



Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: December 13, 2021
Correspondence Package No. I-21-Dec-21

Recommendation:

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

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- b) Vaccine News Brief – Edition 31
- c) Renfrew County and District Vaccine Roll Out At A Glance
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- i) RCDHU Hosts First Dedicated COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Children Aged 5-11
- j) RCDHU Reports Increased Community Transmission of COVID-19 – Residents to Remain Vigilant
- k) RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive for COVID-19 at Fellows High School
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- n) RCDHU Declares COVID-19 Outbreak at Valour JK-12 School
- o) RCDHU Shares Good News Regarding the COVID-19 Exposure During Field Exercise at Garrison Petawawa
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- 3. Correspondence from Renfrew County**
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Extending COVID-19 Paid Sick Days

Support for workers and employers will continue until July 31, 2022

December 07, 2021

[Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government is extending its Worker Income Protection Benefit program, which provides paid sick days, until July 31, 2022 to continue keeping workers safe and ensure they do not lose pay if they need to miss work for reasons related to COVID-19. Employees can continue to access this paid leave to get tested, vaccinated, self-isolate, or care for a family member. Should the [Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit](#) be extended, workers in Ontario have access to the most generous paid sick days program in Canada.

“Nearly a quarter-million workers have already used our program, which is the first and most comprehensive in the country, for paid time off work,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. “Our government is working for workers and ensuring they have the support they need to keep themselves and their families safe.”

Extending the COVID-19 paid leave program will help more workers take time off to get their booster shots and help more parents take time to get their children vaccinated. To date, the program has helped over 235,000 people stay safe without worrying about losing pay. The average number of days being claimed per employee is two. To support employers, Ontario will continue reimbursing them for providing this support to their workers.

In addition, the province is taking action to protect jobs and businesses by extending temporary changes to the Employment Standards Act that [prevent temporary layoffs of non-unionized employees from becoming unwanted terminations](#), which can trigger payments and force businesses to close. This measure will now be extended until July 30, 2022.

These efforts build on Ontario’s actions to support workers and businesses as we build the foundation for Ontario’s economic strength and protect our progress against the COVID-19 pandemic.

Quick Facts

- Ontario first introduced paid COVID-19 days in April 2021 as part of the [COVID-19 Putting Workers First Act, 2021](#).
 - With the extension of the program until July 31, 2022, employers will have 120 days after their employees are paid to submit their application to the Worker Income Protection Benefit Program.
 - Over 515,000 paid leave days have been taken by employees since the entitlement was introduced.
 - Employers and workers can call the program’s dedicated hotline at 1-888-999-2248 or visit [Ontario.ca/COVIDworkerbenefit](#) to get more information and updates about Ontario’s paid sick days.
 - Extending paid COVID-19 days aligns with the government’s plan, “[A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#)”, developed in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health.
 - Last year, [Ontario made a regulatory amendment](#) to prevent temporary layoffs from becoming permanent to help workers and businesses hit hardest by the pandemic.
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Additional Resources

- [Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit](#)
 - [Resources to prevent COVID-19 in the workplace](#)
 - [COVID-19 safety checklist for workplaces](#)
 - [COVID-19 self-isolation and return to work](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Extending Pause on Lifting Capacity Limits in Remaining Settings Where Proof of Vaccination is Required

Cautious Approach Key to Protecting Our Progress as Province Learns More About the Omicron Variant

December 07, 2021

[Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is extending its [pause](#) on the [lifting of capacity limits](#) in remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required while the province continues to monitor trends in public health and health care indicators and learns more about the Omicron variant. These 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.

“In line with Ontario’s cautious approach to date, as public health and medical experts learn more about the Omicron variant, we are continuing to take a deliberate pause in reopening to protect our hard-fought progress against COVID-19,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “As Ontario continues to take rapid action to protect against COVID-19 and variants, I encourage everyone to get their first, second or booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.”

While an increase in cases was always anticipated as more people socialize indoors due to colder weather, Ontario continues to have one of the lowest case rates in the country, well below the national average. Despite this, Ontario’s cautious approach and high vaccination rates have meant hospital and intensive care unit capacity continues to remain stable. As of December 6, 2021, there were 165 COVID-19 related critical illness patients (CRCI) in intensive-care units, representing only 7 per cent of overall ICU capacity in the province.

To ensure Ontario’s hospitals were prepared to respond to any scenario, Ontario invested an additional \$1.8 billion, bringing total new investments in hospitals to \$5.1 billion since the start of the pandemic. This additional funding includes \$760 million to create over 3,100 beds and \$300 million to reduce surgical and diagnostic imaging backlogs. The province is also investing \$342 million to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers.

Because of this increased capacity, Ontario is able to safely admit approximately 300 patients with COVID-related critical illness into ICUs without putting at risk urgent surgeries. This would allow the province’s hospital system to effectively manage the intake of ICU patients projected as the most likely scenario by expert modellers in the coming months. Ontario can quickly surge up capacity further if necessary.

“While an increase in the number of cases was always expected as we entered the winter months, with the emergence of the Omicron variant we must continue following the measures we have in place that have been working for us,” 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. If you have not yet received the vaccine, please do so today and if you are eligible for a booster dose, please book your appointment to provide yourself with an extra layer of protection. Achieving the highest vaccination rates possible remains our best defence against COVID-19 and variants.”

The months ahead will require continued vigilance. That’s why Ontario has continued to take a cautious approach to public health and workplace safety measures, such as continuing to require masking in indoor public settings throughout the pandemic.

The Ontario COVID-19 Science Advisory Table rightly points out that the current public health measures are effective against COVID-19 and variants, including Omicron, and that the COVID-19 vaccine remains highly effective against severe illness or hospitalization against the virus. In addition, every eligible Ontarian is strongly recommended to get vaccinated or receive their booster if they are eligible as soon as possible. If you have a child aged five to 11, book an appointment to get your child vaccinated today.

The government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to monitor trends in key public health and health care indicators and emerging data on the Omicron variant and will continue to take swift action to ensure the health and safety of Ontarians.

Quick Facts

- As of December 13th, approximately 5.5 million Ontarians are eligible to receive a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Ontarians are encouraged to [book their appointment](#) as soon as possible.
- Children aged five to 11 are eligible to book their appointment to receive the vaccine. To get answers to their questions, parents, caregivers and children are encouraged to call the Provincial Vaccine Confidence Line that can be accessed by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900, or visit [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) to book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids clinician.
- As we head into the colder months and more people gather indoors, the government is [enhancing its COVID-19 testing strategy](#) by expanding the number of testing locations and making it more convenient to access publicly funded testing for those who need it.
- On [November 10, 2021](#), Ontario paused the lifting of capacity limits in remaining higher-risk settings outlined in [A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#), where proof of vaccination is required. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution as the province monitors public health trends.
- 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.
- 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.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Accelerating Booster Eligibility to Adults Aged 50+](#)
- [Ontario Confirms First Two Cases of Omicron Variant](#)
- [COVID-19 Variant of Concern Omicron \(B.1.1.529\): Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance](#)
- [Ontario Pausing the Lifting of Capacity Limits in Remaining Settings Where Proof of Vaccination is Required](#)
- [Ontario Releases Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long-Term](#)
- [Using your Enhanced Vaccine Certificate: Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- 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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BULLETIN

Government Protecting Important Fish Species

December 03, 2021

[Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry](#)

The Ontario government is protecting important fish species, such as brook trout, by stopping the spread of invasive species.

Matthew Butler, of Pembroke, and Jeffery Marks, of North Bay both pleaded guilty to unlawfully using live baitfish as bait and were fined \$2,000 each. Butler was also fined \$500 for angling with too many lines.

The court heard that on February 20, 2021, conservation officers were patrolling baitfish-restricted natural brook trout lakes near Algonquin Park. The two men were contacted while angling through the ice on one of the specially protected lakes. Officers observed one of the men attempt to conceal live baitfish from the end of one of the lines. The inspection revealed that they were actively angling for brook trout using live baitfish on their set fishing lines. In addition, one male was angling with too many lines.

Justice of the Peace Kathleen Bryant heard the case via video conferencing in the Ontario Court of Justice, Parry Sound, on September 14, 2021.

Conservation officers remind everyone that by respecting seasons, sanctuaries, bag and possession limits, we all help ensure our natural resources stay healthy. To report a natural resource problem or provide information about an unsolved case, members of the public can call the ministry TIPS line toll free at 1-877-847-7667. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS. For more information about unsolved cases, please visit [ontario.ca/mnrftips](#).

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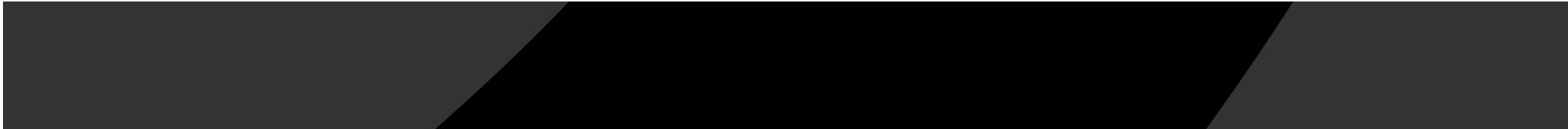
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BULLETIN

New Associate Justice Appointed to the Superior Court of Justice

December 03, 2021

[Attorney General](#)

Attorney General Doug Downey announced the appointment of a new associate judge to the Superior Court of Justice, effective December 17, 2021.

Associate Justice David Michael Brown was called to the bar in 1997. He is a senior litigation counsel in the Ontario Securities Commission Enforcement Branch, leading staff in enforcement proceedings and appeals before the Divisional Court. Associate Justice Brown conducted and oversaw litigation investigations, preliminary motions, trials and appeals. He represented clients on class actions and complex litigations before superior courts in six Canadian provinces, appellate courts in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Newfoundland, as well as the Federal Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Canada.

Associate Justice Brown was a department leader in adopting technology in civil litigation, developing in-house training sessions on paperless practices and conducting electronic discoveries. He was chair of the Young Advocates Committee in the Advocates Society. He has been an articling principal and mentor since 2007.

Associate Justice Brown is vice chair of the Canadian Bar Association’s Criminal Matters Committee. He volunteers with Pro Bono Law Ontario, providing free legal advice to residents who cannot afford a lawyer for consumer contracts, debt, civil litigation and landlord and tenant matters.

Chief Justice Geoffrey B. Morawetz has assigned Associate Justice David Michael Brown to Toronto.

Additional Resources

- [Read about the Superior Court of Justice](#)
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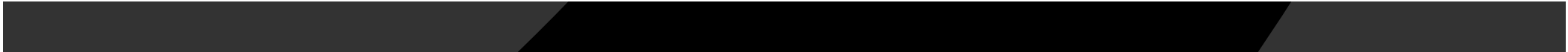
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Increasing Access to Services for Children with Autism

New Independent Intake Organization, Entry to School Program and grants to hire more clinical staff helping to improve outcomes

December 03, 2021

[Children, Community and Social Services](#)

HAMILTON — The Ontario government is making it easier for families to access services in the needs-based Ontario Autism Program (OAP) with the selection of the Independent Intake Organization (IIO), which will help families navigate the program from intake to funding. The province is also launching the Entry to School Program to support children on the autism spectrum entering kindergarten or Grade 1 for the first time and awarding grants to service providers to hire and train new clinical staff so they can support more families.

“Each child with autism is unique and the complexities of everyday life can be daunting for families when dealing with the range of challenges they may face, which is why we are creating a centralized, Independent Intake Organization to help families navigate and access the services available,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. “Our needs-based Ontario Autism Program is built by the community, for the community because we believe every child deserves the supports they need to help them reach their full potential.”

The IIO will be delivered through a partnership between Accerta Services Inc., McMaster University, Autism Ontario, and HealthCare 365. The IIO partners bring together significant experience in administering public programs, supporting children and youth on the autism spectrum and their caregivers, care coordination, service navigation, research, and healthcare education.

The IIO is scheduled to start supporting families in spring 2022 and will play a key role in providing more families with funding to purchase core clinical services for their children and youth. These services include applied behaviour analysis, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy and mental health services. Families of children with existing behaviour plans will have the option to enter core clinical services in the order that they registered in the Ontario Autism Program, or extend their plans until spring 2023, at which time they will begin to transition. This will provide stability for families, while enabling more children to access core clinical services. The government is on track to meeting its commitment of providing 8,000 children with funding for core clinical services by fall 2022.

Beginning in March 2022, children on the autism spectrum entering kindergarten or Grade 1 for the first time will be able to access the Entry to School Program. The six-month program will focus on helping children develop school-readiness skills in communication, play, social interaction, behavioural self-management and learning and attention. Children will be invited to register for the program beginning in January 2022.

“Starting school is an exciting and important milestone for children and their families,” said Cindy Harrison, CEO and co-founder of ACT Learning Centre. “The Entry to School Program will support children with autism spectrum disorder and educators by helping them build important skills to facilitate a smooth and successful transition to the classroom.”

Ontario is also continuing to build capacity in the children’s services sector as it works to attract and retain the professionals necessary to deliver these important services. Through the Workforce Capacity Fund, the government is awarding over 80 grants to build and retain the workforce, including behaviour analysts, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and mental health clinicians.

“With the launch of the Independent Intake Organization and the Entry to School Program, we are well on our way to delivering on the recommendations of the Ontario Autism Advisory Panel Report,” said Jeremy Roberts, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community & Social Services. “Throughout the entire reform of the OAP, I have been guided by a desire to see a program that would have helped my family when we needed supports for my brother. Today’s announcement is another key step in the roll-out of a truly world-class autism program here in Ontario.”

Ontario is also preparing to launch urgent response services as another key element of the needs-based Ontario Autism Program. This past summer, the ministry launched a regional-based proposals process for urgent response services. The ministry identified 11 lead organizations and established regional planning tables to develop service delivery models in different parts of the province. The ministry will provide more information about these services and how families will be able to access them in early 2022.

Quick Facts

- In July 2019, the Ontario government increased the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) budget from approximately \$300 million to \$600 million annually to help ensure the program was both needs-based and sustainable moving forward.
- In December 2019, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services announced a needs-based design framework for the OAP that was aligned with the recommendations of the Autism Advisory Panel.
- On the advice of the Panel, an Implementation Working Group was established in December 2019 to provide advice and input on the operationalization and implementation of a number of key design elements of the program.
- As the work of implementing this new program was being completed, approximately 40,000 children and youth have been receiving services and supports through an existing OAP behaviour plan, childhood budgets, interim funding, core clinical services, foundational family services and caregiver mediated early years programs.

Quotes

"Accerta assembled an interdisciplinary team of leaders from across Ontario to support children and youth on the autism spectrum. Our team combines profound knowledge of Ontario's autism ecosystem, service delivery, clinical insight, and expert care-coordination with technical proficiency related to intake, registration, and reconciliation of payments. We look forward to leveraging our proven administrative processes to build trust and confidence in the Ontario Autism Program and contribute to better outcomes for children and youth on the autism spectrum."

- Peter Owsiany
President and CEO of Accerta

"Supporting Ontario families with children on the autism spectrum across the province has been a priority for Autism Ontario for 50 years. We are pleased to continue that evolving work through a partnership with Accerta, HealthCare365 and McMaster University, which will allow us to help families navigate the Ontario Autism Program."

- Margaret Spoelstra
Executive Director of Autism Ontario

"HealthCare 365 is proud and excited to be able to provide the tools and supports that will allow children and their families to have a more coordinated, caring, and managed experience with providers and programs. We are delighted to be involved with a world-class team to create the best experience for children and families in need."

- Skip Schwartz
CEO of HealthCare 365

"We are delighted that the evidence-based research and evaluation expertise provided by McMaster University will contribute to improving the lives, health and development of children, youth and their families through the new Ontario Autism Program."

- Dr. Stelios Georgiades
McMaster Children's Hospital Chair in Autism and Neurodevelopment; Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences, Scientist, Offord Centre for Child Studies, McMaster University

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Supporting Children on the Autism Spectrum and their Families](#)
- Every child registered with the Ontario Autism Program has the ability to access immediate services. For more information and additional resources, please visit [Ontario.ca/Autism](#).
- [Read the list of service providers selected for the entry to school program.](#)
- [Learn about the workforce capacity fund.](#)
- [Read about Ontario’s plan to build capacity to better support children and youth on the autism spectrum.](#)

Related Topics

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Eating Disorder Services for Children and Youth

Protecting our Progress by Improving Access to Specialized Mental Health Services

December 03, 2021

[Health](#)

OTTAWA — As part of the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario plan](#), the Ontario government is investing \$8.1 million this year to immediately address the increased demand for services to support specialized care for children and youth diagnosed with eating disorders. This new investment builds on an additional \$11.1 million in annualized funding for eating disorder services through [Roadmap to Wellness](#) to help protect Ontario's progress by increasing access to mental health and eating disorder services and supports across the province.

"Today's announcement is another step forward in our plan to make it easier for all Ontarians to access the right level of care to meet their needs and feel supported on their journey to wellness," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Through these investments, our government is expanding access to care so that more children and youth with eating disorders can receive specialized treatment, bringing hope and peace of mind to families."

The COVID-19 pandemic has been especially challenging for children and youth, and health care providers have seen a surge in need for eating disorders services. The government is providing \$8.1 million to support eating disorder services at the Hospital for Sick Children, McMaster Children's Hospital, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) and the Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre.

This funding will support 14 additional inpatient surge beds as well as 10 additional day treatment spaces to help patients with eating disorders more successfully transition from inpatient care to community care, ensuring that children and youth receive high-quality care in the right settings.

"In a year unlike any other, we've seen an increased demand for high-quality mental health and addictions care that addresses the unique needs of vulnerable populations across Ontario," said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "This investment will help to protect our progress in our fight against COVID-19 by ensuring our children, youth, and families in every corner of the province have better access to the immediate, life-saving services they need, when and where they need them."

As a part of this investment, CHEO is receiving over \$4.4 million to increase inpatient capacity as well as added treatment services to support children and youth requiring mental health and eating disorder services. This funding will enable CHEO to address the increase in admissions since March 2020 and provide high-quality care and specialized supports for more than double the number of children and youth it sees today.

