

## **Council Meeting Highlights September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

Next Council Meeting: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

For the official record, please refer to the minutes which are posted after adoption at the next Council Meeting.

## Opposing Use of Agricultural Lands for the Department of National Defence A-OTH Receive Site

Council, in recognizing the importance of national defence and supporting Canada's efforts to keep pace with new and emerging threats such as hypersonic weapons and advanced cruise missiles, respectfully opposes the use of valuable agricultural land in Clearview Township for the use of a Receive Site for National Defence's Arctic Over-The-Horizon (A-OTHR) project.

Valuable farmland in Ontario is already being used for roads, housing and development. Other lands, such as crown land, less valuable farmland, abandoned sites (like the Pickering airport), or county Forests, should be considered instead.

Council directed staff to send a letter to the Minister of National Defence with copies to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Simcoe-Grey MP Terry Dowdall, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Chair of Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, the Townships of Essa, Springwater and the Town of Wasaga Beach

For details, view Report # COU-001-2025.



## Gowan Park Baseball Field Bleachers

Council approved RJ Burnside's conceptual designs replacing the existing bleachers at the Gowan Park Baseball Field.

Council also approved the \$10,000 budgeted amount, with the remaining balance (approx. \$115,000) funded through community fundraising by volunteers and stakeholders.

For details, view Report # PCR-014-2025.

## **2026 Council Meeting Schedule**

Council approved the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule beginning on January 12, 2026, and concluding on December 14, 2026.

For the full schedule, view the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule.