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Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-22-March-06 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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 - a) [Spring Fling Craft/ Bake Sale](#)
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 - a) [2022 Spring Freshet Outreach Letter](#)
- 5. Correspondence from Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games**
 - a) [Letter – Senior Games Event](#)
- 6. Correspondence from Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre**
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- 7. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
 - a) [Watch File – March 10, 2022](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Extends Freeze on College and University Tuition

Province's action provides students and families with ongoing financial relief

March 23, 2022

[Colleges and Universities](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is extending the current tuition freeze for colleges and universities by an additional year, through 2022-2023, providing financial relief and predictability for students and families seeking access to affordable postsecondary education.

“Our government recognizes that students and their families make huge sacrifices to attend college and university, so our government will continue to look for ways to reduce financial barriers for learners,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “By freezing tuition for another year, we are saying yes to ensuring that students have access to affordable, high-quality postsecondary education, and reducing the financial strain on families who have already faced so many challenges throughout the pandemic.”

The one-year extended tuition freeze for Ontario residents builds on Ontario's historic 10 per cent reduction in tuition for the 2019-20 academic year, and the subsequent two-year freeze from 2020-22. These reductions represent the first of their kind in Ontario's history. The government's action to reduce and freeze tuition has provided students with tuition relief of about \$450 million annually when compared to tuition costs in 2018-19.

“Increasing the affordability of college and university is part of Ontario's plan to help people get the training they need to get good-paying jobs,” said Minister Dunlop. “By extending the tuition freeze, we will ensure that students can get the skills they need to succeed in a highly-competitive global economy.”

Quick Facts

- Prior to the 2019-20 tuition reduction, Ontario university tuition rates were the highest in any Canadian province. Ontario has now dropped to the fourth highest in Canada for undergraduate students and the second highest for graduate students.
 - Students enrolled in a university undergraduate arts and science degree will pay an average of \$660 less in tuition than if the tuition reduction and freeze policy had not been put in place.
 - To support students and the postsecondary education sector during the COVID-19 pandemic, in the past year, the Ontario government:
 - provided \$106.4 million for publicly assisted colleges and universities to [help address the financial impacts of COVID-19](#) in 2020-21
 - invested \$28.45 million into mental health supports and services for postsecondary students at publicly-assisted colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes, and
 - [announced an investment of \\$583 million](#) over three years to help colleges and universities provide a modern and safe learning environment for students both virtually and on campuses.
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Additional Resources

- [Government for the People to Lower Student Tuition Burden by 10 per cent](#)
 - [Ontario Extends Freeze on College and University Tuitions](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Making it Easier to Access Electric Vehicle Chargers

Province Investing in Charging Infrastructure to Support Ontario's Electric Vehicle Industry

March 22, 2022

[Transportation](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government is providing \$91 million to help make electric vehicle (EV) chargers more accessible to the public across the province. The investment will support the uptake of electric vehicles and further strengthen Ontario's auto industry.

"This investment is the next step forward that will help fill gaps in public charging infrastructure and strengthen Ontario's position as a leader in battery electric vehicle production," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "Providing all Ontarians with convenient, public access to fast and reliable charging will help us move towards our goal of making Made-in-Ontario electric vehicles the top choice for both passenger and commercial drivers."

Building on the growing success of Ontario's Ivy Charging Network, which represents the largest public highway fast charging network in the province, this funding will add more EV chargers all across Ontario, including highway rest stops, carpool parking lots, Ontario Parks and in community hubs like hockey arenas and municipal parks.

The province will also introduce the Rural Connectivity Fund to provide rural municipalities the opportunity to apply for provincial funding to support the installation of EV chargers in their communities. Once launched, the new program would put communities in the driver's seat and ensure EV chargers are placed at local points of interest to encourage adoption outside of urban centres. Program details including eligibility, potential charger locations and how rural communities can apply will be announced later this year.

"Our government is getting shovels in the ground to build critical EV charging infrastructure across our province so workers and families can travel with confidence," said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. "Today's investment in new public charging stations, alongside our work to reduce electricity prices and provide an ultra-low overnight electricity price plan, will support EV adoption and boost our world-leading auto sector as we build the cars of the future here in Ontario."

Additionally, the government will support the development of business cases for the electric and low emission conversion of the Ontario Public Service fleet and the GO Transit network. In renewing public vehicle fleets, the government will create a Made-in-Ontario strategy towards procuring electric vehicles and low-carbon equipment.

Quick Facts

- The transportation sector is the largest contributor to Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions, with 36 per cent of all emissions in 2019.
 - As of February 2022, there are 75,274 EVs registered in Ontario. By 2030, one out of every three automobiles sold will be electric and there are expected to be over one million EVs on the road in Ontario.
 - The Ontario government with Hydro One and Ontario Power Generation's joint Ivy Charging Network are [installing 69 fast chargers](#) across 23 ONroute locations.
 - As of March 2022, there are more than 1,800 public [charging stations](#) with over 5,000 charging ports in Ontario, including 32 Level 2 EV chargers at carpool parking lots that provide free charging.
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Additional Resources

[Ontario Boosting Electric Vehicle Charging Availability.](#)

[Ontario Investigating Options for New Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Rate](#)

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

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Making Car Registrations Easier and More Convenient

New Digital Dealership Registration process will eliminate paperwork, save time, and cut costs for consumers and businesses

March 22, 2022

[Government and Consumer Services](#)

LONDON – The Ontario government is launching the Digital Dealership Registration (DDR) to make it easier, faster, and more convenient for Ontarians to buy a car and enjoy their new vehicle almost immediately after purchase by enabling car dealerships to register vehicles online and issue permits and licence plates directly to purchasers.

At full implementation, the new DDR process will, for the first time ever, provide over 7,000 Ontario car dealerships access to an online program that eliminates duplicative paperwork and time-consuming trips to ServiceOntario centres. This new process will speed up service delivery while improving the ease of doing business in the province with dealerships being able to provide registration and licence plates directly to customers, reducing the administrative burden they face and saving them additional costs and time.

“Implementing the new Digital Dealership Registration process is yet another way our government is cutting red tape for businesses and improving the speed and ease with which Ontarians access government services,” said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. “We’re helping build a stronger Ontario by making common sense changes like eliminating needless paperwork, saving consumers and the dealerships that serve them their precious time, energy, and money.”

Once fully implemented, DDR will help move online up to 4.8 million dealership registration transactions annually including the registration of pre-owned vehicles, vehicle transfers, and vehicle permit replacements, all of which must currently be conducted in person. It will also mark the successful completion of the government’s commitment to improve or bring online the ten highest volume ServiceOntario transactions.

In addition to making vehicle registrations faster and more efficient, DDR will also facilitate more accurate and error free registrations while protecting the security and privacy of Ontarians’ data. This is part of the government’s ambitious plan to provide user friendly and secure digital solutions to the people and businesses of Ontario, with this being a major step in a series of ongoing innovations to enabling online vehicle registration and ownership transfers.

"Our government is reducing red tape for car dealerships by eliminating repetitive paperwork and trips to the registration office," said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction. "With the introduction of Digital Dealership Registration, businesses will save time and money and customers will be able to enjoy their new vehicle sooner."

"Since day one, our government has been focused on making life easier for Ontario families and businesses in every corner of this province", said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "By moving vehicle registrations online, we are keeping more money in people’s pockets, and helping drivers get behind the wheel of their new vehicles faster."

Quick Facts

- DDR is available for registration of new passenger vehicles and is being tested in select dealerships through the spring.
 - When the system is fully developed, eligible dealerships can participate in the program as it expands and as additional transaction types are introduced, including used vehicle and electric vehicle transactions.
 - Industry associations are working with their dealership members interested in participating.
 - Participating dealerships will comply with privacy laws and procedures to safeguard Ontarians’ personal information and data.
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Strengthening Protections Against Bullying and Violence at School

Partnerships will Help to Combat Sex-trafficking, Violence and Bullying of Students

March 22, 2022

[Education](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing more than \$550,000 in initiatives that will help keep kids safe in class and online. The funding will support programs that combat sex-trafficking, violence against women, bullying and cyberbullying.

