



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY**  
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**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR:**

- Louanne Caza
- Elaine Fic
- Annie Keft
- Francine Plante
- Mayor Culhane

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR:**

- Louanne Caza
- Elaine Fic
- Annie Keft
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**RESOLUTION #** 287/2025

**DATE** October 14, 2025

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

**WHEREAS** the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of McGarry and neighbouring municipalities and this activity may impact residents and ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS** new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases' reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

**WHEREAS** the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

**WHEREAS** many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides:

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of McGarry formally requests that Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and update risk assessment are completed and reviewed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to:

The Honorable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

The Honorable Sylvia Jones' Minister of Health

MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane

AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario)

FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities)

All municipalities within Northeastern Ontario

Recorded vote requested by \_\_\_\_\_

	For	Against
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Elaine Fic		
Councillor Annie Keft		
Councillor Francine Plante		
Mayor Bonita Culhane		

<i>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest *</i>

I declare this motion

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Signature of Chair:

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*\*Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote on this question.*