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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer
Date: March 24, 2026
Subject: Request for Financial Support, Teeny Tiny Summit 2026

Recommendation:

That Council approve up to \$2,000 from General Reserves to support costs associated with the Teeny Tiny Summit on May 28, 2026 to be hosted at the Burleigh Falls Inn.

Background:

The Teeny Tiny Summit is an annual gathering of municipal leaders, economic development professionals, and rural advocates from across Ontario. The summit focuses on collaboration, innovation, and best practices for small and rural municipalities.

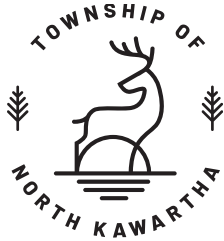
In 2026, North Kawartha has been selected as one of two communities invited to host the event by the Ministry of Rural Affairs. Hosting provides a unique opportunity to showcase the Township, highlight a local venue, and strengthen connections with provincial partners. The summit is expected to attract participants from Central and Eastern Ontario, including municipal staff, elected officials, and representatives from rural organizations including non-profits.

Analysis:

Hosting the summit offers several benefits for the Township:

Showcasing the Community: Promotes North Kawartha's and the communities at Burleigh Falls, including the local amenities, tourism assets, and business environment to visitors.

Highlighting a Local Venue: The Burleigh Falls Inn will serve as the event venue, supporting local hospitality and tourism businesses.



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Economic Development Profile: Positions North Kawartha as an active participant in provincial rural development discussions, supporting ongoing economic development initiatives.

Event costs will primarily be funded through ticket sales, with additional contributions from the County of Peterborough and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA). The requested \$2,000 from the Township will cover minor hosting expenses such as local hospitality contingencies and promotional materials.

Financial Implications:

Staff is requesting up to \$2,000 from General Reserves to support hosting-related costs for the Teeny Tiny Summit.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

- 2026 Budget
- Township of North Kawartha 2023-2026 Strategic Plan
- Township of North Kawartha 2023–2026 Strategic Economic Development Plan

In Consultation With:

Connie Parent, Clerk

Alana Solman, CAO

Attachment:

None