According to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 23 per cent of Ontario students reported being bullied at school and 22 per cent of Ontario students reported being bullied over the internet. And Statistics Canada found the following:

- 95 per cent of victims of police-reported human trafficking were women and girls.
- 22 per cent of police-reported victims of human trafficking are children under the age of 18.
- Most of all police-reported incidents of human trafficking in Canada occur in Ontario.

The Final Report of the [National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#) (2019) highlighted that, “While Indigenous women represented only four per cent of the Canadian population in 2016, they comprised nearly 50 per cent of victims of human trafficking. Of those, nearly one-quarter were under the age of 18.”

These statistics are disturbing, and the Ontario government is acting to protect students through partnerships with community organizations. The new initiatives supported by the Ontario government investments include:

- \$150,000 – in partnership with [OneChild](#), to empower children and youth to combat the sexual exploitation of children through prevention education, advocacy, survivor care and survivor empowerment
- \$100,000 – in partnership with [White Ribbon](#), to develop a program or resources specifically to support boys in secondary school to counteract sexual exploitation, violence against women and the attitudes that lead to it
- \$90,800 – in partnership with [Respect Group Inc.](#), to develop resources and tools to equip educators and school staff to identify, address and respond to bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination
- \$59,950 – in partnership with the [Ontario Native Education Counselling Association \(ONECA\)](#), to provide an opportunity for Indigenous students to inform ministry and school boards in identifying their needs and concerns regarding bullying prevention
- \$50,000 – in partnership with [PREVNet](#), to develop resources designed for educators of Grades 7 to 12 to enhance knowledge related to bullying, harassment and discrimination, as well as engaging peers to become allies
- \$50,000 – in partnership with [Egale](#), to develop an online platform in support of 2SLGBTQI students, including access to counselling services and supporting resources to address mental health, anti-bullying and suicide prevention
- \$50,000 – in partnership with the [Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity](#), to develop training workshops and a virtual youth summit aimed at supporting 2SLGBTQ+ mental health.

“All students deserve to feel safe at school, and our government has zero tolerance for sexual exploitation, violence or bullying of any kind,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “That is why our government has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to serious crimes against children, harassment and bullying, and through these investments, we are protecting children of all faiths, heritage, sexual orientation and colour of skin.”

Ontario’s partnership with One Child builds on the [Keeping Students Safe – Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols](#), which sets a strong foundation for school boards to establish key partnerships and regionally tailored anti-sex trafficking protocols. School boards will collaborate with community and police organizations with the goal of having protocols in place for all provincially funded schools.

These new investments are part of the Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) COVID-19 Equity Supports, which funds various initiatives that help to promote a positive school climate, support healthy relationships, build empathy, and address bullying and cyberbullying.

Quick Facts

- On November 25, 2021, the Ministry of Education announced a strengthened [Policy/Program Memorandum \(PPM\) 144 - Bullying Prevention and Intervention](#). It provides a framework for all school boards to adopt as a directive of the ministry.
- The government has invested through the [Priorities and Partnerships Funding](#) and the COVID-19 Equity Supports Funding streams, which fund various programs, partnerships and services that help to promote equity, promote a positive school climate, support healthy relationships, build empathy and address bullying and cyberbullying.
- As part of the Safe Return to Class Fund, the Ontario government is directing \$6.4 million to protect against discrimination in schools and to better support all students.

Quotes

"At OneChild, we know that an informed child is very difficult to traffick. With the Ministry's investment, we will be able to teach even greater numbers of students how to keep themselves safe through youth-friendly prevention presentations and resources, while also empowering school staff and parents with curricular resources and training to prevent, recognize warning signs, intervene safely, report cases and seek trauma-informed and victim-centred support services for children."

- Cheryl Perera
Founder and President, OneChild

"We can prevent gender-based violence by teaching boys and young men about healthy masculinities based on fairness, equity, kindness, respect, compassion and emotional intelligence. White Ribbon is proud to work together with youth, educators, parents and community leaders to help prepare new generations of young people for a violence-free, safer, gender-equitable and inclusive Ontario."

- Humberto Carolo
Executive Director, White Ribbon

"Students can only learn when they feel safe at school. This investment by the government provides educators with practical tools that will enable them to more effectively foster inclusion, equity and healthy relationships. In safe and caring classrooms, students will be able to learn successfully."

- Dr. Wendy M. Craig
Co-Founder and Scientific Co-Director, PREVNet

"When students fear for their safety or worry about being bullied, their learning suffers. To help ensure every classroom is free from harassment of any kind, our government is supporting additional programs to stop bullying, discrimination, violence and sexual exploitation. We are committed to fostering a healthy and supportive school environment where students are engaged."

- Jane McKenna
Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues

"With more than 3x as many 2SLGBTQI students (30%) reporting they have been a victim of cyberbullying than non-2SLGBTQI students (8%), this funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education is more crucial than ever. Every student deserves the right to learn in a safe and inclusive environment."

- Helen Kennedy
Executive Director, Egale Canada

"All adult school leaders, not just teachers, need tools to understand their role in keeping schools safe and free of maltreatment. We applaud the Ontario Ministry of Education for making this a priority."

- Wayne McNeil
Co-Founder, Respect Group

"The support from the Ministry of Education to CCGSD is instrumental in our work to provide 2SLGBTQ+ students with tools to support their mental health. Through this funding, students will learn skills on peer-to-peer support that will increase their leadership capacity and will create safer school communities for all. CCGSD is grateful for the continuous support from the Ministry of Education and looks forward to future partnerships that will benefit 2SLGBTQ+ youth in Ontario."

- Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah
Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity

"We are grateful to all of the Indigenous youth who shared their experiences, stories and advice about bullying. It is our hope that the tools that we created, informed by your stories, will support schools, ministries, and communities to put an end to bullying. Miigwetch to the Ministry for supporting this project."

- Roxane Manitowabi
Executive Director, ONECA

"I am proud that Markham-Unionville is home to organizations like One Child, who dedicate their efforts to combatting sexual exploitation of children. Through this investment of \$150,000 to One Child, our government will continue to support and work alongside organizations to help keep kids safe in class and online."

- Billy Pang
Member of Provincial Parliament for Markham-Unionville

"I am pleased that our government has committed \$100,000 to the White Ribbon campaign to combat violence against women and girls. Changing the minds of young men is key to getting at the root cause of violence and fostering positive, equal relationships. The 2018 Toronto van attack remains seared into my memory and is a reminder that what the work groups like White Ribbon do to combat violence against women, is needed now more than ever."

- Stan Cho
Member of Provincial Parliament for Willowdale

"It is important that we educate and empower children and youth to recognize and take action to prevent harassment, bullying and sexual exploitation in schools. Building on efforts underway across government, these new partnerships will help to raise awareness, support victims and survivors, and prevent recruitment into human trafficking, violence against women and all forms of bullying."

- Sylvia Jones
Solicitor General of Ontario

Additional Resources

- [Bullying: We Can All Help Stop It](#)
- [PPM 144 – Bullying Prevention and Intervention](#)
- [Safe and Accepting Schools](#)
- [Ontario Takes New Actions to Combat Bullying in Schools](#)
- [Ontario Acts to Protect Students from Sex Trafficking](#)
- [PPM 166 - Keeping Students Safe: Policy Framework for School Board Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocols](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Making Historic Investments in Wetland Restoration

Province partnering with six conservation organizations in 150 wetland restoration projects

March 21, 2022

[Environment, Conservation and Parks](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$6.7 million in the restoration and enhancement of approximately 150 wetland projects across the province. This funding will help six conservation partners restore more than 750 hectares of wetlands and improve water quality, preserve and increase habitats for endangered species, help prevent flooding and build climate change resiliency in the Great Lakes watershed and connecting waterways.

As part of the second phase of the government's five-year, \$30 million [Wetlands Conservation Partner Program](#), which represents one of the largest investments in wetland restoration in Ontario's history, funding focuses on enhancing wetlands in the Great Lakes watersheds and supporting municipalities with stormwater management by enhancing natural infrastructure.

"Wetlands play a crucial role in the health of our environment and our communities – creating habitat for wildlife and building climate resiliency, among countless other benefits," said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "With the help of our conservation partners, we are stepping up conservation efforts across the province, helping to secure a greener and cleaner future now and for generations."

The province is working in partnership with a number of Ontario-based conservation organizations that will use the funds to plant native wetland species, remove invasive species, restore water flow and enhance infiltration/retention, implement livestock exclusion fencing and build riparian buffers, and restore and protect historic wetlands.

These partners include:

- [Alternative Land Use Services \(ALUS Canada\)](#)
 - [Ducks Unlimited Canada](#)
 - [Georgian Bay Preservation Alliance](#) and [Township of Georgian Bay](#)
 - [Nature Conservancy of Canada](#)
 - [Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters](#)
 - [Ontario Land Trust Alliance](#)
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Quick Facts

- The wetland enhancement and restoration projects include a wide range of projects from large-scale, permanent wetlands to smaller wetland enhancement projects - all of which will help improve water quality, preserve and increase habitats for endangered species, help prevent flooding and build climate change resiliency in the Great Lakes watershed and connecting waterways, including stormwater management.
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Quotes

"The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has protected freshwater habitats across the province for the benefit of wildlife and people for close to 60 years. This investment by Ontario's Wetlands Conservation Partner Program in NCC's restoration work will enhance the richness and diversity of wetlands, create more habitat for native plants and animals, and provide recreational and economic benefits to local communities. These restored wetlands are important to the health of local watersheds. They mitigate floods by absorbing and holding water like a giant sponge and improve drinking water quality by filtering nutrients and removing sediment and even bacteria."

- Wendy Cridland

Senior Director of Conservation, Ontario Region, Nature Conservancy of Canada

"Anglers, hunters, and trappers carry a deep appreciation for the role of wetlands in overall watershed health and the benefits offered to all species, including humans. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters believes wetland conservation needs sustained investments and partnerships like this program to achieve meaningful success. As an organization, we remain committed to doing our part through restoring healthy tributaries needed to support Atlantic Salmon, habitat work on farmland by ALUS Peterborough, invasive species prevention, investments in research, and other grassroots volunteer initiatives."

- Matt DeMille

Director of Policy and Programs, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

"Ontario Land Trust Alliance is proud to be working in partnership with the Province of Ontario, in collaboration with local rural communities, to restore and enhance critical wetland habitats. Wetlands are essential resources that are important for biodiversity, while also providing clean water, flood management and natural climate solutions to communities across Ontario."

- Alison Howson

Executive Director, Ontario Land Trust Alliance

"Ducks Unlimited Canada looks forward to building on the success of Phase 1 in which we provided work for 39 unique construction companies to restore 956.6 hectares of wetland habitat. This year, we will restore 45 wetlands representing 475.2 hectares all across Ontario. Some of these projects are anywhere from 25 to 125 hectares in size - these are large, magnificent wetland habitats that provide critically important habitat for species at risk and other wildlife, as well as important climate benefits to Ontario communities."

- Lynette Mader

Manager of Provincial Operations for Ontario, Ducks Unlimited Canada

"The Township of Georgian Bay greatly appreciates the support of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in protecting our wetlands, the kidneys of our environment, from the destructive invasive phragmites. Wetlands are absolutely vital to the health of our waters and essential to the survival of many of our threatened wildlife species. This grant was made possible through the limitless advocacy of the Georgian Bay Preservation Alliance and their support to this project and others in the Township of Georgian Bay."

- Peter Koetsier

Mayor, Township of Georgian Bay

"At ALUS, we believe farmers and ranchers not only feed the world, but they can also play an important role in fighting climate change by delivering nature-based solutions, such as wetlands, which provide ecosystem services that contribute to building community resilience. Wetlands help produce cleaner water, and mitigate flood and drought while offering habitat for wildlife and pollinators. We are thankful for this fund, which will help us pursue our work with Ontario’s farmers and ranchers."

- Bryan Gilvesy
CEO of ALUS

Additional Resources

- [Learn more about how Ontario protects and restores wetlands](#)

Related Topics

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Learn more about how Ontario protects and restores wildlife and the environment. Includes information on conservation and the electricity system. [Learn more](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Taking Action to Further Increase Staffing in Long-Term Care, Leading to More Direct Care for Residents in Ottawa

Funding brings Ontario closer to goal of four hours of direct care per day

March 21, 2022

[Long-Term Care](#)

OTTAWA — The Ontario government will provide \$673 million to long-term care homes this year to hire and retain up to 10,000 long-term care staff across the province, leading to more direct care for residents. This includes over \$40 million this year for long-term care homes in Ottawa, over \$23 million more than last year. This is part of the province's \$4.9 billion commitment to hire more than 27,000 long-term care staff over four years and ensure that residents receive on average four hours of direct care per day by 2024-25.

"Our government has a plan to fix long-term care and to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care they need and deserve," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care. "More staff means more daily care for residents."

For the Ottawa Region, these funds will increase care for residents at:

- Granite Ridge Care Community
- Osgoode Care Centre
- Forest Hill
- Garden Terrace
- Carleton Lodge
- Longfields Manor
- Carlingview Manor
- Madonna Care Community
- Residence Saint Louis.
- Centre d'Accueil Roger Seguin
- Elisabeth-Bruyere Residence
- Extendicare (Canada) Inc. - Laurier Manor
- Garry J Armstrong
- Manoir Marochel
- Montfort Long-Term Care
- Glebe Centre
- Hillel Lodge - Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged
- Royal Ottawa Place
- Salvation Army Ottawa Grace Manor
- Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre - Community Beds
- Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre - Veterans' Beds
- St. Patrick's Home
- Extendicare (Canada) Inc. - Medex
- Extendicare (Canada) Inc. - New Orchard Lodge
- Extendicare (Canada) Inc. - Starwood
- Extendicare (Canada) Inc. - West End Villa
- Peter D. Clark Centre
- Villa Marconi

Prior to the government's investments to increase direct care, residents were receiving an average of only two hours and 45 minutes of direct care from registered nurses, registered practical nurses and personal support workers. Direct care is hands-on care that includes personal care, such as help with eating, bathing and dressing, as well as other important tasks such as

helping residents move and providing medication. This next funding increase will now increase the daily provincial average to three hours and 15 minutes, per resident per day, by the end of the 2022-23 fiscal year. This funding also includes \$106.76 million for homes to increase direct care provided by allied health care professionals (such as physiotherapists and social workers), who are key to ensuring quality care for residents, by 10 per cent by the end of this fiscal year.

The government is investing \$4.9 billion over four years to increase direct resident care to an average of four hours daily by hiring more than 27,000 staff. Hiring thousands of new staff at long-term care homes and increasing the amount of care they deliver each year will be made possible by annual funding increases to homes:

- \$270 million in 2021-22
- \$673 million in 2022-23
- \$1.25 billion in 2023-24
- \$1.82 billion in 2024-25

Ontario's path to providing four hours of direct care per day by 2024-25 will be enshrined into law through the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* which received [Royal Assent on December 9, 2021](#), and will go into force once proclaimed. The legislation is key to the government's [Long-Term Care Staffing Plan](#) to educate, train and help recruit tens of thousands of new health care staff through partnerships with labour partners, long-term care homes, and education and training providers, so that homes can provide an average of four hours of direct care per day to residents.

The government has a plan to fix long-term care and to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve both now and in the future. The plan is built on three pillars: staffing and care; accountability, enforcement, and transparency; and building modern, safe, comfortable homes for seniors.

Quick Facts

- Learn more about Ontario's [Long-Term Care Staffing Plan](#).
- The Ontario government has established the [Staffing Supply Accelerator Group](#) to support the objectives of the Long-Term Care Staffing Plan. The group includes participation from major stakeholders and champions the innovation, expansion and acceleration of education and training opportunities to help meet the demand for long-term care staff.
- In 2021-22, the province invested \$200 million to train up to 16,200 additional personal support workers through publicly-assisted colleges, private career colleges and district school boards.
- In 2021-22, the province [also invested \\$35 million to add up to 2,000 additional nursing students at publicly-assisted colleges and universities](#) across the province, for the Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 incoming cohorts.

