THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
LAURENTIAN HILLS

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October 23, 2026

Hon Rob Flack
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
minister.mah@ontario.ca

Dear Minister Flack:

By their resolution attached the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does endorse the resolution from the Town of Deep River, Municipality of South Huron, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association and the Town of Blue Mountains regarding doubling OCIF beyond 2026.

Yours truly,

for Sherry Batten
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

cc Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
Mrs. Cheryl Gallant, Cheryl.gallant@parl.gc.ca
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Town of Blue Mountains townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

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Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Resolution No. 197 -26

Date: 21 October 2026

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

the resolution from the Town of Deep River, the Municipality of South Huron, the Town of Blue Mountains and the Municipal Finance Officers' Association regarding the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund beyond 2026 be:

filed

endorsed

Carried / Defeated

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Mayor

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF DEEP RIVER

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October 9, 2026

Via Email

The following Resolution of Council was passed at the September 23, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council in support of the County of Renfrew and the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario's request for the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) beyond 2026.

Re: Resolution in Support of the Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Beyond 2026.

6.1.5 Request for the Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Beyond 2026.

RESOLUTION 2026 250

MOVED BY: Councillor Myers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Fitton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence to Council from Glenn Doncaster, Reeve of the Town of Deep River / Council Member of the County of Renfrew, regarding a Resolution of the County of Renfrew Council in support of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario to request the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) beyond 2026, be received,

THAT the Council of the Town of Deep River supports the initiative of The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario's position for the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund beyond 2026, and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Infrastructure, MPP Billy Deneault, and all Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

Regards,

J. Mellon

Jackie Mellon, Clerk
Town of Deep River

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July 31, 2026

Via email: rob.flack@pc.ola.org

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto ON M7A 2J3

Dear Hon. Rob Flack,

Re: Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their July 13, 2026, Regular Council Meeting:

299-2026
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Jim Dietrich

That South Huron Council supports the June 25, 2026 correspondence and proposed resolution of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario regarding making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, MPP Thompson and all Municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Sue Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Municipality of South Huron
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Encl.

cc:
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rob Flack, rob.flack@pc.ola.org;
Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org;
MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org and all municipalities in Ontario.

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Hon. Todd McCarthy
Acting Minister of Infrastructure
5th Floor
777 Bay St.
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

June 25, 2026

Dear Minister McCarthy,

RE: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

I am writing on behalf of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario, and the municipalities it serves, to request that the Government of Ontario make permanent the five-year doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from $200 million/year to $400 million/year in advance of the 2027 OCIF allocation calculations.

The Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) is the professional association of municipal finance officers with more than 2,300 individual members. We represent individuals who are responsible for handling the financial affairs of municipalities and who are key advisors to councils. MFOA is a strong advocate for best practices that encourage long-term fiscal sustainability, including long-term financial planning and asset management planning.

In recent years, governments at all levels have reoriented their priorities to address the ongoing housing crisis, with heightened attention on growth-related infrastructure and increasing housing production. Application-based or incentive-based funding programs for municipalities have placed greater emphasis on growth-related or housing-enabling capital projects (e.g., Development Charge Reduction Program, Building Communities Strong Fund – Community Stream, Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, Building Faster Fund). OCIF remains one of the few federal or provincial funding programs where the focus remains primarily on the preservation and renewal of existing infrastructure to maintain or improve municipal service levels.

With support from the Government of Ontario and MFOA, municipalities have made significant improvements to their municipal asset management plans and programs. The Government of Ontario introduced O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) in late 2017, which provided a standard framework for infrastructure planning. To support the transition to O. Reg. 588/17, MFOA has partnered with the Government of Ontario on many asset management initiatives, including guides, workshops, direct consulting support and other resources. As a result of these and significant municipal efforts, most municipalities in Ontario have an asset management inventory that identifies their infrastructure assets, including conditions, replacement costs and renewal schedules of those assets.

By leveraging municipal asset management plans in 2020, the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario estimated the state-of-good-repair backlog to be $52.1 billion for core municipal infrastructure. That is an estimated cost of restoring such infrastructure to a 'good' condition. The report notably focused primarily on core assets and thus likely understated the full extent of the backlog. Addressing this should not be a priority that falls by the wayside due to an increased focus on growth-related capital projects by other funding programs. OCIF's flexible design provides municipalities with the opportunity to fund asset management staff, which can improve data and analysis quality, and it provides a critical means by which municipalities address the infrastructure funding challenges identified in their asset management plans.

In 2021, the Government of Ontario doubled OCIF for a five-year period. Minister Surma, in announcing that initiative, commented that the Government of Ontario was "providing stability and predictability to small, rural and northern communities as they repair, upgrade and modernize their critical infrastructure so that they are safer, healthier and more reliable for all." And Minister Bethlenfalvy said that "by nearly doubling our investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, our government is supporting public safety, job creation and economic growth." In the current climate of geopolitical uncertainty, tariffs and the resulting economic shocks and instability, the need to provide municipalities predictability and to preserve and enhance the economic activity and benefits provided by well-supported and well-maintained municipal infrastructure is as imperative as it was in 2021.

We have also heard from our members on this matter. Municipalities outside of high-growth regions have expressed concern about the diminishing level of grant funding opportunities for municipalities trying to preserve the economic value of their existing infrastructure. Additionally, while growing municipalities have made significant efforts to emplace new, housing-enabling infrastructure, which has been rewarded through the Building Faster Fund, many of their state-of-good-repair capital plans remain underfunded. To maximize the economic potential of federal and provincial investment in infrastructure, all orders of government must work together to preserve service levels and the public value of existing infrastructure, and permanently doubling OCIF to $400 million/year will especially help small and rural municipalities preserve that economic foundation throughout Ontario.

By adopting a Team Ontario approach during recent and ongoing economic challenges, we have seen how significant progress can be made when municipalities and the provincial government work together to achieve a common goal. Should you wish to follow up on this letter, please contact MFOA Executive Director, Donna Herridge (donna@mfoa.on.ca).

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Found, Ph.D., PLE
President and Chair

cc. Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
cc. Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

The Town of The Blue Mountains
Council Meeting

Title: Municipality of South Huron
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
Time: 2:57 PM

Moved by: Councillor Hope
Seconded by: Councillor Porter

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information and supports the July 31, 2026, Resolution of the Municipality of South Huron regarding Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate the resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, MPP Saunderson, and all municipalities in Ontario

YES: 6 **NO: 0** **ABSENT: 1**

The motion is Carried

YES: 6

Mayor Matrosovs	Councillor Ardiel	Councillor Hope	Councillor Maxwell
Councillor McKinlay	Councillor Porter		

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Deputy Mayor Bordignon