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Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-21-Nov-20 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Booster Eligibility to More Ontarians

Eligibility Will Expand Gradually Based on Age and Risk to Provide Extra Layer of Protection Against the Delta Variant

November 03, 2021

[Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is expanding eligibility for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to additional groups of high-risk individuals starting November 6, 2021, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant. Over the coming months, Ontario is also prepared to gradually roll out booster doses to all Ontarians aged 12 and over.

While the province continues to report one of the lowest rates of active cases in the country and continues to make steady progress in vaccinating more individuals, offering the extra layer of protection provided by a booster dose will contribute to the fight against COVID-19.

“Keeping a low rate of infection in our communities and protecting our most vulnerable is how we can keep our schools, businesses and social settings as safe as possible while avoiding further lockdowns,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “To provide every individual the best protection while learning to live with the virus for the long-term, we are prepared to expand booster eligibility to all Ontarians pending clinical recommendations, with eligibility expanding this week to individuals who face a higher risk of contracting COVID-19.”

Based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization’s (NACI) recent recommendation, the province will begin offering booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to the following vulnerable populations if at least six months have passed since their last dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier);
- Health care workers and designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers);
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine); and
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

Booster doses are being offered to these groups based on evidence of gradual waning immunity six months after receiving their second dose and a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19.

Starting on Saturday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m., eligible individuals will be able to book their booster dose appointment through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, [select pharmacies](#), and primary care settings. Hospital-based health care workers are encouraged to reach out to their hospital employer to get vaccinated directly through their hospital’s vaccination program.

Locations and timing for booster doses may vary by public health unit based on local planning and considerations.

In addition, Ontario is once again supporting northern and remote fly in First Nation communities by launching Operation Remote Immunity 3.0, this time through the co-development of plans with Health Canada’s First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, to support Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority and Weeneebayko Area Health Authority, First Nation health organizations, to administer booster doses in their communities with transportation and vaccine supply assistance from Ornge and local public health units.

While the COVID-19 vaccine is highly effective, the province is prepared to expand eligibility for a booster dose to all Ontarians over time. Based on Ontario’s COVID-19 vaccination rollout for first and second doses, expansion of eligibility for booster doses will be based on age and risk, with an interval of six to eight months from the second dose.

“Ontario is continuing the success of our vaccine rollout by expanding eligibility for a booster shot based on age and risk,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “As we continue rolling out our Last Mile Strategy to vaccinate as many Ontarians as possible, providing an extra layer of protection starting with our most vulnerable is critical as we continue to safely reopen and manage COVID-19 for the long-term.”

During the height of Ontario’s COVID-19 vaccine rollout, a large population of Ontarians received their first and second doses at a longer interval than indicated on the product monograph. This longer interval has now been shown to improve duration of protection, and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization now recommends an optimal interval of eight weeks between first and second doses.

“The expansion of eligibility for booster shots is one more step that our government is taking to protect Ontarians and keep our communities safe,” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “As with the initial administration of COVID-19 vaccines, the phased rollout of booster shots ensures that vulnerable groups are prioritized and can easily access booster shots through pharmacies, clinics and health care providers.”

COVID-19 vaccine eligibility for children aged five to 11 is subject to Health Canada approval. Ontario is working with public health units across the province to prepare to vaccinate children aged five to 11. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children aged five to 11 is a distinct formulation at a lower dose and supply of vaccine that will be rolled out in parallel to booster doses.

Quick Facts

- Ontario was the first jurisdiction in Canada to begin offering third/booster doses to select [vulnerable populations](#). To date, Ontario has administered more than 150,000 third/booster doses to Ontarians.
- Today’s expansion brings the number of individuals eligible for a third/booster dose to 3 million individuals.
- All booster doses will be mRNA vaccines, unless contraindicated. Mixing COVID-19 vaccines is safe, effective, and enables Ontarians to benefit from the protection of a booster dose.
- As booster eligibility expands, the province is encouraging all Ontarians who are receiving their booster dose to get their flu vaccine at the same time.
- As of November 2, 2021, more than seven million enhanced certificates with QR codes have been downloaded through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) and there have been more than 1.3 million downloads of the Verify Ontario app.
- As of November 2, 2021, Ontario has administered more than 22 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with more than 88 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over having received at least one dose and more than 84 per cent having received a second dose.
- If you have questions about your eligibility, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007), which is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and capable of providing assistance in more than 300 languages.

Additional Resources

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#)
- [Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App Available for Download Starting October 15](#)
- [Ontario Releasing Guidance to Support Proof of Vaccination Policy](#)
- [Ontario Makes COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandatory for High-Risk Settings](#)
- For public inquiries, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007).
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario’s [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
- Visit Ontario’s [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

Related Topics

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ontario to Release the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review

November 03, 2021

[Finance](#)

Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance, will hold a media availability after delivering the *2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review* in the legislature. A virtual embargoed technical briefing for accredited media will be held prior to the introduction.

Date: Thursday, November 4, 2021

Time: Technical briefing: **11:00 a.m.**

Introduction in the legislature: **approximately 1:00 p.m.**

Media availability: **2:15 p.m.**

Location: Media Studio, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, ON

Livestream: Minister's statement with English and French closed captioning — [Government of Ontario YouTube channel](#)

Media availability — [Government of Ontario YouTube channel](#)

Notes: The technical briefing is for accredited, registered members of the media only. A question and answer period will follow the briefing. All information provided is non-attributable and for background use only. Please register for the virtual technical briefing by emailing Scott.Blodgett@ontario.ca by 7:00 a.m.

Media representatives who wish to participate in the Minister's press conference via teleconference can register by emailing Emily.Hogeveen@ontario.ca.

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NEWS RELEASE

Build Ontario

Province Releases the 2021 Fall Economic Statement

November 04, 2021

[Finance](#)

TORONTO — Today, Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy released the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#). The plan lays out how the government will build the foundation for Ontario's recovery and prosperity by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure, attracting increased investment, and restoring leadership in auto manufacturing and other industries. The plan also protects Ontario's progress against the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we continue to protect the hard-won progress against the pandemic, our government is looking forward with our plan to build a better and brighter future for families, workers and businesses in Ontario," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "By unlocking critical minerals in the North, harnessing our manufacturing capacity and building critical infrastructure, our plan will drive our economic recovery and prosperity for every region of our province."

[Protecting Our Progress](#): The government has a plan to build a health and long-term care system that delivers the quality of care our loved ones deserve.

Highlights include:

- To strengthen the health and long-term care workforce, Ontario is investing \$342 million, beginning in 2021–22, to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers. In addition, Ontario is investing \$57.6 million, beginning in 2022–23, to hire 225 nurse practitioners in the long-term care sector.
- To help hospitalized patients continue their recovery and rehabilitation at home, where they are most comfortable, the Province is investing an additional \$548.5 million over three years to expand home and community care. This funding would support up to 28,000 post-acute surgical patients and 21,000 patients with complex health conditions every year.
- To support the mental health and well-being of health and long-term care workers across the province, the government is investing \$12.4 million over two years starting in 2021–22 to continue rapid access to existing and expanded mental health and addictions supports.
- To ensure long-term care resident safety, the government is providing an additional \$72.3 million over three years to increase enforcement capacity including doubling the number of inspectors across the province by 2022–23. This will make Ontario's inspector to long-term care homes ratio the highest in Canada.

[Building Ontario](#): The government has a plan to build Ontario's future with shovels in the ground for highways, hospitals, housing and high-speed internet. With these investments, the government will expand our health care capacity, provide access to critical mineral resources in Ontario's North, and cut down on the time drivers spend in gridlock so they can spend more time with friends and family.

Highlights include:

- To build, expand and repair Ontario's highways and bridges, create jobs and spur economic growth, the government has invested approximately \$2.6 billion in funding for 2021–22 in support of the Ontario Highways Program, which features more than 580 construction, expansion and rehabilitation projects. As part of the Highways Program, the government has committed funding to build and advance the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413.
- Working in partnership with Northern and First Nation communities to create jobs, unlock critical minerals and bring economic prosperity to Ontario's North, the Province has committed close to \$1 billion to support the planning and construction of an all-season road network, as well as other projects that will provide a corridor to prosperity for the remote First Nations in the Far North. The Government of Canada must step up and match Ontario's commitments in this critical project.
- Ontario is responding to the need expressed by municipalities through the doubling of its annual investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund program. This additional multi-year investment of \$1 billion will bring the total investment to nearly \$2 billion over the next five years beginning in 2021–22, to provide certainty and predictability to

424 small, rural and Northern communities so that they can build and repair roads, bridges, and water and wastewater infrastructure.

- To provide all regions of Ontario with access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet by the end of 2025, the Province made a historic commitment of nearly \$4 billion over six years.
- To address decades of neglect and help those waiting to get into long-term care, Ontario plans to invest an additional \$3.7 billion, beginning in 2024–25, to build an additional 10,000 net new long-term care beds and upgrade 12,000 existing beds to modern design standards. This would bring total investment to \$6.4 billion since spring 2019 — a historic investment that will lead to more than 30,000 net new beds by 2028 and about 28,000 upgraded long-term care beds across the province.
- To support growing demands on the health care system, Ontario is investing \$30.2 billion over the next 10 years to build, expand and enhance hospitals, a historic commitment to ensure people can get the care they need in their communities.

[Working for Workers](#): The government wants workers in a race to the top, not a race to the bottom. This is why the government has a plan to build up Ontario's workers by proposing to raise the minimum wage, providing funding so workers can learn new skills, and attracting investment in critical minerals, automotive manufacturing and other industries to create good-paying jobs.

Highlights include:

- To support workers, the government is proposing to increase the general minimum wage to \$15 per hour effective January 1, 2022, and to eliminate the special minimum wage rate for liquor servers by raising it to the general minimum wage.
- To strengthen Ontario's position as one of North America's premier jurisdictions for responsibly sourced critical minerals, the Province has announced plans to develop its first-ever Critical Minerals Strategy. An abundance of critical minerals in the province will help secure investments such as new electric vehicle technology and create new opportunities for Ontario workers.
- To protect and create jobs in the automotive sector, the Province has secured investment commitments of \$5.6 billion from major auto manufacturers for electric vehicle supply chain capacity.
- To address growing competition for investment and supply chain challenges, Ontario is creating a new provincewide two-year \$40 million Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness stream, which is part of the Regional Development Program.
- To help workers get good jobs, Ontario is investing an additional \$90.3 million over three years starting in 2021–22 in the Skilled Trades Strategy. Key new initiatives include creating a skilled trades career fair as well as enhancing the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and the Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program.
- To provide more training opportunities for workers, the government is proposing to extend the Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit to 2022. The 2022 credit extension would provide an estimated \$275 million in support to about 240,000 people, or \$1,150, on average.
- To support workers who need training to get a job, the Province is investing an additional \$5 million in 2021–22 to expand the Second Career program.
- To help the tourism and hospitality sectors recover, and encourage Ontario families to explore the province, the government is proposing a new temporary Ontario Staycation Tax Credit for 2022. The credit would provide an estimated \$270 million to support over one-and-a-half million families to further discover Ontario.
- To protect Ontario workers from exploitation and labour trafficking, the government is investing \$1.1 million in 2021–22 to support a dedicated team of officers to undertake focused inspections of temporary help agencies and recruiters of migrant workers. The pilot will help protect some of the most vulnerable and marginalized workers.

"The qualities that saw our province through the worst days of the pandemic — the spirit of the people of Ontario — will see us to a brighter, more prosperous future," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "Our government has a responsible and prudent plan that creates the conditions for an economic and fiscal recovery driven by growth. It is a plan to protect the progress we've made, build for the future and work for workers who make it all happen."

Quick Facts

- The [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#) is the government's seventh financial update since the pandemic began, highlighting the government's commitment to providing regular updates on Ontario's finances, even during this uncertain economic period. It is part of the government's plan for recovery driven by economic growth.
- Ontario's economy is recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and is poised to keep growing. For 2021–22, the government is projecting a deficit of \$21.5 billion, \$11.6 billion lower than the outlook published in the [2021 Budget](#). This improvement reflects a stronger economic growth outlook, as well as more recent information about the impact of COVID-19 on the province's finances.

- Over the medium term, the government projects steadily declining deficits of \$19.6 billion in 2022–23 and \$12.9 billion in 2023–24, an improvement of \$8.1 billion and \$7.2 billion, respectively, relative to the outlook presented in the [2021 Budget](#).
- Given the uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Province continues to maintain flexibility to deploy resources where they are needed most and support further recovery initiatives through COVID-19 Time-Limited Funding.

Additional Resources

- [Protecting Our Progress](#)
- [Building Ontario](#)
- [Working for Workers](#)
- [Economic and Fiscal Overview](#)
- [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#)

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BACKGROUND

Ontario improving access to frontline services in French

November 05, 2021

[Francophone Affairs](#)

The proposed amendments to the *French Language Services Act* are the result of a thorough review of existing legislation and extensive public consultations held this past spring and summer. If passed, they would require government agencies, including ministries, and institutions as set out under the Act to ensure that services are readily available according to the principle of *active offer* as set out in the legislation. This would require government agencies, including ministries, and institutions to take measures to bring the availability of services in French to the attention of those who have a right to such services so that the onus of finding services in French is not on them.

In addition, if passed, the Bill would support expanding access to more points of service throughout the province. If passed, the proposed amendments would also strengthen quality of French language services through enhanced accountability measures. As well, if passed, it would require a review of the Act at least once every ten years to meet the changing needs of the Francophone population.

These proposed amendments are part of a broader strategy to build capacity for French-language services in the province, including a cross-government approach to address shortages of French-speaking professionals in key sectors.

Pillar 1 of Ontario’s [French Language Services Strategy](#): A Modernized Legislative Framework

Ontario’s legislative framework for the delivery of French-language services is comprised of the *French Language Services Act* and its four regulations. It has not been substantially reviewed since 1986.

Together, the Act and its regulations set out legal obligations for the delivery of services in French on ministries, their agencies, designated agencies under the Act, and third-party service providers contracted to deliver services on behalf of government. French language service obligations apply to service points located in the 26 designated areas under the Act, as well as head offices.

A - Modernizing the *French Language Services Act* to include the following amendments:

Change to the Act’s Preamble:

- Recognize the diversity of the francophone community

Changes to improve access to and quality of French-language services:

- Add the right of individuals to receive services in French according to the principle of *active offer*

Active offer means that French-language services to be delivered by Ontario government ministries and agencies are not only available but also brought to the attention of the client upon first contact, i.e., by taking any measures prescribed for that purpose under the Act.

- Create new powers to add designated points of government services anywhere in the province, including outside areas designated under the Act
- Create new accountability tools to better prescribe the provision of French-language services and communications
- Increase accountability for the translation of government regulations of public interest
- Formalize the shift from an Office for Francophone Affairs to a Ministry of Francophone Affairs and expand the mandate of the minister to include the promotion of francophone affairs and services in French
- Enshrine in legislation the existing [Provincial Advisory Committee on Francophone Affairs](#) to ensure continuity and a permanent consultative process
- Require all ministers to report on the implementation of the Act and quality of services to support an annual progress report by the Minister of Francophone Affairs to the Legislative Assembly
- Provide for a review of the Act at least once every 10 years

B - Modernizing existing regulations and creating new ones to further enforce the delivery of quality French-language services

The Ministry of Francophone Affairs will update two existing regulations:

- the regulation on designated public service agencies to ensure the information is current
- the regulation on third parties contracted to offer services on behalf of government to strengthen accountability measures for French language service delivery

If passed, the modernized *French Language Services Act* would also allow the creation of new regulations to clearly set out how, when, and where French-language services are offered. These new regulations would come into force at a later date and provide for:

- how and when the government offers services in French, and how it communicates in French
- how services in French must be offered in accordance with the principle of Active Offer
- French translation of other regulations of public interest

Pillar 2: Francophone and bilingual workforce

A modernized legal framework is essential to modernize the delivery of, and access to, French-language services. However, the quality of these services depends greatly on the availability of a workforce able to deliver these services in French.

This second pillar will focus on:

- working across government to increase the supply of skilled francophone and bilingual workers by focusing on training and recruitment, particularly in key occupations such as healthcare providers, personal support workers, teachers, early childhood educators and others
- working with the federal government on creating francophone immigration corridors and professional certification recognition

Pillar 3: Service planning and delivery

This third pillar will emphasize a cross-government approach to French-language services planning and delivery and focus on:

- leveraging existing community-based service delivery models that have proven effective in minority settings or for dispersed populations such as a hub-and-spoke and mobile services
- implementing innovative digitally based delivery models to expand access to training and service delivery in areas such as health, education and justice
- simplifying the process for designation under the *French Language Services Act* and better supporting designated service providers

Ontario's [Francophone Economic Development Strategy](#) launched in June 2021 further reinforces the French Language Services Strategy by also supporting the development of a skilled bilingual workforce.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario improving access to frontline services in French](#)
- [French Language Services Strategy](#)
- [Francophone Economic Development Strategy](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Delivering Digital Access to Courts

Province accelerating access to justice by moving more services online

November 05, 2021

[Attorney General](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is delivering a new digital justice solution that will transform how people handle their legal matters at the Superior and Ontario Courts of Justice. The Courts Digital Transformation initiative will be the most significant single step forward in the digital evolution of justice in Canada, replacing outdated paper-based procedures with an online platform to manage cases, documents and schedules.

“Our government’s new digital solution is a game-changer that will provide Ontarians with on-demand access to their legal matters,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “Building on numerous recent breakthroughs, this central piece of the Justice Accelerated Strategy will provide the tools needed to better meet expectations for how justice can be done in 2021 and beyond.”

The Courts Digital Transformation solution will allow court users to:

- digitally access court information 24 hours a day from anywhere
- submit and view documents online
- file even more court documents in more types of matters
- have easier, faster access to court records
- schedule matters and appearances
- pay fees online
- receive decisions electronically

This new solution is part of the province’s [Justice Accelerated Strategy](#) and will equip court participants, including members of the public, lawyers, self-represented litigants, judicial officials and court staff, with capabilities to help people resolve legal matters faster and easier. The new end-to-end digital system will be designed around user experience and will feature online self-service, integrated case tracking and streamlined court operations.

“The investment in a long-awaited case management system is critically important to support a modern and effective justice system,” said Geoffrey Morawetz, Chief Justice, Ontario Superior Court of Justice and Lise Maisonneuve, Chief Justice, Ontario Court of Justice. “The Ontario Court of Justice and the Superior Court of Justice are pleased to be partners in this important project that will bring the paper-based court system into the 21st century.”

As more processes move online, Ontario has also nearly doubled its funding for Community Legal Education Ontario to expand [Guided Pathways](#), which are online, interactive tools that help Ontarians complete court forms easily and accurately.

Quick Facts

- The technology powering the Courts Digital Transformation will be selected specifically for Ontario’s courts following the completion of a competitive procurement process, which is now underway.
 - Online filing services have been broadened for civil, small claims and family proceedings by providing a simple and quick way to now electronically submit over 500 types of court documents and securely pay court fees remotely.
 - The Courts Digital Transformation initiative supports the [Ontario Onwards Action Plan](#) for more people-focused government services and expanding digital services.
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Additional Resources

- [Justice Accelerated Strategy](#)
 - [CLEO Guided Pathways](#)
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Related Topics

Law and Safety

Ontario’s laws and related information about our legal system, emergency services, the Ontario Provincial Police and victim services. [Learn more](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Supporting Victims of Crime

Province making it easier to access community-based services when and where needed

November 08, 2021

[Children, Community and Social Services](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government is ensuring victims of crime and their families have access to supports when and where they need them. The province is transferring nine victim services programs to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services from the Ministry of the Attorney General to ensure a more coordinated approach to delivering services such as crisis intervention and violence prevention programs. Having more services in one place will help to strengthen partnerships and connections with community-based supports that focus on the needs of victims.

“We are committed to supporting victims and their families and working with the dedicated victim services providers across the province to make it easier for victims of crime to get the help they need when and where they need it most,” said Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues. “We know having these supports readily and easily available is critical to helping victims of crime heal from their experiences and rebuild their lives.”

While the same front-line services providers will continue to provide seamless supports, the transfer from the Ministry of the Attorney General to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services will begin with the following three programs effective January 1, 2022:

- Internet Child Exploitation Program
- Victim Support Line / Directory
- Anti- Human Trafficking & Serving Senior Victims of Crime Online Training Initiative

The following six programs will transfer from the Ministry of the Attorney General to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services effective April 1, 2022:

- Family Court Support Worker
- Support Services for Male Survivors of Sexual Assault
- Supervised Access Program
- Sexual Assault Centres
- Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario
- Victim Quick Response Program+

Court-based programs, including the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, and other legal services will continue to operate with the Ministry of the Attorney General.

The realignment of victim services programs is a result of a comprehensive review and extensive consultations with stakeholders, service providers and victims who identified the need for a government-wide approach to support victims, their families, and witnesses to better address the negative impact crime has on victims and their loved ones, and our communities.

All organizations delivering the transferring programs will continue to receive their full funding and continue to deliver the services as they do now in their communities.

Quick Facts

- Victims of crime and their families have access to a [wide range of services](#), including counselling, financial assistance and other supports. Victims and their families can learn more by calling the [Victim Support Line](#).
 - The Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) Program provides crisis intervention services to victims of crime and tragic circumstances 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To find the VCAO service provider closest to you, visit the online [Victim Services Directory](#).
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Additional Resources

Learn more about [Victim Services in Ontario](#)

Related Topics

Home and Community

Information for families on major life events and care options, including marriage, births and child care. Also includes planning resources for municipalities. [Learn more](#)

Law and Safety

Ontario’s laws and related information about our legal system, emergency services, the Ontario Provincial Police and victim services. [Learn more](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Increasing Access to Safe Housing for Survivors of Violence and Human Trafficking

Investment helping alleviate pressures on emergency shelter system

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HAMILTON— The Ontario government is investing \$18.5 million over three years to support survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking by increasing access to safe and affordable housing, employment assistance and childcare through the Transitional and Housing Support Program. The funding will enhance access to services at five on-reserve Indigenous shelter and family healing programs and help alleviate long-term pressures on the province’s emergency shelter system which has experienced an increased demand for services during COVID-19.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has tragically increased the frequency and severity of domestic violence and human trafficking in our province, which means that more women and children are in immediate need of a safe place to stay,” said Jane McKenna, Associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues. “This investment will help ensure that survivors have access to the supports they need to heal and rebuild their lives.”

The Transitional and Housing Support Program is a key resource for women escaping domestic violence and human trafficking, providing a critical link to local housing providers and municipal service managers. Program workers also help survivors on the path to regaining their independence through safety planning and connection to wrap-around supports. This includes access to counselling and well-being supports, social assistance programs, housing and employment assistance, childcare, education and legal supports, as well as wholistic culturally responsive services for Indigenous women.

“Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses applauds this government for increasing funding in the Transitional Housing and Support Program,” said Marlene Ham, Executive Director Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses. “This signals their commitment and acknowledgement about the critical role ongoing support and advocacy plays in improving survivor safety and wellbeing.”

Quick Facts

- Access to safe and affordable housing is critical to support survivors of violence and human trafficking in leaving an abusive situation, mitigate their risk of re-victimization and help them heal and rebuild their lives.
 - Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide. Ontario is a hub for human trafficking, with the most police-reported incidents of human trafficking in the country occurring within the province in 2019.
 - [Ontario’s Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#) represents the largest total investment dedicated to anti-human trafficking supports and services in Canada.
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Additional Resources

- Ontario provides up to [\\$40 million in relief funding](#) for residential service providers that support vulnerable populations.
 - Ontario releases [Pathways to Safety: Ontario’s Strategy in Response to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#).
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Strengthening Community Safety

\$267 million grant program helping local police services combat crime

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is helping police services across the province combat crime and keep communities safe by investing \$267.6 million over three years through the province's [Community Safety and Policing \(CSP\) Grant program](#). Through the CSP Grant program, eligible police services are provided with funding to support the implementation of public safety and community policing initiatives that focus on local and provincial priorities such as community outreach programs, human trafficking and guns and gang violence.

"Nothing is more important than the safety of Ontarians," said Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General. "Through this grant funding, we are helping build safer communities as well as ensuring Ontario's police services have the resources they need to address the issues that matter most in their communities and do their jobs effectively."

Of the \$267.6 million investment, approximately \$226 million will be provided through the local priorities funding stream to help police services address priority issues specific in their communities. These projects may include:

- Deploying additional frontline police officers where and when they are needed most
- Creating school liaison programs to raise awareness of issues such as bullying, cyber bullying, drugs, harmful substances as well as internet safety
- Developing community outreach programs on a variety of public safety issues including road safety, substance abuse, sexual violence, and human trafficking
- Providing enhanced training to frontline officers and community partners on public safety issues such as mental health, human trafficking, intimate partner violence, and gun and gang violence
- Setting up special units that provide comprehensive, survivor-centered approaches to address human trafficking or sexual violence and harassment
- Setting up collaborative "Situation Tables" between police and community partners to better deal with acutely elevated risks such as the opioid crisis and mental health issues
- Establishing and sharing intelligence gathering information such as surveillance of organized crime, covert operations, and social media monitoring of gang activity
- Implementing crime prevention, intervention and diversion strategies focused on youth and young adults who are at risk of entering gangs, as well as exit strategies for victims of human trafficking
- Purchasing new equipment that support policing operations and activities such as enhanced software/technology and/or new vehicles.

Additionally, approximately \$42 million will be provided through the provincial priorities funding stream which includes gun and gang related violence, sexual violence and harassment, human trafficking, mental health and addictions as well as hate-motivated crime.

A call for application will be issued shortly to inform police services and their communities about the availability of the grant program. Eligible police services will be required to demonstrate collaborative partnerships among police services, municipalities, and community-based organizations. Successful recipients will be announced in spring 2022.

This investment builds on the approximately \$112 million the province has invested to combat gun and gang violence since 2018 with the help of the federal government through the [Ontario Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy](#). It also builds on the province's [Anti-human Trafficking Strategy](#) initiatives.

Quick Facts

- The 2022-23 – 2024-25 CSP Grant is available to police services boards (municipal and OPP contract locations) who were eligible to receive funding under the CSP Grant in 2019-20. Beginning this grant cycle, First Nations police services are eligible to apply for funding under the provincial priorities funding stream of the CSP Grant.

- Police services will be required to report bi-annually on the outcomes of their initiatives, such as an increase in support for frontline officers and/or an increase in community safety and well-being, for both the local and provincial priorities funding streams of the CSP grant program.
- The grant funding will help police services pay for personnel, training, equipment, engagement and education as well as research and analysis.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Guns, Gangs and Violence Reduction Strategy](#).
- [Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#).

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Ontario Enhancing Supports for Veterans and Their Families

Investment expanding access to specialized mental health services

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing more than \$529,000 through the True Patriot Love Foundation to expand access to specialized mental health services and support for Ontario's veterans returning to civilian life. The funding will be directed to community-based programs offering group counselling, and supports for women who suffered sexual trauma during combat.

"Our veterans have made tremendous sacrifices to keep our province and country safe, and we have a responsibility to be there to support them when they need us," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "I am proud that our government is prioritizing our veterans and I am grateful to the True Patriot Love Foundation for their delivery of this important specialized programming."

The funding will help support True Patriot Love Foundation's work with agency partners in Ontario to deliver targeted, specialized programs to veterans including:

- Group counselling programs facilitated by psychologists and veteran peer support workers that aim to reduce depression, substance abuse and suicide and strengthen family relationships, peer support and self-esteem.
- A program providing a safe space for female veterans to discuss experiences related to military sexual trauma.
- Group-based, psycho-educational and counselling programs for veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces and their spouse/partner who are struggling with the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- Expanding programs and services currently being offered by mental health agencies, Military Family Resource Centres and other organizations serving the veteran community.
- Wounded Warriors Canada Trauma Resiliency Program, a clinically facilitated program helping veterans acquire the necessary tools to overcome the natural and understandable effects of traumatic exposure.

"True Patriot Love is honoured to be a trusted partner of the Ontario government as we work to support our veterans and their families in the province. We are proud to work with Ontario to finance community programs that are impacting the mental health of veterans and their families," said Nick Booth MVO, Chief Executive Officer, True Patriot Love Foundation. "This significant investment will begin to develop a more coordinated and collaborative approach to mental health support in Ontario's military charitable sector."

In 2020, the government introduced legislation to modernize the Soldiers' Aid Commission so veterans of all ages - not just those who served in the Second World War and the Korean War - will be eligible to apply for financial assistance. Building on this commitment to support those who served our country and their families, the government is making investments to support veterans' mental health.

"Our veterans often face challenges upon returning home, which can lead to significant impacts on their mental health and well-being," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "This investment will ensure more of our brave veterans are able to quickly access high-quality mental health care that meets their unique needs, in a setting where they are fully supported on their journey towards recovery."

Quick Facts

- Ontario is home to approximately 228,000 of Canada's veterans.
- Each year, 9,000 to 10,000 Canadian Armed Forces members are released from military service. One-third indicate they have difficulty transitioning to civilian life.
- According to Veterans Affairs Canada, about one-fifth of Canadian veterans experience a diagnosed mental health disorder at some time during their lives- the most common are depression, PTSD and anxiety disorders.

Additional Resources

- Learn how to access mental health and addictions services through Ontario’s publicly funded community services at [ConnexOntario](#) (chat and directory of services), by phone 1-866-531-2600, or [email](#).
 - Learn more about the [True Patriot Love Foundation](#).
 - Learn about the [Soldiers’ Aid Commission](#) and how it supports veterans and their families.
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Ontario Expanding Mental Health and Addictions Supports for Frontline Health Care Workers

Protecting our Progress by Improving Access to Supports and Services

November 09, 2021

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BRAMPTON — As part of the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#), the Ontario government is investing \$12.4 million over two years to provide existing and expanded mental health and addictions supports for all frontline health care workers across the province. This investment will protect our progress in the fight against COVID-19 by supporting the workforce of the acute care, long-term care, and home and community care sectors in their efforts to provide high-quality care and service to patients, long-term care residents, and clients.

“Ontario’s frontline health care workers have been unwavering in their dedication to protect the health and safety of Ontarians throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and just as they are there for us, we need to be there for them,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “To protect the progress the people of Ontario have made against COVID-19, our government is ensuring that health care workers have access to the supports they need to ensure their mental wellness and address the impact of the pandemic.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on frontline health care workers’ mental health. This funding will provide continued rapid access to the following expanded or new treatment options and supports specifically for this workforce:

- \$5.9 million for a suite of mental health and addictions services for frontline health care workers through a number of hospitals, including self-referral and intake services, weekly online peer discussion groups, and access to confidential support from a clinician.
- \$1.9 million for increased access to clinical psychologists specializing in trauma, mood, and anxiety disorders and other psychological conditions through the COVID-19 Psychological Support program.
- \$4.6 million for workplace mental health training to provide frontline health care workers and workplaces with the tools to foster mental wellness, including training for management and leadership, frontline health care workers and non-clinical staff.

The government is partnering with five hospitals, the Canadian Mental Health Association, Ontario Division, and the Ontario Psychological Association to offer these mental health and addictions supports.

“Throughout the pandemic, our government has ensured that our frontline health care heroes had the resources they needed to confront this threat. However, the pandemic has had and continues to have serious impact on the wellbeing of so many of our frontline health care workers,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “That is why our 2021 Fall Economic Statement included additional funding to help provide the mental health supports they need, so they can continue to provide high-quality care and services.”

This expands and builds on prior COVID-19 investments to support emergency funding for mental health services to support the health workforce. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2020-21 the province invested up to [\\$194 million](#) in one-time emergency funding for mental health and addictions services. Ontario has also invested \$23.6 million to support internet-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, which has been accessed by over 68,900 Ontarians since the province launched this program during the COVID-19 pandemic, including over 9,800 health and long-term care workers and \$2.5 million in Breaking Free Online, an innovative therapy tool that makes it faster and easier for Ontarians to access safe and effective addictions supports.

“Despite the many dangers and stress caused by this pandemic, our frontline heroes have made, and continue to make very real and personal sacrifices to protect us, our loved ones and our entire province,” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “This much-needed investment will help to protect our progress by ensuring more health and

long-term care workers across the province have faster access to the high-quality mental health and addictions care they expect and deserve.”

Through these measures, the government is also taking action to address the recommendations included in [Ontario’s Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission Report](#) to ensure long-term care staff receive the mental health supports they need.

“Our government has a plan to protect the progress we have made against COVID-19 and fix long-term care in Ontario.” said Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care. “Improving staffing and therefore care is a key part of our plan, and today’s investment will help ensure that long-term care staff have access to much-needed mental health supports.”

On November 4, the government released the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#). The plan lays out how the government will build the foundation for Ontario’s recovery and prosperity by getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure, attracting increased investment, restoring leadership in auto manufacturing and other industries, and supporting Ontario workers. The plan also protects Ontario’s progress against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quick Facts

- Health care workers from anywhere across Ontario can access services confidentially by going directly to a partner organization or via the [Ontario Supports for People](#) website.
- Ontarians can register at www.breakingfreeonline.ca and have free access to programming and resources for two years. Mental health and addictions service providers, such as counselors and therapists, can also register their patients for this service to complement their addiction treatment program.
- The [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#) is the government’s seventh financial update since the pandemic began, highlighting the government’s commitment to providing regular updates on Ontario’s finances, even during this uncertain economic period. It is part of the government’s plan for recovery driven by economic growth.
- To strengthen the health care and long-term care workforce, Ontario is also investing \$342 million, beginning in 2021–22, to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers. In addition, Ontario is investing \$57.6 million, beginning in 2022–23, to hire 225 nurse practitioners in the long-term care sector. The government is also providing up to \$13.1 million in continuing professional development support through the Nursing Education Initiatives.
- Visit [COVID-19: Support for People](#) to find more information about many publicly available and confidential mental health and addictions services and supports for Ontarians of all ages.
- The Ontario government will also provide up to \$270 million this year to long-term care homes to increase staffing levels by 4,050 new long-term care staff across the province, leading to more direct care for residents. This funding also includes \$42.8 million to homes to increase care by allied health care professionals that are key to ensuring quality care for residents (such as physiotherapists and social workers), by 10 per cent this year. This is part of the province’s \$4.9 billion commitment to hire more than 27,000 long-term care staff over four years and ensure that residents receive on average four hours of direct care per day by 2024-25.

Quotes

"Our colleagues across health care have tirelessly come to the aid of Ontarians throughout the pandemic for the last 20 months. But we know many of them are now dealing with burnout and stress which is why this government investment is so important. It allows us to provide much-needed help to our front-line workers."

- Camille Quenneville
CEO, CMHA Ontario

"We have seen how our local health care partners have battled through COVID-19 and we’ve been there to help them through it. But with this funding, CMHA branches like ours will have the opportunity to provide deeper, tailored supports to help them address mental health or addictions challenges they may be experiencing."

- David Smith
CEO, CMHA Peel Dufferin

"On behalf of the Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario representing Respiratory Therapists across the province, I want to express our gratitude to the Ontario Government for recognizing the integral role we play in our health care system by providing us with specialized psychological support services. Respiratory Therapists have been on the frontlines in the face of the coronavirus caring for and treating people suffering and dying from COVID-19. Despite the challenges faced the past 20 months, Respiratory Therapists continue to show up for work taking on extra shifts to provide the best care possible for patients. Unfortunately, this has been at the expense of our own mental wellness. With this new mental health program providing up to eight virtual sessions with a psychologist, Respiratory Therapists can process what they have gone through and continue supporting Ontario patients."

- Renata Rea
President, Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario

"COVID-19 has taken a heavy toll, physically and emotionally, on our nursing community. Today's announcement is very good news for all frontline health care workers who selflessly tended to the needs of people in their care, sometimes at the expense of their own well-being. At WeRPN, we believe these new investments will bring much-needed support to help restore the resilient spirit of Ontario RPNs, the second largest group of regulated health professionals in our health care system."

- Dianne Martin
CEO, WeRPN

"The Ontario Psychological Association (OPA) is proud to work with the Ontario government to support the psychological health and wellbeing of Ontario's essential frontline healthcare workers. These people have been exposed to unprecedented levels of stress and loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have risked their own health and family's health to sustain essential services. For many, this has resulted in symptoms of burnout, anxiety, depression, guilt, irritability, avoidance, sleep disturbance, PTSD, as well as unhealthy coping mechanisms. The OPA will continue to work tirelessly to provide barrier-free access to psychological services that aim to match essential frontline workers to appropriate mental health care in this time of need."

- Richard Morrison
CEO, Ontario Psychological Association

"Many Ontarians have reported experiencing mental health and addiction challenges, with the pandemic taking a devastating toll on frontline health care workers, including mental health and addiction workers. It is critical that during this challenging time we ensure there are supports and services available for our frontline workers. This investment will help ensure that when health care workers reach out for help, help is there."

- Katie Heelis
Interim CEO, Addictions and Mental Health Ontario

Additional Resources

- [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#)
- [Protecting Our Progress](#)
- [Building Ontario](#)
- [Working for Workers](#)
- [Economic and Fiscal Overview](#)
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Ontario Pausing the Lifting of Capacity Limits in Remaining Settings Where Proof of Vaccination is Required

Province's Cautious Approach Key to Protecting Our Progress

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[Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is pausing the lifting of capacity limits in remaining higher-risk settings as outlined in [A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#). This is being done out of an abundance of caution as the province monitors public health trends.

The phased and cautious approach to Ontario's safe reopening includes ongoing monitoring and assessment of key public health and health care indicators. While Ontario's hospital and intensive care capacity remains stable and the province continues to report one of the lowest rates of active cases in the country, certain public health trends, including the effective reproduction number and percent positivity have increased slightly over the past week.

An increase in cases was always expected as more people move indoors due to the colder weather and as the province eased measures. However, out of an abundance of caution, existing capacity limits and physical distancing requirements for higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required will remain in place to ensure the province has the required time to better understand any potential impact on hospitalizations and ICU admissions. These higher-risk settings include:

- food or drink establishments with dance facilities such as night clubs and wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing;
- strip clubs; and
- sex clubs and bathhouses.

The government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to monitor the data for the next 28 days to determine when it is safe to lift capacity limits in these settings.

"Throughout the pandemic our government has taken a cautious approach to reopening, ensuring our hospital capacity remains stable and the province continues to report one of the lowest rates of active cases in the country," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "To protect our hard-fought progress and ensure we can continue to manage COVID-19 for the long-term, more time is needed before we can take the next step forward in our reopening plan."

Ontario's cautious approach is working, with weekly cases incidence rates still well below the national average and the province tracking below the lower range scenario for ICU projections outlined by the Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table on [October 22, 2021](#). However, the province has continued to be guided by the evidence, ensuring that key indicators continue to be assessed through each milestone of its plan to gradually lift public health and workplace safety measures.

"While Ontario has continued to make progress as a result of its safe and cautious approach to reopening, it is necessary to make this deliberate pause as we approach the winter holidays where more people will begin gathering indoors and where students will be returning to in-class learning in January after celebrating with friends and family," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "Over the coming weeks and months, we need to stay the course on reaching those who have not yet been vaccinated, follow public health and workplace safety measures, and continue to remain vigilant in order to minimize the transmission of COVID-19 and keep our communities safe."

Ontarians are urged to remain vigilant and continue following public health and workplace safety measures in place and to get vaccinated if they have not done so already. Achieving the highest vaccination rates possible is key to reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission and significant surges in cases. Responses will continue to be tailored to local context, with the ultimate goal of limiting disruption to people and businesses across the province.

Quick Facts

- On November 10, 2021, Ontario's unvaccinated and partially vaccinated population which represents 25 per cent of the province, amounted to 222 of Ontario's 454 reported cases.
- Local medical officers of health continue to have the ability to issue advice, recommendations or instructions under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROA) as well as Section 22 orders under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, and municipalities may enact by-laws, to target specific transmission risks in the community.
- The National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends an optimal interval of eight weeks between first and second doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series. Individuals who wish to get their second dose at a shorter interval, as applicable, can continue to do so but with informed consent.
- On November 30, 2021, the government intends to exempt food or drink establishments that are beyond security in Ontario's airports from requiring patrons to provide proof of identification and of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, given federal proof of vaccination requirements that come into effect on the same day.
- As of [November 3, 2021](#), approximately 3 million individuals are now eligible to book a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant.
- As of [September 22, 2021](#), Ontarians are required to be [fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19 with proof of vaccination along with identification to access certain public settings and facilities unless an exemption applies under [O. Reg. 364/20](#). The [enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code](#) and the free, made-in Ontario Verify Ontario app are now available for download, making it easier, more secure and convenient for individuals to provide proof of vaccination where required to do so.
- As of November 10, 2021, nearly 8 million enhanced certificates with QR codes have been downloaded through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) and there have been more than 1.4 million downloads of the Verify Ontario app.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Releases Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#)
- [Enhanced COVID-19 Vaccine Certificate with QR Code and Verify Ontario App Available for Download Starting October 15](#)
- [Using your Enhanced Vaccine Certificate: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings](#)
- [Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations under the Reopening Act](#)
- [Ontario Expanding Booster Eligibility to More Ontarians](#)
- For public inquiries, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007).
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

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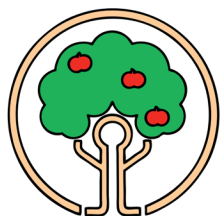
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Renfrew County and District Health Unit

COVID-19 Case Summary

November 10, 2021

<p>Total Confirmed Cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD): 843 (325 cases have screened positive for variants of concern [VOC])</p> <p>Cases Reported in the Last 7 Days: 6</p> <p>Incidence Rate^a in the Last 7 Days: 5.5 per 100,000 individuals</p>	<p>Current Status of Cases in RCD</p> <p>Self-Isolation: 8</p> <p>Hospitalized: 1</p> <p>Hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit: 0</p> <p>Resolved: 824</p> <p>Deceased: 10</p>		
<p>Residents of Long-Term Care/Retirement Homes: 13</p> <p>Health Care Workers (HCWs): 71 (17 HCWs employed outside of RCD)</p> <p>Community Cases: 703</p> <p>School Cases (Including Daycares): Staff=11 Students=45</p>	Outbreak Setting	Cumulative Number of Outbreaks	Active Number of Outbreaks
	Community	5	0
	Hospital	1	0
	Long-Term Care Home/Retirement Home	15	0
	School (all levels)	8	0
	Workplace	10	0
	Total	39	0
<p>Total Number of tests completed for RCD residents: 120,577</p> <p>Percent Positivity^b of tests completed for RCD residents (October 31-November 06, 2021) 0.5%</p>			
<p>RCDHU has responded to 47,309 COVID-19 inquiries from residents and community partners since March 18, 2020.</p>			

^a Incidence rate is calculated by dividing the total number of confirmed cases in a 7-day period by the population size, and then multiplying by 100,000. It takes into account the size of the population, and can be compared to other regions. It's trend (increasing or decreasing) suggests the trajectory of transmission within a region. Data source: Population Projection of Renfrew County and District Health Unit [2020], Ontario Ministry of Health, IntelliHEALTH Ontario

^b Percent positivity is calculated by dividing the number of tests with a positive result by the total number of tests processed during the same time frame, and then multiplying by 100. A higher percent positivity suggests higher community transmission and that there are likely more people with COVID-19 in the community who haven't been tested yet. Data source: Ontario Ministry of Health, Ontario Laboratory Information System (OLIS), Visual Analytics Hub.