Quotes

"Ensuring that we have the staffing capacity to support our loved ones in long-term care is crucial to delivering the support they need. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we are adding 865 new and 881 redeveloped spaces across Ottawa, which is proof positive that we are delivering safe, modern spaces for our most vulnerable to call home."

- Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
MPP, Kanata-Carleton

"The hard work and dedication of Nepean's long-term care staff in the last two years has been inspirational. We are fortunate to have staff that understand and respect our seniors, providing them with the care they deserve. Today's announcement includes nearly \$2.4 million in additional support to ensure Nepean's long-term care residents continue to receive the highest level of care."

- Honourable Lisa MacLeod
MPP, Nepean

Additional Resources

- Learn more about training support for [personal support workers through private career colleges and district school boards](#), and the province’s [Accelerated PSW Training Program](#) being offered by all 24 public colleges.
- [Ontario adding 2,000 nurses to the health care system.](#)
- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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BACKGROUNDER

Keeping Ontario Open for Business Act

March 21, 2022

[Solicitor General](#)

The *Keeping Ontario Open for Business Act, 2022* includes legislative measures to enable police officers to better protect international border crossings, which are important to Ontario's economy and international trade. The intent of this act is to protect critical transportation infrastructure such as international bridges and airports from unlawful disruptions that, as demonstrated by recent events in Windsor, hurt people and businesses. Proposed measures include:

Prohibiting the Obstruction of Border Infrastructure

The proposed legislation would make it illegal to obstruct certain transportation infrastructure if the blockage disrupts economic activity or interferes with the safety, health or well-being of members of the public. Protected infrastructure is narrowly scoped to mean international borders, prescribed international airports and other prescribed transportation infrastructure that is of significance to international trade.

Removal of Objects

The proposed legislation would grant police officers the power to remove, maintain possession of and store objects, including vehicles, for 30 days.

Offences

The maximum punishment for breaching any offence under the new legislation, except a failure to identify oneself, is one-year imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$100,000 for an individual. Directors and officers of corporations can face up to \$500,000 in fines or up to one year imprisonment or both. Corporations can face up to \$10,000,000 in fines. Failure to comply with the proposed requirement to identify oneself would result in a fine of up to \$5,000, which is the default penalty under the *Provincial Offences Act*.

Roadside Suspensions

The legislation provides the authority for police to impose roadside suspension of drivers' licences and vehicle permits or to seize licence plates for 14 days when a vehicle is used in an illegal blockade of protected transportation infrastructure. These provisions would also apply if a vehicle were used to illegally assist a person who was illegally impeding access to protected transportation infrastructure. Currently, police have a range of tools available to support enforcement where protest activities involve unsafe use of vehicles or blocking roadways. However, these need to be supplemented with additional tools to quickly address serious interference of infrastructure used in international trade. Enabling police to take immediate action provides the required tools to clear road blockages more quickly and effectively.

Suspension of Certificates and Permits

Ontario is proposing additional powers for the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to suspend or cancel the plate portion of a commercial motor vehicle or trailer permit or a Commercial Vehicle Operator's Registration (CVOR) certificate. Permit suspensions or cancellations would apply to trucks, buses and commercial trailers. These powers provide significant consequences for the misuse of a commercial vehicle or trailer to interfere with protected transportation infrastructure.

A suspension or cancellation of a CVOR certificate has significant impacts to Ontario-based companies:

- The suspension is not only in effect for the vehicle identified as being involved in the protest but is in effect for the entire company's fleet associated with that CVOR holder.

Where there is a vehicle permit suspension or cancellation ordered by the Registrar, police officers and MTO transportation enforcement officers can seize the licence plates for all affected vehicles registered to that company.

Suspensions for Individuals Convicted

The proposed legislation would allow a provincial offences court to direct the Registrar to suspend the driver's licence and deny vehicle permit renewals for people who are convicted of violating the new legislation and do not pay their fines. This would help ensure that an individual pays the fine(s) for offences they have committed under the proposed legislation. The person convicted of violating the legislation would not be able to renew their vehicle permit and therefore legally operate their vehicle if they have not paid fines owed.

Review of the Act

To ensure accountability and transparency, the minister responsible for the Act would be required to conduct a review of the Act once it has been in force for one year. The minister would have to prepare a written report, publish it online and table it in the Legislative Assembly. The review would have to be published and tabled within 18 months of the Act coming into force.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing in Stronger, Healthier and Cleaner Communities

Province reinvesting funds from polluters to support 17 environmental projects

March 18, 2022

[Environment, Conservation and Parks](#)

Toronto — The Ontario government is building stronger, healthier and cleaner communities by reinvesting nearly \$900,000 in penalties paid by harmful polluters through the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) to support community projects across the province that help protect and restore the environment.

The 17 projects, which are funded by environmental penalties collected in the same region where they are located, will result in:

- 255,000 trees planted
- 247 acres of land or wetland restored
- 410 species protected
- 0.43 km² of enhanced stormwater management lands

"Our government is working on many fronts to ensure polluters are held accountable and are encouraged to make greater efforts to prevent spills, pollution or other environmental violations from happening," said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "The Ontario Community Environment Fund builds on these actions by tapping into the creativity, dedication and experience of local organizations who know where and how best to tackle the impacts of pollution in their communities. I am proud to work with these partners and help make their great ideas a reality for the people living in their communities today and for future generations."

Since 2010, the [Ontario Community Environment Fund](#) has committed over \$1.48 million to 81 projects that have planted over 116,000 trees, restored over 27 kilometres of shoreline, collected 690 bags of garbage and resulted in the logging of over 5,400 volunteer hours.

Quick Facts

- Under the Environmental Protection Act, the person or company who spills a pollutant into the environment is legally responsible for the [cleanup of the spill](#).
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Additional Resources

- [Ontario Community Environment Fund 2021 Grant Recipients](#)
 - Learn more about our [commitment to holding polluters accountable](#)
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BULLETIN

Government Protecting Ontarians from Careless Hunting

March 18, 2022

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

The Ontario government is safeguarding the public against illegal and careless hunting practices.

Manuel Goncalves of Toronto pleaded guilty to carelessly using a firearm to hunt under the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and was fined \$2,000. He was also suspended from hunting in Ontario for one year and must re-take the Ontario Hunter Education Program before applying for a hunting licence.

Antonio De Jesus Frade of Toronto pleaded guilty to two counts of trespassing for the purpose of hunting under the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and was fined \$2,000.

The court heard that on January 9, 2021, a man went to a London-area hospital with a gunshot wound to his lower limbs. A conservation officer was notified of the incident by local police. An investigation determined that a group of three men from the Toronto area had been in the Springwell Road and Highway 402 area of Strathroy-Caradoc. The group unlawfully entered onto private rail line property and other private land where they did not have permission to hunt. During the hunt, Manuel Goncalves discharged his gun, striking another hunter in the legs. Justice of the Peace Karen Valentine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice on February 28, 2022.

The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry would like to thank law enforcement partners at the London Police Service and the Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service for their support and assistance with this investigation.

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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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Economic Opportunity for Entrepreneurs

New business grant supporting Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs

March 17, 2022

[Citizenship and Multiculturalism](#)

The Ontario government is investing \$5 million over two years in a targeted program to help Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs start or grow their business. The Racialized and Indigenous Supports for Entrepreneurs (RAISE) Grant Program helps to remove economic barriers by providing funding, training, and culturally-relevant services to entrepreneurs.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, but Indigenous and racialized entrepreneurs often face barriers to financing, market opportunities and networks – key things that can make or break a business,” said Parm Gill, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. “That’s why our government is investing \$5 million in the RAISE Grant Program to help more Indigenous, Black and other racialized business owners succeed. We are embedding racial equity into our economic recovery efforts and plans for long-term growth to build a stronger Ontario.”

The RAISE Grant will help grow local businesses across Ontario and will be delivered through [Digital Main Street](#), the [Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas \(TABIA\)](#), and the [Ontario Business Improvement Area Association \(OBIAA\)](#) in collaboration with the [Parkdale Centre for Innovation](#). Successful applicants will receive a \$10,000 grant to facilitate innovation and growth, as well as training and coaching for sustainable economic development.

Online training for RAISE will include modules about business financials, cash flow management, creating a business plan, business operations, marketing and public relations strategies, and digital transformation. RAISE will also provide culturally-relevant business coaching to assist entrepreneurs in realizing their business plans and reducing barriers to information and services.

The Ontario government is removing barriers to economic opportunity, advancing racial equity and supporting local communities to build a stronger, more inclusive province for everyone.

Quick Facts

- Applications for the RAISE Grant are available on the [Digital Main Street Portal](#). Digital Main Street is a program that helps Ontario businesses create and enhance their online presence and generate jobs.
 - To be eligible for the grant, businesses must be registered/incorporated and based in Ontario and owned by people who self-identify as Indigenous, Black or racialized. More details are available on the [Digital Main Street website](#).
 - The government recently announced [\\$14 million in additional funding for the Black Youth Action Plan](#) to help community organizations and Black-led businesses create local projects that provide the skills youth need to find jobs in high-growth sectors.
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Quotes

"Ontario is recognizing and supporting the unique business needs of Indigenous entrepreneurs and businesses through the RAISE Grant Program. This important initiative will help remove barriers to economic opportunity, advance reconciliation and build a more inclusive Ontario for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in this province."

- Greg Rickford
Minister of Indigenous Affairs

"We are excited to see the RAISE program launch today, at a time when it is very needed as it will provide targeted, and specific support to entrepreneurs who have been disproportionately impacted by systemic racism. By building on the success of Digital Main Street programming, expanding our partnership with the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association, and introducing a new partnership with the Parkdale Center for Innovation we can help deliver a culturally-relevant program that provides support and funding to racialized and Indigenous entrepreneurs across the province."

- John Kiru

Executive Director of the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA), Founder of Digital Main Street

"Now more than ever, we need to remove disparities for members of Indigenous, Black and other racialized communities so we can build bridges to economic success, growth and opportunity. I'm proud that our government is leading by example and providing the RAISE program to help support entrepreneurs who will contribute to creating strong, vibrant communities and good jobs."

- Nina Tangri

Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction

Additional Resources

- More about the RAISE Grant on [Digital Main Street](#).
- [The Ontario Business Improvement Area Association \(OBIAA\)](#) is a network representing and supporting BIAs across Ontario.
- The [Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas \(TABIA\)](#) is a non-profit umbrella organization working with the 85 Business Improvement Areas within the City of Toronto, who in turn represent more than 90,000 business and property owners.
- [Parkdale Centre for Innovation \(PCI\)](#) is an incubator & accelerator that supports entrepreneurs to start and grow their business, with a focus on equity, accessibility, and inclusion for underrepresented people, namely women, Black, Indigenous, people of color, and newcomers to Canada.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping More Young People Start Careers in the Skilled Trades

Province investing in pre-apprenticeship programs and hundreds of innovative training projects across Ontario

March 16, 2022

[Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

LONDON — The Ontario government is working for workers by expanding its investment in pre-apprenticeship training to a record \$28 million, providing more young people with the training they need to launch rewarding careers in the skilled trades. Between July and September 2021, there were more than 330,000 unfilled jobs in Ontario, many of which are in the skilled trades. Pre-apprenticeship training programs are free for participants, combine classroom training with on-the-job learning, and play a crucial role in reducing Ontario's skilled labour shortage.

"Ontario continues to face a generational labour shortage. To build a stronger Ontario and grow our economy we need all hands on deck. Every day, there are hundreds of thousands of paychecks waiting to be collected," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "That is why our government is making historic investments in innovative programs that upskill workers and connect them to the careers of their dreams, without having to move to a big city."

Over the coming weeks, Ontario will also be finalizing the second round of projects under the [Skills Development Fund](#) – a more than \$200 million initiative that supports innovative programs that connect job seekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying careers close to home. The first funding round of the Skills Development Fund last year supported almost 150 projects, including many focused on the skilled trades, and helped 280,000 people around the province take the next step in their careers.

"It is essential that we create greater awareness of the skilled trades as a valuable career path for our youth. Programs that support early consideration and opportunities to explore the trades will ensure that we have the workforce of the future that we need," said Melissa Young, CEO and Registrar of Skilled Trades Ontario.

These initiatives build on the government's ongoing efforts to attract, support, and protect workers, making Ontario the top place in the world to work, live and raise a family. They follow legislation Minister McNaughton recently introduced that includes [foundational rights for digital platform workers](#), [requirements for employers to disclose their electronic monitoring of employees](#) and for [businesses in high-risk settings to have Naloxone kits on-hand](#), and several [red tape reductions to encourage out-of-province workers](#) to help fill the generational labour shortage.

Quick Facts

- To find out about pre-apprenticeship programs in your area, [contact Employment Ontario](#) by phone, e-mail or [live chat](#).
 - Today's funding increases the government's annual investment in pre-apprenticeship programs by \$5 million.
 - Ontario has also started negotiations with over 52 training organizations to expand 98 pre-apprenticeship projects for current and future tradespeople.
 - There were 1,790 people enrolled in pre-apprenticeship programs from April 2021 to March 2022 across Ontario.
 - Data suggest that the need to replace retiring workers is elevated in the skilled trades. In 2016, nearly one in three journeypersons in Ontario were aged 55 years or older.
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Quotes

"This government's ongoing support of the skilled trades has been and continues to be a vital investment in Ontario's future. We are all partners in building a better future. Pre-apprenticeship programs provide an entry into the skilled trades for people with little to no construction background. These training programs, which include paid work placements, can result in well-paying jobs that are in high demand in the masonry industry."

- David Stubbs
Executive Director, Ontario Masonry Training Centre

Additional Resources

- [Employment Ontario: Free employment services and training programs for job seekers, workers and employers](#)
- [Skilled Trades Ontario: A New Agency to Better Serve Tradespeople](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Launches the 2022-23 Edition of the Francophone Community Grants Program

Organizations and businesses will now have more time to submit their applications and implement the projects selected

March 16, 2022

[Francophone Affairs](#)

TORONTO – Today, the Ontario government announced the application period for the 2022-2023 edition of the Francophone Community Grants Program in support of the community organizations, social enterprises, and businesses that significantly contribute to the vitality of Ontario's francophone community. This year, to better meet the needs of these organizations, the application period has been launched earlier and has been extended.

For the second consecutive year, Ontario is contributing \$2 million to the Franco-Ontarian community through this annual program. Francophone organizations and businesses interested in applying have until May 11, 2022, to submit their application.

"We have doubled the funding for this important program to support more initiatives and organizations that serve the francophone community," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs. "Through the Francophone Community Grants Program, the Ontario government is strengthening the capacity of francophone organizations and businesses to contribute to Ontario's cultural and economic prosperity and make a real difference in the daily lives of francophones and francophiles in the province."

In recent years, the Francophone Community Grants Program has helped non-profit organizations and small businesses that serve francophone communities and specialize in employment supports and enhancing of the francophone economy. The program has also supported cultural organizations, cultural events, as well as the development of French-language services, particularly in health and social services, all of which facilitate the promotion of francophone culture and diversity, as well as training and integration programs for newcomers.

Quick Facts

- Applications must be submitted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) portal, between March 16 and May 11, 2022, at 5 pm.
 - Projects must be completed by March 31, 2023.
 - Ontario is investing \$2 Million in 2022-2023 through the Francophone Community Grants Program.
 - Two online information sessions, one in French and one in English, will be held on March 21 and 23, 2022, to guide potential candidates and answer their questions. Organizations and companies interested in applying for or learning more about the program are encouraged to visit the [program's webpage](#). The sessions will be recorded and posted online
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Additional Resources

- [Find out how to apply for funding under the 2022-2023 Edition of the Ontario Francophonie Support Program](#)
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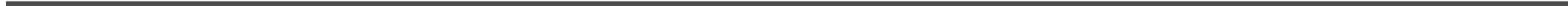
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Building a Stronger Mental Health and Addictions System in Eastern Ontario

Province investing over \$10 million to better connect services for children and youth

March 15, 2022

[Health](#)

OTTAWA — As part of its plan to build a stronger and more resilient health care system, the Ontario government is investing over \$10 million to build a new Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre. This funding will bring mental health and addiction supports and services from three existing locations together at a new, dedicated site in Carp that will make it easier and more convenient for children, youth and their families to access the high-quality care they need and deserve close to home.

