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Grand River Conservation Authority

Summary of the General Membership Meeting – May 23, 2025

To GRCA/GRCF Boards and Grand River watershed municipalities - Please share as appropriate.

Action Items

The Board approved the resolutions in the following reports as presented in the agenda:

- Strategic Plan 2025-2029, as presented
- GM-05-25-51 - Financial Summary

Information Items

The Board received the following reports as information:

- GM-05-25-53 - Chair's Report
- GM-05-25-50 - Cash & Investment Status
- GM-05-25-52 - Current Watershed Conditions

Correspondence

The Board received the following correspondence:

- Halton Regional Council re: Development Services Continuous Improvement Updates
- Town of Shelburne - Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5
- John Kemp re: Giant Hogweed (Correspondence and GRCA response)

Source Protection Authority Correspondence & Action Items

The General Membership of the GRCA also acts as the Source Protection Authority Board. No meeting was held in May.

For full agendas and reports, and past minutes, please refer to our [Board meeting calendar](#). The minutes of this meeting will be posted on following approval at the next meeting of the General Membership.

You are receiving this email as a GRCA board member, GRCF board member, or a Grand River watershed member municipality. If you do not wish to receive this monthly summary, please respond to this email with the word 'unsubscribe'.

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2025

Haldimand County Council

RE: Oswego Creek Floodplain Mapping

NPCA is committed to keeping the local community stakeholders informed on the ongoing status of the **Oswego Creek Floodplain Mapping** project. We are pleased to announce that we have reached the final stage of this important initiative, and the final Oswego Creek floodplain maps are now available for review.

A 30-day public commenting period is open until **July 14, 2025**. We encourage all interested parties to review the maps and share their feedback.

How to Provide Feedback

- Visit [GetInvolved.NPCA.ca](https://getinvolved.npca.ca) to learn more about the project and provide your comments using the online Question & Answer tool.
- For written feedback, please contact Brendan Buggeln, Manager of Natural Hazard Management and Resiliency, at bbuggeln@npca.ca.

For more information, including technical resources, visit the [NPCA Floodplain Mapping page](#).

Floodplains and NPCA's Role

Floodplains are critical features of the landscape that help reduce flood and erosion risks. They are areas of land adjacent to bodies of water (rivers, lakes) that may become inundated during high water events, such as storms or heavy rainfall. NPCA's work in mapping and regulating these floodplains plays an important role in land use planning, emergency management, and community resilience.

Why are Floodplains Important?

Understanding floodplain boundaries is crucial for:

- **Land Use Planning:** Avoiding development in high-risk flood areas.
- **Emergency Management:** Guiding flood response strategies.
- **Community Resilience:** Enhancing long-term safety by mitigating flood risks.

Regulated Floodplains and NPCA Mapping Standards

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 41/24, NPCA's updated floodplain maps are based on the 100-year flood event, which refers to a storm with a 1% chance of occurring in any given year.

MEMORANDUM

June 10, 2025

RE: Oswego Creek Floodplain Mapping

Floodplain mapping is based on hydrology and hydraulic models, which consider topography, soil type, land use, and other watershed characteristics. These models help us understand how water moves through rivers and streams and where flooding is likely to occur.

Impact on Property, Insurance, and Development

- **Insurance:** NPCA does not regulate insurance rates. Flood insurance availability and premiums are determined by individual insurers. We recommend homeowners consult multiple insurers to understand their options.
- **Property Access:** NPCA will not enter private properties without permission. If access is denied, alternative modeling methods will be utilized.
- **Property Value:** While being located within a floodplain may impact the perceived value of a property, NPCA ensures that all floodplain boundaries are accurate and scientifically defensible.
- **Development Regulation:** Development in floodplain areas is regulated to minimize risk to people and property, as required under the *Conservation Authorities Act* and *Planning Act*.

Interactive Tools & Additional Information

To determine if your property falls within the study area, please use [NPCA's interactive map](#). For further details on floodplain mapping and regulations, please refer to the resources available on our website.

NPCA remains committed to climate-resilient planning, and these updated floodplain maps are vital tools for preparing our communities for future extreme weather events. We encourage you to participate in the review process and share feedback.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support as we work to enhance the resilience and safety of our region.

For More Information:

- **Visit our website:** [NPCA Floodplain Mapping](#)
- **Contact:** Brendan Buggeln at bbuggeln@npca.ca

Oswego Creek

FLOODPLAIN MAPPING HALDIMAND COUNTY



A 30-day public
commenting
period is open
June 16.

You are receiving this notice because you are a property owner in the vicinity of the creek!

The NPCA has reached the final stage of this project and final maps are now available for review.

Learn more and provide feedback at [GetInvolved.NPCA.ca](https://getinvolved.npca.ca).
See more on the back of this postcard.

As per Ontario Regulation 41/24, the updated mapped flood lines may or may not impact what you can do on your property.

Please share with friends and neighbours

Why Floodplain Mapping?

Living near a creek has many advantages, but it also exposes people to certain risks. One of the more serious risks is flooding. The impacts of flooding can vary widely, from the minor inconvenience of a wet yard to the potential loss of life.

Managing flood risk starts by identifying the areas of land next to creeks and rivers that are prone to flooding.

The NPCA looks forward to receiving your feedback and working with you as we conclude this important project.

How To Provide Feedback:

- Review the final maps
- Submit questions or comments using the online Q&A tool
- Send written feedback to:
Brendan Buggeln - Manager of Natural Hazard Management and Resiliency
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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

RE: Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education

The District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), representing the twenty-three Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound, held its Spring 2025 meeting on May 23, 2025, in the Municipality of Callander. At this meeting, the following resolution was carried:

Moved by: Kathy Hamer (Municipality of McDougall)

Seconded by: Daniel O'Halloran (Township of McMurrich Monteith)

Whereas democracy is an open process – one that requires ongoing engagement between citizens and their elected officials; and

Whereas ethics and integrity are at the core of public confidence in government and in the political process; and

Whereas proper policies and procedures protect the democratic process; and

Whereas sections 223.2 and 223.3, Municipal Act, 2001 state all municipalities are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for members of Council and to appoint an Integrity Commissioner; and

Whereas it is the role of the Integrity Commissioner to educate member of Council on the Councillor Code of Conduct policy as well as to investigate alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct, at the municipality's expense; and

Whereas there are many new elected officials each term of Council who need access to information and proper training in order to do the work effectively and responsibly; and

Whereas Municipal Affairs and the Ombudsman's Office are hesitant to give information, so there is nowhere to ask questions and learn; and

Whereas the only source of information is to pay for fee-for-service on a case-by-case basis from the Integrity Commissioner which is very cost-prohibitive for small municipalities; and

Whereas Council is expected to oversee the management of taxpayers money and taxpayers deserve to know where their tax dollars are being spent;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association calls upon the Ontario government to provide free access to information so that Councils can be effective in their role in our democratic system; and

Further That the DPSMA hereby requests that Municipal Affairs and/or the Ombudsman's Office and/or the Integrity Commissioner provide, if requested by a municipality, sufficient particulars of each investigation to permit the municipality to fully understand and address the subject matter of each investigation.

Further That this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and to all Ontario Municipalities for support.

Forwarded on behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association; For questions and/or inquires, please contact:



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cc:

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka
Municipalities within the District of Parry Sound
All Ontario Municipalities

**Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting
Council Meeting**



Resolution No. 274
Title: Notices of Motion
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Moved by D. DeGenova
Seconded by J. Palmateer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only;

AND WHEREAS 'ineligible' sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks;

AND WHEREAS failure to include 'ineligible sources under the Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box program is in essence a provincial tax on ineligible sources;

AND WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the cost which amounts to yet another provincial municipal download;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Tweed Council hereby request that the province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21:Blue Box so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling product from all sources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby request the support of all Ontario Municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Ric Bresse, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings-Lennox and Addington, Minister of Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried



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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:

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SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:

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☒ Francine Plante
☐ Mayor Culhane

RESOLUTION # 204/2025

DATE : June 10, 2025

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a shared history of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalition and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS newly elected President Donald trump has suggested that with the use of economics force such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States;

AND WHEREAS President Trump, has now imposed tariffs on imports from Canada that will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian, at the same time as it seeks to remove inter-provincial trade barriers within Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support Canadian businesses by their procurement of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of

Canada, and we stand united with our provincial and federal leaders for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;

AND FURTHER that Council endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian and therefore remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for products and services when appropriate and feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT Council encourages the provincial and federal governments to remove trade barriers between provinces in support of Canadian businesses;

AND FURTHER THAT the current purchasing policy be amended to integrate and address these concerns;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus, Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming.

Recorded vote requested by

	For	Against
✓ Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
✓ Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

I declare this motion

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carried
<input type="checkbox"/> Lost / Defeated
<input type="checkbox"/> Deferred to: _____ (enter date)
Because:
<input type="checkbox"/> Referred to: _____ (enter body)
Expected response: _____ (enter date)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *

Signature of Chair:

Bonita Culhane

** Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*

June 13, 2025

Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
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Dear Mr. Premier,

RE: Council motion passed June 10, 2025

Please be advised that on June 10, 2025 during a City Council meeting, Guelph City Council passed the following resolutions in regards to the Special Economic Zones Act, 2025.

Moved By: Councillor Caron
Seconded By: Councillor Goller

1. THAT the City of Guelph opposes provisions in Bill 5, particularly under Schedules 2 and 9, and provisions in Bill 17, that would diminish environmental protections or override municipal planning authority; and
2. THAT the City of Guelph call on the Province of Ontario to obey their own rule of law, to pursue housing, forestry, infrastructure and critical mineral development through policies that follow sound environmental planning principles, uphold the planning authority of local government, respect Indigenous treaty obligations, and protect vital ecological systems; and
3. THAT City of Guelph Council endorse the City's submissions regarding Bill 5 to ERO 025-0391 - Special Economic Zones Act, 2025 and ERO 025-0380 - Species Conservation Act, 2025 as posted in Information Items on May 23, 2025; and
4. THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

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Hon. Victor Fedeli, Minister of Economic
Development, Job Creation and Trade

Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

June 16, 2025

Re: Item for Discussion – Road Salt Usage

At its meeting of June 11, 2025, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-068, regarding Road Salt Usage, as follows:

"WHEREAS chloride concentrations have increased by at least 0.5 mg/L in 80 of 274 (29%) of the lakes sampled by the District of Muskoka between 2018 and 2022, and by 15-fold in Lake Muskoka since 1970;

AND WHEREAS Queen's University scientist, Dr. Shelley Arnott, a leader in global research on the effects of road salt on lakes, has demonstrated that in Muskoka lakes, some important aquatic organisms are negatively affected at chloride exposure levels as low as 10 mg/L, far below the 120 mg/L long term or chronic exposure guideline;

AND WHEREAS roughly one quarter of lakes sampled by the District Municipality of Muskoka now have chloride levels above 10 mg/L;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge:

1. Commits to ongoing efforts toward the reduction of road salt as much as possible, while maintaining safety on roads, including public reporting on annual use, supporting local efforts to research the ongoing impacts of road salt, and assisting education efforts.
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to work urgently with key stakeholders to develop limited liability legislation, including enforceable contractor training and a single set of provincially-endorsed standard Best Management Practices for snow and ice management on private lands; and to create and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise the Province and municipalities on the best courses of action to protect freshwater ecosystems, drinking water and infrastructure from the impacts of salt pollution.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the Attorney General of Ontario; the Muskoka-Parry Sound MPP; Conservation Ontario; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario, the District Municipality of Muskoka; and other lower-tier municipalities in Muskoka."

In accordance with Council's direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. McDonald".

Lori McDonald
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk