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Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
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Sent by Email: david.piccini@pc.ola.org

RE: Clearview Council Support Resolution – Respect for Municipal Public Works Operators

Please be advised that at its meeting held on April 27, 2026, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) in their request for respect for Municipal Public Works Operators during critical snow and ice operations:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Van Staveren, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Whereas municipal public works employees and contracted service providers are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, bridges, drainage systems, and winter maintenance operations that are essential to public safety and emergency response; and,

Whereas during significant weather events and emergencies, these workers act as frontline responders, ensuring routes remain open for ambulances, fire services, police, school transportation, and the travelling public; and,

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are reporting an increase in harassment, threats, intimidation, and dangerous interference from members of the public directed at municipal workers and subcontractors while they perform their duties; and,

Whereas interference with municipal operations during storms and emergencies jeopardizes service levels, delays critical response times, and creates significant occupational health and safety risks; and,

Whereas the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally called on the Province of Ontario to strengthen legislative protections, enforcement support, and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal public works staff and contractors; and,

Now therefore, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the calls to action advanced by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to improve protections for municipal public works workers and subcontractors; and,

That the Province of Ontario be requested to introduce legislative and enforcement measures that:

- recognize municipal public works workers and contractors as essential service providers during declared significant weather events and emergencies;
- deter and penalize interference, threats, harassment, or obstruction of municipal operations; and,
- provide clear direction and support to police services to proactively respond to these incidents; and,

That a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
- The Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
- Simcoe County Municipalities

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

Sincerely,



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Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack
Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford
The Association of Ontario Road Supervisors
All Simcoe County Municipalities