“Our government is building a comprehensive and connected mental health and addictions system for Ontarians of all ages,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “The new Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre will help provide more children and youth with access to specialized mental health and addictions services where and when they need them.”

The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre currently operates three sites that provide addiction supports and services to children, youth and their families, offering a community-based alternative to seeking treatment in a hospital. This project will bring services together under one roof and expand existing programs, such as comprehensive assessment, live-in treatment and continuing care, to better address local needs and an increased demand in services. As part of this project, six new treatment beds will be added for a total of 30 beds that provide intensive bed-based services for up to 108 patients per year. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2022, during which time services will continue to be offered out of the existing sites.

“We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has created new and more complex obstacles for children and youth experiencing mental health or addiction challenges,” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “With the relocation of the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre, youth and their loved ones will have better access to effective and safe addictions care that meets their unique needs.”

The government continues making investments under the [Roadmap to Wellness](#), Ontario’s comprehensive plan to build a modern and connected mental health and addictions system that meets the unique needs of individuals, families and caregivers. Since 2019-20, \$525 million in new annualized mental health and addictions funding has been provided to organizations across the province to implement and expand services and supports, including addictions services and supports, children and youth mental health services, mobile crisis teams and programs supporting at-risk populations.

Quick Facts

- To support growing demands on the health care system, the government is investing \$30.2 billion over the next 10 years in health infrastructure across Ontario. These investments will increase capacity in hospitals, build new health care facilities and renew existing hospitals and community health centres.
- The government is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to implement [Roadmap to Wellness](#), Ontario’s comprehensive plan to build a modern, connected and high-quality mental health and addictions system centred around the needs of individuals and their families.
- As part of the province’s [\\$32.7 million investment in annualized funding](#), the Ontario government committed \$18.8 million towards bed-based addictions services for adults and youth who need intensive supports. This investment included \$7.85 million for a total of 90 new treatment beds.
- [Breaking Free Online](#) is a free online therapy tool designed to help Ontarians aged 16 and older reduce or stop the use of over 70 substances, such as tobacco, alcohol and drugs, including opioids.
- [Kids Help Phone](#) provides 24/7/365 professional counselling services for children, teens, and young adults across Canada with Ontario being the largest user of its service.

- [BounceBack](#) is a free cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) program that offers guided mental health self-help supports for adults and youth 15 and older.
- To find the right mental health and addictions supports and get information about many confidential and free options, please visit [Ontario.ca/MentalHealth](#).

Quotes

"The Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre is a beacon of hope for families whose children are struggling with addiction, and this funding is critical to ensuring that the growing demand for services is addressed. Now more than ever we need to make sure that young people have the resources they need to recover so that they are supported to live full, healthy lives."

- Dr. Merrilee Fullerton
MPP for Kanata—Carleton

"I've been committed to this project from day one and told the late Dave Smith he had my commitment to see this through. Through the work of the Ministry of Health, our government has been there to support families with loved ones struggling with addiction. This historic investment to the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre will ensure the youth of Ottawa have a safe space where they can receive the help they deserve to overcome their addictions."

- Lisa MacLeod
MPP for Nepean

"This is welcome news for the families of Ottawa. The health and well-being of children and youth is imperative, this is why our government continues to invest in the youth of Ontario. This funding will provide families with the services and resources they need to support their loved ones."

- Goldie Ghamari
MPP for Carleton

"Ensuring that children and youth have a place to turn when in crisis is key priority for our government. This investment in a new facility for the Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre builds upon our government's past investments in CHEO's new 1Door4Care building and increased beds for youth dealing with eating disorders."

- Jeremy Roberts
MPP for Ottawa West—Nepean

"We are incredibly grateful for this investment which will mean more treatment beds and shorter wait times for youth in crisis. The new centre will be designed to create the best possible conditions for client recovery and family support for decades to come."

- Steve Bell
Chair of the Board of Directors, Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre

"Today's announcement is wonderful news for Ontario youth and families. As we celebrate this investment our thoughts are also with our late founder and tremendous source of inspiration, Dave Smith, without whom today would not have been possible."

- Mike Beauchesne
Executive Director, Dave Smith Youth Treatment Centre

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Launches New Addictions Recovery Fund](#)
- [Protecting Our Progress](#)
- [2021 Budget - Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Training More Doctors as it Builds a More Resilient Health Care System

Province Launching Largest Expansion of Medical School Education in Over 10 Years

March 15, 2022

[Office of the Premier](#)

BRAMPTON — The Ontario government is expanding medical school education as it continues to build a stronger, more resilient health care system, especially in growing and underserved communities. Ontario is adding 160 undergraduate seats and 295 postgraduate positions over the next five years, the largest expansion of undergraduate and postgraduate education in over 10 years.

“As our province grows, our government has a plan to build a stronger, more resilient health care system,” said Premier Doug Ford. “We’ve already shored up domestic production of critical supplies like PPE and have added thousands more hospital beds. Now, building on our work to recruit and retain nurses and personal support workers, we’re launching the largest expansion of medical education in ten years.”

This expansion will support all six medical schools across Ontario, including the University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health, the Queen’s-Lakeridge Health Campus, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, Western University, McMaster University and the University of Ottawa. Medical seats will also be allotted to the new Ryerson School of Medicine in Brampton when it becomes operational.

“Ontario’s health care professionals are some of the finest practitioners in the world and that is a testament to the education they receive through Ontario’s universities and colleges,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “This expansion will increase access to family and specialty physicians and other health care professionals in every corner of the province to ensure that Ontarians can access the health care they need, when they need it, wherever they may live.”

Expanded undergraduate and postgraduate medical school positions will be allocated as follows:

- Ryerson University will receive 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate positions
- University of Toronto will receive 30 undergraduate seats and 45 postgraduate positions
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine will receive 30 undergraduate seats, and 41 postgraduate positions
- Queen’s University will receive 20 undergraduate seats and 30 postgraduate positions
- Western University, McMaster University and University of Ottawa will each receive 28 postgraduate positions.

“Ontario’s doctors are key partners of a strong and sustainable health care system,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Supporting more students to become physicians is a key part of our plan to build up our health care workforce and ensure patients can access the care they need no matter where they live.”

Quick Facts

- The University of Toronto’s new Scarborough Academy of Medicine and Integrated Health will also receive funding for enrolment in life sciences and physical therapy programs.
 - To strengthen the health and long-term care workforce, [Ontario is investing \\$342 million](#), beginning in 2021-22, to add over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers. In addition, Ontario is investing \$57.6 million, beginning in 2022-23, to hire 225 nurse practitioners in the long-term care sector.
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Quotes

"As a growing city with pressing healthcare needs, I'm proud of the fact that the first new medical school in Ontario in over 30 years is being built right here in Brampton. After years of chronic staffing shortages, budget cuts, and neglect from previous governments, our community is finally getting our fair share. Brampton's new medical school will give the eager students of today the opportunity to become the skilled doctors serving our community tomorrow — improving access and quality of care for all Bramptonians."

- Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria
MPP for Brampton South

"Ryerson University will offer a new approach to medical education in Ontario — one that draws on the university's commitment to community, diversity and inclusion, and innovation to address the changing needs for healthcare delivery and practice. We are encouraged and grateful for this announcement of long-term investment by the government of Ontario and we look forward to shaping the future of healthcare with our partners in Brampton and Peel region."

