

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

August 25, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

THIS WILL BE A HYBRID IN-PERSON/ELECTRONIC MEETING via ZOOM

Members of the Public must register with the Ryerson Township Clerk's Office **prior to the meeting for meeting access and availability of limited in-person seating.**

Members of the Public are not permitted in a Closed meeting.

To Members of the Public: If you have trouble with your connection during the meeting, you may notify the Host by e-mail at: treasurer@ryersontownship.ca

Meeting will be recorded.

The Municipal Council of the Township of Ryerson recognizes that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Métis Peoples in Ontario, and show respect to the neighbouring indigenous communities.

Note: (R) denotes resolution

1. CALL TO ORDER:

1.1 Attendance:

1.2 Announcement: This meeting is being recorded

1.3 Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. **(R)**

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2.1 Adoption of minutes from regular meeting on July 14, 2026 and the statutory public meeting on August 4, 2026. **(R)**

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST:

4. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

5. REPORTS:

5.1 CAO/CLERK: 2026 Election Accessibility Plan **(R)**, Consent B-010-26 Rowley **(R)**.

5.2 TREASURER: Video Surveillance Policy. **(R)**

COUNCIL REPORTS:

5.3 Councillor Robertson: Spring Police Governance Ontario (OPG) Conference Report.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

- 6.1 Burk's Falls and District Food Bank – Support Request. **(R)**
- 6.2 Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Library – Increased funding for libraries and museums. **(R)**
- 6.3 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Fall Meeting. **(R)**
- 6.4 2026 Almaguin Highlands Detachment Board Annual Report. **(R)**

General information:

- 6.5 Director of Economic Development Report, July 22, 2026.
- 6.6 June 15, 2026, Historical Society meeting minutes.
- 6.7 July 20, 2026, Historical Society meeting minutes.
- 6.8 OLT Decision – BESS.
- 6.9 Joint Building Committee permit summary for July 2026.
- 6.10 Joint Building Committee July permits for Ryerson.
- 6.11 Township of Armour Res. 2026-217 Landfill SPA exemption.
- 6.12 Conservation Authority transition committee members.
- 6.13 Building Department Performance Measurement Program 2025.
- 6.14 Joint Building Committee open/closed permits end of 2025.
- 6.15 August 17, 2026, Historical Society meeting minutes.

7. CONFIRMING BY-LAW:

- 7.1 To confirm the meetings of Council. **(R)**

8. IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 22, 2026, Hazmat Day
- September 5th – 7th, Burk's Falls Fall Fair
- September 22, 2026, Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON

LIST OF PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

FOR COUNCIL MEETING: August 25, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

Item # 1.3 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the August 25, 2026 agenda as circulated.

Item # 2.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the minutes from the regular meeting on July 14, 2026 and the statutory public meeting on August 4, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Item # 5.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council receive the 2026 Election Accessibility Plan.

Item # 5.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council support Consent Application B-010/26 Part of Lots 11 and 12, Concession 8 at 76 Spring Hill Rd. The following conditions will apply:

- If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant contains a deviation road maintained by the Township as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Township as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be 66 feet in width and centered upon the centre line of the present traveled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized.
- The Township requires one copy of the draft reference plan for review prior to registration, two copies of the Final Reference Plan and a digital copy of the Final Reference Plan.
- As a condition of severance approval, the Applicant shall pay to the Municipality in which the land is located, or otherwise satisfy the requirement for donation of Parkland set out in Section 51.1 of the Planning Act.
- The applicant shall pay to the municipality the application fee and the deposit fee before finalization of the consent is given.

- The Township requires that for any proposed entrance: the Public Works Supervisor will be contacted to inspect the location to determine that a safe location for an entrance can be found. The Planning Board will be advised in writing that this condition has been met before finalization of the consent is given.

Item # 5.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the draft Video Surveillance Policy.

Item # 6.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council approves a donation of \$_____ to the Burk's Falls and District Food Bank.

Item # 6.2 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council supports the Town of Lincoln in requesting that the province increase funding to libraries and museums and recognize that libraries and museums are national assets and that strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being and community resilience.

Item # 6.4 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Robertson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that that Ryerson Township Council authorize: _____
_____ to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association
(DPSMA) Fall meeting on September 25, 2026, hosted by the Township of Carling, at the Carling Community Centre.

Item # 6.5 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it that Ryerson Township Council receive the Almaguin Highlands Detachment Boards 2025 Annual Report.

Item # 7.1 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # ____-26, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # ____-26 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 25th day of August 2026.

Item # 9 on Agenda Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at _____. The next regular meeting is September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

July 14, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of Ryerson was held **July 15, 2025** at 6:00 p.m. This was a hybrid meeting combining in person, electronic meeting via Zoom and phone.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance was announced, and it was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

Council members attending in person or electronically: Deputy Mayor Glenn Miller, Councillors: Abbott Patterson and Robertson.

Regrets: Mayor, George Sterling

Staff in attendance: Brayden Robinson and Kelly Morissette

Public attending in person or electronically: Nieves Guijarro, Barry Burton, and Dan Tambeau.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the website.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

R- 114 - 26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that Ryerson Township Council adopt the July 14, 2026, agenda as circulated
(Carried)

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

R- 115 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that the notes from the Tri-council meeting on June 22, 2026, and the minutes from the regular meeting on June 23, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

(Carried)

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None noted.

5. REPORTS:

TREASURER: B. Robinson presented to Council the Q2 budget variance. Questions were asked and answered.

ACTING CAO/CLERK: B. Robinson provided an update on the lame duck report provided by N. Field.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: K. Morissette provided Council with a reporting on short-term accommodation options. Council discussed and questions were asked.

6. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

6.1 D. Patterson led the discussion on the Township water access points. Council has requested that letters be sent to property owners encroaching on Township properties.

6.2 The V3 zoning by-law was presented to Council, discussions were had and staff will provide planners with comments.

General Information Items Received:

- Council received the June 15, 2026, Historical Society meeting minutes.
- Council received the Joint Building Committee June permit summary
- Council received the Joint Building Committee June permit summary for Ryerson.
- Council received the delegation being presented at the AMO conference.
- Council received the Parry Sound District Health Unit - Health impacts of Bring-Your-Own” Alcohol. Council had a discussion and has requested that staff prepare a policy.

7. **CLOSED SESSION:**

R- 116 - 26 Moved by Councillor Abbott, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that we now moved to a closed meeting at _7:00_ p.m., pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c. 25, Section (2) (d) as the subject matter being considered is regarding labour relations or employee negotiations, including municipal or local board employees; The general nature of the closed meeting is to discuss HR.

(Carried)

8. **RETURN TO OPEN**

R- 117 - 26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 29-26, being a By-law to appoint a CAO for the Township and further; That By-law # 29-26 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 14th day of July 2026.

9. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

R-118 -26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Patterson,

Be it resolved that leave be given to introduce a Bill # 30-26, being a By-law to confirm the meetings of Council and further; That By-Law # 30-26 be read a First, Second, and Third time, Signed and the Seal of the Corporation affixed thereto and finally passed in Council this 15th day of July 2025.

(Carried)

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

R- 119 -26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Abbott,

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 7:17 p.m. The next regular meeting is August 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

(Carried)

Deputy Mayor

Acting CAO/Clerk

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

A statutory public meeting was held Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting was to provide the public with the updates made to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

Members of Council were notified of this special meeting on July 3, 2026. The public was notified of this meeting by posting of meeting notice on July 3, 2026, on the website.

Members of Council in attendance: Councillors Miller, Abbott, Patterson, and Robertson.

Regrets: Mayor Sterling.

Staff in attendance: Nancy Field, Brayden Robinson, and Kelly Morissette.

Public in attendance: Debbie Vandenakker, Breanne Lywood, Ana Cultraro, Barry Burton, Fred Reynolds, Chandia Reynolds, and Joseph Vella.

Deputy Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and gave the floor to Planscape to commence with their presentation.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None declared.

Planscape attended the meeting to provide Council and the public with the changes made to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

SP. R- 4 -26 Moved by Councillor Patterson, Seconded by Councillor Robertson

Be it resolved that we do now adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR

CAO/CLERK

The Corporation of the Township of Ryerson



Election Accessibility Plan

MUNICIPAL ELECTION  2026

Posted August 26, 2026

This document is available in alternate formats upon request

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Introduction

This plan is for use in the 2026 Municipal Election in conjunction with the Municipality's current Accessibility Standards for Customer Service Policy, guidelines, training and customer service feedback standards, By-law 34-25 Adopting the Municipal Accessibility Plan.

In an effort to ensure that the 2026 Municipal Election is consistent with the core principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, this planning document was developed in advance of the election in order to identify measures to be taken and reported publicly following the election.

Objectives

This plan is intended to highlight the measures that the Township will be implementing to ensure equal opportunity for all electors and candidates. These objectives include:

- That persons with disabilities are able to independently cast their vote and verify their selection.
- That persons with disabilities have full and equal access to all information on where and when to vote.
- That persons with disabilities can fully participate in the Municipal Election as an elector, candidate or election official.
- That efforts are made to ensure that electors with disabilities are aware of the accessible measures available via sources such as the local newspaper, radio ads and the Township's website.
- That the Ballot Return Station/Voting Place and Ballot Counting Centre are accessible.

Municipal Elections Act Requirements

In addition to our existing Accessibility Plan, the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 S.O. 1996, Chapter 32, Section 12 States:

12.1 (1) A clerk who is responsible for conducting an election shall have regard to the needs of electors and candidates with disabilities.

12.1 (2) The clerk shall prepare a plan regarding the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates with disabilities and shall make the plan available to the public before voting day in a regular election.

12.1 (3) Within 90 days after voting day in a regular election, the clerk prepare a report about the identification, removal and prevention of barriers that affect electors and candidates.

41.(3) The clerk shall make such changes to some or all of the ballots as he or she considers necessary or desirable to allow electors with visual impairments to vote without assistance referred to in paragraph 4 of subsection 52 (1).

45. (2) In establishing the locations of voting places, the clerk shall ensure that the voting place and drop off locations are accessible to electors with disabilities.

Development of the Plan

This Plan is a 'living document' which will be improved and updated as best practices are identified, and new opportunities of improvement arise.

The Clerk, who is responsible for conducting the election, shall act on any accessible matter which may arise during the election as deemed necessary.

The election procedures planned for 2026 have been reviewed, in addition, the report to Council from the 2022 election on accessibility was reviewed. In 2022 no requests for assistance were received.

Voting Method / Location

The Township of Ryerson is conducting the 2026 Municipal Election using the Vote-By-Mail system.

Voters Kits will be delivered to eligible voters via Canada Post and the voter's kits may be returned by mail or dropped off at the municipal office.

Vote by Mail provides voters with the capability to vote from the comfort of their own home. Voting from home facilitates the voting process for persons with disabilities who may have mobility restrictions, visual impairment and/or have a difficult time with transportation. Additionally, persons who have assistive devices set up in their homes can now use them to assist with casting a ballot privately and independently. By providing the opportunity to vote from home, persons with disabilities have the same independence and privacy in participating in the election as other voters.

If persons with disabilities do require assistance in the voting process, trained Election Officials will be present at the Ballot Return Station/Voting Place and at the Ballot Counting Centre.

The municipal office is located at 28 Midlothian Road. The municipal office building and the parking lot have been declared the Ballot Return Station/Voting Place. The municipal building is accessible, however if someone needs further assistance in the parking lot, this will be accommodated by municipal staff.

The Ballot Counting Centre will be set up at the Arena in Burks Falls on Voting Day, Monday October 26, 2026. The Arena is accessible.

No physical barriers have been previously identified.

Voting Assistance

- Election Officials are available at the Ballot Return Station/Voting Place to assist any voter who requires assistance in casting their vote using the Vote-By-Mail Voter's kit. All Election Officials have been appointed and administered an oath of secrecy prior to voting day.
- Support person/Friend of the Voter: people with disabilities shall be permitted to be accompanied by a support person at the Ballot Return Station/Voting Place. The designated support person or friend of the voter will be administered an oath of secrecy by an Election Official prior to providing any such assistance.
- Support Animals: Individuals requiring service animals are permitted to be accompanied by a service animal at the Ballot Return Station/Voting Place or at the Ballot Counting Centre.
- Election Materials: The Township is required, as per the Accessible Customer Service Standard, to provide a copy of a document to a person with a disability, or the information contained in the document, in a format that takes into account the person's disability. The Township and the person with a disability may agree upon the format to be used for the document or information.

- Visual Impairment: Persons with visual impairment requiring assistance to vote may be provided with a ballot in larger font or the use of a magnifier sheet. If needed, a trained appointed election official, under oath of secrecy, would be available to assist with the voting process.

Communication

The Township of Ryerson participated in a series of newspaper and radio advertisements requesting that anyone requiring assistance with the municipal election process should contact their municipal office to make arrangements to suit their needs.

To date no requests for assistance have been received.

Disruption of Service

It is possible from time to time that there will be disruptions in service, such as an automatic door under repair. If a disruption in service is planned, and/or expected, reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that services are reinstated as quickly as possible and that alternate services are provided where feasible. Reasonable notice will be provided in the event of a planned or unexpected disruption in services usually used by persons with disabilities.

Feedback

The Township of Ryerson welcomes feedback to help identify areas where changes need to be considered and ways in which the Township can improve the delivery of an accessible election.

Feedback can be submitted to the municipal office in any one of the following ways:

- E-mail: clerk@ryersontownship.ca
- Fax: 705 382-3286
- In person or by mail: 28 Midlothian Road, Burks Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0
- Telephone: 705 382-3232

The feedback process provides election staff with an opportunity to take corrective measures to prevent similar recurrences, address training needs, enhance service delivery and provide alternate methods of providing election information and services.

Application for Consent Under Section 53 of the Planning Act

Note to Applicants: This application form is to be used if the SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD is the consent granting authority. In this form the term "subject" land means the land to be severed and the land to be retained.

Completeness of the Application

The information in this form that **MUST** be provided by the applicant is indicated by black arrows on the left side of the section numbers. This information is prescribed in the Schedule to Ontario Regulation 197/96 made under the *Planning Act*. The mandatory information must be provided with the appropriate fee. If the mandatory information and fee are not provided, the Planning Board will return the application or refuse to further consider the application until the information and fee have been provided.

The application form also sets out other information that will assist the Planning Board and others in their planning evaluation of the consent application. To ensure the quickest and most complete review, this information should be submitted at the time of application. In the absence of this information, it may not be possible to do a complete review within the legislated time frame for making a decision. As a result, the application may be refused.

Submission of the Application

- One application form is required for each parcel to be severed.
- The application fee.
- 1 original copy of the completed application form and sketch. Measurements are to be in metric units.

For Help

For more information on the *Planning Act*, the consent process, Provincial and local policies, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer of the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board at (705)-636-7069-

705 787-5070

LINDA MOYER

1695 EMSDALE Rd

1. Applicant Information

hazel.rowley76@gmail.com

- ▶ 1.1 Name of Owner(s). An Owner's authorization is required in Section 11.1, if this applicant is not the owner.

Name of Owner(s) EDGAR ROWLEY / HAZEL ROWLEY	Home Telephone No. 705 382-6495	Business Telephone No.
Address 76 Spring Hill Rd. RR#1 BURKSFALLS POA 1C0	Postal Code	Fax No. 705 382-6495

- ▶ 1.2 Name of the person who is to be contacted about the application. If different than the owner.
(This may be a person or firm acting on behalf of the owner.)

Name of Contact Person/Agent SAME	Home Telephone No.	Business Telephone No.
Address	Postal Code	Fax No.

2. Location of the Subject Land (Complete applicable boxes in 2.1)

▶ 2.1 District PARRY SOUND		Municipality/Unorganized Township RYERSON	Former Township
Concession Number(s) 8	Lot Number(s) 11 & 12	Registered Plan No. (Subd.)	Lot(s)/Block(s)
Reference Plan No.	Part Number(s)	Parcel No.	Name of Street/Road Spring Hill Rd.
Street No. 76	Section or Mining Location No.		

- ▶ 2.2 Are there any easements or restrictive covenants affecting the subject land?
☒ No ☐ Yes If Yes, describe the easement or covenant and its effect.

3. Purpose of this Application

► 3.1 Type and purpose of proposed transaction (check appropriate box)

Creation of a new lot ☒ Addition to a lot ☐ A Right-of-way ☐ An easement ☐
 A charge ☐ A lease ☐ A correction of title ☐ Other purpose ☐

► 3.2 Name of person(s), if known, to whom land or interest in land is to be transferred, leased or charged.

EDGAR / HAZEL ROWLEY

3.3 If a lot addition, identify the lands to which the parcel will be added.

4. Description of Subject Land and Servicing Information (Complete each subsection.)

4.1 Description		Severed	Retained
Frontage (m.)		180. M + 215 M	615 M + 200 M
Depth (m.)		215 M	800 M
Area (ha. or m ²)		3.64 ha	30.49 ha + 26.9 ha
4.2 Use of property (i.e. vacant, industrial, commercial, residential, etc.)	Existing Use(s)	Wooded Lot	FARM / Res
	Proposed Use(s)	RES Building Lot	FARM / Res
4.3 Buildings or Structures (include date of construction, type and size of building)	Existing	—	HOUSE + BARN + SHOP
	Proposed	FALL of 2026 possible modular HOUSE & GARAGE	/ SAME
4.4 Access (check appropriate space)	Provincial Highway	N/A	N/A
	Public Road	Spring Hill Rd MIDLOTHIAN Rd	Spring Hill Rd.
	Name of Authority maintaining road	Ryerson TWP	RYERSON TWP.
	Common name of road	Spring Hill Rd MIDLOTHIAN Rd	Spring Hill Rd.
	Private Road (describe in Section 4.8)	N/A	N/A
	Right of way (describe in Section 4.8)	N/A	N/A
	Period of Maintenance: Seasonal		
	: Year Round	✓	✓
	Water Access (Describe in Section 4.9)		
	4.5 Water Supply (check appropriate space)	Publicly owned and operated piped water system	
Name of Authority operating and maintaining services			
Privately owned and operated communal well (Describe in Section 9.1)			
Privately owned and operated individual well		✓	✓
Lake or other water body			
4.6 Sewage Disposal (check appropriate space)	Other means (Describe in Section 9.1)		
	Publicly owned and operated sanitary sewage system		
	Name of Authority operating and maintaining service		
	Privately owned and operated communal septic system (Describe in Section 9.1)		
	Privately owned and operated individual septic tank	✓	✓
	Privy		
Other means (Describe in section 9.1)			

4.7 Other Services (check if the service is available)	Electricity	✓	✓
	School Bussing	✓	✓
	Garbage Collection		

4.8 If access to the subject land is by private road, or "right of way" as indicated in section 4.4, indicate who owns the land or road, who is responsible for its maintenance and whether it is maintained seasonally or year round.

N/A

4.9 If access to the subject land is by water, as indicated in section 4.4, describe the parking and docking facilities to be used and the approximate distance of these facilities from the subject land and the nearest public road.

N/A

5. Land Use (Maps are available at Municipal Offices for verification)

5.1 What is the existing official plan designation(s), if any, of the subject land?

RURAL

5.2 What is the zoning, if any, of the subject land? If the subject land is covered by a Minister's zoning order, what is the Ontario Regulation Number?

RURAL

5.3 Are any of the following uses or features on the subject land or within 500 metres of the subject land, unless otherwise specified. Please check the appropriate boxes, if any apply.

Use or feature	On the Subject Land	Within 500 Metres of Subject Land, unless otherwise specified (indicate approximate distance)
An agricultural operation, including livestock facility or stockyard	✓	✓ Lot 10
A landfill	X	X
A sewage treatment plant or waste stabilization plant	X	X
A provincially significant wetland (Class 1, 2 or 3 wetland)	X	X
A provincially significant wetland within 120 metres of the subject land	N/A	X
Flood plain	X	X
A rehabilitated mine site	X	X
A non-operating mine site within 1 kilometre of the subject land	X	X
An active mine site	X	X
An industrial or commercial use, and specify the use(s)	X	See Zoning
An active railway line	X	X
A municipal or federal airport	X	X

6. History of the Subject Land

6.1 Has the subject land ever been the subject of an application for approval of a plan of subdivision or consent under the Planning Act?
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown If Yes and if Known, provide the Ministry's application file number and the decision made on the application.

6.2 If this application is a re-submission of a previous consent application, describe how it has been changed from the original application.

N/A

6.3 Has any land been severed from the parcel originally acquired by the owner of the subject land?
☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, provide for each parcel severed, the date of transfer, the name of the transferee and the land use.

6.4 How was the parcel originally acquired by the owner created? ☒ Original township lot ☐ by consent ☐ by plan of subdivision
☐ other UNKNOWN

7. Concurrent Applications

- 7.1 Is the subject land currently the subject of a proposed official plan or official plan amendment?
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown If Yes and if known, provide details and status of the application.
- 7.2 Is the subject land the subject of an application for a zoning by-law amendment, Minister's zoning order amendment, minor variance, consent or approval of a plan of subdivision?
☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown If Yes and if known, specify the appropriate file number and status of the application.

8. Sketch (Use the attached Sketch Sheet) To help you prepare the sketch, refer to the attached Sample Sketch in The 'Application Guide Q & A'.

- 8.1 The application must be accompanied by a sketch showing the following:
- ✓ the boundaries and dimensions of the subject land, the part that is to be severed and the part that is to be retained
 - ✓ the boundaries and dimensions of any land owned by the owner of the subject land and that abuts the subject land
 - ✓ the distance between the subject land and the nearest township lot line or landmark, such as a railway crossing, bridge, highway, etc.
 - the location of all land previously severed from the parcel originally acquired by the current owner of the subject land
 - the approximate location of all natural and artificial features on the subject land and adjacent lands that in the opinion of the applicant may affect the application, such as buildings, railways, roads, watercourses, drainage ditches, river or stream banks, wetlands, wooded areas, wells and septic tanks
 - the existing use(s) on adjacent lands
 - the location, width and name of any roads within or abutting the subject land, indicating whether it is an unopened road allowance, a public travelled road, a private road or a right of way
 - If access to the subject land is by water only, the location of the parking and boat docking facilities to be used
 - the location and nature of any easement affecting the subject land

9. Other Information

- 9.1 Is there any other information that you think may be useful to the Planning Board, or other agencies in reviewing this application? If so, explain below or attach on a separate page.

10. Affidavit or Sworn Declaration of Applicant(s)

► Affidavit or Sworn Declaration for the Information set out in this Application

I/we EDGAR ROWLEY HAZEL ROWLEY of the TOWNSHIP OF RYERSON
 in the District of Parry Sound make oath and say (or solemnly declare) that the information contained in this application is true and that the information contained in the documents that accompany this application is true.

Sworn (or declared) before me

at the Town of Kearney
 in the District of Parry Sound
 this 16 day of June

Cindy Filmore
 Commissioner of Oaths

Ed Rowley
 Applicant

Hazel Rowley
 Applicant

Cindy Filmore, a Commissioner, etc.
 Deputy Clerk: Cindy Filmore
 Corp. of the Town of Kearney
 District of Parry Sound

11. Authorizations of Owner(s)

- 11.1 If the applicant is not the owner of the land that is the subject of this application, the written authorization of the owner(s) that the applicant is authorized to make the application must be attached to this application or the authorization set out below must be completed.

Authorization of Owner(s) for Agent to Make the Application

I/we, _____, am/are the owner(s) of the land that is the subject of this application for a consent and I/we authorize _____ to make this application on my/our behalf.

Date

Signature of Owner

Signature of Owner

- 11.2 If the applicant is not the owner of the land that is the subject of this application, complete the authorization of the owner(s) concerning personal information set out below.

Authorization of Owner(s) for Agent to Provide Personal Information

I/we, _____, am/are the owner(s) of the land that is the subject of this application for a consent and for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I/we authorize _____ as my/our agent for this application, to provide any of my/our personal information that will be included in this application or will be collected during the processing of the application.

Date

Signature of Owner

Signature of Owner

12. Consent of Owner(s)

Complete the consent of the owner(s) concerning personal information set out below.

Consent of the Owner(s) to the Use and Disclosure of Personal Information

I/we, ED & HAZEL ROWLEY, am/are the owner(s) of the land that is the subject of this consent application and for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I/we authorize and consent to the use by or the disclosure to any person or public body of any personal information that is collected under the authority of the *Planning Act* for the purposes of processing this application.

JUNE 15 / 26
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Owner

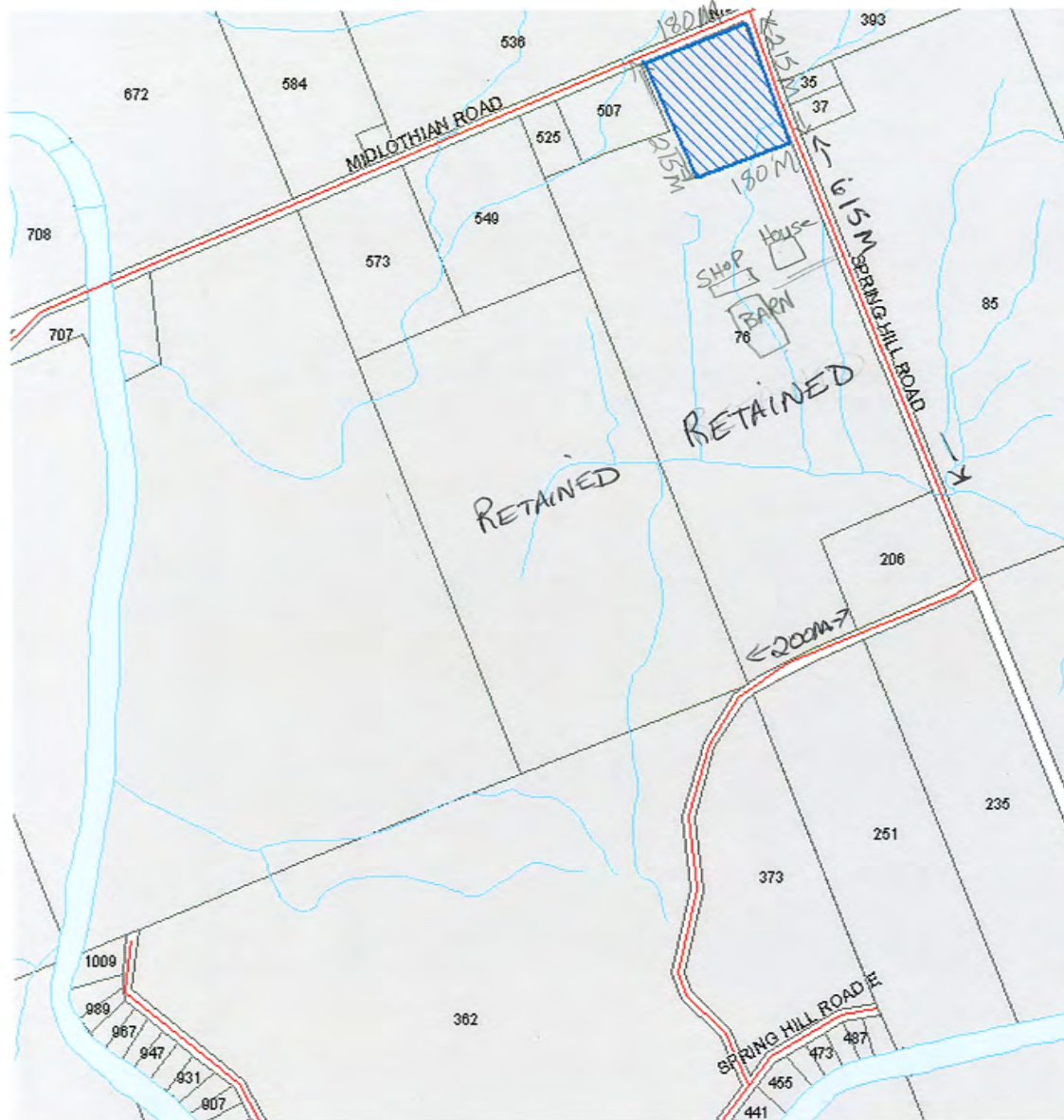
[Signature]
Signature of Owner

Applicants must complete the following check list to ensure that all necessary information is provided (check appropriate box):

- ☐ 1 Completed application form including sketch
 - ☐ Current parcel abstract (land title)
 - ☐ Current reference plan of survey or registered plan (if available)
 - ☐ Prescribed application fee, either as a certified cheque or money order, payable to the Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board.
- The Planning Board will assign a File Number for complete applications and this should be used in all communications.

Submit completed application and fee to:

SOUTHEAST PARRY SOUND DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD
8 Main Street, P.O. Box 310
Kearney, ON P0A 1M0



SKETCH

Proposed Severed LOT

180m x 215m

3.64 ha

July 28, 2026

Planning Review – Rowley – Consent – B-010/26

Southeast Parry Sound District Planning Board

Application

Application for consent has been made to the Planning Board for one new “rural” residential building lot and retaining one residential building lot.

Location

The subject lands are in Part Lots 11 and 12, Concession 8, in the Township of Ryerson. The lands are generally located on the southwest corner of Midlothian and Spring Hill Road, as shown on the key plan on the notice of application. It is municipally known as 76 Spring Hill Road.

Background

Overall, the subject lands consist of about 1,210m (3,969.81 feet) combined frontage on Midlothian and Spring Hill Roads and about 61.03ha (150.8 acres) of lot area. The land presently has a dwelling, barn and shop located on it.

The proposed severed lot will consist of about 215m (705.38 feet) frontage on Spring Hill Road, about 180m (590.55 feet) frontage on Midlothian Road and about 3.64ha (8.99 acres) of lot area. It is presently vacant.