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COVID-19 Vaccination & Pregnancy

Pregnant individuals are eligible and recommended to get 2 doses of COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible, at any stage in pregnancy (even the first trimester). While pregnant individuals were not included in trials for COVID-19 vaccines, hundreds of thousands of pregnant individuals have now received COVID-19 vaccines and there were no significant health concerns found for the woman or her baby.

Benefits of COVID-19 Vaccine in Pregnancy:

- Protection from being sick with COVID-19 – fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, and feeling unwell with tiredness and muscle aches and pains.
- Protection from hospitalization due to COVID-19 symptoms. About one in ten pregnant women with COVID-19 will need hospitalization and some will need to go to intensive care and be on a ventilator. This is, in part, because the pressure of the baby on the diaphragm affects breathing, and the COVID-19 virus also affects the lungs and breathing.
- Protects the baby from being born early if the woman has COVID-19.
- Provides protection for the baby when the antibodies developed by the mother go through breastmilk to the baby.
- The COVID-19 vaccine doesn't affect fertility.

Clinic Update



Vaccination clinics will be open to all residents born in 2009 or earlier for first or second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Third doses will also be available for those who are eligible.

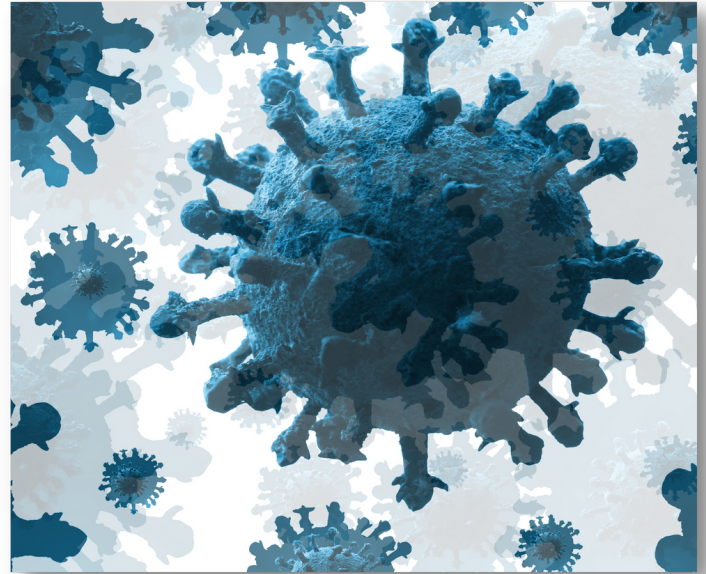


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Local Update

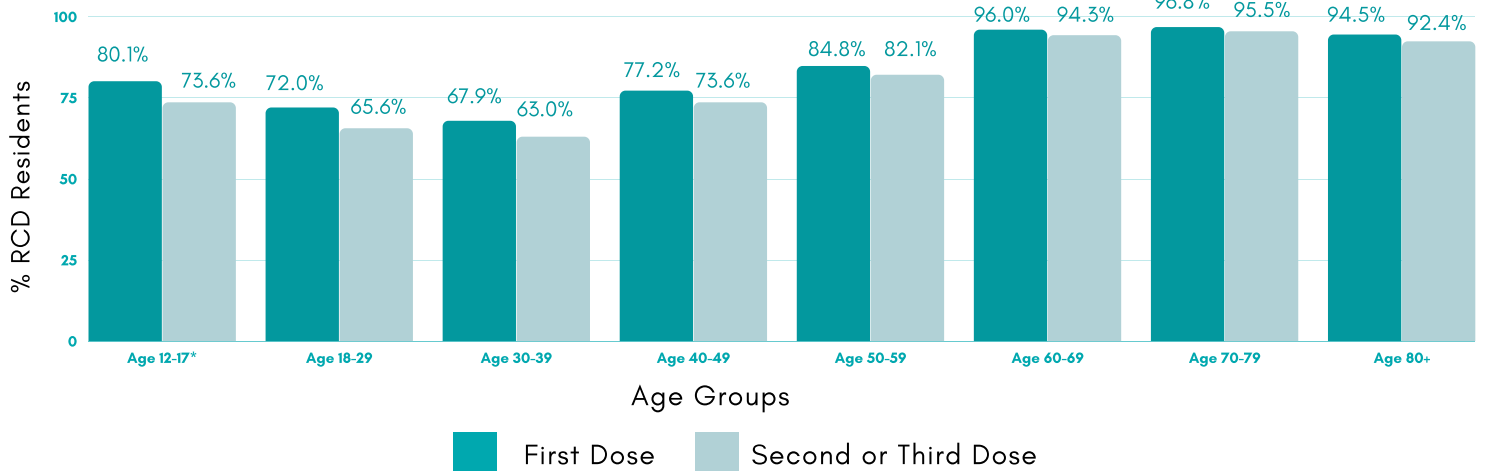
As of 8:00 a.m. November 1, 157,200 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 88.8% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (85.1% have received 2 or 3 doses).

Remember: Even if you have been vaccinated, it is important to continue following public health measures, such as physical distancing, wearing a mask and hand hygiene.



Percentage of RCD residents with Dose 1 and Dose 2 or 3 of the COVID-19 vaccine, by Age Groups

As of November 1, 2021



Notes: This age demographic breakdown does not include Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members residing in RCD.

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Youth Corner (12-17 Years of Age)



Youth born in 2009 or earlier are eligible to book their COVID-19 vaccination appointment for the **Pfizer** COVID-19 vaccine.

Youth **second dose** appointments must be scheduled **at least 28 days after the first dose**. Indigenous youth may book a second dose appointment three weeks after their first.

For more information visit:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Youth Information](#)
- [What Youth Need to Know About their Appointment](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Youth Consent Form](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Information Sheet](#)

First & Second Dose Information

Individuals still looking to get their COVID-19 vaccinations should visit one of the various clinics taking place across Renfrew County and District each week. To see the latest schedules, visit [RCDHU's COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout Webpage](#).

Another great option is to visit a local participating pharmacy. To find the closest pharmacy that is offering COVID-19 vaccinations, visit Ontario's online link for [COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations](#).

You can also check in with your primary care provider to see if they have COVID-19 vaccine availability.

First & Second Dose Eligibility List



All residents **born in 2009 or earlier** (turning 12 years of age or older in 2021) are now eligible to book a first and second dose appointment for vaccination.



COVID-19 Third Dose Information

Visit [Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine rollout webpage](#) for up-to-date information on the vaccine and implementation phases.

RCDHU FAQ: [What You Need to Know About a Third Dose](#).

COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Differs for Canadian Armed Forces Members

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is notifying businesses and facilities that proof of vaccination looks different for military members. While non-CAF members must show government documentation accompanied by picture identification (ID), military members are required to show their CAF-issued vaccination booklet along with their military ID. Please note that proof of vaccination for CAF members can be in the form of an entry in a vaccination booklet, a sheet of paper or a card.

The authenticity of these documents can be confirmed by verifying that the name and service number on the document matches those on the individual's military identification card.

Providing Proof of Vaccination

As of October 15, 2021, individuals have the choice to download the enhanced vaccine certificate scannable QR code from the COVID-19 vaccination portal.

To save your vaccine certificate with a QR code to your phone, log-in to the COVID-19 vaccination portal using your Apple or Android phone.

- Select "Get your vaccine receipt"
- Scroll to bottom of page under "To download your proof of vaccination or book an appointment" and check off the "Terms of Use" box
- Click "continue"
- Fill out the following form using your date of birth, health card info, and postal code. Click "continue"
- Next, you'll get two options: 1) booking a vaccination appointment and 2) access vaccine receipts. Click "continue" on yellow box that says "Proof of Vaccination"
- Click "Download proof of vaccination" to save on your phone.

For more information visit: [Using your Enhanced Vaccine Certificate: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Partner Websites



Renfrew County and District (RCD) COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout at a Glance

Updated: November 03, 2021



Key Messages

- > **The benefits of getting vaccinated to prevent potential complications in pregnancy far outweigh the risks. Not only will the vaccine protect you from COVID-19 infection, it will reduce the risk of severe illness and complications related to COVID-19 infections in pregnancy.** For more details, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-vaccines-pregnancy>.
- > To see the latest clinic schedules, visit <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/> or stay tuned to RCDHU's social media. **You can also check with your primary care provider or a local participating pharmacy.**
- > **To obtain proof of your COVID-19 vaccination(s), please visit the following link:** <https://covid19.ontariohealth.ca/>. Ensure you have your health card with you.

Local Snapshot

As of 8:00 a.m. November 01, 2021

Total doses administered to date* **157,200**

Percentage of population (12+) with at least 1 dose** **88.8%**

Percentage of population (12+) with 2 or 3 doses** **85.1%**



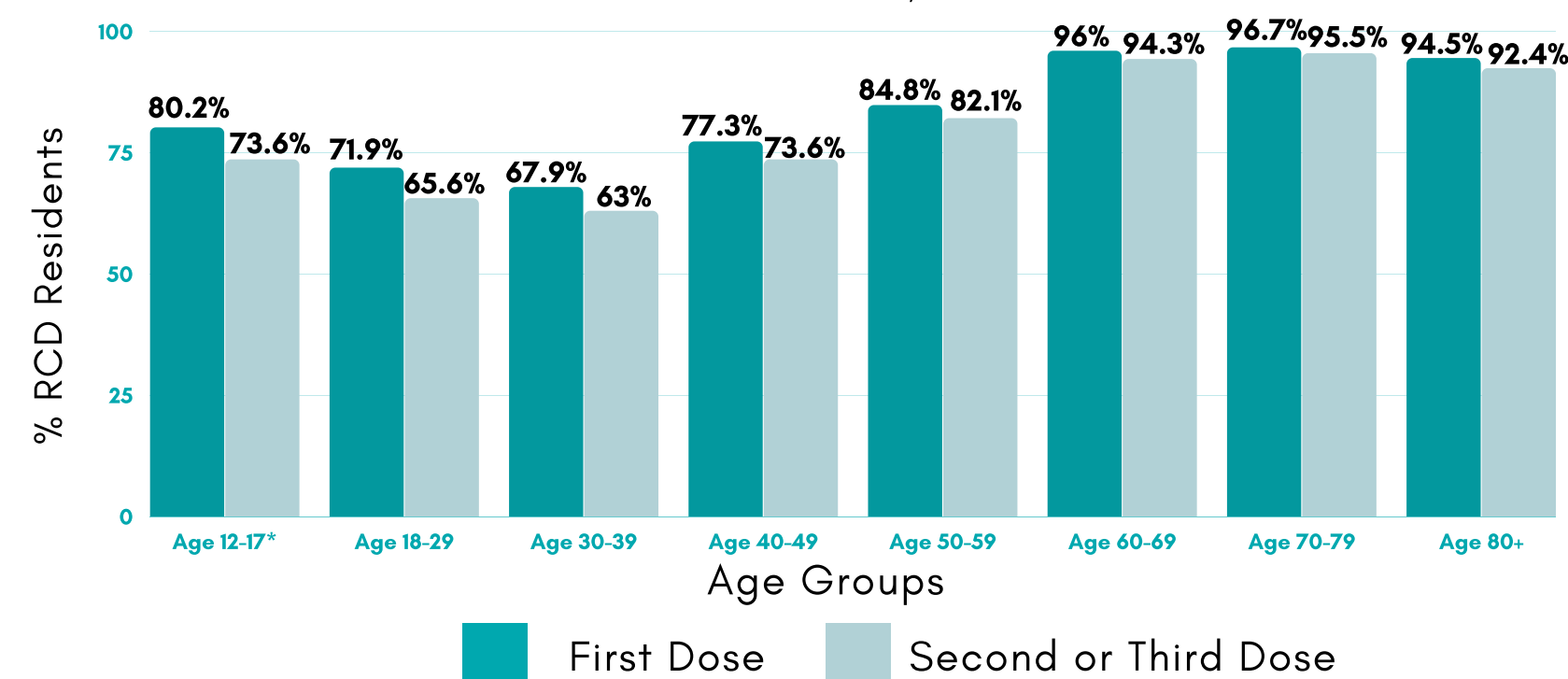
It is advised that **all residents in the general population born in 2009 or earlier (including those who are, or plan to become, pregnant)** receive their COVID-19 vaccine. It is important to be fully vaccinated as quickly as possible, as vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses like COVID-19 and variants of concern.

*Does not include the number of doses that have been administered to Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members.

**Includes Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members residing in RCD, according to Garrison Petawawa medical services. Also includes residents born in 2009.

Percentage of RCD residents with Dose 1 and Dose 2 or 3 of the COVID-19 vaccine, by Age Groups

As of November 01, 2021

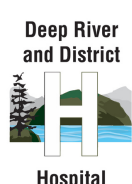


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To get the latest COVID-19 vaccine information visit:
www.rcdhu.com or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097 Ext. 203



RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:30 p.m., November 3, 2021)

COVID-19 Third Dose Vaccine Eligibility Rollout

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and its partners will be expanding eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination third dose (booster) appointments in line with the province's announcement made earlier today.

Effective November 5, 2021, at 8:00 a.m., booking appointments for COVID-19 third dose (booster) vaccinations will begin for the following vulnerable populations if at least six months (168days) has passed since their second (last) dose:

- Individuals aged 70 and over (born in 1951 or earlier);
- Health care workers;
- Designated essential caregivers in congregate settings (including long-term care home and retirement home staff and designated caregivers);
- Individuals who received a complete series of a viral vector vaccine (two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine or one dose of the Janssen vaccine/Johnson&Johnson vaccine);
- Individuals who are immunocompromised; and
- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

For a complete list of those who are eligible within each group visit: [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#).

All eligible residents will be able to access vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District or visit a participating pharmacy.

The online booking system will open November 5, 2021, for anyone who is currently eligible.

Residents will be asked to book an appointment online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves.

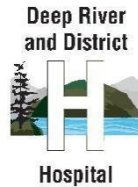
Residents are still eligible to receive first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. Please note that individuals who are currently eligible for first and second doses include: all residents born in 2009 or earlier (turning 12 years of age or older in 2021).

