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Memorandum

CWCD 2026-37

Subject: Community Energy Plan Update

Date: March 13 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Susan McPetrie, Senior Planner

The purpose of this memorandum is to update Council on the Niagara Region Community Energy Plan (CEP) project, including its key objectives, milestones, and anticipated timeline.

The CEP is an identified action within the 2023 - 2026 Council Strategic Priorities and reflects Niagara Region's commitment to sustainability, economic growth, and long-term community resilience.

Background

Niagara Region is experiencing significant growth, with the population projected to approach 700,000 by 2051, an increase of more than 200,000 people since 2021. The economy is also expanding, supported by major industrial and clean-technology investments, such as the Asahi Kasei- Honda battery separator plant in Port Colborne. At the same time, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) projects electricity demand across Ontario to increase by 75 per cent by 2050, driven largely by industrial growth, including new electric vehicle manufacturing, and the expansion of energy-intensive data centres. These trends highlight the need for proactive, integrated energy planning to ensure a reliable and resilient energy supply.

The CEP aligns with the start of the IESO's third regional electricity planning cycle, creating an opportunity to integrate local priorities, insights, and growth forecasts into broader provincial planning efforts. Municipalities are increasingly expected to coordinate planning information with local distribution companies (LDCs) and the IESO to improve forecasting and infrastructure planning. The CEP will support this coordination by assessing current and future energy needs and identifying opportunities to improve energy efficiency, support demand management, and expand distributed energy resources and local renewable generation.

In addition, the CEP will establish a long- term roadmap for reducing energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions while supporting energy resilience and sustainability. Through engagement with LDCs, the IESO, local municipalities, businesses, residents, and major energy users, the CEP will identify practical actions that support integrated energy planning, enhance system reliability, and improve economic competitiveness.

Funding

Niagara Region has secured matching funding to support the development of the CEP through the Ministry of Energy and Mines' Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) program. Through this program, the Province will contribute up to \$90,000 toward eligible project costs. An additional \$50,000 contribution from the Enbridge Gas Municipal Energy Plan Offer will further support completion of the CEP. Combined, these external funds provide strong financial support for the completion of a cohesive and comprehensive CEP and significantly reduce the financial burden on Regional expenditures.

The primary project cost is the engagement of an external consultant, with a contract value of \$152,700. The Region's contribution to this project has been accommodated within the Council approved 2025 operating budgets, primarily within the Office of the DCAO, with an additional contribution from Economic Development.

Project Development

The CEP will establish a long- term, strategic framework to guide Niagara Region's transition toward a more efficient, resilient, low- carbon energy future. Its objectives include developing a clear understanding of Niagara's current and future energy profile, engaging partners across sectors, modeling future scenarios, and creating a practical implementation pathway that provides clear direction for long- term energy planning and investment.

Aladaco Consulting has been retained through a competitive RFP process to lead the development of the CEP. The project work will be completed in accordance with the milestones and deliverables of the Ministry of Energy and Mines' MEP program, which sets out three project stages and four mandatory reporting milestones. Table 1 summarizes the key deliverables, outcomes, and reporting timelines for each stage.

The CEP is a community- wide initiative. While Niagara Region is leading and coordinating its development, implementation of the plan will rely on actions by external partners across all sectors. The Region's role is to provide a framework, convene partners, and support coordinated long- term implementation.

Engagement will therefore be integral throughout the CEP process. A multi- sector task force will support project development alongside Regional staff and the consulting team, ensuring meaningful input from key parties in the region

Table 1: Project Milestones and Deliverables

Stage and Milestone	Key Deliverables	Key Outcomes	Report Due to Ministry
Stage 1 - Milestone 1	Data Collection ▪ Baseline Energy Study ▪ GHG Emissions Inventory ▪ Spatial Energy Maps	Establish a comprehensive understanding of Niagara's current energy landscape.	May 19, 2026
Stage 2 - Milestone 2	▪ Engagement with key sectors and interested parties	Ensure CEP reflects local and regional needs, values and priorities.	May 19, 2027
Stage 3A - Milestone 3	▪ Vision and Goal Setting ▪ Scenario Modeling and Analysis ▪ Implementation Plan ▪ Draft CEP	Identify a preferred long- term energy scenario and integrated strategy	November 19, 2027
Stage 3B - Milestone 4	▪ Finalized CEP ▪ Presentation to Council and Province	Council- approved CEP with a clear pathway for implementation.	November 19, 2028

Local Area Municipal Energy Plans

Currently, three local municipalities, the Towns of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Pelham, and Lincoln, are preparing Community Energy and Emissions Plans through QUEST Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program. This program provides small and mid-sized municipalities (under 100,000 population) with a baseline energy and

greenhouse gas emissions inventory, a visioning workshop, and community-specific recommendations.

The Niagara Region CEP will complement this work by providing a broader, region-wide perspective. In addition to regional and municipal data analysis, the CEP will include comprehensive data modeling and long-term forecasting to examine potential pathways for reducing energy use and emissions. This work will be supported by extensive engagement with local, regional, and provincial partners, and will identify cross-boundary opportunities and system-level considerations.

Throughout the project, Region staff will coordinate with municipal partners to align efforts and share information. This collaborative approach will help build a consistent foundation for energy and emissions planning across Niagara.