The proposed retained lot will have about 815m (2,773.88 feet) frontage on Spring Hill Road and will consist of about 57.39ha (141.81 acres). It presently has an existing dwelling, barn and shop on it.

Northern Ontario Growth Plan

No concerns.

Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) 2024

The subject lands are identified as Rural. The proposal is to create one new vacant “rural” residential building lot and retaining one rural building lot.

Chapter 2.6.1. states “**On rural lands located in municipalities, permitted uses are: c) residential development, including lot creation, where site conditions are suitable for the provision of appropriate sewage and water services;**

The proposal is to create one new vacant rural residential building lot. Confirmation from the authority having jurisdiction would be required to ensure the severed land is suitable for the intended single detached residential development. Since the retained lot is extremely large being 141 acres and already developed confirmation for the suitability of the lot for a septic system is not required.

Chapter 4 of the PPS is entitled the Wise Use and Management of Resources and primarily deals with the environmental health including fish habitat, deer wintering yards, wetlands, wildlife including species at risk, ground/surface/lake water, streams, agriculture, aggregate and archaeology of an area.

Chapter 5 of the PPS is entitled Protecting Public Health and Safety and addresses the health and safety issues and property damage that could result from natural and man-made hazards. Primarily this section deals with flooding, contaminated sites, and mining/petroleum operations.

I have reviewed Schedules “A” land use designations, schedules “B-1” and “B-2” natural features of the Township’s official plan. There are watercourses that appear on the mapping on the retained, but it is already developed and sufficiently sized to accommodate this feature without any impact.

There is also an area of potential mineral aggregate covering what appears to cover most of the property except for the proposed severed lot. With respect to the potential aggregate, it seems to blanket many properties and there are many homes in the area, so operating/expanding in the area would not be compatible with the surrounding area. With respect to the severed lot while I noted it does not appear to be affected by the aggregate mapping, creating a 9-acre property its impact on the overall potential aggregate would be negligible. There is ample room remaining on the retained lot where the potential aggregate exists so it could still be mined.

I have reviewed the 2024 PPS and find that this proposal is consistent.

Township Official Plan

The subject lands are designated Rural.

Section 4.1.4 states of the Township of Ryerson official plan states
“Development Policies Lot areas and frontages will be sufficient to retain the traditional development pattern and character of the area in which

the development is proposed. In this regard, the following provisions apply:

- i) lot frontages will not be less than 60 metres (200 feet) nor lot areas less than 1.0 hectares (2.5 acres); and,**
- ii) a variety of larger lot areas and frontages will be encouraged in any development proposal to enhance the rural character of the Township.”**

The frontages and areas of the proposed lots exceed these minimum requirements.

This section continues to state **“In general, applications for new lot creation will be subject to the following criteria:**

- i) a maximum of 4 lots (including severed and retained parcels) may be created per original 40 hectare (100 acre) parcel, provided that the average lot area is 10 hectares (25 acres), the average lot frontage is 100 metres (330 feet) and the minimum lot area is not less than 1.0 hectares (2.5 acres);**
- ii) on parcels of land that are smaller than 40 hectares (100 acres), the maximum number of lots created shall be determined on the basis of an average lot area of 10 hectares (25 acres) and an average lot frontage of 100 metres (330 feet);**
- iii) lots may be considered on smaller parcels of land provided the lot frontage is not less than the average frontage of lots on the same side of the road as the proposal;”**

The subject lands are greater than 40ha so it would appear to fall under section i) of the above noted policy.

The proposal is for one new rural residential building lot and a retained lot that are intended to have a minimum of 180m frontage, with the average of 1,195m (when you consider the frontage on Spring Hill and Midlothian Roads combined) well more than the average required of 100m/lot under the Township’s official plan. The minimum lot size is 3.645ha and the average lot size under this proposal is 30.5ha, which is well over the minimum requirement of 10ha of lot area per lot.

Section 6.9 Lot Creation states **“The preferred method of land division in the Township will be by means of consent.”** The proposal for one new lot

by severance is following the direction of the plan as the primary form of development. In fact, by creating one new lot, it will assist the tax base in paying for municipal maintenance that is already occurring along Spring Hill and Midlothian Roads.

This policy section also indicates that new lots must have frontage on a year-round publicly maintained road and proper site lines. The lots front on and have access from either Spring Hill or Midlothian Roads, which are year-round maintained roads. A condition can be imposed on the severance decision requiring that a suitable entrance be approved by the Township.

The official plan states **“Lot creation should incorporate the following design considerations:**

- i) the lots will maintain the character of the area in which they are being developed;**

The lots are located where there are other rural residential lots.

- ii) the physical features of the property will be maintained and major earth moving projects will be discouraged;**

The proposed lots are large and can quite comfortably accommodate the intended residential use. There are no physical features limiting development on this site.

- iii) if the property subject to a consent application is located partially or completely within a Natural Feature area shown on Schedule B1 or B2 or in another natural feature discussed in Section 5, specific measures may be required to protect the natural feature(s) on, or in the vicinity of, the site;**

The analysis under the PPS section addresses these criteria.

- iv) the lots shall have sufficient area to accommodate an on-site sewage disposal system and a potable water supply;**

The proposed severed lot should have a condition imposed that the authority having jurisdiction provide a clearance letter for a septic system. Because the retained lot is quite large being about 141 acres and the fact that it is already developed there would be no issue accommodating a septic system.

- v) entrances shall not create a traffic hazard; and,**

This can be addressed by imposing a condition that the Township's Public Works is satisfied there is an adequate location for an entrance.

- vi) the appearance of a continuous row of residential development will be discouraged.**

There will be only 1 new house, along Spring Hill or Midlothian Roads. Because of the the extremely large frontage being triple the minimum required, assists in minimizing visual impact by spreading out dwellings along the roadway. The severed having a total of 395m frontage would be considered limited density.

Section 6.9.1 states **"Consent. In addition to specific land use policies, the following criteria shall be applied to the creation of lots by consent:**

- i) Council shall establish that a plan of subdivision is not required for the proper and orderly development of the land;**

This is an application for a single lot severance and one new residential lot, following the direction of the official plan for this size of parcel. There is no need for a plan of subdivision.

- ii) the intent and purpose of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law must be maintained;**

The proposed lots conform to the intent of the official plan and comply to the zoning by-law.

- iii) the lot should be reasonably well proportioned, of regular shape and dimension, and must be of sufficient size and configuration to be serviced by private on-site water and sewage disposal systems;**

The lots are generally well shaped, evenly proportioned and dimensioned. There should be no issue with respect to the provision of being capable of supporting a septic system.

- iv) the lot must front on an existing year-round publicly maintained Township road, except as otherwise permitted in the Shoreline designation;**

The subject property fronts on a year-round maintained road.

- v) **the lot shall not create a traffic hazard to sight lines, curves, or grades of existing development, as set out in accepted traffic engineering standards; and,**

This can be addressed through a condition on the consent.

This section further states **“Severances will not be considered where the creation of a new lot may:**

- i) **be subject to the danger of flooding, erosion, steep slopes, high water tables or other physical hazard;**

None were identified on the official plan schedules

- ii) **have a negative impact on natural features and environmentally sensitive areas of surrounding lands; or,**

This was addressed in the analysis in the PPS section.

- iii) **be in proximity to extractive industrial operations**

There are no extractive industrial operations located in proximity.

I have reviewed the Township of Ryerson official plan, and I conclude that proposal conforms.

Zoning By-Law

The existing zoning is Rural (Ru), and small amount of Environmental Protection (EP) and Flood plain (FP) on a watercourse traversing the southern portion of the retained in an east/west direction. Development already exists on the retained and the location does not interfere with the location of the watercourse.

The minimum frontage for a new residential lot or rural lot in the Ru zone is 100m (328 feet) and the minimum lot area for a new rural lot is 10ha (24.7 acres) or rural residential lot in the Ru zone is 1ha (2.47acres). The proposed severed and retained lots comply with the existing Ru zoning for frontage and area. The EP and FP zone will remain protecting the watercourse from incompatible development. Therefore, rezoning is not required.

Recommendation

Having reviewed the Township's official plan and zoning by-law and the 2024 PPS, I recommend consent application B-010/26 be approved with standard

conditions including confirmation from the Township's Public Works Foreman that there is satisfactory entrance for the severed lot, that a clearance letter be required from the authority having jurisdiction that the proposed severed lot can accommodate a septic system for the intended development, amongst others.

Respectfully submitted.

LannyD.Planning

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lanny Dennis', written over the printed name.

Lanny Dennis, President
MCIP, RPP

	Staff Report
To:	Ryerson Township Council
From:	Treasurer
Date of Meeting:	August 25, 2026
Report Title:	Video Surveillance Policy
Report Date:	August 18, 2026

Recommendation

That Council adopts the draft Video Surveillance Policy as enclosed.

Background

As a component of the 2026 budget, Council approved the implementation of a video surveillance system at the Township office. This was deemed necessary to support the safety and security of municipal property, infrastructure, public spaces, and Township employees.

In accordance with requirements set forth by the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, the Township has developed a policy to address the use, requirements, and responsibilities with respect to the installation of video surveillance equipment and the collection, retention, and disclosure of video-recorded Personal Information.

A copy of the draft policy is enclosed for Council consideration.

POLICY: Video Surveillance	RESOLUTION NUMBER:	DATE PASSED:
EFFECTIVE DATE:	REVIEW DATE:	AUTHORITY:

I. Policy Statement

The Township of Ryerson (the “Township”) operates video surveillance systems in limited municipal locations to support the safety and security of municipal property, infrastructure, public spaces, and employees.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines for the collection, use, disclosure, retention, and protection of video recordings that may contain personal information. This policy ensures that the Township’s use of video surveillance aligns with provincial privacy legislation and guidance issued by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario.

III. Scope

This policy applies to all video surveillance systems owned and operated by the Township. It applies to all staff, employees, or contractors who may be authorized to operate or view the systems.

IV. Use of Surveillance Cameras

The Township may collect video images through municipal surveillance cameras for legitimate security and safety purposes.

Surveillance cameras will only be installed in public or semi-public areas such as building entrances, parking lots, or exterior grounds. Cameras will never be placed in locations where there is a heightened expectation of privacy, such as washrooms, changing rooms, or private offices.

Video Surveillance may be used to:

- protect municipal buildings, equipment, and other infrastructure
- deter vandalism or illegal activity affecting municipal property
- support investigations related to damage, theft, or other incidents involving municipal assets
- promote safety in municipal facilities and public spaces

Video Surveillance footage will not be used to monitor the public’s general use of facilities. Circumstances which warrant review will be limited to security incidents that have been reported to the Township, or in the

investigation of an incident or potential crime.

Cameras will be positioned to focus on municipal property and public areas related to the purpose of surveillance. Where possible, camera angles will be limited to avoid capturing neighbouring private property or areas not related to the intended security purpose. Cameras will not be used to monitor areas unrelated to security or safety. Installation of new surveillance systems, or relocation of existing cameras, must be approved by Council.

V. Data Collection and Retention

The Township will collect only the information that is necessary for the stated purpose, and recordings will be retained only as long as necessary to fulfill their intended security purpose. Unless required for an investigative or legal purposes, recordings will normally be automatically deleted after 30 days.

If recordings are accessed or disclosed, they will be retained for at least one (1) year, as required by MFIPPA. Recordings will only be used for the purposes for which they were collected. Secondary use is not permitted unless it is consistent with the original purpose and a reasonable person would expect such use. A log shall be maintained of all recordings accessed, including the date, time, and location accessed, the person(s) who accessed the recording, and the purpose therefore.

Sound/audio shall only be included in Video Surveillance Records where it is pertinent to the purpose of creating the Record.

VI. Notice of Use

The Township will provide notice to the public where video surveillance is in operation.

VII. Authority

The Township's authority to collect personal information by means of video surveillance is established in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Specifically, Section 28(2) of MFIPPA permits the collection of personal information where it is expressly authorized by statute, used for the purposes of law enforcement, or necessary to the proper administration of lawfully authorized municipal activity. Accordingly, the Township will ensure that all video surveillance systems are operated in compliance with MFIPPA and other applicable privacy legislation, and that the collection of personal information is limited to what is necessary and lawful.

VIII. Disclosure

Video recordings may be disclosed:

- to law enforcement authorities where necessary for an investigation

- where required under applicable access-to-information legislation
- where otherwise authorized or required by law

Requests for video recordings should be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the Municipal Clerk to ensure the disclosure complies with applicable legislation. Where appropriate, disclosures will be documented by the Clerk.

IX. Security

The Township of Ryerson will take reasonable steps to protect surveillance recordings from unauthorized access, use, disclosure, alteration, or loss. The Clerk is designated as the Township's Privacy Officer.

Responsibility for day-to-day operation and monitoring will rest with designated senior staff only and will generally be limited to the CAO and/or a designated staff member.

The Township will maintain appropriate administrative, physical, and technical safeguards to protect surveillance recordings and the systems used to store them.

Security measures include:

- restricting access to authorized municipal personnel
- storing recordings on secure systems or devices
- maintaining appropriate system safeguards, including password protections where applicable

Live viewing monitors shall be located in areas not accessible by the public, and will be turned off while not in use.

Unauthorized viewing, access, copying, sharing, or distribution of surveillance recordings is prohibited.

X. Access to Information Requests

Individuals may request access to their own personal information captured by the Township's surveillance system. Requests must be made through the Clerk's Office under MFIPPA.

Access requests will be processed in accordance with [Part II of MFIPPA](#).

XI. Review and Accountability

The Township will review its video surveillance practices every two (2) years, or sooner if there are significant changes in technology, legislation, or municipal needs.

All affected staff are to be trained on this Policy. Any contraventions of this policy will result in disciplinary

action, up to and including the termination of employment.

XII. Contact Information

Questions regarding the Township's video surveillance systems or requests related to surveillance recordings should be directed to:

Clerk
Township of Ryerson
705-382-3232
clerk@ryersontownship.ca

OPP Detachment Board Report – PGO 2026 Spring Conference & AGM

Submitted By Councillor Robertson

After attending the PGO Spring Conference I can say that of the different larger Municipal events and conferences I've attended this was by far the most informative one I've been to and provided the most practical information. Although there was some helpful information provided during the larger presentations made to the entire group in attendance those presentations seemed to be more geared to the municipal police service boards as opposed to OPP detachment boards such as ours. I found that the most practical and applicable information came from the small group breakout sessions that took place over the two days I was there as these were specifically for OPP detachment boards. For that reason, this report will focus on those sessions by giving a brief synopsis of the overarching theme for each and then listing a few points made during the session that I felt applied most to us as a board. One thing I can say in general is that based on conversations I had with members of OPP detachment boards from other areas we are not alone in some of the challenges we have felt in our time as a board.

Please note that all of the individual slide decks from the presentations that took place are available on the PGO website.

Day 1 Breakout Session 1 – Understanding Your Role in Community Safety

This initial session was focused on describing how OPP boards can be effective in trying to achieve our objectives given the differences in reporting structure and authorities we have when compared to Municipal Police Service boards who tend to have more ability to control things like staffing levels than we do. The main idea that was presented is that our top objective as a board is to make sure that our communities are safe and that any objectives set out in our Local Action Plan (LAP) are being met. Some of the points or ideas presented that I found to be most applicable to us were:

- For OPP detachment boards to be effective they must try to transition from simply receiving reports to actively engaging in community safety and helping to shape local police priorities through governance
- To aid in exercising proper governance OPP boards must be compliant with the CSPA by following legislation, meeting the minimum standards set out, promptly and thoroughly responding to any complaints and completing any mandatory reporting

When applying *governance* the role of OPP boards is:

- To help set direction and local priorities that align with our local action plan which is our equivalent of a strategic plan for the board
- To help aid in identifying and manage any risks in regard to supporting our LAP
- To assess the adequacy and effectiveness of our efforts to complete the objectives given in our LAP
- To exercise independent judgement in everything we do while maintaining public confidence

Day 1 Breakout Session 2 – Getting Organized for Governance

This breakout session was focused on the actual structure of OPP boards and outlined the logistics of how OPP detachment boards should operate including how we should set and structure our meetings. Some of the key takeaways I got were:

- OPP boards need to focus on trying to do more than just the absolute minimum required by legislation. Some suggestions to accomplish this was to hold meetings more regularly than quarterly
- One thing that was stressed is that to be effective it is critical that OPP boards must maintain consistency and accountability in terms of how meetings are held and structured
- In situations like ours where municipal staff is operating as the administrator it is members of the board that should be advising what is required in terms of things like the level of detail recorded in the meeting minutes or the agenda topics listed for each meeting
- The board should have clearly defined roles, responsibilities and expectations for the Chair, the Administrator as well as individual board members
- Things like community safety and wellbeing plans are a good avenue to help in identifying priorities or other items that shouldn't be going to police that could be handled at the municipal level or through public engagement

Day 2 Breakout Session 1 – Understanding the OPP – Structure, Roles and the Board's Place in the System

This session was essentially just an overview of the structure of the OPP as a whole and how that fits in with the priorities of OPP detachment boards and accomplishing local priorities. Some of the pertinent points presented were:

- There is a misconception that the OPP is a “big blue machine” with little ability for input or influence from the public or local municipalities
- The public and municipalities need to understand that at it's core the OPP is community policing just at a larger scale which is tailored to the individual areas where it operates
- The OPP has been around since 1909 and currently there are around 11,000 people that are part of it.
- The OPP handles policing for 329 of 444 municipalities within Ontario as well as maintaining safety on our highways, waterways and trails
- The main OPP headquarters is located in Orillia with 5 regional headquarters throughout the province, our regional headquarters is in North Bay
- Municipalities need to understand that all agreements made for policing services are actually between the municipality and the Ministry of the Solicitor General and that the OPP itself is simply the service provider for policing

Day 2 Breakout Session 2 – Using Data to Inform Community Safety & Governance

This was a session that I found quite interesting that outlined things that OPP detachment boards should consider when reviewing the data we receive in reports and outlined some things to consider to make sure mistakes aren't made when trying to interpret that data. A few points that were made which I feel apply were:

- With data we see on the reports we should question what the possible root cause of the issue is before jumping right to trying to find solutions as well as identifying whether there is actually an issue that needs to be addressed
- An example in regard to the point above is that a report may show an increase in a specific type of crime which at first glance could be concerning, however it could be that resources have been shifted to address more of those specific crimes taking place that weren't being addressed before. Another example given was that certain societal factors may contribute to an increase of reporting of certain crimes such as a change in the overall stigma surrounding crimes such as sexual assault
- OPP boards must try to remember that the data we receive is simply a tool for insight and doesn't necessarily lead to a task that must be completed
- Data doesn't make decisions; it is simply something that should help us to ask the right questions
- Data that is being collected but not used in any way is somewhat of a waste of resources and OPP boards should always be asking if we actually need specific data points that we receive or look to find ways to use the data we do receive
- Any data that we receive that isn't connected to our priorities isn't being used effectively
- We need to remember that one data point is not itself useable data and two individual data points are not enough to establish a trend or pattern. We need to ask deeper questions to figure out exactly what we are looking at
- When trying to establish patterns and trends a good rule of thumb is that we need at least 5 data points, if we don't have those on our own, we could look at data from neighboring municipalities
- When we are trying to make changes to affect something we should be asking our detachment commander what they would expect the change before making it
- We should govern using the data we receive and not be governed by the data itself and ensure that any data we are requesting is connected to the priorities of the board
- When we are reviewing data we should be asking questions that could reveal a hidden narrative as data is not an indicator of the whole story
- It should not be the responsibility of an OPP board to be data analysts, but we should be asking questions that could require further analysis
- Boards should consider asking for data related to our core priorities and whether we're meeting them

Day 2 Breakout Session 3 – Detachment Commander Performance Evaluation: Governance in Practice

This final breakout session was focussed on the performance evaluations that we are required to complete for our Detachment Commander and I can say that based on discussions with other

detachment board members at my table we are far from the only board that had some challenges when trying to complete it. Some of the main takeaways I got from this session were:

- Even with limited experience as a board an imperfect evaluation is better than no evaluation at all
- Some barriers that many boards brought up in regards to completing performance evaluations during this interactive session were: a lack of time as an established board, a lack of leadership and direction from the PGO, a lack of specific training in how to properly complete performance evaluations, a lack of time working with detachment commanders, a lack of clarity in defining what we're supposed to be evaluating, the change from evaluations moving from being discretionary to mandatory
- Completing a thorough and detailed performance evaluation is important not only because it's required but also because it benefits the board, commander and community when done correctly
- Completed performance evaluations should go beyond just trying to meet compliance requirements
- Some ideas of things that should be evaluated are: a Commander's communication with the board, responsiveness to board requests and priorities, the quality of and usefulness of the reports and data we receive, whether or not our Local Action Plan is being supported, participation in discussions surrounding governance discussions, leadership presence and professionalism and a willingness to engage in discussions surrounding accountability for both the Detachment Commander and individual board members
- Where possible we should try to be as specific as possible with comments, for example rather than saying "did a great job with supplying the board with reports" we should be naming specific reports and the same should be done with any comments made in regards to areas for improvement

In conclusion I would like to reiterate that this conference did seem to provide more practical information than what I've seen at other municipal conferences, and I would urge that where possible one board member should be in attendance whenever they are held. In addition to this I would urge all board members to ensure they have a proper login and profile on the PGO website and, if possible, they should regularly visit the website and discussion boards which are full of useful information and further training.



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Burks Falls, ON P0A 1C0

To whom it may concern

The Burk's Falls and District Food Band is writing to request the support from all our communities to help supplement the rising costs that we are currently facing due to the ongoing need in our district. Our expenses have continued to increase, and we have seen a reduction in donations.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jan Lake, Treasurer
Board of Directors
Burks Falls & District Food Bank

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Helen Keller

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Hello everyone,

I am resending a request from March 24, 2026 in anticipation to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 2026 Conference.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your support.

Nieves Guijarro, CEO

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Subject: Council Resolution

Hello everyone,

Julie from Lincoln Public Library was graceful enough to share once again the Municipal Resolution her municipality circulated in 2024.

Based on a request from members at our last board meeting, I would like to invite councillor Kyte, councillor Blakelock and councillor Abbott to consider asking their clerks to draft a resolution tailored to the needs of our region.

If you have any questions or comments, please reach out.

Kind regards,

Nieves Guijarro

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February 28, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

RE: Town of Lincoln Council Resolution – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on February 26, 2024, passed the following motion regarding an Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario:

Resolution No: RC-2024-23
Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Mike Mikolic

WHEREAS the provincial funding for public libraries is currently based on population levels from 25 years ago, which fails to reflect the substantial growth and changing needs of our communities. The Town of Lincoln Council wishes to draw your attention to the "Overdue" report of 2023 from the Canadian Urban Council, which emphasizes the pivotal role libraries play in various aspects of community life, including knowledge distribution, culture, health, reconciliation, belonging, and our democracy; and

WHEREAS libraries, situated at the heart of our communities, serve as multifaceted institutions catering to diverse needs. They provide essential services such as access to culture and information, refuge for those experiencing domestic violence, election information centers, job search facilities, health clinics, language learning centers for newcomers, and spaces for educational and community events. Despite their vital role, public libraries in Ontario have not seen an increase in provincial funding for over 25 years, leading to a decrease in the value of the province's investment by over 60%; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to

consider increasing provincial funding for Ontario's public libraries to address critical shared priorities and community needs. While over 90% of library funding comes from local municipal governments, provincial operating funding is crucial for providing stability to library budgets, especially in times of inflation, technological changes, and increasing demands on libraries as community hubs; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Council would like to bring to the Provincial Government's attention the pressing need to increase the funding envelope for the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG). The Town of Lincoln currently receives \$25,000 annually, the maximum amount through this grant, but the funding envelope has remained stagnant for over 15 years. This limitation hampers the ability of community museums to offset increasing operational expenses, impacting their role in preserving and promoting local stories, attracting cultural tourists, supplementing school curriculum, and contributing to vibrant and vital communities; and

WHEREAS the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Centre is a community hub critical to the health and vibrancy of our community. An increase in CMOG funding will enable our museum to continue its valuable service to the community, creating a sense of place, attracting cultural tourists, and preserving local stories that define our unique identity; and

WHEREAS Cultural institutions, particularly museums, play a vital role in shaping and preserving our community's identity. They contribute to tourism, social participation, senior well-being, skill-building, and learning. As the largest government funder for most of Ontario's smaller museums, municipalities create value in their communities through the work of these institutions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Lincoln Council urges the Provincial Government to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums. Recognizing these institutions as national assets and strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being, and community resilience; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be circulated to the Province, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Niagara Region, the 12 Local Area Municipalities in Niagara and all municipalities of Ontario for endorsement.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk
jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Niagara Region
Local Area Municipalities
All Ontario Municipalities



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR

RESOLUTION

Date: **March 12, 2024**

Motion # **74**

That the Council of the Township of Armour supports the Town of Lincoln in requesting that the Province increase funding to libraries and museums and recognize that libraries and museums are national assets and that strategically investing in their potential will contribute significantly to renewing post-pandemic social cohesion, economic well-being and community resilience.

Moved by:

Blakelock, Rod	☒
Brandt, Jerry	☐
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☐
Ward, Rod	☐
Whitwell, Wendy	☐

Seconded by:

Blakelock, Rod	☐
Brandt, Jerry	☒
Haggart-Davis, Dorothy	☐
Ward, Rod	☐
Whitwell, Wendy	☐

Carried / Defeated *R*

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

For

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Opposed

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Brandt, Jerry

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Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

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District of Parry Sound Municipal Association

c/o Township of McKellar, 701 Hwy 124 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

President: Lynda Carleton

Secretary-Treasurer: Karlee Britton

Fall 2026 Agenda – 173rd Meeting – Friday, September 25, 2026

Hosted by the Township of Carling

Carling Community Centre; 4 Carling Bay Rd W, Carling, ON P0G 1G0

- 8:15-9:00** Registration / Coffee sponsored by **The Citta Group, RBC Dominion Securities Inc.**
- 9:00-9:10** Singing of O Canada
Introduction of the Head Table
Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Township of Carling
- 9:10-9:50** **Keynote Speaker: Jeff Lehman**, Chair of the District Municipality of Muskoka, with Q&A
- 9:50-10:05** **How ‘Cross Border Network’ Got Its Start: Telling the Stories of Municipal Leaders Across Canada** *presented by Christopher Brown, Editor-in-Chief, Cross Border Network*
- 10:05-10:25** **AI in Action: Practical Uses of Artificial Intelligence in Municipal Government** *presented by Forrest Pengra, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Township of Seguin*
- 10:25-10:45** Coffee break sponsored by **Planscape**
- 10:45-11:05** **Planning Ahead: New Official Plan Formats & Other Emerging Planning Topics** *presented by Stefan Szczerbak, MCIP, RPP, Principal and Debbie Vandernakker, MCIP, RPP, PMP, Manager of Planning, Planscape*
- 11:05-11:25** **Building Age-Friendly Communities: Updates from the District of Parry Sound Age Friendly Committee** *presented by Samantha Docherty, Community Health Promoter, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit*
- 11:25-11:40** **Making Municipal Dollars Work: Investing for Long-Term Financial Sustainability** *presented by Anthony Modugno, Associate Investment Advisor, RBC Dominion Securities Inc.*
- 11:40-12:00** **Financing Municipal Infrastructure, Big & Small: Opportunities Through Infrastructure Ontario** *presented by Sunjit Grover, Vice President, Client Relationship Management; and Mark Da Silva, Senior Vice President, Head of Lending, Infrastructure Ontario*
- 12:00-1:00** Enjoy a delicious chicken parmesan **lunch** prepared and served by **Jim Macoubrey**.
- 1:00-2:00** **Municipal Stories That Matter: Conversations from Communities Across the District of Parry Sound** facilitated by Cross Border Network featuring a panel discussion.
- 2:00** **Resolutions / Business Meeting**
- Adoption of the Minutes of the Spring 2026 Meeting
 - Treasurer’s Report January 1, 2026 to August 1, 2026
 - Updates to DPSMA Constitution
- Draw for Mystery Door Prize: Must be present to claim!
- Date and Host of Next Meeting:** Friday, May 28, 2027 hosted by the Municipality of Magnetawan
- Adjournment

Cross Border Network at the DPSMA Fall 2026 Meeting

The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association is pleased to welcome Cross Border Network to the Fall 2026 Meeting. Cross Border Network is the municipal affairs network dedicated to speaking with Municipal Leaders and stakeholders from across Canada about their role in Municipal Government, and the day to day issues facing municipal governments across Canada. Check out their YouTube channel [here](#).

Cross Border Network is attending the meeting as an independent media organization, and speaker. The Association is reimbursing reasonable travel expenses and providing compensation for attendance only. Cross Border Network retains full editorial independence and sole discretion over its coverage and interview selection.

A panel discussion on municipal issues and regional governance in the District of Parry Sound will be featured during the afternoon session, bringing together delegates who have been acclaimed in the upcoming election; who are not seeking re-election; or are not running in the District of Parry Sound. The discussion will focus on key matters of municipal governance, public policy, and the experiences and perspectives of elected officials across the region. The session will air on a future episode of *Municipal Affairs* which will air across all Cross Border Network Platforms, and RogersTV across Canada.

Campaign messaging or election-related advocacy will not be permitted during the panel discussion, if captured during filming, will not be included in the final production.

Cross Border Network is also seeking up to (8) eight delegates to participate in an individual interview of approximately 10 minutes, for episodes of *Cross Border Interviews* to be conducted during the morning of the meeting in a separate room.

