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None.

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None.

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None.

Memo

To: Mayor Burton and Members of Council
From: Andrea Holland, Acting Town Clerk
CC: Jane Clohecy, CAO
Sheryl Ayres, Commissioner, Corporate Services
Date: May 27, 2025
Subject: Municipal Clearance for Liquor Sales Licence

The following requests for comment regarding Municipal Clearances for liquor sales licences were received and circulated by the Clerk's department from April 15 to May 27, 2025, for the following establishments:

- Barburrito
- Courtx Padel and Pickleball Club

Andrea Holland

Andrea Holland

Acting Town Clerk

Town Clerks

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 11:10 AM
To: Town Clerks
Subject: [EXTERNAL] AMO Policy Update – Submissions on Bills 5 and 2

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Policy Update - Submissions on Bills 5 and 2

AMO's Bill 5 Standing Committee Submission

AMO has [submitted comments on Bill 5](#), *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* to the Standing Committee on the Interior. While we understand the need to try different approaches to supporting economic projects, important objectives such as health, safety, environmental protection, community well-being, and Indigenous rights and relations must be upheld. AMO's submission outlines the importance of:

- Ensuring that the use of Special Economic Zones to override local bylaws should only occur with host municipal support, and in cases of extraordinary need;
- Ensuring continued protection for the environment, including species-at-risk and natural habitats; and
- The critical opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and stronger relationships with Indigenous rights holders.

AMO's Bill 2 Standing Committee Submission

AMO has [submitted comments on Bill 2](#), *Protect Ontario Through Free Within Canada Act* to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

AMO applauds the government for taking action to enhance labour mobility and interprovincial trade and highlights the need for continued engagement with AMO to address any impacts on municipal standards and by-laws arising from new mutual recognition frameworks for goods and services.

An online version of this Policy Update is available on the [AMO Website](#).

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Join AMO – OMAA Live Mayor – CAO Webinar Series

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Crisis Communication in Action: The Mayor-CAO Dynamic During Disasters

AMO & OMAA Webinar Series

**June 24, 2025
12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Virtual**

Building on the strong interest and success of our first session—*The Mayor-CAO Relationship: Building a Foundation for Success*—AMO and OMAA invite you to the second event in this vital leadership series. Session two focuses on the Mayor-CAO dynamic when disaster strikes.

In times of a local crisis—be it flood, fire, pandemic, or cyberattack—the effectiveness of municipal communication can shape the trajectory of the response and community trust. At the heart of that communication: the Mayor and the CAO.

Join us for an engaging and timely discussion on how this leadership duo can navigate the high-pressure environment of emergencies. Who speaks when? How do you ensure clarity, confidence, and community reassurance in the heat of the moment? What lessons have others learned?

You'll hear real-life experiences and lessons learned from municipal leaders who have weathered the storm—literally and figuratively.

What You'll Gain:

- A deeper understanding of the distinct and complementary roles of the Mayor and CAO in times of crisis
- Insights into strategic communication practices that build public trust
- Tools to strengthen your crisis leadership partnership before the next emergency
- Reflections on maintaining morale and clarity inside your organization while addressing the public

Don't wait for a crisis to test your communication strategy. Join AMO, OMAA, and your municipal peers to learn from those who've led under pressure.

Featured Panelists:

- Mayor Nancy Alcock and CAO Denise Corry, Town of Huntsville
- Mayor Fred Mota and CAO Michelle Hendry, Municipality of Red Lake

Moderator:

- Lindsay Jones, AMO Director of Policy

Register here for this FREE webinar

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May 29, 2025

In This Issue:

- AMO releases *Engaging Youth in Local Democracy* report.
- AMO resources to support your classroom engagement.
- Ontario launches Trade-Impacted Communities Program.
- Connect Ontario: Broadband deployment municipal workshops.
- Health and Safety Water Stream fund.
- Nominations open for Medal of Distinction in Public Administration.
- AMO 2025 Conference - Register today for Ontario's premier municipal event.
- MMAH has opened its Request for Delegations for AMO 2025 Conference.
- Showcase your innovation - Submit your projects for the PJ Marshall Awards.
- Upcoming AMO education workshops on leadership.
- Group Benefits trends webinar.
- Help homeowners save money through the LAS Sewer & Water Line Service.
- Virtual Net-Zero Workshop: Space still available.
- RFP: Workforce Training for Professionals in Planning.
- Western Ontario Municipal Conference - October 17.
- Webinar: Quality of Life in North American Cities.
- RailCan proximity survey live until June 1.
- Net-Zero Communities Accelerator Program coming to Ontario.
- Careers.

AMO Matters

Improving the health of local democracies requires a renewed focus on engaging young people in our communities. Through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project and in partnership with Apathy is Boring, we've developed a new [Engaging Youth in Local Democracy](#) resource that will help you learn how to better engage youth in your communities with actionable strategies and tactics for elected officials, municipalities, and public sector organizations.

[AMO's Municipal Rep Day program](#) provides AMO's members with a set of resources they can use when visiting classrooms in their communities. Resources and guides for teachers and elected officials can support a productive and engaging visit with students and help ignite interest in local government with future voters and community leaders.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade is [providing up to \\$40 million](#) to support communities and local industries facing economic challenges arising from ongoing trade disruptions.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines strongly encourages municipal CAOs and permitting staff to join the Designated Broadband Projects workshop: [May 29: Asset Management Planning & Causal Costs](#).

Intake is open for Ontario's new Health and Safety Water Stream fund to help municipalities and First Nations build, repair and expand aging water infrastructure. [Apply now!](#)

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate a colleague](#) from your municipality by June 27.

Education Opportunities

AMO's 2025 Annual Conference is back in Ottawa. In this unprecedented time, coming together with municipal, provincial and key sector partners is more important than ever. [Register for AMO 2025](#) and [book your accommodations today](#).

Delegation meetings with Cabinet Ministers are a key feature of the AMO Conference experience. These meetings are a unique opportunity for your council to engage with Ministers, Parliamentary Assistants and senior Ontario Government officials on local matters that impact your municipality. [Request your delegation meetings now](#). A reminder that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is your contact for the delegation meetings.

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario showcasing innovation in approaches to services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

AMO has two upcoming June workshops focused on enhancing leadership skills on strategic thinking and planning as well as community engagement. For more details including dates and times [click here](#).

LAS

[Watch our recent webinar](#) to learn about trends in municipal group benefits and the advantages and cost savings opportunity with the LAS Group Benefits Program through Mosey & Mosey.

Municipalities can help their homeowners by providing sewer and water line protection through the LAS-endorsed warranty program with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC). [Learn more here](#).

LAS' virtual net zero workshop is less than a month away. Mark June 18 in your calendar to discover how you can cut energy costs, boost savings and incorporate low carbon initiatives in your municipal buildings. [Register today](#).