Next Steps

Stage 1 work has commenced, including data collection and analysis to support the Baseline Energy Study and GHG Emissions Inventory. Staff will continue to provide updates to Council as key milestones are completed.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Susan McPetrie
Senior Planner

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-38

Subject: Summary of Active Bid Solicitations

Date: Friday, March 13, 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
2025-RFSQ-230	Towing Services	March 16, 2026
2026-T-14	Thorold Transportation Building Renovation Project – Construction Contractor	March 20, 2026
2025-T-44	Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant UV Upgrades	March 23, 2026
2026-T-1	RR77 Fourth Ave Slope Stabilization	March 23, 2026
2025-RFP-178	Regional Road 50 (Niagara Street), Riverbank Street to Regional Road 27 (West Main Street), Welland – Bridge Replacement, New Underground Infrastructure, and Roadway Reconstruction	March 25, 2026
2025-T-37	Dain City Sewage Pumping Station Rehabilitation	March 25, 2026
2026-RFSQ-35	Grass Cutting and Seasonal Clean Up Services for Niagara Region – Water and Wastewater	March 25, 2026
2026-RFP-21	Transportation Biennial Bridge Condition Study Engineering Services for Bridge and Culvert Inspection	March 26, 2026
2026-RFI-34	Customer Relationship Management System	March 27, 2026
2026-T-2	Supply & Installation of Decals on Niagara Transit Commission Vehicles	March 27, 2026
2026-RFP-13	Tree Supply and Tree Planting Services Contract	April 02, 2026
2026-Q-36	Adobe Software License Renewals for NRPS	April 03, 2026
2026-T-18	Niagara Region LTC - Commercial Kitchen Equipment Replacement & Upgrades	April 09, 2026
2025-RFP-199	HVAC Demand and Preventive Maintenance Services for Long-Term Care Homes	April 13, 2026
2024-T-194	St. Catharines Train Station – Exterior/Interior Alterations – Phase II	April 16, 2026
2025-RFP-247	Niagara Homelessness Service System – Geneva Supportive Housing	April 16, 2026
2025-T-222	Park Road Reservoir Generator Replacement	April 21, 2026
2026-RFP-23	RR16 Sodom Road - Lyon's Creek Rd to Willick Rd - Road Reconstruction	April 22, 2026

Memorandum

CWCD 2026-39

Subject: Niagara Water Treatment Plant 2025 Summary Reports and Summary of Document Execution

Date: Friday, March 13, 2026

To: Regional Council

From: Holly Philbrick, Water Compliance Program Manager (Acting)

Purpose

This memorandum provides Council, as the System Owner, with an overview of the Niagara Water Treatment Plant 2025 summary reports. Niagara Region is responsible for providing these summary reports annually to Council by March 31 in accordance with Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 170/03 of the *Safe Drinking Water Act*.

The reports are included in the appendices and present system performance information as required by O. Reg. 170/03, including each system's ability to meet water flow demands, flow data, and compliance with the *Safe Drinking Water Act* and all applicable regulations. These summary reports do not provide comments on the asset condition as identified in the 2025 Asset Management Plan, nor the capital investments and resourcing challenges for Water and Wastewater.

Key Facts

- **Inspection Ratings:** All facilities received a 100% inspection rating.
- **Water Quality:** Niagara Region continues to deliver safe, clean drinking water across all systems.
- **Water Capacity and Flows:** In accordance with O. Reg. 170/03, monthly average and maximum daily flows are reported for each Water Treatment Plant and compared against their rated capacities and approved flow limits. All plants operated within their rated capacities throughout the reporting period.
- **Regulatory Document Execution:** Staff submitted several regulatory documents to the MECP in accordance with Council approved delegated authorities in 2025.

Compliance Performance

Niagara Region water treatment plants continue to consistently produce clean and safe drinking water. MECP conducts annual inspections of all drinking water systems between April 1 and March 31, in alignment with the Ontario government's fiscal year. A review of operational data from the previous year is conducted.

All inspections for 2025–2026 are complete, with all systems achieving 100% ratings, as outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 - Niagara Region Drinking Water Annual Inspection Rating

Drinking Water System Name	2023 2024 Inspection Rating (percent)	2024 2025 Inspection Rating (percent)	2025 2026 Inspection Rating (percent)
Decew Falls	100	98.5	100
Grimsby	100	100	100
Niagara Falls	100	99.2	100
Port Colborne	100	100	100
Rosehill	100	100	100
Welland	100	100	100

Inspection ratings are determined based on the risk of any non-compliance to public health and the environment. An inspection rating of less than 100% does not indicate that drinking water is unsafe. It identifies areas where changes may need to be made to improve the operation of a drinking water system.

Specific annual water quality information for each plant has been summarized in [Annual Water Quality Reports](https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/water/Water-Quality-Reports/default.aspx) (https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/water/Water-Quality-Reports/default.aspx) which have been made available to the public via the Niagara Region website and provided to all Local Area Municipalities.

Non-Compliance and Corrective Actions

No non-compliances were identified during the 2025-2026 MECP inspections.

