



# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MUNICIPALITY OF  
**SHUNIAH**

Date: Jun 16, 2026

Resolution No.: (249-26) 240-26

Moved By: 

Seconded By: 

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Township of Machar opposing the proposed changes to FIPPA;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Leader of the Official Opposition, and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried**

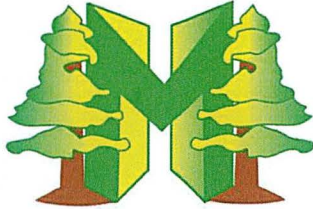
**Defeated**

**Amended**

**Deferred**

  
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8



**TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR**

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Res End

Jun 2, 2026

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

Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Re: Opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Jun 1, 2026, Township of Machar Council passed the following motion,

86-26 McLaren, Ivens

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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 the Township of Machar 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. CARRIED.

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

Yours truly,

Clerk Administrator

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# TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

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**Moved by:** Ron McLaren  Blair Flowers  Pearl Ivens  Neil Scarlett   
**Seconded by:** Ron McLaren  Blair Flowers  Pearl Ivens  Neil Scarlett

Jun 1, 2026

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Carried by: Lynda Cullen