

Township of Addington Highlands

September 21, 2026

Township of North Kawartha
280 Burleigh Street, PO Box 550
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Email: mayor@northkawartha.ca

Re: Letter of Support – Highway 28 Operational Performance Review – Municipal Response and Request for Further Action

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that at their September 1, 2026, meeting, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Addington Highlands resolved to support the resolution from the Township of North Kawartha requesting that MTO provide a written addendum or supplemental response to the OPR that includes the following 1) A trend-line analysis to traffic volumes, seasonal and peak weekend volumes, speed compliance, 85th percentile speeds, turning movements, collision frequency, collision severity, wildlife-related collisions, and location-specific safety performance. 2) a location-specific assessment of identified hot zones and settlement/commercial activity areas, including Leahy's Market, the Morton Community Health Centre, Burleigh Falls, Big Cedar, Woodview, Apsley, Paudash, Kawartha Dairy, all Provincial Park access roads, and other high-activity area identified by the Coalition, OPP and municipal partners. 3) The specific warrant thresholds, safety performance indicators, and decision triggers that would prompt MTO to consider left-turn lanes, right-turn tapers, acceleration lanes, speed management measures, pedestrian treatments, illumination, rumble strips, signage upgrades, wildlife mitigation or other countermeasures. 4) A clear monitoring plan that identifies what data will be collected, when it will be collected, who will review it, how municipalities and OPP will be consulted, and when results will be reported back. 5) A commitment to regular communication with Highway 28 municipalities, including scheduled follow-up meetings and a defined MTO point of contact for corridor safety matters. 6) A collaborative education and enforcement strategy involving MTO, OPP and municipalities, including targeted public awareness messaging, enhanced speed compliance efforts, and use of real-time driver feedback measures where appropriate. 7) A clear explanation of how emergency service impacts, highway closures, detour limitations, and strain on volunteer fire services are considered in MTO's safety and operational decision-making; and requesting confirmation of the status and timing of the actions identified in Appendix B, including the 2026 turning-movement counts, wildlife

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signage review with the Ministry of Natural Resources, speed feedback display signs, pavement marker review, enforcement/engineering/education strategy, guiderail review, pavement symbol refresh and longer-term consideration of shoulder rumble strips. Where actions are described as monitoring or future review, MTO should identify the anticipated timeline, responsible party, and how municipal feedback will be incorporated; and asking for a transparent, proactive and evidence-based process that recognizes the seriousness of the safety concerns raised by local communities and emergency services.

I trust you will find this letter of support satisfactory.

Sincerely,

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

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