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June 4, 2026

**Re: Support for the Municipality of Wawa – Opposing Proposed Changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

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Please be advised that at the June 3, 2026, regular Council meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Southgate approved the following:

No. 2026-226

**Moved By** Deputy Mayor Dobreen  
**Seconded By** Councillor Shipston

**Be it resolved that** the Township of Southgate receive correspondence from the Municipality of Wawa and the Township of Stone Mills re: Proposed Changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA); and

**That** Southgate Council oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA; and

1. call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public; and
2. urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding; and

**Further,** that this resolution and supporting documentation be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Minister, all MPPs and Ontario municipalities.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (519) 923-2110.

Sincerely,

*Lindsey Green*

Lindsey Green, Clerk  
Township of Southgate

Encl: Municipality of Wawa – Opposing Proposed Changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

CC:

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
All MPP's  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

<b>Resolution # RC26106</b>	<b>Meeting Order: 6</b>
<b>Moved by:</b> <i>Joseph Opato</i>	<b>Seconded by:</b> <i>Cathy Cannon</i>

**WHEREAS** the Township of Stone Mills passed Resolution No. 30-706-2026 opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the Premier, Cabinet Ministers, and their staff from public access requests;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of Stone Mills has expressed concerns that the proposed amendments may reduce transparency and accountability in government;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa hereby supports Resolution No. 30-706-2026 passed by the Township of Stone Mills regarding the proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA);

**AND FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Township of Stone Mills, Premier Doug Ford, the appropriate Provincial Ministers, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and Ontario municipalities.

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/> CARRIED	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/> TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/> RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/> PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/> WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY MAYOR – MITCH HATFIELD	CLERK - MAURY O'NEILL
<i>Micheline Hatfield</i>	<i>Maury O'Neill</i>

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May 14, 2026

Sent Via Email Only

Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Township of Stone Mills opposition to the changes to Ontario's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of April 13, 2026, Township of Stone Mills Council passed the following motion,

**Resolution 30-706-2026**

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Stone Mills Township oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Moved By Councillor Woodcock  
Seconded By Councillor Milligan  
Carried

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Brandi Teeple  
Township Clerk  
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cc. All Ontario Municipalities  
All MPP's