System Capacity Performance

Table 2 summarizes 2025 operational flow data under typical and peak demand conditions in relation to system capacity. Together, these values demonstrate that available capacity was sufficient for each system to meet water demand during the reporting period. Capacity is monitored through ongoing assessments and long-term planning.

Table 2 – 2025 System Capacity Performance

Drinking Water System Name	System Capacity (ML/d)	2025 Average Daily Treated Flow (ML)	2025 Maximum Daily Flow (ML)	2025 Maximum Flow Rate (ML/d)
Decew Falls	227.3	58.008	87.019	112.852
Grimsby	44.0	15.440	23.330	33.114
Niagara Falls	145.5	45.24	69.735	92.972
Port Colborne	36.0	8.751	14.090	27.309
Rosehill	50.0	12.668	18.769	31.848
Welland	65.0	26.890	38.676	46.835

Reporting of Routine Regulatory Document Execution

To meet routine regulatory reporting and approvals, Council delegated certain staff in the Water and Wastewater Division authority to submit documents directly to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) on their behalf. These authorities are also referenced in the Document Execution By-law 09-2016 and were approved under PW 56-2017. Reporting on the use of delegated authority is included on an annual basis with the water and wastewater summary reports. A summary of executed documents/submissions for water systems completed during 2025 has been outlined below in Table 3.

Table 3 – 2025 Summary of Document Execution – Water Systems

Date	Legal Instrument	Governing Body	Reason	Report Type and Affected Facility
March 21, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Notice of completion required by regulation.	Niagara Falls WTP - Dechlorination & Waste System Improvements Director Notification submission (updates relevant Drinking Water Works Permit)
August 8, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to proceed to construction	Grimsby WTP – Low Lift Pump Addition Pre-authorized approval to add one low lift pump
August 14, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to proceed to construction	Rosehill WTP – Addition of Sodium Hydroxide Chemical Storage Tanks Pre-authorized approval to remove existing tank and install three tanks
September 3, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to modify system programming for a regulated parameter	Niagara Falls WTP – Update to SCADA CT Calculator Logic Pre-authorized approval to reflect credits received for primary disinfection through UV
September 9, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to proceed to construction	Niagara Falls WTP – Removal of metering pump (Port Robinson Re-chlorination Station) Pre-authorized approval to remove one metering pump

Date	Legal Instrument	Governing Body	Reason	Report Type and Affected Facility
October 2, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to proceed to construction	Niagara Falls WTP – Removal of metering pump (Stanley Avenue Re-chlorination Station) Pre-authorized approval to remove one metering pump
September - October 2025	Source Water Protection Risk Management Plan	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Document required as a condition of the Source Water Protection Program	Risk Management Plans DF-002 Issue 1 and DF-004 inspections completed.
October 28, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Notice of completion required by regulation.	Niagara Falls WTP – Removal of metering pump (Port Robinson Re-chlorination Station) Director Notification submission (updates relevant Drinking Water Works Permit)
November 12, 2025	Drinking Water System Information Profile	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Notice of change required by regulation.	Decew Falls WTP – Change to Postal Code Director Notification submission (updates relevant Drinking Water Works Permit)
November 28, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to proceed to construction	Port Colborne WTP – New Barrick Road Watermain Pre-authorized approval for 1.6 km watermain along Barrick Road

Date	Legal Instrument	Governing Body	Reason	Report Type and Affected Facility
December 1, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Approval required for project to proceed to construction	Grimsby WTP – Addition of Sludge Transfer Pump • Pre-authorized approval for removal of one sludge transfer pump and addition of two sludge transfer pumps
December 1, 2025	Drinking Water Works Permit	Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Notice of completion required by regulation.	Grimsby WTP – Addition of Sludge Transfer Pump • Director Notification submission (updates relevant Drinking Water Works Permit)

Summary and Conclusion

Niagara Region continues to deliver safe, high-quality drinking water. All systems operated within capacity and met regulatory requirements.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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 Water Compliance Program Manager (Acting)

Appendices

Appendix 1 – 2025 Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant Summary Report

Appendix 2 – 2025 Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Summary Report

Appendix 3 – 2025 Rosehill Water Treatment Plant Summary Report

Appendix 4 – 2025 Port Colborne Water Treatment Summary Report

Appendix 5 – 2025 Grimsby Water Treatment Plant Summary Report

Appendix 6 – 2025 Welland Water Treatment Plant Summary Report



DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant

Regional Municipality of Niagara

2025 Summary Report

(Prepared under Ontario Regulation 170/03)

January 1 to December 31, 2025

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipal Drinking Water License # 007-102

Drinking Water Works Permit # 007-202

DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant - 2025 Summary Report

This report summarizes the water flows for the DeCew Falls Water Treatment Plant, drinking water system number 220002066, from January 1 to December 31, 2025. This report satisfies the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems.

Inspection Rating

The Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant was granted a 100% inspection rating during the 2025-2026 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks annual drinking water system inspection.

Summary of Non-Compliance

The Decew Falls Water Treatment Plant was operated in such a way that at no time did it fail to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, associated regulations, the system's approval or any order that may have been issued for this reporting period.

Summary of Water Treatment Plant Flows

The flow rates captured below are moments in time, and can be affected by various circumstances, such as pump changes or valve position. It is not unusual to have higher or lower than normal flows for this reason.

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Jan	1834.051	1666.730	59.163	53.765	58.446	48.400	76.287	27.288	0.477
Feb	1681.999	1529.838	60.071	54.637	67.968	50.635	83.352	28.071	0.607
Mar	1822.615	1658.811	58.794	53.510	58.275	50.666	79.170	27.782	3.425
Apr	1729.636	1567.917	57.655	52.264	54.933	50.151	77.088	22.675	3.079
May	1865.914	1690.731	60.191	54.540	60.835	50.304	80.235	26.491	6.677
June	2117.660	1965.511	70.589	65.517	79.881	57.906	101.285	33.608	0.737
July	2363.518	2197.732	76.243	70.895	80.253	58.632	104.406	39.321	0.867
Aug	2299.206	2151.555	74.168	69.405	87.019	56.918	112.852	36.806	0.780
Sep	1948.698	1838.381	64.957	61.279	69.675	54.244	98.133	35.333	6.679
Oct	1912.874	1757.378	61.706	56.690	62.777	52.193	99.855	23.346	2.082
Nov	1743.082	1561.089	58.103	52.036	56.016	48.426	77.016	20.797	7.458
Dec	1802.169	1598.393	58.134	51.561	56.565	47.077	82.212	21.999	0.822

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Total	23121.422	21184.066							33.690
Min						47.077		20.797	0.477
Max					87.019		112.852		7.458
Avg.			63.314	58.008					2.808

Comparison of Actual to System Approved Flow

Flow rates are required by Municipal Drinking Water Licence number 007-102.

- Maximum daily flow: 227.300 ML
- Maximum flow rate: 227.300 ML/day

Month	Average Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	% of Rated Capacity
Jan	53.765	24%	58.446	26%	76.287	34%
Feb	54.637	24%	67.968	30%	83.352	37%
Mar	53.510	24%	58.275	26%	79.170	35%
Apr	52.264	23%	54.933	24%	77.088	34%
May	54.540	24%	60.835	27%	80.235	35%
Jun	65.517	29%	79.881	35%	101.285	45%
Jul	70.895	31%	80.253	35%	104.406	46%
Aug	69.405	31%	87.019	38%	112.852	50%
Sep	61.279	27%	69.675	31%	98.133	43%
Oct	56.690	25%	62.777	28%	99.855	44%
Nov	52.036	23%	56.016	25%	77.016	34%
Dec	51.561	23%	56.565	25%	82.212	36%



Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant

Regional Municipality of Niagara

2025 Summary Report

(Prepared under Ontario Regulation 170/03)

January 1 to December 31, 2025

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipal Drinking Water License # 007-102

Drinking Water Works Permit # 007-202

Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant - 2025 Summary Report

This report summarizes the water flows for the Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant, drinking water system number 220002084, from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

This report satisfies the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems.

Inspection Rating

The Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant was granted a 100% inspection rating during the 2025-2026 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks annual drinking water system inspection.

Summary of Non-Compliance

The Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant was operated in such a way that at no time did it fail to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, associated regulations, the system's approval or any order that may have been issued for this reporting period.

Summary of Water Treatment Plant Flows

The flow rates captured below are moments in time, and can be affected by various circumstances, such as pump changes or valve position. It is not unusual to have higher or lower than normal flows for this reason.

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Jan	1383.553	1280.483	44.631	41.306	35.961	46.508	5.655	70.566	1.474
Feb	1262.604	1164.135	45.093	41.576	34.758	44.789	5.386	61.913	3.599
Mar	1382.250	1277.898	44.589	41.223	34.407	44.789	6.411	73.763	0.000
Apr	1347.836	1244.188	44.928	41.473	37.531	45.320	16.613	69.028	2.862
May	1472.734	1356.218	47.508	43.749	39.187	48.281	10.370	69.338	2.125
June	1669.938	1556.836	55.665	51.895	43.518	60.727	18.103	81.047	1.301
July	1864.140	1738.703	60.134	56.087	49.109	63.898	6.353	84.403	1.908
Aug	1837.406	1723.453	59.271	55.595	45.359	69.735	13.425	92.972	1.604
Sep	1523.985	1435.664	50.800	47.855	41.094	57.446	9.902	75.000	2.428
Oct	1382.508	1306.891	44.597	42.158	39.008	49.227	12.315	61.256	1.301
Nov	1292.500	1205.031	43.083	40.168	36.149	48.133	4.376	66.113	1.821
Dec	1311.468	1233.875	42.305	39.802	35.821	45.007	9.009	70.022	0.130

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Total	17,730.922	16,523.375							20.553
Min					34.407		4.376		0.000
Max						69.735		92.972	3.599
Avg		1,376.95	48.55	45.24					1.713

Comparison of Actual to System Approved Flow

Flow rates are required by Municipal Drinking Water Licence number 007-102.