"The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario is a vital institution for our province, and this critical investment will protect our progress on key mental health and addictions supports at a time when help is most needed," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Building an Ontario where young people are safe, healthy and thriving, right here at home is part of our plan to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."

In addition to this new investment, the government is also providing \$11.1 million in funding through the Roadmap to Wellness to support a wide range of specialized eating disorder services for children, youth, and adults, across the continuum of care. Services include:

- \$10.5 million to support specialized, intensive inpatient and day treatment services to fill major gaps in care for people with severe needs and for specialized outpatient services for people with moderate to severe needs in areas where there are long waitlists or no services available.
- \$600,000 for the development and implementation of an early intervention program for eating disorders that meets the diverse needs of children, youth and young adults.

Quick Facts

- CHEO is a global leader in pediatric health care and research. Based in Ottawa, CHEO includes a hospital, children's treatment centre, school, and research institute, with satellite services located throughout Eastern Ontario.
- Under the [2021 Budget](#), Ontario is investing an additional \$1.8 billion in the hospital sector in 2021-22, bringing the total additional investment in hospitals since the start of the pandemic to over \$5.1 billion. This includes an increase of \$778 million in funding to meet current and future demands for services.
- In 2020-2021, in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the province invested up to \$194 million in one-time emergency funding for mental health and addictions services, including virtual supports which have been accessed by more than 111,000 Ontarians.
- Ontario is also investing up to \$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.
- As part of the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario plan](#), 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.
- Visit [COVID-19: Support for People](#) to find information about the many available, confidential, and free mental health and addictions services and supports for Ontarians of all ages.

Quotes

"The pandemic has had a tremendous impact on kids' physical, developmental and mental health. Isolation, school closures, social media and new pressures all around – it's been really tough for many children, youth and their families. We are so grateful to the provincial government for being responsive to meet the needs of some of the most vulnerable youth in our community with this announcement. CHEO is always here for these kids and now we can do more."

- Alex Munter
President and CEO, CHEO

"It is critical that we continue to work together to help children and youth with serious and complex health issues, including eating disorders, made worse by the realities of the pandemic. We thank the government for this funding as we know there is an urgent need for both acute stabilization and ongoing community treatment."

- Mary Kloosterman
CEO, Children's Mental Health Ontario, on behalf of the Children's Health Coalition

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Expanding Mental Health and Eating Disorders Services at SickKids](#)
- [Ontario Unveils Plan to Build Mental Health and Addictions System](#)
- [Ontario Supporting Children and Youth with Complex Mental Health and Addictions Needs](#)
- [Ontario Increasing Mental Health and Addictions Services](#)
- [2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Employment Supports for Postsecondary Students with Disabilities

\$3 million investment over three years will help build a skilled and inclusive workforce

December 03, 2021

[Colleges and Universities](#)

OTTAWA – The Ontario government is investing an additional \$3 million over three years in the David C. Onley Initiative to build capacity of postsecondary institutions across Ontario to prepare students with disabilities to transition into the workforce. This investment will help extend supports to more learners through the creation of an online toolkit, providing a comprehensive roadmap that more institutions can use to help students with disabilities.

“On this year’s International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we recognize that the pandemic has heightened barriers for an already vulnerable population who face increased difficulties connecting with employers and the job market,” said Goldie Ghamari, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges and Universities. “This investment will help take the valuable learnings from the original David C. Onley Initiative and support institutions in localizing resources to help transition students with disabilities into employment - contributing to a skilled, more inclusive workforce.”

The David C. Onley Initiative launched in 2018-19 as an applied research project led by Carleton University, in partnership with the University of Ottawa, La Cité and Algonquin College. Their work has helped employers become more inclusive and strengthen their businesses by leveraging diversity as a competitive edge in the marketplace, setting students with disabilities on a path towards fulfilling careers. Actions have included:

- Launching the [AbleTo campaign](#) to encourage employers to make workplaces accessible for employees with disabilities and support students and graduates with disabilities as they move into the workforce
- Coordinating workshops and accessible career showcase events for students with disabilities so they can explore job options with inclusive employers
- Facilitating recruitment opportunities and providing online resources like guidebooks, tip sheets and webinars to support job seekers, service providers, students and employers
- Piloting innovative strategies at postsecondary institutions to actively foster the growth and accessible opportunities for students with disabilities in career preparation and employability skills

“Since 2018, Carleton University and the partner institutions have done a terrific job of supporting students and graduates with disabilities in Ottawa to find meaningful employment,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “Through this initiative, we are leveraging key talent to help to overcome critical labour shortages and strengthen our economy.”

“It is vital to empower students with disabilities as they prepare to enter the workforce,” said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. “Transitioning from postsecondary education into employment is a major milestone. Institutions, employers and government must work together to remove barriers as students with disabilities plan their path to the workforce and to help position them for career success.”

“Carleton is committed to being the most accessible campus in Canada,” said Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Carleton’s President and Vice-Chancellor. “This investment will allow the university to continue to help graduates with disabilities enter and succeed in the working world.”

Quick Facts

- December 3 is recognized annually as the [United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#). This year’s theme focuses on leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.
- David Charles Onley is a former journalist who served as the 28th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 2007 until 2014 and has made significant contributions to the advancement of disability issues in Canada.

- Ontario has provided a total of \$5 million since the inception of the David C. Onley Initiative. The new investment of \$3 million over three years will ensure the initiative receives funding until 2023-24.
- Between 2009-2010 and 2019-20, the number of registered students with disabilities increased by more than 132 per cent, while total enrolment increased by 8.3 per cent.
- In 2019-20, nearly 95,000 postsecondary students were registered with Offices for Students with Disabilities at publicly assisted colleges and universities.
- Financial aid for postsecondary students with disabilities is available through the [Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#). This funding helps students with their disability-related educational costs (e.g., services and equipment such as braille displays and assistive listening devices).
- Ontario is working to create a more inclusive and accessible province through its [Advancing Accessibility in Ontario framework](#).

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BACKGROUNDER

Ontario Supporting Children on the Autism Spectrum and their Families

December 03, 2021

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Ontario has reached a major milestone in the rollout of the needs-based Ontario Autism Program (OAP) to better support children and youth registered in the program, as well as their families and caregivers.

Naming the Independent Intake Organization

The new Independent Intake Organization (IIO) for the Ontario Autism Program will be delivered through a partnership with Accerta Services Inc., McMaster University, Autism Ontario, and HealthCare 365. The partners bring together significant experience in administering public programs, supporting children and youth on the autism spectrum and their caregivers, care coordination, service navigation, research, and healthcare education.

The IIO will provide a single point of access to the OAP and will be involved in all steps of a family's journey in the program, from intake to funding allocations.

IIO's responsibilities will include:

- Registering children and youth for the Ontario Autism Program
- Connecting families with a care coordinator as a main point of contact
- Completing the determination of needs process to identify a child's level of support need and funding allocation for core clinical services
- Helping families navigate services and community-based supports
- Facilitating regional service networks of service providers to support a coordinated and integrated service experience for children, youth and their families
- Coordinating an independent review process for families

The IIO is scheduled to start supporting families in spring 2022. Until then, families and individuals can continue to reach and register for the Ontario Autism Program through [current contacts](#).

Welcoming more children into core clinical services

The IIO will play a key role in providing more families with funding to purchase core clinical services for their children and youth. These services include applied behaviour analysis, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and mental health services. There are currently more than 600 children enrolled in the launch of core clinical services. By fall 2022, Ontario will provide 8,000 children and youth with funding for core clinical services. The province will start contacting families in spring 2022 to connect them with the IIO to support their entry into core clinical services. Children will enter core clinical services in the order that they registered for the Ontario Autism Program, as recommended by the Ontario Autism Advisory Panel.

Extending behaviour plans

To maintain evidence-based behaviour services for families while implementing the needs-based program, children with an existing Ontario Autism Program behaviour plan can continue to extend their plan up to its current level of intensity, or less where clinically appropriate, until they enter core clinical services.

Families of children with existing behaviour plans will have the option to enter core clinical services in the order in which they registered with the Ontario Autism Program, or extend their plans until spring 2023, at which time they will begin to transition. This will provide stability for families, while enabling more children to access core clinical services.

Launching entry to school program

Starting in January 2022, eligible families will receive invitations for the program, which will help prepare children to start kindergarten or Grade 1 for the first time. The entry to school program is a six-month, group-based, skill-building program focused on helping children develop school-readiness skills in communication, play, social interaction, functional routines, behavioural self-management and pre-academics, learning and attention.

After the group-based program, children will receive individual transition supports as they enter school, including targeted consultations with entry to school program staff during their first six months in school, as needed.

Preparing to launch urgent response services

Ontario is preparing to launch urgent response services as another key element of the needs-based OAP. These time-limited services will be available to children and youth registered in the program. Providers will offer families a rapid response to a specific, identified need to help prevent further escalation or risk of harm to the child or youth, other people, or property. More information about these services and how families can access them will be available in early 2022.

Awarding workforce capacity fund grants

To help build new capacity in the autism sector, Ontario is awarding its first round of grants to public and private service providers through the [workforce capacity fund](#). The \$14.5 million fund will support more than 80 grants to build, retain and develop the workforce, including behaviour analysts, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, and mental health clinicians. This funding will allow OAP service providers to expand and innovate to serve more families by:

- hiring new staff and increasing hours for existing staff
- supporting professional development and training of autism clinicians
- investing in technology to increase access to virtual services
- supporting service provider travel to serve children in rural or remote communities.

The province will post the final list of grant recipients online in January.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Increasing Access to Services for Children with Autism](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Accelerating Booster Eligibility to Adults Aged 50+

Province Providing an Extra Layer of Protection Against COVID-19 and Variants

December 02, 2021

[Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is accelerating COVID-19 vaccine booster dose eligibility to Ontarians aged 50 and over and additional high-risk individuals, providing an extra layer of protection against COVID-19 and its variants.

Starting on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., individuals aged 50 and over will be eligible to schedule their booster dose appointment through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#), by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, through Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, [select pharmacies](#) and primary care settings. Appointments will be booked for approximately six months (168 days) after a second dose.

In addition, due to a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, effective immediately individuals receiving dialysis (hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) are eligible to receive a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine if it has been 56 days since their second dose. Also effective immediately, the province is recommending re-vaccination with a new COVID-19 vaccine primary series post-transplantation for individuals who receive hematopoietic stem cell transplants (HSCT), hematopoietic cell transplants (HCT) (autologous or allogeneic), and recipients of CAR-T-cell therapy, due to the loss of immunity following therapy or transplant.

Beginning in January, Ontario will further expand eligibility for booster doses based on age and risk, with an interval of six to eight months from the second dose.

“If you are eligible for a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please book your appointment as soon as you can to provide yourself with an extra layer of protection,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “If you have not yet received the vaccine, please do so today. This includes vaccinations for children aged five to 11. Achieving the highest vaccination rates possible remains our best tool to protect us, reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and fight the significant surge of new cases and the new Omicron variant.”

While the best defence against the Omicron variant remains containing it at the border, Ontario has the infrastructure in place to rapidly identify, trace and isolate COVID-19 and its variants. In addition to accelerating booster doses the province is taking several other measures in the fight against COVID-19 and its variants, including:

- Further [expanding free PCR testing](#) at all [testing centres](#) to asymptomatic individuals who have returned from, or travelled in, Nigeria, Malawi and Egypt between November 1st and December 6th, 2021, including family and other household contacts of travellers. The province is also distributing 11 million rapid antigen screening tests to all public schools and participating First Nation schools for each student to take home five tests to use over the holidays and throughout the return to in-person learning in January. The province will also launch a holiday testing blitz this month, with additional pop-up testing locations at high-traffic locations in higher-risk regions.
- Releasing enhanced [guidance on case, contact and outbreak management](#) for individuals that may have been exposed to the Omicron variant to mitigate further transmission. This includes more frequent follow up calls to ensure adherence to isolation, not permitting a shortened duration of isolation for asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals with a positive test, requiring isolation for all high-risk contacts regardless of vaccination status or previously positive status, and offering supports for isolation as needed.
- Building unprecedented hospital capacity by investing \$5.1 billion to add 3,100 beds to the system across the province. This significant increase in capacity has helped ensure that hospital and intensive care capacity continues to remain stable.

“Regardless of what we learn about the Omicron variant, Ontario is prepared to quickly respond to any scenario to protect the health and safety of Ontarians,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Vaccines continue to be our best protection against COVID-19, and I encourage everyone to book their first, second or booster dose as soon as you are eligible.”

As part of the province’s efforts to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as possible, a limited supply of the single dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine will also be available starting today. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available to individuals aged 18 and over who have an allergy or contraindication to mRNA vaccines or at the request of an individual who has not yet been vaccinated by contacting their public health unit.

In addition to vaccines, clinical trials for molnupiravir, an investigational oral therapy for the treatment of COVID-19 began on October 19, 2020 and is currently in progress at the University Health Network in Toronto and Hamilton Medical Research Group (HMRG). If approved, molnupiravir will be a five-day oral treatment for high-risk unvaccinated patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 and could be the first such treatment that can be taken outside of a health care facility. Ontario is preparing a strategy for the deployment of approved treatments, ensuring access where it is most needed in the province.

“Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect ourselves, our families and our communities from COVID-19 which is why we’re expanding vaccine eligibility for booster shots while also providing Ontarians aged 18 or older who have not yet been vaccinated, with the option to request the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine,” said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. “With every first, second, third or booster dose administered, we’re increasing Ontario’s immunity and taking another step forward in this battle against the COVID-19 virus.”

Quick Facts

- As of December 2, 2021, Ontario has administered more than 23 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with 90 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over having received at least one dose and more than 87 per cent having received a second dose. Ontario has more than 133,000 doses of the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine.
- With this expansion approximately 3.4 million additional Ontarians are now eligible to receive a booster dose of the vaccine, for a total of about 5.5 million.
- Ontario was the first jurisdiction in Canada to begin offering third/booster doses to select [vulnerable populations](#). To date, Ontario has administered more than 696,000 third/booster doses to Ontarians, including to 20 per cent of individuals aged 70 and over.
- Public health units continue to conduct thorough case and contact management, with the provincial average for contacts reached within 24 hours from November 12 to November 18 at over 94 per cent.
- Ontario continues to maintain significant testing capacity with results available quickly. As of December 1, 83.4 per cent of tests were processed within 24 hours and 94.6 per cent within 48 hours, well above provincial targets. The province continues to report one of the lowest rates of active cases in the country.
- The third and booster doses do not change the definition of who [is fully vaccinated](#) against COVID-19.
- If you have questions about 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

- [Ontario Confirms First Two Cases of Omicron Variant](#)
- [COVID-19 Variant of Concern Omicron \(B.1.1.529\): Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Recommendations for Special Populations](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bookings to Open for All Children Aged Five to 11](#)
- [Ontario Expanding Booster Eligibility to More Ontarians](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#)
- 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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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Offering New Fundraising Options for Legions

Royal Canadian Legions and Service Clubs Can Now Host Small Stakes Games and Progressive Jackpot Lotteries

December 02, 2021

[Attorney General](#)

WATERDOWN — The Ontario government is establishing new charitable gaming options that will make it easier for people to honour heroes and support their communities at Royal Canadian Legion branches and other local service clubs across the province.

The province is offering a new, free social gaming licence that will allow legions and other local community groups to host small stakes games like bridge, euchre and bingo. Legions and charities will also benefit from new opportunities to fundraise through progressive jackpot (loonie and toonie) raffle lotteries.

“Legions are there for veterans and our communities when we need them, and it is important we do all we can to help them thrive,” said Donna Skelly, Parliamentary Assistant to Attorney General Downey and Member of Provincial Parliament for Flamborough-Glanbrook. “These new features will give people more ways to support vibrant communities while honouring heroes and enjoying the company of family and friends.”

Legions and other community groups can apply for the social gaming licence through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario’s [online portal](#) as of December 1.

“Ontarians have always stepped up to honour heroes at their local Royal Canadian Legion branches – not only on Remembrance Day, but all year long,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “By making these common-sense changes to allow service organizations like legions to host small stakes games and hold more raffles, we are providing more options for people to support veterans and their communities.”

Progressive jackpot raffles will be licensed by local municipalities or First Nations with an Order in Council, and will become available in the coming weeks.

Quick Facts

- All licensees and participants must comply with proof of vaccination requirements, physical distancing measures and any other public health measures issued by the Ontario and/or local government.
 - There are about 400 Royal Canadian Legion chapters across Ontario, with approximately 100,000 members.
 - Legions support and advocate for the needs of veterans, their families and those still serving in the Canadian Forces, as well as sponsoring sports, youth and seniors’ programs and raising funds for local and regional organizations.
 - The progressive jackpot raffle lottery is a paper-based multiple-draw game where the prize, if not won, is carried over from one draw to the next. Tickets can cost up to \$2 to play. For this raffle, there is a maximum prize of \$2,500, at which time the pot must be awarded and the raffle starts again.
 - The types of games permitted under the new social gaming licence will include games such as euchre, cribbage, bridge, and bingo. Casino-type games will be excluded. All prizes must be paid out to players, minus a nominal fee for the organizer to cover expenses. This licence may not be used as a source of revenue or fundraising.
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Quotes

"The Royal Canadian Legion is a valued part of Ontario's history and culture. Local branches are important to our communities – sponsoring local sports, youth and seniors programs and offering a safe, friendly space for community events. Establishing new fundraising opportunities empowers local branches to continue providing vital services that make a real difference in the lives of veterans and their communities."

- Hon. Lisa MacLeod
Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

"Ontario Command of the Royal Canadian Legion is extremely pleased with this announcement. This new and free social gaming license will help to provide much needed funding for our legion branches and therefore our communities as a whole!"

- Garry Pond
Ontario Command President, Royal Canadian Legion

"Today's announcement is a positive step forward and we are excited to hear more. These much-needed funds will help to maintain our facilities so we can support our veterans and communities."

- Sheila Latner
President, Branch 551, Waterdown Royal Canadian Legion

"Ontario Charitable Gaming Association applauds the government for once again stepping up to support non-profits in Ontario. Progressive Jackpots will provide legions and service clubs with yet another opportunity to raise funds for their services and programs in their local communities, while the new social gaming license offers social engagement experiences for members and patrons."

