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Friday, March 27, 2026

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SENT VIA EMAIL: [mcannon@mcnabbraeside.com](mailto:mcannon@mcnabbraeside.com)

RE: Resolution – Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

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Dear M. Cannon,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, March 23, 2026, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Petrie  
Seconded By: Councillor McMillan  
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-524-8344 ext. 210 or [afisher@goderich.ca](mailto:afisher@goderich.ca).

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Fisher".

Andrea Fisher  
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk  
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Enclosed: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy Resolution

cc: Hon. Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, [stan.cho@pc.ola.org](mailto:stan.cho@pc.ola.org)  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario, [amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)  
All Ontario Municipalities



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026  
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED  
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

**WHEREAS** Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

**WHEREAS** Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yea      Nay  
 Mayor Lori Hoddinott      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deputy Mayor Scott Brum      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor Kevin Rosien      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor Robert Campbell      \_\_\_\_\_  
 Councillor Jill Campbell      \_\_\_\_\_

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),  
 abstained from discussion and did not vote