Municipal Wire*

The Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) is [seeking individuals or companies](#) to develop and deliver courses supporting internationally trained planners, career-changers, and employers, while helping existing planners upskill for senior roles in Ontario.

The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus presents the [Western Ontario Municipal Conference](#), October 17, City of London, with a goal of providing relevant, dynamic programming and opportunities to share knowledge and best practices, with opportunities for networking. Early bird [registration](#) ends August 31.

On June 5, UN-Habitat through the Quality of Life Initiative will [host a webinar](#) inviting city leaders across North America on how to best measure and improve quality of life in cities.

The Railway Association of Canada is asking municipalities to [complete a survey](#) on the modernization of the proximity guidelines of land close to railway operations. More information on the [RailCan](#)

[website.](#)

Small and mid-sized Ontario municipalities are invited to [submit an expression of interest](#) to participate in Quest Canada's Net-Zero Communities Accelerator program by June 13.

Careers

[Director of Community Services - Municipality of Kincardine](#). Closing Date: June 13, 2025.

[Supervisor, Treasury - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: June 8, 2025.

[Data Analysis Coordinator - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: May 30, 2025.

[Administrator, John Noble Home - County of Brant](#). Closing Date: June 16, 2025.

About AMO

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

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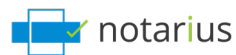
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Policy Update - Province Introduces Bill 30

Province Introduces Bill 30, *Working For Workers Seven Act, 2025*

Yesterday, the Ontario government tabled its seventh [Working for Workers Act](#) (Bill 30). While the stated objective of supporting workers amidst potential job losses arising from the US-Canada trade dynamic is noted, one of its proposals raises significant concerns -- exempting Skills Development Fund Capital Stream-supported capital projects from the requirements of *The Municipal Act* and *The Planning Act*.

Earlier exemptions from municipal planning approvals, such as those related to public universities and "community service facilities" like K-12 schools, hospitals, and long-term care homes are aimed to expedite planning for public entities. Bill 30, however, marks a significant shift by:

- Extending expedited planning processes and exemptions from municipal authorities to private entities without the robust accountability and regulatory frameworks that characterize broader public sector bodies, solely by virtue of their qualification to access a source of provincial funding with broad eligibility; and
- Going beyond exemptions to *The Planning Act* to include exemptions to *The Municipal Act*. These powers could allow for waivers from municipal bylaws, including those related to property tax, development charges, and other local requirements with no clear purpose or rationale.

The cumulative impact of what is now the proposed ability of four separate Ministers to override municipal land use planning and other authorities also raises significant concern by increasing the likelihood of unintended consequences and diffuse accountability. Currently before the legislature are proposals to provide powers to:

- The Minister of Infrastructure to use Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) to override *The Planning Act* as part of Bill 17;
- The Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to create Special Economic Zones (SEZs) to override *The Planning Act* and *The Municipal Act* as part of Bill 5; and
- The Minister of Labour, Immigration, Skills and Training to override *The Planning Act* and *The Municipal Act* for those in receipt of capital funding from the Skills Development Fund under Bill 30.

AMO continues to support the need for bold and innovative action to respond to unprecedented economic challenges. However, the threat of tariffs cannot be used to justify any and all proposals to override provincial and municipal laws. AMO will continue to analyze the proposal and seek opportunities to provide commentary to the legislature.

An online version of this Policy Update is available on the [AMO Website](#).

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] AMO 2025: Program Update

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AMO 2025

A Sampling of this Years Conference Programming

August 17-20, 2025, Ottawa

AMO is excited to be returning to the host city of Ottawa for the 2025 Conference. It is a historic time with an ever evolving political, social and economic climate. AMO's 2025 conference programming provides engagement and education opportunities focusing on innovation, solutions and supporting stronger municipal governments.

New this year, AMO will be offering a number of concurrent sessions focused on you to "Have Your Say". These interactive sessions provide AMO members an opportunity to share local challenges, highlight innovative municipal solutions, and help AMO best represent municipal interests in the work we do. Stay tuned for more information on these sessions.

In the meantime, here are a few highlights from what will be on the plenary stage in 2025:

Innovative Approaches to Supporting Mental Health, Addictions and Supportive Housing

Municipalities across Ontario have been grappling with mental health and addictions challenges in their communities and workforces. This session will share innovative approaches to tackling this growing crisis.

Trade and Tariffs: Short-term Risks and Long-term Opportunities

International trade and tariff uncertainty presents real economic threats for Ontario's municipalities, businesses, and residents. However, it may also be

catalyst for new long-term partnerships to diversify and strengthen our economy. This session will discuss how municipalities can help lead and build Ontario into a new and more resilient economic future.

Women's Leadership Forum

AMO is pleased to host the sixth annual Women's Leadership Forum. Since 2020, the Women's Leadership Forum has featured extraordinary leaders in public service at the national, provincial, and local levels. This year's three panelists will share their insights and experiences of leadership in their lives and career pathways.

View the current [program outline](#)

[Register for AMO 2025 today!](#)

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From: AMO Events <events@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] AMO's Important Trade and Tariff Forum – Join the conversation

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October 24, 2025

AMO Forum on Trade, Tariffs, and the Municipal Role in Long-Term Economic Growth

Sheraton Centre Hotel Toronto-123 Queen Street West

The international trade situation remains uncertain – Trump's tariffs continue to change, their legality is being considered in by US courts, and potential trade negotiations are on the horizon.

Join us this Fall to take stock of what this uncertainty means for municipalities, including how tariffs may impact municipal revenues and expenditures and how our sector can take local action to support federal and provincial strategies that will lead us into a more prosperous and productive economic future.

As Prime Minister Carney as said, the Canada-US relationship will never be the same. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with your colleagues and experts to ensure you're community is ready to respond.

To learn more about what AMO is doing to support the municipal sector through this time of uncertainty, check out the [AMO Trade & Tariff page](#) for new reports, resources and advocacy updates.

Program updates coming soon.

Registration Information

\$375.00 plus HST. [Click here to register.](#)

Accommodations

[Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen Street West](#)

AMO has secured preferred rates of \$349 per night until October 2, 2025. After that date, rooms may be available at the Sheraton at market rate.

[Click Here to book your accommodations](#)

For any questions, feel free to contact us at events@amo.on.ca.

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Attachments: 216 municipalaite with SMP.xlsx
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Thank You for Responding —You Are Not Alone

I truly appreciate your municipality taking the time to respond. Please know that you are not alone in this fight.

Across the province, more and more municipalities, now 100+, are standing up to defend local democracy and resist the erosion of council powers. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can protect the rights of our communities, our children, and our grandchildren.

Let's continue to speak out, organize, and support one another. Unity is our greatest strength.