For more information, visit [RCDHU's website](#) or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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Arnprior & District
Family Health Team

RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 2:37 p.m., November 5, 2021)

Booking COVID-19 Third Dose Vaccination Appointments

Effective November 5, 2021, booking appointments for COVID-19 third dose vaccinations will begin for the following vulnerable populations if at least six months (168 days) has passed since their second (last) dose:

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- First Nation, Inuit and Métis adults and their non-Indigenous household members.

Residents who are eligible to book appointments for COVID-19 third dose vaccinations if at least eight weeks has passed since their second (last) dose include:

- Individuals who are immunocompromised.

For a complete list of those who are eligible within each group visit: [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#).

To book an appointment visit: [RCDHU COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout webpage](#). Residents are asked to book an appointment online as this is the fastest way. Individuals are encouraged to ask a family member or friend to assist if they are unable to book online themselves. Only if a person is unable to book online, they can call RCDHU at 613-732-3629 Ext. 201 or 1-800-267-1097, Ext. 201. Residents are asked to leave one message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

Residents are also encouraged to receive COVID-19 vaccines through participating pharmacies. To find a pharmacy near you visit [COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations](#).

"While the province continues to expand eligibility, **we ask that you please be patient as third doses are recommended, not required, and there is no immediate rush to receive a third dose**," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU). "Receiving a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine is an added precaution in our fight against the virus and is **not required for employment or access to workplaces. Those who currently have two doses remain protected and are considered fully vaccinated**," continues Dr. Cushman.

RCDHU and partners want to thank the Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) for their hard work and dedication in the seamless transition to the new online booking system.

For more information, visit [RCDHU's website](#) or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:40 p.m., November 05, 2021)

Renfrew County and District 2021/2022 Flu Campaign Update

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) continues to work with primary care and community partners to provide flu shots across Renfrew County and District.

Starting in November, anyone 6 months of age and older who lives, works or goes to school in Ontario is eligible to receive their annual flu shot. Please watch [RCDHU's website](#) for upcoming information on local clinic dates, locations, and other details.

You can book your flu shot online by visiting [RCDHU's 2021-2022 Flu Campaign webpage](#). Residents are encouraged to book their appointment online, however if a person is unable to register online, they can contact RCDHU at 613-732-3629 Ext. 509 or 1-800-267-1097, Ext. 509. Residents are asked to leave one message with their name and phone number, and someone will return their call as soon as possible.

Residents are encouraged to be vaccinated against seasonal influenza at a place and time most convenient for them. Pharmacies, primary health care providers and Renfrew County and District Health Unit will be offering flu shots throughout the month of November and beyond to all people aged 6 months and older who live, work or go to school in Ontario

For more information visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/>.

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MUNICIPAL
PROPERTY
ASSESSMENT
CORPORATION

Good afternoon Mayor Stack,

Today, as part of the [Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#) the government announced the continued postponement of the province-wide assessment update.

This means that property taxes for the 2022 and 2023 taxation years will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016 valuation date. Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2021 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property.

This announcement does not change the work we do to maintain the assessment roll, including the addition of new assessment. We understand the importance of revenue generated from ongoing construction and renovation projects, and we will continue to capture the value of these changes throughout the year.

We will also continue our work to provide you with market analysis and insights to support you in managing your assessment base and planning for the future.

In addition to the postponement, other relevant highlights from today's *Fall Economic Statement* include:

- Temporary suspension of the five per cent cap on the payments in lieu of property tax (PILT) to municipalities until passenger volumes return to pre-pandemic levels for each airport.
- Simplifying the legislative requirements with respect to the assessment of pipeline properties, including the designation of pipelines by owners.
- Several farm property-related measures: Changes to small-scale on-farm business subclass, extending the farm property tax treatment that currently applies to the processing of maple sap to include all edible tree saps and increasing the current limit on the property tax exemption for farm woodlots from 20 to a proposed 30 acres.
- Streamlining and simplifying application processes for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.
- Our work to develop an annual performance report beginning in 2022, which will contain many elements from our Service Level Agreement and is one of the ways we will demonstrate accountability and transparency in our work.

Over the coming weeks we will be meeting with our municipal partners to talk about how we will continue to work in partnership with you to support efforts to modernize the sector, and ensure we are in the best possible position to deliver the next assessment update.

We thank you for your partnership and we are here to continue to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your local account manager.

Sincerely,

Nicole

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President and Chief Administrative Officer

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)
1340 Pickering Parkway, Suite 101
Pickering, ON L1V 0C4



**Arnprior-Braeside-McNab
Seniors At Home**

~ P R E S E N T S ~

ARNPRIOR'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 27, 2021

10am – 4pm

Nick Smith Centre

77 James Street

FREE ADMISSION

30+ vendors

DOOR PRIZES - donated by event vendors

**Every shopper receives one entry
into door prize draw**

Angel Tree donations accepted



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“NEIGHBOURS HELPING NEIGHBOURS”

October was Community Support Services Month, and we want to take the opportunity to thank the members of our community who have made it possible to continue providing our quality home support services throughout the past year. We have been overwhelmed by the financial and volunteer support that has come in throughout the pandemic and are so encouraged as we continue to provide these essential services and care for our valued clients. We have always been in this together!



BLUE ENVELOPE OF HOPE CAMPAIGN RAISES OVER \$34,000



Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program launched the Blue Envelope Campaign in May of 2020 as an urgent appeal to the community for financial support during the Covid-19 health crisis when all of our fundraising events were cancelled and most of our fee-based programs plummeted. Thanks to the wonderful community support, we were able to continue our mission despite these challenges and offered enhanced support services during the pandemic such as virtual programming, regular

wellness checks for seniors, and expanded our grocery delivery program to get our seniors through the first lockdown.

Fast-forward to June 2021 and as the majority of our fundraising opportunities were still on hold, you received our Blue Envelopes of Hope in your mailbox as this year's appeal for financial support to continue our services. We are grateful that YOU responded to our call for financial support and have kept our programs and services going.

It is never too late to donate to the Blue Envelope of Hope Campaign, and your financial support is always crucial to our operations. Thank you for making a difference! Donations can be made in-person at 106 McGonigal St W, by phone 613-623-7981, or by etransfer to donate@cssagency.ca (specify in the message section Blue Envelope donation and your contact information for charitable tax receipts).

Angel Tree



Using funds raised from our ANGEL TREE campaign from the 2020 season, we have provided over \$2,600 in financial assistance to 24 individuals over this past year. These funds have provided essential help for clients who would not otherwise have been able to obtain these services or items. Through the support of donations from our community, our clients have received eye care, hearing aids, mobility aids, sleep apnea devices, house cleaning assistance, transportation to medical appointments including daily radiation and chemotherapy, and more. Every dollar that is donated to the Angel Tree program goes directly back into the community- no administrative or maintenance fees. We are so grateful to our community partners who put our “Angel Trees” in their places of business to collect donations every year, and we look forward to seeing those out in our community again this coming Christmas season.

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, November 11, 2021 – Closed until 1:00pm for Remembrance Day

Friday, December 24, 2021 – Closed at 12:00pm

Monday, December 27, 2021 – Closed for Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 – Closed for Boxing Day

Friday, December 31, 2021 – Closed at 12:00pm

Monday, January 3, 2022 – Closed for New Year's Day

Valley Cruisers Go the Extra Mile



Brian and Heather Gunn, representing Valley Cruisers, present a cheque to Dennis Harrington, ABMSAH Executive Director with the earnings from their summer Cruise Night 50/50 raffles.

POKER RUN SHOW AND SHINE

Despite the rain, a great time was had by all who attended the Poker Run Show & Shine held at Valley Rent Rite on August 28th. A STIHL chainsaw, provided by Valley Rent Rite, was awarded to Anne Woodland for having the best poker hand, with prizes awarded to the runner up and voted car favourites. A huge thank you to Valley Rent Rite, to Brian Gunn and the Valley Cruisers, to the Township of McNab/Braeside and Scoops Ice Cream, Vintage Bootleg for the live music entertainment, and of course to our volunteers who came out and made it all possible. In spite of the poor weather, the classic car owner participants were not shy with their generosity, and over \$700 was raised in support of Seniors At Home programs!



Agency volunteer, Beau Jamischak gives a wave as he grills burgers at the Poker Run.



Part of the classic car line up at the Poker Run Show & Shine held at Valley Rent Rite on August 28, 2021.



SHRED DAY 2021

Showcasing the on-site shredding truck are, from left to right, Dan Dubois (staff), Dennis Harrington (Executive Director), Jocelyn Dunn (staff), and volunteer Paul Dunn. Photo credit: Chris Couper of What's Up Arnprior.

Though covered by masks, staff and volunteers' smiles still shone through on Saturday, June 26th as they were able to hold the first official fundraising event for Seniors At Home since the pandemic had begun. Shred Day saw \$1,700 raised for the agency that morning, in spite of the rain and the triple-postponement due to lockdown measures. Datashred Security was on-site to provide instant shredding as people dropped off their boxes at \$10 per box. A big thank you to all the volunteers who came out- what a great feeling to be back at an event together. Looking forward to Shred Day 2022!



Lynn Russett of Island View presents a cheque to Dennis Harrington, SAH Executive Director

Thank you to Island View Retirement Suites, all participating restaurants, and our celebrity judges for putting together last year's CHILI FEST, on November 19, 2020. It was an absolute success in every way, raising \$2,845 for the Seniors At Home Program, and filling everyone's bellies with the best chili in the County, and we can't wait to do it again this year! A big Congratulations went to Krave Bistro, the "Chili Champion" of 2020.

Thank you to our many volunteers for continuing to provide essential services throughout the pandemic. Thank you for donating your time and talents for: medical and covid-19 vaccine transportation, wellness and friendly visiting calls, telephone security, foot clinic reception, income tax preparation, grocery deliveries, hot meals on wheels deliveries, fundraising, as well as events and administrative support. You are the reason Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program can provide such quality service to our community!

IT'S BACK!!

Chili Fest 2021

Tuesday, November 30th

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Island View
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NEW Social Program:

The Lunch Bunch

First Wednesday of every month

1:00pm - 3:00pm

@ Jim's Restaurant

**Tickets: \$11.00 - advance
purchase required from
Seniors At Home office**

For all Seniors 55+,
disabled, and individuals
with special needs
(proof of vaccination required)



**Sunday, August 21, 2022,
11:00am-12:00pm,
Robert Simpson Park**



NEW STAFFING ROLE IN 2021

Jocelyn Dunn, Development Coordinator

Jocelyn stepped into the role of Development Coordinator this past August, after working in the out-of-town Transportation department of Seniors At Home since February 2020. Jocelyn has a background in administration within the health field, most recently having coordinated home support services for Bayshore Home Healthcare in Ottawa. Jocelyn and her husband moved from Ottawa to White Lake, and then to Arnprior in 2016. After taking several years off to raise her young family, Jocelyn was excited to get back into a position where she can help people in her community, by coordinating fundraising campaigns and community outreach for the Seniors At Home Program, "Arnprior has been such an amazing community for us, where we have felt the most supported and connected than we've ever been. We have enjoyed so many of the great programs and events here that have made it fun for young families, and I'm excited to get the chance to give back to our community while helping Seniors At Home".

Jocelyn has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Seniors At Home over the past year-and-a-half, especially working alongside the other staff and volunteers, who, in Jocelyn's opinion are the most fun and big-hearted group of people she has had the pleasure of working with!



Newest venture to assist low income families in Arnprior and area!

The **Cross Walk Clothing Cupboard's** official opening is scheduled for Saturday November 6th at River Stone Christian Fellowship Church, 59 Madawaska Blvd.

The organization will be receiving referrals from local agencies and distributing "New" clothing free of charge. The church is being blessed with new clothing from a local merchant and in turn wants to bless the community. If you would like more information regarding this initiative you can send your queries to the following email address: crosswalkclothing1@gmail.com.

THE LOAN CUPBOARD

Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home Program has been operating its newest program, The Medical Assistive Device Loan Program, for a little over a year, and we are pleased to have been able to help over 240 clients since the program started.

How it works – We keep a supply of used medical assistive equipment in an offsite storage facility such as:

- canes • crutches • air casts/support boots • walkers • wheelchairs
- commodes • bath seats • raised toilet seats and other assistive devices

Items can be borrowed for short- or long-term use and are free of charge. We will gratefully accept donated equipment (by appointment only). Any returned or donated equipment must be clean and in good condition. To maintain this program, monetary donations are gratefully accepted and assist with the maintenance and purchasing of equipment as needed.

To borrow or donate equipment, please call Nikki Rumbelow 613-623-7981 x 105 or email nikkirumbelow@cssagency.ca to set up an appointment. Hours of Operation Monday 2-4pm and Thursday 9-11am.

Arnprior's Annual Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday, November 27
10 - 4

@ The Nick Smith Centre

FREE ADMISSION

25+ local vendors - something to capture everyone's interest

Receive entry to win a door prize, just for attending!

****Proof of vaccination required**

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 16th

Annual Seniors Christmas Dinner
"Grab & Go" style!

Keep an eye on our website for more details
www.cssagency.ca



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We want to leave behind something that will immortalize us and ensure we mattered

If we don't leave a positive legacy, what kind of society are we building?

What kind of world are we leaving behind?

What are we passing on to our children and grandchildren?



LEFT TO RIGHT: Archie Jordan (1944-2021), Don Cornforth (1944-2021), Irene Smith (1937-2021), Joan Wallace (1933-2021)

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More information Dennis Harrington

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Thank You



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UGLY SWEATER WALK ON DECEMBER 4, 2021. AS YOU KNOW,
THIS ANNUAL EVENT HAS BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH OUR
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CELEBRATING THE MEMORY OF A WELL KNOWN AND
LIFE-LONG ARNPRIOR RESIDENT. MUCH LIKE YEARS PAST,
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FOR PARTICIPANTS, WITH OUR FOCUS BEING THAT IT IS
DONE IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE HEALTH AND SAFETY
IS KEPT THE #1 PRIORITY!

THANK YOU AGAIN AND SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!

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From: >ERM Stakeholder Relations <ERMStakeholder@cnl.ca>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:08 PM
To: >ERM Stakeholder Relations
Cc: MacKay, Mitch; LeBlanc, Nicole
Subject: You're invited to a webinar on CNL's NSDF Project and NPD Closure Project

Good afternoon local elected officials,

Please join us for our November webinar on the Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) Closure Project and the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) Project.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

NPD Closure Project - *Development of the Safety Case for the NPD Closure Project*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Graham Porter

NSDF Project – *Waste Characterization at Chalk River Laboratories*

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Meggan Vickerd

www.cnl.ca/events

No registration required.

More information on the NPD Closure Project can be found at www.cnl.ca/npd.