Questions will be provided in advance and will focus on municipal governance and regional issues, and your views on the role of municipal government in 2026. **All registered delegates are welcome to express their interest directly to Cross Border Network.** Interview participants will be selected solely at Cross Border Network's editorial discretion.

The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association does not direct or influence Cross Border Network's reporting or interview selection and is not providing a platform for election campaigning.

To schedule please contact:

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DPSMA 2026 Fall Meeting

The Spring Meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association will be held on **Friday, September 25, 2026** hosted by the Township of Carling. The location of the meeting is at the **Carling Community Centre**, 4 Carling Bay Road West Nobel, ON P0G 1G0.

Registration/coffee begins at 8:15 am with the Meeting starting at 9:00 am.

The cost is **\$50.00** per person and includes lunch and refreshment breaks. Please notify if a vegan, vegetarian or other dietary restriction option is needed.

_____ will be sending (Name of Municipality/Organization)

_____ delegates @ \$50.00 each, for a total of _____.

The following delegates will be attending:

Please confirm attendance on or by Friday, September 11, 2026, so that catering arrangements can be finalized.

Registration can be made by:

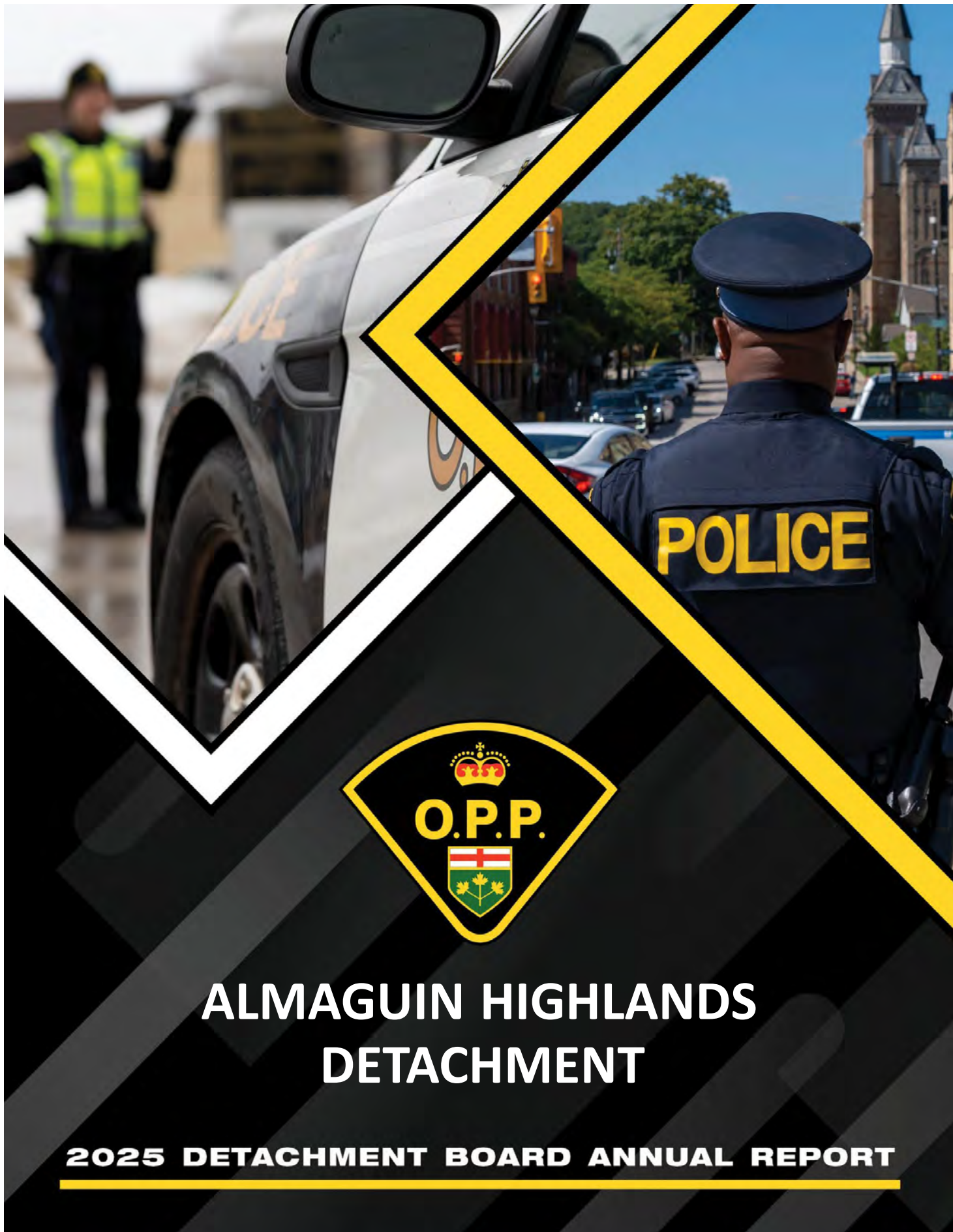
Email: clerk@mckellar.ca | Fax: 705-389-1244 | Phone: 705-389-2842 x4
By mail: 701 Highway 124 P.O. Box 69 McKellar, ON P0G 1C0

Payment to follow registration.

Cheques - please send cheques in the mail or bring to the event; payable to 'District of Parry Sound Municipal Association'

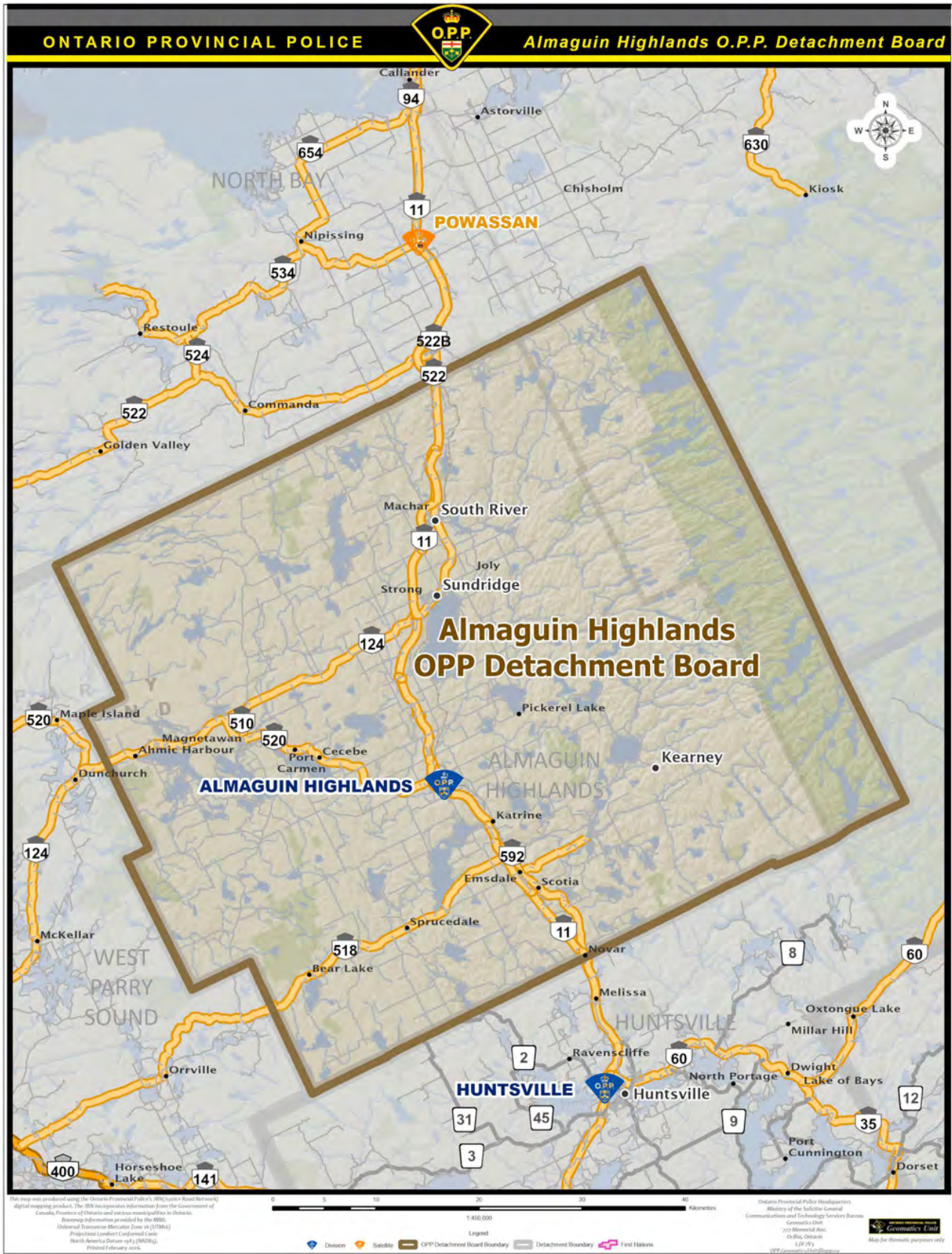
EFT - *new* please email Karlee your organization's vendor form to arrange payment

Payment is expected for all delegates registered, regardless of whether they attend, as meal payment is based on the registration.



ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS DETACHMENT

2025 DETACHMENT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT



2023-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Priorities and Commitments



PEOPLE

A healthy and resilient OPP

We will strive to support all members in achieving their professional and personal best.

WORK

A responsive and evolving OPP

We will empower our members to ensure the best possible policing services are delivered to Ontarians.

COMMUNITIES

A collaborative and progressive OPP

We will partner and build relationships with a shared vision for safety and well-being.

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Message from the Detachment Commander

I am pleased to present the Almaguin Highlands Detachment – 2025 Detachment Board Annual Report. This report provides an overview of crime, traffic enforcement, and community well-being outcomes, and highlights key initiatives and operational results achieved over the past year. As 2025 marked the final year of the 2023–2025 Almaguin Highlands Detachment Action Plan, this report delivers a comprehensive summary of progress made toward those established commitments.



Throughout 2025, members of the Almaguin Highlands Detachment remained focused on enhancing public safety, strengthening community partnerships, and delivering professional, responsive policing services. Their dedication to community engagement, particularly with youth and vulnerable populations, continues to support trust, accountability, and confidence in policing across the detachment area.

I am proud of the commitment demonstrated by our members and grateful for the continued collaboration of our municipal partners, community stakeholders, and the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board. Together, these partnerships support the shared goal of improving community safety and well-being as we prepare to move forward under the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)*.

In 2025,

- We saw an 19.7% decrease in property crimes, a 29.4% decrease in drug crimes and a 5% minimal increase in violent crimes. We responded by conducting thorough investigations, leveraging regional and technological resources and holding those responsible, accountable for their actions.
- We enhanced our commitment to traffic safety and prioritized interactions with the motoring public. This resulted in a 76% increase in traffic stops and a 20% increase in Highway Traffic Act offences.
- We partnered with regional resources to tackle commercial motor vehicle (CMV) safety, conducting proactive CMV safety events, further ensuring the safety of our roadways.
- With an extensive trail system and complaints surrounding operation by youth in the community, we continued our focus on a proactive approach to off-road vehicle enforcement, moving from an educational approach to active enforcement and further engaging our Snow machine, All-terrain Vehicle and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) Unit. This resulted in fewer complaints from the public about off-road vehicle traffic in summer months.
- Based on concerns from community members, we conducted focused patrols in high traffic areas in summer months and engaged in traffic studies with community partners to ensure meaningful deployment of our resources.
- We continued to leverage technology, including body worn cameras, in-car cameras and Automatic Licence Plate Readers (ALPR) to support the collection of evidence, increase transparency and enhance public and officer safety.
- Partnering with the Town of Sundridge and the Canadian Mental Health Association, we secured a three-year grant and formally implemented our Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT), a co-

response model that enhance our ability to respond to mental health-related calls, better support victims of crime and connect individuals with local resources.

- With our municipal partners at the Township of Armour, we secured a three-year Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere (RIDE) Grant and began to deploy officers strategically throughout the Almaguin Highlands to identify and thwart impaired driving.
- We continued to engage with groups and organizations in our area to build relationships and promote community safety and well-being. We provided community and school presentations on topics like on-line frauds, youth safety and social media safety.
- We celebrated Remembrance Day at multiple venues across the Almaguin Highlands and attended a variety of community celebrations, including fall fairs, and the Sunflower Festival, which welcomes thousands of visitors to our communities.
- We supported the development of our members and participated in a variety of training opportunities, further enhancing our ability to identify, investigate and prosecute impaired drivers, conduct thorough criminal investigations and balancing officer wellness with the availability of our mental health clinicians.

In 2026, we will release our new 2026-2029 Almaguin Highlands Detachment Action Plan. This is the first action plan developed under the CSPA. We are working closely with The Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board and engaging with community members to ensure the needs of our communities are reflected in the commitments we make for the next four years.

Development of the 2026-2029 Almaguin Highlands Detachment Action Plan will coincide with the creation of the 2026-2029 OPP Strategic Plan creating organizational alignment.

As we look ahead to emerging challenges and new opportunities in policing and community safety, our detachment members remain committed to our mission to serve our communities, protect our citizens, uphold the law, and preserve public safety.

Vincer, Doug
Detachment Commander
Almaguin Highlands Detachment

Summary of Commitments

Through analysis and consultation, the following areas of focus were identified for the years 2023-2025.

Crime	Roadways, Waterways and Trails	Community Well-Being
Reduce harm and victimization in the areas of: 1. Violent crimes including intimate partner violence (IPV), assaults and sexual assaults. 2. Property crime including theft over \$5000 and possession of stolen property. 3. Illicit drug trafficking and drug related deaths. 4. Cyber-crime and phone scams.	To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the “Big Four” causal factors of fatal, personal injury, and property damage collisions by changing driver behaviours responsible for injuries and deaths on roadways, waterways, and trails: 1. Impaired (alcohol/drug). 2. Speeding/aggressive driving. 3. Distracted driving. 4. Lack of occupant restraint and safety equipment.	Identify and utilize a collaborative response to calls for service involving substance abuse issues and mental health crisis.

2025 Crime Progress Results

Commitment	Progress Results
Reduce harm and victimization in the areas of: 1. Violent crimes including intimate partner violence (IPV), assaults and sexual assaults. 2. Property crime including theft over \$5000 and possession of stolen property. 3. Illicit drug trafficking and drug related deaths. 4. Cyber-crime and phone scams.	1. The implementation of a full-time MCRT strengthened collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders, including the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Committee, District of Parry Sound Victim Services, the Victim-Witness Assistance Program, and HANDS – The Family Help Network. These partnerships enhanced officer training opportunities and improved access to community-based supports for victims of crime. In support of public safety, the OPP implemented the North East Region Offender Management and Apprehension Program (OMAP), supported by province-wide technological tools that assist officers in identifying repeat offenders and monitoring compliance with court-imposed conditions. These intelligence-led resources support early identification of risk factors and contribute to the disruption of criminal activity. Ongoing officer training, oversight from the Detachment Abuse Issues Investigator (DAII), and continued collaboration with community partners supported a comprehensive and victim-centered response to IPV occurrences. Frontline investigative capacity was further enhanced through specialized training, including the Scenes of Crime Officer course and Advanced Interviewing Techniques, improving investigative quality across offence types, including property crime. 2. Intelligence gathering by the detachment's Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) contributed to the identification of crime trends, the recovery of stolen property, and the laying of criminal charges. Regional support from Regional Operational Analysts (ROAs) facilitated intelligence-led policing through timely identification of persons of interest and informed deployment of resources. Information-sharing products, including Crime Alerts and Officer Safety Awareness Bulletins, were used to support officer and community safety. Directed patrols and foot patrol initiatives were conducted in identified priority areas to address

	community concerns, increase police visibility, and reduce opportunities for criminal activity. 3. Recognizing that drug addiction and illicit drug trafficking require a multifaceted response, the detachment focused on coordinated enforcement and intelligence development. These efforts resulted in arrests and incarceration of offenders, contributing to the reduction of illicit substances being trafficked within the Almaguin Highlands. Additional training, including the Traffic Stops, Authorities and Investigations course, enhanced officer ability to detect drug-related activity on primary transportation corridors, supporting regional and provincial objectives. 4. In 2025, the detachment observed a decrease in fraud-related offences. While fraud remains a concern, particularly for vulnerable and aging populations, increased officer training and targeted public education initiatives improved community awareness and prevention. Community outreach efforts, including traditional and social media engagement, supported the identification of phishing and online fraud schemes and contributed to the reduction of victimization.
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2025 Roadways, Waterways and Trails Progress Results

Commitment	Progress Results
To sustain a continuous and year-round focus on the “Big Four” causal factors of fatal, personal injury, and property damage collisions by changing driver behaviours responsible for injuries and deaths on roadways, waterways, and trails: 1. Impaired (alcohol/drug). 2. Speeding/aggressive driving. 3. Distracted driving. 4. Lack of occupant restraint and safety equipment.	Traffic safety enforcement focused on the “Big Four” causal factors, impaired driving, speeding/aggressive driving, distracted driving, and lack of occupant restraint, remained a year-round operational priority for the Almaguin Highlands Detachment in 2025. Enforcement and public engagement activities were conducted across roadways, waterways, and trail systems to influence driver behaviour and reduce the risk of fatal, injury, and property-damage collisions. In 2025, the detachment significantly increased interactions with the motoring public, resulting in a 76% increase in vehicle stops. This enhanced visibility supported a balanced approach of education and enforcement and contributed to improved compliance with traffic safety legislation. Collision data indicated a decrease in property-damage-only and non-fatal injury collisions during the reporting period. While an increase in fatal collisions was observed (three incidents), including one where speed was identified as a contributing factor and others occurring outside of traditional highway environments, the detachment responded by strengthening its marine and off-road enforcement presence. This included targeted training, regular deployment of officers to trails and waterways, and the use of regional Snowmobile, All-Terrain Vehicle and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE) resources. Impaired driving enforcement remained a priority. In 2025, impaired driving offences decreased, and the detachment successfully secured a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Grant, enhancing the ability to conduct proactive RIDE initiatives. These initiatives increased police visibility and supported early intervention to prevent impaired driving-related collisions on roadways, trails, and waterways.

2025 Community Well-Being Progress Results

Commitment	Progress Results
Identify and utilize a collaborative response to calls for service involving substance abuse issues and mental health crisis.	The implementation of a full-time MCRT enhanced the detachment's ability to respond to calls for service involving mental health and substance use crises by providing timely, collaborative, and appropriate supports to individuals pre-crisis, in-crisis, and post-crisis. Through partnerships with community service providers, individuals were connected to meaningful local resources, reducing reliance on enforcement-only responses. The Crisis Call Diversion Program, which embeds a mental health and addictions crisis worker within the Provincial Communications Centre, continued to provide early intervention for consenting callers experiencing acute mental health, substance use, or family-related crises. This co-response model supports de-escalation, improves access to appropriate levels of care in non-emergent situations, and reduces unnecessary emergency department visits. These initiatives reflect the OPP's commitment to collaborative, community-based approaches that enhance service delivery and support community well-being.

Other Community Updates

- With the establishment of the Almaguin Highlands OPP Detachment Board and the continuation of strong partnerships with emergency services, community stakeholders, and education administrators, the detachment maintained ongoing engagement to support collaboration, information sharing, and continuous improvement in service delivery. These partnerships contributed to joint training opportunities, community education initiatives, and increased awareness of emerging crime trends.
- Leveraging advanced technology, regional analytical expertise, and funding obtained through the provincial Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) Grant, the detachment utilized data-driven analysis to identify traffic and impaired-driving trends across the Almaguin Highlands. This intelligence-led approach supported the self-deployment of officers and the initiation of targeted RIDE initiatives, resulting in the early identification and arrest of an impaired driver on a rural roadway prior to any collision or public complaint. This proactive enforcement model is employed regularly to enhance roadway safety across the detachment area.
- The Almaguin Highlands Detachment maintained a consistent presence within local schools and at community sporting events to engage positively with youth and promote trust, awareness, and crime prevention. Feedback received from students, educators, parents, and coaches highlighted the value of these interactions in fostering positive relationships and supporting youth development. Youth engagement remains a key component of community safety and long-term well-being.
- Recognizing the increasing demand for mental health-related supports, the MCRT continued proactive engagement with community partners to support individuals and families before crisis escalation. This collaborative, community-based approach enhances early intervention, supports appropriate referrals, and contributes to improved outcomes for community members experiencing mental health challenges.

Calls for Service

Table 1.1

All CAD Events*	Immediate Police Response Required**
12,139	2,765

* This represents all Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) event types created for each detachment area. Not all CAD events are dispatched to a frontline OPP detachment officer. Some events may have been actioned by another OPP member, diverted to another unit, or deemed a non-OPP event. This does not include officer or detachment generated events that have not been reported through the PCC, or any online reporting events.

** This represents the total number of CAD events prioritized for an immediate police response, indicating the potential for extreme danger, catastrophic circumstances, injury, the threat of injury, death, and/or crime in progress.

Crime and Clearance

Violent Crimes

Table 2.1

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Homicide	0	1	0	--
02 - Other Offences Causing Death	0	0	0	--
03 - Attempted Murder	0	0	0	--
04 - Sexual Offences	32	24	25	84.00%
05 - Assaults/Firearm Related Offences	92	92	96	87.50%
06 - Offences Resulting in the Deprivation of Freedom	2	0	0	--
07 - Robbery	0	3	0	--
08 - Other Offences Involving Violence or the Threat of Violence	63	78	86	68.60%
09 - Offences in Relation to Sexual Services	0	1	0	--
10 - Total Violent Crime	189	199	207	79.23%

Property Crimes

Table 2.2

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Arson	0	0	5	20.00%
02 - Break and Enter	29	41	26	15.38%
03 - Theft Over	33	27	26	7.69%
04 - Theft Under	57	65	45	15.56%
05 - Have Stolen Goods	4	8	4	75.00%
06 - Fraud	72	84	77	15.58%
07 - Mischief	47	58	43	48.84%
08 - Total Property Crime	242	283	226	22.12%

Other Criminal Code

Table 2.3

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Illegal Gaming and Betting	0	0	0	--
02 - Offensive Weapons - Careless use of firearms	12	16	8	100.00%
03 - Failure to Comply - Judicial Orders/Unlawfully at Large	66	143	87	90.80%
04 - Disturb the Peace	5	0	1	0.00%
05 - Child Pornography	3	0	2	100.00%
06 - Other Criminal Code (Ex. Traffic)	14	19	16	81.25%
07 - Total Other Criminal Code	100	178	114	89.47%

Drugs

Table 2.4

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - CDSA Possession	7	9	6	83.33%
02 - CDSA Trafficking	6	5	4	100.00%
03 - CDSA Importation & Production	0	0	0	--
04 - Cannabis Possession	0	1	0	--
05 - Cannabis Distribution	0	0	0	--
06 - Cannabis Sale	0	0	0	--
07 - Cannabis Importation & Exportation	0	0	0	--
08 - Cannabis Production	0	0	0	--
09 - Other Cannabis Violations	0	0	0	--
10 - Total Drugs	13	15	10	90.00%

Federal Statutes**Table 2.5**

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
Federal Statutes	4	15	0	--

Traffic Violations**Table 2.6**

Offences	2023	2024	2025	Clearance Rate
01 - Dangerous Operation	1	4	1	100.00%
02 - Flight from Peace Officer	3	1	9	55.56%
03 - Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	25	32	31	100.00%
04 - Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	1	1	3	100.00%
05 - Failure to Stop after Accident	2	2	4	0.00%
06 - Operation while Prohibited	3	3	6	100.00%
07 - Total	35	43	54	85.19%

Youth Crime**Table 2.7**

Disposition Type	2023	2024	2025
Bail	0	0	0
Conviction	16	15	3
Diversion	21	10	15
Non-Conviction	22	23	16
Not Accepted	1	0	0
POA Ticket	5	17	37
NULL	13	3	38
Total	78	68	109

Victim Referrals**Table 2.8**

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Sum of Offered	556	569	677
Sum of Accepted	115	90	119
Sum of Total	671	659	796
Sum of % Accepted	17.14%	13.66%	14.95%

Traffic and Road Safety

Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

Table 3.1

(Includes roadway, off-road and motorized snow vehicle collisions)

	2023	2024	2025
Fatal Injury Collisions	2	1	3
Non-Fatal Injury Collisions	43	36	31
Property Damage Only Collisions	290	318	292
Alcohol-Related Collisions	19	23	20
Animal-Related Collisions	127	139	113
Speed-Related Collisions	52	37	41
Inattentive-Related Collisions	34	34	22
Persons Killed	3	1	3
Persons Injured	48	47	41

Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Table 3.2

	2023	2024	2025
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related	0	0	1
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related	0	0	0
Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor	0	0	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related	0	0	0
Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related	0	0	0

Fatalities in Detachment Area

Table 3.3

Fatality Type	Category	2023	2024	2025
Roadway	Fatal Incidents	0	0	1
Roadway	Persons Killed	0	0	1
Roadway	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0
Marine	Fatal Incidents	0	0	1
Marine	Persons Killed	0	0	1
Marine	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0
Off-Road Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	2	1	1
Off-Road Vehicle	Persons Killed	3	1	1
Off-Road Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	1	0	1
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Fatal Incidents	0	0	1
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Persons Killed	0	0	1
Motorized Snow Vehicle	Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents	0	0	0

Big 4

Table 3.4

Offences	2023	2024	2025
Distracted (HTA 78.1)	5	3	0
Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15)	61	111	89
Seatbelt (HTA 106)	44	25	37
Speeding (HTA 128)	856	1,117	1,343

Table 3.5

Charges Offences	2023	2024	2025
HTA	1,528	1,794	2,167
Criminal Code Traffic	95	159	142
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	683	925	656
LLCA	36	30	30
Controlled Drug and Substance Act	43	67	35
Federal Cannabis Act	2	2	1
Provincial Cannabis Act	15	21	14
Other	177	195	224

Policing Hours

The OPP has developed a Service Delivery Model (SDM) in response to several reviews and audit recommendations. The SDM is designed to:

- Promote officer wellness through balanced workloads
- Determine adequate staffing levels at each detachment
- Ensure the continued delivery of adequate and effective policing services in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)*

To support SDM implementation, the OPP is undertaking a multi-year staffing strategy to address required increases in detachment personnel. This model supports the OPP's ability to:

- Respond effectively to increasing calls for service
- Maintain safe communities through proactive patrols and community engagement
- Meet municipal expectations for police visibility

To monitor progress and guide detachment-level planning, the OPP has established time allocation targets for provincial constables (Figure 1). These targets reflect how time should ideally be distributed by the end of the SDM staffing strategy.

The targets are based on a provincial average, and variations are expected between detachments due to differences in geography, operational structure, recruitment and leave of absence rates.

Detachments may face challenges in achieving these targets, but progress is expected as scheduling, data quality and strategic deployment continue to improve.

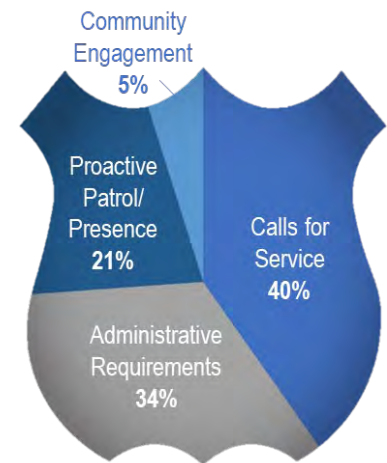


Figure 1: Service Delivery Model Provincial Target

Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Table 4.1

Calls for Service	Administrative Requirements	Proactive Patrol	Community Engagement
50.2%	34.2%	14%	1.6%

Hours (Field Personnel)

Table 4.2

	2023	2024	2025
TOTAL FRONTLINE HOURS	47,286	53,228	54,818

Endnotes

Tables 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Statistics Canada's Uniform Crime Reporting Survey was designed to measure the incidence of crime in Canadian society and its characteristics.
- Reported, Unfounded, Actual, Not Cleared, Cleared by Charge and Cleared Otherwise counts (2023, 2024 and 2025) and Clearance Rate for 2025 included.
- Actual counts and Clearance Rate (2023, 2024 and 2025) included.
- The most serious violation methodology (MSV) is used, which is the same as Statistics Canada's methodology. The MSV counts only the first of up to four offences per incident that occurred in the specific time range.
- First Nation population is not included.
- UCR Statistics Canada Verified (green checkmark) only.

Table 2.1 Violent Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide

02 Criminal Negligence Causing Death, Other Related Offences Causing Death

03 Attempted Murder, Conspire to Commit Murder

04 Sexual offence which occurred prior to January 4, 1983, Sexual Assault, Level 3, Aggravated, Sexual Assault, Level 2, Weapon or Bodily Harm, Sexual Assault, Level 1, Sexual Interference, Invitation to Sexual Touching, Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Exploitation of a Person with a Disability, Incest, Corrupting Morals of a Child, Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to Children, Parent or Guardian Procuring Sexual Activity, Householder Permitting Sexual Activity, Luring a Child via Computer, Agreement or Arrangement - Sexual Offence Against a Child, Bestiality - Commits, Compels Another Person, Bestiality in, Presence of, or Incites, a Child, Voyeurism, Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images

05 Assault Level 3, Aggravated, Assault Level 2, Weapon/Bodily Harm, Assault Level 1, Unlawfully Causing Bodily Harm, Discharge Firearm with Intent, Using firearm/Imitation of Firearm in the Commission of an Offence, Pointing a Firearm, Assault, Peace-Public Officer, Assault Against Peace Officer with a Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm, Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm, Trap Likely to or Causing Bodily Harm, Other Assaults

06 Kidnapping, Forcible Confinement, Hostage Taking, Trafficking in Persons, Abduction Under 14, Not Parent/Guardian, Abduction Under 16, Removal of Children from Canada, Abduction Under 14 Contravening a Custody Order, Abduction Under 15 by Parent/Guardian

07 Robbery, Robbery to Steal Firearm

08 Extortion, Intimidation of a Justice System Participant or a Journalist, Intimidation of a Non-justice System Participant, Criminal Harassment, Indecent/Harassing Communications, Utter Threats to Person, Explosives Causing Death/Bodily Harm, Arson - Disregard for Human Life, Other Violations Against the Person, Failure to Comply with Safeguards (MAID), Forging/Destruction of Documents (MAID)

09 Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration, Obtaining Sexual Services for Consideration from Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Material Benefit from Sexual Services, Material Benefit from Sexual Services Provided by Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Procuring, Procuring a Person Under the Age of 18 Years, Advertising Sexual Services

Table 2.2 Property Crimes

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Arson

02 Break & Enter, Break & Enter to Steal a Firearm, Break & Enter a Motor Vehicle (Firearm)

03 Theft over \$5000, Theft over \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting over \$5000, Motor Vehicle Theft

04 Theft \$5000 or Under, Theft under \$5000 from a Motor Vehicle, Shoplifting \$5000 or Under

05 Trafficking in Stolen Goods over \$5000, Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5000, Trafficking in Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under, Possession of Stolen Goods \$5000 and Under

06 Fraud, Identity Theft, Identity Fraud

07 Mischief, Mischief to Cultural Property, Hate-motivated mischief relating to property used by identifiable group, Mischief Relating to War Memorials, Altering/Destroying/Removing a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

Table 2.3 Other Criminal Code

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Betting House, Gaming House, Other Violations Related to Gaming and Betting

02 Offensive Weapons: Explosives, Weapons Trafficking, Possession and Distribution of Computer Data (Firearm), Altering Cartridge Magazine, Weapons Possession Contrary to Order, Possession of Weapons, Unauthorized Importing/Exporting of Weapons, Firearms Documentation/Administration, Unsafe Storage of Firearms

03 Failure to Comply – Judicial Orders/Unlawfully at Large: bail violations, escape custody, fail to attend court, breach of probation

04 Disturb the Peace

05 Child Pornography: including making or distributing

06 Public Communications to Sell Sexual Services, Offences Related to Impeding Traffic to Buy or Sell Sexual Services, Counterfeiting, Indecent Acts, Voyeurism (Expired), Corrupting Morals, Lure child via Computer (Expired), Obstruct Public/Peace Officer, Trespass at Night, Threatening/Harassing Phone Calls (Expired), Utter Threats Against Property or Animals, Advocating Genocide, Public Incitement of Hatred, Promoting or Advertising Conversion Therapy, Unauthorized Recording of a Movie/Purpose of Sale, Rental, Commercial, Distribution, Offences Against Public Order (Part II CC), Property or Services for Terrorist Activities, Freezing of Property, Disclosure, Audit, Participate in Activity of Terrorist Group, Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Instruction/Commission of Act of Terrorism, Hoax – Terrorism, Advocating/Promoting Terrorism, Firearms and Other Offensive Weapons (Part III CC), Leave Canada to Participate in Activity of a Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Facilitate Terrorist Activity, Leave Canada to Commit Offence for Terrorist Group, Leave Canada to Commit Offence that is Terrorist Activity, Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max = Life), Harbour/Conceal Terrorist (Max Does Not = Life), Harbour/Conceal Person Likely to Carry Out Terrorist Activity, Offences Against the Administration of Law and Justice (Part IV CC). Sexual Offences, Public Morals and Disorderly Conduct (Part V CC), Invasion of Privacy (Part VI CC), Failure to Comply with Regulations / Obligations for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID), Other Offences Against the Person and Reputation, Offences Against the Rights of Property (Part IX CC), Fraudulent Transactions, Relating to Contracts and Trade (Part X CC), Offences Related to Currency, Proceeds of Crime (Part XII.2 CC), Attempts, Conspiracies, Accessories, Instruct Offence for Criminal Organization, Commit Offence for Criminal Organization, Participate in Activities of Criminal Organization, Recruitment of Members by a Criminal Organization, All Other Criminal Code (includes Part XII.1 CC)

Table 2.4 Drugs

Corresponding Violation Description

- 01 Possession – Heroin, Possession – Cocaine, Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Possession - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Possession – Opioid (other than heroin)
- 02 Trafficking – Heroin, Trafficking – Cocaine, Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Trafficking - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth), Trafficking - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Trafficking – Opioid (other than heroin)
- 03 Import / Export – Heroin, Import / Export – Cocaine, Import / Export - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, Import / Export - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Import / Export - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Import/Export – Opioid (other than heroin), Production – Heroin, Production – Cocaine, Production - Other Controlled Drugs & Substances Act, Production - Methamphetamines (Crystal Meth), Production - Methylenedioxyamphetamine (Ecstasy), Production – Opioid (other than heroin), Possession, sale, etc., for use in production of or trafficking in substance
- 04 Possession of illicit or over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by adult, Possession of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent) by youth, Possession of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Possession of cannabis by organization
- 05 Distribution of illicit, over 30g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by adult, Distribution of cannabis to youth, by adult, Distribution of over 5g dried cannabis (or equivalent), or to an organization, by youth, Distribution of budding or flowering plants, or more than four cannabis plants, Distribution of cannabis by organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of distributing
- 06 Sale of cannabis to adult, Sale of cannabis to youth, Sale of cannabis to an organization, Possession of cannabis for purpose of selling
- 07 Importation and exportation of cannabis, Possession of cannabis for purpose of exportation
- 08 Obtain, offer to obtain, alter or offer to alter cannabis, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by adult, Cultivate, propagate or harvest cannabis by youth or organization
- 09 Possess, produce, sell, distribute or import anything for use in production or distribution of illicit cannabis, Use of young person in the commission of a cannabis offence, Other Cannabis Act

Table 2.5 Federal Statutes

Corresponding Violation Description

Bankruptcy Act, Income Tax Act, Canada Shipping Act, Canada Health Act, Customs Act , Competition Act, Excise Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, Human Trafficking (involving the use of abduction, fraud, deception or use of threat), Human Smuggling fewer than 10 persons, Human Smuggling 10 persons or more, Firearms Act, National Defence Act, Emergencies Act, Quarantine Act, Other Federal Statutes

Table 2.6 Traffic Violations

Corresponding Violation Description

01 Dangerous Operation Causing Death, Dangerous Operation Causing Bodily Harm, Dangerous Operation

02 Flight from Peace Officer

03 Operation - low blood drug concentration, Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing death (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (drugs), Operation while impaired causing death (unspecified), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (drugs), Operation while impaired causing bodily harm (unspecified), Operation while impaired (alcohol), Operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs), Operation while impaired (drugs), Operation while impaired (unspecified)

04 Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand (drugs), Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in bodily harm (unspecified), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (alcohol and drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (drugs), Failure or refusal to comply with demand, accident resulting in death (unspecified)

05 Failure to stop after accident resulting in death, Failure to stop after accident resulting in bodily harm, Failure to stop after accident, Operation while prohibited

06 Operation while Prohibited

Table 2.7 Youth Crime

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2026/03/06)

Note:

- Youth Charges by Disposition Type
- Only charges that have had a disposition type recorded in the OPP Niche RMS application are included.
- Youth charges without a disposition type are not included which may result in under stating the actual youth charges.
- “NULL” represents blanks, or where officers did not indicate the Disposition Type, however charges were applied.

Table 2.8 Victim Referrals

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS), (2026/03/06)

Note:

- Number of Referrals to Victim Service Agencies

Table 3.1 Motor Vehicle Collisions (MVC) by Type

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Total Motor Vehicle Collisions (Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only): Reportable Fatal Injury, Non-Fatal Injury and Property Damage Only Collisions entered into the eCRS for All Motorized Vehicles (MVC-Roadway, MSV- Snowmobile and ORV-Off Road Report Type) regardless of completion/approval status.
- Alcohol/Drug Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
- Animal Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.
- Speed Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
- Inattentive Related Collisions: Reportable MVC collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
- Persons Killed or Injured: Number of Persons Injured or Killed in Reportable MVC collisions.

Table 3.2 Primary Causal Factors in Fatal MVCs on Roadways

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Speed Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Excessive Speed or Speed Too Fast For Conditions OR Driver Action reported as Exceeding Speed Limit or Speed Too Fast For Conditions.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Alcohol/Drug Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.
- Persons Killed in Fatal Roadway Collisions where lack of Seatbelt/Helmet use is a Factor: Persons Killed in Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Victim is fatally injured AND a vehicle occupant AND where safety equipment reported to be not used but available.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Inattentive Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Inattentive OR Driver Condition reported as Inattentive.
- Fatal Roadway Collisions where Causal is Animal Related: Reportable Fatal Roadway Collisions where Contributing Factor scored as Animal OR Wildlife Involved was an Animal OR Sequence of Events was an Animal.

Table 3.3 Fatalities in Detachment Area

Source: Ontario Provincial Police, Collision Reporting System (CRS), (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Fatal Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
- Persons Killed: Number of Involved Persons where Injury is fatal by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle).
- Alcohol/Drug Related Incidents: Reportable Fatal Collisions by Report Type (Roadway, Marine, Off-Road Vehicle, Motorized Snow Vehicle) where Alcohol/Drug Involved field indicated as Yes OR Contributing Factor scored as Ability Impaired (Alcohol or Drug) OR Driver Condition reported as Had Been Drinking or Ability Impaired.

Table 3.4 Big 4

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2026/02/24)

Note:

- Speeding (HTA 128): Charges are based on date charged. Speeding = HTA s.128 charges.
- Seatbelt (HTA 106): Charges are based on date charged. Seatbelt = HTA s.106 charges.
- Distracted (HTA 78.1): Charges are based on date charged. Distracted = HTA s.78.1 charges.
- Impaired (CCC 320.14 & 320.15): Charges are based on date charged. Impaired = CCC s.320.14 & 320.15 charges.

Table 3.5 Charges

Source: Niche Records Management System (RMS) & eTicket, (2026/02/24)

Note:

- HTA: Charges are based on date charged. Highway Traffic Act Statute charges.
- Criminal Code Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. Criminal Code Traffic (CCC s320.13, 320.14, 320.15, 320.16, 320.17 & 320.18) charges.
- Criminal Code Non-Traffic: Charges are based on date charged. All CCC charges not included in the Criminal Code Traffic section above.
- LLCA: Charges are based on date charged. Liquor Licence and Control Act charges.
- Federal Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Act charges.
- Provincial Cannabis Act: Charges are based on date charged. Cannabis Control Act charges.
- Controlled Drug and Substance Act: Charges are based on date charged. Controlled Drug and Substance Act charges.
- Other: Charges are based on date charged. "Other" charges is comprised of CAIA, Other Provincial & Federal Offences not already captured in sections above.

Table 4.1 Service Delivery Activity Allocations

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: January 12, 2026

Note: Activity allocation percentages are based on the total reported hours of detachment provincial constables performing duties within their home detachment location.

Table 4.2 Hours (Field Personnel)

Source: Daily Activity Reporting (DAR) System

Date: March 06, 2026

Note:

- Total reported hours, excluding paid duties.
- Includes Provincial Constable to Sergeant ranks only.
- Excludes First Nations badge numbers.
- Excludes administrative accounts and joint services accounts.
- Excludes incomplete DAR entries and those with errors.
- Excludes General Headquarters location codes.

CONTACT THE OPP

Know your location - be ready to describe the situation and your location. Look for addresses, landmarks and buildings that may help identify your location.

REACH THE OPP BY PHONE

- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property
 - to stop or report a crime in progress
 - to report a fire
 - to report a life-threatening medical emergency
 - Don't hang up, stay on the line
- To report non-life-threatening incidents that require a police response, use the non-emergency line (1-888-310-1122) or go to opp.ca/reporting
- TTY 1-888-310-1133 or agent 511 for registered subscribers may be used for individuals in the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Speech Impaired (DHHSI) community to contact police
- For all administrative inquiries or to schedule an appointment, find contact information for your local detachment at opp.ca/detachments

PROVIDE AN ANONYMOUS TIP

- Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or visit www.crimestoppers.ca

REPORT AN INCIDENT ONLINE

- The OPP offers online reporting for minor, non-emergency occurrences in areas of OPP jurisdiction. opp.ca/reporting allows you to submit a report without visiting or calling.
- Use the online reporting tool for:
 - Theft Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5,000
 - Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Theft from Vehicle Under \$5,000
 - Lost / Missing Property Under \$5,000, including a licence plate(s) or validation sticker(s)
 - Driving Complaints

If you are reporting an emergency, call 9-1-1.

#KNOWWHENTOCALL

9-1-1 is for emergencies only: If there is an immediate risk to someone's life or property.

- ✓ a crime in progress
- ✓ a fire
- ✓ a life-threatening medical emergency

Dialed 9-1-1 accidentally? #Be911Ready. Don't hang up, stay on the line and speak with an OPP Communicator to confirm there's no emergency.

The misuse of 911 ties up emergency lines, communicators and officers, which can result in a slower response to a real emergency and risks the safety of people who may need urgent help.

It is against the law to call 9-1-1 as a joke. Prank 9-1-1 calls can be dangerous and waste valuable emergency resources.

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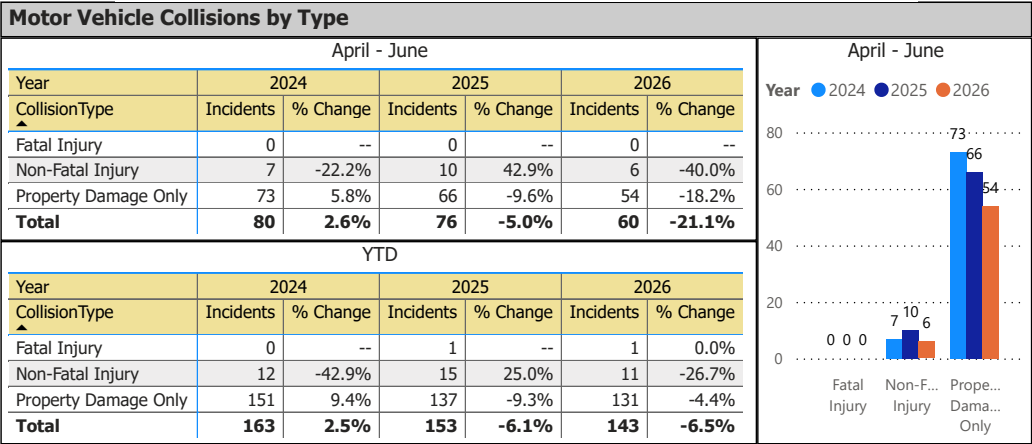


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Fatalities in Detachment Area - Incidents

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Type	Motor Vehicle			Motorized Snow Vehicle			Off-Road Vehicle		
Year	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change
2024	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
2025	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
2026	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--

YTD									
Type	Motor Vehicle			Motorized Snow Vehicle			Off-Road Vehicle		
Year	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change	Alcohol/Drugs	Incidents	% Change
2024	0	0	--	0	0	--	0	0	--
2025	0	0	--	0	1	--	0	0	--
2026	0	0	--	0	1	0.0%	0	0	--

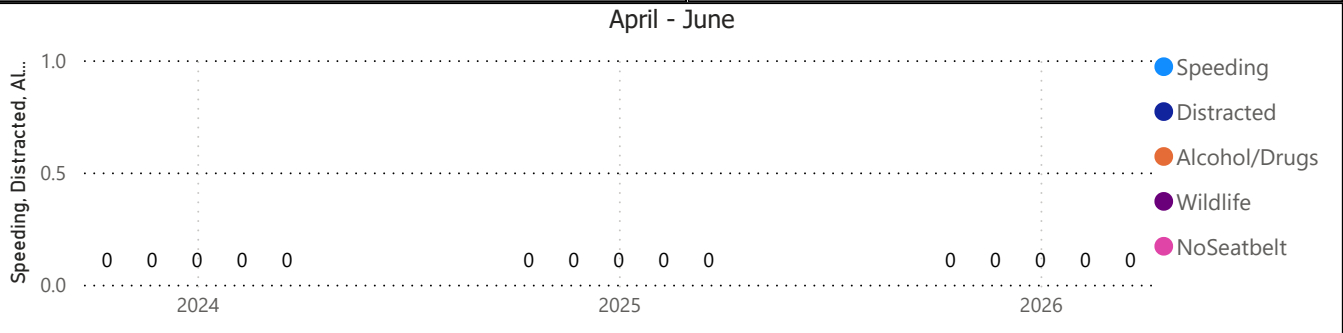
Fatalities in Detachment Area - Persons Killed

April - June						
Type	Motor Vehicle		Motorized Snow Vehicle		Off-Road Vehicle	
Year	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change	Persons Killed	% Change
2024	0	--	0	--	0	--
2025	0	--	0	--	0	--
2026	0	--	0	--	0	--

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

Primary Causal Factors in Fatal Motor Vehicle Collisions

April - June				YTD			
	2024	2025	2026		2024	2025	2026
Speeding	0	0	0	Speeding	0	0	0
Speeding % Change	--	--	--	Speeding % Change	--	--	--
Distracted	0	0	0	Distracted	0	0	0
Distracted % Change	--	--	--	Distracted % Change	--	--	--
Alcohol/Drugs	0	0	0	Alcohol/Drugs	0	0	0
Alcohol/Drugs % Change	--	--	--	Alcohol/Drugs % Change	--	--	--
Wildlife	0	0	0	Wildlife	0	0	0
Wildlife % Change	--	--	--	Wildlife % Change	--	--	--
NoSeatbelt	0	0	0	NoSeatbeltYTD	0	0	0
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Criminal Code and Provincial Statute Charges Laid

April - June

Year	2024		2025		2026	
ChargeCategory1	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	278	65.5%	144	-48.2%	123	-14.6%
Criminal Code Traffic	64	178.3%	35	-45.3%	33	-5.7%
Highway Traffic Act	328	-38.0%	641	95.4%	670	4.5%
Liquor Licence Act	3	-72.7%	6	100.0%	9	50.0%
Other Violations	30	-48.3%	56	86.7%	56	0.0%
Total	703	-10.9%	882	25.5%	891	1.0%

YTD

Year	2024		2025		2026	
ChargeCategory1	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	480	36.4%	331	-31.0%	326	-1.5%
Criminal Code Traffic	78	105.3%	60	-23.1%	65	8.3%
Highway Traffic Act	730	-14.1%	1,163	59.3%	1,191	2.4%
Liquor Licence Act	8	-33.3%	11	37.5%	16	45.5%
Other Violations	112	-11.8%	170	51.8%	181	6.5%
Total	1,408	2.1%	1,735	23.2%	1,779	2.5%

April - June

Year

202420252026

Category	2024	2025	2026
Highway Traffic Act	328	641	670
Criminal Code Non-Traffic	278	144	123
Other Violations	30	56	56
Criminal Code Traffic	64	35	33
Liquor Licence Act	3	6	9

Traffic Related Charges

April - June

Year	2024		2025		2026	
ChargeCategory2	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change
Speeding	204	-28.2%	406	99.0%	498	22.7%
Seatbelt	5	-82.1%	12	140.0%	17	41.7%
Impaired	45	200.0%	24	-46.7%	17	-29.2%
Distracted	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%	3	--

YTD

Year	2024		2025		2026	
ChargeCategory2	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change	Offence Count	% Change
Speeding	480	2.8%	738	53.8%	829	12.3%
Seatbelt	8	-75.8%	26	225.0%	24	-7.7%
Impaired	56	115.4%	42	-25.0%	44	4.8%
Distracted	2	-33.3%	0	-100.0%	4	--

April - June

Year

202420252026

Category	2024	2025	2026
Speeding	204	406	498
Impaired	45	24	17
Seatbelt	5	12	17
Distracted	1	0	3

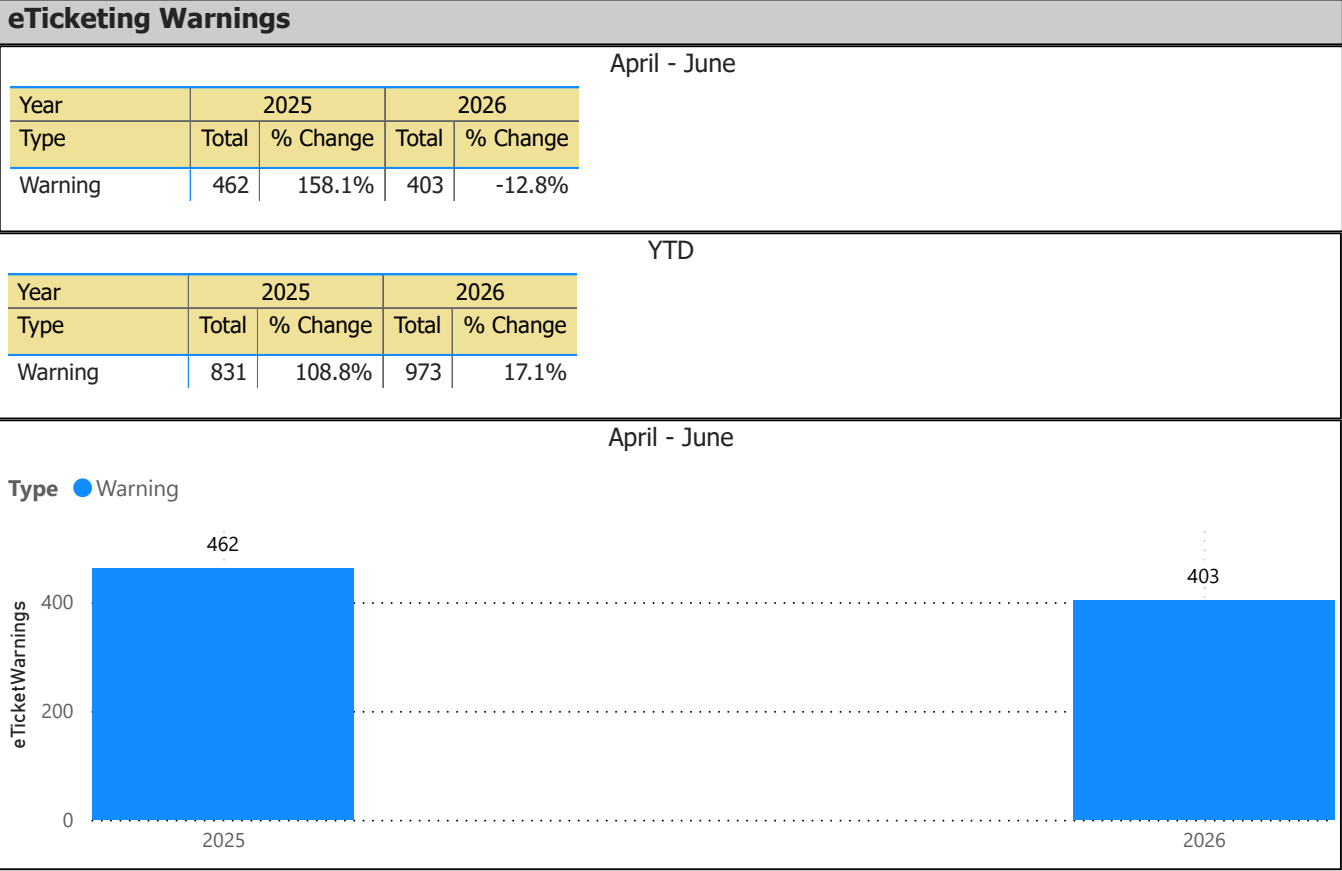
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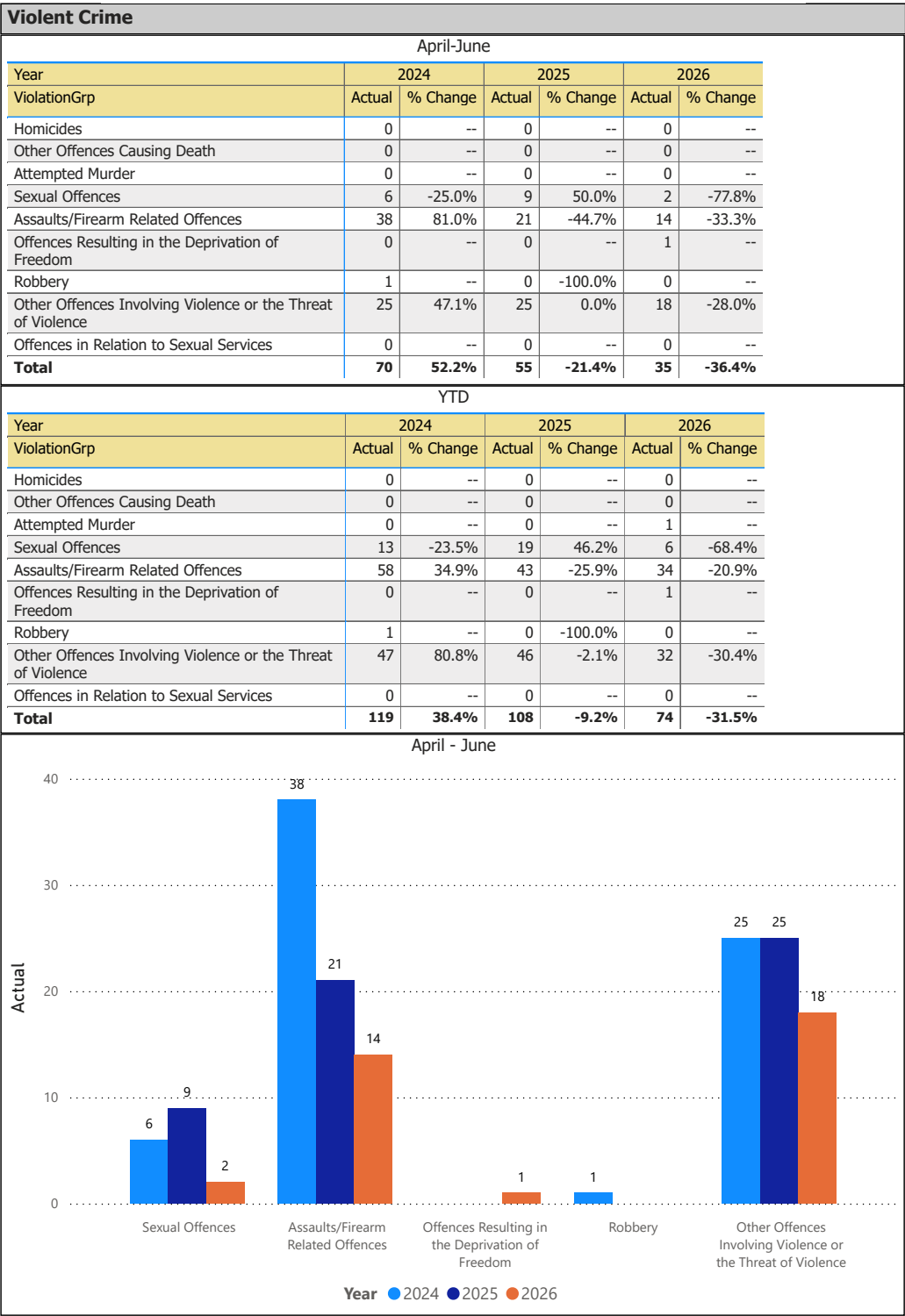
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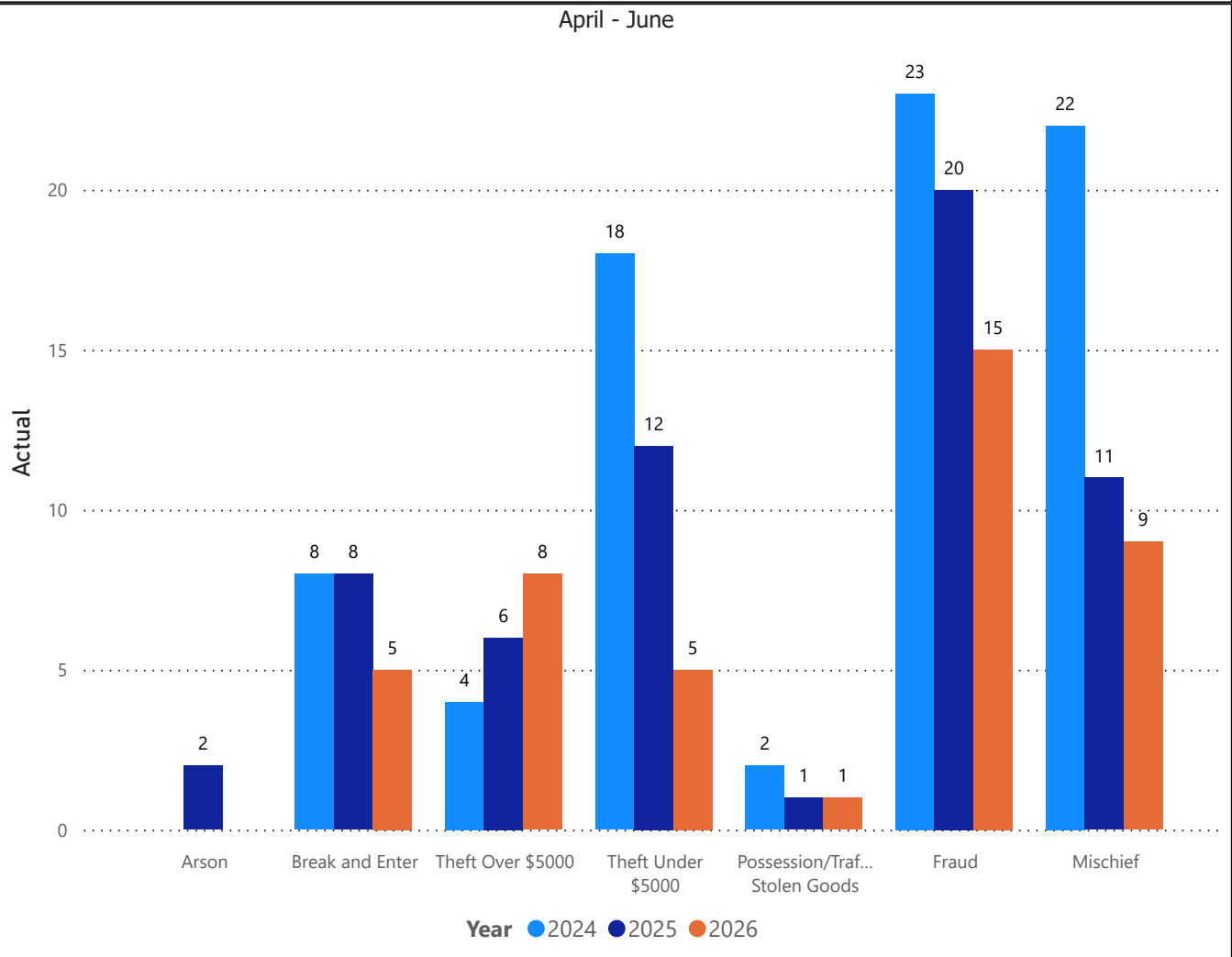
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Property Crime						
April - June						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Arson	0	--	2	--	0	-100.0%
Break and Enter	8	0.0%	8	0.0%	5	-37.5%
Theft Over \$5000	4	-60.0%	6	50.0%	8	33.3%
Theft Under \$5000	18	12.5%	12	-33.3%	5	-58.3%
Possession/Trafficking Stolen Goods	2	0.0%	1	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Fraud	23	43.8%	20	-13.0%	15	-25.0%
Mischief	22	120.0%	11	-50.0%	9	-18.2%
Total	77	24.2%	60	-22.1%	43	-28.3%

