

## Town Clerks

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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	<a href="mailto:clerk@adjtos.ca">clerk@adjtos.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:Clerks@ajax.ca">Clerks@ajax.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Amherstburg	<a href="mailto:vpaller@amherstburg.ca">vpaller@amherstburg.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Resolution# 20250414-011</a>
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	<a href="#">Arran-Elderslie Council Opposes Strong Mayor Powers - Municipality of Arran-Elderslie</a>
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh	<a href="mailto:clerk@acwtownship.ca">clerk@acwtownship.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:athens@myhighspeed.ca">athens@myhighspeed.ca</a>	U	Unknown		
Atikokan	<a href="mailto:townclerk@townofaurora.com">townclerk@townofaurora.com</a>	U	Unknown		
Aurora	<a href="mailto:townclerk@aurora.ca">townclerk@aurora.ca</a>	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers and used with controversy.		<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Aylmer	<a href="mailto:Mmelucci@town.aylmer.on.ca">Mmelucci@town.aylmer.on.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Black River-Matheson	<a href="mailto:cchild@twpbrm.ca">cchild@twpbrm.ca</a>	U	Unknown		
Blind River	<a href="mailto:katie.scott@blindriver.ca">katie.scott@blindriver.ca</a>	I	Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2023		

Bluewater	<a href="mailto:clerk@municipalityofbluewater.ca">clerk@municipalityofbluewater.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">20250422-CS-LTR-Resoution-Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers Expansion.pdf</a>
Bracebridge	<a href="mailto:lmcdonald@bracebridge.ca">lmcdonald@bracebridge.ca</a>	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	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/townbracebridge/posts/pfbid0qhR3jgAJ1fEpriLtS7xoja2M8Ny9jqfK9XBqsa54ivz2vcMAdk7MYwv6H96ELiv8l">https://www.facebook.com/townbracebridge/posts/pfbid0qhR3jgAJ1fEpriLtS7xoja2M8Ny9jqfK9XBqsa54ivz2vcMAdk7MYwv6H96ELiv8l</a>
Bradford West Gwillimbury	<a href="mailto:treyolds@townofbwg.com">treyolds@townofbwg.com</a>	I	Mayor James Leduc has utilized these powers to make changes to council committees, leading to controversy and accusations of authoritarian leadership.	2023	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Brampton	<a href="mailto:candiced@brighton.ca">candiced@brighton.ca</a>	I	Mayor Patrick Brown has actively utilized these powers, including hiring a new director of bylaw enforcement.	2023	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Brantford	<a href="mailto:info@brockton.ca">info@brockton.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Brighton	<a href="mailto:candiced@brighton.ca">candiced@brighton.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Brighton council formally opposes strong mayor powers, creates information hub for homeless information services   Quinte News</a>
Brock	<a href="mailto:fernando.lamanna@brock.ca">fernando.lamanna@brock.ca</a>	O	<b>Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion</b>	4/21/2025	<a href="#">Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion</a>
Brockton	<a href="mailto:info@brockton.ca">info@brockton.ca</a>	U	Unknown		
Brockville	<a href="mailto:searl@brockville.com">searl@brockville.com</a>	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	<a href="#">'Is democracy dying in Caledon?': Residents outraged as Mayor Annette Groves rushes through questionable development plans, cuts them out of the process   The Pointer</a>
Cambridge		O	Mayor Jan Liggett has expressed that she does not intend to use these powers, favoring collaborative decision-making with the council.	2023	<a href="#">Local Mayors Push Back Against Province's Strong Mayor Power Expansion</a>
Carleton Place		U	Unknown		
Central Elgin	<a href="mailto:deleitch@centralelgin.org">deleitch@centralelgin.org</a>	U	Council has not formally taken any stance with the Strong Mayor Powers.		
Central Frontenac	<a href="mailto:cdeachman@centralfrontenac.com">cdeachman@centralfrontenac.com</a>	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	<a href="#">Frontenac News - Strong Mayor Reveals Rift Between CF Mayor Smith &amp; Council</a>
Central Huron	<a href="mailto:clerk@centralhuron.com">clerk@centralhuron.com</a>	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	<a href="#">eScribe Agenda Package</a>

