

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Council Chamber, Town Hall

#### LINKS TO LIVESTREAM:

Facebook Live: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/townofsmithsfalls/">https://www.facebook.com/townofsmithsfalls/</a>

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Chairperson: Councillor J Miller

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

On September 8, 2025 we acknowledge that this sacred land on which Smiths Falls is now located has been a site of human activity for over 10,000 years and is rich in Indigenous history. This land is the ancestral and unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Nation. We are grateful to the Algonquin ancestors who cared for the land and water in order that we might meet here today. We are also grateful to the Algonquin People for their contribution in the making of the Rideau Canal which runs thru Smiths Falls. We are mindful of broken covenants and the need to reconcile with all our relations. Together, may we care for this land and each other, drawing on the strength of our mutual history of nation building through peace and friendship being mindful of generations to come.

**Pages** 

#### 1. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

#### 2. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at ----PM

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Motion:

THAT the September 8, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Agenda be approved as circulated.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

5.	APPR	OVAL OF MINUTES	
	Recon	nmended Motion:	
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		Recommended Motion: THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls, as provided in Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended move into a closed meeting at XXXX p.m. to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual.	
		Recommended Motion: THAT Council revert back into open session at XXXX p.m.	
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NOTICE OF MOTIONS

13.

August 11, 2025 Resolution from West Lincoln

ACTION: For Council's review and direction.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Recommended Motion:

THAT the Committee adjourn its proceedings XXXX p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.

**Neighbourhood Climate Concierge** 

### Feeling overwhelmed by **Energy Costs?**

#### YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A **FREE HEAT PUMP**

Lower your bills. Improve your home. Help the climate.



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We're a local non-profit based in Lanark County & Smiths Falls. We don't sell anything—we're just here to help you navigate the many funding programs, connect you with local resources, and explore your options.



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WITH GRATITUDE TO



Supporting Climate Action at Home

# Neighbourhood Climate



Concierge
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## Climate Network Lanark

- A local non-profit supporting grassroots climate action to address the climate crisis
- Connecting residents to resources, funding, and expert help to reduce emissions
- Working alongside Lanark County, municipalities, and local partners

CNL's goal: halve greenhouse gas emissions county-wide to help prevent catastrophic climate change

## A Community-Based Home Retrofit Support Program

- Supports homeowners & tenants through the retrofit journey
- Covers energy audits, heat pumps, insulation, solar, and more
- Builds community connection, confidence & action
- Low-time commitment: just 2 hours/month over six months (12 hours total) with expert support

## Sessions

- 1. Funding & Financing + Carbon Emissions
  Bob Argue (Eco Perth, Perth's Climate Lens, NRCan's Keeping the Heat In)
- 2. Energy Assessments: What to expect and how to get started Stephen Mangeron (Homesol's Ottawa Manager)
- 3. Insulation & Air Sealing: How to retrofit your home efficiently Andy Cockburn (NAIMA Canada, Algonquin Perth Campus Professor)
- 4. Heat Pumps: How they work and whether they're right for your home Tom Duglosz (Owner of Comfort Pro Ltd. a Carleton Place business)
- 5. House Resiliency and Emergency Preparedness: How to prepare for power outages, extreme weather, etc. Paul Zammit (local author of *Fragile Shelters*)
- 6. Solar Panels & Photovoltaics: Understanding the benefits and options Marie Sobrepeña (Regional Manager of My Solar Group, Ltd.)

## Impact & Growth

- Pilot success led to multi-year funding
- 400 homeowners targeted over 2 years
- Funding secured from:
- Peter Gilgan Foundation
- Lanark County's Better Homes Program
- NAIMA & Building Decarbonization
   Alliance (in-kind)

## Ready to Go, Right Here.

A Perfect Fit for Local Momentum

- A growing list of interested residents
- Ready to launch a Concierge group locally
- Need just a few more sign-ups to begin
- Residents may be eligible for multiple rebates and grant programs

## What Financial Support Is Available?

- FREE upgrades for eligible households: heat pumps, insulation, appliances, etc.
- Grants for insulation, solar, heat pumps—
   and more
- •0% or low-interest loans to help cover the rest
- •We help stack and navigate all available rebates, grants, and loans—making it easier to get maximum value

- Energy Affordability Program
  - Better Homes Lanark

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- Canada Greener Homes Loan
  - Home Renovation Savings
     Program

• + MORE!

## Support Climate Action at the Community Level

- Help us spread the word flyers, social posts, word-ofmouth
- Connect us with residents or community groups
- Consider inviting CNL to future outreach or events



## Let's Make Retrofits More Accessible!

Let's make this an energy-rich, climate-resilient community—

together.

- Community-based, expert-led retrofit support
- Open to all residents of Lanark County and Smiths Falls
- Join us in reducing barriers and making climate action a community effort
- Visit: www.climatenetworklanark.ca/climate-concierge



## "This program got us in the room with experts."

"The community feeling... was absolutely invaluable!" (Bria, Perth)

"Without a neutral third party, we're stuck with contractors and hours of research." (Michael, Almonte)

"I've reduced my climate anxiety and my emissions." (Janice, Virtual)



To: Mayor and Council

From: Marie Elmsley, Planning Clerk

Date: September 4, 2025.

Committee of the Whole Date: September 8, 2025.

#### Report # 2025-089

For Direction

⊠For Information

⊠Attachment 3 pages

Title: Heritage Alteration Permit Application –Abel Russell Ward House

Recommendation: THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passes a resolution under Section 33(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act authorizing alterations to the following attributes identified in By-law 10390-2022 pertaining to the Abel Russell Ward House at 57 Chambers Street; subject to the following conditions:

Front porch round columns to be replaced with square wooden columns as in Figure 6 of Report # 2025-089.

Side and Rear round columns to be replaced replace with fiberglass square columns as in Figure 10 of Report # 2025-089.

#### Decking on back porch to be repaired using wood.

**Purpose:** To present to Council proposed alterations to the exterior character-defining elements identified in the property's Designation By-law, in order to allow for repairs to the porches.

#### **Background:**

On June 27, 2025, staff received a report that the front porch columns had been removed from this heritage designated property, and that the owner was in the process of replacing them. Staff visited the property and found that the front porch columns and the decorative fencing on the porch had been removed. Staff advised the owner to stop the work and secure all materials that had been removed until proper approval was received from Town Council. The owner readily complied.

The *Ontario Heritage Act* stipulates that before alterations can be made to the heritage attributes identified in the By-law of a designated heritage property, permission must be received from Town Council. According to the *Act*, the application should include photographs that depict the existing conditions affected by the application, reasons for the alterations, any technical cultural heritage studies that are relevant to the proposed alterations,. 57 Chambers Street was officially designated by By-law 10390-2022 with the applicable section attached to this report as Appendix "A". The heritage attributes identified in the By-law affected by the alterations in the application are the columns on the porches. The Act also specifies that if there is an appointed



Figure 1 - Photo from Smiths Falls By-law 10390-2022, Abel Russell Ward House

Municipal Heritage Committee, that the application must first be reviewed by that committee and a recommendation forwarded to Council. The property owner was made aware of this process on July 4th, and an application was received.

#### **Analysis and Options:**

The front porch columns, which were tapered and measured approximately twelve inches in diameter at the base, and ten inches at the top, and decorative fencing have been removed, and new columns have been erected in their place. The work is on hold pending a review of the application.





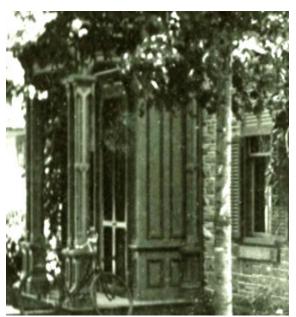


Figure 2 - rotted column base

Figure 3- rotted column at top

Figure 4- photo of concrete and column bases

The owner has advised that the columns on the other porches are also failing, and he would like to replace them with columns of the same design but made of fibreglass material. The south porch railings are also failing but they will not be repaired or replaced at this time. The owner has advised that on the front porch he has replaced the rounded columns with new columns that he believes look closer to what the original porch looked like. The owner has advised that the concrete on the front porch had deteriorated to the point where it could not safely support the columns, and that the columns were found







using Douglas Fir lumber from Peterborough.



Figure 7-columns the owner has installed using Douglas Fir lumber from Peterborough.

to be rotted in places as shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4. It is not known when the round columns were first installed but the owner believes it to be in the 1970"s when pressure treated wood became readily available for use in residential construction. There is a building permit on file from 2009 that indicates "Repair to porches to original historical design". The round columns were not of the original design according to the photo from Heritage House Museum supplied with the application, so the file may have been mislabelled.

The owner visited the Heritage House Museum and obtained photos of 57 Chambers Street that appears to be over one hundred years old. In the photo shown of *Figure 5*, the front porch is of a different configuration than the photo that appears in By-law 10390-2022 as shown in *Figure 1*. This photo in *Figure 5* appears to be a better representation of what is described in the By-law under Property Description which reads "a wooden boardwalk led from the street to the wooden porch, which had square posts on the corners and a projecting vestibule, extending about three feet onto the porch. The posts were carved along the edges, and the section separations had a circular design." The owner has modelled the columns he has installed to more closely reflect the appearance of the columns in *Figure 5*. The square columns appear to predate the round columns that were installed at some other point in time, even though they are described in the current By-law.

The material used is Douglas Fir lumber which the owner says was historically used for exterior work including windows, etc., and the new columns measure 5 ' 7/8 ". The owner proposes to paint the new columns a darker colour that he will also use to paint the soffit and fascia so that everything matches. The new columns are coated in oil to help preserve them. The posts are anchored on Simpson Strong Tie ABA66RZ Galvanized Post Bases to avoid the wood coming into direct contact with the concrete porch and isolate the wood from wicking pooling water. As well, the post skirting is also slightly elevated avoid direct contact with the concrete, but cover/hide to the post

Prior to the submission of the finalized heritage alteration application and supporting material, the owner pre-consulted on August 8<sup>th</sup> with staff, MHC Chair, and Council Representative Chris McGuire. After an in-depth discussion on the property and the changes that have occurred over time, it was agreed that using the square columns on all porches would be an appropriate alteration and in keeping with the earliest designs used on the property.





Figure 9 East side porch columns failing

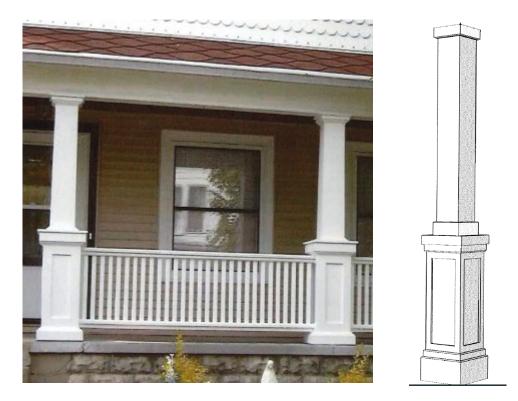


Figure 10- example of columns to be used on east and south porches

On August 26, 2025, the Municipal Heritage Committee met to review the application as required in the *Ontario Heritage Act*, Section 33 (6). The discussion focused on the owner's attention to the history of the property and his efforts to restore the columns on the porches to more closely reflect their original look, and they commended his efforts. They agreed to recommend that Council approve the application and passed the following motion:

#### Motion # MHC-25-02

"THAT the Municipal Heritage Committee has reviewed the Heritage Alteration Permit application received from the owner of Abel Russell Ward House to replace the columns on all three porches and the decking on the back, AND THAT the Municipal Heritage Committee recommend that Council approve the changes outlined in the application to replace round columns with square columns to maintain a consistent look and heritage period on the property, AND THAT the front porch column material is Douglas Fir wood, and the side and rear column material is fiberglass with the decking on the back porch being repaired using wood".

Moved by: J. Lee, Seconded by: J. Davis, Carried: (4-0)

#### **OPTION 1 (Recommended):**

Approve the application as outlined in the recommendation noting that the By-law may need to be amended, and as follows:

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#### **OPTION 2**

Council could approve some, but not all the changes outlined in the application.

#### **OPTION 3**

Council could deny the application or make alternative recommendations.

Section 33 of the Ontario Heritage Act (Alteration of Property) constitutes "applicable law" under the Ontario Building Code, which means that Council's authorization of the alteration in accordance with the Act is necessary prior to the issuance of a building permit relating to that alteration. If the alterations are not supported by Council, the property owner would be obligated to use round columns on all porches and that their building plans ensure the identified features are not impacted.

Notice of Council's decision shall be communicated to the applicant and the Ontario Heritage Trust in accordance with the Act.