- Maximum daily flow: 145.500 ML
- Maximum flow rate: 145.500 ML/day

Month	Average Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	% of Rated Capacity
Jan	41.306	28%	46.508	32%	70.566	49%
Feb	41.576	29%	44.789	31%	61.913	43%
Mar	41.223	28%	44.789	31%	73.763	51%
Apr	41.473	29%	45.320	31%	69.028	47%
May	43.749	30%	48.281	33%	69.338	48%
Jun	51.895	36%	60.727	42%	81.047	56%
Jul	56.087	39%	63.898	44%	84.403	58%
Aug	55.595	38%	69.735	48%	92.972	64%
Sep	47.855	33%	57.446	39%	75.000	52%
Oct	42.158	29%	49.227	34%	61.256	42%
Nov	40.168	28%	48.133	33%	66.113	45%
Dec	39.802	27%	45.007	31%	70.022	48%



Rosehill Water Treatment Plant

Regional Municipality of Niagara

2025 Summary Report

(Prepared under Ontario Regulation 170/03)

January 1 to December 31, 2025

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipal Drinking Water License # 007-103

Drinking Water Works Permit # 007-203

Rosehill Water Treatment Plant - 2025 Summary Report

This report summarizes the water flows for the Rosehill Water Treatment Plant, drinking water system number 220002020, from January 1 to December 31, 2025

This report satisfies the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems.

Inspection Rating

The Rosehill Water Treatment Plant was granted a 100% inspection rating during the 2025-2026 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks annual drinking water system inspection.

Summary of Non-Compliance

The Rosehill Water Treatment Plant was operated in such a way that at no time did it fail to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, associated regulations, the system's approval or any order that may have been issued for this reporting period.

Summary of Water Treatment Plant Flows

The flow rates captured below are moments in time, and can be affected by various circumstances, such as pump changes or valve position. It is not unusual to have higher or lower than normal flows for this reason.

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Jan	386.773	363.868	12.477	11.738	10.838	13.722	4.591	21.878	11.589
Feb	350.733	328.889	12.526	11.746	10.791	12.696	4.975	24.416	6.296
Mar	374.084	352.776	12.067	11.380	10.096	12.165	5.707	22.894	7.737
Apr	391.424	370.980	13.047	12.366	11.215	13.133	5.009	23.590	6.251
May	429.743	406.827	13.863	13.123	12.240	14.244	5.232	23.361	10.824
Jun	478.331	448.694	15.944	14.956	12.802	18.474	6.305	28.774	9.048
Jul	536.813	502.454	17.317	16.208	13.347	18.440	5.667	31.848	10.492
Aug	511.965	475.429	16.515	15.336	11.764	18.769	5.641	29.042	16.403
Sep	421.394	390.142	14.046	13.005	11.648	14.965	4.496	25.144	7.047
Oct	376.194	345.630	12.135	11.149	9.951	12.640	5.187	23.170	6.674
Nov	333.154	308.108	11.105	10.270	9.816	11.059	4.415	22.520	8.209
Dec	353.010	332.681	11.387	10.732	10.132	13.722	2.068	22.388	6.427

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Total	4,943.618	4,626.478							106.996
Min					9.816		2.068		6.251
Max						18.769		31.848	16.403
Avg			13.536	12.668					8.916

Comparison of Actual to System Approved Flow

Flow rates are required by Municipal Drinking Water Licence number 007-103.

- Maximum daily flow: 50.000 ML
- Maximum flow rate: 50.000 ML/day

Month	Average Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	% of Rated Capacity
Jan	11.738	23%	13.722	27%	21.878	44%
Feb	11.746	23%	12.696	25%	24.416	49%
Mar	11.380	23%	12.165	24%	22.894	46%
Apr	12.366	25%	13.133	26%	23.590	47%
May	13.123	26%	14.244	28%	23.361	47%
Jun	14.956	30%	18.474	37%	28.774	58%
Jul	16.208	32%	18.440	37%	31.848	64%
Aug	15.336	31%	18.769	38%	29.042	58%
Sep	13.005	26%	14.965	30%	25.144	50%
Oct	11.149	22%	12.640	25%	23.170	46%
Nov	10.270	21%	11.059	22%	22.520	45%
Dec	10.732	21%	13.722	27%	22.388	45%



Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant

Regional Municipality of Niagara

2025 Summary Report

(Prepared under Ontario Regulation 170/03)

January 1 to December 31, 2025

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipal Drinking Water License # 007-101

Drinking Water Works Permit # 007-201

Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant - 2025 Summary Report

This report summarizes the water flows for the Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant, drinking water system number 220002075, from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

This report satisfies the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems.

Inspection Rating

The Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant was granted a 100% inspection rating during the 2025-2026 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks annual drinking water system inspection.

Summary of Non-Compliance

The Port Colborne Water Treatment Plant was operated in such a way that at no time did it fail to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, associated regulations, the system's approval or any order that may have been issued for this reporting period.

Summary of Water Treatment Plant Flows

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Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Daily Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Jan	318.570	308.193	10.276	9.942	14.090	6.790	17.108	7.610	1.587
Feb	320.798	309.332	11.457	11.048	13.010	8.997	15.046	5.518	1.910
Mar	339.272	326.445	10.944	10.530	13.320	8.540	27.309	7.867	2.198
Apr	283.930	274.370	9.464	9.146	11.100	7.380	17.231	5.651	1.971
May	282.422	264.924	9.110	8.546	9.920	6.658	27.014	7.882	1.767
Jun	279.148	266.416	9.305	8.881	10.550	7.135	17.908	7.979	1.517
Jul	279.460	266.170	9.015	8.586	10.597	6.665	17.210	7.364	2.344
Aug	257.200	240.610	8.297	7.762	9.973	5.910	19.631	6.789	2.088
Sep	231.850	220.160	7.728	7.339	8.980	5.650	20.088	5.979	2.002
Oct	244.860	230.540	7.899	7.437	8.973	6.099	17.338	7.566	1.752
Nov	262.750	244.190	8.758	8.140	10.615	6.280	26.753	8.059	1.674
Dec	253.940	237.270	8.192	7.654	9.900	5.530	17.755	6.756	1.278

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Total	3354.200	3188.620							22.088
Min						5.530		5.518	1.278
Max					14.090		27.309		2.344
Avg			9.204	8.751					1.841

Comparison of Actual to System Approved Flow

Flow rates are required by Municipal Drinking Water Licence number 007-101.

- Maximum daily flow: 36.000 ML
- Maximum flow rate: 36.000 ML/day

Month	Average Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	% of Rated Capacity
Jan	9.942	28%	14.090	39%	17.108	48%
Feb	11.048	31%	13.010	36%	15.046	42%
Mar	10.530	29%	13.320	37%	27.309	76%
Apr	9.146	25%	11.100	31%	17.231	48%
May	8.546	24%	9.920	28%	27.014	75%
Jun	8.881	25%	10.550	29%	17.908	50%
Jul	8.586	24%	10.597	29%	17.210	48%
Aug	7.762	22%	9.973	28%	19.631	55%
Sep	7.339	20%	8.980	25%	20.088	56%
Oct	7.437	21%	8.973	25%	17.338	48%
Nov	8.140	23%	10.615	29%	26.753	74%
Dec	7.654	21%	9.900	28%	17.755	49%



Grimsby Water Treatment Plant

Regional Municipality of Niagara

2025 Summary Report

(Prepared under Ontario Regulation 170/03)

January 1 to December 31, 2025

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipal Drinking Water License # 007-102

Drinking Water Works Permit # 007-202

Grimsby Water Treatment Plant - 2025 Summary Report

This report summarizes the water flows for the Grimsby Water Treatment Plant, drinking water system number 220007150, from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

This report satisfies the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems.

Inspection Rating

The Grimsby Water Treatment was granted a 100% inspection rating during the 2025-2026 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks annual drinking water system inspection.

Summary of Non-Compliance

The Grimsby Water Treatment Plant was operated in such a way that at no time did it fail to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, associated regulations, the system's approval or any order that may have been issued for this reporting period.

Summary of Water Treatment Plant Flows

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Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Jan	430.847	408.044	13.898	13.190	14.968	12.098	19.395	0.000	0.696
Feb	410.312	388.791	14.654	13.903	16.195	12.654	18.248	6.767	0.695
Mar	443.378	422.383	14.303	13.660	15.101	12.718	24.504	0.000	0.783
Apr	437.983	414.003	14.599	13.844	15.018	12.724	18.124	0.000	1.865
May	491.279	467.932	15.848	15.140	17.538	13.351	21.705	0.000	0.783
Jun	580.637	557.111	19.355	18.619	21.452	14.912	33.114	4.341	1.084
Jul	642.744	619.102	20.734	20.017	22.042	18.058	24.577	12.672	1.213
Aug	618.632	593.906	19.956	19.201	23.330	14.007	28.611	0.267	1.213
Sep	519.725	498.231	17.324	16.651	18.482	14.774	23.131	11.249	1.127
Oct	466.163	441.372	15.038	14.279	16.021	11.891	19.768	0.000	2.212
Nov	422.373	399.010	14.079	13.343	15.111	12.558	20.570	0.000	0.696
Dec	438.562	414.584	14.147	13.439	14.774	11.377	19.757	6.459	0.955

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Total	5,902.635	5,624.469							13.322
Min						11.377		0.000	0.695
Max					23.330		33.114		2.212
Avg			16.161	15.440					1.110

Comparison of Actual to System Approved Flow

Flow rates are required by Municipal Drinking Water Licence number 007-105.

- Maximum daily flow: 44.000 ML
- Maximum flow rate: 44.000 ML/day

Month	Average Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	% of Rated Capacity
Jan	13.190	30%	14.968	34%	19.395	44%
Feb	13.903	32%	16.195	37%	18.248	41%
Mar	13.660	31%	15.101	34%	24.504	56%
Apr	13.844	31%	15.018	34%	18.124	41%
May	15.140	34%	17.538	40%	21.705	49%
Jun	18.619	42%	21.452	49%	33.114	75%
Jul	20.017	45%	22.042	50%	24.577	56%
Aug	19.201	44%	23.330	53%	28.611	65%
Sep	16.651	38%	18.482	42%	23.131	53%
Oct	14.279	32%	16.021	36%	19.768	45%
Nov	13.343	30%	15.111	34%	20.570	47%
Dec	13.439	31%	14.774	34%	19.757	45%



Welland Water Treatment Plant

Regional Municipality of Niagara

2025 Summary Report

(Prepared under Ontario Regulation 170/03)

January 1 to December 31, 2025

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Municipal Drinking Water License # 007-104

Drinking Water Works Permit # 007-204

Welland Water Treatment Plant - 2025 Summary Report

This report summarizes the water flows for the Welland Water Treatment Plant, drinking water system number 220002048, from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

This report satisfies the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 – Drinking Water Systems.

Inspection Rating

The Welland Water Treatment Plant was granted a 100% inspection rating during the 2025-2026 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks annual drinking water system inspection.

Summary of Non-Compliance

The Welland Water Treatment Plant was operated in such a way that at no time did it fail to meet or exceed the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, associated regulations, the system's approval or any order that may have been issued for this reporting period.

Summary of Water Treatment Plant Flows

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Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Jan	806.670	787.068	26.022	25.389	29.868	22.288	43.475	24.845	28.304
Feb	767.390	745.012	27.407	26.608	38.060	20.812	46.094	24.769	33.091
Mar	810.270	785.448	26.138	25.337	27.920	22.868	43.625	24.665	36.429
Apr	784.360	743.652	26.145	24.788	27.464	21.877	42.963	24.114	52.881
May	827.110	795.460	26.681	25.660	30.964	22.054	43.338	19.275	40.096
Jun	932.660	904.640	31.089	30.155	37.502	24.804	46.835	23.837	44.828
Jul	1000.570	968.188	32.276	31.232	38.676	26.336	45.612	20.636	49.329
Aug	970.800	938.020	31.316	30.259	37.480	22.882	43.213	12.837	49.928
Sep	864.020	835.108	28.801	27.837	31.440	24.728	43.244	19.969	42.606
Oct	806.700	787.182	26.023	25.393	29.286	23.252	42.894	17.869	25.675
Nov	752.830	726.570	25.094	24.219	27.988	18.660	42.538	23.955	31.880
Dec	829.040	799.772	26.743	25.799	27.710	20.920	42.006	26.194	39.153

Month	Total Flow Raw (ML)	Total Flow Treated (ML)	Average Day Raw (ML)	Average Day Treated (ML)	Max Day Treated (ML)	Min Day Treated (ML)	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Min Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	Total Waste Sludge (ML)
Total	10152.420	9816.120							474.200
Min						18.660		18.856	25.675
Max					38.676		46.835		49.928
Avg.			27.811	26.890					39.517

Comparison of Actual to System Approved Flow

Flow rates are required by Municipal Drinking Water Licence number 007-104.

- Maximum daily flow: 65.000 ML
- Maximum flow rate: 65.000 ML/day

Month	Average Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Day Treated (ML)	% of Rated Capacity	Max Flow Rate Treated (ML/d)	% of Rated Capacity
Jan	25.389	39%	29.868	46%	43.475	67%
Feb	26.608	41%	38.060	59%	46.094	71%
Mar	25.337	39%	27.920	43%	43.625	67%
Apr	24.788	38%	27.464	42%	42.963	66%
May	25.660	39%	30.964	48%	43.338	67%
Jun	30.155	46%	37.502	58%	46.835	72%
Jul	31.232	48%	38.676	60%	45.612	70%
Aug	30.259	47%	37.480	58%	43.213	66%
Sep	27.837	43%	31.440	48%	43.244	67%
Oct	25.393	39%	29.286	45%	42.894	66%
Nov	24.219	37%	27.988	43%	42.538	65%
Dec	25.799	40%	27.710	43%	42.006	65%



March 12, 2026

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- Take a look at AMO's Chairing Meetings Effectively Handguide.
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- The All Risk Municipal Grant Application Deadline is May 1.
- Canoe Webinar: Procurement Confessions.
- IPAC Emerging Leaders Conference.
- Free Intersectoral Action Training Series to enhance well-being in Ontario.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

Get access to MIDAS - the [Municipal Information & Data Analysis System](#). MIDAS provides access to Financial Information Returns (FIRs) data, converts it into meaningful reports and identifies multiple year trends. For access, municipal elected officials and municipal staff can email MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca.

We encourage all Council members and senior municipal employers to consider a leadership role on AMO's Board of Directors for the 2026-2028 term. Please find preliminary information on this opportunity [on the AMO website](#). Further information will be released in spring 2026 when nominations open.

In case you missed it, check out this week's recording of AMO's Municipal Workforce Development Project webinar that walks you through how to leverage the brand new [Make Your Municipal Move](#) campaign assets and ready-made templates to drive local engagement through your own channels. [Watch the webinar recording here](#).

Federal Matters

Environment and Climate Change Canada are seeking feedback on their Sustainable Development Strategy by May 12. Provide feedback through [online questionnaire](#), by [e-mail](#), or through participating in an upcoming [webinar](#).

Provincial Matters

The governments of Canada and Ontario are accepting applications from February 17 to March 17 for [new funding](#) to help local businesses grow international and domestic sales under the Market Diversification and Trade Resiliency Initiative.

Education Opportunities

Are you joining us for the AMO Conference in Ottawa this year? Now is the time to register to access delegation meeting opportunities, networking, learning and more. [Secure your spot before 6 pm today](#), for early bird rates.

In this milestone year, the 2026 Conference program content is a reminder why OSUM matters to your leadership. Join solution driven conversations on homelessness, infrastructure challenges, and strong mayor powers. Be a part of the conversation - [view program outline and register now](#).

AMO is offering programs designed to support aspiring candidates and returning elected officials. Whether you are considering your first run for office, seeking re-election, represent an underrepresented community, or a youth, we have a program tailored for you. Resources range from helping you make the decision to run or run again, to building your team, crafting your message, and getting out the vote, and includes the *Lead Where You Live* guide for key steps in the process. Register for workshops and access resources [here](#).

AMO has expanded their Healthy Democracy Leadership Series. AMO is offering a series of workshops for urban Indigenous peoples' thinking about running for municipal office in the October 2026 elections. These sessions will provide insights and strategies to build your understanding and confidence around how to become a candidate and running a campaign. [Register here](#).

AMO's [Chairing Meetings Effectively Handguide](#) provides principles, tools, and tactics to support chairs manage and oversee civil, fair, and accessible discussions including proactive conflict management and de-escalation approaches. This is one of seven guides found within [AMO's Leading with Respect Handguides](#), which all provide practical tools to help councils and staff manage conflict and foster a culture of civility.

Municipal staff play a critical role in preparing Council for leadership. Provide feedback for a new toolkit (handbook and training videos) for AMO's asset management onboarding through this [survey](#).

LAS

The *All Risk Municipal Grant – Investing in Municipal Risk Resiliency* recognizes and supports innovative risk management practices within Ontario municipalities. [Submit your ideas by May 1](#) for a chance to receive \$10,000 towards your projects.

Join Stéphanie and Tony from [Canoe](#) as they share some of the strangest stories they've encountered in the world of procurement. [Register here](#) for 'Procurement Confessions: The Good, The Bad, and the "Did That Really Just Happen?"' on March 25th at 10:00AM.

Municipal Wire*

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and Tamarack Institute are offering public health units, governments, and others a [virtual learning series](#) on strengthening collaboration to enhance well-being in Ontario.

The Institute of Public Administration of Canada is hosting a professional development event focused on service delivery excellence on April 21. [Register for](#) virtual or in-person attendance.

Careers

[Associate Director, Communications - Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). Closing Date: April 3, 2026.

[Program Advisor, Infrastructure Asset Management - AMO](#). Temporary full time (18-months) maternity leave coverage. Closing Date: March 27, 2026.

[Deputy Chief Administrative Officer \(DCAO\), Infrastructure, Development and Environment - City of Guelph](#). Closing Date: March 24, 2026.

About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow [@AMOPolicy](#) on Twitter!

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**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
AGRICULTURAL POLICY & ACTION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

APAC 1-2026

Friday, February 20, 2026

Meeting will be held by electronic participation only

Committee: Councillors Kaiser, Olson, Seaborn, Steele, Witteveen
(Committee Chair); C. Hamilton, G. Janes, S. Marshall, C. Mullet
Koop (Committee Vice Chair), J. Schonberger, K. White, K.
Wiens

Absent/Regrets: Bateman, Easton

Staff: R. Hill, Legislative Coordinator, K. Lotimer, Deputy Regional
Clerk, M. McGinty, Economic Development Officer, S. McPetrie,
Senior Planner, S. Norman, Manager, Strategic Initiatives

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Chris Mullet Koop called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Seaborn read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

5. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.1 APAC-C 1-2026

Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document

Moved by Councillor Seaborn

Seconded by K. White

That Memorandum APAC-C 1-2026, dated February 20, 2026, respecting
Agricultural Impact Assessment Guidance Document, **BE RECEIVED.**

Carried

5.2 APAC 3-2025

Agricultural Policy and Action Committee Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2025

Moved by K. Wiens
Seconded by Councillor Olson

That APAC 3-2025, dated September 12, 2025, respecting Agricultural Policy and Action Committee Meeting Minutes, **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 Irrigation Project Update

Sean Norman, Manager, Strategic Initiatives, provided an update on the irrigation program, shared that Niagara Region had hosted a series of workshops in Lincoln and St. Catharines and advised of the conclusion of Niagara-on-the-Lake's drainage and irrigation systems study.

6.2 Soil Health Working Group Update

Chris Hamilton Committee member, and Susan McPetrie, Senior Planner, provided information respecting the group's work plan and identified that the working group is currently completing the current state assessment. They advised that the working group is exploring resources at the municipal, provincial and federal levels to support soil health and reviewing local municipal site alteration by-laws to examine how soil movement is being managed in the region.

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Seaborn

That the Soil Working Group term **BE EXTENDED** by one year.

Carried

6.3 Economic Development Update

Matt McGinty, Economic Development Officer, provided information respecting the Grown in Niagara Action Plan marketing document and advised that the final version would be distributed to Committee members. Mr. McGinty advised Committee members of a partnership opportunity with Niagara College to generate early interest in the agricultural sector and provided an overview of the International Plowing Match, 2025.

6.4 Bill 21, Support Our Food Act, 2025

Kai Wiens, Committee Member, enquired about Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025, specifically, how the Agricultural Policy and Action Committee can express their support prior to the second reading of the Bill.

Moved by Councillor Steele
Seconded by S. Marshall

That Committee Chair Witteveen **BE DIRECTED** to draft a letter of support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025, and the letter **BE CIRCULATED** to the Local Area Municipalities and the Local Members of Provincial Parliament.

Carried

7. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Chris Mullet Koop
Committee Vice Chair

Rebecca Hill
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk