



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON
COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
HORTON MUNICIPAL CHAMBERS
2253 JOHNSTON RD.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“As we gather today, I would like to acknowledge, on behalf of Council and our community that we are meeting on the traditional territory of the Algonquin People. We would like to thank the Algonquin People and express our respect and support for their rich history, and we are extremely grateful for their many and continued displays of friendship. We also thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years.”

3. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA

5. DELEGATIONS &/OR PUBLIC MEETINGS – NONE

6. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 November 5th, 2024 Regular Council

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7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8.1 GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
▪ **CHAIR WEBSTER**

8.1.1 Treasurer's Report

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9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1.1 CAO/Clerks Information Memo

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9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

9.2.1 Resolution in Support - Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

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10. BY-LAWS – NONE

11. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

12. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS

13. RESOLUTIONS

14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION (as required) – NONE

15. CONFIRMING BY-LAW 2024-40

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16. ADJOURNMENT

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5TH, 2024

There was a Regular Meeting of Council held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday November 5th, 2024. Deputy Mayor Daina Proctor, Councillor Glen Campbell, and Councillor Doug Humphries, and Councillor Tom Webster were present. Staff present was Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk, Nathalie Moore, Treasurer, Adam Knapp, Public Works Manager, and Nichole Dubeau, Executive Assistant – Recording Secretary.

Mayor David Bennett sent his regrets.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Proctor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deputy Mayor Proctor read the Land Acknowledgement in its entirety.

3. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-155

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council adopt the Agenda for the November 5th, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

5. **DELEGATIONS &/or PUBLIC MEETINGS**

5.1 Delegation – Kevin Mooder, Jp2g Consultants

Kevin Mooder from Jp2g Consultants was present.

Mr. Mooder presented the Expansion Feasibility Study for the Horton Landfill Site. He highlighted that the current life expectancy of the landfill is 3.5 – 5 years with a 10,300 m³ capacity. The proposed expansion would add 10 – 15 years to the lifecycle and a capacity of 32,890 m³. He added that there are some extra measurements the Township can implement to ensure the maximum life expectancy, such as a re-use materials program, a foodcycler program, and compost program. There was Council discussion regarding the next steps and timeline of when the study is submitted.

6. **MINUTES**

6.1 October 15th, 2024 – Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-156

Seconded by Councillor Webster

THAT Council approve the following Minutes:

- October 15th, 2024 – Regular Council

Carried

7. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

8.1 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Public Advisory Member Bob Johnston was present.

8.1.1 October Building Report

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Council members reviewed the report.

8.1.2 Planning Files Report

Council members reviewed the report.

8.2 COMMUNITY COMMITTEES/COUNTY COUNCIL

8.2.1 Renfrew & Area Seniors Home Support

Councillor Humphries gave a brief update.

8.2.2 Chamber of Commerce

Councillor Humphries gave a brief update.

8.2.3 Renfrew & Area OPP Detachment Board

8.2.3.1 2025 Budget – Staff Report

Councillor Campbell reviewed the report and gave a brief update.

There was Council discussion regarding the impacts on smaller municipalities for the billing disbursements.

8.2.4 County Council

Information was previously distributed to Council members. Deputy Mayor Proctor discussed a few items at her time on County Council. She added that she would like to invite Family and Children's Services to come and present to Council as a delegation.

9. CORRESPONDENCE SUMMARY

9.1 INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

9.1.1 CAO/Clerk's Information Memo

Council members reviewed the information previously distributed.

9.2 ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

9.2.1 OPP Notice of Motion for Funding Support

CAO/Clerk presented some statistics and information about the OPP billing increase such as: the price for services is going up given an increase in workload and salary increase, the OPP ratified a deal that made its officers the highest paid in the entire province, and that Horton was not the only municipality caught blindsided by the increase and there was no prior notification that this was going to occur. She also stated that under the Community Safety and Well Being Act, salaries are paid by the municipalities policed by the OPP. Council members were in agreement for a resolution of support. Councillor Webster requested that the CAO/Clerk confirm what the average increase across the province is.

10. BYLAWS – NONE

11. NOTICE TO FILE MOTION FOR NEXT COUNCIL – NONE

12. COUNCIL/STAFF MEMBERS CONCERNS – NONE

13. RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-157

Seconded by Councillor Humphries

THAT Council receive the following reports as information:

- October Building Report
- Planning Files Report

Carried

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Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Webster

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-158

THAT Council receive the Community Committees and County Council updates as information.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Humphries
Seconded by Councillor Campbell

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-159

THAT Council receive the CAO/Clerk's Information Memo for November 5th, 2024.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Webster
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-160

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets:

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract D.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Township of Horton call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities:

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, MPP John Yakabuski, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried**14. IN CAMERA (Closed) SESSION – NONE****15. CONFIRMING BYLAW**

Moved by Councillor Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Humphries

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-161**RETURN TO AGENDA**

THAT Council enact By-law 2024-37– Confirming By-Law.

Carried

16. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Proctor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

DEPUTY MAYOR Daina Proctor

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough



Township of Horton COUNCIL / COMMITTEE REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT	Title:	Date: November 19, 2024
		Council/Committee: Council
		Author: Nathalie Moore, Treasurer
		Department: General Government

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Council receive the Treasurer's Report dated November 19, 2024, as presented.

BACKGROUND:

In October staff attended the annual Municipal Law Seminar provided by Cunningham Swan LLP. There were over 50 attendees and topics presented were:

- ~ Bill 185 & restrictions on third-party appeals
- ~ Court challenges and how to avoid them
- ~ Workplace Violence and Harassment and How to Conduct a Proper Workplace Investigation
- ~ Council, Staff & Volunteers – Roles, Responsibilities & Relationships
- ~ By-laws – It Pays to Enforce
- ~ Zoning by-laws – Watch Out for Overbreadth
- ~ Procedural Fairness – Still Owed to Unsafe Property Owners
- ~ Homeless Encampments and the *Charter*

We recently received notification from the Ministry of Finance stating that the Province has increased the OMPF to \$550 million. This includes a \$50 million enhancement to further support small, northern, and rural municipalities. The amount of funding each municipality receives can vary based on specific criteria set by the province. The fund is reviewed regularly to ensure it meets the evolving needs of Ontario's municipalities. Information received regarding Horton's 2025 allocation notification has been attached to this report for your review. The link to the OMPF Technical Guide can be found at

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund/technical-guide>

Also attached to this report is a letter from the Ministry of Finance that the Education rates for 2025 will not increase from last year. It is stated that this is due to the valuation dates remaining the same as used in 2024. There has not been any indication from MPAC or the Province when they will cease the postponement of a province-wide reassessment, therefore property assessments for the 2025 property tax year will continue to be based on fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values.

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The preliminary budget has been inputted and will be presented to the individual committees for discussion. Once we have met with all committees, we will schedule a budget workshop with all Council members for a detailed review and discussion of the budget prior to the public presentation and adoption. Dates will be circulated to schedule the workshop.



For the month of October 2024, the Township processed a total of \$ 203,690.39 in accounts payable transactions. Notable expenses were:

- ~ \$35,982.03 – McCrea Excavating Inc – Winter Sand Supply – Winter Maintenance
- ~ \$32,327.83 – Minister of Finance – Monthly OPP Billing
- ~ \$14,040.24 – Emterra Environmental – Curbside Collection
- ~ \$9,576.28 – Windsor Salt – Bulk Salt Purchase – Winter Maintenance

Departmental summary of revenues and expenditures for October 1 - 31, 2024.

	OCT 2024	OCT 2023	2024	2024
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	% REMAINING
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
REVENUE	(6,371,579.00)**	(6,018,052.00)**	(3,291,972.00)	-93.55
EXPENSES	711,469.00	728,656.00	803,770.00	11.48
PROTECTION				
REVENUE	(55,200.00)	(56,162.00)	(65,850.00)	16.17
EXPENSES	492,370.00	346,849.00	501,615.00	1.84
TRANSPORTATION / STORM SEWER				
REVENUE	(131,263.00)	(96,570.00)	(389,511.00)	66.30
EXPENSES	992,227.00	976,872.00	1,615,955.00	38.60
ENVIRONMENT				
REVENUE	(70,233.00)	(102,101.00)	(92,600.00)	24.15
EXPENSES	290,847.00	404,029.00	411,883.00	29.39
RECREATION				
REVENUE	(51,825.00)	(65,462.00)	(85,500.00)	39.39
EXPENSES	201,802.00	209,056.00	259,346.00	22.19
LIBRARY / HEALTH SERVICES				
REVENUE	-	(50.00)	(5,050.00)	100.00
EXPENSES	37,338.00	44,668.00	50,826.00	26.54
PLANNING				
REVENUE	(7,055.00)	(7,290.00)	(6,800.00)	-3.75
EXPENSES	7,941.00	5,268.00	4,800.00	-65.44

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FIRE DEPARTMENT	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	% REMAINING
REVENUE	(21,189.00)	(9,879.00)	(124,250.00)	82.95
EXPENSES	207,121.00	128,917.00	358,108.00	42.16
BUILDING	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	% REMAINING
REVENUE	(52,422.00)	(73,914.00)	(95,314.00)	45.00
EXPENSES	85,777.00	92,900.00	95,314.00	10.01

*** these figures include the amounts collected and distributed for County & School Boards*

ATTACHMENTS:

2025 OMPF – Letter to Head of Council
 2025 OMPF – Letter to Treasurer and Clerk-Treasurers
 2025 OMPF - Allocation Notice
 2025 Property Tax Decisions

*Prepared By: Nathalie Moore, Treasurer
 Reviewed By: Hope Dillabough, CAO/Clerk*

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PETER BETHLENFALVY

October 30, 2024

Dear Head of Council:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

We understand the importance of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to communities across Ontario. We are listening to municipalities and have heard, particularly from small, northern, and rural municipalities, that they are facing financial challenges in delivering services to their communities.

To assist them with these challenges, I am pleased to announce that the Province will be increasing the OMPF by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026. In 2025, municipalities will benefit from an immediate \$50 million increase in funding through the program. This enhancement will be targeted to small, northern and rural municipalities and those with a limited property tax base. This funding will assist municipalities in providing critical services to people across the province.

With the introduction of the enhancement to the program in 2025, all of the program's core grant components will increase. In addition, Transitional Assistance funding guarantees have been enhanced to 100% of a municipality's 2024 OMPF allocation, ensuring that all OMPF core recipients will receive at least the same level of funding as they did in 2024.

The \$100 million enhancement to the OMPF builds on the significant increases in support that the government is providing to municipalities, including investing an additional \$1 billion through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) over five years, starting in 2022, the introduction of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund and the nearly \$2 billion in housing-enabling infrastructure programs, which include funding specifically dedicated to small, northern and rural municipalities.

We have always been committed to working closely with our municipal partners and know how important the OMPF is for many municipalities. This is why in the coming months the Ministry of Finance will be consulting with municipalities to hear their perspective, advice, and

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priorities for the program. Through the ministry's discussions with your treasurers and clerk treasurers, we look forward to discussing how to implement a reporting framework in order to gain a better understanding of how the OMPF is supporting your communities.

The Ministry of Finance's Provincial-Local Finance Division will be providing your municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers with further details on your 2025 OMPF allocation. Details regarding the consultation process will also be provided. Supporting materials on the 2025 program are available on the ministry's web site at www.ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund.

As we continue to work together to build up our communities and move Ontario's economy forward, maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners remains critical. I look forward to our continued collaboration as we move forward with building a strong future for our province.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

c. c. The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

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October 30, 2024

Dear Treasurer/Clerk-Treasurer:

In the October 30 letter to Heads of Council, the Minister of Finance announced that the Province will be increasing the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) by \$100 million over two years, bringing the total funding envelope to \$600 million by 2026. For 2025, the program will provide \$550 million. This letter provides information regarding your municipality's 2025 OMPF allocation.

I am pleased to advise that in 2025 your municipality will benefit from an increase in OMPF funding compared to 2024.

2025 OMPF

As part of the phased-in increase to the OMPF, the program will provide \$550 million to recipient municipalities in 2025.

Details of the enhancement to the core grant components of the program and Transitional Assistance include:

Core Grant Component Enhancements:

- The **Assessment Equalization Grant component** will increase to \$155 million from \$149 million to better support municipalities with limited property assessment.
- The **Rural Communities Grant component** will increase to \$171 million from \$155 million in recognition of the challenges of rural municipalities, including rural farming communities.
- The **Northern Communities Grant component** will increase to \$105 million from \$90 million in recognition of the challenges of northern municipalities.
- New for 2025 is the introduction of **Minimum Base Top-Up funding**, which will ensure that small, northern and rural municipalities with fewer than 1,000 households receive at least \$100,000 in combined base funding through the Northern Communities and Rural Communities core grant components.

- The **Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant component** will increase to \$109 million from \$94 million to support northern and rural municipalities with the more challenging fiscal circumstances.

Details related to grant parameters are outlined in the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide and individual municipal workbooks.

Transitional Assistance:

Transitional Assistance funding guarantees will be enhanced to 100% of the 2024 allocation in 2025 only, as part of the introduction of program enhancements. This will ensure that all OMPF core grant recipients receive at least the same level of funding as they did in 2024.

Consultations on the OMPF

As the Minister noted in his October 30 letter, the ministry will be consulting with municipal treasurers and clerk treasurers on the OMPF in the winter of 2025. The government wants to hear about your priorities for the program and how to implement a reporting framework to gain a better understanding of the use of funds and how the OMPF is supporting local communities.

The Ministry will be working with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to reestablish the OMPF Municipal Reference Group to support this consultation. We will be communicating more information about the consultation process in the coming months.

2025 OMPF – SUPPORTING MATERIAL

To assist municipalities in understanding the OMPF and their individual 2025 allocations, the Ministry of Finance provides detailed and customized supporting documentation:

- A. 2025 OMPF Allocation Notice and Inserts**
- B. 2025 OMPF Technical Guide**
- C. Municipal Workbooks**

A. 2025 OMPF Allocation Notice and Inserts

The *OMPF Allocation Notice and Inserts* outline individual municipal OMPF allocations by grant component, and also provide a summary of 2025 key data inputs. A municipality's 2025 allocation is noted on line A.

B. 2025 OMPF Technical Guide

The *2025 OMPF Technical Guide* provides information with respect to individual grant thresholds, parameters and data sources.

C. 2025 Municipal Workbooks

The *2025 OMPF Workbook* and the *2025 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) Workbook* (if applicable) provide detailed calculations of the 2025 OMPF grant components, the determination of the Northern and Rural MFCI, and outline all underlying data elements.

These workbooks will be provided electronically to municipal treasurers and clerk-treasurers in the coming weeks.

The *2025 OMPF Technical Guide*, as well as municipal allocations, are also available electronically on the Ministry's website:

<https://ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund>

2025 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The *2025 Cash Flow Notice* identifies your municipality's quarterly payment schedule. Payments will be processed at the end of January, April, July, and October 2025. As outlined in the following section, OMPF payments are subject to holdback for municipalities that do not comply with applicable reporting requirements.

2025 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

As you know, OMPF payments are subject to compliance with the program's reporting obligations.

Specifically, municipalities are required to submit Financial Information Returns (FIR) to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and tax-rate bylaws through the Online Property Tax Analysis (OPTA) system or to MMAH as outlined in the following schedule:

Submissions	Due Date
2024 FIRs	By May 31, 2025
2025 Tax-rates	By August 31, 2025

Payments for municipalities that do not meet their 2025 reporting obligations will be subject to holdback, beginning with the 2025 fourth quarterly payment, until these documents have been filed.

If you require additional information regarding the OMPF, you may e-mail your inquiries and contact information to: info.ompf@ontario.ca.

In closing, we would like to thank you for your ongoing partnership. We look forward to continuing to work with you on the OMPF.

Sincerely,



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2025 Allocation Notice**Township of Horton**

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County of Renfrew

The Township of Horton will receive \$265,600 through the OMPF in 2025, which represents an increase of \$12,900 compared to 2024.

A Total 2025 OMPF	\$265,600
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1. Core Grant Components	\$265,600
a. Assessment Equalization Grant Component	-
b. Northern Communities Grant Component	-
c. Rural Communities Grant Component	\$214,900
d. Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant Component	\$50,700
2. Transitional Assistance	n/a

B Key OMPF Data Inputs

1. Households	1,535
2. Total Weighted Assessment per Household	\$313,561
3. Rural and Small Community Measure (RSCM)	100.0%
4. Farm Area Measure (FAM)	n/a
5. Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI)	3.3
6. 2025 Guaranteed Level of Support	100.0%
7. 2024 OMPF	\$252,700

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

2025 Allocation Notice**Township of Horton**

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County of Renfrew

2025 OMPF Allocation Notice - Line Item Descriptions

A	Sum of 2025 OMPF core grant components and Transitional Assistance, which are described in the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide. This document can be accessed at: https://www.ontario.ca/document/2025-ontario-municipal-partnership-fund/technical-guide .
A2	If applicable, reflects the amount of transitional support provided to assist the municipality in adjusting to year-over-year funding changes. See the enclosed Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert for further details.
B1	Based on the 2024 returned roll from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), including applicable updates.
B2	Refers to the total assessment for a municipality weighted by the tax ratio for each class of property (including payments in lieu of property taxes retained by the municipality) divided by the total number of households.
B3	Represents the proportion of a municipality's population residing in rural areas and/or small communities. For additional information, see the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide, Appendix A.
B4	Represents the percentage of a municipality's land area comprised of farm land. Additional details regarding the calculation of the Farm Area Measure are provided in the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide, Appendix B.
B5	Measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances relative to other northern and rural municipalities in the province, and ranges from 0 to 10. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances. For additional information, see the enclosed MFCI Insert, and the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide, Appendix D.
B6	Represents the guaranteed level of support the municipality will receive through the 2025 OMPF. For additional information, see the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide.
B7	Line A of 2024 OMPF Allocation Notice.

Note: Grant components and Transitional Assistance are rounded up to multiples of \$100.

2025 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index

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A Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI)	3.3
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The Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index (MFCI) measures a municipality's fiscal circumstances relative to other northern and rural municipalities in the province on a scale of 0 to 10. A lower MFCI corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, whereas a higher MFCI corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances.

The Northern and Rural MFCI is determined based on six indicators that are classified as either primary or secondary, to reflect their relative importance in determining a municipality's fiscal circumstances.

The table below provides a comparison of the indicator values for the Township to the median for northern and rural municipalities.

B Northern and Rural MFCI - Indicators

Primary Indicators	Township of Horton	Northern and Rural Median
1. Weighted Assessment per Household	\$313,561	\$292,000
2. Median Household Income	\$90,000	\$82,000
Secondary Indicators		
3. Average Annual Change in Assessment (New Construction)	1.6%	1.2%
4. Employment Rate	55.0%	53.0%
5. Ratio of Working Age to Dependent Population	167.2%	152.0%
6. Per cent of Population Above Low-Income Threshold	90.1%	88.0%

Note: An indicator value that is higher than the median corresponds to relatively positive fiscal circumstances, while a value below the median corresponds to more challenging fiscal circumstances.

Additional details regarding the calculation of the Northern and Rural MFCI are provided in the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide, as well as in the customized 2025 Northern and Rural MFCI Workbook.

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

2025 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index**Township of Horton**

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County of Renfrew

2025 Northern and Rural Municipal Fiscal Circumstances Index - Line Item Descriptions

A	The municipality's 2025 Northern and Rural MFCI. Additional details are provided in the municipality's customized 2025 Northern and Rural MFCI Workbook.
B1	Refers to the total assessment for a municipality weighted by the tax ratio for each class of property (including payments in lieu of property taxes retained by the municipality) divided by the total number of households.
B2	Statistics Canada's measure of median income for all private households in 2020.
B3	Measures the five-year (2019 - 2024) average annual change in a municipality's assessment, for example, as a result of new construction or business property closures, excluding the impact of reassessment.
B4	Statistics Canada's measure of number of employed persons, divided by persons aged 15 and over.
B5	Statistics Canada's measure of working age population (aged 15 to 64), divided by youth (aged 14 and under) and senior population (aged 65 and over).
B6	Statistics Canada's measure of the population in private households above the low-income threshold for Ontario compared to the total population in private households.

2025 Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert**Township of Horton**

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County of Renfrew

A 2025 OMPF Transitional Assistance (Line B2 - Line B1, if positive)	n/a
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As the municipality's 2025 OMPF identified on line B1 exceeds the guaranteed support identified on line B2, Transitional Assistance is not required.

B Supporting Details

1. Sum of 2025 OMPF Core Grant Components (excluding Transitional Assistance)	\$265,600
2. 2025 Guaranteed Support (Line B2a x Line B2b)	\$252,700
a. 2024 OMPF	\$252,700
b. 2025 Guaranteed Level of Support	100%

Note: See line item descriptions on the following page.

2025 Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert**Township of Horton**

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County of Renfrew

2025 Transitional Assistance Calculation Insert - Line Item Descriptions

A	In 2025 only, as part of the introduction of program enhancements, Transitional Assistance funding guarantees for core grant recipients have been enhanced to 100 per cent of their 2024 OMPF allocation. The Township of Horton's 2025 OMPF exceeds their guaranteed level. As a result, Transitional Assistance is not required.
B1	Line A1 of 2025 OMPF Allocation Notice, sum of the following OMPF core grant components: Assessment Equalization, Northern Communities, Rural Communities, and Northern and Rural Fiscal Circumstances Grant Components.
B2	Guaranteed amount of funding through the 2025 OMPF.
B2a	Line A of 2024 OMPF Allocation Notice.
B2b	Represents the guaranteed level of support the municipality will receive through the 2025 OMPF. For additional information, see the 2025 OMPF Technical Guide.

Note: Grant components and Transitional Assistance are rounded up to multiples of \$100.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

Memo from the CAO/Clerk as of November 15, 2024.

INFORMATION provided **NOT** included in the
Regular Council meeting package of November 19, 2024.

INFORMATION EMAILED

1. Child Welfare Funding
2. Calendars

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**TOWNSHIP OF
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August 7, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford,

Re: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that at their last Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday August 7th, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan supported the following resolution:

Resolution # 2024-08-07-10
Moved By: Councillor Quade
Seconded by: Councillor Keller

"Be It resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan hereby supports the resolution from the Municipality of Callander urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle.

And further that Council directs staff to provide a copy of this resolution to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipalities in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible."

CARRIED.

Sincerely,

Tammy Thompson
Deputy Clerk

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31 May 2024

Premier Doug Ford premier@ontario.ca

RE: Urging the Government to Promptly Resume Assessment Cycle

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Callander passed the following resolution at its Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Resolution No. 2024/05/184:

7.4(c) WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province;

AND WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners;

AND WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values;

AND WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent;

AND WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike;

AND WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Callander hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation;

AND THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undo stress to everyone in the Municipality;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the relevant provincial authorities, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Thank you,



**Cindy Pigeau
Municipal Clerk**

**Copy to: Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipalities Association
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
All Ontario Municipalities**



**The Township of Georgian Bay
Resolutions
Council - 04 Nov 2024**

Item 11.(g)

Date: November 4, 2024

C-2024-357

Moved by Councillor Stephen Jarvis
Seconded by Councillor Peter Cooper

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the St. Charles Resolution 2024-368; and

THAT Council direct staff to draft a letter to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried Defeated Recorded Vote Referred Deferred

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Cooper

	For	Against	Absent
Mayor Peter Koetsier	x		
Councillor Brian Bocek	x		
Councillor Peter Cooper		x	
Councillor Steven Predko	x		
Councillor Stephen Jarvis	x		
Councillor Kristian Graziano		x	
Councillor Allan Hazelton		x	
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Peter Koetsier, Mayor

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The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.7.
Resolution Number 2024-368
Title: Resolution Stemming from August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 7.1
- Correspondence #19
Date: October 16, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Pothier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #2024-08-07-10 passed by the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan, urging the Government to promptly resume the assessment cycle;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED


MAYOR

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CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

BY-LAW NO. 2024-40

A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19TH, 2024

WHEREAS Subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the said Municipal Act provides that the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and desirable that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Horton at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Horton enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council at the meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2024 and in respect of each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meetings, is, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board or other body is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. That the Head of Council and proper officers of the Corporation of the Township of Horton are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain appropriate approvals where required, except where otherwise provided, and to affix the Corporate Seal of the Corporation of the Township of Horton to all such documents.
3. That this By-Law shall come into force and take effect upon the passing thereof.

READ a first and second time this 19th day of November, 2024.

READ a third time and passed this 19th day of November, 2024.

DEPUTY MAYOR Daina Proctor

CAO/CLERK Hope Dillabough

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