Budget/Financial Implications: None

Link to Strategic Plan: Vision #6 "Preserving and enhancing our heritage buildings and services."

#### **Existing Policy:**

- The Ontario Heritage Act, Section 33"Alteration of a property" and Ontario Regulation 385/21
- Smiths Falls By-law 10390-2022
- Ontario Eight Guiding Principles in the conservation of built heritage properties
- Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada

**Consultations:** Manager of Development Services, Smiths Falls Fire Chief (Property Standards), Property Owner of Abel Russell Ward House, MHC Chair and Council Representative C. McGuire, **MHC** 

Section 1.4 of By-law 10390-2022 Attachments:

Respectfully Submitted by: Original Signed by: Marie Elmsley, Planning Clerk

Reviewed by: Original Signed by: Karl Grenke, RPP, MCIP

Manager of Development Services

Approved for agenda by CAO:

Original Signed by: Malcolm Morris, CMO

#### APPENDIX "A" - Abel Russell Ward House - By-law 10390-2022

#### 1.4 ABEL RUSSELL WARD HOUSE

#### **AUTHORIZATION**

That Bylaw 4845-1983 be amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:

BUILDING PROPERTY NAME:	Abel Russell Ward House
ADDRESS:	57 Chambers St E
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Abel Russell Ward
PRESENT OWNER:	Arnold Gough
DATE BUILT:	Ca. 1830
ARCHITECT/CONTRACTOR:	Unknown
ORIGINAL USE:	Residential
PRESENT USE:	Residential
DESIGNATION:	Part IV of the OHA, Bylaw No. 4845-1983



#### **PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

This property is significant due its architectural and historical interest, having been built in the early 1830s for Abel Ward, one of the founders of Smiths Falls. Beyond its simple, solid, classic 'stone box' first glance, the abundant detailing is quite whimsical. The two-and-a-half-storey, Neo-Classical house is constructed of natural cut brown sandstone, with three columned porches, two of which have upper wooden railings. The building has decorated brick chimneys and three bay windows containing some stained glass and is surrounded by an ornamental iron fence. There have been significant modifications made to the interior, including its conversion into multiple apartments. The description does not include the interiors.

There have been many modifications to this house. Multi-sectioned shutters once covered the windows of this house on the outside. Extra windows were added on the west face, including the small window, distinguished by common stone lintels rather than jack arches, and a larger window that does not appear in early photographs. The

main entranceway has been altered from when the house was first built, when a wooden boardwalk led from the street to the wooden porch, which had square posts on the corners and a projecting vestibule, extending about three feet onto the porch. The posts were carved along the edges and the section separations had a circular design.

The east side of the house was referred to as the servant's quarters, with a kitchen, laundry room and living quarters. This portion of the property has seen many changes, including a new porch, which was much smaller and simpler at one time, that had a low-pitched roof and decorated frieze. It was supported by square columns and steps from the south.

The Abel Russell Ward House was originally designated a heritage property by the Town of Smiths Falls for its historic and architectural value/interest, Bylaw 4844-83 on November 9, 1983.

#### STATEMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE

Location (Contextual Value): The centre-town location is significant as the former property and residence of one of Smiths Falls founding settlers and merchants. Documentation indicates Abel Ward purchased this property on May 2, 1831, and it is assumed the house was built shortly after 1834. The property remained in Ward's name until 1873. It was purchased by Charles Frost in 1881. Chambers Street is also home to three other stately properties, originally built and owned by immediate descendants of the Frost family, the founders of the Frost and Wood Company.

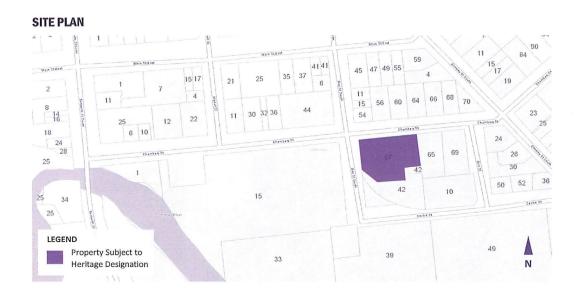
Architectural Detailing (Design/Physical Value): The stone used in this house is natural cut, brown sandstone, laid in an uncut broken course. The only portion of this house not built of stone is the brick woodshed at the south east corner of the house. Jack arch lintels over doors and windows are of the same colour sandstone. Lintels and lugsills are also the same type of stone with the lintels being natural cut and the lugsills being smooth and squared. The quoins are a lighter shade of brown and are of a smoother texture than the other stones. This delicate detailing was typical between the 1810s-1830s.