- Lynn Cassidy
Director of the Ontario Charitable Gaming Association

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STATEMENT

Ontario Hits a Major COVID-19 Vaccine Milestone

Ninety per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over have received at least one dose of a vaccine

December 02, 2021

[Solicitor General](#)
[Health](#)

TORONTO -- Today, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, recognized a significant milestone in Ontario's COVID-19 vaccination rollout.

"We are delighted to announce that as of today, 90 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, providing greater protection from the virus and its variants.

This huge step in Ontario's vaccination plan is thanks to the incredible efforts of all levels of government, public health units, health care partners and the millions of Ontarians who have stepped up to get vaccinated. Thank you to those organizations that helped us get vaccines distributed quickly and efficiently to all parts of the province, and to the dedicated healthcare providers and frontline workers for getting vaccines into the arms of Ontarians.

From the beginning of the pandemic, our government's top priority has been to protect the health and safety of Ontarians, and we continue to focus on this with thousands of vaccines being administered every day. We know vaccines are the best defence against this virus and through our last mile strategy, we've worked hard to get the vaccines to people, wherever they are located.

We are seeing the rewards of these efforts with Ontario's hospital and ICU capacity remaining stable and reporting among the lowest rate of active cases in the country, well below the national average. In addition to today's milestone, more than 87 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over have received their second dose; the vaccination of children aged five to 11 is well underway and booster shots are being administered across the province to those who are eligible.

As we look forward to the holidays, we must continue to fight the spread of COVID-19 and its variants. Please continue to follow the public health guidelines we know work and keep us safe. If you have not yet received the vaccine or are eligible for your booster dose, please book an appointment today."

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Boosting Electric Vehicle Charging Availability

Partnership building Electric Vehicle chargers at all ONroute locations

December 01, 2021

[Energy](#)

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KING CITY – Ontario is bringing electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers directly to the province’s busiest highways with the deployment of Ivy Charging Network chargers at all ONroute locations. Chargers at 17 ONroute locations will be open in time for next summer, with another three ONroute locations opening before the end of 2022.

“Ontario is putting shovels in the ground to build critical infrastructure including highways,” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “Our agreement with Ivy, ONroute and Canadian Tire to construct EV chargers at all of the province’s 23 ONroute stations is an important step forward, allowing EV owners to travel our great province with more freedom and confidence. This deployment will reduce barriers to EV ownership, supporting Ontario’s growing EV manufacturing market and critical minerals sector, and help achieve Ontario’s goal of building at least 400,000 electric and hybrid vehicles by 2030.”

The deployment of charging infrastructure will see ONroute locations along highways 401 and 400 equipped with at least two EV chargers at each site, with busier sites equipped with more. The EV chargers will be available to all drivers on a pay per use basis and will serve all vehicle types.

“With more electric vehicles coming onto our roads each year, it’s vital that drivers have the ability to conveniently charge their vehicles along the province’s busiest highways,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “In addition to building new highways that will alleviate congestion in Ontario, the installation of Ivy Charging Networks at all ONroute locations is a big step forward to support EV owners.”

These chargers will further encourage the electrification of the transportation sector in Ontario by making EV charging more accessible, and as the EV population grows more chargers may be added at each site. The electrification of the province’s vehicles will continue to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by shifting away from gas-powered vehicles and utilizing Ontario’s 94 per cent emissions-free electricity supply.

“I welcome the news on a further expansion of electric vehicle charging across the province. This joint venture signals Ontario’s continued efforts to drive down emissions in the province, while making electric vehicles more accessible to Ontarians,” said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “Increased charging across Ontario ONroute locations means more opportunities for clean, green transportation in the future.”

This initiative builds on the government’s [Driving Prosperity: The Future of Ontario’s Automotive Sector](#) plan to create a domestic EV battery ecosystem in the province and position Ontario as a North American automotive innovation hub, by working to support the continued pivot to electric, low-carbon, connected and autonomous vehicles.

“The future of the automotive sector is shifting to electric vehicle production, and this critical announcement in partnership with Ivy, ONroute and Canadian Tire means that Ontario will have the infrastructure in place to support the shift to more EVs on our roads,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “Through the second phase of our *Driving Prosperity* plan, our government is preparing Ontario to be a world-leader in the transition to EVs by closing deals for new automaker mandates for hybrid and battery EVs, attracting a new battery assembly plant to the province and increasing exports of Ontario-made auto parts and innovations around the globe.”

Quick Facts

- As of October 2021, there are 66,757 EVs registered in Ontario. By 2030, one out of every three automobiles sold will be electric.
- ONroute operates 23 service centres along highways 401 and 400. Ivy’s fast chargers will be at 17 ONroute locations along Highway 401 and 400 by next summer. Three additional sites (King City, Barrie and Innisfil) will open later in 2022.

- Chargers at the last three sites (Maple, Ingersoll and Newcastle) are currently anticipated to open between 2023-2025 as part of planned renovations at the sites.
- The Ivy Charging Network, a joint venture between Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation (OPG), will be responsible for the installation, ownership, and operation of the fast chargers located at the 20 initial ONroute locations.
 - Natural Resources Canada, through its Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative, provided repayable contributions to Ivy Charging Network to help build its network.

Quotes

"Local families deserve clean air and a healthy environment, which is why our government is committed to expanding electric charging stations in King-Vaughan and across Ontario. Installing public fast chargers in King, along with parking and station improvements at Maple, Rutherford and King GO Stations is another practical step forward as we reduce air pollution and congestion for local families, seniors, and students."

- Stephen Lecce
MPP for King-Vaughan

"ONroute is proud to take this step towards sustainability, as we partner with Ivy and Canadian Tire to bring charging stations to our plazas. With a customer-obsessed focus, we want ONroute to be the recharge destination along every journey. That is why we are focused on supporting the growth of electric cars, and bringing new services to our customers."

- Melanie Teed-Murch
Chief Executive Officer of ONroute

"Leveraging Ontario's clean electricity system to help decarbonize high-emitting sectors like transportation is key to meeting our climate change goals. That's why we've partnered with Hydro One to create the Ivy Charging Network. The work Ivy is doing to install critical charging infrastructure in convenient and accessible locations like ONroute drives real change by providing drivers with the confidence they need to make the switch to an electric vehicle."

- Ken Hartwick
President and CEO of OPG

"Through our joint-venture in Ivy Charging Network, we are continuing to unlock endless travel possibilities for EV drivers by supporting their charging needs and connecting them to the people and places that matter most. As Ontario's largest transmission and distribution company, we are uniquely positioned to enable electrification in Ontario and support sustainable economic growth for years to come. That's why Hydro One is investing in a smarter, sustainable and reliable electricity system to energize life for families, business and communities now and in the future."

- Mark Poweska
President and CEO of Hydro One

"Together with our partners, CTC operates one of the largest retail networks of EV fast charging stations in Canada, and by the end of 2022, will see a total of 140 sites enabled across the country. We are excited to make life in Canada better for our EV customers travelling along the 400-series highway, adding to our commitment to provide convenient locations to serve the growing number of EVs in Canada."

- Micheline Davies
SVP, Automotive, Canadian Tire Corporation

"We're making it easier for people in Ontario and across Canada to drive electric. This is a critical part of lowering emissions in the transportation sector and achieving our climate targets."

- Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson
Minister of Natural Resources

Additional Resources

[Driving Prosperity: The Future of Ontario’s Automotive Sector](#)

Driving Prosperity positions Ontario as a North American leader in developing and building the car of the future through emerging technologies and advanced manufacturing processes.

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STATEMENT

Ontario Passes the Working for Workers Act

November 30, 2021

[Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

TORONTO — Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, issued the following statement in recognition of the passing of the *Working for Workers Act, 2021*:

“Our government is working for workers everyday to help them earn bigger paycheques, stay safe, and have better opportunities. We are determined to rebalance the scales and put workers in the driver’s seat of Ontario’s economic growth while attracting the best workers to our great province.

Through the passage of this legislation, Ontario is ensuring our labour laws keep pace with the acceleration of new technology, automation, and remote work. We are protecting workers’ rights, while positioning Ontario as the top destination for global talent and investment.

We have introduced measures to make it easier to spend time with family and loved ones, requiring most workplaces have a right to disconnect policy. To help workers advance their careers and earn more, we are banning businesses from using non-compete agreements.

Other changes passed today will protect and support vulnerable workers by establishing mandatory licensing of recruiters and temporary help agencies, with the harshest penalties in the country for violators.

For truckers and food delivery couriers who keep our world moving, we are enshrining their right to access washrooms in the businesses and restaurants they serve.

Finally, we are making it easier for internationally trained individuals to practice in the professions they trained in, helping more businesses find the workers they need to drive economic prosperity for us all.

This legislation is another step towards building back a better province and cementing Ontario’s position as a global leader, for others to follow, as the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family.”

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BACKGROUNDER

2021 Minister's Lifetime Achievement Awards and Premier's Awards

November 29, 2021

[Colleges and Universities](#)

The Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the following recipients for their efforts in advancing the college, the community and the Ontario college system.

Minister's Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Daniel J. Patterson, former President of Niagara College

Dr. Dan Patterson, whose career spans over 46 years of public service, has been an exemplary leader, making a lasting contribution to the Ontario college system and the postsecondary education system in Canada. In his 25 years as President of Niagara College, the college tripled its enrolment to more than 13,000 full-time students in more than 130 programs and underwent the largest capital expansion in Niagara College history. Under Dan's leadership, Niagara College has also become a forerunner in applied research, consistently ranking in the top 10 of college research funding in Canada.

Judith Morris, former President and CEO of Lambton College

Judith Morris has demonstrated exceptional leadership over her postsecondary education career spanning across more than 30 years and was the first female president in the history of Lambton College. She led a \$91-million campus revitalization and propelled Lambton College to the forefront of international education. Judith also increased student access to postsecondary education, particularly for local First Nations by offering programming and services on campus as well as in their communities. She also established Lambton College as a powerhouse for applied research, earning \$50 million in research funding since 2007 and solidifying Lambton's place as the only college to have ranked in the top three research colleges in Canada every year for the last five years.

Fred Gibbons, former President and CEO of Northern College

Fred Gibbons has worked in the Ontario community college system for 25 years. During his role as President and CEO of Northern College, he oversaw extensive expansion in college facilities, programs and partnerships to provide opportunities to students while pursuing initiatives that would strengthen enrolment and ensure sustainability. His work included the creation of a 35,000-square-foot Trades and Technology facility, a 40,000-square foot Integrated Emergency Services Complex and a veterinary sciences building and residence complex. Fred also supported the development of a new clinic that delivers care to 1,500 community residents in a local Northern community. He led the creation of several joint venture partnerships with colleges and universities in China and worked closely with postsecondary institutions in Ontario to create partnership pathways for graduates, including with Queen's University and Algoma University.

Ann Buller, former President and CEO of Centennial College

Ann Buller's three-decade career has opened doors for under-represented students in postsecondary education and fostered Centennial College's award-winning strategies in internationalization, applied research and entrepreneurship. Under Buller's leadership as President of Centennial, more than 650 students and 150 faculty have participated in service-learning opportunities through 56 social justice projects in numerous countries around the world. She also worked in collaboration with Chiefs, Elders, Traditionalists and First Nations, Métis and Inuit leaders to support the development of the school's first Indigenous Strategic Framework, outlining the college's implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Internationally, Buller saw Centennial open Suzhou Centennial College, the first Canadian institution approved by the Chinese government to deliver Canadian postsecondary programs and confer Canadian diplomas in China.

The 2021 Premier's Awards for outstanding college graduates were presented to nine individuals for excellence in seven categories:

Business

Massi Basiri and Meti Basiri from Conestoga College

Using their personal journeys as inspiration, the twin brothers co-founded ApplyBoard within a year of their graduation, now the world's largest online platform for international student recruitment and one of the fastest-growing technology companies in Canada. Since 2015, they have helped more than 200,000 students study at 1,500 educational institutions across North America, the U.K. and Australia, including 21 Ontario colleges. ApplyBoard remains the only company in the world connecting international students and recruitment partners to educational institutions via an online platform.

Community Services

Baldev Mutta from Humber College

As CEO, Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS), Baldev Mutta leads an accredited charitable not-for-profit organization making a significant impact serving families and individuals who are often marginalized and oppressed. PCHS is the only organization in Canada that delivers addiction and mental health programs for the Punjabi community. Baldev has reached a level of credibility as a leader in his field, helping guide similar agencies, and his work has garnered several activist, community and excellence awards, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Michelle John from Sheridan College

Michelle John is a Fire/Life Safety Education Officer at Brampton Fire & Emergency Services. An immigrant from Trinidad & Tobago, Michelle has significantly contributed to her Brampton community of 43 years. As a single mom of three, she has completed three college programs with the dedicated objective of keeping her community safe through fire safety education and resources. Additionally, Michelle is on Brampton Fire's Diversity Team where they strategize and lead fire safety awareness outreach to Black, Asian and LGBTQ2S+ communities, making her a role model for women and visible minorities who aspire to similar leadership positions in the community.

Creative Arts & Design

Nadia George from Georgian College

Nadia George is an award-winning Mi'kmaw-Canadian actress, media personality, addictions therapist, ambassador, advisor and public speaker based in Toronto, Ontario. Her work focuses on sharing the stories of Indigenous peoples, uplifting young voices, and addressing stigma around contemporary Indigenous identity. Nadia's work is giving a voice to the hundreds of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls whose stories have been hidden and have not been told authentically through the voices of Indigenous women.

Health Sciences

Michael Nolan from Algonquin College

Michael Nolan, Director, Emergency Services and Chief, Paramedic Service for Renfrew County, implemented many innovations that pushed the boundaries of paramedicine during the pandemic. Moving beyond traditional response-based 911 services, he led initiatives such as mobile and drive-through COVID-19 testing sites, home support for seniors, and a drone service for emergency delivery, with several of these initiatives replicated in other jurisdictions. Michael has received the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal and the Queen's Jubilee Medal for his contributions.

Technology

Stacey Jackson from Sault College

An internationally-recognized "Elsie Award" winning airline pilot, crash site investigator and women in aviation advocate, Stacey Jackson has made a career out of her passion for flying. Whether starting her own educational consulting firm, flying United Nations' evacuation missions in Africa and the Middle East or chartering the Upper Canada chapter of Women in Aviation International, Stacey has earned the highest accolades of her industry. In addition to her work serving humanitarian causes internationally, Stacey has made a direct impact on the aviation industry both through her contributions to academia and through her advocacy to improving the accessibility and career prospects for women in the aviation industry.

Apprenticeship

Melissa Phelan from St. Lawrence College

A highly-skilled and sought-after tradesperson, Melissa Phelan is a welding and fabrication technician, certified by the Canadian Welding Bureau, and a robotics welder programmer. In addition to her professional credentials, Melissa is a determined advocate for women, using her experience and knowledge to inspire other women to grow their knowledge and education to ensure a greater presence within all of the trades. As an ambassador for manufacturers Everlast Canada and Bessey Tools North America, Melissa uses social media and online forums as tools for positive change within the welding industry and Canadian manufacturing sector.

Recent Graduate

Adebola Adefioye from Seneca

For the last decade, Adebola Adefioye has dedicated her career to improving the lives of women and girls in Africa and Canada. After seeing her daughter’s self-esteem suffer because of being bullied as the only Black child in her Toronto school, Adebola committed to helping other marginalized Black women and youth to stand up for themselves. In 2019, she created the Afro Women and Youth Foundation, which provides regular training, coaching programs, and mentorship opportunities to build the confidence of African women, youth and girls. In 2020, Adebola secured funding from *Nigerians in Canada* to provide grants to six Nigerian women, who are small business owners, and survivors of gender-based violence.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing in New Children's Treatment Centre in Ottawa

State-of-the-art facility to offer critical services for children and youth with special needs

November 26, 2021

[Children, Community and Social Services](#)

OTTAWA — The Ontario government is helping meet the growing demand for services for children and youth with special needs in the Ottawa area by investing in a new Integrated Treatment Centre at CHEO, a pediatric health and research centre in Ottawa. The new multi-storey building called 1Door4Care will reduce the need for families to travel to multiple facilities to gain access to critical treatment and rehabilitation services such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language pathology, and autism services.

"We are delivering on our promise to support children and youth with special needs by ensuring that we are building the necessary infrastructure to support expanding services," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "CHEO's 1Door4Care is an excellent example of an innovative, modern service delivery model that will support children and their families and aligns with our vision that puts the well-being of individuals at the centre of our decision-making."

For children with multiple or complex special needs, 1Door4Care will bring together teams of professionals under one roof to support children with special needs through a coordinated plan of care. CHEO currently provides these services in eight locations across the region, which can make it difficult for families and providers to coordinate services and to support children and youth as they grow into adulthood.

"Our government is getting shovels in the ground on critical infrastructure, including hospitals, highways, housing and high-speed internet," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "By investing to expand our hospital infrastructure, we are protecting our progress against the COVID-19 pandemic and building for the future."

"We are thankful to the provincial government for its steadfast support of 1Door4Care – CHEO's Integrated Treatment Centre," said Alex Munter, President and CEO of CHEO. "Children and youth with special needs, medical complexities and mental health challenges have deserved better, faster access to care for a long time. The pandemic has only made things worse for vulnerable children and youth. This new building is going to bring care teams, family supports and technology under one roof so 40,000 kids and their families get the care they need – when, where and how they need it. Eastern Ontario get ready, we can't wait to deliver!"

This investment in CHEO's new Integrated Children's Treatment Centre building is part of the [2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#). The government recently [announced an additional \\$240 million in funding over four years](#) to reduce waitlists and build additional service capacity for early intervention and rehabilitation services for children and youth with special needs.

Quick Facts

- CHEO receives over 500,000 visits annually.
 - CHEO's Children's Treatment Centre serves more than 6,400 children and youth each year. The new Integrated Treatment Centre is projected to serve approximately 40,000 children and youth.
 - In 2019-20, over 110,000 children and youth received rehabilitation services including occupational therapy, physiotherapy and speech-language pathology through Children's Treatment Centres in community-based settings across Ontario.
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Additional Resources

- [Ontario Investing in New State-of-the-Art Children's Treatment Centre in Ottawa](#)
- [2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#)
- [Learn more about supports for children and youth with special needs](#).
- [Learn more about children's rehabilitation services](#).

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing Over \$6 Million to Prevent Work-related Cancers

Funding will support research by the Occupational Cancer Research Centre

November 26, 2021

[Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

TORONTO – Ontario is investing more than \$6 million to support research led by the Occupational Cancer Research Centre (OCRC) to identify the causes of workplace cancers, prevent them from occurring, and better support workers already impacted by occupational illness. This investment will help scientists identify and track occurrences of workplace cancer and exposure to harmful substances, research the causes of workplace cancer, and ultimately help improve the recognition of occupational illnesses in the province.

“Every workplace injury, illness, or fatality is preventable. While Ontario has one of the best health and safety records in the country, we are continuously striving to better protect our workers,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. “We’re proud to fund the Occupational Cancer Research Centre’s research in this critical area, which will support our mission to ensure every worker in Ontario comes home safe after a hard day’s work.”

“Our government is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all Ontarians,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “This important investment will help ensure the Occupational Cancer Research Centre has access to the resources they need to conduct research and protect Ontarians against work-related diseases and cancers.”

The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development’s increase in funding for the OCRC will significantly expand their research to ensure Ontario has the best available data and evidence when developing prevention and exposure-reduction strategies to improve workers’ health and safety. This data will also help the WSIB in its efforts to support injured workers and families impacted by work-related cancers and diseases.

Today’s announcement builds on the government’s work to protect workers from workplace injuries and illness through the five-year [Prevention Works](#) strategy. The strategy aims to help workplaces comply with and exceed workplace health and safety laws and standards to keep workers safe, focusing on occupational illnesses, employee mental health, workplace violence, and harassment.

“I want to thank Minister McNaughton for the substantial funding announced today, which will give us the funding we need to improve identification, tracking, and prevention of occupational illnesses in Ontario,” said Dr. Paul Demers, Director of the Occupational Cancer Research Centre. “This investment also gives us the resources to attract promising new researchers to this critical area and advance our understanding of occupational cancer risks and prevention strategies.”

Quick Facts

- According to the [Association of Worker’s Compensation Boards of Canada](#), Ontario’s occupational health and safety record is among the best in Canada, with the province achieving the lowest rate of work time lost to injury among any province or territory since 2009.
 - The province is working with partners in the occupational health and safety system and the health sector to implement actions in the [Occupational Disease Action Plan](#) to prevent occupational illnesses.
 - [Supporting Ontario’s Safe Employers](#) is a voluntary program that recognizes employers across Ontario who successfully implement an occupational health and safety management system in their workplace. Employers accredited through the program may also be eligible for rebates from a related WSIB program.
 - In support of Dr. Demers report [Using Scientific Evidence and Principles to Help Determine the Work-Relatedness of Cancer](#), the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) will establish a new [scientific advisory table for occupational disease](#) to guide their decision-making.
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Quotes

"On behalf of the Ontario Insulators, we are enthused with this project and the impact it will have on the future of our industry and trade. We are appreciative and in full support of these initiatives and look forward to the implementation and outcome of this development."

- David Gardner
Business Manager, Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 95

"The Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation applauds the Ontario government funding research on information about monitoring, treatment and mitigation of harmful exposure to materials like asbestos. We are especially supportive of a feasibility study on an enhanced Ontario Cancer Care Registry or a standalone registry of workers who have mesothelioma."

- Dr. Eudice Goldberg
Board Chair, Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation

"The price of going to work must never be life itself. On behalf of LiUNA, we commend the ongoing leadership of Minister McNaughton in partnership with the Occupational Cancer Research Centre (OCRC) to support leading research that will prioritize the health and safety of Ontario’s workforce with a significant focus on prevention and exposure-reduction strategies. With a commitment to industry-leading training including the LiUNA Asbestos Abatement Worker Program, we reaffirm our commitment to working with government and industry to strengthen workplace safety and ensure that all workers return home safely at the end of each and every day."

- Joseph Mancinelli
International Vice President and Regional Manager of Central and Eastern Canada, LiUNA

"As an industry leader, I am now able to advocate for workers in Ontario by ensuring that abatement employees receive the proper Asbestos Worker training and certifications. The OADC supports the great leadership of Minister McNaughton through his mission to prevent work-related cancers in partnership with the Occupational Cancer Research Centre. Everyone deserves to have comfort knowing their loved ones will return home from work safely."

- Margaret Taylor
Executive Director, Ontario Association of Demolition Contractors

Additional Resources

- [Prevention Works – Ontario’s 2021-2025 Occupational Health and Safety Strategy](#).
- [Occupational Disease Action Plan \(ODAP\)](#)
- [Supporting Ontario’s Safe Employers](#)
- [WSIB Scientific Advisory Table for Occupational Disease](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario to Host a Provincial-Municipal Housing Summit

Province Collaborating with Municipalities to Help Solve the Housing Affordability Crisis

November 25, 2021

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Premier Doug Ford and Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, will host a provincial-municipal housing summit on December 16 for Ontario’s Big City mayors and regional chairs. The summit will aim to identify further opportunities for collaboration as the province and municipalities continue to address the housing affordability crisis. Minister Clark announced the summit during his remarks to the Empire Club today.

“Young families, seniors and all hardworking Ontarians are desperate for housing that meets their needs and budget,” said Premier Doug Ford. “That’s why we’re inviting municipalities to the table to discuss how we can work together to build more homes faster and make home ownership more affordable. At a time when our government is hard at work building an economy that works for everyone, my goal for the summit is for the province and municipal partners to come up with concrete solutions that address the ongoing housing affordability crisis and allow more families to realize the dream of home ownership.”

The provincial government’s housing policies under [More Homes, More Choice: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan](#) are working to make housing more affordable by increasing the supply of the full range of housing options, from single-family homes to midrise housing to apartment buildings. In 2020, the year after More Homes, More Choice was implemented, Ontario saw the highest level of housing starts in a decade and the highest level of rental starts since 1992. However, to make home ownership more affordable for more people, more needs to be done.

“It’s no secret that Ontario has a housing crisis, as demand has drastically outpaced supply over the past decade. While our government’s policies are working to address affordability, including the tools we’ve provided to municipalities, we know that housing prices are still out of reach for so many Ontarians,” said Minister Clark. “As we move toward a period of economic growth, this housing summit gives us a chance to assess how the province and our municipal partners can build on our progress through continued partnership and identify new opportunities to collaborate on making housing more affordable for hardworking Ontarians and their families.”

Quick Facts

- Leading up to the ROMA Conference, Minister Clark will also host a special session with Ontario’s rural municipalities in January with ROMA members, to discuss the issue of housing affordability and the unique challenges and opportunities they are facing.
 - In 2020, the year after More Homes, More Choice was implemented, Ontario had over 81,000 housing starts – the highest level in the last decade.
 - Almost 11,500 units of rental housing were completed in Ontario in 2020 — the highest since 1992.
 - As announced in the [Fall Economic Statement](#) and as part of Ontario’s plan to address housing supply and affordability, the government is also creating a Housing Affordability Task Force to identify further opportunities to get shovels in the ground faster, remove duplication and barriers, and make housing more affordable for hardworking Ontarians.
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Additional Resources

[Read more about More Homes, More Choice](#)

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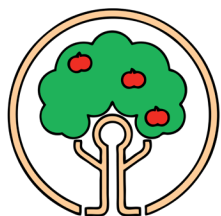


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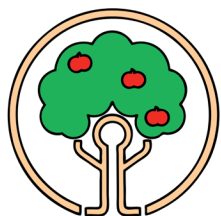
COVID-19 Case Summary

December 02, 2021

<div>Total Confirmed Cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD): 905 <small>(335 cases have screened positive for variants of concern [VOC])</small></div> <div>Cases Reported in the Last 7 Days: 21</div> <div>Incidence Rate^a in the Last 7 Days: 19.3 per 100,000 individuals</div>	<div>Current Status of Cases in RCD</div> <div>Self-Isolation: 20</div> <div>Hospitalized: 0</div> <div>Hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit: 0</div> <div>Resolved: 874</div> <div>Deceased: 11</div>		
<div>Residents of Long-Term Care/Retirement Homes: 13</div> <div>Health Care Workers (HCWs): 76 <small>(18 HCWs employed outside of RCD)</small></div> <div>Community Cases: 750</div> <div>School Cases (Including Daycares): Staff=11 Students=55</div>	Outbreak Setting	Cumulative Number of Outbreaks	Active Number of Outbreaks
	Community	7	2
	Hospital	1	0
	Long-Term Care Home/Retirement Home	15	0
	School (all levels)	9	1
	Workplace	12	2
	Total	44	5
<div>Total Number of tests completed for RCD residents: 122,588</div> <div>Percent Positivity^b of tests completed for RCD residents (November 17-November 23, 2021) 2.1%</div>			
RCDHU has responded to 50,307 COVID-19 inquiries from residents and community partners since March 18, 2020.			

^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.



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

December 02, 2021

Municipality	Cumulative Number of Cases
Township of Admaston/Bromley	11
Town of Arnprior	91
Township of Bonnechere Valley	20
Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch, Raglan	12
Town of Deep River	31
Township of Greater Madawaska	36
Township of Head, Clara, Maria	1-4
Township of Horton	31
Township of Killaloe, Hagarty, Richards	9
Township of Laurentian Hills	15
Township of Laurentian Valley	114
Township of Madawaska Valley	85
Township of McNab/Braeside	77
Nipissing, Unorganized, South Part (Algonquin Park)	0
Township of North Algona Wilberforce	11
City of Pembroke	96
Town of Petawawa	100
Pikwakanagan	0
Town of Renfrew	52
Township of South Algonquin	5
Township of Whitewater Region	106
Total	905

To protect the privacy of residents living in smaller communities in Renfrew County and District, RCDHU has chosen to suppress all numbers less than 5.

Visit us at www.rcdhu.com or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

COVID-19 VACCINE NEWS BRIEF

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COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout for Children Aged 5 to 11

Friday, November 26, marked the launch of designated COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children aged 5 to 11. Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) was excited to host the first children's only clinic across Renfrew County and District (RCD) at 141 Lake Street in Pembroke.

In the coming weeks, RCDHU and partners will be offering dedicated COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children 5 to 11 years of age across RCD, to ensure residents have the greatest access to COVID-19 vaccine

There has been great interest in the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine. To accommodate the high demand, many more appointments will be added to the booking site next week for the month of December. Please continue to monitor RCDHU's website and social media for upcoming information on clinic dates, locations, and additional appointments.

Residents are advised 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. To book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment visit the [COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccine Bookings Link](#). Please also complete a [COVID-19 Vaccine Children/Youth \(Age 5-17\) Consent Form](#).

Residents are also encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to book a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age. For select pharmacies offering the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group, visit [Pharmacy Locations Offering the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 5-11](#).

If you have questions or concerns about the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine, visit the [SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) to connect with a Registered Nurse over the phone. For more information on this age group, visit RCDHU's [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\): COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 5-11](#).

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.
- ➔ Dedicated vaccination clinics will be open to all residents born in 2016 or earlier for first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- ➔ Continue to monitor www.rcdhu.com and RCDHU's Facebook and Twitter for clinic announcements.

Local Update

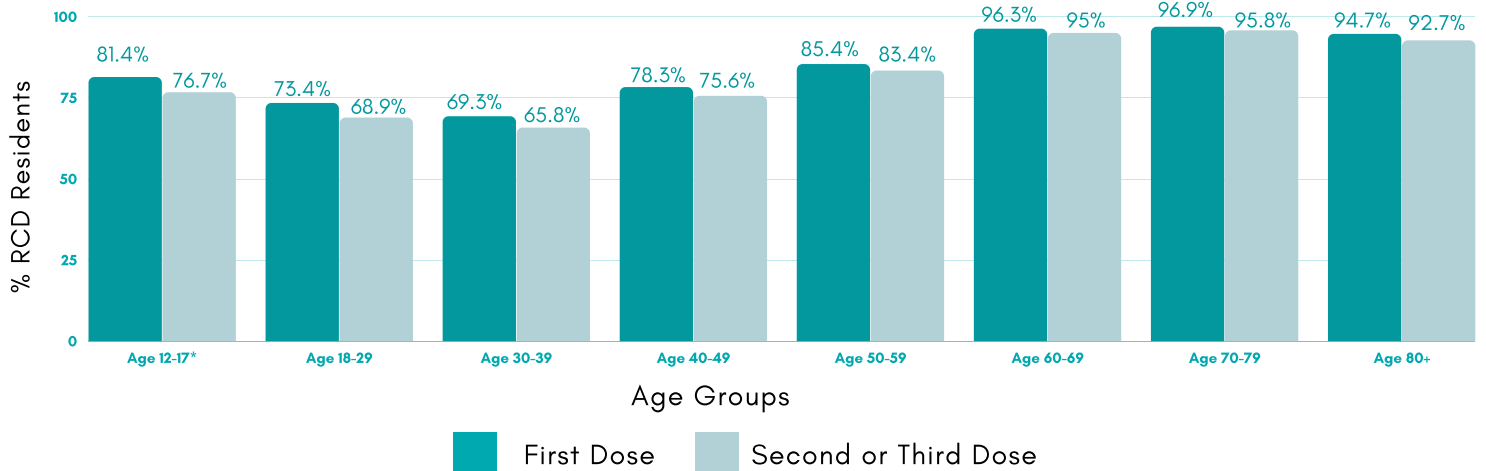
As of 8:00 a.m. November 29, 161,250 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered through one of several COVID-19 vaccination clinics across Renfrew County and District (RCD) with 89.6% of RCDHU adults (including youth born in 2009 or earlier, and Canadian Armed Forces Members) having received at least 1 dose (86.8% 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 29, 2021



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

*Includes individuals born in 2009.

New data source for population estimates: Statistics Canada. Population estimates 2001-2020: Table 1 annual population estimates by age and sex for July 1, 2001 to 2020, health regions, Ontario [unpublished data table]. Ottawa, ON: Government of Canada; 2021 [received 2021 Apr 22] as per Public Health Ontario (PHO).

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](#).

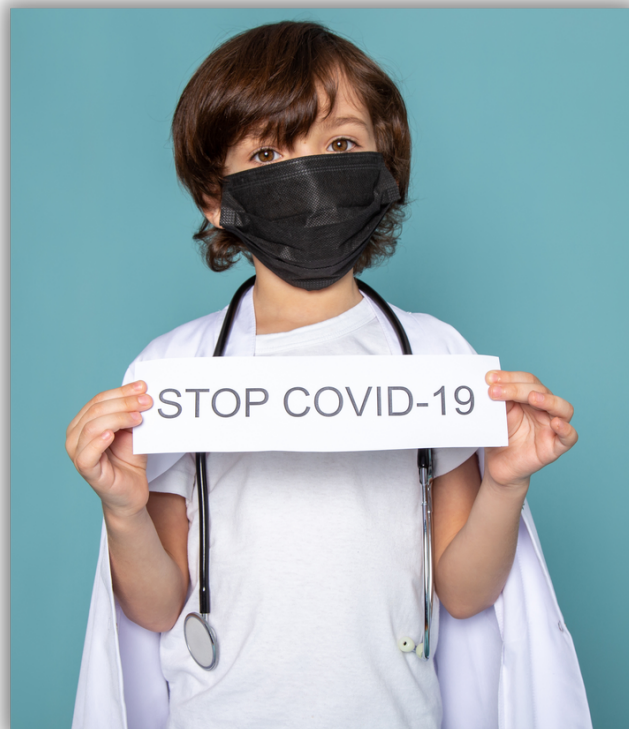
Another great option is to visit a local participating pharmacy. To find the closest pharmacy that is offering COVID-19 vaccinations, visit Ontario's online link for [COVID-19 pharmacy vaccine locations](#).

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) and all residents **born in 2016 or earlier** (turning 5 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.

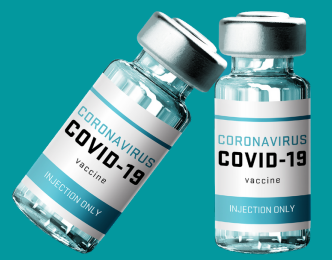
For more information visit: [Using your Enhanced Vaccine Certificate: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Partner Websites



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

Updated: December 08, 2021



Key Messages

- **Beginning in January, Ontario will further expand eligibility for booster doses based on age and risk**, with an interval of six to eight months from the second dose.
- 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. **Check with your local pharmacy to see if they can provide the COVID-19 vaccine.**
- **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.
- **Eligible residents** will be able to receive their third dose this week, if they received their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine **on or before June 20th.**

Local Snapshot

As of 8:00 a.m. December 06, 2021

Total doses administered to date* **163,765**

Percentage of population (12+) with at least 1 dose** **89.8%**

Percentage of population (12+) with 2 or 3 doses** **87.1%**



It is advised that **all residents in the general population born in 2016 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.



