



The Corporation of the Township of  
**NORTH STORMONT**  
**RESOLUTION**

Date: March 24, 2026

Resolution No. 068-2026

**MOVED BY:**

Mayor F. Landry  
Deputy Mayor S. Densham  
Councillor A. Bugelli  
Councillor A. McDonald  
Councillor C. Shane

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**SECONDED BY:**

Mayor F. Landry  
Deputy Mayor S. Densham  
Councillor A. Bugelli  
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Councillor C. Shane

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WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont acknowledges the municipal infrastructure including roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems support public safety, vitality and quality of life in Ontario's rural and small urban communities; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) was created in 2015 to assist these communities facing infrastructure deficits that exceed their local revenues; and

WHEREAS in 2022, the Government of Ontario committed to increase the annual OCIF allotment from \$100 million to \$400 million over a five year term, that commitment scheduled to expire at the end of 2026 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS fixed funding levels amid rising labour, materials and climate resilience costs have eroded the purchasing power of the \$400 million envelope jeopardizing smaller municipalities' ability to sustain essential services without incurring unsustainable debt; and

WHEREAS predictable multi-year funding indexed to real work costs is critical for municipalities to develop, finance and execute long range asset management plans, reduce emergency repair work and leverage complementary federal and private infrastructure funding; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Stormont requires a dedicated provincial partner to extend and enhance OCIF funding beyond 2026, ensuring fiscal stability to ensure infrastructure resilience and equitable access for all small and rural municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of North Stormont calls upon the Government of Ontario to extend the annual OCIF allotment of not less than \$400 million beyond its five year term ending in 2026 with no reductions in subsequent provincial budgets.
2. The Province be requested to index the annual OCIF envelope and each individual municipal allotment to the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) calculated on a calendar year basis and disbursed in the first quarter of each year.
3. The Ministry of Infrastructure establish a new five year OCIF funding framework that

guarantees allocation percentages to municipalities enabling long term capital planning and stable cash flow management.

4. The Province undertake a form review of the OCIF allocation at least once every four years incorporating municipal asset management, demographic projections, climate resilience metrics and rural equity considerations.


5. A dedicated contingency reserve of five percent of the annual OCIF envelope be created within the fund to address extraordinary cost escalations, emergency repairs of project overruns without reallocating core funding.

6. The Ministry of Infrastructure publish an annual OCIF performance report including program disbursements, allocation adjustments and reserve expenditures in a transparent publicly acceptable online dashboard.

FURTHERMORE, that the Council of the Township of North Stormont supports the resolution of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal dated September 29, 2025; the resolution of the Municipality of South Huron dated October 20, 2025, the resolution of the Township of Puslinch dated November 15, 2025; the resolution of the County of North Cumberland dated January 28, 2026 resolution of the Township of North Glengarry dated February 23, 2026 regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF); and

FURTHERMORE that this supporting resolution and be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Leader of the Official Opposition, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities.

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Chair

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: A. Bugelli  
 Disclosed His/Her/Their Interest  
 Vacated His/Her/Their Seat

RECORDED VOTE	
Councillor C. Shane	_____
Councillor A. McDonald	_____
Councillor A. Bugelli	_____
Deputy Mayor S. Densham	_____
Mayor F. Landry	_____