- Mohamed Lachemi
President & Vice-Chancellor, Ryerson University

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Training More Health Care Workers at Indigenous Institutes](#)
- [Ontario is investing \\$35 million to increase enrolment in nursing education programs in publicly-assisted colleges and universities across the province](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Invests in Electrical Training and Apprenticeships Programs Across Province

Province is facing a shortage of workers in a field that can pay over \$50 an hour

March 15, 2022

[Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

OTTAWA — The Ontario government is working for workers by investing more than \$13 million to provide free training and paid electricians' apprenticeships for more than 2,500 people across the province who are unemployed or looking to earn bigger paychecks. With over \$2 billion in infrastructure projects on the horizon, Ontario faces a shortage of electricians and other skilled trades workers. This investment will help the province deliver critical hospitals, schools, and roads on time and on budget.

"When you have a job as an electrician, you have an in-demand job for life," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "I continue to hear from students and parents who don't know how to enter this incredible field – which can pay over \$50 an hour. That is why our government is investing over \$1.5 billion in programs like this, which break down barriers and connect young people to life-changing careers in the skilled trades."

Today's investment is for [nine projects](#) across Ontario. Two of the projects are being delivered by the Ontario Electrical Industry Training Trust Fund who are training nearly 300 people for jobs as construction and industrial electricians and cabling specialists. The training focuses on safety, best practices for installation, and other skills crucial skills for electricians. At the end of the program, participants will be offered employment as the first step toward securing well-paying, meaningful careers to build better lives for themselves and their families.

"This funding announcement will help apprentices access the best training possible to address the growing need by employers for Network Cabling Specialists," said James Barry, Executive Secretary Treasurer, IBEW CCO. "As technology continues to evolve, this in-demand trade not only provides a fulfilling career for young people and underrepresented populations, but their skills will be critical to helping build and sustain Ontario's infrastructure well into the future. I commend Minister McNaughton for continuing to promote high training and safety standards in the skilled trades."

The government's investment will also go toward financial incentives that encourage employers to hire more apprentices and promote the electrical trades to underrepresented groups. The funding is part of Ontario's over \$200 million Skills Development Fund, launched to support innovative training projects that upskill workers and connect them to lucrative careers in their communities.

Quick Facts

- For more information or to apply, [contact the project leads listed under each program description](#).
 - Data suggest the need to replace retiring workers is elevated in the skilled trades. In 2016, nearly 1 in 3 journeypersons were aged 55 years or older.
 - Between July 2021 and September 2021, there were 338,835 job vacancies (unfilled jobs) in Ontario. About 8% (25,495) of all vacancies in Ontario were in the construction sector.
 - Construction electricians earned an average hourly wage of \$34.32 in Ontario in 2021, industrial electricians \$36.12, electrical powerline and cable workers \$38.90, and power systems electricians \$47.21.
 - Ontario's Skills Development Fund is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and Government of Ontario.
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Additional Resources

- [Ontario Investing in Electrical Training Programs Across Ontario](#)
- [Skills Development Fund](#)

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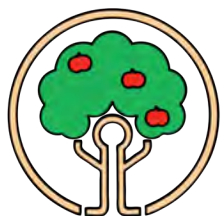
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Renfrew County and District Health Unit

COVID-19 Case Summary

March 17, 2022

| Total Confirmed Cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD): 3566 | | Current Status of Cases in RCD | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Cases Reported in the Last 7 Days: 78 | | Self-Isolation: 69 | |
| Incidence Rate^a in the Last 7 Days: 71.8 per 100,000 individuals | | Hospitalized: 9 | |
| | | Hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit: 0 | |
| | | Resolved: 3453 | |
| | | Deceased: 35 | |
| Outbreak Setting | Cumulative Number of Outbreaks | Active Number of Outbreaks | |
| Hospital | 7 | 1 | |
| Long-term care home | 17 | 1 | |
| Retirement home | 14 | 2 | |
| Congregate living facility | 13 | 2 | |
| Other ^c | 38 | 0 | |
| Total | 89 | 6 | |
| Total Number of tests completed for RCD residents: 141,257 | | Percent Positivity^b of tests completed for RCD residents (March 03, 2022-March 09, 2022) 12.4% | |

^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.

^c Includes school/education/child care, workplaces, and other community outbreak settings. In alignment with Provincial guidance, RCDHU has shifted focus to mitigate outbreaks and transmission to vulnerable individuals in highest-risk settings such as hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes, and congregate living facilities.

For more information on COVID-19 variants of concern in Ontario, please visit:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19-voc>

Update: Roadmap to Reopen Ontario

Effective March 21, 2022

Effective Monday, March 21, 2022 at 12:01 a.m:

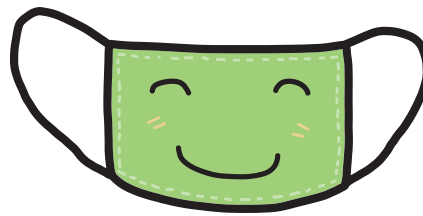
- ✓ Masking requirements will be removed in most places (**including schools**) except:
 - Public transit
 - Long-term care
 - Retirement homes and other health-care settings
 - Shelters
 - Jails
 - Congregate care and living settings, including homes for individuals with developmental disabilities
- ✓ Other measures in schools will be lifted, including removing cohorting and daily on-site screening.
- ✓ All other regulatory requirements for businesses will be removed, including passive screening, safety plans.

↻ The province will continue providing rapid-antigen tests and personal protective equipment (PPE) to schools and businesses.

↻ Enhanced cleaning, optimizing air quality and ventilation and absence reporting will continue in schools.



Although masking requirements are being removed in most settings, **it is strongly recommended to continue the use of masks in indoor public settings to help protect against COVID-19 infection.** This is especially true **if someone has higher personal health risks or if their close circle includes those who are vulnerable to severe infection.**



Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

www.rcdhu.com

The Arnprior and Area Physician Recruitment Committee Presents

Spring Fling Craft/Bake Sale

Are you a crafter, vendor or baker? Do you have something that everyone wants????

The Arnprior and Area Physician Recruitment Committee wants you!!!

**April 9, 2022 9:00 am—2:00pm
John A Gillies Recreation Center
138 Sarah Street East, Braeside**

Table rental is \$40.00 with a donation for a silent auction or draw valued at approximately \$20-\$30.

Room rental is \$80.00 with a donation for a silent auction or draw valued at approximately \$20-\$30.

If you are interested in participating in our event, please contact:

Contact : Mary Miltimore 613-622-5763 x 1103

Mary.miltimore@arnpriorhealth.ca

Please e-transfer your rental fee to: PRCFundraiser@arnpriorhealth.ca

All the latest Covid-19 protocols will be followed

Please no Garage Sale Items



March 14, 2022

Mayor Walter Stack
Town of Arnprior
105 Elgin St. West
Arnprior, Ontario
K7S 0A8

Dear Mayor Stack:

As we approach another spring season, I would like to provide you with an update on Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) ongoing outreach regarding freshet. Before I go into that, despite the COVID-19 related challenges we continue to face, the safe and reliable operation of our facilities remains a top priority.

Similar to 2020 and 2021, we hosted invite-only education sessions for community representatives. Those sessions were held in early March. We hope your community was able to participate in these sessions and found them to be informative and insightful. Should you have any feedback or suggestions for how we can improve sessions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Outside of general outreach, I would like to remind you that in the event that flood messaging is required, the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, along with local Conservation Authorities, are responsible for disseminating the messages to the public.

Finally, in addition to reviewing our Emergency Preparedness and Response Plans, OPG collaborates with governmental agencies and other emergency management professionals to forecast and monitor conditions to ensure we are prepared for any event Mother Nature may send our way.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Jennifer Gardiner, Stakeholder Relations, at 613-601-0654 or by email at jennifer.gardiner@opg.com. For your convenience, I have also included a list of helpful links regarding water management that may interest you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Hinds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shaun Hinds

Ontario Power Generation

Director, Plant Operations, Southeast Operations, Eastern Region

Useful links:

www.opg.com/water

www.opg.com/river

www.ottawariver.ca



Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games

2022-03-10

Arnprior Municipal Office
105 Elgin Street W.
Arnprior, ON
K7S 0A8

Dear Friends,

Great news – after 2 plus years of cancellations (due to Covid 19), the R.C. 55 Plus Senior Games will take place this spring (dates are being finalized). The Committee is very appreciative of the four organizations that were still able to contribute in 2021, and eagerly await this year's donations.