Support your neighboring municipalities by passing a motion asking to opt out of Strong Mayor Powers.

If you can forward me any that have been passed, I will add them to the growing list.

Join Stop Strong Mayor Powers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1905629133507708/>

If there is an inaccuracy in the spreadsheet, please let me know and I will update it.

It is a work in progress.

Municipal Opposition and concerns to Strong Mayor Powers

Following the expansion of strong mayor powers to 169 additional municipalities on May 1, 2025, a total of 216 municipalities now have these powers.

These 216 many that oppose Strong Mayor Powers had to use them to delegate their authority back to their CAO's and council's.

This in affect forces the data to show these powers are widely used across the 216 municipalities when in fact the vast majority oppose these powers.

This means that 228 municipalities in Ontario do not have strong mayor powers, but will likely get them.

Please join our growing coalition and fight back this is democracy for our children and grandchildren.

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Municipality	Email		Comments	Date	Resolution # or Evidence
Adjala-Tosorontio	clerk@adjtos.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	2025-04-10
Ajax	Clerks@ajax.ca	I	Mayor Shaun Collier used his strong-mayor powers to push through a development project consisting of two 60-storey mixed-use buildings, a project town planning staff did not support.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Amherstburg	vpaller@amherstburg.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/15/2025	Resolution# 20250414-011
Arnprior		U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.	5/25/2025	
Arran-Elderslie		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/25/2025	Arran-Elderslie Council Opposes Strong Mayor Powers - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh	clerk@acwtownship.ca	O	On April 22, 2025, the council unanimously passed a motion rejecting the Strong Mayor Powers, citing concerns about the erosion of democratic governance.		
Athens	athens@myhighspeed.ca	U	Unknown		
Atikokan	townclerk@townofaurora.com	U	Unknown		
Aurora	townclerk@aurora.ca	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers and used with controversy.		How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Aylmer	Mmelucci@town.aylmer.on.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	
Bancroft		U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		
Barrie		U	Mayor Alex Nuttall said at the end of 2022 he didn’t see a need for him to have strong-mayor powers. In November 2023, as the city prepared for its 2024 budget talks, Nuttall said he didn’t anticipate using his new powers.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Belleville		U	Mayor Neil Ellis initially balked but wound up accepting the new powers. Though, according to media reports, most of his council colleagues weren’t too keen about it.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Black River-Matheson	cchild@twpbrm.ca	U	Unknown		
Blind River	katie.scott@blindriver.ca	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2023		

Bluewater	clerk@municipalityofbluewater.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/28/2025	20250422-CS-LTR-Resoution-Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers Expansion.pdf
Bracebridge	lmcdonald@bracebridge.ca	U	Mayor Maloney so far has used the Strong Mayor Powers granted by the Province of Ontario, to delegate specific authorities to Council and the CAO, demonstrating Mayor Maloney's commitment to collaboration, transparency, and good governance.	5/14/2025	https://www.facebook.com/townbracebridge/posts/pfbid0qhR3jgAJ1fEpriLtS7xoja2M8Ny9jqfK9XBqsa54ivz2vcMAdk7MYwv6H96ELiv8l
Bradford West Gwillimbury	treyolds@townofbwg.com	I	Mayor James Leduc has utilized these powers to make changes to council committees, leading to controversy and accusations of authoritarian leadership.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Brampton	candiced@brighton.ca	I	Mayor Patrick Brown has actively utilized these powers, including hiring a new director of bylaw enforcement.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Brantford	info@brockton.ca	O	Mayor Kevin Davis, after public consultation, delegated some of his strong-mayor powers to the city's CAO and others to council. In a statement posted on the city's website, he also said that he "did not see the need" to use strong-mayor powers for development matters with the current council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Brighton	candiced@brighton.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/1/2025	Brighton council formally opposes strong mayor powers, creates information hub for homeless information services Quinte News
Brock	fernando.lamanna@brock.ca	O	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion	4/21/2025	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion
Brockton	info@brockton.ca	U	Unknown		
Brockville	searl@brockville.com	U	City Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		5/25/2025
Burlington		O	In March 2024, the council unanimously passed a motion requesting the mayor to delegate all possible Strong Mayor Powers back to the council, emphasizing a commitment to democratic governance	2023	
Caledon		O	In response to public outcry, Mayor Groves partially rescinded some of her Strong Mayor Powers in June 2024, returning to a traditional majority vote system for certain decisions.	2023	'Is democracy dying in Caledon?': Residents outraged as Mayor Annette Groves rushes through questionable development plans, cuts them out of the process The Pointer
Cambridge		O	Mayor Jan Liggett has expressed that she does not intend to use these powers, favoring collaborative decision-making with the council.	2023	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion
Carleton Place		U	Unknown		
Central Elgin	deleitch@centralelgin.org	U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		
Central Frontenac	cdeachman@centralfrontenac.com	O	A rift has emerged between Mayor Frances Smith and the council over the use of these powers. The council has expressed concerns about the centralization of authority and the potential erosion of collaborative governance.	4/23/2025	Frontenac News - Strong Mayor Reveals Rift Between CF Mayor Smith & Council
Central Huron	clerk@centralhuron.com	O	On April 22, 2025, the Central Huron Council unanimously rejected the Strong Mayor Powers, expressing concerns about the erosion of democratic governance and the potential for abuse of power.	5/1/2025	eScribe Agenda Package

Central Manitoulin	ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca	U	While specific statements from Central Manitoulin's mayor or council regarding the adoption or rejection of these powers are not publicly available, neighboring municipalities on Manitoulin Island have expressed reservations. For instance, the mayors of Gore Bay and Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) have indicated they do not intend to use the powers, emphasizing the importance of collaborative governance		
Centre Wellington	info@centrewellington.ca	U	Mayor Shawn Watters has expressed uncertainty about the implications of these powers and emphasized the importance of collaboration with council, stating that using such powers without prior discussion could lead to division. The township has documented several mayoral decisions and delegations under the new legislation, indicating a measured approach to their implementation. There is no record of council resolutions opposing the legislation.		
Champlain	karla.barton@champlain.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	2025-158
Chatham-Kent	ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca	O	Mayor Darrin Canniff has publicly opposed the implementation of Strong Mayor Powers in Chatham-Kent. He expressed his concerns by sending two letters to the provincial government, articulating his opposition to these powers.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Clarence-Rockland	administration@clarence-rockland.com	U	Has not passed a formal motion regarding the implementation or rejection of the Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025	
Clarington	town@cobalt.ca	O	Mayor Adrian Foster's reacted to being granted expanded powers by saying, collaboration with my colleagues has been and will continue to be my focus as we navigate the rapid growth in our community." One of his first decisions was to delegate his new authority to restructure the town's staffing back to the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Clearview	ecoleman@clearview.caemail	U	Mayor Doug Measures expressed that he does not anticipate significant changes with the new powers, emphasizing a continued collaborative approach with the council	5/27/2025	Province extends strong mayor powers – The Creemore Echo
Clearwater		U	Mayor Measures stated, "I will continue to lead our community working collaboratively with Council to deliver in the best interest of our residents and visitors." He also noted that while the legislation requires the mayor to present the annual municipal budget, the process will remain a collaborative effort involving staff, council, and the public.	5/1/2025	news-release-mayor-measures-speaks-strong-mayor-powers
Cobalt	townhall@cochraneontario.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.		2025-057
Cobourg	clerk@collingwood.ca	U	Cobourg Mayor Misses Out on Strong Mayors Meeting	4/30/2025	Cobourg Mayor Misses Out on Strong Mayors Meeting - Today's Northumberland - Your Source For What's Happening Locally and Beyond
Cochrane	townhall@cochraneontario.com	U	Two notices of motion challenging aspects of Ontario's strong mayor legislation were pulled from the May 13 Cochrane council agenda before the meeting even got underway.	2025	Debate on strong mayor powers delayed in Cochrane - TimminsToday.com

Collingwood	clerk@collingwood.ca	O	On April 14, 2025, Collingwood Council passed a 7–2 motion, introduced by Deputy Mayor Tim Fryer, raising concerns about Ontario’s expanded "strong mayor" powers and requesting clarification from the province. Mayor Yvonne Hamlin and Councillor Deb Doherty opposed the motion, with Hamlin questioning the value of municipal feedback.	2025	Council - Committee of the Whole - April 14, 2025
Cornwall	info@dysartetal.ca	O	Cornwall councillors vehemently oppose using strong mayor powers	4/30/2025	Cornwall councillors vehemently oppose using strong mayor powers Cornwall Standard-Freeholder
Deep River	townmail@deepriver.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	2025	Res# 2025 128
Dryden	info@dysartetal.ca	O	May 16, 2025, Mayor Harrison “I must say throughout my career I’ve always tried to follow the ancient proverb ‘There’s wisdom in the council of many’, and I have no intention of deviating from that.” He further stated that while the new powers allow him to hire or fire the city’s Chief Administrative Officer, create new committees, and approve the budget, he sees no good reason to concentrate this power in the mayor’s role and prefers to maintain the status quo, where decisions remain a collective council responsibility.	2025	Harrison doesn’t think he’ll use Strong Mayor powers CKDR
East Gwillimbury	clerks@eastgwillimbury.ca	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2023	2023	
East Zorra-Tavistock	clerk@ezt.ca	U	Unknown		
Elizabethtown-Kitley	mail@ektwp.ca	U	Unknown		
Elliot Lake	info@englehart.c	U	Unknown		
Englehart	mrobinson@englehart.ca	U			
Espanola	jburke@espanola.ca	U			
Essex	jmalandrucolo@essex.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/28/2025	R25-04-187
Fort Erie	ACarter@forterie.ca	O	, Redekop said he’s not all that interested in putting the new powers to use if they are granted to him. “I find them anti-democratic to be honest,” said Redekop, adding he doesn’t see a need for them. “I think it’s important to ensure that all members of council are heard,” he said.	4/10/2025	Redekop not interested in using new provincial ‘strong mayor powers’ – Fort Erie Radio
Fort Frances	cgreig@fortfrances.ca	U	Mayor Andrew Hallikas says he has “mixed feelings” about what the Ontario government calls “strong mayor powers.” “Right off the top of my head, I’m concerned that it might have the potential to weaken democracy,”	4/10/2025	"Potential to weaken democracy": Mayor conflicted about greater powers - NWONewsWatch.com
French River	clerk@frenchriver.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/17/2025	Sudbury news: French River wants to opt out of strong mayor powers, calls them 'authoritarian'
Gananoque	clerk@gananoque.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/28/2025	Gananoque Council Seeks to Opt Out of Strong Mayor Powers Expansion GananoqueNow.ca
Georgian Bay	rdillabough@georgina.ca	U	Unknown		

Georgian Bluffs	ccraig@georgianbluffs.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/8/2025	Georgian Bluffs Joins Chorus Of Municipalities Opposing Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Goderich	afisher@goderich.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/9/2025	Town of Goderich
Gore Bay	hschlange@gorebay.ca	O	Gore Bay mayor does not intend to use 'strong mayors powers'	4/23/2025	Gore Bay mayor does not intend to use 'strong mayors powers' The Manitoulin Expositor
Gravenhurst		U			
Greater Napanee	jwalters@greaternapanee.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	04-23-25 - Support for Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.pdf
Greater Sudbury	eric.labelle@greatersudbury.ca	U	Mayor Paul Lefebvre accepted strong-mayor powers but, according to numerous media reports, said he didn't see a need to use them. He later delegated decisions regarding the organizational structure of the city to the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Greenstone	kristina.miousse@greenstone.ca	U	Mayor Jamie McPherson acknowledged the receipt of strong mayor powers and indicated that their potential use would be a topic of discussion with the municipal council. He emphasized the importance of collaboration and thorough deliberation before any application of these powers.	4/10/2025	Strong mayor powers worth considering: Greenstone mayor - SNNNewsWatch.com
Grey Highlands	levittj@greyhighlands.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/9/2025	Grey Highlands Asks To Opt Out Of Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Grimsby	vsteele@grimsby.ca	I	Mayor Jeff Jordan supports the implementation of strong mayor powers, viewing them as tools to streamline decision-making processes, particularly in areas like housing and infrastructure development	2025	
Guelph		U	Mayor Cam Guthrie, like Foster and others, quickly relinquished some of his new powers. In Foster's case, he delegated authority to reorganize city departments to the CAO and handed over power to hire and fire the CAO as well the ability to appoint heads of council committees to city council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Haldimand County		U	In April 2025, Haldimand County Mayor Shelley Ann Bentley unilaterally accepted "strong mayor" powers, reversing the council's 2023 decision to reject them. Without council consultation, she gained authority effective May 1 to veto bylaws, propose budgets, and manage senior staff. Councillors voiced concern over the lack of transparency and democratic oversight.	2023 / 2025	Local politicians divided on Bentley's strong mayor powers The Haldimand Press
Halton Hills	valeriep@haltonhills.ca	O	Mayor Ann Lawlor's initial reaction was that strong-mayor powers weren't necessary and her council colleagues passed a motion expressing their opposition to granting the new powers.	2023	filestream.ashx
Hamilton		O	For councillor Mike Spadafora, however, he ended up getting quite a bit more than he bargained for at GIC committee Wednesday. In a surprise show of unanimity, Hamilton General Issues Committee voted 13-0 to ask the province to drop strong mayor powers for Hamilton.	4/20/2025	Spadafora got more than he asked for, as Council nixes Strong Mayor powers 13-0 – bayobserver.ca Hamilton, Burlington and GTA

Hanover		O	Meanwhile, Sue Paterson, mayor of Hanover, believes that the process currently in place in her community is democratic and works. “All of council may not agree on every issue, but we work best when all voices are heard equally,” Paterson said. “Council as a whole works in the best interests of the public and the community we serve.”		Strong mayor The Times
Hastings Highlands	shuschilt@hastingshighlands.ca	O	Mayor Tony Fitzgerald said, “A good mayor doesn’t need strong mayor powers. A good mayor needs a good council and a good staff, and I’m blessed with both.” Councillor Keith Buck asked the mayor if it was his intention to delegate his powers when possible. Fitzgerald replied ambiguously stating, “They [the province] are forcing us [to use the powers and] if you don’t use the strong mayor powers you have to delegate it—let’s say I delegate the dismissal of the CAO to council, I’ll just throw that out as an example—I could later do it anyway, so what’s the difference? That’s how it’s written that I can delegate a power to council or staff and still override it. We’ve got no rules on the playground...”		Strong mayor powers given to Hastings Highlands Bancroft this Week
Hawkesbury		O	On May 12, 2025, Hawkesbury Mayor Robert Lefebvre announced he would delegate the Ontario-granted "strong mayor" powers to council and staff, favoring collaborative governance. Councillors welcomed the decision, praising his commitment to shared leadership. However, concerns remained about future mayors potentially retaining the powers, highlighting the need for ongoing vigilance to protect democratic processes.	5/18/2025	Hawkesbury mayor delegates “strong mayor” authority - The Review Newspaper
Hearst	mclosier@hearst.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	150-2025
Huntsville		U			
Huron East	clerk@huroneast.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	
Huron Shores	natashia@huronshores.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	25-14-16
Huron-Kinloss	jwhite@huronkinloss.com	U	Unknown		
Ingersoll		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/10/2025	statement-from-the-mayor_april-2025.pdf
Innisfil	pthoma@innisfil.ca	O	Mayor Lynn Dollin said she wouldn’t use her strong-mayor powers to veto council decisions and vowed to delegate some of her new powers to council and the CAO, which she did Nov. 2, 2023.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Iroquois Falls	mreeder@iroquoisfalls.com	U			
Kapuskasing	chantal.guillemette@kapuskasing.ca	U			
Kawartha Lakes	critchie@kawarthalakes.ca	I	Mayor Doug Elmslie couldn’t “envision the need to use” his strong-mayor powers, when he agreed to sign the province’s housing pledge. As of Jan. 29, Elmslie has only used the new powers to shorten the veto periods allowed during budget deliberations.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Kenora	hpihulak@kenora.ca	U		5/22/2025	

Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	tgorgerat@khrtownship.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.		res# 2025-06
Killarney	cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca	U			
Kincardine	tguy@kincardine.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	05/14/2025 - 10
King	dtimm@king.ca	U	King has not adopted a motion regarding Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025	
Kingston	cityofkingston@noreply.ca	O	Kingston city council opposes Strong Mayor Powers	7/15/1905	Kingston City Council takes stance against 'strong mayor powers'
Kingsville		O	On April 14, 2025, Kingsville Council unanimously opposed Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, calling them undemocratic. Mayor Dennis Rogers supported the stance, favoring collaboration. Despite this, the powers took effect on May 1. Rogers responded by delegating key powers back to council and staff. The resolution was shared with provincial leaders and municipal associations, reflecting wider concerns.	4/16/2025	78-04142025
Kirkland Lake		O	Kirkland Lake Mayor Wight opposes use of 'strong powers, "Not only have I spoken strongly against these powers, but many of our council members have done the same. Though we may not agree on every issue, we are a team, and a team works best when all voices are considered equally."	4/9/2025	Kirkland Lake Mayor Wight opposes use of 'strong powers' Northern News
Kitchener		O	Mayor Berry Vrbanovic's initial reaction to being awarded strong-mayor powers was to say, "My intention is to continue working collaboratively with council, because that's how we best serve our residents." But he also acknowledged such "tools might come in handy."	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Lake of Bays	csykes@lakeofbays.on.ca	U			
Lakeshore	ahair@lakeshore.ca	O	Mayor Tracey Bailey criticized the strong mayor legislation for eroding local democracy and emphasized the importance of council members' voices in governance	4/10/2025	Mayor's Message: Strong Mayor Powers - Municipality of Lakeshore
Lambton Shores	clerks@lambtonshores.ca	O	Mayor Bill Weber opposed the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, expressing skepticism about its effectiveness in accelerating housing development	2023	Overwhelming majority of county council opposes Strong Mayors Bill
Lanark Highlands	lhclerk@lanarkhighlands.ca	U			
LaSalle		O	Mayor Crystal Meloche publicly opposed the strong mayor powers, stating her intention to delegate them back to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and council to maintain democratic processes	4/21/2025	LaSalle mayor joins opposition against strong mayor powers
Latchford	jallen@latchford.ca	U			
Laurentian Valley	dsauriol@lvtownship.ca	U			
Leamington	bpercy@leamington.ca	O	Leamington's mayor, Hilda MacDonald, says she'll "respectfully decline" the ministry's offer of strong mayor powers. "I'm hoping that message gets through to the province and they will have a change of heart," she said. MacDonald, who was a councillor earlier in her political career, says councils should represent all voices in the community	4/10/2025	These politicians strongly oppose Ontario's strong mayor powers for Essex County
Leeds and the Thousand Islands	clerk@townshipleeds.on.ca	U			
Lincoln		I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2025		

London		I	Mayor Josh Morgan invoked his strong-mayor powers to assign additional duties to the deputy mayor and budget chair. That move was followed by a request to council to boost their pay to reflect the fact they're taking on more work.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Loyalist	clerk@loyalist.ca	U			
Malahide	aadams@malahide.ca	U			
Mapleton		O	Strong mayor powers are not supported by Mapleton's council.	5/1/2025	Mapleton council opposes strong mayor powers
Markham		I	Mayor Frank Scarpitti has been quiet on the issue since being granted strong-mayor powers in July 2023.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Mattawa	clerk@mattawa.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/15/2025	Resolution Number 25-95
Meaford	clerk@meaford.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/30/2025	Meaford Opposes Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Middlesex Centre	hammer@middlesexcentre.ca	U			
Midland		O	Despite the absence of a formal opposition, Mayor Bill Gordon has publicly stated that he does not intend to exercise these powers. On May 1, 2025, he delegated the newly granted authorities back to the council and the CAO, emphasizing his commitment to collaborative governance. Mayor Gordon remarked, "I believe in the strength of our council and the importance of shared decision-making for the betterment of Midland." The mayor says he will be delegating powers back.		Midland mayor takes stand after being granted strong mayor powers – CTVNews
Milton		O	On April 22, 2025, Minto Council unanimously voted to delegate "strong mayor" powers back to council and staff, affirming its commitment to shared decision-making. Mayor Dave Turton said the move reflects the town's values and supports democratic governance. The resolution was sent to Premier Ford and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Minden Hills	vbull@mindenhills.ca	U			
Minto		O	On May 15, 2025, Minto Council unanimously voted to delegate the Ontario-granted "strong mayor" powers back to council and staff, emphasizing collaborative governance. Mayor Dave Turton stated the move reflects the town's values and commitment to democratic decision-making. The resolution was sent to Premier Doug Ford and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.	5/15/2025	Minto votes to delegate Strong Mayor Powers back to council and staff
Mississauga		I	Bonnie Crombie, who stepped down as mayor Jan. 12 after winning the race to become leader of Ontario's Liberal party, made use of her new powers a few times, including to delegate powers to the CAO and to push through a controversial housing motion supporting fourplex homes.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Mississippi Mills	clerk@mississippimills.ca	U			
Muskoka Lakes	cmortimer@muskokalak.es.ca	U			
Neebing	clerk@neebing.org	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	