More information on the NSDF Project can be found at www.cnl.ca/nsdf.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at ERMStakeholder@cnl.ca if you have any questions and we encourage you to share this information with others who may be interested.

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From: World Peace <fresh.life.now2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Walter Stack
Subject: Love is the Only Solution

Respected leaders and government officials,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. We would like to introduce to you a powerful new e-book that is available to all free of charge.

Entitled "Love is the Only Solution," world renowned Spiritual Teacher, humanitarian and author, Supreme Master Ching Hai, clearly states the world's current problems, their causes and the solution, as She makes a plea for help to all the government bodies, religious and industry leaders around the world who have the power to implement new laws.

Her words of wisdom and foresight are a wake-up call to make everyone realize the damage that has already been done and how it can be reversed. She says that if humanity wants to avoid future pandemics, preserve the Earth for future generations, and protect their health and spiritual integrity as well as prevent wars, then there is only one answer.

Please Click the following link to download this illuminating new book.

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**The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior
Notice of Amended Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment
ZBLA-4/21 and Notice of Public Meeting**

Take Notice that pursuant to the requirements of Section 34(10.7) of the Planning Act, the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior advises that an application for amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 6875-18, as amended, has been received and was deemed a complete application pursuant to the requirements of the Planning Act.

And Further, Take Notice that as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior will hold an Electronic Public Meeting on **Monday, December 13th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**, to consider the proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 6875-18. The amendment has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 34 of the Planning Act.

This will be an electronic public meeting where there will be no physical in-person attendance due to COVID-19. There will be opportunities provided to watch the meeting live on the Town's YouTube channel, as well as provide input electronically. You are strongly encouraged to submit any comments, concerns or support of the application in writing, prior to the Public Meeting, so they can be considered by Council prior to a decision being made on the application. Instructions on how to dial in and/or connect the electronic public meeting are available on the Town's website, on the same page as the Council Agenda Package, for the December 13th, 2021 Council meeting. Alternatively, you may contact the Clerk's office at 613-623-4231 ext. 1818 or at clerks@arnprior.ca requesting information on how to access.

Purpose, Effect & Location of Zoning By-Law Amendment (File No. ZBLA-4/21)

The applicant has applied for a Residential Four (R4) zoning to allow the proposed three four-storey apartment buildings with a total of 144 units. The current zoning is Future Development (FD). A conceptual plan (August 13, 2021) was submitted for the following development:

- Three four-storey apartment buildings with proposed access from Thomas Street (one building of 24 units, one building of 56 units and one building of 64 units).
- Associated parking areas, loading area and access lanes.

The Zoning By-law amendment application seeks to rezone the subject lands to add an apartment dwelling as a permitted use on the property, together with an increase in the maximum height to 15.5m, and relief from the restriction on location of parking from the front or exterior side yard only.

Subject Lands: The lands affected by the Amendment are vacant lands along Thomas Street South at William Street, legally known as Part of Lot 3, Concession B, former Township of McNab, now in the Town of Arnprior, Lot 97 and 98, Plan 115, as shown on the Key Map, attached hereto.

More Information: Copies of the proposed amendment, material provided under Section 34 (10.1) of the Planning Act and any additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. ZBLA-4/21), are available for inspection by contacting the Planning office at 613-623-4231 during regular office hours or by emailing planning@arnprior.ca. Please contact the offices before attending to understand COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Any Person may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Arnprior to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Please note the following changes to the Planning Act and its Regulations:

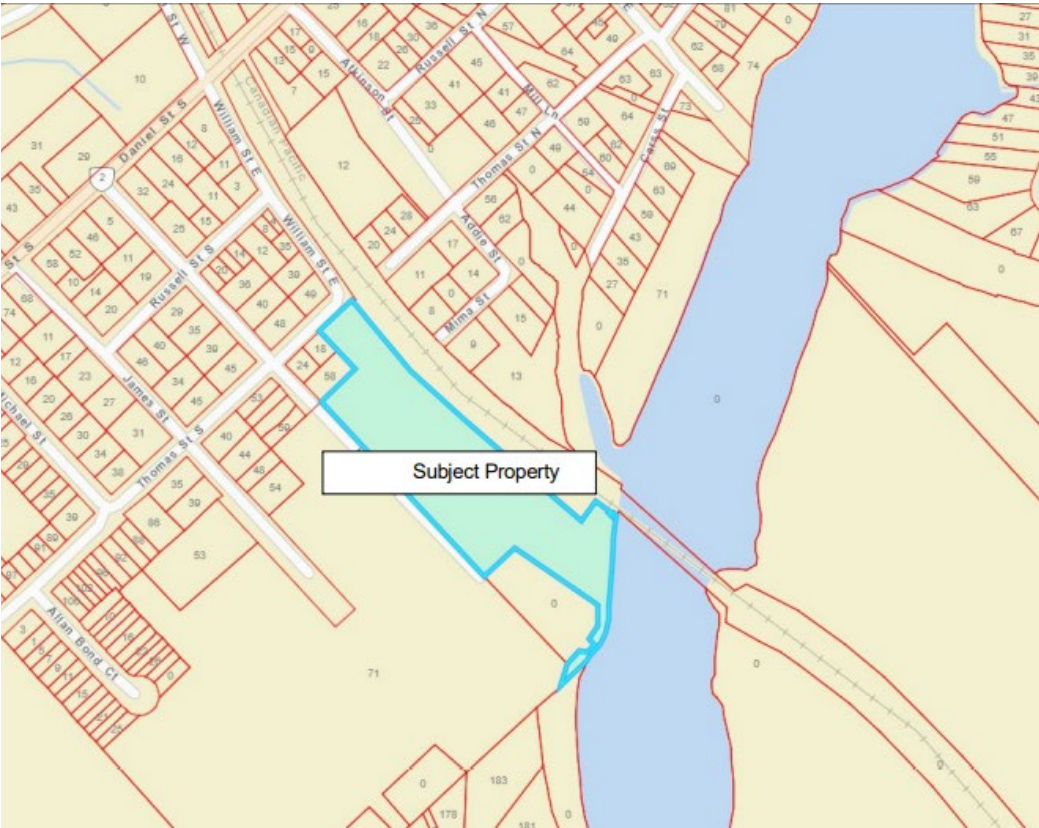
If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town of Arnprior on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Town of Arnprior c/o Maureen Spratt, Town Clerk at clerks@arnprior.ca or through written mail to 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8.

If you are receiving this notice because you are the owner of property in the area of the amendment that contains seven or more residential units, you must also post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents of your property.

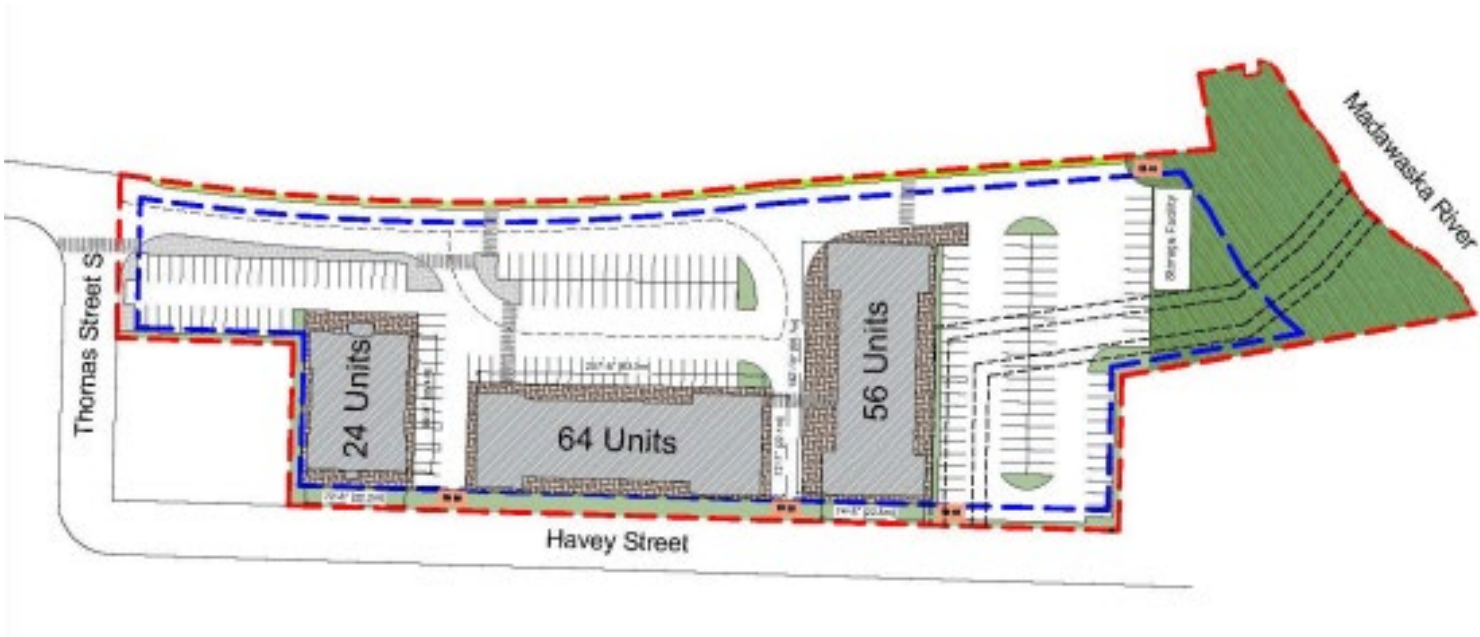
Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record. The Town to such persons, will disclosed/make this information available as the Town deems appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Town with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Dated at the Town of Arnprior this 8th day of November, 2021.

Key Map:



Conceptual Plan:



Are You Financially Literate?

Being aware of financial information can help you grow

By: Jennifer Layman
jenn@ovbusiness.com

November is financial literacy month in Canada. Here are some tips for small businesses when it comes to being more mindful of finances:

1) Know your costs. That might seem obvious, but the costs of selling products or services in your business include a lot of elements: labour, transportation, rent, insurance, internet, etc. Know how much it costs you to operate and compare that to how you are charging to make sure you're in the black.

2) Know the basics. Even if you have someone handling your bookkeeping or accounting, you should know how to read income statements and balance sheets. Book an hour with your professional advisor and go over what the different reports mean and how they can help you make better financial choices in the future.

3) Employ a professional. Speaking of professionals, you



should have one. Even if you do your own bookkeeping or accounting work, having a professional review or start doing your finances may provide a greater benefit than you think. First, your finances are being completed by someone who does this kind of work for a living. Second, you free up some time to work on your business.

4) Know where you're at. Set income and expense projections for the year and then monitor both on a monthly or quarterly basis. Know what areas of the business are doing better than

others and keep an eye on expenses to see if you can lower them to the benefit of your bottom line. This information can be helpful in knowing how to make future decisions in growing the business.

5) Be mindful of outstanding accounts. Stay on top of invoices that are outstanding and send reminders to make sure they are collected. If someone is a late payer, have them pay a percentage of their next invoice in advance of the work. It takes time to collect accounts, and that is time away from working on

your business..

6) Make investments. You do have to spend money to make money and smart spending can help you grow your business. Pay attention to expenses are investments - money you spend in order to make more money. This might be an online presence, a part-time employee, an industry membership, etc. When cutting expenses, be sure you're not cutting an investment.

Resources

For some additional webinars, publications and information for small business finances, visit www.cpacanada.ca and choose public interest, then CPA Canada's financial literacy, financial literacy resources and then choose the small business links. You can also access many resources at BDC by visiting www.bdc.ca. Choose the articles and tools link and then the entrepreneur's toolkit. There can also be webinars in the events calendar of Ottawa Valley Business to help with certain aspects (ie: bookkeeping).

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Let's Talk About Branding (what it is, what you need and how to get it). It's your voice, your story, your colours, even your business plan. Find out what you might be missing and how to tie it all together. 10:00am-11:00am. Free webinar. Jaana Brett, Paaper Studio. Register at cjames@smallbizcentre.ca or 613-283-7002 x108.

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November 18, 2021

How An Online Store Can Boost Your Business: Free Ontario Program. 11:30am-12:30pm. The goal of ShopHERE Powered By Google is to build and optimize online stores for small independent businesses and artists in just a matter of days. With ShopHERE, businesses expand selling opportunities into the online market. www.digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere

November 19, 2021

Women's Entrepreneurship Day Breakfast. 8:00am-10:00am. Janna & Kerry's Restaurant in Downtown Pembroke. \$28.25-\$56.50 per person. Guest speakers and more. Register at: www.facebook.com/ovbossbabes

November 19, 2021

Food Waste Reduction for Households & Individuals. 11:00am-12:00pm. Recent research on food waste in Canada, food date labels, tips and tricks to extend the shelf life of perishable food and more. Register at: <http://rc-foodwastereductionworkshop.eventbrite.ca>

November 19, 2021

2021 Leeds Grenville Economic Development Summit. A virtual event. 9:00am-2:00pm. To view agenda and to register, visit <https://invest.leedsgrenville.com>

November 24, 2021

Mental Health Toolkit for Business Owners: Key to a Healthy Business. 10:00am-11:00am. Free webinar. Julie Holden on how sole practitioners and employers can tap into resiliency and understand when to seek help. How mental health impacts businesses, identify challenges, resources to access, what a mentally healthy workplace looks like and ways to achieve it. Register at cjames@smallbizcentre.ca or 613-283-7002 x108.

November 25, 2021

Bookkeeping 101: What Business Owners Need To

Know. 9:00am-11:00am. Free webinar. Lynn Marsh of HealthyBooks. How to set up records systems, accounting and bookkeeping differences, app solutions, payroll, allowable expenses and more. Register at cjames@smallbizcentre.ca or 613-283-7002 x108.

November 30, 2021

Social Media for Your Business. Online webinar by Digital Main Street. 10:00am-12:30am. Free. <https://tinyurl.com/yrw39cw5>

November 30, 2021

Doing Business with the Government of Canada. Free webinar. 12:00pm-2:00pm. Overview of contracting, registering in the supplier database, searching for opportunities, obtaining security clearances and more. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/doing-business-with-the-government-of-canada-webinar-tickets-198289438047>

December 1, 2021

Teeny Tiny Summit. Free webinar. 10:00am. Teeny Tiny Resurgence with Peter Kenyon, Bank of IDEAS. Register at: www.ontarioeast.ca

December 19, 2021

How An Online Store Can Boost Your Business: Free Ontario Program. 11:30am-12:30pm. www.digitalmainstreet.ca/shophere

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Pontiac Municipal Election Results

Jane Toller re-elected as MRC Warden

MRC Pontiac

Elected: Jane Toller (warden) over Michael McCrank

Bristol, Quebec

Elected: Valerie Twolan-Graham (councillor) over Tracey Moore, Kim Crawford (councillor) over Edward Rusement.