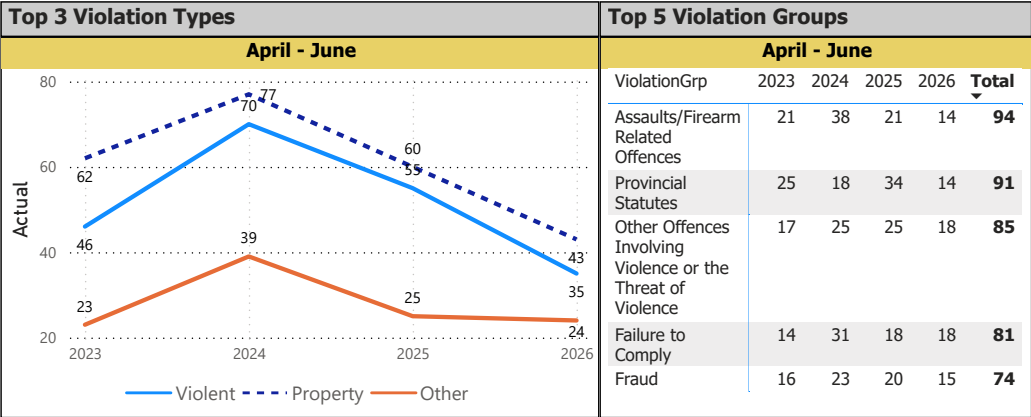
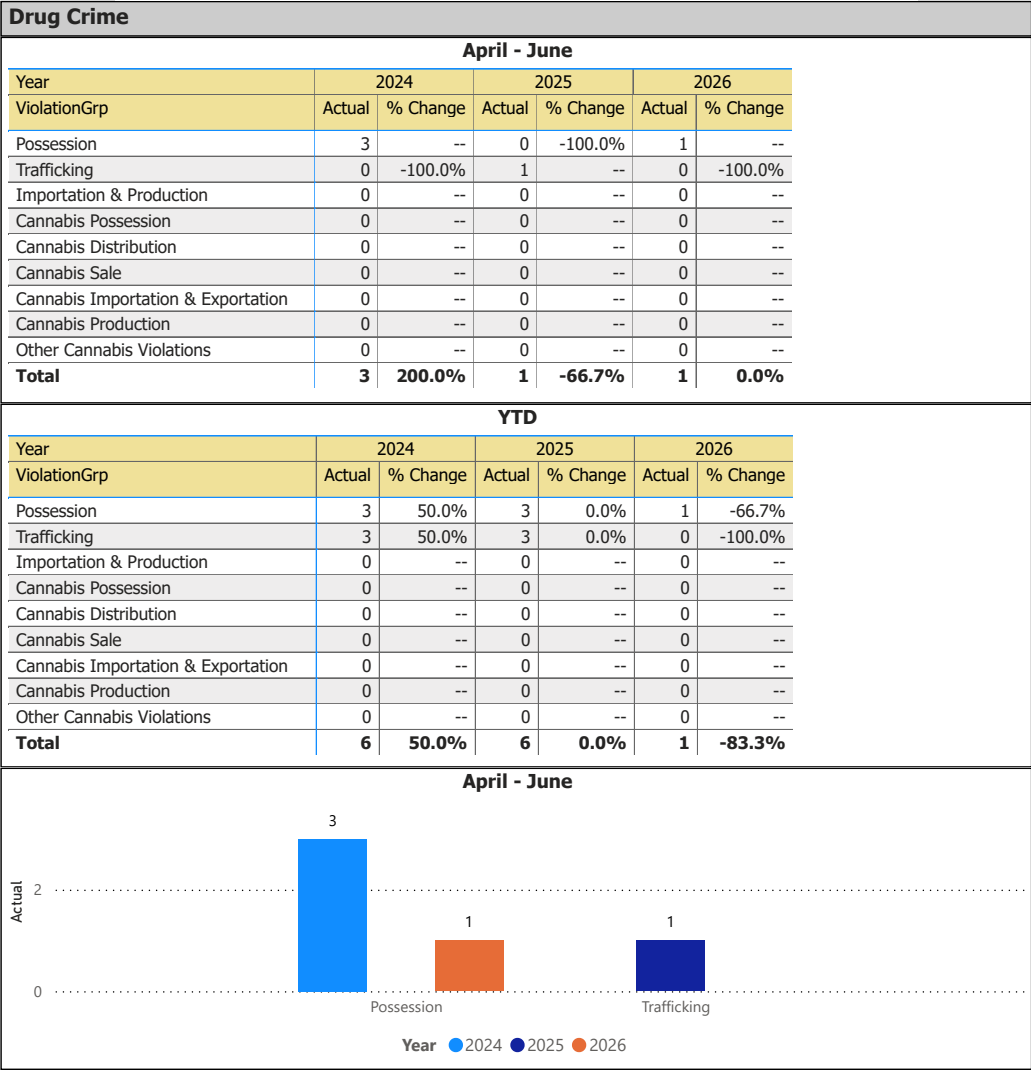
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Year	2024		2025		2026	
ViolationGrp	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Arson	0	--	4	--	0	-100.0%
Break and Enter	22	57.1%	13	-40.9%	6	-53.8%
Theft Over \$5000	12	9.1%	11	-8.3%	10	-9.1%
Theft Under \$5000	26	8.3%	22	-15.4%	12	-45.5%
Possession/Trafficking Stolen Goods	4	33.3%	4	0.0%	1	-75.0%
Fraud	45	36.4%	40	-11.1%	33	-17.5%
Mischief	32	146.2%	17	-46.9%	17	0.0%
Total	141	43.9%	111	-21.3%	79	-28.8%



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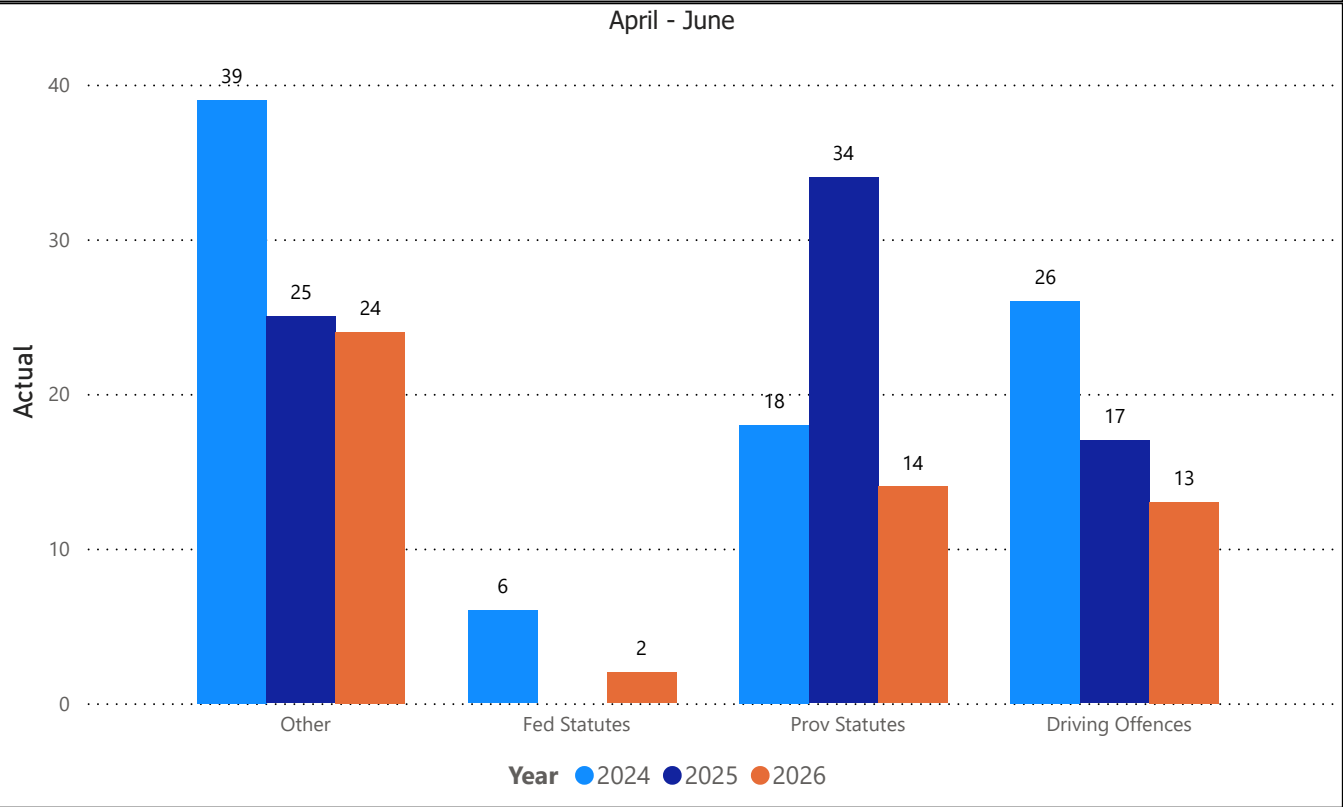


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Other Crime Occurrences

April - June						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
Violation_rollup	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Other	39	69.6%	25	-35.9%	24	-4.0%
Fed Statutes	6	500.0%	0	-100.0%	2	--
Prov Statutes	18	-28.0%	34	88.9%	14	-58.8%
Driving Offences	26	225.0%	17	-34.6%	13	-23.5%
Total	89	56.1%	76	-14.6%	53	-30.3%

YTD						
Year	2024		2025		2026	
Violation_rollup	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change	Actual	% Change
Other	81	80.0%	57	-29.6%	49	-14.0%
Fed Statutes	6	500.0%	0	-100.0%	3	--
Prov Statutes	34	-32.0%	64	88.2%	27	-57.8%
Driving Offences	31	121.4%	30	-3.2%	29	-3.3%
Total	152	38.2%	151	-0.7%	108	-28.5%



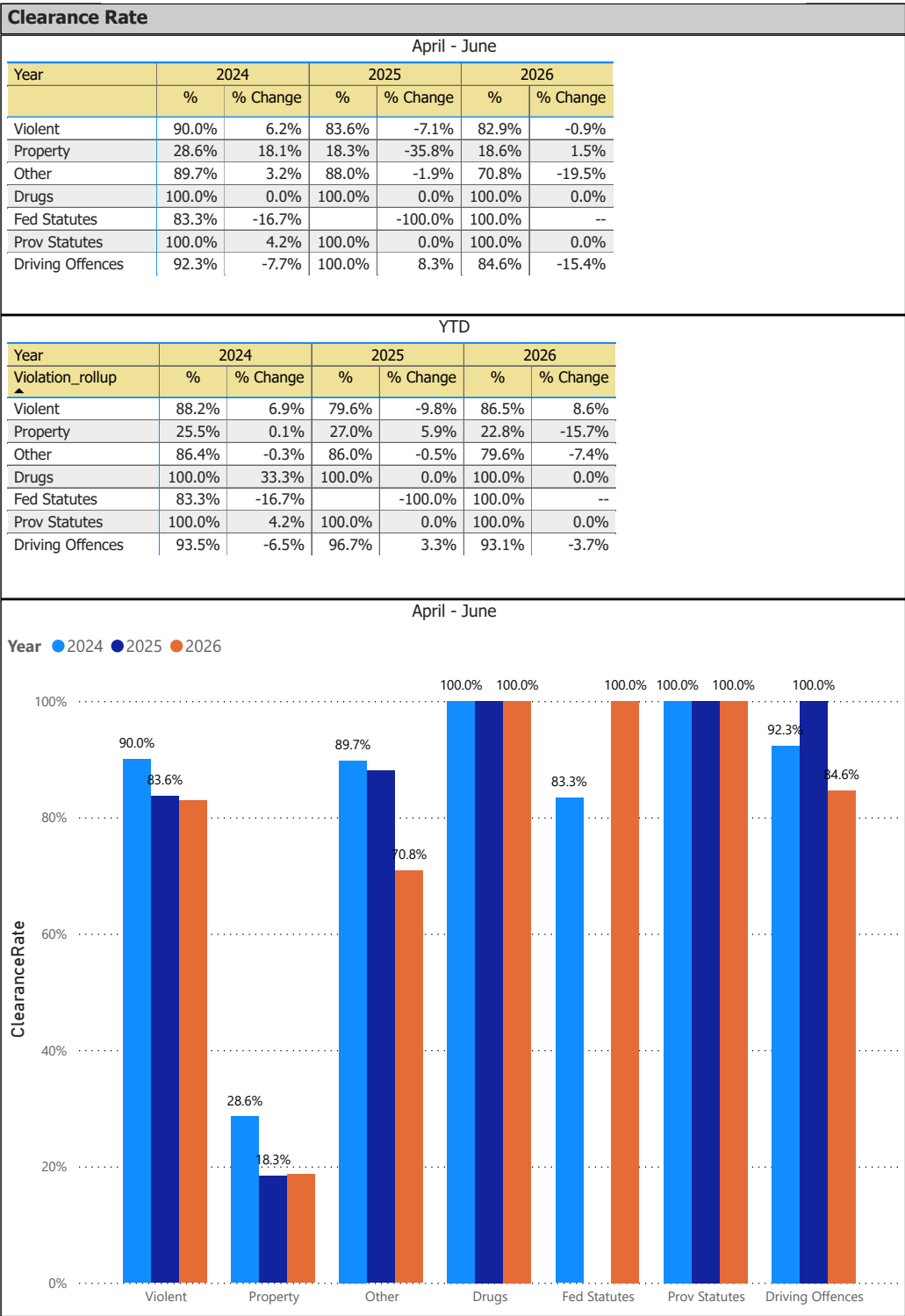
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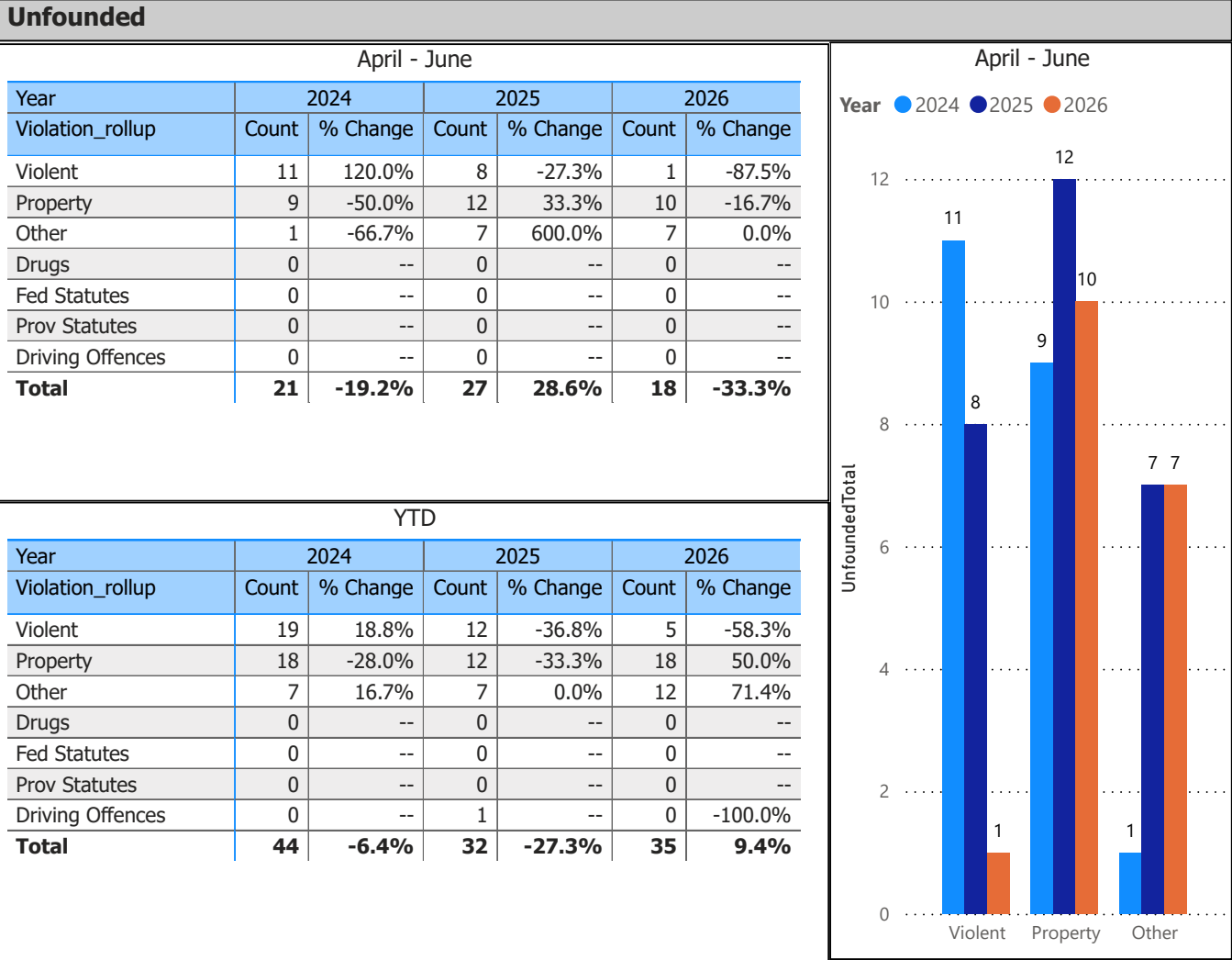
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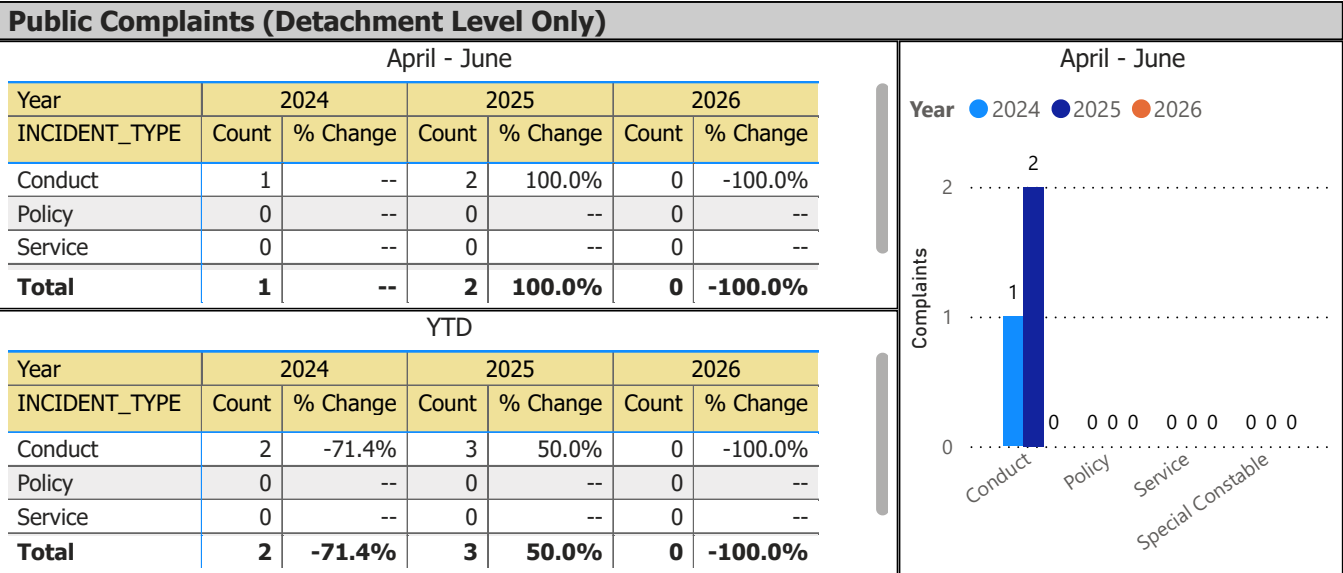
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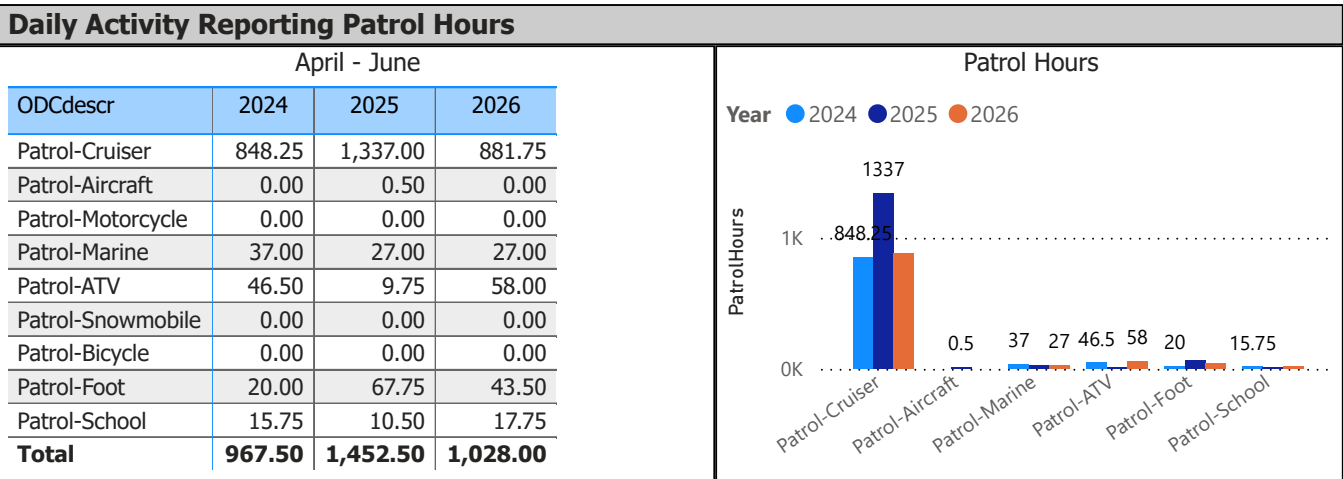
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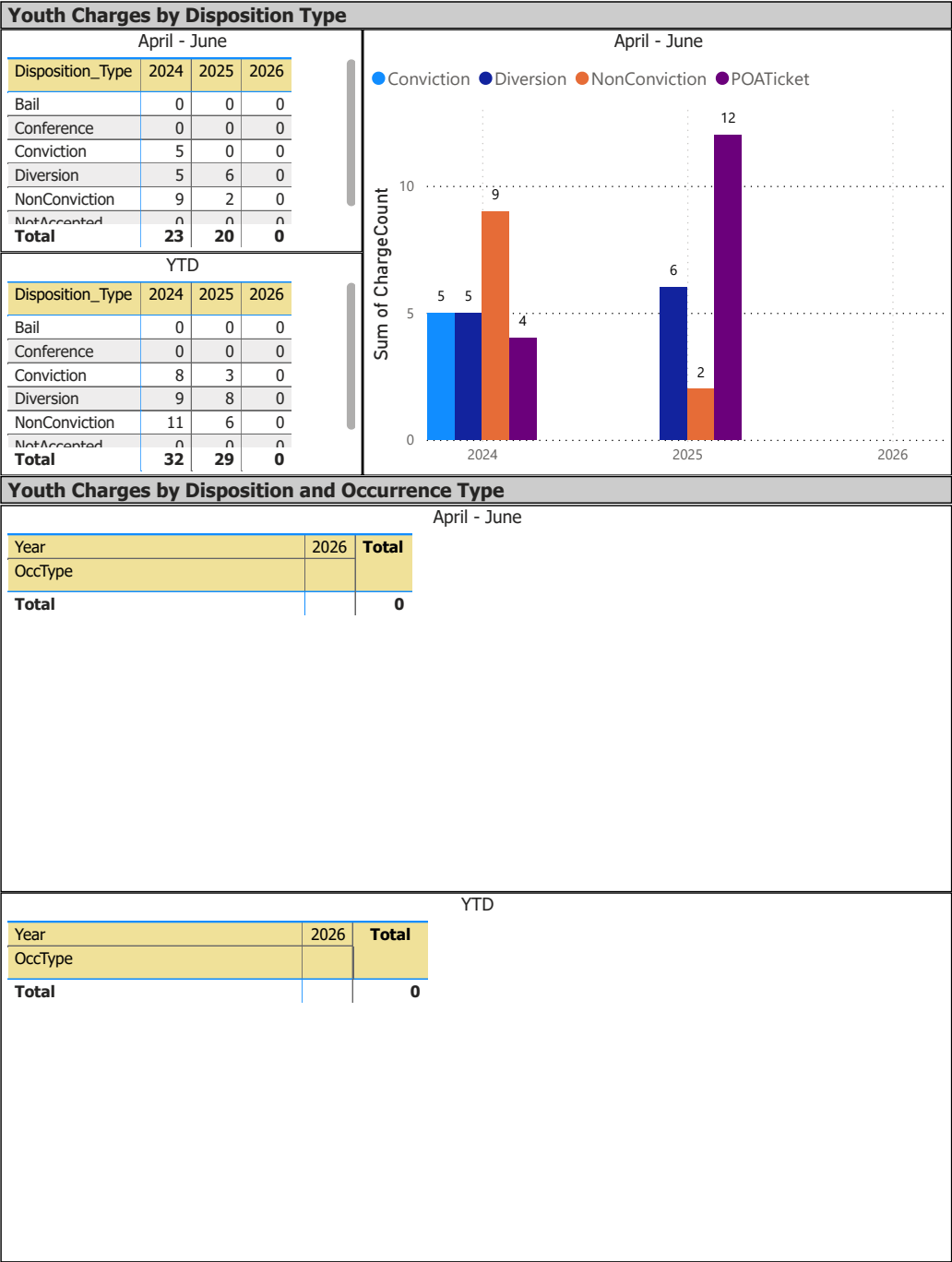


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April - June

Year	2026	Total
OccType		
Total		0

YTD

Year	2026	Total
OccType		
Total		0

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

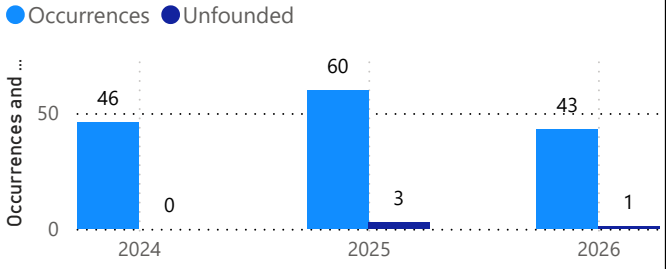
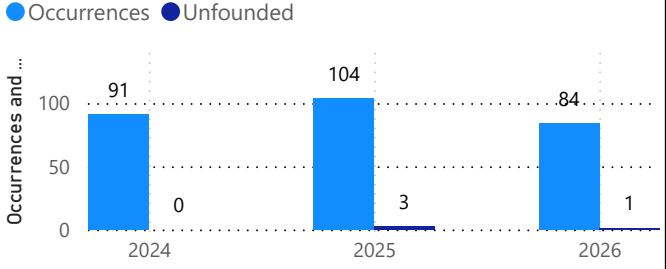
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Mental Health Act Occurrences			
April - June			April - June
Year	Occurrences	Unfounded	
2024	46	0	
2025	60	3	
2026	43	1	
YTD			YTD
Year	Occurrences	Unfounded	
2024	91	0	
2025	104	3	
2026	84	1	

Mental Health Act Occurrences by Occurrence Type		
April - June		
Year	2026	
OccurrenceType	Occurrences	Unfounded
Assault	1	0
Attempt or threat of suicide	12	0
Family dispute	2	0
Fraud	1	0
Intimate Partner Violence	5	0
Mental health act	20	1
Police information	1	0
Trouble with youth	1	0
Total	43	1

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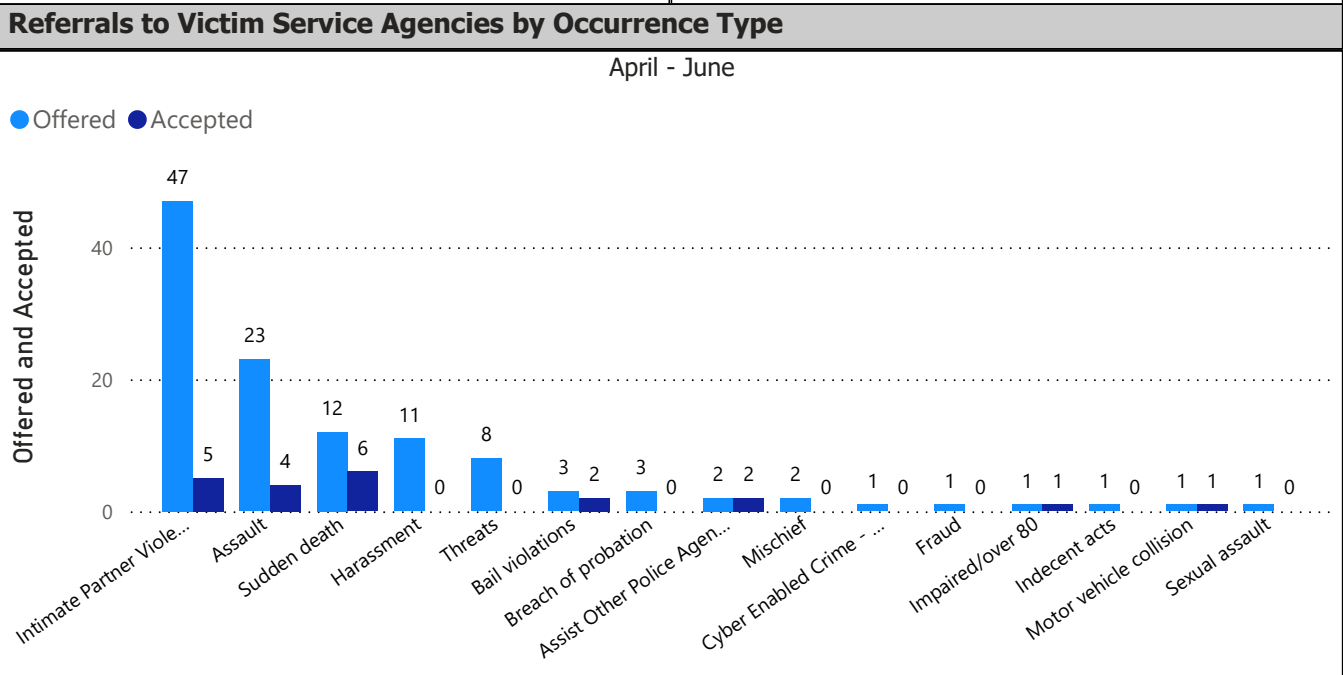
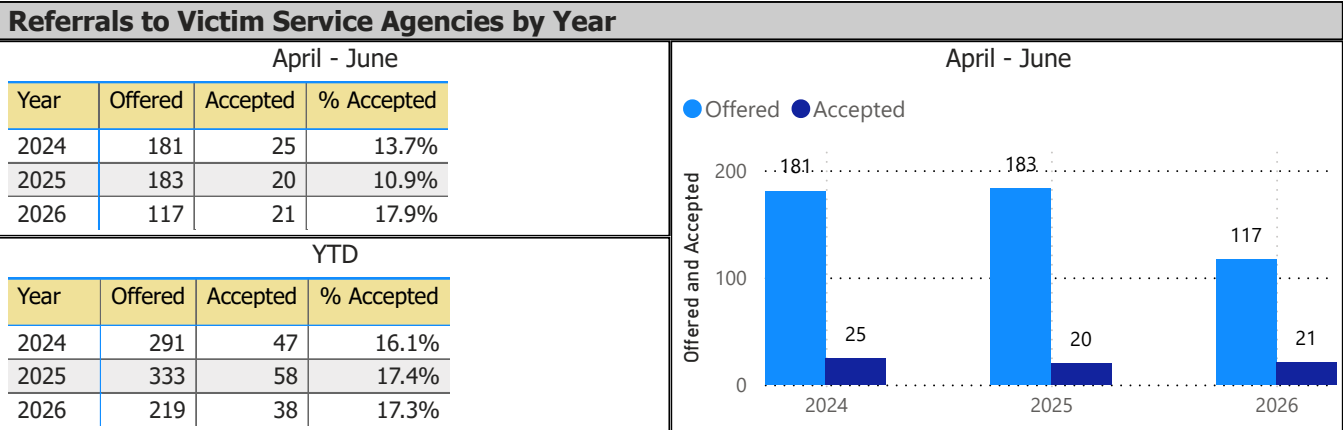
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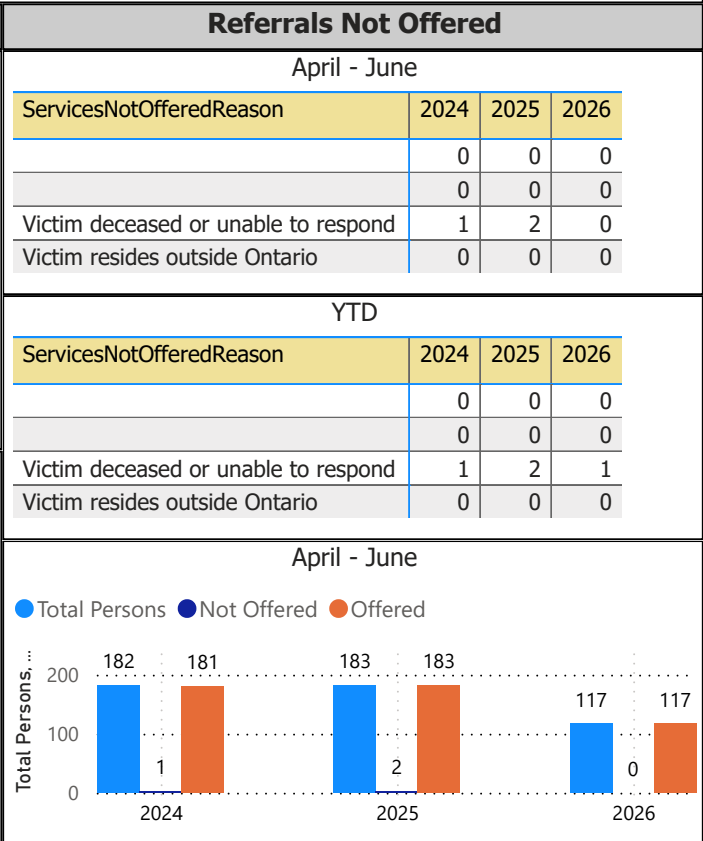
Referrals Accepted (%) by Age Group

April - June

PersonAgeRange	2024	2025	2026
	0.0%		
11 - 16	20.0%	0.0%	28.6%
17 - 25	13.3%	0.0%	11.1%
26 - 45	17.9%	16.4%	16.3%
46 - 65	13.5%	10.7%	26.3%
6 - 10	50.0%	16.7%	0.0%
Over 65	16.7%	10.0%	0.0%
Under 6	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

YTD

PersonAgeRange	2024	2025	2026
	1.7%		
11 - 16	29.4%	8.0%	20.0%
17 - 25	17.6%	15.4%	14.3%
26 - 45	31.3%	17.5%	15.9%
46 - 65	21.4%	21.6%	22.5%
6 - 10	40.0%	14.3%	0.0%
Over 65	25.0%	17.1%	9.1%
Under 6	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%



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OPP Detachment Board Report
Report Information Page

Report Data Source Information:

Data Sources Utilized

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

Niche RMS

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

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

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

Collision Reporting System (eCRS)

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

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

- Collisions
- Fatalities

DAR (Daily Activity Reporting)

Patrol hours are collected from the OPP DAR application.

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

- Complaints (Patrol Hours Section Only)

OPP Detachment Board Meeting June 8 2026

Location: OPP North East Region Headquarter 911A, Gormanville Rd, North Bay.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide a broader understanding of the OPP command structure and operations. For a Detachment Board to provide productive and supportive governance, developing a deeper understanding of OPP services and it's structure is essential.

Agenda

Date: 08-Jun-2026
Location: NERHQ – Training Room
Start: 09:30 a.m. End: 3:30 p.m.

OPP Detachment Board Meeting Agenda

Agenda			
Item	Time	Topic	Owner
1.	09:30 to 10:00	Welcome, Command Structure and Northern Deployments	Chief Dumond
2.	10:00 to 10:30	Recruitment	Supt. Ahmed Mohamed / Insp. Brooke McRoberts
3.	10:30 to 11:00	OPP Billing Model & MPB - sec. 14 & sec. 18 (Q&A – 10:50 to 11:00)	S/Sgt. Rob Griffin / Financial Analyst, Michelle Attridge
4.	11:00 to 11:30	Action Planning & Detachment Commander Evaluations L.E.A.D Reports	Jennifer Catterall Strategy Management / NER Command
5.	11:30 to 11:50	Service Delivery Model	C/Supt Jon Dumond
6.	11:50 to 12:05	Grant Funding	Grant Support Specialists, Lauren Perrier / Emily Jefferson
7.	12:05 to 12:20	Healthy Workplace & Wellness - Operational Supports	Care Navigator Alex Raeburn
	12:20 to 1:00	Lunch Break	
8.	1:00 to 1:20	Evacuation Processes & Challenges	S/Sgt. Andrew Hirst Sgt. Gilles Lachance
9	1:20 to 2:00	Major Incident & Emergency Response (OSI / Media / Alert Ready, OTU). Latchford Critical Incident – Impacts / Lessons Learned	Insp. Ryan Dougan
10.	2:00 to 2:30	Specialized Operational Supports FSB (Aviation, Canine)	S/Sgt. Eric Lefebvre
11	2:30 to 2:50	Traffic (S.A.V.E., T.I.M.E, Regional and Provincial Priorities)	Insp. Dave Walach Supt. Michael Maville
12.	2:50 to 3:30	Q&A with NER Command & Detachment Commanders / Closing Remarks	NER Command

Detachment Commanders and Chairs from various detachments boards were in attendance. Due to geographical distances in the region many session were presented via teleconference. There were 12 presentations each one designed to provide insight into a specific area of policing.

For the purpose of brevity, this report will highlight key takeaways by session.

1. Command Structure

There are a total 165 OPP Detachments with a command structure consisting of five Regional Headquarters. In the North East Region, which Almaguin Highlands reports to, there are 28 detachments. The region extends from Mattawa east to White River west and Almaguin Highlands South to Moosonee and Hearst north making it the largest geographical region of all detachments.

N.B.: It was the first time since moving to Emsdale I have ever been referred to as “the south”.

2. Recruitment

- a. 3000 applications 700 hired
- b. Target of 30% female officers (this was well reflected among Detachment Commanders.)
- c. 415 recruit capability to train new officers four times a year
- d. 110 days process time vs. RCMP 410 & Toronto Police 180
- e. Special Skills are prioritized i.e. Pilot.

N.B. Interesting and somewhat alarming statistic 70% of Gen Z applicants could not pass physical test requirements.

3. Billing

- a. DAR (Daily Activity Reports) are used to populate billing system
- b. 49% patrol 40% call for service 11% prisoner transport
- c. Contract Proposals required to create a Detachment and its funding

4. Action Planning LEAD (Learn Engage Align Develop)

- a. Proactive Patrol 21%, Calls for Service 40%, 34% admin, 5% search and rescue community engagement
- b. Strategic Services i.e. special events like recent Summit meeting.

5. Service Delivery Model

- a. Primary focus on developing leadership skills
- b. Established 2019

6. Grant Funding

- a. This is an area that Detachment Boards need to become very adept at navigating. It offers the single largest productive impact the Boards can offer to support front line operations.
- b. Complex and time sensitive
- c. Only handout provided in entire session
- d. Partnering for Public Safety, Maximizing the Impact of Grant Funding detailed 8 established Public Safety Grants available.

7. Healthy Workplace & Wellness

- a. Mental, physical and Emotional Support Services
- b. Established 2019
- c. Improved Access, reduced stigma

8. Evacuation Process and Challenges

- a. PLT (Provincial Liaison Team) created to assist affected area. Support with communication and coordinate between Police and Community
- b. Road Closures significant challenge
- c. Works within given community to assist with public safety during crisis

9. Major Incident

- a. Watched actual body cam footage of a routine stop that turned into car chase culminating in shots fired and the inevitable death of suspect
- b. Highlights how quickly situations escalate and the necessity for coordinated deployment and support.

10. Specialized Operational Supports

- a. 20 K9 units in Ontario
- b. Shepherd Malinois mix preferred breed, Breeder in Alabama
- c. Other breeds such as Labradors for cadaver search and drug searches
- d. 42 tactical officers in ON

11. Traffic

- a. Focus on Big Four
- b. Speeding/Aggressive, Impaired, Distracted and Seatbelts
- c. Covering 423,000 kilometers of road makes North East Region the largest geographical region in Ontario.

12. Q/A

This was a very informative and well-organized meeting. With the limited time available a lot was accomplished in providing an interactive forum for information sharing and Q&A.

The collaboration between Boards and Police Services will continue to improve community relationships with the front officers and support these officers by establishing local policing priorities and ensuring adequate and effective police services tailored to their specific catchment areas.

As a newly formed Board, learning the ins and outs of Grant Funding should be a priority as it represents a significant opportunity for Boards to successfully support their detachments efforts. It is a time intensive and somewhat complex eight-step process. In order to maximize the success and impact of grant funded projects, collaboration between the OPP, the municipality and community partners isn't just helpful, it is essential.



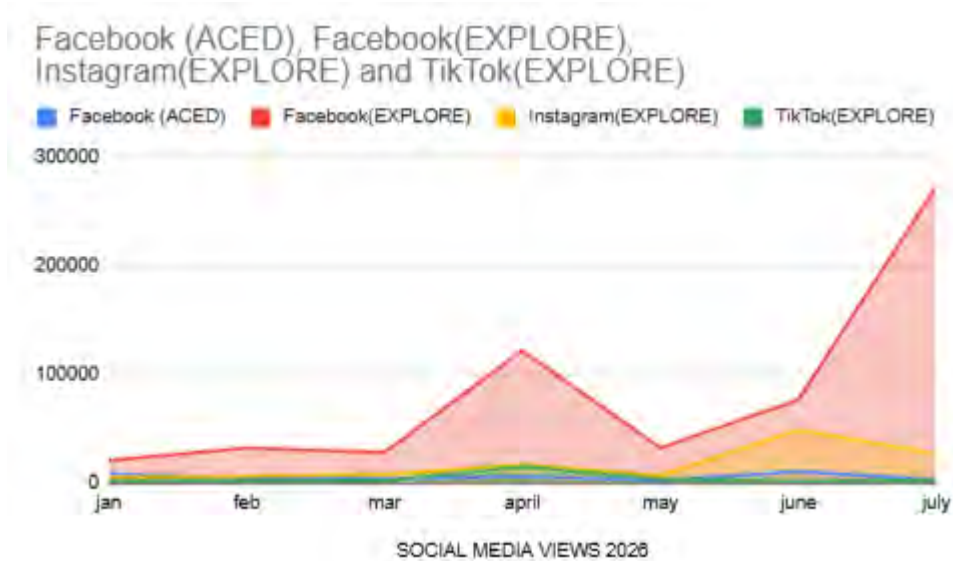
Director of Economic Development (DoED) Report

July 22, 2026

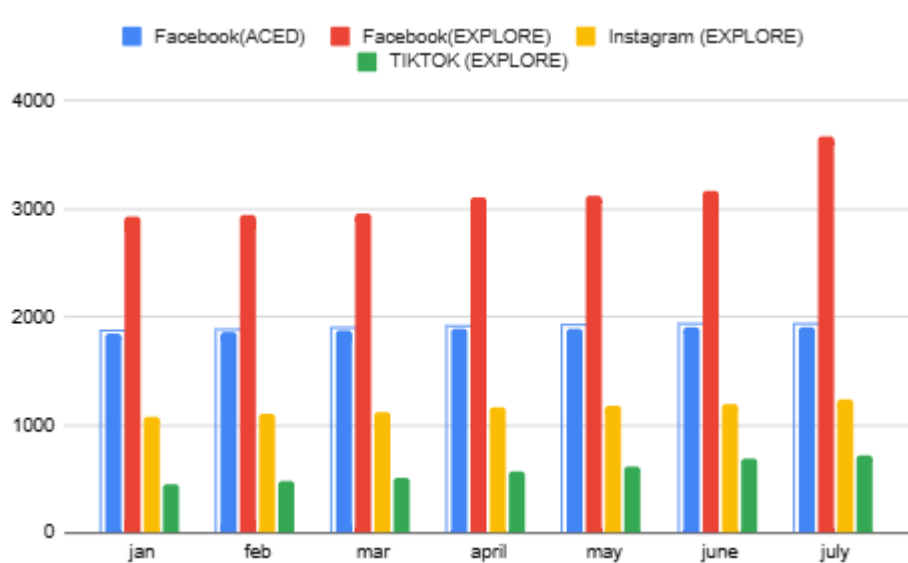
Core Activity Tracking – (Since last report)

Activity:	Interactions	Description
Business Assistance		
Start Up Files	1	Powassan
Expansion Files	1	Armour
Developer Files		
General Support	4	Kearney, Ballantyne, Ryerson, Sundridge
Brand Ambassador	3	South River, Magnetawan, Strong
High Priority		
Business Visits	10	Ballantyne, Ryerson, Magnetawan, Strong, Burk's Falls (3), Sundridge (3)
Program Referrals	3	AHCC, The Business Centre, WORC
Non-Member Support Requests	5	Powassan, Kearney, Ballantyne, South River, Magnetawan
Marketing		
ACED Website Updates	24	Events, Tourism & Lifestyle News, Business News, Business Directory
Social Media Posting	19	(EXPLORE) 15 (ACED) 4
Facebook/Instagram Reach	5.7k	(EXPLORE) 73.4k (ACED) 3.6k
Facebook/Instagram Views	134.5k	(EXPLORE) 272.9k (ACED) 6.5k
Facebook/Instagram Likes/Followers	6964	(EXPLORE FB) 3668 (EXPLORE Instagram) 1240 (EXPLORE TikTok) 714 (ACED Facebook) 1908
Website Tracking		
Total Users / Views	3.3k	
Most viewed pages (besides the landing page)		Directory, Events, Screaming Heads
Communications		
Email Blasts	2	ACED Business monthly, Star Party Participation Callout
Organization Meetings	2	RCIP, SFEP
Partnership Projects	2	Almaguin Business Expo, Star Party
Municipal Visits	4	Perry, Armour, Joly, McMurich/Monteith

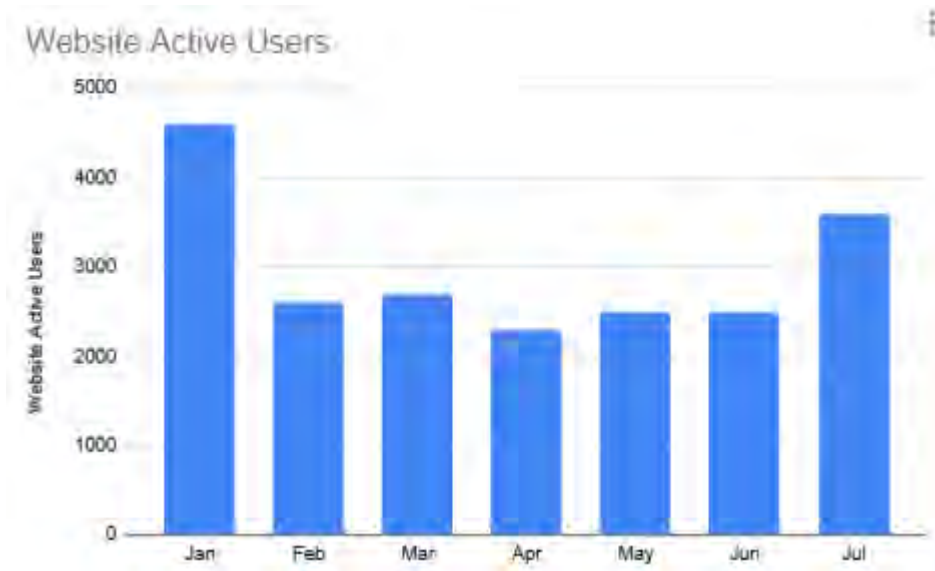
Member Interactions / Support Requests		
Media Comment Requests	0	



This chart shows a sharp spike in Facebook (Explore Almaguin) views, driven by the Star Party teaser post, while all other platforms remain relatively steady from January to July.



This chart highlights steady growth in active followers from January through July, with Facebook (Explore Almaguin) with a large spike of 500 new followers since last month due to the Star Party teaser post.



This chart shows steady month-over-month growth in active website users.

Current Files & Projects

Project 1A – Business Support

Almaguin Business Expo

ACED received email confirmation from both NECO and the Labour Market Group confirming financial support for the event, along with interest in participating in the event planning process. Community Living has also confirmed that exploring a partnership is an option. All confirmed partners will be engaged in further planning discussions at the next project meeting in September.

Project 1C – AHCC Partnerships

ACED attended the Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce Summer Social hosted by Kidd's Home Hardware on June 26. The event brought together local businesses for networking and community engagement, while also celebrating the start of the summer season. Activities included live music, a barbecue, and a silent auction, providing opportunities to strengthen business connections and support the local business community. Chamber social events will pause for the summer and are expected to resume in the fall.

Project 2A- Community Organization Support

Sundridge Market in the Park

The DoED and CMO attended the Friday evening Market in the Park in Sundridge to engage with the community and capture photo and video content for ACED's summer promotional campaign. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase one of the region's vibrant seasonal events while highlighting local vendors, businesses, and community atmosphere. Attendance also reinforced ACED's presence at community-led initiatives and supported ongoing efforts to promote Almaguin Highlands as a welcoming destination for residents and visitors throughout the summer.

Project 3A Almaguin Housing task Force

No updates at this time.

Project 3D Almaguin RED Strategic Plan Update

Work continues on the Regional Strategic Planning Update. Key informant interviews continued throughout July, while the public survey remains open to gather additional community feedback. Municipal partners were asked to assist in promoting the survey through their communication channels, with a final promotional push scheduled for the week of July 27 before the survey closes.

A public consultation session was held on June 29, with seven participants in attendance. While attendance was modest, the session provided valuable feedback, particularly from seasonal residents, and offered an additional opportunity for members of the public to contribute to the strategic planning process.

Project 4A – Brand Strategy Implementation

Phase 2 – Physical Brand Roll Out

No updates at this time.

Social Media/Explore Almaguin Website/Email Marketing/Content

The CMO continued distributing the monthly business email blasts and issued an additional targeted communication calling for business participation in the Star Party.

The CMO maintained steady content production this period, including ongoing brand ambassador spotlights and a Canada Day event roundup. Antiquing *in Almaguin* feature and social posts were published, along with an updated Almaguin beaches listicle. A new equine-adventures feature showcased two local businesses, supported by several social posts. Additional outputs included a Shop Local post, a reel created for Sundridge's Market in the Park, and the Star Party teaser, which achieved outstanding engagement across platforms.

Project 4B – Tourism Promotion

Almaguin Star Party

Planning continues for the 2026 Almaguin Star Party, with key event details and partnerships progressing. An Eventbrite profile has been established to manage ticket sales and event registration. ACED is also working with Explorers' Edge to develop a tourism package that would include the purchase of 20 of the 100 available event tickets, bundled with local accommodations and transportation to participating businesses and the event. This partnership is intended to encourage overnight visitation while supporting local tourism operators.

Event programming is being finalized and will feature live cello music by Meghan Ballantyne, a First Nations opening ceremony led by Esther Willow, night photography instruction with Jim Shedden, and guided stargazing with the North Bay Astronomy Club. The event will be hosted in partnership with Screaming Heads on Saturday, September 26, with a rain date scheduled for Sunday, September 27.

The public event launch is planned for July 29. A one-week teaser campaign will begin on July 22 through ACED's social media channels to build awareness and generate interest ahead of ticket sales opening.

ACED Office Space

Following the completion of flood restoration work, a significant focus this month was the transition back into ACED's office space in Armour. Staff completed office setup activities, including assembling furniture, reconnecting equipment, and ensuring all technology and workspaces were fully operational. With the office re-established, work continued on several key initiatives, including planning for the Almaguin Star Party and the Almaguin Business Expo, while ongoing collaboration with Karen Jones Consulting supported the continued development of the Regional Economic Development (RED) Strategic Plan Update.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Armour Township Council Chambers, Burk's Falls
Monday, June 15, 2026**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Barry Burton – Vice President
Jarv Osborne – Vice President/Deputy Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
Nancy Kyte
Peter Hall
Krista Trulsen
Nieves Guijarro
Lynn McGregor
Leo Petipas

Guest: Lily Kyte

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the May 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Barry Burton. Carried

Guest:

Diane Brandt introduced Lily Kyte, the Heritage Co-ordinator Summer Student, who was the successful candidate selected for the summer position. Ms. Kyte brings enthusiasm and a strong interest in heritage programming and preservation, and will be supporting a variety of initiatives and projects throughout the summer term. Members extended a warm welcome to Lily and expressed their appreciation for her joining the team.

Amendment of Appointment of Vice-President to Include Deputy-Treasurer Title:

Jarv Osborne was appointed as the Vice-President during the March, 2026 Annual General Meeting and Jenny Hall was appointed as Treasurer. The Members discussed the current operational needs of the organization and acknowledged that the Treasurer is temporarily unable to carry out the responsibilities of the position at this time. To ensure continuity in financial oversight and administrative functions, Jarv was appointed to serve as Vice-President/Deputy Treasurer. In this role, Jarv will assist with and, where necessary, undertake duties related to the Treasurer's responsibilities until further notice. The appointment was made to support the ongoing effectiveness of business and maintain the organization's regular operations.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Jarv Osborne. The main bank account balance on June 1, 2026 was \$7,249.22. During the month, expenses have totalled \$127.12 for fixed telephone and internet costs, while revenue totalled \$1,000 consisting of a donation from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 405. The current account balance is \$8,122.05.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried

Appointment of Vice-President with Deputy Treasurer Responsibilities:

Members discussed revising the appointment of Jarv Osborne as Vice-President to include Deputy Treasurer responsibilities, effective immediately. This appointment is intended to ensure continuity in the organization's financial oversight and administrative functions while Jenny Hall, Treasurer, is temporarily unable to perform her duties. Mr. Osborne will assume the necessary Treasurer-related responsibilities on an interim basis and work to support the ongoing financial operations of the organization until Ms. Hall is able to resume her role. The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. Osborne for his willingness to undertake these additional responsibilities. **Motion to appoint Jarv Osborne as Vice-President with Deputy Treasurer Responsibilities: Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Nancy Kyte. Carried**

Diane Brandt discussed a receipt that was submitted by Jenny Hall for printer toner in the amount of \$122.56. The toner was purchased for use in carrying out Treasurer-related duties.

Motion to reimburse Jenny Hall for toner expenses: Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Barry Burton. Carried

Correspondence:

Members were advised that the digital edition of the Ontario Historical Society's Spring 2026 Newsletter had been received and distributed to the membership for their information and review.

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

It is planned to open the facility in early July and to be open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A volunteer sign-up calendar was circulated to coordinate assistance with operating hours throughout the summer season. Once volunteers are secured, Lily will update the heritage centre's operating dates on the website.

Watt Farm House Update:

Members were advised that the Heritage Centre is prepared to open for the season. Lily has completed the setup of two display cases and has obtained access to the website and Facebook account, enabling regular updates and promotion of Heritage Centre activities and exhibits.

Membership Committee:

Peter Hall advised members that there are 12 paid individual memberships and 2 family membership for the year to date. There has been no change since last month.

Facilities and Function Committee:

Barry Burton advised Members that, following the approval of the Township of Armour's budget, he will be meeting with the Chief Administrative Officer to discuss the installation of a furnace in the red building. He further noted that the accessible washroom will require the addition of a change table. Barry also emphasized the need to develop a long-term plan to address the future demolition of the barn and chicken coop and the construction of a parking area on the Watt Farm House site.

Fundraising Committee:

Nancy Kyte reported to Members. The proposed community cookbook was identified as the preferred option, offering both long-term fundraising potential and an opportunity to engage community members. Lily will develop a recipe submission form and begin promoting the initiative. Once submissions have been collected, Members will undertake the organization of recipes and development of additional content as a winter project. Charlene will forward the fundraising report to Lily for her review and reference.

General Business:

Registered Charitable Organization: Members discussed the Historical Society's status as a registered charitable organization and its ability to issue official donation receipts for eligible

contributions. Lily will update the website to provide information regarding charitable donations and the issuance of donation receipts.

Sandwich Board Signs: Leo Petipas informed Members that the local Art Club no longer requires its sandwich board signs and offered them to the Historical Society. Following discussion, Members declined on the offer and suggested that the signs be offered to the Legion. Members expressed their appreciation to the Art Club for its generosity.

Consent to Act as a First Director Forms: Charlene Watt advised Members that completed Consent to Act as a First Director forms are required to meet provincial filing requirements. The forms for Jenny Hall and Peter Hall were requested and will be submitted upon completion to ensure compliance with the necessary regulatory obligations. Members acknowledged the requirement and the importance of timely submission.