New Tecumseth		O	On April 29, 2025, New Tecumseth Council narrowly passed a 5–4 resolution opposing "strong mayor" powers for Mayor Richard Norcross, citing democratic concerns. Despite this, the province implemented the powers on May 1. In response, Norcross delegated key authorities back to council and the CAO, committing to collaborative leadership. Some powers, like proposing the budget, remain non-delegable but will involve council input.	4/29/2025	Statement from the Mayor - Strong Mayor Powers - Town of New Tecumseth
Newmarket		O	Newmarket was the first out of the gate, with Mayor John Taylor telling the province there was no way the town could build 12,000 homes in 10 years because the municipality doesn't currently have the sewage capacity to serve more than a couple thousand more homes.	2023	4 Ontario municipalities turn down strong mayor powers CBC News
Niagara Falls		O	Mayor Jim Diodati declared in September 2023 that he has "no intention of using these tools," but he stopped short of delegating any of his new powers back to council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Niagara-on-the-Lake		U			
Norfolk County		O	Norfolk council is again telling the province it doesn't want "strong mayor powers" and this time it's not mincing words.		Norfolk to tell province it doesn't want strong mayor powers Simcoe Reformer
North Bay	karen.mcisaac@northbay.ca	O	Mayor Peter Chirico said, in response to being granted new powers, "I am committed to working collaboratively with our city council, and I have no intention of exercising these powers in a way that undermines our strong team."	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
North Frontenac	info@northfrontenac.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/30/2025	Resolution #139-25 Frontenac News - North and South Frontenac Speak Against Strong Mayor Powers
North Glengarry	cao@northglengarry.ca	O	North Glengarry Mayor Jamie MacDonald has rejected Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, effective May 1, 2025. He stated these powers are unnecessary, would undermine council voices, and harm local democracy. MacDonald emphasized equal representation and full transparency.	4/10/2025	North Glengarry Included on the List of Municipalities with Proposed Expanded Strong Mayor Powers Township of North Glengarry
North Huron	clamb@northhuron.ca	O	Reeve Paul Heffer of North Huron has declined to use Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, effective May 1, 2025, citing concerns about their impact on democratic decision-making. Heffer stated these powers could undermine council collaboration, staff input, and community engagement, calling them a "disservice to local democracy"	5/23/2025	Statement from Reeve Heffer Strong Mayor Powers - Township of North Huron
North Middlesex	judyg@northmiddlesex.on.ca	O	The Municipality of North Middlesex has formally opposed Ontario's expansion of "strong mayor" powers. On April 24, 2025, the municipal council passed a resolution rejecting these powers, which were set to take effect on May 1, 2025. The resolution expresses concern that such powers undermine local democracy and the collaborative governance model. It also urges the province to reconsider the implementation of these powers in rural municipalities.	4/25/2025	NorthMiddlesex-Resolution-StrongMayor.pdf
North Perth	clerks@northperth.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/8/2025	North Perth requests province undo strong mayor powers Spare News pentictonherald.ca
Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands	info@nemi.ca	U			

Oakville	TownClerk@oakville.ca	O	Mayor Rob Burton, in early 2023, said had no interest in acquiring strong-mayor powers. After he was granted them, Burton said he couldn't imagine a scenario where he would use them, but stopped short of saying he never would.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Orangeville	clerksdept@orangeville.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/25/2025/	2025-092
Orillia	DKIRBY@orillia.ca	O	Orillia's council also approved a motion calling for the province to rescind the powers given to Orillia mayor Don McIsaac in a tense special meeting on Friday. "This is a slap in the face for democracy," said Orillia council member Tim Lauer, describing the province's action as "totally disrespectful to Council and totally disrespectful to the residents of Orillia."	5/25/2025	Strong mayor The Times
Oro-Medonte	clerks@oro-medonte.ca	U			
Oshawa		O	Mayor Dan Carter was among those mayors who relinquished some of his new powers, including handing authority to reorganize city departments to the CAO and granting the ability to hire and fire the CAO to city council.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Ottawa		O	Mayor Mark Sutcliffe's first strong-mayor move was to delegate power to city council to appoint an interim city manager and an acting chief financial officer.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Owen Sound	cityclerk@owensound.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/1/2025	Owen Sound To Ask Province To Rescind Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Parry Sound		O	On April 15, 2025, the Town of Parry Sound Council unanimously passed a resolution rejecting Ontario's "strong mayor" powers, which were set to take effect on May 1. Introduced by Mayor Jamie McGarvey, the resolution opposes the application of these powers in Parry Sound and requests that the province allow municipalities the option to decline them	4/15/2025	Mayor McGarvey Rejects Strong Mayor Powers
Pelham	clerks@pelham.ca	O	'Strong mayors' may be coming to more Ontario towns, but in Pelham Marv Junkin says he has no intention of using those powers to override council decisions	5/1/2025	MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Thanks, but no thanks - PelhamToday.ca
Pembroke		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/21/2025	Pembroke city council rejects strong mayor powers Pembroke Observer
Penetanguishene		O	'Democracy, openness, transparency, and accountability for decision making' removed, says Penetanguishene mayor on Ontario push for stronger mayor powers	4/10/2025	Penetanguishene News - Springwater News
Perth		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/14/2025	Perth Town Council Requests Removal from Strong Mayor Powers List Town of Perth
Perth East	contact@pertheast.ca	U			
Perth South	info@perthsouth.ca	U			
Petawawa	choward@petawawa.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	2025 04 29 Town of Petawawa - Strong Mayor Designation Town of Collingwood