Acclaimed: Brent Orr (mayor); councillors Archie Greer, Meaghan McConnell, Debbie Kilgour and Greg Graham.

Campbell's Bay

Acclaimed: Maurice Beauregard (mayor); councillors Raymond Pilon, Tim Ferrigan, Jean-Pierre Landry, Stephanie Hebert-Shea, Ann Josey Bouchard and Suzanne Dubeau-Pilon.

Fort-Coulonge

Elected: Christine Francoeur (mayor) over Gilles Geaulieu; Philippe Ouellet (councillor) over Greeda Bechamp Graveline, Gaetan Graveline (councillor) over Pierre Vaillancourt.

Acclaimed: Councillors Lucie Bertrand, Debbie Laporte, Nathalie Denault, Lise Romain.

Litchfield

Elected: Courtney Harris (councillor) over Donald Graveline, Rick Frost (councillor) over Travis Corriveau and Joe Belanger. Acclaimed: Colleen Lariviere (mayor); councillors Terry Racine, Denis Dubeau, Emile Morin and John Stitt.

Otter Lake

Elected: Darren Knox (councillor) over Kassandra Fleury and Alex Povolotski; Jennifer Quaile (councillor) over Earl Lafleur, Penny Dubeau (councillor) over Brian McMahon, Serve Sabourin (councillor) over Raymonde Dagenais. Acclaimed: Councillors Kathleen Gauthier and Robin Zacharias.

Pontiac Municipality

Elected: Roger Larose (mayor) over Edward McCann and Joanne Labadie; Diane Lacase (councillor) over Jean Cote and Brandan Smith, Caryl McCann (councillor) over Heinrich

Steiner, Garry Dagenais (councillor) over Mario Allen, Susan Lamont, Benoit Garipey and Line Martineau, Serge Laforest (councillor) over Scott McDonald, Chantal Allen (councillor) over Valerie Michaud. Acclaimed: Councillor Jean Amyotte

Portage-du-Fort

Elected: Lynne Judd-Cameron (mayor) over Nicole Racine; Larry Godbold (councillor) over Zacharie Thompson, Cody Coughlin (councillor) over Frank Sofalvi, Alan Farrell (councillor) over Christopher West. Acclaimed: Councillors Jacques Guerette, Brooke Mallette and Kim Elliott.

Rapides-des-Joachims

Elected: Doug Roussel (mayor) over Lucie Rivet Paquette, Doris Larochelle and Dale Levesque; Ann Gagnon (councillor) over Anne-Marie Butler, Kelsey Daly (councillor) over Paul-Andrew Paquette and Wilfred Levesque

Acclaimed: Councillors Stephany Rauche, Noel Leclerc. **Shawville**

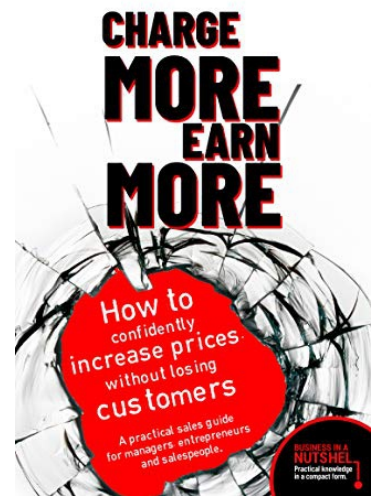
Elected: Bill William McCleary (mayor) over Patti Moffatt; Julien Gagnon (councillor) over Keith Harris, Denzil Yach (councillor) over Stephane Landry, Brent Leach (councillor) over Carolann Barton and Kerry Reasbeck, Richard Armitage (councillor) over Donna Andrew and Katie Sharpe (councillor) over Bonney Harris. Acclaimed: Councillor Bill Hobbs.

Sheenboro

Elected: Dick Edwards (councillor) over Glenn Magill; Rick Bradshaw (councillor) over Eldon Jennings, Shamus Morris (councillor) over Nancy Gleason, Karen Shea (councillor) over Neil Meehan. Acclaimed: Doris Venasse Ranger (mayor); councillors John Brennan, Lorna Brennan.

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"Not Much They Can Take Anymore"
Small business owner rallies "We Are All Essential!"

By Jennifer Lapman
jlapman@ovbusiness.com

Elizabeth Davis was part of a group that met last week, where she and others picked - on last April - about the third lockdown of small businesses. This was before the extended lockdown measures announced on Friday. Davis was a small business that was closed, even by her own definition. But she didn't want to stay closed. Whether her business should be closed or not, it was about allowing legal businesses to operate safely and allowing citizens the right to choose if they go to the business. Davis and the others who joined the group are some of the few who have had the courage to stand publicly for what they believe is the right decision by the provincial government. They have owners for the sake, but are afraid to say anything publicly for fear of fines, reputation or negative comments from the public. Davis said several

of small businesses. "There is not much they can take from me anymore. This is as high as I can go." In the first lockdown, Davis and her colleagues created an online ad where proceeds were donated to the Pontiac Regional Hospital to help with their PPE needs. People were supportive and they were proud to give back to the community. Davis also posted the gift certificate sales as an income stream. As the second lockdown, the support waned. "I don't know if people were just tapped out, but we second time was not as successful," she said.

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Business News Around The Valley

Law Firm Joins KMPG

Allan and Partners law firm out of Perth, Ontario has joined KMPG LLP as of October 4. The firm began as a sole proprietorship and grew to 12 staff. They have worked in the municipal and non-profit sectors for more than 40 years. That work will continue as they join KMPG.

Kauffeldt Joins Bancroft

The Town of Bancroft has announced the hiring of Andra Kauffeldt to the position of Town General Manager. Kauffeldt has been employed by Hasting County for 29 years in the Community and Human Services Department. She also served on municipal council in Bancroft and previously in Limerick. Kauffeldt begins this newly created position on December 1.

Mackenzie Retires

Lorraine Mackenzie has retired as the Executive Director of the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber

of Commerce. Mackenzie served in that role for 25 years, making her one of the longest-serving leaders in the chamber network. A new Executive Director has not yet been chosen.

Renfrew Chamber Awards

On October 21, the Renfrew & Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual community awards celebration to recognize businesses and individuals that have demonstrated outstanding customer service, community involvement and notable achievements. The 2021 award recipients are:

- Citizen of the Year – Ken Dillabough
- Community Champion of the Year – Patrick John Mills
- Chamber Member of the Year – Julie Villamere
- Renfrew Downtown BIA Member of the Year – The Warehouse
- Young Person of the Year – Alexa Nareznay

- Visual Artist-Artisan of the Year – Diana Wakely
- President's Award – Ottawa Valley Coffee
- Outstanding Business Achievement – Protyre
- 2021 Local Hero – Renfrew & Area Vaccine Roll Out Team
- Inclusive Employer Champion – Chris & Tanya No Frills

- New Business Award – Ottawa Valley Coffee

Eady Joins WWR

Kyle Eady has joined the Township of Whitewater Region as Roads Superintendent. Eady previously worked with Thomas Cavanagh construction for 12 years and managed several major projects. He started with Cavanagh as a surveyor assistant and was previously a summer student at Horton Township.

Hamilton Joins WWR

Scott Hamilton has accepted the position of Business Outreach Officer for Whitewater Region. Hamilton has a bachelor's degree in hospitality and tourism management from Algonquin College and started in this new role October 19.

MB Funding Continued From Ontario Government

On October 21, the Township of McNab Braeside received notification from the Ontario Ministry of Finance announcing that the government would be maintaining both the structure of the OMPF funding along with the program envelope of \$500 million for the 2022 calendar

year. The 2022 OMPF allocation for the township is \$503,700. This represents an increase of \$1,500 increase over last year's allocation or 0.29 per cent. These funds will be incorporated in the 2022 budget and will help finance municipal operating expenses.

Changes To WWR Council Possible

Whitewater Region is considering eliminating the position of reeve in the municipality in favour of a seventh member of council selected at large. The municipality would also have the mayor sit on county council, a duty currently held by the reeve. A consultation period for the public will be held.

HCM Successful In Funding

Head, Clara and Maria was successful in obtaining funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Community Culture and Recreation Stream. The project includes replacing lighting to LED in the community centre and library, replacing old windows, increasing insulation, removing old carpet and replacing undersized toilets for better accessibility. The total project is \$27,057.76 with \$10,823.10 being contributed federally, \$9,018.35 provincially and \$7,216.31 from municipal reserves.

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Link to event: www.facebook.com/ovbossbabes

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Bancroft Municipal Office Holiday Closure

The Town of Bancroft municipal office will be closed from December 24, 2021 at Noon to January 4, 2022 at 8:30am.

Arnprior Celebrates Employee Milestones

The Town of Arnprior has celebrated six members of the fire department on receiving their provincial long service awards (years of service). The recipients include Blaine Carr (45 years), Barry Burnette (30 years), Rick Desarmia (25 years), Jim Herbert (25 years), Robert Philips (25 years) and Steve Styles (25 years).

Landowner Requests Results In Legal Opinion

The County of Renfrew planning services department sought a legal opinion after receiving numerous letters from landowners within the County of Renfrew advising that they do

not consent to have their private land and property included within the proposed county official plan. Apparently, the letters indicate that certain landowners want any official plan designations for their lands to be removed. This prompted Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services to request a legal opinion. Lawyer Wayne Fairbrother responded that there is no statutory or common-law authority requiring a municipality to obtain the consent of landowners prior to including their lands in an official plan. To the contrary, the County of Renfrew and many other "prescribed" municipalities in Ontario are statutorily obliged to prepare an official plan for all lands within the municipality by virtue of the provisions of the Planning Act and the regulations thereunder. Accordingly, it is our considered legal opinion that the consent of a landowner is not a requirement or prerequisite to

include such lands within an official plan for the County of Renfrew. Given that the requests made in the above referenced letters have no legal basis, it our advice that the county council proceed to meet its statutory obligation to prepare and ultimately adopt an official plan for the entire municipality.

Horton Employee News

Hope Dillabough, CAO-Clerk for Horton Township has earned the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) executive diploma in municipal management. This diploma is the most comprehensive career development program designed specifically for Ontario's municipal managers. Also making news is Equipment Operator Dave Radke who has successfully completed the Ontario Good Roads Association's Snow School for Mechanics course and is recognized for his dedication

and commitment to furthering his knowledge with the township.

Building Permits

Admaston Bromley has issued 77 building permits through the end of September 2021 for a total value of nearly \$7 million. This compares to 66 permits issued in the same period in 2020 for a \$5.1 million value. Greater Madawaska has issued 144 building permits through the end of September 2021 for a total value of \$24,960,215.00.

Smiths Falls

Winter Parking

Winter parking restrictions will be commencing November 15 or whenever the first snow or freezing rain event arrives in Smiths Falls. Overnight parking restrictions are in effect between midnight and 7:00am until March 31 on streets and in municipally-owned parking lots.

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Canada's Natural Resource Wealth

\$550 Billion

Canada's natural resource assets as of 2020

3

Canada's natural resource industries: timber, energy and minerals

\$273 Billion

Canada's mineral asset resource wealth (50%)

\$173 Billion

Canada's timber asset resource wealth (31%)

\$104 Billion

Canada's energy asset resource wealth (19%)

18%

Canada's total resource wealth made up of iron

\$99 Billion

Canada's iron resource wealth

\$84 Billion

Canada's gold resource wealth

\$63 Billion

Canada's crude bitumen resource wealth

77%

Canada's value of energy resources dropped this much in 2020, compared with 2019

123%

Canada's natural resource wealth increase in 2016-17 from 2015-16

-33%

Canada's natural resource wealth decrease in 2019-20 from 2018-19

Source: Statistics Canada

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Parking Stall Patio Pilot Feedback Survey

In the summer of 2021, the Town of Arnprior implemented a pilot project which saw three parking stall patios set up in the downtown. These patios utilized two on-street parking spaces each and allowed the downtown restaurants to set up seating in the parking stall. This additional space allowed the restaurants to have extended dining space and assisted them in recovering from the negative impacts of COVID-19 on the food service industry. The town is now collecting feedback on this pilot program in consideration of amending the Sidewalk Patio License By-law to allow for extended patios in future years. Complete this survey by December 1 at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/arnpatiosurvey>

Smiths Falls Community Grants Applications Open

Council of the Town of Smiths Falls recognizes the many benefits that various groups, organizations, volunteers, and events within the municipality provide by promoting and improving upon the cultural, social, and economic well-being of the community. The community donations policy provides an accessible and

equitable process for groups and organizations seeking donations from council. The application form and policy are available on the Smiths Falls website - www.smithsfalls.ca - or can be requested by Nadine Bennett, Deputy Clerk at nbennett@smithsfalls.ca. Deadline to submit requests is November 30, 2021 at 4:30pm.

The Resilient Communities Fund

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is supporting non-profit organizations that have been impacted by COVID-19 through the Resilient Communities Fund. Eligible organizations can apply for funding for their community-based projects to help rebuild their capacity, deliver programs and services in innovative ways, and meet the needs of their communities as they continue to build back and recover. The grant application deadline is Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 5:00pm (ET). For more information, visit www.otf.ca, call 1-800-263-2887 or email otf@otf.ca.

AgEx Conference 2021

The Agricultural Excellence Conference (AgEx) welcomes anyone and everyone from farmers to advisors, academia, organizations, private industry, and government to join us to exchange expertise and insights

to continue to position Canada's farmers for success through farm management excellence. Conference-goers will come away from AgEx equipped with the information, tools and practical skills to thrive through change. This is a free event taking place November 24-26, 2021. Register at <https://fmc-gac.com>

Digital Grant Extended

The Digital Transformation Grant application deadline has been extended to November 30 (or until grant funds have been fully exhausted). This Digital Main Street grant provides \$2,500 to qualified brick-and-mortar small businesses to help support their digital expansion and engage more customers. Apply today!

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Gutoskie Joins MV Township

The Township of Madawaska Valley has announced that Hannah Gutoskie's was the successful applicant for the Recreation and Community Development Coordinator position.

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Funding Available For Employers

ontrac notes programs for training staff

Ontrac Employment Resource Services has announced that the Canada-Ontario Job Grant (COJG) is available to local employers. The grant is a program designed to help employers invest in training for their existing employees and new hires. This program provides direct financial support to individual employers who

wish to purchase training for their employees and it's available to small, medium and large businesses with a plan to deliver short-term training to existing and new employees.

