

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF DRYDEN

MOVED BY: Price

DATE: 22-Sep-25

SECONDED BY: Kiewning

RESOLUTION NO.: 14

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Whereas evidence demonstrates that even basic swimming and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children in Ontario do not have equitable access to swimming lessons outside of school due to financial, cultural or geographic barriers; and

Whereas several municipalities across Ontario have expressed strong interest in improving water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education has the authority to incorporate water safety and survival training into the regular elementary school curriculum as a universal, life-saving skill comparable to fire safety and road safety instruction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Council of The Corporation of The City of Dryden respectfully urges the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Minister of Education of Ontario, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities, with a request for their endorsement.

RECORDED VOTE			DECLARATION UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT Councillors who have declared an interest, abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.	
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Councillor B. Tardiff				
Mayor J. Harrison				
TOTALS			Carried X	Defeated

Disposition of Resolution
(Check One)

MAYOR: Harrison

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Thursday, October 9, 2025

Allyson Euler
City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Dryden
30 Van Horne Avenue
Dryden, Ontario
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SENT VIA EMAIL: aeuler@dryden.ca

RE: Endorsement of The City of Dryden's Resolution – Swim-to-Survive Training

Dear A. Euler,

Please be advised of the following motion passed at the Monday, October 6, 2025, Goderich Town Council Meeting:

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Noel
Seconded By: Councillor Carroll
That Goderich Town Council supports the resolution from the City of Dryden, regarding Swim-to-Survive Training.

CARRIED

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

Yours truly,

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

Andrea Fisher
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
/js

Cc: Hon. Minister of Education of Ontario, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org
The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs, Member of Provincial Parliament – Huron-Bruce, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org
Ben Lobb, Member of Parliament – Huron-Bruce, ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca

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October 20, 2025

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Re: Swim to Survive Training

Please be advised that South Huron Council passed the following resolution at their August 11, 2025, Regular Council Meeting:

390-2025
Moved By: Ted Oke
Seconded by: Wendy McLeod-Haggitt

That South Huron Council supports the September 22, 2025, correspondence of the City of Dryden regarding Swim to Survive Training; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Lisa Thompson, MPP, Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster, Legislative & Licensing Coordinator
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Encl.

cc: MPP Lisa Thompson, lisa.thompson@pc.ola.org; Minister of Education,
Hon. Paul Calandra, paul.calandra@pc.ola.org; AMO,
resolutions@amo.on.ca ; and all Ontario Municipalities



TOWN OF WASAGA BEACH

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October 16, 2025

Minister of Education
Honourable Paul Calandra
438 University Ave, 15th Floor
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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Minister Calandra,

RE: Resolution from the Town of Wasaga Beach – Mandatory Water Safety & Swim-to-Survive Training

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach, during their October 9, 2025 Council meeting, and at the request of the City of Dryden, passed the following resolution regarding Mandatory Water Safety and Swim-to-Survive Training.

Whereas drowning remains one of the leading causes of preventable death among children in Ontario, and research by the Lifesaving Society of Ontario indicates that most children who drown never intended to be in the water; and

Whereas evidence clearly demonstrates that basic swimming ability and water survival skills significantly reduce the risk of drowning; and

Whereas many children across Ontario face barriers to accessing swimming lessons outside of school, whether financial, cultural, or geographic in nature; and

Whereas municipalities across the province, including the City of Dryden, have expressed strong support for improved water safety education for children; and

Whereas the Ministry of Education holds the authority to include water safety and survival training in the elementary school curriculum, recognizing it as a vital life skill comparable to fire and road safety education; and

Whereas the Town of Wasaga Beach is home to the world's longest freshwater beach and welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors annually to its waterfront, underscoring the critical importance of water safety and swim survival skills for both residents and visitors, especially children;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Wasaga Beach supports the resolution passed by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Dryden urging the Government of Ontario, through the Ministry of Education, to incorporate mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training into the elementary school curriculum for all Ontario students; and



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Should you have any questions, please contact me at mayor@wasagabeach.com or (705) 429-3844 ext. 2225.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith
Mayor, Town of Wasaga Beach

/mps

cc: Local Members of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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October 17, 2025

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RE: 6.16 City of Dryden Council Resolution regarding Mandatory water safety and Swim-to-Survive training in Elementary Curriculum

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on October 8, 2025 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2025-308:

Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items listed for October 8, 2025 Council meeting with the exception of items, 6.16 be received for information. Send support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Director of Corporate Services/Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

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