Peterborough	cityclerk@peterborough.ca	I	Mayor Jeff Leal joined other strong mayors in granting council the authority to establish the responsibilities of the city's CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Petrolia	clerk@petrolia.ca	U			
Pickering		O	Mayor Kevin Ashe exercised his new powers numerous times after saying before being elected he wouldn't do so. That prompted one councillor to challenge him for using them. Later, several other Pickering councillors expressed opposition to strong-mayor powers in Ontario.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Plympton-Wyoming	ekwarciak@plympton-wyoming.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	https://www.collingwood.ca/node/282820?utm_source=chatgpt.com
Port Colborne		U			
Port Hope	twilson@porthope.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	48-20-2023
Prescott	admin@prescott.ca	U			
Prince Edward		O	Prince Edward County Council has voted to oppose the introduction of strong mayor powers to the community. In a recorded vote, the motion passed unanimously.	5/28/2025	County council opposes introduction of Strong Mayor powers Quinte News
Quinte West		U			
Rainy River	clerk@rainyriver.ca	U			
Ramara	clerks@ramara.ca	U			
Renfrew		O	On April 30, 2025, Renfrew Town Council passed a resolution expressing their opposition to the strong mayor powers granted by the province. The resolution highlighted concerns about the concentration of decision-making authority in a single office and the potential erosion of democratic processes. Council members emphasized the importance of collaborative governance and requested that the province reconsider the implementation of these powers in Renfrew.	5/25/2025	Renfrew grudgingly accepts Strong Mayor Powers as information but rejects the implementation The Regional
Richmond Hill		I	Mayor David West vowed to be "prudent" in using strong-mayor powers. He went on to delegate the authority to appoint a CAO to council and granted the CAO power to determine the city's organizational structure.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Rideau Lakes	clerk@rideaulakes.ca	O			
Sables-Spanish Rivers	inquiries@sables-spanish.ca	U			
Sarnia	clerks@sarnia.ca	I	Mayor Mike Bradley, according to media reports, said he wasn't interested in the strong-mayor powers, but signed the province's housing pledge to gain access to funding. He has since delegated some of his new powers to council and the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Saugeen Shores		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/14/2025	Saugeen Shores Mayor Opposed To Strong Mayor Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
Sault Ste. Marie	cityclerk@cityssm.on.ca	O	Mayor Matthew Shoemaker, according to media reports, pledged not to use his new powers and to delegate certain powers to council and the CAO.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?

Scugog	clerk@scugog.ca	O	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion	4/21/2025	Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion
Seguin	info@seguin.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	Township-of-Seguin-Resolution-No.-2025-099.pdf
Severn	info@severn.ca	O	The Township of Severn is deeply concerned about the centralization of power, erosion of local democracy, reduced accountability, and the potential for the abuse of power.	5/25/2025	
Shelburne	clerk@shelburne.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/12/2025	2025 05 16 Town of Shelburne - Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers Town of Collingwood
Sioux Lookout	info@siouxlookout.ca	U			
Smiths Falls		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/15/2025	'No thanks': Smiths Falls council pushes back on Strong Mayor Powers - Hometown News
South Algonquin	info@southalgonquin.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	
		U			
South Bruce	clerk@southbruce.ca	U			
South Gate		O	Southgate Mayor Brian Milne has declined to exercise the strong mayor powers granted by the province, instead delegating them to Council and the CAO, emphasizing his commitment to collaborative governance. While Southgate Council has not formally opposed these powers, Milne's decision reflects a preference for traditional council-led oversight		strong-mayor-press-release-may-8.pdf
South Frontenac	admin@southfrontenac.net	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/14/2025	res# 25-513 https://www.frontenacnews.ca/frontenac-county-news/item/18007-north-and-south-frontenac-speak-against-strong-mayor-powers
South Huron	natashia@huronshores.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/25/2025	
Southgate	clerks@southgate.ca	U			
Southwest Middlesex	info@southwestmiddlesex.ca	U			
South-West Oxford	info@swox.org	U			
Springwater	clerk@springwater.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/8/2025	Springwater councillors butt heads over strong mayor powers - Barrie News
St. Catharines	emcginty@stcatharines.ca	O	Mayor Mat Siscoe's and his council colleagues have voiced concerns about how strong-mayor powers could be wielded, but he praised the way the budget process played out under the new legislation.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?

St. Clair	clerk@stclairtownship.ca	O	Deputy Mayor Steve Miller expressed strong opposition to these powers, describing them as "very undemocratic" and likening them to a "borderline dictatorship." He questioned the purpose of council if the mayor could unilaterally make significant decisions. Mayor Jeff Agar responded by assuring that he would not misuse these powers, stating, "You have a mayor that's not going to boss anybody around."		
St. Mary's		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/29/2025	Resolution
St. Thomas	clerk@stthomas.ca	O	Mayor Joe Preston has expressed reluctance to use these powers, emphasizing a collaborative approach with the city council. He stated, "I certainly would never hope to use the strong mayor powers," highlighting the effectiveness of the current council in achieving city goals without the need for additional authority.	5/29/2025	Stand Up For Decency Rally in St. Thomas is about 'rejecting extremism in any form' – Ian's City Scope
Stone Mills	clerk@stonemills.com	U			
Stratford	mfranken@stratford.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	Resolution R2025-174
Strathroy-Caradoc	clerk@strathroy-caradoc.ca	U			
Strong Township		O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/26/2025	Strong Township talks strong mayors Spare News pentictonherald.ca
Tay	clerk@tay.ca	U			
Tay Valley Township	clerk@tayvalleytwp.ca	U			
Tecumseh	admin.council@tecumseh.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	4/25/2025	Motion: RCM -114/25
Temagami	projects@Temagami.ca	U	Has not passed a formal motion regarding the implementation or rejection of the Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025	
Temiskaming Shores	contact@temiskamingshores.ca	U			
The Archipelago	info@thearchipelago.on.ca	U	The Archipelago Council has not made a formal decision regarding the Strong Mayors legislation	5/27/2025	
The Blue Mountains	townclerk@thebluemountains.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/22/2025	
The Nation	clerk@nationmun.ca	U			
Thessalon	debbie@thessalon.ca	U			
		U			
Thorold	clerk@thorold.ca	U			
Thunder Bay		U			
Thunder Bay		O	Mayor Ken Boshcoff requested the province grant him strong-mayor powers even though his colleagues around the council table didn't support the move, according to media reports.	2023	How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Tillsonburg		O	Asked Ford to pause	4/16/2025	Tillsonburg asks for pause on strong mayor powers
Tillsonburg		U			

