care for Children and Youth

The Board of Health for Algoma Public Health acknowledges the Government of Ontario's demonstrated commitment to improving oral health for Ontarians. The recent introduction of the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program reflects commitment to addressing long-standing gaps in access and demonstrates a broader commitment to prevention, health equity, and reducing avoidable pressures on the health care system.

Alongside these important investments for seniors, continued attention to publicly funded dental care for children and youth is essential to ensure equitable access to oral health services at all stages of life¹. At its meeting on April 22, 2026, informed by a presentation on Healthy Smiles Ontario, the Board of Health for Algoma Public Health discussed ongoing barriers to care and is writing to request that the Ministry of Health update the Healthy Smiles Ontario Schedule of Dental Services and Fees. Although tooth decay is largely preventable, it affects more than half of Canadian children aged 6 to 19. The burden of oral disease is not evenly distributed, with higher rates observed among children from households experiencing socio-economic barriers to care^{2,3}.

Early childhood dental disease is largely preventable, yet untreated decay remains a leading cause of day surgery under general anesthesia for children under the age of 5 in Canada. Poor oral health can cause pain, disrupted eating and sleep, and difficulties with learning and school attendance, with effects that may persist into adulthood. Evidence shows that timely

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prevention and early intervention improve long-term health outcomes while reducing avoidable use of hospital services⁴.

Healthy Smiles Ontario plays a vital preventive role by enabling early diagnosis and treatment, helping to prevent the progression of dental disease, and reducing demand for more intensive care. However, the program's impact is limited by its current fee structure, with reimbursement rates at approximately 40 percent of the Ontario Dental Association Suggested Fee Guide, discouraging provider participation and contributing to access challenges across the province. While some families may supplement care through the Canadian Dental Care Plan, many HSO-eligible children and youth do not qualify and continue to face unmet oral health needs.

Accordingly, our Board of Health respectfully urges the Ministry of Health to update the Healthy Smiles Ontario Schedule of Dental Services and Fees to strengthen provider capacity, improve access, and support more equitable oral health outcomes for children and youth across Ontario.

We would welcome the opportunity to contribute to this work, including sharing local perspectives on access barriers and practical considerations that could support effective implementation.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Trivers
Chair, Board of Health,
District of Algoma Health Unit

c: Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario
Dr. David A. Brown, Chair, Board of Directors and President, Ontario Dental Association
Bill Rosenberg, Member of Provincial Parliament, Algoma–Manitoulin
Chris Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament — Sault Ste. Marie
Ontario Boards of Health

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 Association of Municipalities of Ontario, c/o Resolutions@amo.on.ca

Please be advised that at its meeting held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, the Council of The Regional Municipality of Halton adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION: Call for Continued Election of the Regional Chair

WHEREAS the Halton Regional Chair has been directly elected by residents of Halton Region since 2000;

AND WHEREAS the election of the Regional Chair has provided an important element of democratic accountability in Halton and a public mandate for the position;

AND WHEREAS on April 2, 2026, the Provincial Government introduced Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, which would allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint Regional Chairs in Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo, York, and the Warden in the County of Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS in connection with the introduction of Bill 100 the Provincial Government indicated it intends to provide such appointed Chairs with “Strong Chair” powers akin to the existing “Strong Mayor Powers” provided for in the Municipal Act, 2001 following the 2026 municipal election;

AND WHEREAS providing “Strong Chair” powers to Provincial appointees shifts regional decision-making to individuals not chosen by local voters and weakens democratic accountability;

AND WHEREAS under the direction of the Provincial Government, the Halton community moved to elections for the position of Regional Chair, which is a democratic process that has been in place for 26 years;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region has continued to be an effective, efficient and well-managed upper-tier municipal government which has consistently maintained a AAA/Aaa credit rating, supported significant growth as one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, and provided high-quality and fiscally responsible programs and services;

AND WHEREAS Halton Region has continued to work collaboratively with the Provincial Government to deliver on shared priorities including housing and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the next municipal election for the 2026-2030 term of council will take place on October 26, 2026, and the term of office for the next Regional Chair and Council begins on November 15, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Halton Regional Council reaffirm its preference for the continued direct election of the Regional Chair, ensuring that the Chair remains accountable to the people and reflects their interests;

AND THAT Halton Regional Council reaffirm its ongoing commitment to collaboration with the Province and governance practices that support collaborative decision-making and accountable leadership;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton's MPPs, Halton's Local Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO).

Sincerely,



Graham Milne
Regional Clerk
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Sent Via Email



April 29, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Ford:

**The Regional
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**Alexander Harras
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**RE: Motion Regarding Bill 100 and Continued Direct Election of
the Regional Chair, Our File: A00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on April 29, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas in 2010, the residents of Durham Region voted in a referendum to have the Regional Chair elected;

Whereas the Durham Regional Chair has been directly elected by residents of Durham Region since 2014;

And whereas the direct election of the Regional Chair provides an important element of democratic accountability and a clear public mandate for the position;

And whereas on April 2, 2026, the Provincial Government introduced *Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026*, which would allow the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint Regional Chairs in Durham, Halton, Muskoka, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York, as well as the Warden in the County of Simcoe;

And whereas in connection with the introduction of *Bill 100*, the Provincial Government indicated its intention to provide such appointed Regional Chairs with “Strong Chair” powers analogous to the existing “Strong Mayor” powers under the *Municipal Act, 2001* following the 2026 municipal election;

And whereas providing “Strong Chair” powers to provincially appointed Regional Chairs would shift regional decision-making authority to individuals not chosen by local voters and would weaken democratic accountability at the regional level;

And whereas Durham Region has continued to operate as an effective, efficient and fiscally responsible upper tier municipal government, supporting rapid growth, delivering essential services, and maintaining strong financial stewardship;

And whereas Durham Region continues to work collaboratively and constructively with the Provincial Government to advance shared priorities, including housing supply, infrastructure investment and long-term community growth;

And whereas the next municipal election for the 2026–2030 term of Council will take place on October 26, 2026, with the term of office for the next Regional Chair and Council beginning on November 15, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Durham Regional Council reaffirm its preference for the continued direct election of the Regional Chair, ensuring the Chair remains accountable to Durham residents and reflects the interests of the community;

And that Durham Regional Council reaffirm its commitment to collaborative governance, accountable leadership and continued partnership with the Province of Ontario;

And that staff be directed to perform a community engagement campaign regarding Bill 100, and that the results be forwarded to the province as additional information at a later date;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Durham Region’s Members of Provincial Parliament, Durham’s local area municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO).

Alexander Harras

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Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/nb

- c: Hon. R. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
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May 28, 2026

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**RE: Correspondence from Graham Milne, Regional Clerk,
Halton Region regarding Call for Continued Election of
the Regional Chair, Our File: A00**

Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on May 27, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

That the correspondence from Graham Milne, Regional Clerk, Halton Region regarding the Call for Continued Election of the Regional Chair be endorsed, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier Ford, Minister Flack, the Region's of Niagara, Halton, York, Peel and Waterloo, and Durham's MPPs, along with a copy of the resolution regarding Bill 100 adopted by Durham Region Council at its meeting held on April 29, 2026.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Correspondence and copy of the resolution regarding Bill 100 for your information.

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras,
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk

AH/nb

c: Hon. R. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. T. McCarthy, MPP Durham
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May 28, 2026

New Code of Conduct Bill Passes Third Reading

This week, the legislature passed Bill 9, the *Municipal Accountability Act, 2025*.

Bill 9 provides the foundation for the much-anticipated new ethical framework governing the behaviour of elected municipal officials. This is a significant achievement for municipal governments and AMO.

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This year's AMO Conference brings new programming and an enhanced experience designed for today's municipal leaders. With sessions on housing, infrastructure, and

local governance, and opportunities to meet face-to-face with key decision-makers, your participation matters. [If you haven't already, register now.](#)

Federal Matters

Clean Economy Investment Tax Credits

Certain municipal-owned corporations are now eligible to apply to the CRA for a [15% refundable tax credit](#) for clean energy investments. The CRA is hosting webinars on June 9 and 11th [for more information click here.](#)

Provincial Matters

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.](#)

Building Ontario Fund Market Sounding

The Building Ontario Fund has launched a market sounding seeking input on approaches to support the development of sports and recreation facilities. [Submit your feedback before June 5.](#)

Events & Education

- **JUN 2 - Youth Considering Running for Office**

Insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and run a campaign. [Register here](#)

- **JUN 3 - Urban Indigenous People Considering Running for Office**

Why increasing representation matters and understanding what it takes to

become a candidate to build confidence and lead with cultural integrity. [Register here](#)

- **JUN 9 - Underrepresented Candidates Considering Running for Office**

What to expect as an underrepresented candidate, plus tips for developing effective messaging, utilizing community engagement & more. [Register here](#)

- **JUN 23 - Strengthening the Municipal Talent Pipeline**

Learn what draws students to municipal careers, practical ideas for creating meaningful placements that support recruitment, workforce planning, and long-term career pathways in local government. [Register here](#).

[See the Full Event Calendar](#)

LAS AMO Business Services

New Invoicing Process for Canoe Purchases

If you make purchases through the [Canoe Procurement Group](#), some invoices are now [sent via LBMX](#). Check there often to keep your Payables up to date. Not sure how to log in? [Contact Vicki Barton](#) at Canoe for more information.

Energy Reporting Made Easy with LAS

LAS makes tracking energy projects and reporting your annual consumption easy with its [Energy Planning Tool](#), especially if you are part of our [Electricity](#) or [Natural Gas](#) programs. [Contact Christian for more info](#).

Citizen Relationship Management Platform for AMO Members

Deliver transparent, efficient, and citizen-friendly services with a unified platform built for the public sector. [Visit the AMO/LAS Citizen Relationship Management webpage](#) for more information.

Build your Community Faster with an Online Permitting Process

Build your community faster with an online permitting process for both staff and the construction community. Learn how to accept, review, and issue building permits online with easy communication through the [Electronic Permitting Service](#).

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Electrical Safety Authority: Stakeholder Advisory Council Vacancies

The Electrical Safety Authority is seeking one representative with municipal management experience and other representatives for its Consumer Advisory Council and Electrical Contractor Registration Agency Advisory Council. [Learn more here](#).

Every Second Counts: Know When to Call 9-1-1

Up to half of all 9-1-1 calls are non-urgent (pocket dials, noise complaints etc), diverting critical attention from life-threatening situations. Ontario's Emergency Services Steering Committee has spearheaded a province-wide public information campaign to help. Please share the "When Every Second Counts" message with your community this June and [get the done-for-you social content](#).

Nominations Open – 2026 OHRC Human Rights Award

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](#).

IPC Transparency Challenge

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

Careers

[Superintendent, Investigations - Middlesex-London Paramedic Service](#). Closing Date: June 16, 2026.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Directeur administratif / directrice administrative Ottawa Police Service - Service de police d'Ottawa](#). Closing Date: June 22, 2026.

[Executive Director - Greater Sudbury Police Service Board](#). Closing Date: June 8, 2026.

[Manager, Fleet Safety - City of London](#). Closing Date: June 3, 2026.

[Executive Director of Pollution Control - City of Windsor](#). Closing Date: June 23, 2026.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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AMO is offering information sessions to support aspiring municipal candidates & help you move forward with confidence. [Register for these free workshops today](#).

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AMO's [If You Believe. They Believe.](#) candidate attraction and voter turnout [campaign video](#) has reached more than 70,000 views across multiple platforms. Help spread the word about this Healthy Democracy Project campaign and [use our Campaign Toolkit](#) to keep the momentum rolling.

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