Central Manitoulin	<a href="mailto:ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca">ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:info@centrewellington.ca">info@centrewellington.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:karla.barton@champlain.ca">karla.barton@champlain.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca">ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Clarence-Rockland	<a href="mailto:administration@clarence-rockland.com">administration@clarence-rockland.com</a>	U	Has not passed a formal motion regarding the implementation or rejection of the Strong Mayor Powers	5/26/2025	
Clarington	<a href="mailto:town@cobalt.ca">town@cobalt.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Clearview	<a href="mailto:ecoleman@clearview.caemail">ecoleman@clearview.caemail</a>	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	<a href="#">Province extends strong mayor powers – The Creemore Echo</a>
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	<a href="#">news-release-mayor-measures-speaks-strong-mayor-powers</a>
Cobalt	<a href="mailto:townhall@cochraneontario.com">townhall@cochraneontario.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:clerk@collingwood.ca">clerk@collingwood.ca</a>	U	Cobourg Mayor Misses Out on Strong Mayors Meeting	4/30/2025	<a href="#">Cobourg Mayor Misses Out on Strong Mayors Meeting - Today's Northumberland - Your Source For What's Happening Locally and Beyond</a>
Cochrane	<a href="mailto:townhall@cochraneontario.com">townhall@cochraneontario.com</a>	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	<a href="#">Debate on strong mayor powers delayed in Cochrane - TimminsToday.com</a>

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	<a href="#">Council - Committee of the Whole - April 14, 2025</a>
Cornwall	<a href="mailto:info@dysartetal.ca">info@dysartetal.ca</a>	O	Cornwall councillors vehemently oppose using strong mayor powers	4/30/2025	<a href="#">Cornwall councillors vehemently oppose using strong mayor powers   Cornwall Standard-Freeholder</a>
Deep River	<a href="mailto:townmail@deepriver.ca">townmail@deepriver.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Res# 2025 128</a>
Dryden	<a href="mailto:info@dysartetal.ca">info@dysartetal.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Harrison doesn’t think he’ll use Strong Mayor powers   CKDR</a>
East Gwillimbury	<a href="mailto:clerks@eastgwillimbury.ca">clerks@eastgwillimbury.ca</a>	I	<b>Accepted the Strong Mayor Powers in 2023</b>	2023	
East Zorra-Tavistock	<a href="mailto:clerk@ezt.ca">clerk@ezt.ca</a>	U	Unknown		
Elizabethtown-Kitley	<a href="mailto:mail@ektwp.ca">mail@ektwp.ca</a>	U	Unknown		
Elliot Lake	<a href="mailto:info@englehart.c">info@englehart.c</a>	U	Unknown		
Englehart	<a href="mailto:mrobinson@englehart.ca">mrobinson@englehart.ca</a>	U			
Espanola	<a href="mailto:jburke@espanola.ca">jburke@espanola.ca</a>	U			
Essex	<a href="mailto:jmalandrucolo@essex.ca">jmalandrucolo@essex.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:ACarter@forterie.ca">ACarter@forterie.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Redekop not interested in using new provincial ‘strong mayor powers’ – Fort Erie Radio</a>
Fort Frances	<a href="mailto:cgreig@fortfrances.ca">cgreig@fortfrances.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">"Potential to weaken democracy': Mayor conflicted about greater powers - NWONewsWatch.com</a>
French River	<a href="mailto:clerk@frenchriver.ca">clerk@frenchriver.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Sudbury news: French River wants to opt out of strong mayor powers, calls them 'authoritarian'</a>
Gananoque	<a href="mailto:clerk@gananoque.ca">clerk@gananoque.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Gananoque Council Seeks to Opt Out of Strong Mayor Powers Expansion   GananoqueNow.ca</a>
Georgian Bay	<a href="mailto:rdillabough@georgina.ca">rdillabough@georgina.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Georgian Bluffs Joins Chorus Of Municipalities Opposing Strong Mayor Powers   Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre</a>
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	<a href="#">Town of Goderich</a>
Gore Bay	hschlange@gorebay.ca	O	Gore Bay mayor does not intend to use 'strong mayors powers'	4/23/2025	<a href="#">Gore Bay mayor does not intend to use 'strong mayors powers'   The Manitoulin Expositor</a>
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	<a href="#">04-23-25 - Support for Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers.pdf</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Strong mayor powers worth considering: Greenstone mayor - SNNewsWatch.com</a>
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	<a href="#">Grey Highlands Asks To Opt Out Of Strong Mayor Powers   Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Local politicians divided on Bentley's strong mayor powers   The Haldimand Press</a>
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	<a href="#">filestream.ashx</a>
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	<a href="#">Spadafora got more than he asked for, as Council nixes Strong Mayor powers 13-0 – bayobserver.ca Hamilton, Burlington and GTA</a>

