

## Council Members

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

### Re: Resolution - Deposit Return Program

Dear Honourable Todd McCarthy,

At its meeting of March 5, 2025, the Council of the Township of  
Whitewater Region adopted the following resolution:

**That Council of the Township of Whitewater Region  
support the letter dated September 20, 2024 by the Town  
of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario  
Deposit Return Program;  
and further that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the  
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; the  
Minister of Finance; the Association of Municipalities of  
Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament  
(MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.**

Carried - Resolution #2025-5273

Sincerely,

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Clerk/CEMC

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February 20, 2025

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email

**Re: Ontario Deposit Return Program**

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0025 regarding Support for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury regarding Ontario Deposit Return Program.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2025-0025.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP  
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP Wellington – Halton Hills  
Leaders of the Opposition Parties  
All Municipalities in Ontario



TOWN OF  
**HALTON HILLS**

THE CORPORATION  
OF  
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

**Resolution No.:** 2025-0025

**Title:** Ontario Deposit Return Program

**Date:** February 10, 2025

**Moved by:** Councillor C. Somerville

**Seconded by:** Councillor J. Fogal

**Item No. 12.1**

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WHEREAS the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS ON September 20, 2024 the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury issued a letter endorsing the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers;

AND WHEREAS Halton Hills has always shown a leadership role in environmental matters including, passing in 2005, asking the province to create a deposit and return system for wine and liquor bottles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills hereby supports the letter dated September 20, 2024, by the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury, regarding the Ontario Deposit Return Program;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Andrea Khanjin; the Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); MPP Ted Arnott; Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and all Ontario Municipalities.

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Mayor Ann Lawlor

September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

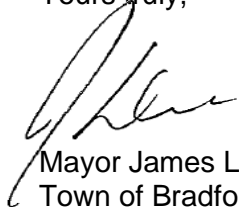
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities