



July 15, 2026

BY EMAIL

Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Re: Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

At its Regular Council Meeting held on July 6, 2026, Council supported the enclosed correspondence dated June 16, 2026 from Tay Valley Township regarding Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Council accordingly passed the following resolution:

R26-07-318

Moved By Councillor Hammond
Seconded By Councillor Verbeek

That the correspondence from Tay Valley Township regarding Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, be received and supported; and

That a letter from the Town of Essex be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, Anthony Leardi MPP Essex, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried



I trust you will find this satisfactory. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe", written in a cursive style.

Joseph Malandruccolo
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Enclosure

cc. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org
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June 22, 2026

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

Sent by Email

Dear: Honorable Doug Ford,

RE: Prince Edward County: Resolution No. 2026-208 Regarding Reinstating the Requirements for Compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township at its meeting held on June 16th, 2026, adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #C-2026-06-16

MOVED BY: Keith Kerr
SECONDED BY: Greg Hallam

“WHEREAS, all residents of Ontario have the right to fair, open and democratic government;

AND WHEREAS, all elected representatives, municipal and provincial alike, in Ontario have a duty to faithfully execute the powers and trust placed in them and willingly swear an oath to this effect and are subject to fair public scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) are essential tools to protect Ontarians against privacy breaches, and abuses of power;

AND WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 97, the Plan to Protect Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2026, which received Royal Assent on April 24, 2026, and introduced significant amendments to both FIPPA and MFIPPA to alter statutory timelines and privacy governance frameworks;

AND WHEREAS, the amendments introduced via Bill 97 have created a jurisdictional imbalance by excluding records held by provincial Ministers, their offices, and staff from the application of FIPPA, while maintaining the statutory responsibilities and administrative burdens for municipal elected officials and staff under MFIPPA, thereby establishing higher standards for transparency and personal record accountability for municipal governments;

AND WHEREAS, excluding members of the highest offices and their staff from reasonable public access requests and records retention creates security concerns, reinforces the appearance of self-dealing and is contrary to the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Tay Valley Township Council call on the Province to reinstate requirements for compliance with FIPPA to ensure that the Premier, Ministers, and their staff are subject to proper and fair public scrutiny like all other elected representatives in Ontario;

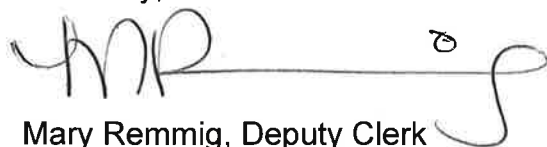
THAT, the Government of Ontario implement recommendations of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario to increase and ensure proper security, record keeping and democratic accountability;

AND THAT, this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Finance Bethlenfalvy, MPP John Jordan, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the 444 municipalities of Ontario."

ADOPTED

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (613) 267-5353 ext. 130 or deputyclerk@tayvalleytwp.ca

Sincerely,



Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk

cc: Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy;
MPP John Jordan;
Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
All Municipalities of Ontario."