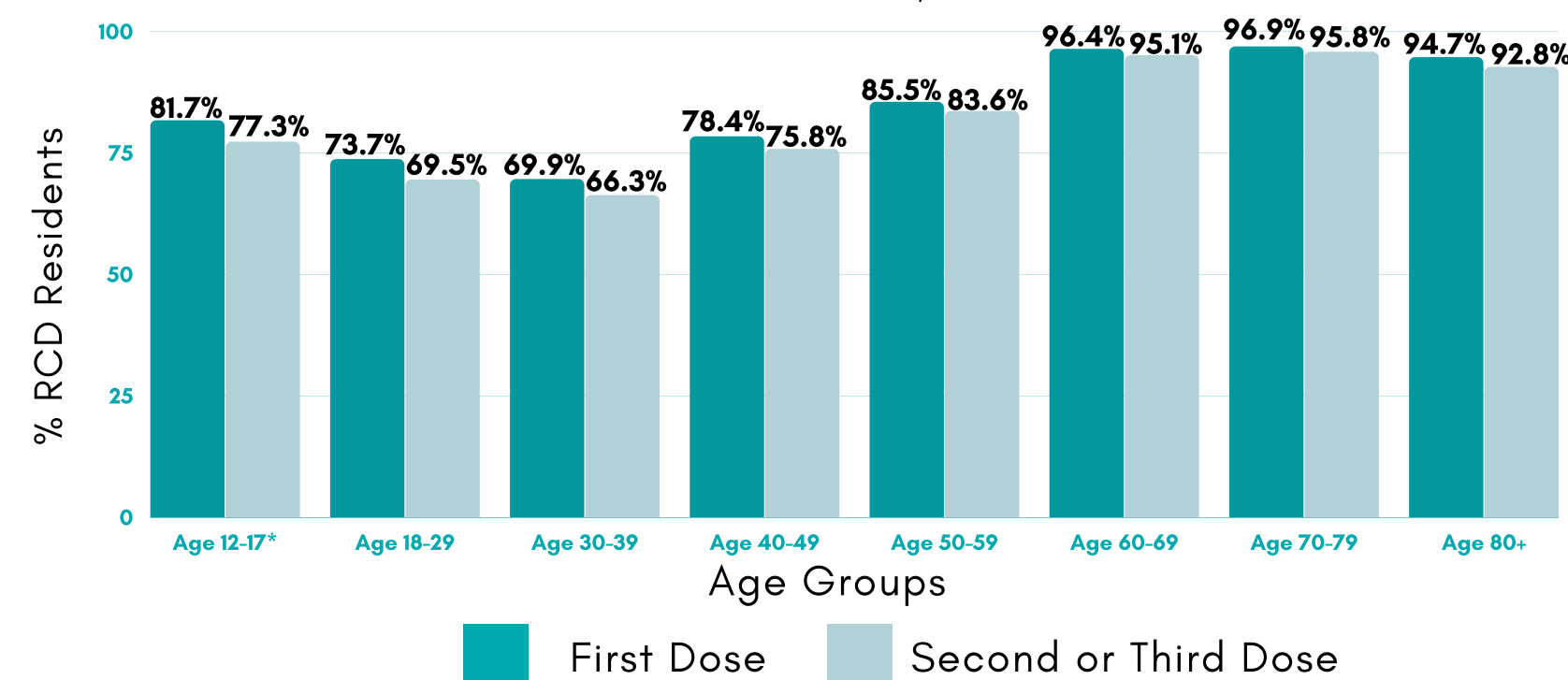
More than 850 children aged 5-11 have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine!

*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 December 06, 2021

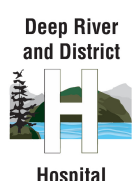


Notes: This age demographic breakdown does not include Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members residing in RCD.

*Includes individuals born in 2009.

New data source for population estimates: Statistics Canada. Population estimates 2001-2020: Table 1 annual population estimates by age and sex for July 1, 2001 to 2020, health regions, Ontario [unpublished data table]. Ottawa, ON: Government of Canada; 2021 [received 2021 Apr 22] as per Public Health Ontario (PHO).

To get the latest COVID-19 vaccine information visit:
www.rcdhu.com or call 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004



RCD COVID-19 Vaccine Communications Committee

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:55 p.m., November 19, 2021)

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout for Children Aged 5 to 11

In the coming weeks, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and partners will be offering dedicated COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children 5 to 11 years of age. This announcement follows Health Canada's approval of Pfizer-BioNTech's pediatric formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The [National Advisory Committee on Immunization \(NACI\) recommends](#) that a complete series of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (10 mcg) be offered to children 5 to 11 years of age who do not have contraindications to the vaccine, with a dosing interval of at least 8 weeks between the first and second dose.

Starting Tuesday, November 22 at 8:00 a.m., residents can book appointments for clinics dedicated to children 5 to 11 years of age online – [click here](#). Additional vaccination clinics dedicated to children 5 to 11 years of age may be added based on supply and demand.

Residents are also encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to book a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age, as select pharmacies will also offer the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group.

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.

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

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Directives for household contacts of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 – A message from Dr. Robert Cushman

Recent increases in the number of cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD) and the rapid spread to household contacts are major concerns.

To limit further spread and best protect our community, **Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) requires all household contacts, including those who are vaccinated and asymptomatic, to isolate at home until you have received a negative PCR test result, or a public health official has advised you otherwise.** This direction is made in accordance with the [Class Order](#) made pursuant to Section 22 (5.0.1) of the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

"Our track record in RCD is strong with nearly 90% of eligible individuals having received their first dose, and 86% of residents fully vaccinated. There is a strong adherence to masking and physical distancing and most indoor settings require proof of vaccination for entry," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU. Imminent approval by Health Canada of vaccines for the 5 to 11 year-old age group will add further community protection.

"We all need to do our part to get through the colder months without serious setbacks. This includes getting vaccinated, adhering to masking and physical distancing, limiting gatherings to small groups especially when gathering indoors, and cooperating with public health officials if you are identified as a case or a contact," notes Dr. Cushman.

"We recognize that this is an inconvenience and want to thank the residents of RCD for their cooperation and efforts to limit the spread. I encourage you all to keep up the good work," finishes Dr. Cushman.

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <https://rcvtac.ca/>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

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RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive For COVID-19 at Cobden District Public School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) is confirming that one student from Cobden District Public School has tested positive for COVID-19.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility. RCDHU staff are actively investigating the cases and all persons identified as high-risk contacts will be notified of their recent exposure to COVID-19. The schools remain open for in-person learning.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).

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(Pembroke, Ontario, 5:40 p.m., November 17, 2021)

Possible COVID-19 Exposure During Field Exercise at Garrison Petawawa

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is investigating a possible exposure to COVID-19 during a field exercise at Garrison Petawawa. Several individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 who attended a field exercise during their contagious period.

All Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members who attended the field exercise have been instructed to immediately self-isolate, and they have been advised of their work and isolation responsibilities.

All household contacts of CAF members who attended the field exercise (vaccinated or unvaccinated) should limit their movements in the community and only leave the house for essential reasons such as attending school, work or to seek medical care.

CAF members and their household contacts should self-monitor for all symptoms of COVID-19, **even runny nose, or sore throat**, until November 26, 2021, at 11:59 p.m., unless you have received specific guidance from public health. If you become symptomatic, you should immediately self-isolate and seek testing, even if you are fully vaccinated.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough or barking cough
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
- Muscle aches/joint pain
- Extreme tiredness

Other symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Abdominal pain
- Headache
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <https://rcvtac.ca/>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404. Click here to view the [public testing schedule \(November 15-19\)](#).

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

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RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive For COVID-19 at Arnprior District High School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) is confirming that one student from Arnprior District High School has tested positive for COVID-19.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility. RCDHU staff are actively investigating the cases and all persons identified as high-risk contacts will be notified of their recent exposure to COVID-19. The schools remain open for in-person learning.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <https://rcvtac.ca/>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

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(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:05 p.m., November 26, 2021)

RCDHU Hosted First Dedicated COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic for Children Aged 5 to 11

Today, marked the launch of designated COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children aged 5 to 11. Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) was excited to host the first children's only clinic across Renfrew County and District (RCD) at 141 Lake Street in Pembroke.

"RCDHU and partners will be offering clinics across RCD to ensure residents have the greatest access to the COVID-19 vaccine," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU. "Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will help keep children and youth safe from serious side effects of the COVID-19 virus. It will also help avoid disruptions in their everyday lives, helping to reduce potential absences from school, sports, or other activities that they enjoy," continues Dr. Cushman.

There has been great interest in the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine. To accommodate the high demand, many more appointments will be added to the booking site next week for the month of December. Please continue to monitor RCDHU's website and social media for upcoming information on clinic dates, locations, and additional appointments.

Residents are advised 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. To book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment visit the [COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccine Bookings Link](#). Please also complete a [COVID-19 Vaccine Children/Youth \(Age 5-17\) Consent Form](#).

Residents are also encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to book a COVID-19 vaccine for children 5 to 11 years of age. For select pharmacies offering the COVID-19 vaccine for this age group, visit [Pharmacy Locations Offering the COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Aged 5-11](#).

If you have questions or concerns about the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine, visit the [SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) to connect with a Registered Nurse over the phone. For more information on this age group, visit [RCDHU's Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\): COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 5-11](#).

For more information visit RCDHU's website at: <https://www.rcdhu.com/> or call 613-732-3629.



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(Pembroke, Ontario, 2:05 p.m., November 30, 2021)

RCDHU Reports Increased Community Transmission of COVID-19 – Residents to Remain Vigilant

Throughout the month of November, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has seen increased community transmission of COVID-19, reporting 63 confirmed cases of COVID-19 across Renfrew County and District (RCD). This is more than double the number of cases reported in October 2021 (29 cases), with nearly half of cases residing in the City of Pembroke, Township of Laurentian Valley, or Township of Petawawa. As a result, more than 500 high-risk contact investigations have been opened by RCDHU staff, resulting in an average of 8 high-risk contacts per 1 confirmed COVID-19 case in RCD.

"Our case investigations are highlighting that residents are ignoring mild symptoms and continuing to attend school, work and other social activities while sick. This is especially of concern with the introduction of the new variant Omicron found close to our region in nearby Ottawa," says Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU. "The choices we make now will impact how we spend the holidays. It is essential that residents step up and do the right thing, including getting vaccinated, if you haven't already and stay home if you are sick, even if you are vaccinated," continues Dr. Cushman.

All residents are encouraged to keep social gatherings small, and close contacts consistent.

Do not ignore minor symptoms such as itchy/scratchy or sore throat, runny nose or headache. If you experience any symptoms of COVID-19 you should immediately self-isolate and get tested. To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <https://rcvtac.ca/>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.

Protecting our children and schools

RCDHU is tracking increased cases in our schools. Since September 2021, 22 per cent of individuals aged 0 to 17 years who have tested positive for COVID-19 have had symptoms that are not caught in the Provincial school screening tool, such as a runny nose, sore throat, headache, and extreme fatigue. Parents are urged to remain diligent and keep their child home at the first sign of any symptoms of illness.

"While infection prevention and control protocols and screening have helped prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools, we are seeing that children are attending school while sick," says Dr. Robert Cushman. Parents of school-aged children are reminded that they play a key role in preventing COVID-19 and keeping other illnesses out of our schools. Parents must screen

their child/children before they attend school each day and children should stay home when they have any symptom of illness, even if fully vaccinated.

We recognize the impact keeping a child home from school has on parents, but your choice to keep your child home when sick can help prevent isolating an entire class for 10 days – which impacts many families.

Individuals aged 18 to 40

Since September 2021, more than 1 in 3 COVID-19 cases in Renfrew County and District have been among individuals aged 18 to 40. This age group also has the lowest rate of COVID-19 vaccination, which increases the potential risk of spread. Individuals aged 18 to 40 are urged to do their part to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19. This includes staying home when sick with any symptoms, keeping social gatherings small and contacts consistent, and getting vaccinated.

To book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, visit the [COVID-19 & Influenza Vaccine Bookings Link](#). Residents are also encouraged to contact their local pharmacy to book a COVID-19 vaccine.

Please continue to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

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(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:55 p.m., November 25, 2021)

RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive For COVID-19 at Fellowes High School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) is confirming that one student from Fellowes High School in Pembroke, has tested positive for COVID-19.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility. RCDHU staff are actively investigating the case and all persons identified as high-risk contacts will be notified of their recent exposure to COVID-19. The school remains open for in-person learning.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).

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(Pembroke, Ontario, 10:15 a.m., November 25, 2021)

RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive For COVID-19 at Valour JK-12 School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) is confirming that one student from Valour JK-12 School in Petawawa, has tested positive for COVID-19.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility. RCDHU staff are actively investigating the cases and all persons identified as high-risk contacts will be notified of their recent exposure to COVID-19. The schools remain open for in-person learning.

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RCDHU Confirms One Student Tests Positive For COVID-19 at Highview Public School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB), is confirming that an additional student from Highview Public School in Pembroke has tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total to three positive cases at the school.

At this time, the three cases do not meet the definition of a confirmed outbreak as the individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 are not known to be linked. With no current evidence of transmission within the school setting, the school remains open for in-person learning.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility. RCDHU staff is actively investigating the cases and all high-risk contacts will receive a standard text message from the RCDHU virtual assistant within 24 hours, notifying them that they have recently been exposed to COVID-19. All high-risk contacts will be directed to complete the virtual assistant survey to review isolation and testing instructions and assess for symptoms of COVID-19.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) visit <https://rcvtac.ca/>. If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.

RCDHU is reminding residents to complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance. Please do not attend work, school or daycare if you have symptoms.

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(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:55 p.m., December 2, 2021)

RCDHU Declares COVID-19 Outbreak at Valour JK-12 School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) is confirming that one additional student from Valour JK-12 School in Petawawa has tested positive for COVID-19.

RCDHU has found evidence of transmission within the school setting meeting the provincial definition of a confirmed outbreak. The outbreak is contained at this time, and the school remains open for in-person learning.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility, actively investigating the cases and monitoring the situation.

For more information on what you should do if you have been notified that you are a high-risk contact based on vaccination status, visit [RCDHU's Management of High-Risk Contacts and Their Household Members](#).

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(Pembroke, Ontario, 10:00 a.m., December 1, 2021)

RCDHU Shares Good News Regarding the COVID-19 Exposure During Field Exercise at Garrison Petawawa

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is reporting that there has been no evidence of community transmission of COVID-19 from the exposure during the field exercise at Garrison Petawawa. All additional cases have been reported to be household contacts of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members who were already in self-isolation as per RCDHU's direction. RCDHU continues to monitor the outbreak to ensure that all necessary measures are in place.

"This good news story is an example of how we can all work together to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community if we all do our part to follow public health guidance," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU. "This situation had the potential to lead to a serious outbreak in our community, but thanks to timely case and contact management, adherence to public health direction from the residents of Renfrew County and District (RCD), and the leadership at Garrison Petawawa who had strict isolation and preventative measures in place, we were able to contain the outbreak," continues Dr. Cushman.

Remember, even if you have been vaccinated, it is important to continue following public health measures to keep the community safe; stay home if you are sick, avoid contact with people who are ill, practice physical distancing (2 metres), wear a mask/face covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, wash your hands, use the COVID Alert App, and complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **daily** before going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

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For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 8:45 a.m., December 8, 2021)

RCDHU Declares COVID-19 Outbreak at Champlain Discovery Public School

Today, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), in collaboration with the Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB), is confirming that an additional student from Champlain Discovery Public School in Pembroke has tested positive for COVID-19.

RCDHU is declaring Champlain Discovery Public School in outbreak as there is now evidence of transmission within the school, meeting the provincial definition of a confirmed outbreak. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, as well as the affected cohorts, are self-isolating while the school remains open for in-person learning.

RCDHU is working closely with the RCDSB to ensure necessary measures continue to be in place within the facility, actively investigating the cases, and monitoring the situation.

Remember to stay home when sick - even with only mild symptoms, get tested as soon as possible, get fully vaccinated, and complete the [COVID-19 self-assessment tool](#) or [COVID-19 school and child care self-assessment tool](#) **before** going to work, school or daycare, to monitor for symptoms and proper guidance.

To book a COVID-19 test with Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC) **visit** <https://rcvtac.ca/>. **If you cannot book online call VTAC at 1-844-727-6404.**

RCDHU is currently experiencing very high call volumes related to a sharp increase in cases and contacts of COVID-19. Please only contact RCDHU if you have had an exposure and are reporting symptoms. Please leave a detailed message and we will respond to you as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience.

For more information, visit RCDHU's website at <https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/>.

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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 19, 2021

Michael Nolan, Chief of Emergency Services, Wins Prestigious Premier's Award

The County of Renfrew is pleased to announce that Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services and Chief of the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service, has been recognized nationally for his outstanding contributions to the health sciences field.

The Premier's Award was presented to Chief Nolan on November 18th during a virtual ceremony to recognize the outstanding contributions made by Ontario college graduates who are working to make important social and economic contributions to Ontario and abroad.

"Since Chief Nolan first stepped into his role as Director of Emergency Services in 2004, he has continually advocated for the importance of advancing paramedicine in an effort to better serve our rural communities," says Warden Debbie Robinson, "whether it's through virtual consultations with a physician at RC VTAC or through home visits by community paramedics, Chief Nolan's dedication to innovation in the paramedicine field is a huge contributor to establishing programs that enable our residents and our most vulnerable populations access to health care in Renfrew County."

Chief Nolan, who first studied Ambulance and Emergency Care Paramedic at Algonquin College in 1991, has had an impactful and storied career in paramedicine and has been recognized nationally and internationally for his contributions to the field. He has been instrumental in developing and implementing a number of programs in Renfrew County such as RC VTAC, the Community Paramedic home visit program and has been key to the County's success at navigating and managing the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I'm honoured to be selected as this year's recipient for the Premier's Award in Health Sciences," says Nolan, "I'm pleased that the efforts of not only myself, but those of our collective agencies and stakeholders have been recognized through this award, as I wouldn't be able to be in a position to continue to advance our role as Paramedics without the support of the County and our local health care teams."

Algonquin College's Vice President, Advancement, Mark Savenkoff, offered his congratulatory remarks to Chief Nolan as well. "This well-deserved award is further recognition of the contribution of Michael, who was the Algonquin College 2020 Alumni of Distinction Winner," said Savenkoff. "Michael exemplifies what it means to transform hopes and dreams into lifelong success."

For more information call:

Paul Moreau Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, County of Renfrew

613-735-7288

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NEWS RELEASE

November 24th, 2020

2021 Warden's Community Service Awards Presented to Outstanding Community Members

Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club and Karthi Rajamani Recognized at 10th Annual Warden's Community Service Awards

COUNTY OF RENFREW: A popular cross country ski organization and a local CEO have been recognized for their valuable contributions to our communities through the 2021 Warden's Community Service Awards.

The awards were presented by County of Renfrew Warden, Debbie Robinson, at County Council's November 24, 2021 meeting. The awards are designed to recognize and promote social responsibility demonstrated by individuals as well as for-profit and not-for-profit organizations that are making a difference in our community. Nominees were considered based on criteria that demonstrated how they contribute to the quality of life, which in turn makes the County of Renfrew a better place to live and work.

"This year, I'm pleased to present the 2021 Warden's Community Service Awards to an individual, as well as to a not-for profit organization," announced Warden Robinson. "A heartfelt congratulations and thank you goes out to Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club, a not-for-profit organization based out of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, and to CEO of the Pembroke Public Library, Karthi Rajamani."

"Karthi came to Canada as an immigrant from India in 1998, and since then has become an invaluable part of our community in Renfrew County," says Pembroke Mayor and nominator, Mike LeMay, "She has dedicated herself to providing educational, informational, and recreational programs for children as well as taking an active role in promoting diversity, multiculturalism, and literacy in our region. Positive change has come in our community thanks to her continued efforts and passion for her community."

Winning the award in the not-for-profit category was Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club. "The OHNSC has become an integral part of community and economic development in the municipality of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, not to mention all of Renfrew County," says past Ottawa Valley Tourist Association President and nominator, Chris Hinsperger, "Since the club was first established in 2011, hundreds of skiers and the volunteers that have contributed to the club over the years have had their lives enriched as a result of the forming of this club."

Each year, a Selection Review Committee comprised of the County of Renfrew Warden, Chief Administrative Officer, and one member of County Council select the award recipients. Nominees are considered in each of the three categories: individual person, not-for-profit business, and for-profit business.

"Both winners of this year's awards exemplify what it means to be community-minded," says Warden Robinson.

“We are fortunate to have so many amazing organizations in Renfrew County who are willing to go above and beyond to serve the needs of our residents. Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club and its volunteers and Ms. Rajamani are both shining examples of how community programs can have a large and lasting impact on our residents.”

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Arnprior (@ Town Hall) - Township of McNab/Braeside
office - Arnprior Regional Health (suites 153 & 255)**

Donations can also be made at
Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program Inc
in person: 106 McGonigal St W
by phone: 613.623.7981
by e-transfer: angeltree@cssagency.ca





News Release

Trail updates at Gillies Grove Nature Reserve

Arnprior, ON (December 2, 2021) – The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) will begin necessary trail maintenance and upgrades at its Gillies Grove Nature Reserve beginning in winter 2021 and continuing into spring 2022.

Trails at Gillies Grove, a beloved local nature reserve, will be undergoing updates to help improve visitor experience and natural habitats on the property. Work being done includes removing and trimming hazardous trees, updating signage and refining the trail system to streamline the existing network.

The refined trail system will consist of three main trails throughout the property; White Pine Loop, which passes through a section of old growth pine forest; Cross Grove Trail, the most direct route through Gillies Grove; and Hemlock Loop, which leads visitors to explore further into the grove. An additional access trail coming from Dan Street will also be maintained.

These updates will make the trails easier to navigate and create opportunities for visitors to learn more about what makes this nature reserve a special place worth protecting. New signage and trail system streamlining are important steps in restoring and conserving the habitats found on the property.

Gillies Grove Nature Reserve is a critical piece of habitat, featuring some of the last remaining old growth eastern white pine trees in eastern Ontario. This special forest, right in the heart of Arnprior, provides habitat for a variety of species, including owls, salamanders and small mammals and gives visitors a unique opportunity to experience nature in a sustainable way.

NCC is a charitable organization and relies on support from donors, volunteers and neighbours. It is important for our neighbours and visitors to do their part in making sure that this special place is cared for and maintained for generations to come. We kindly remind visitors to stay on marked trails, keep their pets leashed and to not litter or dump any organic waste while enjoying their time at Gillies Grove Nature Reserve.

NCC welcomes your questions or comments about the work we are doing at Gillies Grove. Please contact NCC's coordinator of conservation biology Megan Quinn at megan.quinn@natureconservancy.ca

About

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is the nation's leading not-for-profit, private land conservation organization, working to protect our most important natural areas and the species they sustain. Since 1962, NCC and its partners have helped to protect 14 million hectares, coast to coast to coast, with more than 84,000 hectares in Ontario. To learn more, visit natureconservancy.ca.

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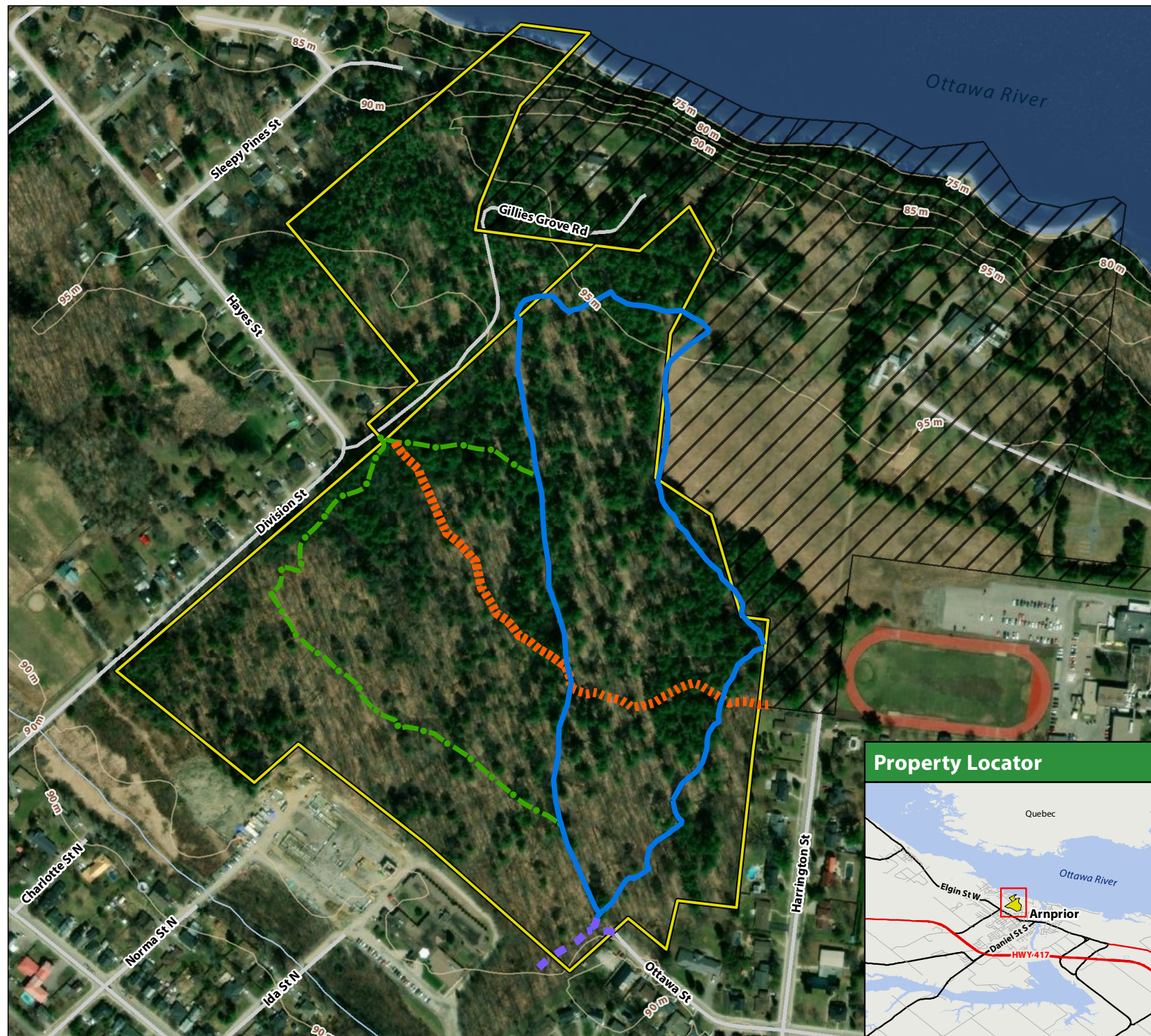
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GILLIES GROVE OPEN TRAILS



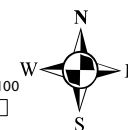
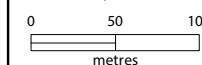
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- Stream
- River
- NCC Property Boundary
- Other Private Property

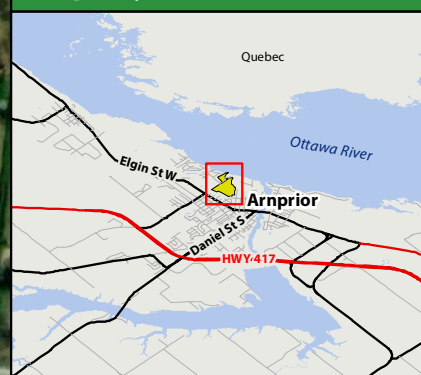
Trails

- White Pine Loop (1.4 km)
- Hemlock Loop (0.7 km)
- Cross Grove Trail (0.7 km)
- Grove Side Trail (0.1 km)

Scale 1:4,500



Property Locator



Disclaimer:
This map is illustrative only. Do not rely on it as being a precise indicator of privately-owned land, routes, locations of features, nor as a guide to navigation. This map may contain omissions or errors. Not survey grade.

Data Sources:
Nature Conservancy of Canada, 2021
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, 2021
ESRI, 2018

September 21, 2021



Surviving the Holidays

A SPECIAL GRIEF GROUP IN PREPARATION FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Join **Julie Keon, RSSW**, as she addresses the dread of grieving during the holidays and helps you create a practical plan for doing so after a loss.

Plan on attending **ONE** of two grief groups offered through Hospice Renfrew.



All residents of
Renfrew County welcome.



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at 613-433-3993 Ext. 2237



November 30, 2021

Walter Stack
Mayor
Town of Arnprior
105 Elgin Street West,
Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

Dear Mayor Stack:

RE: LAS Natural Gas Program – 2019-20 Period Reserve Fund Rebate and Updated Agreement

LAS is pleased to announce a rebate to all LAS Natural Gas Program members. The amount being rebated back to your municipality is **\$2,877.87**.

This amount represents your municipality's share of the \$750 thousand reserve fund surplus being returned to members enrolled in the LAS Natural Gas Program during the 2019-2020 program year (November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020). The rebate is based on actual consumption data and is being shared proportionately amongst all program members.

Commencing this year, on an annual basis, LAS program participants will receive a reconciliation of accounts along with the rebate payment. This reconciliation is intended for the recording and reporting of HST in relation to the supply and consumption of Natural Gas for the contract year. The supporting instructions and explanation are attached as **Appendix A** to this communication. *Please note, the reconciliation of accounts will be emailed to the program contact separately from LAS.*

We look forward to your continued involvement in this valuable program. Should you have any questions please contact Eleonore Schneider, LAS Program Manager at ext. 320 or at eschneider@amo.on.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judy Dezell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Judy Dezell
Director

CC: Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer

Appendix A: Reconciliation of Accounts

For a particular contract year, a Municipality could either have claimed it paid too little or claimed it paid too much tax. Therefore, the municipality may have under claimed or over claimed their rebate/ITC.

The Municipality would be responsible for making the adjustment on its GST/HST rebate application or return.

The Municipality:

- Would claim an additional rebate/credit; or
- Would report an over claimed rebate/credit and have a liability.

The following sample outlines the details that support the refund including consumption, refund, GST, HST and Net Refund amounts.

GROUP ID	OLD FACILITY ID	UTILITY ACCOUNT NAME	UTILITY SERVICE ADDRESS	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT CONSUMPTION	REFUND	GST	HST	NET REFUND
M18	3018	MUNICIPALITY	Municipal Address	XXXXXXXXXX	780,498	\$ 2,088.23	\$ (39.39)	\$ 122.97	\$ 2,171.81
M18	3018	MUNICIPALITY	Municipal Address	XXXXXXXXXX	3,211	\$ 8.59	\$ (38.59)	\$ 120.30	\$ 90.30
M18	3018	MUNICIPALITY	Municipal Address	XXXXXXXXXX	4,408	\$ 11.79	\$ (33.32)	\$ 103.89	\$ 82.36
M18	3018	MUNICIPALITY	Municipal Address	XXXXXXXXXX	3,970	\$ 10.61	\$ (0.98)	\$ 3.00	\$ 12.63
Total					5,632,556	\$15,069.94	\$ (16,474.17)	\$ 51,404.23	\$50,000.00

Recommended accounting entries as follow for the above example:

Cash	\$ 50,000.00 (debit)
HST Payable	\$ 51,404.23 (credit)
GST Payable	\$ 16,474.17 (debit)
Rebate Revenue	\$ 15,069.94 (credit)

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November 2021

2021 Property Assessment Notices are in the mail

Property owners across Ontario may receive a notice from MPAC this month if there has been a change to their property. We are in the process of mailing nearly 877,000 [Property Assessment Notices](#), reflecting changes to property data over the year including ownership, legal description or school support, or due to a change in value or classification.



For property owners receiving a notice, the reason for the updated assessment will be printed on the notice and will refer them to mpac.ca/notice for more information.

Continued postponement of MPAC's province-wide Assessment Update

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 thank you for your partnership and we are here to continue to support you. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your [local Account Manager](#).

Upcoming webinar

In Review: A look back at 2021 and what's planned for 2022

2021 was a unique year, but supporting our municipal partners continued to be our primary focus. An uncertain reassessment landscape provided an opportunity for us to work on a new Municipal Connect, a small business tax class resource for municipalities, and a continued focus on how we share information – including e-plans, and e-permitting, and market sector trends.



Join Carmelo Lipsi, Vice President and COO and Chris Rickett, Director, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations for a look back at 2021 and our Municipal Partnership Report. Also, get an early look at some key projects planned in 2022 such as work on the future of the Assessment Roll, an e-permitting project with AMO/LAS, a new Municipal Master Services Agreement and ongoing work to ensure a successful enumeration process to support municipal, school board, and District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) elections.

As always there will be time for your questions.

Date: Wednesday, December 8
Time: 1 to 2 p.m. EST

REGISTER NOW

If you missed last month's webinar on the current state of property assessment appeals, you can [watch the recording here](#).

View the schedule of upcoming municipal webinars on [mpac.ca](#) and view recordings of all past webinars on our [YouTube channel](#).

Optional Small Business Subclass Report Available

If you haven't had a chance to review it yet, a new report to support municipalities in their evaluation and potential use of the optional small business subclass is available on [mpac.ca](#).

To learn more, [download the report](#) or [view the municipal webinar](#) that was held on September 24.



Partnerships in action

Next year, MPAC will be responsible for providing municipalities with a Preliminary List of Electors for the 2022 Municipal and School Board elections. To prepare, we've formed a working group with municipal partners.

The Elections Working Group includes over 20 representatives from municipalities, associations and Elections Ontario.

At the first meeting last month, MPAC shared timelines for the 2022 enumeration campaign and how we plan to leverage [VoterLookup.ca](https://voterlookup.ca), our online web service that allows eligible electors to confirm or update their information, add a name to an address, or change their school support for municipal and school board elections. If you have not already, you can look yourself up today.



The group engaged in a discussion about MPAC's strategies to improve the Preliminary List of Electors for the 2022 elections, including a focus on leveraging technology, our municipal partnerships, and education for municipalities and electors.

"It was great to start establishing a relationship with such a committed group of municipal election staff," says Shannon Long, MPAC's Enumeration Account Manager. "The positive dialogue helps MPAC understand municipal needs, and work towards a positive enumeration process with improved quality of Voters' Lists."

Based on committee feedback, MPAC is developing a tool kit of sharable content to support municipal promotion of VoterLookup.ca. Municipalities can expect to see their tool kit delivered in mid-December.

If you missed our webinar on the introduction to the 2022 enumeration process, [you can watch the recording online.](#)

MPAC will continue to work closely with its elections partners, Elections Canada and Elections Ontario, as part of a tripartite data sharing agreement, to improve the quality of Voters' Lists for municipal and school board election processes.

Do you have a great story about our partnerships in action? [Share it with us.](#)



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Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior

File No.B-4/21

Notice of Public Hearing (Electronic Format Via Zoom)
Application for Consent

In The Matter of Section 53, Chapter P.13 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990; and
In The Matter of an application for consent, with respect to the following:

Location of Property: 48 Morgan Clouthier Way, Town of Arnprior, Part of Block
45, Plan 49M-108, Marshall's Bay Meadow Subdivision

Purpose and Effect of Consent Application:

The purpose and effect of the application is to provide an easement on Block 45, Plan 49M-108 (Phase 1) in favor of Block 22 on Plan 49M-110 (Phase 2) to create a shared driveway to access the medium-density buildings fronting Madawaska Boulevard in Phase 2 of the Marshall's Bay Meadow Subdivision.

Take notice that the consent application will be heard by the Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior on **Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (zoom meeting)**.

A key plan is attached. Application B-4/21, as well as additional related information are available for inspection during regular office hours. Please contact the Planning Department prior to attending the Township Offices to set up an appointment.

Please note this will be an electronic public hearing where there will be no physical in-person attendance due to COVID-19. There will be opportunities provided to provide input electronically. You are strongly encouraged to submit any comments, concerns or support of the application in writing, prior to the Public Hearing, so they can be considered by the Committee prior to a decision being made on the application. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer via emailed to planning@arnprior.ca and shall be provided to members of the Committee in advance of the meeting, if possible. The Secretary to the Committee will verbally read out the written deputation during the meeting at the time each application is considered. Should you wish to participate in the Electronic Meeting, please contact planning@arnprior.ca and instructions will be provided to join the meeting a few days in advance.

If you wish to make written comments on this application, they may be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment at the address below. If you do not attend the hearing, it may proceed in your absence. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Arnprior Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Town of Arnprior Committee of Adjustment.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Arnprior Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent does not make a written submission to the Town of Arnprior Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

Robin Paquette,
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
(613)-623-4231 or planning@arnprior.ca
Town of Arnprior
105 Elgin Street West
Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

Accommodating Caregivers At Work

Understanding what people need to manage their roles

By: Jennifer Layman
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As employers face a constant battle in the recruiting and retention of employees, another issue is growing its impact on those who are coming into work - caregiving.

The Ontario Caregiver Organization (OCO) has released a guide to employers on caregivers in the workplace because 35 per cent of caregivers are currently in the workforce. As the number of people taking on caregiving responsibilities continues to rise due to COVID-19 restrictions and general ageing, employers will continue to face impacts. Fifty per cent of caregivers report a negative impact on their mental health.

Who Are The Caregivers?

3.3 million Ontarians are considered caregivers - "ordinary people who are caring for family members, partners, friends and neighbours who have physical and/or mental health needs." They are caring for people because alternative options for



care are not available or not affordable. Half of the caregiving cohort is aged 45 to 64 - prime workforce ages. So, how do you build a caregiver-inclusive workplace?

Understanding The Caregiver

To find a way to support caregivers in the workplace, it's helpful to understand their role in caring for another person. Some key points to keep in mind are:

- the needs of the person they care for can change over time so flexibility is important
- the caregiver tends to be the "go-to" person for everything (appointments, home care, etc.)
- caregivers spend a lot of time problem-solving and being flexible in how things are accomplished
- caregivers are high-achieving people and are often concerned about fulfilling their work

responsibilities

- many caregivers feel there is a stigma attached to their caregiving role and can be reluctant to share it at their workplace
- caregivers are worried about job security at their workplace, and also the loss of career advancement if they need time to manage caregiving duties

It is evident that caregivers have plenty of leadership and transferrable skills that workplaces love to have in their employees, so being able to accommodate caregivers can be beneficial to the company.

What Employers Can Do

While every workplace will have different means of supporting caregivers, here are some suggestions the OCO makes to consider:

- 1) Check in with managers and staff to see what is needed or what needs to be altered if you already have a policy in place

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Events

December 8, 2021

International Women's Week 2022 Information Session. 10:00am-11:00am. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. From February 28 to March 8 we will host our Fourth Annual International Women's Week (IWW 2022) in Canada's capital. The Invest Ottawa team could not be more excited as we prepare for launch. All we need is you! Join us for our first IWW 2022 community information session. 613-828-6274, www.investottawa.ca/events or clientservices@investottawa.ca

December 8, 2021

Password Management: How To Organize and Secure All your Passwords. 11:00am-12:00pm. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. This workshop provides a methodology for understanding how to take a harm reduction approach to password management and we cover one of the popular password Managers – LastPass. 613-828-6274, www.investottawa.ca/events or clientservices@investottawa.ca

December 9, 2021

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

December 9, 2021

Strategies To Win Grants For Your Business. 2:00pm. Free. Hosted by Goodlawyer. Accessing government grants isn't an easy process, but it can be made easier and more lucrative by implementing funding strategies from the get-go! www.goodlawyer.ca/events

December 9, 2021

How to Get Free Google Advertising. 10:00am-11:30am. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. Believe it or not, Google has free advertising! This beginner level seminar will show you how to get your business on the map. 613-828-6274, www.investottawa.ca/events or clientservices@investottawa.ca

December 13, 2021

Entrepreneurship Peer Group Information Session. 11:00am-12:00pm. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. For an entrepreneur, a peer group is a collective of non-competing business owners who run similar-sized companies and meet regularly. Together they work through professional challenges and tackle tough business issues. www.investottawa.ca/io-peer-groups

December 13, 2021

Office Ergonomics: Quick Tips. 2:00pm-3:00pm. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. This session will provide insight into the realm of office ergonomics and provide practical "quick tips" that make a big difference in your small business office workstation. 613-828-6274, www.investottawa.ca/events or clientservices@investottawa.ca

December 19, 2021

eCommerce 101: What, why and how. The basics of setting up an online store. 10:00am-11:30am. Webinar. www.digitalmainstreet.ca

December 15, 2021

Social Enterprise 101. 12:00pm-1:00pm. Free. Hosted by Invest Ottawa. In this webinar, you will learn more about social enterprise models and characteristics, local examples, support resources, and considerations for starting. 613-828-6274, www.investottawa.ca/events or clientservices@investottawa.ca

December 16, 2021

Structuring Your Business To Grow: From Cap Tables to Trademarks. 2:00pm. Free. Hosted by Goodlawyer. Practical and legal insights to help you better understand the legal tools & strategies at your disposal to minimize risks and help your business grow. www.goodlawyer.ca/events

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- Develop internal caregiver leave policies
- Review your benefit program to see if it includes coverage to dependents other than minor

children

- Provide an option for split shifts if possible
- Invest in a work-life balance strategy where you encourage staff to get up from their desks for a break, provide communication forums for staff discussion, remind staff about benefits they have, etc.

For more resources that you can choose to specifically help your organization, visit www.ontariocaregiver.ca. There is a "for employers" tab with links to resources. The organization also have a 24-7 helpline (1-833-416-2273) and live chat available Monday to Friday from 7:00am to 9:00pm. While you are working on a workplace plan, this is information all staff could benefit from knowing - either for themselves or someone they know who is a caregiver.

New Horizons Grant Open

December 21 is the deadline to apply for the New Horizons for Seniors Program grant available through the federal government. The program provides funding to applicants which provide a service within one of five objection areas:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other ages;
- engaging seniors in the community through mentoring of others;
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- supporting social inclusion and participation of seniors;
- capital assistance for new and existing projects and programs for seniors.

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

By Jennifer Lynam
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Elizabeth Davis was part of a Facebook group last week where she and others picked-up on last night - about the third lockdown of small businesses. This was before the extended lockdown measures announced on Friday. Davis owns a small business, but is not interested, even by her own definition, that her business was not there whether her business should be deemed essential. It was about allowing legal businesses to operate legally and allowing citizens the right to choose if they go to that 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 in the earlier lockdowns by personal decisions by personal owners but the same, but are afraid to say anything publicly for fear of fines, retribution or negative comments from the public. Davis said several

decided not to stand with the group when the day came because of their status, a position she understands. But for Davis, she finally had nothing to lose.

Davis is the owner of Riverside Fitness Studio, she has been closed the right to earn an income for months and that isn't sustainable, for her or the other two artists who work with her, even on the weekend.

"I've actually made a stand, it's really hard," she said, still emotional about the government decisions that have affected her.

If you're a business, there is not much they can take from us. This is our last stand."

In the first lockdown, Davis and her colleagues started an online art show where proceeds were donated to the Peterborough 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 on the community board, but at the second lockdown, the support waned.

"I had heard of people being just tapped out, but our second show was not as successful," she

says. "People want to support local businesses, but over time, they just aren't able to do it."

Now in the third lockdown, there are really little, internet live art shows which will have to be paid, even when the government has forced the closure of all legal businesses with over COVID-19 cases.

"I don't even know what to do now," she says.

If Davis knows nothing is such a dangerous situation in COVID-19, Davis shows some parallels with other services that are essential to operate and who do so in a safe way. Despite growing, the number of similar artists with no income or being unable to pay their bills.

Making things like masks or personal body with no gloves while others still have always worn gloves in their work, even before COVID-19. Concrete floor procedures can often be more strenuous than some work on a person's arm or leg.

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Business News Around The Valley

OCIF Funding Doubled

Admaston Bromley Mayor Michael Donohue informed his council that an announcement was made in Queen's Park about \$200 million increased funding to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) in 2022. For 2022 to 2025 the fund will be doubled to \$400 million each year.

Pet Store Opens Second Location

After the success of their flagship pet supply store in Petawawa, Bright Eyes and Bushy Tails is happy to be expanding to a second location at 995 Pembroke Street East in Pembroke. The store offers high-quality pet food, pet treats, pet accessories, pet supplements, and pet supplies. The business is owned by Rupali Sharma.

Seniors Hub Opening

On October 29, 2021, the Whitewater Seniors Hub celebrated its grand opening.

The Hub was identified as a need through an age-friendly plan prepared for the township. A \$60,000 grant through the Ontario government helped establish the hub. The hub is located at the former Scotiabank building with space contributed by the owners, Johnson, Fraser & Conroy law firm.

RCATV Donating \$40,000 to County of Renfrew

The Renfrew County ATV Club (RCATV) informed the County that they will be donating \$40,000 towards the Algonquin Trail to be used at the discretion of the County of Renfrew. Staff anticipate using funds towards dust mitigation, additional signage and control mechanisms, and maintenance. The Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee directed that a letter thanking the RCATV Club for this donation be sent.

CNL Hearing on Near Surface Disposal Facility

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

is preparing for a two-part public hearing is scheduled for February 22, 2022 and May 31, 2022 to consider their application to amend its operating licence to authorize the construction of the proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF).

Wage Enhancement Extended

The Ontario government is extending the temporary wage enhancement for personal health care workers until March 31, 2022.

Property Assessments Remain The Same

As part of the Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario the Ontario 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.

Whitewater Region Mayor to Sit On County Council

The Township of Whitewater will see its mayor sitting as a member of Renfrew County council following the 2022 election. Currently a reeve sits on that council. The reeve position will be eliminated following the 2022 election and replaced with a seventh member, with all members continuing to be elected at large. A deputy mayor position will be created to act in the absence of the mayor.

Road Name Change

The Township of Whitewater Region has changed the name Indian Road in their municipality to Perretton Road. The change was effective November 1, 2021.

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Wage Subsidy for Francophone Hires

All new francophone hires are eligible as of September 24, 2021. For more information and to determine eligibility, please contact Kelley Lemenchick at kelly.lemenchick@rccfdc.org or 613-431-3951.

South Algonquin Considers Smaller Council

South Algonquin council has been presented with a KPMG Service Delivery Review that indicates council should be considering changing the composition of council to five members. The report notes that "Under the Municipal Act, the minimum size of a municipal council is five. At the present time, council is comprised of seven members. Based on the comparative analysis, the only comparator municipality with seven elected officials is the Municipality of Temagami; the

balance of the comparative group have five-member councils." South Algonquin uses a ward system where the majority of municipalities in a comparable size have elected officials "at large." This allows the number of constituents served by an "at large" elected official to be 315, where it is currently 145. The report notes there would be cost-savings to changing the system for electing municipal officials.

ROMA Conference In January

The ROMA 2022 Rural Opportunities conference will run January 23-25.

MRC Pontiac Launches Business Survey

The MRC Pontiac is launching a survey of businesses which will run from November 16 to December 15. The MRC's economic development services department wants to better understand the reality of businesses and entrepreneurs in

order to structure a new service that will be offered to them, Accès Entreprise Québec. The survey can be accessed through the following links:

French version:

<https://visagesrgionaux.typeform.com/to/KKtZMtqn>

English version:

<https://visagesrgionaux.typeform.com/to/en2A4TQ3>

A prize pack of radio advertising with 101.9 CHIP FM, valued at \$500, will be drawn from those who complete the survey. Responses are confidential and will not be shared outside of planning.

Building Permits

Admaston Bromley has issued 80 building permits through the end of October 2021. The total permit value is \$6,784,500. This is an increase of eight building permits over 202 and \$1.1 million in value. Greater Madawaska issued 161 building permits through October 2021 for a total construction value of

\$27,640,815.00. This is more than all of 2020 which recorded 122 permits and \$15,583,599 for the entire year.

The Town of Perth has issued 75 building permits from in 2021, through the end of September. The total construction value is just under \$33 million with \$721,100 collected in municipal development charges and \$226,931 collected in building permit fees.

Whitewater Region has issued 229 building permits through the end of September 2021 for a total construction value of \$34,787,022.

Eady Promoted To Fire Captain

In Horton Township, Daryl Eady has been promoted to Fire Captain, alongside Ray Callier. Daryl has been a volunteer firefighter with Horton Township since 2007.

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\$1,488,400 Bancroft	\$244,700 Petawawa
\$468,600 Beckwith	\$2,406,200 Renfrew
\$1,519,600 Bonnechere Valley	\$3,586,200 Smiths Falls
\$788,800 Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan	\$985,500 South Algonquin
\$320,500 Deep River	\$722,100 Tay Valley
\$623,500 Drummond North-Elmsley	\$1,165,500 Whitewater Region
\$59,700 Head, Clara & Maria	
\$239,000 Horton	
\$976,200 Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	
\$1,669,500 Lanark Highlands	
\$244,400 Laurentian Hills	
\$623,200 Laurentian Valley	
\$1,616,100 Madawaska Valley	
\$1,315,600 Mattawa	
\$503,700 McNab Braeside	
\$914,600 Mississippi Mills	
\$322,100 Montague	
\$604,900 North Algonia Wilberforce	

Source: Ontario Government

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Robinson Acclaimed

Debbie Robinson has been acclaimed as the warden of Renfrew County and to begin serving her third term. Robinson is the reeve for the Township of Laurentian Valley. The inaugural session of council will take place December 14 and will be the final term for currently elected municipal officials. A municipal election will take place in October 2022.

Greater Madawaska

Appointments

Allison Holtzhauer has been appointed the CEMC (Community Emergency Management Coordinator) and Renee Mask has been appointed the alternate CEMC for the Township of Greater Madawaska effective November 15, 2021.

Town of Mattawa

Fire Department Hires

The Town of Mattawa has hired Jessica Knowlton and Renee Hughes as firefighters with the Mattawa Fire Department. Both have been hired on a one-year probationary period subject to acquiring a DZ licence and successfully completing a physical examination.

Wilton Promoted at County of Renfrew

Ashley Wilton has accepted the position of Provincial Offences Manager with the County of Renfrew effective November 8, 2021. Wilton has worked with the division since 2003.

Renfrew County District Health Unit News

Patti Smith had been appointed the Director of Health Promotion at the Renfrew County District Health Unit, following the retirement of Carla Walters. Also, Andrew Keck has assumed the role of Manager, Healthy Communities, Communications and Dental, after the retirement of Elizabeth McLaren.

Buttle Joins

Whitewater Region

Samuel Buttle has been hired as the Building Inspection-Plans Examiner to support building services in Whitewater Region to ensure the timely review, issuance, and inspection of building permits.

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2022 Ontario Municipal Election Schedule

Thinking of running for council? Here are some key dates to know

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First day to file a nomination paper for the township offices and school board trustee. Once the nomination paper is filed with the clerk, the candidate can start raising and spending money on their campaign preliminary spending limit provided to candidates preliminary contribution limit provided to candidates (does not apply to school board trustee candidates).

Monday, May 2, 2022

First day to file a notice of registration as a third-party

advertiser. A third party advertiser cannot raise or spend money on their campaign, nor begin advertising, until their registration is certified by the clerk preliminary spending limit provided to third-party advertiser upon certification.

Friday, August 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.

Deadline for candidates to file a nomination or withdraw a nomination or change office.

Monday, August 22, 2022

Last day for the clerk to certify candidate nomination papers.

Thursday, September 1, 2022

The voters' list is available to candidates.

Friday, September 23, 2022

Final spending limits provided to candidates and registered third party advertisers. Final self-contribution limit provided to candidates running for mayor and councillor (does not apply to school board trustee candidates).

Friday, October 21, 2022

Last day to register as a third-party advertiser.

Monday, October 24, 2022

Election day.

November 15, 2022

Current term of council ends.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has information on their website about running for municipal council. For more information, visit: www.amo.on.ca/about-us/municipal-101

Working For Workers Act, 2021

What you should know about the new employee legislation

On November 30, 2021, the Ontario government passed the *Working for Workers Act, 2021*. Key points in the legislation include:

- Require employers with 25 or more employees to have a written policy about employees disconnecting from their job at the end of the workday to help employees spend more time with their families.

- Ban the use of non-compete agreements that prevent people from exploring other work opportunities in order to make it easier for workers to advance in their careers.

- Help remove barriers, such as Canadian experience requirements, for internationally trained individuals to get

licenced in a regulated profession and get access to jobs that match their qualifications and skills.

- Require recruiters and temporary help agencies to have a licence to operate in the province to help protect vulnerable employees from being exploited.

- Require business owners to allow delivery workers to use a company's washroom if they are delivering or picking up items. This supports the delivery drivers, couriers and truck drivers who have kept our

essential supplies and economy going throughout the pandemic.

- Allow surpluses in the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's Insurance Fund to be distributed over certain levels to businesses, helping them cope with the impacts of COVID-19.

- Enable the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to work with entities, like the Canada Revenue Agency, to streamline remittances for businesses, enabling a way to give them an efficient one-stop-shop for submitting premiums and payroll deductions.

- Allow the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to collect information related to the agri-food workforce to ensure the government can enhance the coordination of services such as vaccination and testing, and respond to issues that may arise.

For details, read the Bill at: www.ola.org/en/legislative-business/bills/parliament-42/session-2/bill-27

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Tender Results Around The Region

Request for Quotation (RFQ) No. RP-2021-01 Snow Plowing Services at the Petawawa Paramedic Facility. County of Renfrew.

G.P. Splinter - \$14,100.00
W.W. Siegel - \$19,900.00
R.G.T. Clouthier - \$18,750.00
H&H Construction - \$36,487.00

Tender 2021-20 Grader Brush Head. Whitewater Region.

The township only received one bid for tender 2021-20 from Jade Equipment Company Ltd. in the amount of \$99,666.00.

Consulting Services for a Fire Service Facility. Lanark Highlands.

IDEA - Score of 80
DDD - Score of 76

Winter Maintenance Plow Contract 2021-002.

Drummond-North Elmsley.
Awarded to T.G. Carroll Cartage in the amount of \$11.20 per kilometre.

Waste Depot Tender for 2022. Lanark Highlands.

One bid was received. Awarded to Rob Alexander.

Tender 2021-10 Trailer Mounted Hot Box. Whitewater Region.

Amaco Construction Equipment

Make: Falcon

Price: \$44,500.00

With Option: \$53,845.00

Johnstone Brothers Equipment

Make: KM International

Price: \$45,165.00

With Option: \$55,455.00

Cubex Limited

Make: Novilco

Price: \$55,884.29

With Option: \$63,324.29

Jade Equipment Company

Make: Spaulding

Price: \$68,800.00

With Option: \$78,350.00

Disposal of Assets - Building only 25991A Hwy 41. Greater Madawaska.

No bids were received.

Supply of Single Axle Snow Plow Fully Detachable Contract # 21-PW-019. Smiths Falls.

Cornwall Freightliner

\$337,684.68

Equipment Lourde Papineau

\$298,986.12

Double Exterior Doors at Mike Rodden Arena and Mattawa Museum. Mattawa.

Museum

Jim's Locksmith - \$6,375.75

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Arena

Jim's Locksmith - \$7,057.85

NGM - \$9,864.00

McNab Centre Park Building Replacement - Building Design, Tendering and Project Management. McNab Braeside.

Jp2g Consultants - \$47,435.00

McIntosh Perry - \$56,485.00

Construct Mezzanine at CS117. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Frank's Electric of Pembroke in the amount of \$404,781.58.

Pave Section of Orange Road. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to RGT Clouthier Construction of Pembroke in the amount of \$486,470.00.

Construct Heavy Equipment Parking Area. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to RGT Clouthier Construction of Pembroke in the amount of \$728,795.00.

Design to Replace Roofs at Buildings. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to AECOM Canada of Ottawa in the amount of \$45,020.00.

Design to Replace AHU Coils at P-118. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Wood E&I Solutions of Dartmouth in the amount of \$24,993.82.

Renovate Upstairs Bar area at C102. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Wood E&I Solutions of Cambridge in the amount of \$11,152.85.

Replace A/C Unit at L-106. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Valley Refrigeration of Pembroke in the amount of \$295,000.00.

Pave Ammo Compound Roads. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to H&H Construction of Petawawa in the amount of \$348,000.00.

Equipment Install Standing Offer. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to 168012 Canada Inc. of Gatineau in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Construct Carport Near N- 104. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Wade General Contracting of Petawawa in the amount of \$306,650.00.

Design to Install Scavenger Tank. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Wood E&I Solutions of Dartmouth in the amount of \$39,273.41.

Repair Three Live Shoot Houses. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Wade General Contracting of Petawawa in the amount of \$2,465,000.00.

Acres Road Emergency Culvert Replacement. Whitewater Region.

Awarded to McCrae Excavating in the amount of \$33,326.40.

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CPA Update

What's new with support programs

Source: CPA Canada
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On November 24, the federal government introduced Bill C-2 to implement the recently announced changes to its COVID-19 business and worker support programs. In addition, the government provided additional guidance on the types of business that would be eligible for the Tourism and Hospitality Recovery Program in its backgrounder.

Under the proposed changes, the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS), the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS), and the Canada Recovery Hiring Program will be extended until May 7, 2022. Support under the CEWS and the CERS would be available to the tourism and hospitality

sector and to the hardest-hit organizations that face significant revenue declines. Eligible entities under these rules would need to demonstrate a revenue decline over the course of 12 months of the pandemic, as well as a current-month revenue decline.

In addition, organizations subject to a qualifying public health restriction would be eligible for support, if they have one or more locations subject to a public health restriction lasting for at least seven days that requires them to cease some or all of their activities.

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

TENDERS

Tree Clearing Fence – CSOR

Trucks (2 Tenders)

Interior Renovations at Building F16

Interior Renovations at the Health Services Centre

Construct Mezzanine at H124

Request for Tender T-21-14 Supply & Delivery of Four (4) Current Year Two-Wheel Drive Pick-up Trucks with Regular Cab

Request for Tender T-21-16 Supply & Delivery of One (1) Current Year Two-Wheel Drive One-Ton Truck with Dump Box

APN – 427 SOAS Hangar Replacement

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It's Time To Rethink Marketing

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MARKETING

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Communities, provinces and countries remain divided on how to deal with the future of COVID-19. Should we try and eradicate it from the entire population with pharmaceuticals or learn to live with it and address it on a person-to-person basis? So far, the decision is mostly to continue what we have been doing for the past two years. Whether or not this is the "new normal" of our society remains to be determined, but it is the "current and perceived future normal." It's time to plan for that in your marketing.

It's important to know that not every business and organization put the brakes on their marketing in March 2020. Some may have paused for a while, but they resumed pretty quickly as the general public became more isolated from their regular "go-to" services. Many lifestyles

changed with remote working or leaves of absence from work and that initiated new interests and people seeking out new products and services they wouldn't normally have had on their list. The supply chain situation has caused others to change their buying habits and as restrictions and rules continue to be unpredictable, people are looking more and more for what they can rely on as a way to live their lives.

The other side of this situation is that even if the decision was made tomorrow to just live with COVID-19 and resume life to the way it was prior to March 2020, there are some aspects of that way of life that will never be as they were because the support system for it no longer exists.

Marketing may be the most important thing you do in 2022.

Take a look at your business or organizational situation when it comes to getting the word out about what you do. What have you been able to maintain to keep in contact with current and potential customers? Are those methods still going to work for another year or two? If not, what could you do instead?

In what ways have you lost communicating with current and future customers? Did any of

those losses result in a significant impact? What options are available to you to replace those methods?

It requires a coffee and some thinking time, but knowing where you are missing out on marketing is important in order to know how to fill the gaps. The way we used to do things has changed and how long we will be in this unpredictable situation is undetermined. It is uncomfortable to make decisions when you face a business environment like this, but you can still make good choices despite the circumstance.

One thing that might surprise you a little is how much is still within your control to manage and do productively. I have talked with businesses and organizations who initially were reluctant to pursue some ideas because "what if things change?" We were able to find ways to still move forward and adjust to a change in circumstance that would impact our plans.

It feels great to move forward, so think about it.

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

You still have a life to focus on.

Life is not back to normal, and when it is, it could look different than the normal we remember. Whatever your feelings about that, you still have a life to focus on.

2022 is fast approaching. Get a start on some New Year's plans to grow your business and make it your best year ever.

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AMO Policy Update – AMO Board Approves Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreement Guidance Document for Municipalities

Municipal leaders are being looked to set the tone and be part of the constructive societal change in Indigenous Relations that is needed and expected. A question we have been hearing from members is how municipal governments leaders and staff can support the healing, learning, and restoration needed to strengthen reconciliation with Indigenous friends, neighbours, and communities.

Relationship Agreements can be helpful in building relationships and identifying areas of mutual concern and interest. By going through the process of creating an agreement, municipalities and Indigenous communities can continue (or begin) the process of developing mutual understanding and ongoing conversations. Completing this process will better equip all those involved to engage in meaningful, respectful conversations and solutions when issues do arise.

A guidance document is now available to support AMO members in creating [Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreements](#). It was developed by the AMO Indigenous Relations Task Force and recently approved by the AMO Board of Directors. The goal of a relationship agreement is the establishment a long-term relationship of practical cooperation and commitment that is respectful of the Indigenous community. The agreement must also recognize the need for ongoing compatibility, coordination, and understanding between the parties.

Since August 2021, the AMO Board has endorsed three documents to support our members in establishing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities. All three documents, including the Indigenous-Municipal Relationship Agreements, can be accessed [here](#).

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In This Issue

- Webinar on November 19 for *Conservation Authorities Act* regulations.
- ROMA recommendations on Future of Ontario's Rural Communities at AGM.
- A risk management information system for municipalities.
- OHS due diligence challenges for municipalities.
- OMERS Employer Bulletin regarding calls for independent review.
- Canoe Webinar: CIMCO Refrigeration.
- Canoe Webinar: RothIAMS.
- Electric Zamboni Showcase - Peterborough, ON.
- ONE Investment fall 2021 webinars - Equity and Fixed Income.
- Attend OMSSA's 2021 Policy Conference.
- Opportunities for municipalities to explore innovation with Mitacs.
- Long-term care governance and leadership training.
- Careers: AMO, Orillia, Brampton, Simcoe, Parry Sound and Hamilton.

AMO Matters

AMO and Conservation Ontario are hosting a lunch and learn on Friday, November 19 at noon to answer technical questions about the new *Conservation Authorities Act* regulations. Here are [details](#) on how to register.

Eye on Events

The ROMA Board of Directors will release their recovery and growth plan: *Opportunities for Rural Ontario in a Post-Covid World*, at the 2022 Annual Conference. Learn about the findings, recommendations and advocacy that is needed for sustainable rural communities. [Register today](#).

On December 2, join AMO and [our latest partner](#), [ClearRisk](#), to learn more about the latest offering 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](#).

Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario (MEPCO)

OMERS has released [important information](#) in response to letters sent to municipal Councils by CUPE Ontario regarding OMERS investment performance.

LAS

CIMCO webinar November 24 @ 11 am, [register here](#). With CIMCO Refrigeration, municipalities gain the advantage on everything from buying equipment and building a

new rink, to making general repairs and upgrading refrigeration systems. Part of the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

RothIAMS webinar December 8 @ 11 am, [register here](#). RothIAMS provides integrated asset management strategies for municipal governments across Ontario. Join us for real-world examples to inform your Asset Management, Capital Renewal, or Maintenance Plans. Part of the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

Thinking of buying an electric Zamboni? [Register now](#) to see them in person at the Zamboni Showcase - November 24 from 8 am - 12 pm at the Healthy Planet Arena, Peterborough. Learn about batteries, maintenance, and see demonstrations from Zamboni - one of the many approved vendors under the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

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, click on these links: November 24 - [Philosophy, Process and Performance of ONE's Fixed Income Portfolios](#) and on November 23 - [Philosophy, Process and Performance of ONE's Equity Portfolio](#).

Municipal Wire*

Join the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association November 30 to December 2 to focus on issues that will inform human services policy in the future and think about the post-pandemic Ontario we want. [Register today](#).

[Mitacs](#) is a not-for-profit organization, funded by federal and provincial governments to foster innovation in Canada. [Municipalities](#) can now access matching funds to address local priorities through their internship programs.

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[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process. The job will require research, analysis, report writing, project planning and coordination. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by December 17, 2021 at 12 noon.

[Membership Services Advisor - AMO](#). With a key role in the Membership Centre, this position provides advisory and execution support to the Director of the Membership Centre on researching, designing, delivering, and implementing all events and training. Please apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca by December 2, 2021.

[Director of Business Development - City of Orillia](#). Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), the Director of Business Development provides leadership, overall direction, management and administration of functions associated with business development, culture and tourism. Apply [online](#) by November 25, 2021.

[Director, Design & Construction, Public Works & Infrastructure - City of Brampton](#). Reporting to the Commissioner, the Director will be responsible for providing strong, innovative leadership to a team of 5 Managers Building, Design and Construction and 1 Business Advisor. Apply online to arthur@wmc.on.ca by December 10, 2021.

Director of Capital Works, Public Works & Engineering - City of Brampton. Reporting to the Commissioner, the Director will be responsible for providing strong, innovative leadership to the City's Construction, Engineering, and Infrastructure Planning Sections. Apply online to arthur@wmc.on.ca by December 10, 2021.

Director, Facilities Operations & Maintenance, Public Works & Infrastructure - City of Brampton. Reporting to the Commissioner, Public Works & Engineering, the Director is responsible for leadership of the maintenance and operations of civic buildings and facilities. Apply online to arthur@wmc.on.ca by December 10, 2021.

Manager, Public Housing - County of Simcoe. Reporting to the Director, Social Housing, this position is responsible for effectively leading the delivery of County owned housing program and centralized waiting list in accordance with the policies of the County and applicable legislation. Apply online by December 2, 2021.

Principal Planner - Town of Parry Sound. Reporting to the Director of Development & Protective Services, the Principal Planner is responsible for planning and managing the activities and operations of the Town's planning functions. Submit a cover letter and resume to dthompson@townofparrysound.com by November 26, 2021.

Director, LRT Project Office - City of Hamilton. Reporting to the General Manager of the Planning and Economic Development Department, this position will lead the City of Hamilton's project team responsible for working collaboratively with Metrolinx to ensure the completion of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project. Apply online by December 2, 2021.

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- British Columbia floods and extreme weather appeal.
- Invitation to submit EOI for the acquisition/lease of land in Ontario.
- ROMA 2022: Submit your questions for the Provincial Ministers' Forums.
- New dates added for AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials training.
- ClearRisk webinar: Risk Management Information System.
- Road assessment in an amalgamated municipality.
- Final Canoe webinar for the year - RothIAMS.
- Opportunities for municipalities to explore innovation with Mitacs.
- Long-term care governance and leadership training.
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AMO Matters

Municipalities in Ontario wishing to assist communities in BC, affected by recent flooding, can provide support through the [Canadian Red Cross](#).

Provincial Matters

CBRE Limited, on behalf of Infrastructure Ontario (IO), is inviting interested parties to propose land sites across Ontario to set up a science complex with laboratory, ancillary office space, storage, and fleet/equipment management facilities. More details [here](#).

Eye on Events

This year's ROMA Conference again features 2 Ministers' Forums. If you are a municipally elected official and registered for the event, [submit your questions](#) for one of the two Ministers' Forums. The deadline to submit is January 14, 2022.

AMO's in demand training on skills for elected officials to navigate conflict relations is available for two more sessions in 2022. [Sign up](#) for the February 9 - 10 or April 6 - 7 sessions. Limited seats available.

On December 2, join AMO and [ClearRisk](#) to learn about the latest competitive offering. ClearRisk is offering AMO members an accessible, comprehensive, risk management information system to streamline the analysis of claims, incidents, and exposures. Coupled with robust reporting functionality, the platform helps municipalities reduce TCOR while enhancing local risk management programs. [Register today](#).

LAS

The City of Temiskaming Shores recently amalgamated. How did the municipality of 11,000 find a cost-effective method to assess and repair its 114 km road infrastructure for citizens and visitors? Read more in our [latest blog](#).

Canoe's final webinar for the year showcases RothIAMS on December 8 @ 11 am.

RothIAMS provides facility assessment and professional services under the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Join us to hear real-world examples of how Asset Management, Capital Renewal, or Maintenance Plans can improve your municipal buildings. [Register here](#).

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[Policy Intern - AMO](#). Assisting senior advisors and the Director of Policy, the successful candidate will support AMO's policy development process through research, analysis, report writing, project planning and coordination. The Intern will help identify issues of importance to municipal government and help demonstrate impacts of the issues and appropriate responses. Apply in confidence to: careers@amo.on.ca. Deadline: December 17, 2021.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Amherstburg](#). The CAO helps develop the future vision, plans, goals and objectives of the Town and leads the team in the implementation of this vision. The driving force behind a collaborative, consultative leadership model, the CAO will manage change at every level of the organization. Interested candidates apply [online](#).

[Manager, Accounting Services/Deputy Treasurer - Town of Fort Erie](#). This position will cover a parental leave and an additional 18-month contract. In this position, you will lead and manage accounting and financial systems and processes. [Apply online](#) by 12:00 Noon on Sunday, December 5, 2021.

[Manager, Corporate Initiatives - Regional Municipality of Durham](#). Reporting to the Director of Strategic Initiatives, the Manager will develop strategies and policies. Two positions are available - the first is focused on the development and implementation of the Regional Strategic Plan while the second leads and coordinates policy development and review on a range of complex issues. [Apply online](#) no later than December 12, 2021.

[Director, Legislated Services/City Clerk - City of Kitchener](#). As the division's Director/City Clerk, you will be responsible for the management and administration of both citizen-facing and internal corporate services in several legislated areas such as Council & Committee Services; Corporate Records & Archives; Licensing; and Mail Services. Apply [online](#) by December 10, 2021.

Director, Financial Services & Payroll - Halton Region. Reporting to the Commissioner of Finance & Regional Treasurer, the Director, Financial Services & Payroll provides expertise in the provision of accounting, financial reporting and payroll services. Apply Online December 14, 2021.

Supervisor, Accounting - County of Simcoe. The Supervisor is responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements within their portfolio. This would include accounting, budgeting, forecasting and reporting on a daily, monthly and annual basis. Submit your application online by December 3, 2021.

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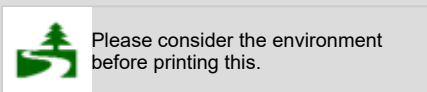
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- Invitation to submit EOI for the acquisition/lease of land in Ontario.
- ROMA 2022: Program update.
- New dates added for AMO's Navigating Conflict for Elected Officials training.
- Save the date - Municipal Energy Symposium coming this spring!
- ?Excess soil regulation changes - AMO webinar Friday.
- Canoe webinar: RothIAMS facility assessment.
- Include a Road Needs Study in your 2022 budget.
- ?2022 Ontario Municipal Leaders Summit on Antisemitism.
- Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Community Fund.
- Careers: AMO and Halton.

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Eye on Events

ROMA 2022: Rural Opportunities will deliver nine concurrent sessions on issues important to rural municipalities in Ontario today. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend live sessions, as well as view all content for thirty days following the live event. View the updated program [here](#).

AMO's in demand training on skills for elected officials to navigate conflict relations is available for two more sessions in 2022. Sign up for the February 16/17th or April 6/7th sessions [here](#). Limited seats available.

AMO and LAS are excited to host the Municipal Energy Symposium to be held virtually on March 31 & April 1, 2022. Explore municipal roles in energy generation and conservation, and future considerations related to climate change post COP26. Full program, key topics, and registration information will be available in early 2022. Mark your calendars - this is one event you don't want to miss.

Join AMO on December 3rd from 1:00-2:30pm to discuss upcoming changes to the On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation (O. Reg 406/19) and the recently launched Excess Soil Registry. [Click here for registration details](#).

LAS

Last chance to hear from Canoe in 2021! Join us December 8 at 11 am to connect with RothIAMS, our awarded vendor in the Facility Assessment and Planning category. Hear real-world examples of how Asset Management, Capital Renewal, or Maintenance Plans can improve your municipal buildings. [Register here](#).

Does your community need a road needs study next year? The [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) provides high-quality data and the tools to use it effectively. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more or to get a no-obligation quote.

Municipal Wire*

The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) is hosting an Ontario Municipal Leaders Summit on Antisemitism on January 21, 2022. This virtual event will be Chaired by Vaughan Mayor the Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua. [Register](#) today.

The last day to apply to the [Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Community Fund](#) is December 8. AMO's Health and Safety Partner, [4S Consulting Services Inc.](#) can help eligible municipalities (populations less than 20,000) apply for the grant to address health and safety requirements. Contact [Aditya Yellapantula](#) for further details.

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Digital Enterprise Architect - Halton Region. The role includes establishing the strategic direction of systems supporting the Region, driving innovation and establishing architecture roadmaps and blueprints. Apply [online](#) by December 29, 2021.

Deputy Chief/Manager Program Development & Quality Improvement - Halton Region. Reporting to the Chief/Director, Paramedic Services, this role requires excellent decision making and problem solving skills within a fast paced, complex environment. Apply [online](#) by December 14, 2021.

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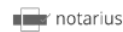
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