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.”		<a href="#">Strong mayor   The Times</a>
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...”		<a href="#">Strong mayor powers given to Hastings Highlands   Bancroft this Week</a>
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	<a href="#">Hawkesbury mayor delegates “strong mayor” authority - The Review Newspaper</a>
Hearst	<a href="mailto:mclosier@hearst.ca">mclosier@hearst.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:clerk@huroneast.com">clerk@huroneast.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:natashia@huronshores.ca">natashia@huronshores.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:jwhite@huronkinloss.com">jwhite@huronkinloss.com</a>	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	<a href="#">statement-from-the-mayor_april-2025.pdf</a>
Innisfil	<a href="mailto:pthoma@innisfil.ca">pthoma@innisfil.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Iroquois Falls	<a href="mailto:mreeder@iroquoisfalls.com">mreeder@iroquoisfalls.com</a>	U			
Kapuskasing	<a href="mailto:chantal.guillemette@kapuskasing.ca">chantal.guillemette@kapuskasing.ca</a>	U			
Kawartha Lakes	<a href="mailto:critchie@kawarthalakes.ca">critchie@kawarthalakes.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Kenora	<a href="mailto:hpihulak@kenora.ca">hpihulak@kenora.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Kingston City Council takes stance against 'strong mayor powers'</a>
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	<a href="#">Kirkland Lake Mayor Wight opposes use of 'strong powers'   Northern News</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Mayor's Message: Strong Mayor Powers - Municipality of Lakeshore</a>
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	<a href="#">Overwhelming majority of county council opposes Strong Mayors Bill</a>
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	<a href="#">LaSalle mayor joins opposition against strong mayor powers</a>
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	<a href="#">These politicians strongly oppose Ontario's strong mayor powers for Essex County</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Mapleton council opposes strong mayor powers</a>
Markham		I	Mayor Frank Scarpitti has been quiet on the issue since being granted strong-mayor powers in July 2023.	2023	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="mailto:clerk@meaford.ca">clerk@meaford.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Meaford Opposes Strong Mayor Powers   Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre</a>
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.		<a href="#">Midland mayor takes stand after being granted strong mayor powers – CTVNews</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Minto votes to delegate Strong Mayor Powers back to council and staff</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Statement from the Mayor - Strong Mayor Powers - Town of New Tecumseth</a>
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	<a href="#">4 Ontario municipalities turn down strong mayor powers   CBC News</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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.		<a href="#">Norfolk to tell province it doesn't want strong mayor powers   Simcoe Reformer</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Resolution #139-25</a> <a href="#">Frontenac News - North and South Frontenac Speak Against Strong Mayor Powers</a>
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	<a href="#">North Glengarry Included on the List of Municipalities with Proposed Expanded Strong Mayor Powers   Township of North Glengarry</a>
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	<a href="#">Statement from Reeve Heffer Strong Mayor Powers - Township of North Huron</a>
North Middlesex	<a href="mailto:judyg@northmiddlesex.on.ca">judyg@northmiddlesex.on.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">NorthMiddlesex-Resolution-StrongMayor.pdf</a>
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	<a href="#">North Perth requests province undo strong mayor powers   Spare News   pentictonherald.ca</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Strong mayor   The Times</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Owen Sound To Ask Province To Rescind Strong Mayor Powers   Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre</a>
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	<a href="#">Mayor McGarvey Rejects Strong Mayor Powers</a>
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	<a href="#">MAYOR'S MESSAGE: Thanks, but no thanks - PelhamToday.ca</a>
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	<a href="#">Pembroke city council rejects strong mayor powers   Pembroke Observer</a>
Penetanguishene		O	'Democracy, openness, transparency, and accountability for decision making' removed, says Penetanguishene mayor on Ontario push for stronger mayor powers	4/10/2025	<a href="#">Penetanguishene News - Springwater News</a>
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	<a href="#">Perth Town Council Requests Removal from Strong Mayor Powers List   Town of Perth</a>
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	<a href="#">2025 04 29 Town of Petawawa - Strong Mayor Designation   Town of Collingwood</a>

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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="https://www.collingwood.ca/node/282820?utm_source=chatgpt.com">https://www.collingwood.ca/node/282820?utm_source=chatgpt.com</a>
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	<a href="#">County council opposes introduction of Strong Mayor powers   Quinte News</a>
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	<a href="#">Renfrew grudgingly accepts Strong Mayor Powers as information but rejects the implementation   The Regional</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">Saugeen Shores Mayor Opposed To Strong Mayor Powers   Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>

Scugog	clerk@scugog.ca	O	<b>Local Mayors Push Back Against Province’s Strong Mayor Power Expansion</b>	4/21/2025	<a href="#">Local Mayors Push Back Against Province’s Strong Mayor Power Expansion</a>
Seguin	<a href="mailto:info@seguin.ca">info@seguin.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Township-of-Seguin-Resolution-No.-2025-099.pdf</a>
Severn	<a href="mailto:info@severn.ca">info@severn.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:clerk@shelburne.ca">clerk@shelburne.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">2025 05 16 Town of Shelburne – Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers   Town of Collingwood</a>
Sioux Lookout	<a href="mailto:info@siouxlookout.ca">info@siouxlookout.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">‘No thanks’: Smiths Falls council pushes back on Strong Mayor Powers - Hometown News</a>
South Algonquin	<a href="mailto:info@southalgonquin.ca">info@southalgonquin.ca</a>	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	
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South Bruce	<a href="mailto:clerk@southbruce.ca">clerk@southbruce.ca</a>	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		<a href="#">strong-mayor-press-release-may-8.pdf</a>
South Frontenac	<a href="mailto:admin@southfrontenac.net">admin@southfrontenac.net</a>	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 <a href="https://www.frontenacnews.ca/frontenac-county-news/item/18007-north-and-south-frontenac-speak-against-strong-mayor-powers">https://www.frontenacnews.ca/frontenac-county-news/item/18007-north-and-south-frontenac-speak-against-strong-mayor-powers</a>
South Huron	<a href="mailto:natashia@huronshores.ca">natashia@huronshores.ca</a>	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	<a href="mailto:clerks@southgate.ca">clerks@southgate.ca</a>	U			
Southwest Middlesex	<a href="mailto:info@southwestmiddlesex.ca">info@southwestmiddlesex.ca</a>	U			
South-West Oxford	<a href="mailto:info@swox.org">info@swox.org</a>	U			
Springwater	<a href="mailto:clerk@springwater.ca">clerk@springwater.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Springwater councillors butt heads over strong mayor powers - Barrie News</a>
St. Catharines	<a href="mailto:emcginty@stcatharines.ca">emcginty@stcatharines.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>

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	<a href="#">Stand Up For Decency Rally in St. Thomas is about 'rejecting extremism in any form' – Ian's City Scope</a>
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	<a href="#">Strong Township talks strong mayors   Spare News   pentictionherald.ca</a>
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			
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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	<a href="#">How are Ontario's strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Tillsonburg		O	Asked Ford to pause	4/16/2025	<a href="#">Tillsonburg asks for pause on strong mayor powers</a>
Tillsonburg		U			

Timmins	<a href="mailto:clerks@timmins.ca">clerks@timmins.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">In the wrong hands, strong mayor powers 'can be abused', says Northern leader - TimminsToday.com</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Trent Hills	<a href="mailto:info@trenthills.ca">info@trenthills.ca</a>	U			
Uxbridge	<a href="mailto:clerk@uxbridge.ca">clerk@uxbridge.ca</a>	U			
Vaughan	<a href="mailto:Clerks@vaughan.ca">Clerks@vaughan.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Welland	<a href="mailto:clerk@welland.ca">clerk@welland.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
West Grey	<a href="mailto:info@westgrey.com">info@westgrey.com</a>	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	<a href="#">West Grey Mayor Opposes New ‘Strong Mayor’ Powers   Bayshore Broadcasting News Centre</a>
West Lincoln	<a href="mailto:clerk@westlincoln.ca">clerk@westlincoln.ca</a>	I	Mayor Cheryl Ganann supports thoughtful use of the powers with council collaboration. Governance updates are underway.	2025	
West Nipissing	<a href="mailto:info@westnipissing.ca">info@westnipissing.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">Strong mayor powers coming to West Nipissing, mayor expresses caution - North Bay News</a>
West Perth	<a href="mailto:clerk@westperth.com">clerk@westperth.com</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>
Whitewater Region	<a href="mailto:cmiller@whitewaterregion.ca">cmiller@whitewaterregion.ca</a>	U			
Wilmot	<a href="mailto:clerk@wilmot.ca">clerk@wilmot.ca</a>	U			
Windsor	<a href="mailto:clerks@citywindsor.ca">clerks@citywindsor.ca</a>	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	<a href="#">How are Ontario’s strong mayors flexing their new powers?</a>



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?
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