The front dormer has been changed throughout the years; where the dormer roof once extended to the main eave, it is now raised and decorated with a return cornice. The three windows in the dormer have common stone lintels. The lugsills extend continuously under the three windows, giving the appearance of being shared.

The front entranceway now has a single round column with a Corinthian capital at each corner. The west side of the house has been altered with two extra windows on the main section and an addition on the back. The addition roof is flat with bracket braces around the edges and where the top was once trimmed with cast iron railing, it is now left plain.

The south end is very asymmetrical with windows placed randomly and the bay window off-centre. The second-floor windows all have very prominent heavy, dark brown stone lintels. The lugsills are similar to the front but are a darker colour. The two small gable dormers on the back of the house have been added on at a much later date, to allow additional light into the third floor apartments.

On the east side, the south, three-bay window is made of the same rough stone as the house. The roof has a very low pitch and is hipped in design, covered with asphalt shingles. The lugsills under the three windows are extended and joined around the whole bay.



#### Report # 2025-091

Го: Mayor and Council	☐For Direction
From: Paul Dowber, Director Corporate Services/Treasurer	⊠For Information
Date: Sep 04, 2025	☐For Adoption
Committee of the Whole Date: Sep 08, 2025	⊠Attachment 3 pages

Title: July 2025 Budget Monitor

Recommendation: THAT Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls receive the July 2025 Budget Monitor report for information.

**Purpose:** To provide Council with update of the 2025 budget implementation as of July 31, 2025.

**Background:** The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a budget to actual review as at July 31, 2025. As this information is as of the first seven months of the fiscal year, the benchmark for analysis is set at 58% of net operating expenses.

Some variances are anticipated due to seasonal trends and timing of internal allocations. It is important to note that this report is prepared to provide a high-level analysis of the Town's financial position only. Not all month-end operating accruals are recognized and included for the purpose of this report, such as pro-rated revenues and recoveries, payroll, and uninvoiced contract expenditures. The report may also exclude cyclical or one-time accruals.

#### **Analysis and Options:**

Attached as Appendix A is a summary of operating results to the end of July 31<sup>st</sup> in a format that lines up with the budget summary and high-level key variances for each department.

#### **Budget/Financial Implications**

Staff will continue to monitor operating results through to the end of the year. As per the Municipal Act, the Town must balance year-end operational deficits either through draws from rate stabilization reserves or make up any shortfalls through the following year's budget. As per corporate policy, rate stabilization reserve accounts have been set up for each of water, wastewater, and tax-supported services. Any actual surplus or deficit arising at year-end will transfer to or from a Tax or Rate Stabilization Reserve.

The expectation is that these reports will assist with the 2026 budget process.

#### Link to Strategic Plan (2023-2026):

N/A

#### **Existing Policy:**

By-Law 10606-2025; Adopt Estimates of the Sums required for Municipal Purposes for the Year 2025

By-Law 8890-2016; Budget Policy

Consultations: Senior Management Team

Attachments: Appendix A- Summary of operating results as of July 31, 2025

Respectfully Submitted by: Approved for agenda by:

Original Copy Signed Original Copy Signed Paul Dowber, CPA, CGA Malcolm Morris, CMO

CAO

Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Cost Centre	2025 Budget	Actuals as of July 30, 2025	% of Budget Used	Notes
Corporate Revenues				
				Revenues from both billings have been recognized within Q1 and Q2. See
				adjustments below for reference
Property Taxes	(21,515,520)	(21,024,924)	98%	Supplemental Billings Start in August
Payments in Lieu	(550,267)	(236,953)	43%	More billings in August 2025
On another County and Drawin side Office	(2.200.000)	(4.004.450)	400/	50% of OMPF funding received. Payments are issued quarterly. Next
Operating Grants and Provincial Offenses	(3,368,290)	(1,661,150)		payment should be recognized in August.
Total Corporate Revenues	(25,434,077)	(22,923,028)	90%	
Administration, Library and Community Progr	rams			
Mayor and Council	317,465	148,069	47%	A number of lines are underutilized as of July
				Railway Museum and Hospital contributions for 2025 have been sent.
Community Programs	464,845	391,826	84%	Contributions for other programs will be sent in Q3 and Q4
Shared Services	3,056,179	1,782,259	58%	On track
Administration	986,591	548,989	56%	On track
IT Services	427,438	192,912	45%	Computer Maintenance and Training are underutilized as of July 2025
Library	563,658	303,837	54%	A number of lines are underutilized as of July
Total Admin, Library and Community	5,816,175	3,367,891	58%	
Transfer to Capital from Operations	4 924 622	4 069 450	E00/	On track
Transfer to Capital from Operations	1,831,632	1,068,452	56%	On track
Protection Services				
Police Services	6,558,866	3,552,363	54%	On track
Fire Services	1,407,704	676,926		Equipment repairs and hardware GLs are underutilized as of July
By-Law	274,751	149,939	55%	On track
Total Protection Services	8,241,321	4,379,228	53%	

Community Services				
Community Services Administration	768,454	254,788	33%	On track
Parks	488,028	201,481	41%	A number of lines not usd as of June 30, 2025, including shrubbery
				Revenues 33% and property repairs at 100% as of July. Additional \$150K in
Community Facilities	834,575	682,188		revenues in August and the bulk of ice rentals in Q4
Hillcrest	39,130	14,366	37%	Equipment, Property and Monument repairs underutilized
				68% of estimated revenues received. A number of expense lines
Day Care	101,596	(320,159)	-315%	underutilized
Crossing Guards	40,117	26,043	65%	60% of estimated expenses recognized.
Special Events	98,000	138,566	141%	More revenues and expenses to come which should net out close to zero
Total Community Services	2,369,899	997,273	42%	
Francis Brasilian and Trade				
Economic Development and Tourism	<u> </u>			
Economic Development	493,546	262,348		Membership Fee, Corporate Communication and Legal lines are underutilized
Tourism	244,873	125,096		Visitor Centre Operations and Public Arts Initiative underutilized.
Small Business Advisory Centre	0	(105,305)		MITT granted of almost \$200,000 received for the year
Heritage House Museum	249,373	156,068		On track
				Revenues for full year levy has been recognized. See adjustments below for
Downtown Business Association	(0)	(51,166)		reference.
Total Ec Dev and Tourism	987,792	387,041	39%	
Development Services				
Planning	484,556	232,134	48%	CIP Expenses underutilized as of June 30th
Conservation Authorities	68,569	68,569	100%	Complete for 2025
Building and Inspection	0	112,260	100%	24% of projected revenues recognized as of June 30th
Total Development Services	553,125	412,963	75%	

Public Works Services						
Public Works	3,379,346	1,805,897	53%	More expenses		
Engineering 304,867 198,493 65% On track		On track				
				Seasonal GL line underutilized (Bridges, Catch Basins, street repair, traffic		
Environmental Services	974,981	522,920	54%	markings)		
Airport	19,810	(4,788)	-24%	GL lines underutilized. Crack sealing whould be completed in the fall.		
Total Public Works	4,679,003	2,522,523	54%			

Utilities					
Water Treatment and Distribution	522,934	582,833	111%	Timing issue due to billing cycle. 38% of estimated revenues recognized	
Wastewater Treatment	432,195	371,364	86%	Timing issue due to billing cycle. 39% or revenues recognized	
Total Utilities	955,128	954,197	100%		

June 30, 2025 Operating Surplus	0	(8,833,460)
Adjust Property Tax Revenues to 7 months		8,760,385
Adjust DBA Levy Revenues to 7 months		21,319
Adjusted Operating Surplus Projection	(0)	(51,755)



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Aug 12, 2025

City or Orangeville 87 Broadway Orangeville, ON L9W 1K1

Dear Clerk

Re: Support of H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign

This is to confirm that at the Aug 11, 2025 Council Meeting the following resolution was adopted with respect to the above noted matter:

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Township of West Lincoln Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online.
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT the Township of West Lincoln Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at <a href="https://www.electrespect.ca">www.electrespect.ca</a>

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

If any further information is required, please contact the undersigned at 905-957-3346, Ext 5129.

Yours Truly,

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Niagara Region Municipalities

Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO)

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM)

Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police