The job grant provides up to \$10,000 in government support per person for training costs. Employers with less than 100 employees will be required to

contribute one-sixth of the training costs while employers with over 100 employees will be required to contribute half of the training costs. Training must be delivered by an eligible third-party trainer and must be less than one year in duration. The training must also not be required by law. All job grant applications must be submitted

and approved prior to the start date of training.

Up to 70 per cent of committed funding can be released during the training period and the remaining 30 per cent is released once training has been completed. For further information, contact ontrac directly at 613-432-3424.

ITM, CNL Sign MOU For Isotopes

German company to work with CNL to create a radio-isotope

An October 18 news release on the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) website noted that ITM Isotope Technologies Munich SE, a radiopharmaceutical biotech company and CNL have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore the development and industrial-scale

production of Actinium-225, an extremely rare alpha-emitting radioisotope with heightened potential in precision oncology. The organizations will collaborate on the development, manufacturing, and distribution pathways for the medical radioisotope.

The current annual global

production of Actinium-225 is very small so one of the biggest challenges in harnessing the potential of the alpha-emitter is ensuring supply.

ITM, a privately held radiopharmaceutical biotech company founded in 2004, is dedicated to providing the most precise cancer radiotherapeutics and diagnostics to meet the

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CPA Update

What's new with support programs

Source: CPA Canada
www.cpacanada.ca

The federal government announced support programs were scheduled to end on October 23, 2021 with more focused assistance available. Changes to business support programs included:

- Extend the Canada Recovery Hiring Program until May 7, 2022, for employers with current revenue losses above 10% and increase subsidy rate to 50%.
- Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program support through wage and rent subsidy programs to restaurants, hotels, tour operators, travel agencies with a subsidy of up to 75%.
- Hardest-Hit Business Recovery Program through the wage and rent subsidy programs to support other businesses that

have faced deep losses, with a subsidy rate of up to 50%.

Businesses that face temporary new local lockdowns will be eligible for up to the maximum amount of the wage and rent subsidy until May 7, 2022.

The government also proposed the following changes to worker support programs:

- Extend the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit and the Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit until May 7, 2022 and increase the maximum duration of benefits by 2 weeks.
- Introduce the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit which would provide \$300 a week in income support to eligible workers should they be unable to work due to a local lockdown anytime between October 24, 2021 and May 7, 2022.

Joint Purchase of K&P Trail Under Consideration

Renfrew, Lanark and Frontenac Counties considering purchase

Staff from Lanark, Frontenac and Renfrew counties have met and discussed interest in purchasing the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) portion of the K & P Recreational Trail. All three counties have an interest in exploring the opportunity to purchase but are only interested in paying a nominal amount of \$1.00. The latest information from MVCA is that the board has agreed to sell the property

for a nominal amount (to be negotiated), on the condition that the authority incurs no further costs and that the land be transferred unconverted, i.e., using existing documentation as registered at the three county land registry offices.

The recommended next step from Lanark County is to get a professional review of the legal titles of the 57 parcels involved to give an opinion on the title and potential next steps in

acquiring clear title with limited future issues. Attached as Appendix II is a quote from Annis O'Sullivan Vollebakk (Kemptonville) Limited to complete this first phase of work. This initial background work will establish what potential title issues exist, what parcels may require survey, etc. The proposed cost-sharing model is based on the kilometres of trail in each jurisdiction.

Lanark County is considering a

resolution to support in principle exploring the potential purchase of the Renfrew County section of the K & P Recreational Trail owned by the Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and further that the cost sharing model between the three counties (Lanark County 58.8 per cent, Frontenac County 22.2 per cent and Renfrew County 19.0 per cent) is acceptable.

Enbridge Gas Applies For Rate Increase Approval

Increase due to the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing legislation

Enbridge Gas has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval to increase its rates effective April 1, 2022, to recover the costs associated with meeting its obligations under the federal government's

Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. Enbridge Gas has also applied to recover from customers the balances in the related deferral and variance accounts as well as making changes to those accounts to

recognize the change from the federal output-based pricing system to the provincial emissions performance standards.

The Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act establishes a carbon pricing program under which a natural gas utility in Ontario, such as Enbridge Gas, is required to pay a carbon charge to the federal government for emissions from the natural gas that it delivers to its customers, and for excess emissions from the operation of Enbridge Gas's natural gas distribution system. The federal carbon charge came into effect on April 1, 2019, increased on April 1, 2020 and on April 1, 2021, and will increase again on April 1, 2022. Enbridge Gas says that if its

application is approved as filed, it will have the following bill impacts:

A typical residential customer in the EGD rate zone (former customers of Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) will see a bill increase of \$47.81 beginning April 1, 2022.

A typical residential customer in the Union South rate zone (former customers of Union Gas Limited), will see a bill increase of \$43.41 beginning April 1, 2022.

A typical residential customer in the Union North rate zone (former customers of Union Gas), will see a bill increase of \$43.48 beginning April 1, 2022.

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Tender Results Around The Region

Tender 21-2021 Grinding at Black Donald Site and Mount St. Patrick Site. Greater Madawaska.

Glenview Iron - \$35,193.85
National Grinding Inc - \$35,821
Northern Bulk - \$45,765

Financial Software and Services. Greater Madawaska.

Greater Madawaska is considering approval of a single source award contract be awarded to CentralSquare for the procurement of Financial Software and Services for \$85,000.

Fitness-Reading Trails.

Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards.

Council is considering a motion to accept the RFQ from Happy Trails Construction for the Fitness/Reading Trails installation at Hoch Farm as well as the Fit Trail Apparatus (10) in the amount of \$29,380.00.

Road Condition Assessment. Greater Madawaska.

Greater Madawaska is considering a single source award to StreetScan to complete a road condition assessment for \$21,050.

Tender 2021-17 Undercarriage Replacement for the 2014 John Deere 655K Crawler Loader. Whitewater Region.

Only one bid was received.
Brandt Tractor - \$34,094.64

RFP 2021-39 Landfill Scales. Whitewater Region.

Rose Scale - 74 points
Active Scale - 91 points
GTR Rice Lake - 93 points
GTR Canadian - 92 points

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Program for FY 2021-2022 with
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Street Area

Surplus Equipment For Sale

Notice of Timber Sale

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Request For Proposal 2021 or
2022 Electric Vehicles

RFP-2021-04 Request for
Proposals Official Plan Review

RFP Pharmacy Services - Long-
Term Care Homes

PWC-2021-74 - Professional
Services for Transportation
Master Plan

2021-RFP-002 Financial Audit
Services

RFP 2021-0600 - Tandem Axle
Truck with Combination Dump
Body/Spreader, Snowplow and
Wing

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ Supply of Hanging Baskets
and Plants for Flower
Barrels/Boxes, Watering and
Garden Maintenance

RFQ PW 2021-13 Municipal
Boat Dock Supply and Delivery

TENDERS

APN - Replace Windows in BB-
104 (Secret Security
Requirements)

Repair Three Live Shoot Houses

APN - 427 SOAS Hangar
Replacement

#2022-03 - Roofing Repairs At
Various RCDSB Locations

2021-10 Trailer Mounted Hot
Box

2021-20 Grader Brush Head

2021-29 Wellhead Protection
Areas

Tender T-21-15 Supply &
Delivery of 3M Scott SCBA and
Accessories

Consulting Services for the
Development of a Strategic Plan

Internet and Telephone Voting
System Contract No. MM 2021-
01

RFT-ICIP2021 Rehabilitation of
Community Centre and
Adjoining Library Facility

LVADM-2021-02 - One 3,000
Gallon Fire Tanker

Downtown Core Infrastructure
Renewal Project PW-21-13

RFT -2022-01 HVAC Upgrades
- Bonnechere Manor

Waste Collection Services
Tender WM 2021-12

Construct Carport Near N-104

Project: Tender_15099 - MOH
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How Newcomers Build Perceptions

The value of connections couldn't be stronger



MARKETING

By: Jennifer Layman
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Two weeks ago, I was in North Carolina. It was a unique experience in many ways, but mostly in the value of a connected community.

In many ways, North Carolina was not much different from Ontario during COVID - they had a lockdown (only one) and the government paid people to stay home which took people out of the workforce. People also moved out of cities and into rural communities to work remotely, sparking increased housing prices. And with respect to masks, there are places you must wear them, places where it is preferred and places where you don't have to wear them.

While I was there, I visited a chamber of commerce office just to get a feel of the community. The assistant mentioned that they tried hosting virtual activities, but it only lasted a

short time as members preferred the in-person events. They have been hosting in-person events for most of the COVID time. There was a municipal election taking place that the chamber was involved with as well. There were "bonds" on the ballot - significant financial projects for voters to weigh in on - and the chamber had prepared pamphlets explaining the projects. There had been other election-related activities as well that the chamber had organized and participated in, and the newly elected mayor sponsored a chamber event a few weeks following the election.

This was a town of about 40,000 with a vibrant main street (two actually from an amalgamation of communities years earlier), plenty of new housing and commercial districts. When I had to get a specific type of COVID test to return to Canada, a business owner recommended where I could go as the pharmacies I had checked out were not offering the kind of test that Canada required. Another local business referred me to a co-working space where I could rent desk space by the day to facilitate working remotely. I had been using the WiFi at the local coffee

shop which was great, but somewhat limited. I visited the co-working space and the manager said he frequented the coffee shop, even though they offered free coffee in the co-working space. He did it to support the business and also create a good relationship in case they had overflow for WiFi and could send customers his way.

When you are the person new to town, you create a perception of a place based on your experiences. There are many things that can draw someone to a community, but it really is a group effort to make someone feel good about being there. The group effort happens when everyone feels connected - something made harder by COVID rules, but also something that may matter now more than ever. With people seeking out a higher quality of life, facilitated by remote working, it presents an opportunity for hospitable small towns to truly shine. That's a lot easier to do when businesses feel connected to each other and civic organizations.

Jennifer is the president of Forward Thinking Marketing Agency. Her column appears in every issue.

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AMO Matters

Applications for the second cohort of AMO's Youth Fellowship program are due November 8th. Please view program details and application information [here](#).

Conservation Ontario and AMO will co-host a webinar on November 19 from 12 - 1 pm on Phase 1 regulations of the *Conservation Authorities Act*. [Register](#) in advance today. More information can be found [here](#).

Provincial Matters

An updated [policy](#) and [guideline](#) has been approved to assist staff in developing fire management direction to guide wildland fire response and prescribed burning in provincial parks and conservation reserves.

The Province is holding webinars on November 10th and 17th on the new *Conservation Authorities Act* regulations. Register by emailing ca.office@ontario.ca with "CAA Regulations Webinar" as the subject line.

The province is hosting webinars on November [5th](#), [12th](#), [19th](#), [24th](#) and [26th](#) on the upcoming [changes to excess soil regulations](#). Click on the dates to register, or email mecp.landpolicy@ontario.ca.

Eye on Events

The [webinar series](#) on asset management introduce various tools and templates that help municipalities develop a governance structure, establish asset hierarchy, conduct data gap analysis, identify and track service levels, undertake risk assessment, and develop a financial strategy based on whole lifecycle costing. Last webinar on [financial strategy](#) is on November 5 at 1:00 p.m. EST. Webinar recordings and materials are posted [here](#).

AMO's in demand training on skills for elected officials to navigate conflict relations is available for one more session in 2021. Sign up for the December 8 and 9 session [here](#). Limited seats available.

On December 2, join AMO and [our latest partner](#), [ClearRisk](#), to learn more about the latest offering we have competitively procured for members: a risk management information system. With the ClearRisk platform, the data generated can help your municipality track insurance claims while improving your local risk management program. [Register today](#).

On November 23, join AMO's Occupational Health and Safety program partner, [4S Consulting Services Inc.](#), for a webinar on due diligence challenges for directors and officers of municipalities. [Register today](#).

MEPCO

AMO and MEPCO have confidence in OMERS plan governance and administration. Read more on mid-year results and response to calls for an independent review of the OMERS plan [here](#).

LAS

Interested in what the [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) looks like in the real world? [Check out this case study](#) by program partner Streetscan featuring the Town of Petawawa. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more about the strengths and benefits of this popular program.

Thinking of buying an electric ice resurfacer? Register now to see them in person at the Zamboni Showcase - Nov 17 ([The Plex, Saugeen Shores](#)), Nov 18 ([Gerry McCrory Countryside Sports Complex, Sudbury](#)), or Nov 14 ([Healthy Planet Arena, Peterborough](#)). Learn about batteries, maintenance, and see demonstrations from Zamboni - one of the many approved vendors under the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

The agenda for the Canoe Public Procurement Summit is now available! Join municipalities from across Canada to learn more about the best practices in cooperative purchasing. Event takes place November 17, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm EST. [Learn more or register here](#).

Join us in our Canoe Fall webinar series on November 10 to hear from John Deere, one of over 180 vendors available through the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). They supply a range of products in the Agricultural Tractor, Grounds Maintenance Equipment, and Heavy Construction Equipment categories. [Register here](#).

Gain a powerplay advantage using CIMCO for your arena needs. Join our webinar on November 24 at 11 am to hear how this Canoe contract helps your community keep their stick on the ice. [Register today](#).

One Investment

ONE Investment is hosting two live sessions in November, 2021 with our external

Portfolio Managers: MFS Investment Management and Guardian Capital. To register and know what will be covered in the webinars, click on these links: [Philosophy, Process and Performance of ONE's Fixed Income Portfolios](#) and [Philosophy, Process and Performance of ONE's Equity Portfolio](#).

Municipal Wire*

AdvantAge Ontario, the association representing municipal and non-profit long-term care homes, is offering a [three-part webinar series](#) designed for long-term care board and committee of management members.

TECHNATION is looking for staff from municipal governments to complete a [survey](#) by November 25 to finalize a set of [best practices for municipalities](#) to manage cybersecurity risk and attacks.

Careers

[Program Manager, Housing Stability & Homelessness - Regional Municipality of York](#). Reporting to the Manager, Community Programs, is responsible for managing and co-ordinating the development, implementation and monitoring of new and ongoing program initiatives. Interested candidates please apply [online](#) by November 10, 2021.

[RFP - Affordable/Attainable Housing Community Improvement Plan - Town of Goderich](#) Seeking the services of a qualified consulting team with extensive experience in Community Improvement planning, providing financial assistance for affordable/attainable housing projects. Submit in PDF format to afisher@goderich.ca and copied to apiskorski@goderich.ca by November 29, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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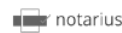
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