Timmins	clerks@timmins.ca	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/1/2025	In the wrong hands, strong mayor powers 'can be abused', says Northern leader - TimminsToday.com
Toronto		O	Mayor Olivia Chow, who replaced John Tory in June 2023 following his departure amid scandal, called strong-mayor powers granted to Toronto in 2022, “unfair” and “not democratic” and vowed not to “override the power of council.”	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Trent Hills	info@trenthills.ca	U			
Uxbridge	clerk@uxbridge.ca	U			
Vaughan	Clerks@vaughan.ca	I	Mayor Steven Del Duca, former leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, welcomed the news that Ford, who bested him in the 2022 provincial election, was granting the city strong-mayor powers.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Wasaga Beach		U			
Waterloo		O	Mayor Dorothy McCabe echoed what many other mayors said about being unable to “foresee a situation where I would need to use those powers.”	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Welland	clerk@welland.ca	I	Mayor Frank Campion used his strong-mayor powers to appoint a new CAO. He later faced concerns from some council members about his budget veto powers.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
West Grey	info@westgrey.com	O	Formally requested that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing immediately remove them from the list of municipalities that was granted strong mayor powers.	5/7/2025	West Grey Mayor Opposes New ‘Strong Mayor’ Powers Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre
West Lincoln	clerk@westlincoln.ca	I	Mayor Cheryl Ganann supports thoughtful use of the powers with council collaboration. Governance updates are underway.	2025	
West Nipissing	info@westnipissing.ca	I	Kathleen Thorne Rochon, West Nipissing’s mayor, told BayToday, “It’s a complex issue. I think there are some things in there that a mayor can use to help expedite the priorities of council. But there is a lot of room there for it not to be used well.” She continued, “When you have mayors that don’t believe as staunchly in the democratic process as I do, there is definitely an opportunity for abuse.”	4/11/2025	Strong mayor powers coming to West Nipissing, mayor expresses caution - North Bay News
West Perth	clerk@westperth.com	U			
Whitby		U	Mayor Elizabeth Roy said pledged to be “cautious and respectful when it comes to these new powers,” saying she is committed to consensus building. She refused to use her strong-mayor powers to end a workers’ strike at the town in November 2023.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Whitchurch-Stouffville		U	Mayor Iain Lovatt’s first move with his strong-mayor powers was to delegate some of them to the CAO and council.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Whitewater Region	cmiller@whitewaterregion.ca	U			
Wilmot	clerk@wilmot.ca	U			
Windsor	clerks@citywindsor.ca	I	Mayor Drew Dilkens used his new powers to axe two senior bureaucrats as part of a restructuring at the city in November 2023.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?

Woodstock		O	Mayor Jerry Acchione’s council colleagues, according to media reports, passed a motion in October 2023 stating they don’t support the use of strong-mayor powers and they want the mayor to publicly outline how he plans to use them.	2023	How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?
Woolwich	clerks@woolwich.ca	U			

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Councillor Bastard and South Burgess

Rideau Lakes

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From: Karlee Britton <KBritton@mckellar.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 3:36 PM
To: Premier@ontario.ca; Smith, Graydon
Cc: King, James
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education
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Dear Premier Ford and MPP Smith,

On behalf of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA), I am forwarding the attached resolution, which was carried at the Spring 2025 meeting held on May 23, 2025 in the Municipality of Callander.

This resolution calls on the Province of Ontario to provide Municipalities, particularly small and rural communities, with improved access to free, timely information, training, and transparency related to Codes of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner investigations. As the demands on Municipal councils continue to grow, it is critical that all members, especially newly elected officials, are equipped with the tools and guidance necessary to uphold the integrity of our democratic institutions.

We respectfully request your attention to this matter and your support in ensuring Municipal councils across Ontario are empowered to serve their communities effectively and responsibly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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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

**Resolution of Council
City Council Meeting**

Title: Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025
Date: May 20, 2025

WHEREAS:

1. A municipality's parks and open spaces are critical infrastructure that support a strong community, and the public's shared and safe use of the municipality's parks and open spaces is integral to ensuring that support.
2. Ontario's municipalities are struggling to maintain their parks and open spaces for their shared and safe use by the public as a result of the increasing proliferation of encampments and illicit activities related thereto.
3. Municipalities that enforce their standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in their parks and open spaces must have regard to the availability of shelter space for those who need shelter.
4. On January 27, 2023, Justice Valente of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice rendered his judgment in *Waterloo (Regional Municipality) v. Persons Unknown and to be Ascertained (2023)*, [2023] O.J. No. 417 (Waterloo Decision) which declared that the municipality's by-law violated section 7 of the Charter and was therefore inoperative insofar as it applied to prevent encampment residents from erecting temporary shelters on a site when the number of homeless individuals in the region exceeded the number of accessible shelter beds.
5. The Waterloo Decision's analysis of the adequacy of shelter beds suggests an unworkable and unclear standard that goes beyond the number of shelter spaces and that includes the requirement to provide shelter spaces that must accommodate illicit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk. The result is that municipalities are impaired in their enforcement of their standards and have lost or are losing control of their parks and open spaces.
6. On December 12, 2024, the provincial government introduced Bill 242, Safer Municipalities Act, 2024. Among its various initiatives, Bill 242 proposed to amend section 2 of the Trespass to Property Act by adding aggravating factors that must be considered in the court's determination of a penalty under that section. However, the key challenge was that a municipality's exercise of its rights at common law and under section 9 of the Trespass to Property Act to remove encampments from the municipality's parks and open spaces remained potentially subject to the unworkable and unclear standard for the adequacy of shelter space suggested by the Waterloo Decision.
7. On January 13, 2025, Council of the City of Peterborough resolved to request the provincial government to amend Bill 242 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
8. Bill 242 died on the order paper as a result of the recent provincial election.
9. On April 30, 2025, the provincial Government re-introduced the legislation in the form of Bill 6, Safer Municipalities Act, 2025. Bill 6 is substantively the same as Bill 242.
10. In these circumstances, municipalities continue to need provincial legislation that clearly defines a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved:

1. That the provincial government be respectfully requested to amend Bill 6 to clearly define a workable standard for shelter space for the purposes of a municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
2. That, without limitation, Bill 6 provide that a municipality will have met the standard for shelter space for the purposes of the municipality's jurisdiction to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces:
 - a) despite the establishment and enforcement of shelter rules including rules that prohibit drug use and other activities that could put shelter residents, workers and volunteers at risk; and
 - b) if an official designated by the municipality is satisfied that the number of available shelter spaces is at least equal to the aggregate of the number of individuals actually seeking shelter and the number of individuals against whom the municipality is planning to enforce its standards regulating or prohibiting encampments in its parks and open spaces.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - a) Peterborough - Kawartha MPP Dave Smith;
 - b) Honourable Doug Ford, Premier;
 - c) Honourable Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - d) Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General;
 - e) Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and to
 - f) Councils of each of Ontario's municipalities.

The above resolution, adopted by City Council is forwarded for your information and action, as required. Thank you.

John Kennedy

John Kennedy, City Clerk