



TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
IN CHAMBERS
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 07:00 PM
AGENDA

1. OPENING

- 1.a Land Acknowledgement
- 1.b Adoption of Agenda
- 1.c Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 3.a Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 19, 2025

4. DELEGATIONS

5. REPORTS

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6. ACTION REQUIRED ITEMS

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- 6.b Township of Brudenal, Lyndoch, and Raglan Legislated

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.a Terry Fox Foundation Correspondence

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8. BY-LAWS

9. CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with Section 239 (b&d) of the Municipal Act, as amended, the Committee of the Whole proceeds to a closed session to address matters pertaining to:

a) By-law Officer's Presentation

- Shoreline Allowance Encroachments
- Unopen Road Allowance Request
- Building Permit Request (Lake Manitou Property)

b) Employee Negotiations

10. ADJOURNMENT



To: Council
Subject: **Property Standards and Policy Evaluation**
Meeting: **September 16, 2025**
Department: Clerk
Staff Contact: **Stasia Carr, Clerk**

RECOMMENDATION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the Adoption of Separate Property Standards By-law, Clean Yards By-law, Vacant Derelict Building By-law, and a Municipal Lot Maintenance Policy and have staff present drafts of each at a future Council meeting.

PURPOSE:

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The purpose of this report is to present Council with four complementary municipal tools to support responsible property management.

1. Property Standards By-law (focus on health and safety items outside of new construction which is covered under the Building Code Act.
2. Clean Yards By-law (focus on yards cleanliness, health, and safety, and maintenance)
3. Municipal Lot Maintenance Policy
4. Vacant and Derelict Building By-law with Redevelopment Incentives

Collectively these tools will promote fairness, transparency, and effective enforcement.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Property Standards

Building related structural concerns are addressed under the Building Code Act and the permitting process and not through by-laws. Issues such as loose railings, unsafe existing stairs with handrails for example will be dealt with through property standards, even though initially the Building Code would have governed the initial construction.

Clean Yards By-law

Yard upkeep expectations, nuisance controls, and maintenance concerns will be



implemented to promote safe and aesthetically acceptable properties. This by-law will not duplicate the property standards by-law. A tiered approach will also be included defined the same as the Township's zoning by-law (Town, Hamlet, Rural)

Municipal Lot Maintenance Policy

This will formalize maintenance standards for municipally owned property. This demonstrates accountability and transparency enabling enforcement of offences under private property standards.

Vacant and Derelict Building By-law

This by-law targets buildings when they are beyond maintenance repairs. Safety is the main concern with vacant and derelict buildings. Enforcement with this by-law is to mitigate hazards and encourage redevelopment with incentives instead of having just a registry for collecting fees.

The Township has historically enforced property standards without a tiered approach. Redevelopment incentives were also not included in former by-laws. There is a need for clarity and more detail in enforcement. This report introduces separating the property standards by-law into two with the creation of an additional Clean Yards by-law. Vacant and derelict buildings are also a concern within the Township and raise issues that are best dealt with separately within their own by-law.

For transparency a Municipal Lot Maintenance Policy supports fairness when enforcing private property standards.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

n/a

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

- Clear separation of enforcement and focus areas enhances clarity and efficiency
- Encourages timely redevelopment and reduces safety hazards
- Demonstrates municipal credibility by showing ongoing maintenance of properties
- Supports fairness and transparency for both public and private properties
- Recognizes that different locations in the Township have different levels of tolerance to yards cleanliness

ALTERNATIVES:

ATTACHMENTS:



THE TOWNSHIP OF
WOOLWICH

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August 27, 2025

Premier of Ontario
Hon. Doug Ford
Legislative Building
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Honorable Premier:

RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Strong Mayor Legislation

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on August 26, 2025:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario introduced Strong Mayor Powers on November 22, 2022, in the Cities of Toronto and Ottawa to support the provincial priority of building 1.5 million homes with subsequent expansions in 2023; and:

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, the Province of Ontario expanded the Strong Mayors legislation to include 169 additional municipalities with six or more members of Council, including the Township of Woolwich; and

WHEREAS over 100 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requesting their removal, expressing concerns about the effect on democratic governance and transparency; and

WHEREAS a 2024 survey by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) found that only 33% of mayors retained the power to change the organizational structure and 26% of mayors retained the power of employment matters; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2025, Mayor Sandy Shantz delegated all possible political powers and duties back to Council and administrative duties back to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), however not all powers and duties can be delegated; and

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich respectfully request that the Province of Ontario continue to study the impacts of the strong mayors legislation including:

1. **To what extent the legislation is supporting the stated intent of supporting housing development, for example if strong mayors are using their powers to support or veto more housing in their communities;**
2. **If there are any unintended consequences of the legislation, for example on democracy, transparency, workplace culture, or the politicization of administrative staff appointed by a strong mayor (the CAO or department heads);**
3. **The impact of extending the legislation to smaller, rural municipalities like Woolwich, such as the impact of additional powers and duties on part-time mayors or the implications six-member councils where a simple majority and 2/3 majority vote is the same;**
4. **Consider the concerns expressed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the AMCTO, including the powers affecting public administration and eliminating the need for a majority council support for certain decisions related to provincial priorities;**
5. **Directs staff to forward this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, AMCTO and all Municipalities in Ontario.**

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Kirchin, by email at akirchin@woolwich.ca or by phone at 519-669-6005.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith
Municipal Clerk
Corporate Services
Township of Woolwich

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
AMO
AMCTO
All Municipalities in Ontario



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August 6, 2025

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RE: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on August 6, 2025, Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan passed the following resolution, supporting the correspondence from the Township of Black River – Matheson.

Resolution No: 2025-06-06-10
Moved by: Councillor Keller
Seconded by: Councillor Banks

“Be It resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan support the correspondence from the Township of Black River – Matheson with their Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22).

Whereas the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997;

And Whereas Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighting training and safety;

And Whereas these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographics barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

And Whereas the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

Now Therefore be It resolved that The Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg 343/22;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP Billy Denault, the Fire Marchal, AMO, FONOM and all Ontario Municipalities."

Carried.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "T".

Tammy Thompson

Deputy Clerk

Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan



CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLACK RIVER – MATHESON

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Jon Pegg
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June 10, 2025

Via Email: Jon.Pegg@ontario.ca

Dear Fire Marshal Pegg:

Subject: Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22)

On behalf of the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson, I am writing to express our concerns regarding the mandatory firefighter certification requirements under Ontario Regulation 343/22.

At its meeting held on June 10th, Council passed the attached resolution formally opposing the implementation of these requirements. While we recognize and support the importance of firefighter training and safety, the regulation as it stands does not adequately reflect the operational realities of small, rural, and northern municipalities.

Communities such as ours rely heavily on volunteer and composite fire departments that already face critical challenges in recruitment, training accessibility, and financial capacity.

Specifically, we are burdened by:

- Geographic barriers and long travel distances to accredited training centres,
- Inconsistent access to instructors and scheduling options,
- Limited budgets and competing capital demands,
- Difficulty in retaining and replacing volunteers due to increased regulatory pressures.

Without additional support, flexibility, or exemption mechanisms, the implementation of O. Reg. 343/22 will severely compromise our ability to provide consistent, timely, and effective fire protection to our residents.

Accordingly, the Council of the Township of Black River-Matheson respectfully requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal and the Ministry of the Solicitor General:

1. Defer full implementation of the certification regulation for rural and northern municipalities,
2. Provide exemptions or alternative compliance pathways tailored to the needs and limitations of small, remote fire services,
3. Increase funding and training supports for municipalities outside major urban centres.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all regulatory model will disproportionately and unfairly affect communities like ours. A more flexible, consultative approach is urgently needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would welcome further discussion and are open to participating in any future consultations or working groups aimed at resolving these challenges collaboratively.

Sincerely,

Dave Dymont, Mayor

/hjl

On behalf of the Council of Black River-Matheson

Encl.: Resolution No.2025-214 – Council Opposition to O. Reg. 343/22

CC:

The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General – michael.kerzner@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario – premier@ontario.ca

John Vanthof, MPP, Timiskaming—Cochrane – jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – amo@amo.on.ca

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – admin@fonom.org

All Ontario Municipalities



Corporation of the Township of Black River - Matheson
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ITEM # 2025-10.b)
RESOLUTION

DATE: June 10, 2025

2025-214

Moved by Councillor Steve Campsall
Seconded by Councillor Alain Bouchard

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AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments;

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AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities

☒ CARRIED ☐ DEFEATED

CHAIR SIGNATURE

☐ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Refer ☐ Defer ☐ Reconsider ☐ Withdrawn

Recorded Vote-TO BE COMPLETED BY CLERK ONLY

	YEAS	NAYS
Mayor Dave Dymont		
Councillor Allen		
Councillor Charbonneau		
Councillor Campsall		

Councillor McCutcheon		
Councillor Gadoury		
Councillor Bouchard		

Hongji Lei

Hong Ji Lei
Town Manager/Clerk



Thursday August 28 2025

Township of Assiginack
156 Arthur Street
Assiginack ON

Dear Mayor and Councillors of Township of Assiginack,

I am writing to request your support for the Little Current Terry Fox Community Run taking place on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Low Island, the only community run taking place on Manitoulin Island this year.

Forty-five years ago, Terry Fox undertook his Marathon of Hope. His determination, compassion and drive in the fight against cancer continues to inspire people worldwide. People worldwide join together and participate in the annual Terry Fox Run, whether by walking, running, or volunteering, to honour the legacy of Terry Fox and contribute to the ongoing battle against cancer and to raise funds for cancer research, treatment, and support services that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by this disease.

The Annual Terry Fox run has become a symbol of hope and shows the power of community involvement. This event gives the community an opportunity to get involved in the efforts to find a cure for cancer, while sharing the spirit of unity, determination, and compassion exemplified by Terry Fox, as he continues to inspire individuals of all ages, encouraging them to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

In honour of 45 years of Terry's Marathon of Hope, we ask that the Township of Assiginack recognize Sunday September 14 2025 as Terry Fox Run Day in our Manitoulin community and encourage everyone to participate this year by honouring the legacy of Terry Fox, and coming together to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those affected by cancer.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our request.

All the best,

Amelia Wood & Gloria Goodwill-Aelick
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Sunday, September 14, 2025

BN/Registration Number: 10809 9979 RR0001