The Renfrew County 55+ Games Committee and the Executive are once again busy planning this very worthwhile event. The Committee was most appreciative of the municipalities that provided venues and volunteers, if your community is not involved this year or next and would like to participate, please contact Irene Churchill at imchurchill@nrtco.net. The venues for this year will be listed on the Registration Forms, which will be available at Municipal Offices, Seniors' Centres and Recreational Facilities. Registration Forms will also be online at <http://www.osga55plus.ca/districts>.

There are 41 Districts in Ontario and we are in District #5. These Games provide an opportunity for everyone, 55 plus, to join in fun-filled activities of their choice. The benefits are invaluable, providing participants with stimulation, both mental and physical, and social interaction with people from all over Renfrew County. Always, new friendships and good memories are created, and we look forward to having a large number of contenders at these 2022 Games.

The individual registration fees cover much of the Games' costs; however, outside financial assistance is always required. Your generosity in donating any amount will be greatly appreciated. All supporters will be officially recognized in the information packages each participant will receive and in the media at the completion of the Games.

Please submit your donation to:

Renfrew County 55+ Seniors Games
246 James Cres
Renfrew, ON
K7V 2N9

Sincerely,

Gail Denault
Fundraising Chair

If you require further information, please call me at 613-401-6441 or email: gdenault69@hotmail.com



CANADIAN WOMEN'S
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WEAR RED CANADA • FEB 13

March 21, 2022

BY REGULAR MAIL and EMAIL: wstack@arnprior.ca

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

Dear Mayor Stack:

On behalf of the [Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance](#), we **thank you** and your office for joining [44 other provinces, territories and municipalities](#) across Canada with proclaiming February 13 as Wear Red Canada Day.

Heart disease is on the rise and is the leading cause of death for women worldwide. [Wear Red Canada](#) is celebrated annually across Canada on February 13th to raise awareness about women's heart health.

Awareness activities, such as your proclamation, serve as a reminder to those who live in the Town of Arnprior, especially women, to be mindful, curious and proactive in the management of their heart health and wellness.

Every year, the Wear Red Canada campaign increases its reach to younger audiences, at-risk communities, healthcare providers and those who can impact change in their community. We want to see more women and men empowered by the knowledge of the greatest health risk to women. The ultimate goal for Wear Red Canada is to see fewer women dying prematurely from heart disease.

We are excited to announce that next year will be Wear Red Canada's 5th anniversary. We will be following up with you later this year to keep you informed of our plans and activities with the hopes that you will be able to continue to support our cause.

Once again, thank you for your support of Wear Red Canada and we sincerely appreciate your commitment to the heart health of women in Canada.



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WEAR RED CANADA • FEB 13

We would also like to thank your Council and all your colleagues at the Town office for their participation and their assistance.

Sincerely,

Thais de A. Coutinho, MD
Chair, Executive Steering Committee
Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance
Chair, Canadian Women's Heart Health Centre
Division of Cardiac Prevention and Rehabilitation
University of Ottawa Heart Institute
Associate Professor of Medicine,
University of Ottawa

Helen Robert, B.Comm, CCP
Patient Advocate Co-Chair, Advocacy Working Group
Canadian Women's Heart Health Alliance
Woman with Lived Experience
Ottawa, ON

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- Webinar: Breaking down barriers - Accessible digital solutions for your community.
- Kenora's experience with an LAS Road Assessment.
- Overcoming supply chain challenges.
- Canoe webinar - Madvac/Exprolink.
- ONE Investment Spring 2022 webinar: Why Proxy Votes Are Important for ESG.
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AMO Matters

AMO has assembled an easy-to-use guide that provides all the information you need when preparing to run for council. AMO's [Lead Where You Live](#) guide highlights the things you will want to get familiar with during your campaign so you are prepared should you be elected.

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LAS

The City of Kenora participated in our [Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) in 2017 and again in 2020. [Check out this video](#) to hear about their experience with the program, and [contact Tanner](#) to learn how it can work in your community.

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) staff are working with vendors to overcome supply chain challenges, but it will still take time to get back to business as usual. Delays for certain equipment could be lengthy, so work with your Client Relations Manager and be ready to move if you find what you need in stock. [Watch our webinar](#) from October for some useful tips or [contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Exprolink/Madvac offer a wide range of street sweepers and litter collectors. Join us on March 16 at 11:00am EST for an overview of their product line, with a particular focus on the new zero-emission LN50 and LR50 lithium battery electric models. Part of the [Canoe Procurement Group](#), save time and money on equipment you use every day. [Register Here](#).

ONE Investment

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Careers

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[Administrative Assistant/ Deputy Clerk - Town of Hanover](#). Responsibilities include providing confidential administration and clerical support. Apply to [hr@hanover.ca](#) March 16.

[Manager, Fleet Maintenance and Technical Services - City of Ottawa](#). [FR](#). Responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction in the establishment and implementation of priorities and programs. [Apply online](#) by March 10.

[Manager, Innovation and Transformation - City of Brampton](#). A project management role to launch key divisional initiatives. [Apply online](#) by March 22.

[Deputy Clerk - Northumberland County](#). Responsible for ensuring open and transparent government by providing assistance to the Clerk and acting as their Designate when required. Apply to [hr@northumberland.ca](#) March 18.

[Executive Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Georgina](#). Responsible for providing administrative support to the CAO, including handling sensitive political and human resource issues. [Apply online](#) by March 16.

[Chief Administrative Officer \(CAO\)/Clerk - The Township of Billings](#). Responsible for leadership and the general management of the Township. Apply

to tmills@billingstwp.ca by April 4.

Director, Finance & Chief Financial Officer - Township of Oro-Medonte. Responsible for the financial stewardship of the municipality. Apply to careers@oro-medonte.ca by April 1.

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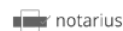
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AMO Matters

AMO's 2022 provincial election strategy sets out an eight-point plan and asks all Ontario political parties to commit to AMO's vision for economic recovery, prosperity, and increased opportunity. Municipalities are the foundation of Ontario's success.

Every year at the AMO Conference the PJ Marshall Awards recognize municipal excellence and innovation in capital projects, operating efficiencies, and new approaches to service delivery. If you have something you are proud to share, the deadline for 2022 submissions is May 27, 2022.

Provincial Matters

The Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility announced that the province is doubling the Seniors Community Grant Funding. Applications to the Grant are open until April 28.

Eye on Events

Information on the AMO Conference will be coming to you soon! Confirmation on the conference format, registration and hotel bookings will all be available in early April. Check back here for details.

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LAS

Carbon Tax charges are rising on April 1. Read our [latest blog](#) and learn more about how you can plan for budgeting if you're in the [LAS Natural Gas Procurement](#) program.

The [FCM Municipal Asset Management Program \(MAMP\)](#) is a perfect fit for the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Get high-quality data to help manage your roads efficiently and receive up to \$50,000 to make the project affordable. [Contact Tanner](#) for more information.

We're pleased to welcome ARI Phoenix to the [Canoe Procurement Group](#). Keep your machinery running smoothly with column and scissor lifts, tire balancers, brake lathes, transmission jacks, and a range of other equipment. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Johnson Controls supplies security & surveillance systems, wireless networks, building automation, fire alarms, and a range of other high-tech solutions. [Join us on April 6](#) to learn how you can improve your security and efficiency using their offerings. One of over 170 vendors from the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

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[Purchasing Coordinator - County of Hastings](#). This position will assist with the co-ordination and facilitation of the procurement process. Apply to careers@hastingscounty.com by March 24, 2022.

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Town of Brock. Responsible for managing all financial affairs of the Township. Apply to hr@brock.ca by March 23.

Commissioner of Human and Health Services - City of Windsor. Assists the CAO to implement the Corporation's strategic direction, ensuring superior service delivery for residents. Apply online by April 1.

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk - Township of Hornepayne. Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all administrative and operational services. Apply to info.hpayne@bellnet.ca by March 31.

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