New Business:

Barry Burton presented an 1800s lace bedspread on behalf of his wife as a donation to the Historical Society. Members expressed their sincere appreciation for the contribution and acknowledged the historical and cultural value of the artifact. The bedspread was recognized as a meaningful addition to the Society's collection, helping to preserve and showcase local heritage for future generations.

Diane Brandt, Jarv Osborne, and Nieves Guijarro advised Members that a utility cart has been obtained for Fell Homes and included a commemorative plaque recognizing the organization's longstanding support in providing meeting space for the Historical Society's monthly meetings. Members were informed that the Fell Homes Tenant Association will be hosting a barbecue on June 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Representatives of the Historical Society will attend the event to formally present the gift and express the Society's appreciation to the residents of Fell Homes for their continued support and partnership.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 20, 2026 at the Armour Township Council Chambers. There being no further business, Nieves Guijarro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Armour Township Council Chambers, Burk's Falls
Monday, July 20, 2026**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Barry Burton – Vice President
Jarv Osborne – Vice President/Deputy Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
Nancy Kyte
Peter Hall
Mike Quinton
Nieves Guijarro
Lynn McGregor
Leo Petipas

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the June 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's/Financial Report was presented by Jarv Osborne.

The balance of the main bank account as of June 1, 2026, was \$7,249.22. During the reporting period, total expenses amounted to \$2,276.89, including telephone and internet services, schoolhouse cleaning, insurance, Trillium Tax services, and hardware store purchases. Total revenue for the month was \$2,712.23, consisting of donations, Dundurn Press proceeds, and reimbursement from Ryerson Township for summer student costs.

The current bank account balance is \$13,417.41. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Leo Petipas, Seconded by Mike Quinton. Carried**

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Diane Brandt provided an update on the operation of the Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse for the summer season. Diane attended a Ryerson Township Council meeting to request funding for a summer student to staff the schoolhouse on weekends. Council approved the request and also agreed to cover the associated OMERS contributions. Jordan Wilson was hired for the position and will work Fridays and Saturdays from July 10 to August 29. Council also assessed several trees on the property and determined they will be removed to help prevent potential damage to the site. Concerns regarding the cleanliness of the municipally owned outhouse were raised with the Township of Ryerson. The matter has since been addressed, and the Township's groundskeeper has cleaned the facility.

Watt Farm House Update:

Nancy Kyte provided an update on behalf of the summer student, Lily Kyte. Members were advised that the Heritage Centre is open for the season and is offering free children's programs to the community. The recent Dinosaur Dig Day attracted more than 50 participants. On July 25, a Christmas in July cookie decorating event will be offered. The summer student continues to actively promote Heritage Centre events through social media and local community event platforms. In addition, a weekly social media feature highlighting news from the Almaguin News as it appeared 30 years ago has been well received by the public. Psychic Days are scheduled for August 8 and August 19 at a cost of \$20 per person. The Historical Society is now able to accept e-transfers, allowing participants to pay in advance. The Society's website will also be updated to include a Donate button, providing the public with the option to make donations online via e-transfer. Mike Quinton reported that he has been working with Lily on a project to document and map past and present businesses located along the main streets of Burk's Falls.

Membership Committee:

Peter Hall advised members that there are 12 paid individual memberships and 3 family memberships for the year to date. Mike Quinton paid for a family membership during the meeting.

Facilities and Function Committee:

Barry Burton advised Members that he and Diane Brandt met with the Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Armour to discuss the installation of a furnace in the red building. Members reviewed the subsequent email correspondence from the CAO. It was noted that Council is supportive of assisting the Historical Society; however, the Society is encouraged to develop a three- to five-year strategic plan, including a succession plan to strengthen membership and ensure long-term sustainability. Members discussed holding a strategic planning session in September or October to begin developing the plan. The CAO indicated that funding of approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 may be available to assist with the strategic planning process and the preparation of a written plan. Upon completion of the planning session, a new committee will be established to implement the strategic priorities and move the initiative forward.

Fundraising Committee:

Nancy Kyte provided an update on the status of submissions for the cookbook fundraiser. Members were encouraged to reach out to family, friends, and the community to help generate additional interest and increase recipe submissions. Lily Kyte offered to continue serving as the lead for the cookbook fundraiser following the conclusion of her summer student employment. Members expressed their support for her continued involvement and thanked Lily for her ongoing commitment to the initiative.

General Business:

Repairing and Sharing of Artifacts:

Leo Petipas inquired about repairing a damaged seed spreader located at the schoolhouse. Members agreed that repairs would be permitted, provided they can be completed without compromising the integrity or historical value of the artifact. Leo also requested permission to display the seed spreader at the Fall Fair in his capacity as a member of the Agricultural Society. Members agreed to permit the temporary use of the artifact for display purposes, subject to it being signed out and approved by Diane Brandt.

Fall Fair:

Diane Brandt advised Members that the Historical Society will host an information booth at the Fall Fair in September. The booth will be located in the Vendors' Market to increase the Society's visibility, engage with the public, and promote its programs and membership.

New Business: None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026 at the Armour Township Council Chambers. There being no further business, Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President

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ISSUE DATE: July 21, 2026

CASE NO(S): OLT-26-000137

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER section 22(7) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended

Applicant/Appellant:	PowerBank Corporation
Subject:	Application to amend the Official Plan – Refusal of application
Description:	To permit the development of a battery energy storage system
Reference Number:	OPA-2025-01
Property Address:	219 Peggs Mountain Road
Municipality:	Township of Armour
OLT Case No:	OLT-26-000137
OLT Lead Case No:	OLT-26-000137
OLT Case Name:	PowerBank Corporation v. Armour (Township)

PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER section 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, as amended

Applicant/Appellant:	PowerBank Corporation
Subject:	Application to amend the Zoning By-law – Refusal of application
Description:	To permit the development of a battery energy storage system
Reference Number:	ZBA-2025-01
Property Address:	219 Peggs Mountain Road
Municipality:	Township of Armour
OLT Case No:	OLT-26-000138
OLT Lead Case No:	OLT-26-000137

Heard: July 9, 2026, by Video Hearing

APPEARANCES:**Parties**

PowerBank Corporation (Applicant)

Township of Armour

CounselL. English
P. Morley (in absentia)

E. Veldboom

DECISION DELIVERED BY J. INNIS AND ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

INTRODUCTION

[1] The matter before the Tribunal is appeals by PowerBank Corporation under sub-s. 22(7) and 34(11) of the *Planning Act*, R. S. O. 1990, c. PO.13, as amended, concerning the refusal by the Township of Armour ("Township") of Applications for an Official Plan Amendment ("OPA") and Zoning By-law Amendment ("ZBA") for the property municipally known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road ("Subject Property"). The Applications facilitate the development of the Subject Property for a battery energy storage system ("BESS").

SUBJECT PROPERTY AND CONTEXT

[2] The Subject Property is located on the south side of Peggs Mountain Road, west of Highway 11 and the Ferguson Road interchange. It comprises a single parcel, approximately 32.37 hectares in area with approximately 68 metres ("m") of frontage on Peggs Mountain Road. The parcel is irregularly shaped, consisting of a generally rectangular rear portion that narrows toward the road frontage, reflecting historic and more recent severances along Peggs Mountain Road.

[3] The Subject Property is currently occupied by a solar energy generation facility and is otherwise vacant of buildings, with dense vegetation located toward the rear of the property. The site slopes gently downward from the rear of the property toward Peggs Mountain Road.

[4] The surrounding area is rural in character. Rural residential uses are located to the east and west, primarily along the south side of Peggs Mountain Road, with one nearby dwelling on the north side of the road. Rural industrial and extractive industrial uses are located to the north, while dense vegetation extends to the south. Agricultural operations are scattered throughout the surrounding area. Three recently approved consent lots on the south side of Peggs Mountain Road are intended for residential development. Highway 11 is located approximately one kilometre east of the Subject Property, and a new fire hall is under construction to the east near Highway 11.

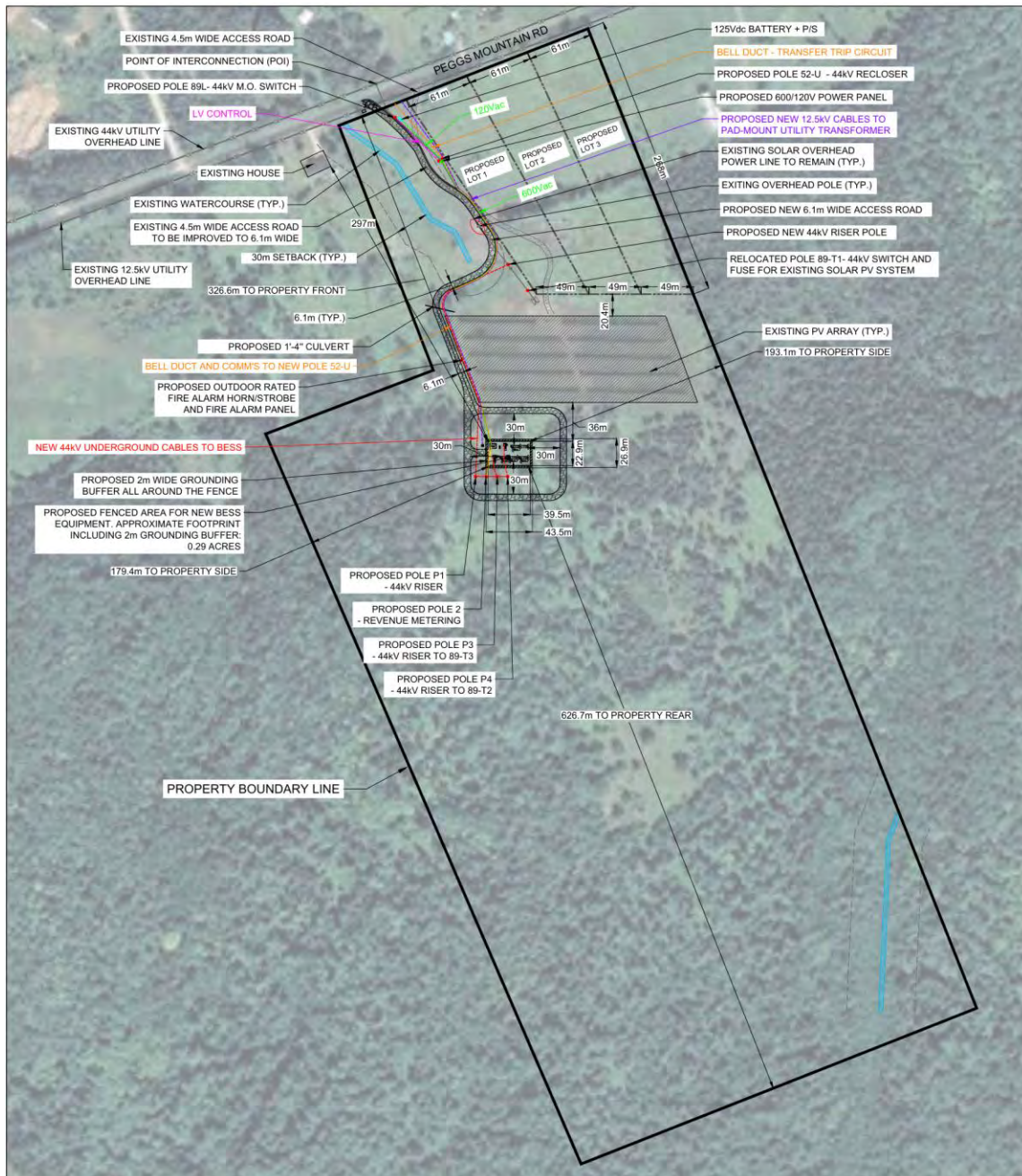
THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

[5] PowerBank seeks approval of the OPA and ZBA to permit a BESS on the Subject Property. Township Council adopted a Municipal Support Resolution for the proposed BESS on November 8, 2022. Following pre-consultation with Township staff and several application submissions, the Applications were deemed complete in January 2025 and assigned File Nos. OPA-2025-01 and ZBA-2025-01.

[6] The proposed BESS is intended to store excess electricity from the provincial electricity grid during periods of lower demand and discharge it back to the grid during periods of higher demand or electrical outages. The proposed facility has a rated capacity of 4.99 megawatts (“MW”) and 19.96 megawatts-hours (“MWh”). It was awarded a contract through an expedited procurement process administered by the Independent Electricity System Operator to secure new electricity capacity by 2027.

[7] The proposed BESS would be located behind the existing solar array and accessed by a new gravel driveway from Peggs Mountain Road. It would consist of nine battery storage containers situated on a concrete pad enclosed by chain-link fencing. A 30 m vegetation management area and surrounding gravel access road would provide an overall 36 m buffer to surrounding vegetation. The proposed facility would be located approximately 297 m from the nearest dwelling.

[8] The overall layout of the proposed development on the Subject Property, including the location of the proposed BESS facility in relation to the existing solar array, access road, and surrounding features, is shown below. The image is reproduced from the site plan prepared by TULLOCH, dated October 15, 2025.



[9] The Applications were supported by a Planning Justification Report, Hazard Mitigation Analysis, Acoustic Assessment Report, Air and Gas Emissions Memo, Vibration Letter, Environmental Impact Study, Vegetation Management Plan, Environmental Site Assessment, Commissioning Plan, and Decommissioning Plan. The Township retained PLC Fire Safety Engineering, BBA Inc., Cambium, and TULLOCH Engineering to peer review the technical materials. Following the revisions to the application materials, the peer review consultants advised that their comments had been satisfactorily addressed.

[10] PowerBank also participated in several public consultation opportunities throughout the application process, including community meetings, a public information session, the statutory public meeting, and Council meetings.

[11] TULLOCH Engineering, acting as the Township's planning consultant, recommended approval of the Applications, subject to revisions to the implementing by-laws and the use of site plan control to secure the recommended mitigation measures.

[12] On January 13, 2026, Township Council refused the OPA and ZBA. PowerBank appealed that Decision to the Tribunal on February 3, 2026.

EVIDENCE

[13] Prior to the Hearing, the Township advised the Tribunal that it would not be participating in the Hearing. At the Hearing, the Township attended and advised that it was available to respond to any questions from the Tribunal. The Township did not call evidence or cross-examine the Applicant's witness.

[14] The Applicant called Robert MacFarlane, who was qualified by the Tribunal to provide expert opinion evidence in the area of land use planning. Mr. MacFarlane is a Registered Professional Planner and a Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners.

He adopted his affidavit and accompanying exhibits as his evidence in chief. As there was no cross-examination, his evidence was uncontested.

[15] Mr. MacFarlane testified that the Applications before the Tribunal seek an OPA and a ZBA to expressly permit a BESS on the Subject Property. He testified that the proposed OPA would add a BESS as a permitted use on the Subject Property.

[16] He further testified that the proposed ZBA would define a BESS and permit the use on the Subject Property through a site-specific exception to the Rural ("RU") Zone. He stated that the proposed exception would restrict the BESS to the identified development area shown on the zoning schedule and limit the facility to a maximum rated power capacity of 4.99 MW and a maximum rated energy storage capacity of 19.96 MWh.

[17] Mr. MacFarlane opined that a BESS is a permitted use, as of right, under the Township's existing planning framework. He testified that although neither the Official Plan ("OP") nor the Zoning By-law ("ZBL") expressly defines or references a BESS, he opined that the proposed use is captured by existing terms, including "public utility," which he testified is a permitted use.

[18] Mr. MacFarlane testified that the Applicant filed the Applications to provide a public planning process through which the Township and its residents could review and comment on the proposed BESS facility and to work cooperatively with the Township. He further testified that the proposed amendments would expressly add a BESS as a permitted use on the Subject Property and provide certainty regarding the location of the facility.

[19] In support of his opinion, Mr. MacFarlane testified that the Subject Property already contains an existing solar energy facility established in 2019, and that the proposed BESS is a similar and related energy use. He further testified that the OP permits facilities essential to the operation of a public utility within the Rural Community

designation, that the proposed BESS would be interconnected with existing Hydro One infrastructure, and that, in his opinion, the proposed BESS falls within the definition of a “public utility” in the Township’s ZBL and is therefore a permitted use as of right.

Planning Act

[20] In Mr. MacFarlane’s opinion, the Applications have regard to the matters of provincial interest set out in s. 2 of the *Planning Act*. He testified that the proposed BESS would contribute to the efficient use and conservation of energy, minimize waste, support the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, and respond to climate change by storing surplus electricity for use during periods of peak demand. Also, he stated that the proposed BESS represents a safe and effective means of stabilizing energy supply and demand.

Provincial Planning Statement, 2024

[21] Evidence was provided by Mr. MacFarlane that the Applications are consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 (“PPS”). He testified that the PPS supports opportunities for the development of energy storage systems, planning that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and responds to climate change, and the efficient use of existing infrastructure.

[22] Mr. MacFarlane testified that a BESS is an energy storage system, as defined by the PPS, and opined that the proposed facility would support these policy objectives by storing excess electricity for use during periods of peak demand, improving the efficient use of the existing electricity supply system and reducing energy waste.

[23] Mr. MacFarlane provided evidence that the proposed BESS is compatible with surrounding land uses and is supported by technical studies addressing matters including noise, vibration, natural heritage, and wildfire risk. He testified that an Environmental Impact Study concluded that the proposal is environmentally feasible

and that the proposed facility incorporates buffers and mitigation measures that exceed applicable provincial wildland fire guidance.

Growth Plan for Northern Ontario

[24] Mr. MacFarlane opined that the Applications conform with the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario (“Growth Plan”). He testified that the Growth Plan supports renewable energy, investment in energy infrastructure, and the efficient use of energy. He opined that the proposed BESS advances these objectives by improving the efficiency of the existing electricity supply system and supporting long-term energy infrastructure.

Township of Armour Official Plan

[25] As the Subject Property is designated ‘Rural Community’ in the Township’s OP, he testified that the proposal meets the objectives of the designation, including promoting sustainable employment opportunities, ensuring compatibility between land uses, and encouraging alternative and renewable energy systems. He opined that OP permits facilities essential to the operation of a public utility within the Rural Community designation where they are compatible with surrounding land uses. He stated that, although the proposed BESS would be privately owned and operated, it would function as part of the provincial electricity system and is an important component of the public utility network.

[26] Mr. MacFarlane further testified that the Official Plan encourages energy conservation and planning that responds to climate change. He opined that the proposed BESS supports these objectives by storing excess electricity for use during periods of peak demand, making more efficient use of the existing electricity system, reducing energy waste, and reducing the need for additional electricity generation.

[27] With respect to land use compatibility, Mr. MacFarlane testified that the proposed BESS is supported by technical studies, including assessments addressing acoustics,

air and gas emissions, vibration, and hazard mitigation, which concluded that no adverse impacts on surrounding land uses are anticipated. He further testified that the proposed facility is separated from nearby sensitive land uses, is located behind the existing solar facility, and incorporates buffering through setbacks, vegetation management, and the proposed site-specific zoning provisions.

[28] Mr. MacFarlane also testified that the Applications are supported by an Environmental Impact Study, which concluded that the proposed development is environmentally feasible and would not adversely affect natural heritage features. He further testified that the proposal includes wildfire mitigation measures, including a 30-metre managed vegetation buffer and a surrounding 6-metre gravel road, which, in his opinion, exceed applicable provincial guidance and provide defensible space around the proposed facility.

[29] Based on these considerations, Mr. MacFarlane opined that the proposed BESS conforms with the Township's OP.

Township of Armour Zoning By-Law

[30] Evidence was provided by Mr. MacFarlane that the Subject Property is zoned RU under the Township's ZBL. He testified that, while a BESS is not expressly defined in the ZBL, the by-law provides that its provisions do not apply to buildings or structures used for public services. Mr. MacFarlane reiterated his opinion that the proposed BESS constitutes a public utility use and is therefore permitted under the existing planning framework.

[31] Mr. MacFarlane further testified that the proposed ZBA would expressly define a BESS and permit the use on the Subject Property through a site-specific exception. He testified that the applicable zoning provisions for the RU Zone regulate matters such as lot frontage, lot area, yard setbacks, building height, and lot coverage, and that the proposed BESS complies with those provisions. In his opinion, the proposed

amendment would expressly recognize BESS as a permitted use on the Subject Property.

[32] In summary, Mr. MacFarlane testified that, in his opinion, the Applications have regard for the matters of provincial interest under the *Planning Act*, are consistent with the PPS, conform with the Growth Plan, conform with the Township's OP and ZBL, and represent good planning.

Participant Statement Response

[33] Mr. MacFarlane testified that he reviewed the Participant Statement submitted by No Lithium Way Citizens United Inc. and, in his opinion, the concerns raised had been addressed through the technical studies filed in support of the Applications and in his planning evidence.

[34] In regard to the concerns respecting wildfire, environmental impacts and archaeology, Mr. McFarlane opined that these had been addressed through the technical studies supporting the Applications. He noted that the Environmental Impact Study was peer reviewed by TULLOCH and that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed the study's methodology.

[35] Mr. MacFarlane testified that concerns respecting employment generation, property values, property taxes, and insurance costs were not determinative planning considerations.

[36] Lastly, Mr. MacFarlane acknowledged that an Emergency Response Plan, Firefighter Training Program, and Stormwater Management Plan remained outstanding, but testified that these matters related to the implementation and operation of the proposed BESS and did not affect his planning opinion. He maintained his opinion that the Applications represent good planning and are in the public interest.

ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

[37] In determining whether the proposed OPA and ZBA should be approved, the Tribunal must consider the applicable legislative framework. This includes whether the Applications have regard to the matters of provincial interest set out in s. 2 of the *Planning Act*, are consistent with the PPS, conform with the Growth Plan, conform with the Township's OP and ZBL, and represent good planning in the public interest.

[38] The Tribunal has considered the affidavit and oral testimony of Mr. MacFarlane together with the documentary evidence filed in support of the Applications. Mr. MacFarlane was qualified to provide expert opinion evidence in the area of land use planning, and his planning opinion was uncontested.

[39] The Tribunal is satisfied that the proposed development has been supported by appropriate technical studies addressing environmental impacts, land use compatibility, acoustics, vibration, and wildfire mitigation.

[40] The Tribunal accepts Mr. MacFarlane's evidence that the Environmental Impact Study concluded that the proposed development is environmentally feasible. The Tribunal also notes that the study was peer reviewed by TULLOCH and that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed the study's methodology. The Tribunal is satisfied that the technical evidence supports the suitability of the Subject Property for the proposed development.

[41] The evidence established that the proposed BESS is intended to improve the efficiency of the existing electricity system by storing surplus electricity for use during periods of peak demand. The Tribunal accepts Mr. MacFarlane's opinion that the proposal supports the efficient use and conservation of energy, contributes to reducing energy waste, and advances provincial objectives relating to climate change and energy infrastructure.

[42] As the Subject Property is designated 'Rural Community' in the OP, the Tribunal accepts Mr. MacFarlane's evidence that the proposal supports the OP's objectives respecting energy conservation, climate change and renewable energy systems, and that the proposed use is compatible with the surrounding rural area. The Tribunal further concurs that the proposed ZBA will expressly recognize and regulate the proposed BESS through a site-specific exception that identifies both the permitted location and the maximum facility size.

[43] Lastly, the Tribunal has also considered the Participant Statement. The concerns raised were addressed through the technical studies filed in support of the Applications and through Mr. MacFarlane's evidence. The Tribunal accepts Mr. MacFarlane's evidence that the remaining matters, including the Emergency Response Plan, Firefighter Training Program, and Stormwater Management Plan, relate to the implementation and operation of the proposed facility and do not affect the planning merits of the Applications currently before the Tribunal.

[44] In conclusion and having considered the evidence before it, the Tribunal finds that the proposed OPA and ZBA have regard to the matters of provincial interest set out in the *Planning Act*, are consistent with the PPS, conform with the Growth Plan, conform with the Township's OP, and represent good planning in the public interest. Accordingly, the Tribunal approves the Applications.

ORDER

[45] **THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS** the appeal is allowed and the Official Plan for the Township of Armour is amended, as set out in Attachment 1 to this Order.

[46] **AND THE TRIBUNAL ORDERS THAT** the appeal is allowed and By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is hereby amended, as set out in Attachment 2 to this Order. The Tribunal authorizes the municipal clerk of Township of Armour to assign a number to this by-law for record keeping purposes.

[47] The Tribunal may be spoken to in the event that any issues arise in the implementation of this Order.

“J. Innis”

J. INNIS
MEMBER

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Attachment 1

BY-LAW NO. _____

A BY-LAW TO AMEND

TOWNSHIP OF ARMOUR OFFICIAL PLAN

Permitting Battery Energy Storage Systems

219 Peggs Mountain Road

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 4

Approved by the OLT

Lands Affected:	This By-law applies only to the lands within the Township of Armour municipally known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road, legally described as Part Lot 3, Concession 6 Armour, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689; Township of Armour.
Present Designation:	Under the Township of Armour Official Plan, the lands are designated Rural Community.
Proposed Designation:	The amendment adds a site-specific exception for the lands to clarify that a Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") is permitted on the lands.
Zoning By-law:	A concurrent Zoning By-law Amendment is being brought into effect to clarify Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") as a permitted use in the site-specific Rural (Ru) zone for the lands.
By-law Purpose:	The goal of this By-law is to amend the Township of Armour Official Plan to confirm that Battery Energy Storage Systems ("BESS's") are a permitted use in the Rural Community designation on the lands, as per the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024.

BY-LAW NO. _____

Being a by-law to adopt the Armour Township Official Plan Amendment No. 4

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended, hereby enacts as follows:

1. Amendment No. 4 to the Township of Armour Official Plan, is hereby adopted.
2. That this By-law shall come into effect on the date it is passed, subject to the provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13.

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PART "A" - THE PREAMBLE

The Preamble provides an explanation of the proposed Amendment including the purpose, extent, background information, and basis but does not form part of this Amendment.

PART "B" - THE AMENDMENT

The Amendment describes the changes to the Armour Township Official Plan which constitute Official Plan Amendment Number 4.

PART "A" – THE PREAMBLE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the Township of Armour Official Plan to confirm that Battery Energy Storage Systems ("BESS's") are a permitted use on certain lands in the Rural Community designation.

LOCATION

This amendment applies to the lands within the Township of Armour municipally known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road, legally described as Part Lot 3, Concession 6 Armour, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689; Township of Armour.

BACKGROUND

A privately initiated application to amend the Armour Township Official Plan was received by the Township of Armour and deemed complete on January 21, 2025. The application requests an amendment to the Official Plan to permit a Battery Energy Storage System on the lands subject to this amendment.

BASIS

The applicant proposes to develop a Battery Energy Storage System on the lands located at 219 Peggs Mountain Road.

The subject lands are designated Rural Community in the Township of Armour Official Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION AND INTERPRETATION

This Amendment shall be in accordance with the policies of the Armour Official Plan.

PART "B" – THE AMENDMENT

All of this part of the document entitled "PART "B" - THE AMENDMENT", consisting of the following text, constitute Amendment No. 4 to the Official Plan of the Township of Armour.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The Official Plan of the Township of Armour is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 2.1 (Rural Community) of the Township of Armour Official Plan, is hereby amended to add the following subsection:

2.1.3(h) "A Battery Energy Storage System shall be permitted on lands at 219 Peggs Mountain Road and described as Part Lot 3 Con 6 Armour Township, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689. (OPA 4)"
2. A location map will be added to section 2.1.3(h) to reference and locate the new policy above.

Attachment 2

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 5-2026

A BY-LAW TO AMEND

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 27-95 as amended

Permitting Battery Energy Storage Systems

219 Peggs Mountain Road

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To Zoning By-law No. 5-2026

Passed by the ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL

Lands Affected:	This By-law applies only to the lands within the Township of Armour municipally known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road, legally described as Part Lot 3, Concession 6 Armour, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689; Township of Armour.
Present Zoning:	Under Armour Township Zoning By-law No. 27-95 (as amended), the lands are zoned Rural (Ru).
Proposed Zoning:	The amendment adds a site-specific exception for the lands to clarify that a Battery Energy Storage System is permitted on the lands municipality known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road, legally described as Part Lot 3, Concession 6 Armour, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689; while maintaining the underlying Rural (Ru) zoning.
Official Plan Designation:	A site specific amendment to the Township of Armour Official Plan (OPA 4) clarifies that a Battery Energy Storage System ("BESS") is a permitted use on the lands subject to this By-law.
By-law Purpose:	The goal of this By-law is to update Zoning By-law No. 27-95 (as amended) to confirm that Battery Energy Storage Systems are a permitted use on the lands subject to this By-law.

ZONING BY-LAW NO. 5-2026

Being a By-law under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, to amend Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Armour, with respect to adding permissions for Battery Energy Storage System in the Rural (Ru) zone as it relates to the lands municipally known as 219 Peggs Mountain Road, legally described as Part Lot 3, Concession 6 Armour, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689; Township of Armour.

NOW THEREFORE the Ontario Land Tribunal enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** Section 2 (Definitions) of Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is hereby updated to add the following subsection:

2.23.1 "Battery Energy Storage System" means a battery storage system or facility that captures energy produced at one time for use at a later time to reduce imbalances between energy demand and energy production."

2. **THAT** Section 19 (Exceptions) of Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is hereby updated to add the following subsections:

RU-112 Schedule A-2

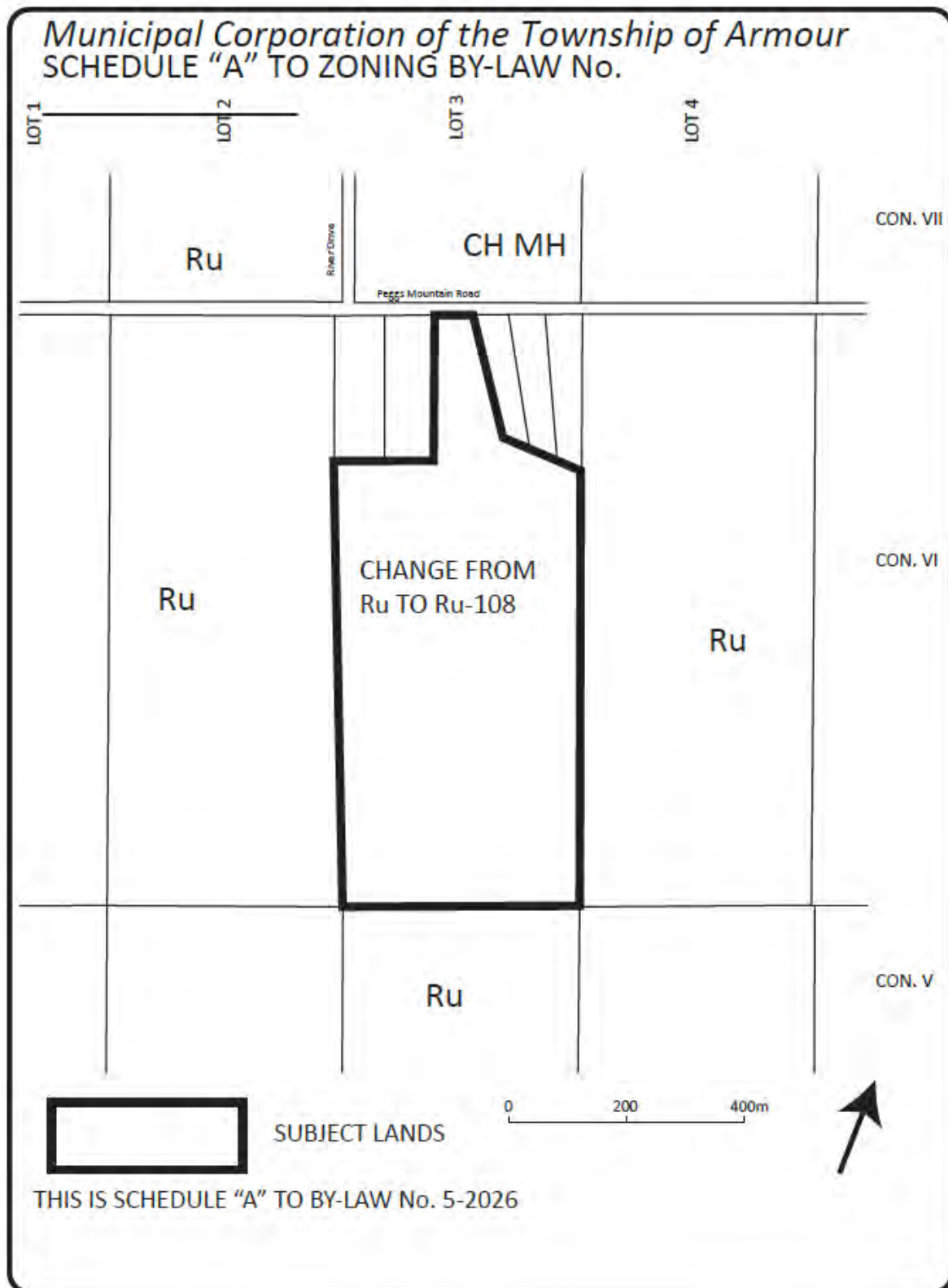
"Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, a Battery Energy Storage System is permitted at 219 Peggs Mountain Road, legally described as Part Lot 3 Con 6 Armour, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689; Township of Armour;

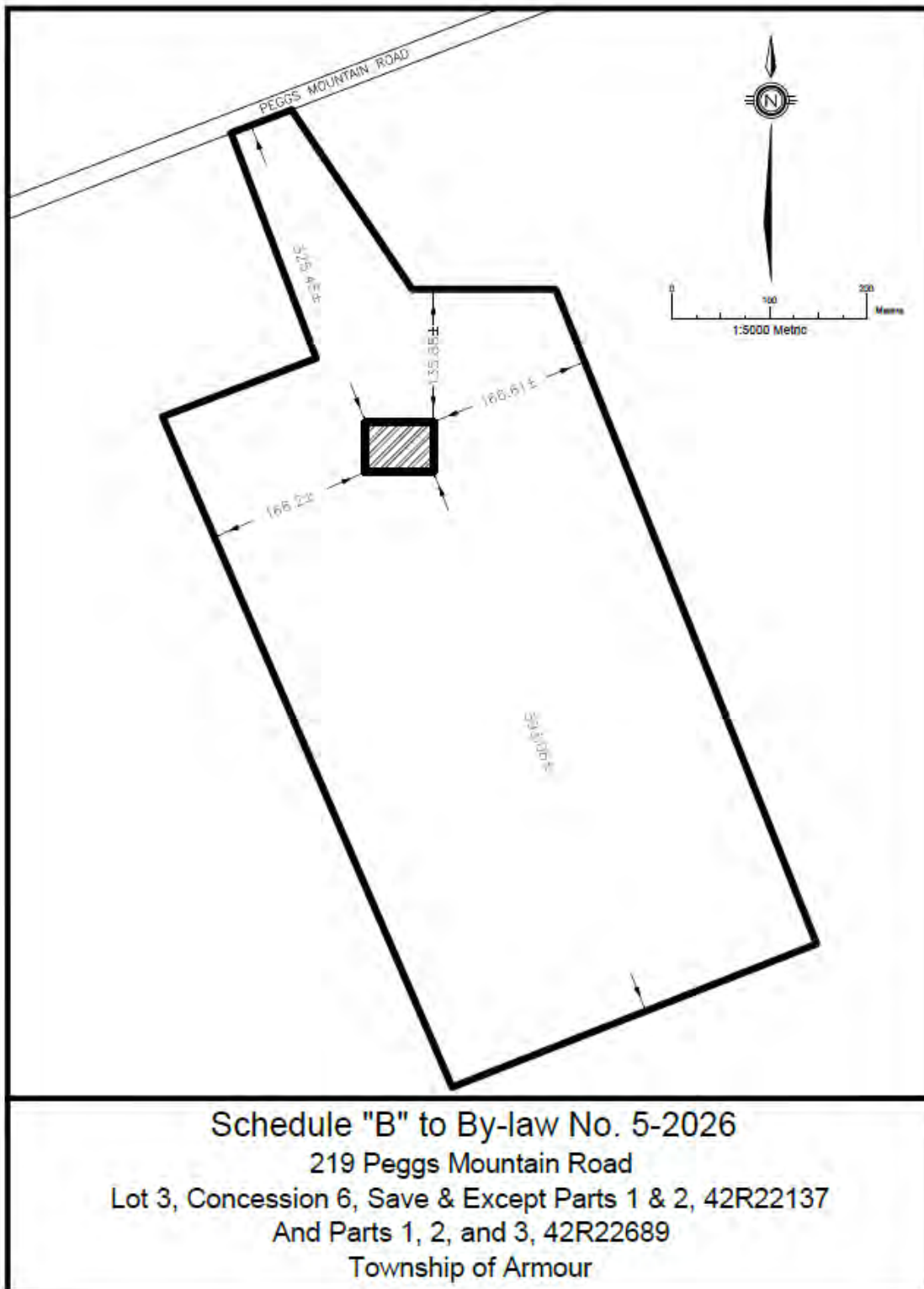
Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, a Battery Energy Storage System facility is only permitted in the location as shown hatched on Schedule B to Zoning By-law No. 5-2026; and

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, for a Battery Energy Storage System, the maximum rated power capacity is 4.99 megawatts (MW) and the maximum rated energy storage capacity is 19.96 megawatt-hours (MWh)."

3. **THAT** Schedule A-2 of Zoning By-law No. 27-95, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the zoning classification of the subject lands forming Part Lot 3, Concession 6, save and except Part 1 and 2, Plan 42R22137 and Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 42R22689, known municipally as 219 Peggs Mountain Road, from the Rural (Ru) Zone to the Rural Exception No. 112 (Ru-112) Zone in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto and by this reference forming part of this By-law; and

4. **THAT** this By-law shall come into effect on the date OPA 4 has been approved, subject to the provisions of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P13.





**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2026**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	Size (sq.m)
January	3	\$1,950.00	\$110,000.00	137
February	3	\$5,380.50	\$338,765.00	154
March	5	\$17,286.00	\$1,032,400.00	553
April	6	\$13,185.00	\$845,000.00	1882
May	14	\$24,507.00	\$1,540,460.00	1140
June	14	\$32,960.00	\$2,104,000.00	3387
July	17	\$48,245.00	\$3,109,700.00	1923
August	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
September	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
October	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
November	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
December	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
TOTALS	62	\$143,513.50	\$9,080,325.00	New Construction 9176
				Demolitions 0

**JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE
ANNUAL PERMIT SUMMARY
2026**

Month	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	Project Values	SFD'S, Seasonal Dwellings and Multi-Unit Dwellings	
				<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Burks Falls	4	\$5,075.00	\$225,000.00	2	1
Joly	5	\$24,867.00	\$1,624,500.00	1	4
South River	7	\$10,810.00	\$680,000.00	1	1
Machar	12	\$19,680.00	\$1,232,000.00	8	1
Strong	19	\$43,723.00	\$2,794,860.00	3	5
Ryerson	10	\$34,163.50	\$2,210,965.00	4	4
Sundridge	5	\$5,195.00	\$313,000.00	3	0
TOTALS	62	\$143,513.50	\$9,080,325.00		16
Permit activity at end of July 31, 2026					
TOTALS	79	\$244,075.50	\$15,361,172.00	22	
Permit activity at end of July 31, 2025					
TOTALS	17	\$100,562.00	\$6,280,847.00		-6
Difference from previous year					

JOINT BUILDING COMMITTEE PERMIT SUMMARY

Municipality of Ryerson

Jun-26

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**DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND**

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Date: July 28, 2026

Motion # 2026-217

WHEREAS the processing and maintenance building at the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre, located at 141 Chetwynd Road, Concession 8, Part Lot 8, was destroyed by fire on July 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS the property is owned by the Village of Burk's Falls and the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre is administered by the Township of Armour on behalf of the participating municipalities; and

WHEREAS Section 41 of the Planning Act authorizes municipalities to establish site plan control over development but does not require a municipality to apply site plan control to municipal projects; and

WHEREAS Council considers the reconstruction of the building to be an essential municipal infrastructure project and wishes to expedite its construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armour hereby exempts the reconstruction of the processing and maintenance building at the TRI R Landfill and Recycling Centre, located at 141 Chetwynd Road, Concession 8, Part Lot 8, from the requirements of the Township of Armour's Site Plan Control By-law.

Moved by:	Blakelock, Rod	☐	Seconded by:	Blakelock, Rod	☐
	Brandt, Jerry	☒		Brandt, Jerry	☐
	Haggart-Davis,	☐		Haggart-Davis,	☐
	Dorothy			Dorothy	
	Ward, Rod	☐		Ward, Rod	☐
	Whitwell, Wendy	☐		Whitwell, Wendy	☒

Carried / Defeated 

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest by: _____

Recorded vote requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

Blakelock, Rod

Brandt, Jerry

Haggart-Davis, Dorothy

Ward, Rod

Whitwell, Wendy

For

☐☐☐☐☐

Opposed

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Ontario Provincial
Conservation Agency

l'Agence ontarienne de
protection de la nature

July 30, 2026

Dear Conservation Authority CAOs, General Managers, Board Chairs, Mayors and Heads of Council:

I am writing to announce the members of the transition committees that will support the implementation of regional conservation authority consolidation.

As you may recall, transition committees will provide advice and operational expertise to support transition activities, including the development of transition plans for each new regional conservation authority.

Committee membership includes the current CAO or General Manager and one board member from each existing conservation authority participating in a regional consolidation.

Each committee will be chaired by a dedicated project executive who will oversee transition activities and provide continuity by serving as the first Chief Administrative Officer of the new regional conservation authority for up to two years. Project executives were recently appointed.

Following a brief orientation period, project executives will convene their transition committees and begin transition planning activities in the coming weeks.

Please find below the membership of the transition committees for each of the eight new regional conservation authorities.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership as we work together to establish strong, effective regional conservation authorities.

Sincerely,



Hassaan Basit
CEO
Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency

Regional Conservation Authority	Transition Committee Members
Central Lake Ontario Project Executive: Robert Baldwin	Dave Barton, Toronto and Region Conservation John MacKenzie, Toronto and Region Conservation Bob Chapman, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority Chris Darling, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
Eastern Lake Ontario Project Executive: Alison McDonald	Brad McNevin, Quinte Conservation Kathryn Brown, Quinte Conservation Rhonda Bateman, Lower Trent Conservation Authority Sherry Hamilton, Lower Trent Conservation Authority Linda Laliberte, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Vicki Mink, Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Mark Majchrowski, Kawartha Conservation Authority Pat Warren, Acting, Kawartha Conservation Authority David Ellingwood, Cataraqui Conservation Authority Paul Proderick, Cataraqui Conservation Authority Janette Loveys Smith, Otonabee Region, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Conservation Authority, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Michael Metcalf, Otonabee Region Conservation Authority, Crowe Valley Conservation Authority
Western Lake Ontario Project Executive: Jacqueline Johnson	Lisa Burnside, Hamilton Conservation Authority Brad Clark, Hamilton Conservation Authority Leilani Lee-Yates, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Robert Foster, Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority Chandra Sharma, Conservation Halton Gerry Smallegange, Conservation Halton Terri LeRoux, Credit Valley Conservation Authority Michael Palleschi, Credit Valley Conservation Authority
Lake Huron	Jonathan Scott, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

Project Executive: Don Goodyear	Jennifer Vincent, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Raymond Chartrand, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Nathan Schoelier, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Erik Downing, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Tom Hutchinson, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Phil Beard, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Ed McGugan, Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Mark Critch, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Clare Riepma, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority Tim Lanthier, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Jennifer Shaw, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority
St. Lawrence River Project Executive: Sommer Casgrain-Robertson	Sally McIntyre, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Roy Huet, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Glen McDonald, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Gary Waterfield, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Lisa Van de Ligit, Raisin Region Conservation Authority Andrew Guindon, Raisin Region Conservation Authority Carl Bickerdike, South Nation River Conservation Authority Isabelle Skalski, South Nation River Conservation Authority
Eastern Lake Erie Project Executive: Samantha Lawson	Judy Maxwell, Long Point Region Conservation Authority Doug Brunton, Long Point Region Conservation Authority Elizabeth VanHooren, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority Sharron McMillan, Kettle Creek Conservation Authority John Challinor II, Grand River Conservation Authority Karen Armstrong, Grand River Conservation Authority

	Dusty Underhill, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority Morgaine Griffin, Catfish Creek Conservation Authority
Western Lake Erie Project Executive: Davin Heinbuck	Tim Byrne, Essex Region Conservation Authority Molly Allaire, Essex Region Conservation Authority Tracy Annett, Upper Thames Conservation Authority Brian Petrie, Upper Thames Conservation Authority Mark Peacock, Lower Thames Conservation Authority Sarah Bod, Lower Thames Conservation Authority Ken Phillips, St Clair Region Conservation Authority Greg Grimes, St Clair Region Conservation Authority
Northeastern Project Executive: Tim Commisso	Mark Signoretti, Nickel District Conservation Authority Carl Jorgensen, Nickel District Conservation Authority Liza Vandermer, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Lana Mitchell, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority Corrina Barrett, Sault Ste. Marie Conservation Authority Sandra Hollingsworth, Sault Ste. Marie Conservation Authority David Vallier, Mattagami Region Conservation Authority Andrew Marks, Mattagami Region Conservation Authority

Municipal Performance Measurement Program
Building Department Statistics
2025

Burks Falls, South River, Strong, Ryerson, Sundridge, Joly, & Machar

BUILDING PERMIT AND INSPECTION SERVICES

1.1

Operation costs for building permits and inspections services per \$1,000.00 of construction activity (based on permits issued) are:

2025 - \$29.02, 2024 - \$31.36, 2023- \$21.57, 2022-\$16.95, 2021- \$10.65 ,2020-\$16.97, 2019-\$7.61

1.2

Median number of working days to review a complete building permit application and issue or deny permit		Reason for denial
Category 1 - House	30	Non-compliance with OBC Non-compliance with other applicable law
Category 2 - Small Buildings	8	Non-compliance with OBC Non-compliance with other applicable law
Category 3 - Large Buildings	1	Non-compliance with OBC Non-compliance with other applicable law
Category 4 - Complex Buildings	0	

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	No. & % of building permit applications which are submitted an accepted by the municipality as:		Subtotal of complete and incomplete applications
	Complete Application	Incomplete Applications	
Category 1 - House	11	22	33
Category 2 - Small Buildings	3	5	8
Category 3 - Large Buildings	0	1	1
Category 4 - Complex Buildings	0	0	0

The total number of building permit applications submitted in 2025 was **124**

NUMBER OF OPEN / CLOSED PERMITS END OF 2025

Year	South River	Burk's Falls	Joly	Ryerson	Sundridge	Strong	Machar	Total
2025	3	8	4	18	13	17	28	91
2024	2	0	2	11	6	10	13	44
2023	2	5	4	10	4	7	11	43
2022	7	4	4	11	6	15	15	62
2021	8	6	3	10	5	14	12	58
2020	0	1	4	11	1	9	10	36
2019	3	5	4	8	9	5	6	40
2018	2	2	4	5	4	8	12	37
2017	2	5	3	3	4	9	12	38
2016	2	1	4	4	0	7	11	29
2015	0	5	1	5	0	6	5	22
2014	2	4	1	4	0	1	4	16
2013	0	0	1	0	3	3	7	14
2012	2	0	1	5	1	5	4	18
2011	3	2	1	3	3	4	4	20
2010	0	2	2	2	0	6	4	16
2009	2	0	2	5	0	5	3	17
2008	1	5	4	2	2	3	4	21
2007	0	0	0	3	0	2	6	11
2006	1	0	0	5	0	4	2	12
2005	1	0	1	5	2	3	4	16
2004	2	0	1	2	0	3	2	10
2003	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	6
2002	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
2001	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	45	55	51	134	64	149	183	681
		NUMBER OF OPEN PERMITS AT THE END OF 2024						773
		NUMBER OF ISSUED PERMITS IN 2025						127
		TOTAL						900
		MINUS NUMBER OF OPEN PERMITS AT END OF 2025						681
		TOTAL PERMITS CLOSED IN 2025						219

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Armour Township Council Chambers, Burk's Falls
Monday, August 17, 2026**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Barry Burton – Vice President
Jarv Osborne – Vice President/Deputy Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Deputy Treasurer/Secretary
Nancy Kyte
Mike Quinton
Lynn McGregor
Leo Petipas
Krista Trulsen
Ben Collings (New Member)

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. Regrets from Peter Hall.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the July 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes as circulated:
Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Nancy Kyte. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's/Financial Report was presented by Jarv Osborne.

The balance of the main bank account as of July 1, 2026, was \$12,982.07. During the reporting period, total expenses amounted to \$201.37, including hardware store purchases and invoice payments for office supplies to the Township of Armour. Total revenue for the month was \$695.00, consisting of \$115.00 in donations and \$580.00 registrations for the Psychic Days.

The bank account balance on July 31, 2026 was \$13,605.31. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Nancy Kyte. Carried**

Correspondence:

Diane Brandt advised she received correspondence advising that Net Spectrum has been taken over by Vianet effective August 1, 2026.

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Jordan Wilson was hired for the position and will work Fridays and Saturdays from July 10 to August 29. Regular weekend visitors have been reported, and day camp participants have also attended the property. The summer student advised the President that a bear was observed on the property on one occasion.

Watt Farm House Update:

Members received an update on summer operations and activities at the Heritage Centre. Regular visitors have continued to attend, and summer student Lily Kyte has taken on several projects and contributed to the ongoing operations of the Centre. Plans are underway to rearrange the furniture to accommodate a settee and improve the use of available space. Members noted that the Heritage Centre has reached capacity for the display and storage of additional artifacts. Over the past month, two members of the Watt family visited the Heritage Centre: Karen Kirk-White and Logan Watt. Logan attended with several college friends. Karen provided additional information regarding the historical sleeping arrangements of the Watt family. Diane will document the bedroom allocations for future reference and display the information in the respective bedrooms. Psychic Days have been very successful, with bookings filling quickly. Members noted that this type of programming is well received by the public and has proven to be an effective fundraising initiative.

Membership Committee:

No report was presented. However, Ben Cullings paid for a family membership at the beginning of the meeting. The membership payment and accompanying documentation were provided to the Treasurer for processing and record-keeping.

Facilities and Function Committee:

Barry Burton, F&F Committee representative reported on an email that was received from the Township of Armour's CAO: NECO has confirmed that up to \$1,500 in Community Economic Development Funds remains available to support an update to the Historical Society's plan, with Karen Jones Consulting estimating a cost of \$3,000–\$5,000 depending on the level of

public consultation. To proceed, the Historical Society must approve a project budget by resolution, decide whether to retain Karen Jones Consulting or seek other consultants, and review the previous plan at an upcoming meeting, after which the CAO can apply for the \$1,500 in funding.

Members discussed the email and the current state and condition of the Red Building and expressed concern that the building is not presently in a condition that would allow it to be safely and effectively used for public access, programming, or the display of historical artifacts. Members reiterated that appropriate heating is essential to ensure the building is functional and to protect the Society's artifacts from potential damage caused by unsuitable environmental conditions. It was noted that, despite the Society's previous resolution of February 16, 2026, offering up to \$5,000 toward the installation of a heating system if needed, there has been no further progress toward addressing the heating requirement. Members emphasized that the Red Building needs to be completed and made functional before the Society can proceed with public use of the facility or finalize its strategic planning for the future. The Society remains willing to work cooperatively with the Township of Armour to resolve the outstanding issues and bring the building into a suitable condition for public access and the safe display and preservation of artifacts.

The Secretary temporarily left the meeting to prepare the resolution as discussed and directed by the Members. The Secretary returned to the meeting and presented the resolution to the Members.

Motion to address the Township of Armour's Red Building Project: Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Mike Quinton; WHEREAS the Township of Armour received grant funding for the Red Building project;

AND WHEREAS the Red Building project was undertaken by the Township of Armour, including the hiring and direction of the contractor, and was therefore a Township project;

AND WHEREAS members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society participated in discussions regarding the intended use, function, and presentation of the Red Building, and the building ultimately constructed does not reflect the project as it was presented or discussed with members of the Historical Society;

AND WHEREAS the Historical Society requires a properly heated and functional building in order to safely display, store, preserve, and protect its artifacts and collections from potential damage caused by unsuitable environmental conditions;

AND WHEREAS on February 16, 2026, the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society passed a resolution to contribute \$5,000 toward the installation of the heating system in the Red Building.

AND WHEREAS the Historical Society remains willing to contribute up to \$5,000 toward the installation of a suitable heating system, if required, subject to appropriate arrangements with the Township of Armour;

AND WHEREAS the Historical Society believes that the Red Building must first be completed, heated, made functional for the use of the public and members, and capable of safely accommodating and displaying artifacts before the Society can reasonably commit to a comprehensive strategic plan for its future operations, collections, exhibits, and public programming;

AND WHEREAS the Historical Society is willing and prepared to undertake a strategic planning process once the Red Building has been brought to a functional and suitable condition, including the installation and operation of an appropriate heating system and the completion of any outstanding work necessary for public access and the safe display and preservation of artifacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society respectfully requests that Council of the Township of Armour:

1. ****Commit to completing the Red Building project**** and bringing the building to a finished, functional condition consistent with its intended purpose as a public historical and community facility;
2. ****Commit to ensuring that the Red Building is appropriately heated**** and maintained at conditions suitable for the safe storage, preservation, and display of historical artifacts;
3. ****Identify and complete all outstanding work**** required to make the Red Building safe, functional, accessible, and suitable for public access and historical exhibits;
4. ****Provide the Historical Society with a clear written outline of the remaining work****, including anticipated timelines, responsibilities, and any outstanding requirements necessary to bring the building into public use;
5. ****Recognize that the Historical Society's commitment to a strategic planning process is dependent upon the Red Building first being completed and made functional****, as the Society requires a suitable facility in which to display and protect its artifacts and establish its future operational priorities;
6. ****Acknowledge the Historical Society's previously approved potential contribution of up to \$5,000 toward the heating system****, as authorized by the Society's February 16, 2026 resolution, and work collaboratively with the Society to determine whether and how that contribution may be applied;
7. ****Work collaboratively with the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society**** to establish a mutually understood plan for the completion, operation, public access, and future use of the Red Building; and
8. ****Commit to continued communication and consultation with the Historical Society**** regarding outstanding work on the Red Building and its transition to a functional public historical facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society confirms its willingness to work cooperatively with the Township of Armour toward the successful completion and public opening of the Red Building and, once the building is heated, functional, and suitable for the safe display and preservation of artifacts, to undertake a strategic planning process to guide the Society's future activities and use of the facility.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Council of the Township of Armour for consideration and response. **Carried**

Motion to proceed with the development of a strategic plan: Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Leo Petipas; WHEREAS the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society recognizes the importance of maintaining a current strategic plan to guide the Society's activities, priorities, programming, partnerships, and long-term sustainability;

AND WHEREAS the Society previously developed a 2014 Business Plan, which provides a foundation and historical reference for the Society's organizational development and future planning;

AND WHEREAS the Society wishes to update and build upon the previous business planning work to establish a current strategic plan that reflects the Society's present needs, priorities, and opportunities;

AND WHEREAS Karen Jones Consulting has indicated that its team is available to provide a cost-effective and high-quality update to the Society's previous plan, with the scope and cost to be influenced by the level of public and community consultation desired by the Society;

AND WHEREAS the Northeast Community Opportunities (NECO) Community Economic Development Funds have confirmed that funding remains available and have encouraged the Society to submit an application for funding of up to \$1,500 toward the project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approve the development of an updated Strategic Plan, informed by and building upon the Society's 2014 Business Plan;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society approve **an additional project budget** of \$1,500, subject to final confirmation of the scope of work and level of community consultation;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Society authorize the submission of an application to the NECO Community Economic Development Funds for up to \$1,500 toward the cost of the strategic planning project;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Diane Brandt, President, on behalf of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society, be authorized to communicate with Karen Jones Consulting **or another authorized consultant** and NECO and to take the necessary steps to advance the project and funding application. **Carried**

Fundraising Committee:

Nancy Kyte and Lily Kyte provided an update on the status of submissions for the cookbook fundraiser. It was agreed that there continues to be a lack of participation from the public at this time and the deadline for submissions will be removed to encourage community engagement.

General Business:

Support Resolution: Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants:

Members reviewed a press release from the British Home Children Advocacy and Research Association (BHCARA) regarding the “Beacons of Light British Home Children & Child Migrants Sesquicentennial International Tribute,” recognizing the more than 100,000 British Home Children and Child Migrants sent to Canada between 1869 and 1948. The initiative encourages communities to participate in a September 28 tribute by illuminating buildings, monuments, or other landmarks in red, white, and blue and/or proclaiming British Home Child Day, in recognition of the significant contributions and difficult experiences of these children and their descendants. **Motion to support the Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute: Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Krista Trulsen;** That the Burk’s Falls and District Historical Society supports the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand and the Township of Armour in the “Beacons of Light for British Home Children and Child Migrants Tribute”; and

That the Historical Society requests the Province of Ontario continue to support initiatives that recognize, educate and preserve the history; and

That the Burk’s Falls and District Historical Society respectfully urges the Government of Canada to issue a formal public apology to the British Home Children and Child Migrants and their families for Canada’s role in the British Child Migration Scheme. **Carried**

Fall Fair:

Diane Brandt advised Members that the Historical Society will host an information booth at the Fall Fair in September and will be located in the Vendors' Market to increase the Society's visibility, engage with the public, and promote its programs and membership. The following members advised that they will attend the Fall Fair and assist with the information booth: Mike Quinton, Lynn McGregor, Ben Cullings and Diane Brandt. **Motion to approve the purchase of a canopy tent at a maximum cost of \$400: Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Mike Quinton, Carried**

New Business:

Quilt Raffle:

Members discussed the possibility of hosting a raffle at the Fall Fair, featuring a quilt as the prize. The Secretary advised Members of the applicable lottery licensing requirements and the need to ensure that any raffle conducted by the Society complies with all relevant regulations and licensing requirements. Following discussion, Members agreed to place the proposed raffle on hold pending further investigation into the licensing requirements, eligibility, and any associated administrative obligations. The matter will be brought forward for further consideration once the necessary information has been obtained.

Tombstone at the Schoolhouse:

Members discussed the tombstone of D.F. Burk, which is currently located at the schoolhouse. D.F. Burk was the father of David Francis “Frank” Burk III, recognized as the founder of the Village of Burk’s Falls. The tombstone was previously removed from a cemetery in Seguin; however, it cannot presently be returned as the municipality has advised that the location of D.F. Burk’s grave in the former cemetery is unknown. Members discussed the possibility of relocating the tombstone to the Burk’s Falls Cemetery and placing it with his son’s grave. Jarv Osborne and Charlene Watt cautioned Members that the municipal cemetery by-law may restrict the placement of multiple headstones on a single plot and that two headstones on one burial plot may not be permitted. Jarv also noted that David Burk’s gravesite is enclosed by decorative chain fencing, which needs repair. Jarv agreed to investigate the applicable cemetery requirements and the options for the tombstone and fencing and will report back to Members.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2026 at the Armour Township Council Chambers. There being no further business, Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Deputy-Treasurer/Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President