

## Town of Arnprior Regular Meeting of Council: June 27, 2022

### Correspondence Package No. I-22-June-12

### **Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-22-June-12 be received as information and filed accordingly.

### **General Information Items:**

- 1. Correspondence from Renfrew County & District Health Unit
  - a) COVID-19 Case Summary June 16, 2022
- 2. Correspondence from Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games
  - a) Newsletter June 2023
- 3. Correspondence from Ottawa Valley Business
  - a) June 21, 2022
- 4. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
  - **a)** Watch File June 16, 2022



### Renfrew County and District Health Unit

### **COVID-19 Case Summary**

June 16, 2022

Total Confirmed Cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD): 4812

Cases Reported in the Last 7 Days: 30

Incidence Rate<sup>a</sup> in the Last 7 Days: 27.6 per 100,000 individuals **Current Status of Cases in RCD** 

Self-Isolation: 39

Hospitalized: 3

Hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit: 0

Resolved: 4720

Deceased: 50

Outbreak Setting	Cumulative Number of Outbreaks	Active Number of Outbreaks
Hospital	9	0
Long-term care home	23	0
Retirement home	20	1
Congregate living facility	17	0
Other <sup>C</sup>	38	0
Total	107	1

Total Number of tests completed for RCD residents:
149,331

Percent Positivity<sup>b</sup> of tests completed for RCD residents (June 02, 2022-June 08, 2022)
4.4%

For more information on COVID-19 variants of concern in Ontario, please visit: <a href="https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19-voc">https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19-voc</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> 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.

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## Games Countdown: 235 days We are getting ready!

February 2-5 and February 9-12, 2023

### Happy Pride Month!

Planning is well underway to welcome Ontario's youth and para-athletes for the Ontario Winter Games in February 2023. Please join us today as we celebrate inclusivity and diversity in sport and recognize the LGBTQ community and the important role sport plays to create a world where everyone is free from discrimination and competes with equality. Our goal is to host the **#bestgamesever** and we need your help!

### So, who are we?

### What does this mean?

Well, this is literally everything from soup (Food Services) to nuts (Logistics)! The GOC is working with the Ontario Government, Provincial Sport Organizations, local municipalities and other partners to ensure that every athlete has the transportation, accommodation, food, competition, camaraderie and fun that multi-sport events of this magnitude have to offer. Delivering the Games requires that consideration and planning for safety, security, accreditation, sponsorship, fundraising, marketing, communications, information technology and finance & administration are undertaken.

The Medical Services Chair, Victoria Cleary has recently completed venue inspections in preparation for the Emergency Action Plans for each competition. Watch Victoria in action to get an idea of some of the the things volunteers are doing. With the support of the County of Renfrew and member municipalities, the Games Organizing Committee (GOC) is fortunate to have the leadership of the Games' General Manager

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Games.

### What are our immediate priorities?

Currently we are working really hard to update our <u>website</u>, develop an external communications strategy, refresh our marketing materials, secure additional sponsorship, procure supplies, foster partnerships, and recruit volunteers for both competition and pre-Games activities.

**RSS** 

Please like and follow our social media accounts on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for more regular features on the sports, athletes, sponsors and volunteers of what are sure to be the **#bestgamesever!** 



## Get to know us: Meet Jeff Levesque, Chair Information Technology



Hello, I am Jeff Levesque, Chair of the IT Committee. I am responsible for all things IT for the Ontario Winter Games including the <u>website</u>.

My wife Leah and I both originate from Carleton Place and we built our cottage in Calabogie in 2002. Following my retirement from managing IT Infrastructure (Data Centres, Networks, Desktop Computing, etc.) for various private and public companies in the Ottawa area, we made our home full-time in Calabogie and Leah continues in her role as the CEO of Arnprior Regional Health.

Being retired and living in Calabogie enables me to experience more of our community, meet more people and engage in more recreational activities to stay active. I particularly enjoy playing hockey in Renfrew, golfing at Calabogie Highlands and continuing to ski at Calabogie Peaks.

Having more available time, I considered how I can contribute to my community and upon seeing the call for volunteers for the Ontario Winter Games, I felt it was a great time to get involved. Since then, I have met many committed volunteers and

Volunteering is part of my DNA and I have been involved in many sport organizations over the years. Initially as a President of the Calabogie Ski Racing Club (2000-2007) and later as the Chair of the National Capital Division of Ski Racing (NC) working along-side the regional ski clubs, including Calabogie Peaks. I was also a soccer coach for a number of years and served as a member of the board of the Carleton Place Soccer Club,

I could use your help! The GOC is looking for keen volunteers to support IT requirements throughout Renfrew County leading up to and and throughout the Games. If you are interested, have IT experience, and time to spare, check our <u>Volunteer Page</u> or reach out to me directly at jeff.renfrewcounty2023@gmail.com.

### **Volunteer Roles**

Over the coming weeks the GOC intends to reach out to all registered volunteers to reconfirm your interest and commitment. In the meantime, we hope you will revisit your volunteer registration profile to ensure it is both complete and accurate and, in addition, help us recruit others and encourage them to register too.

The GOG has an immediate need for volunteers to assist with the safety and security of the athletes and venues during the Games. If you have, or would like to gain, experience in providing Security Services, please e-mail: chairbryan2023@gmail.com, directly. Similarly, if you are interested in working with the Medical Services team, please update your volunteer profile on our <u>Volunteer Page</u> and indicate your area of interest.

Please like and follow our social media accounts on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for more regular features on the sports, athletes, sponsors and volunteers of what are sure to be the **#bestgamesever!** 

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# Work Matters Releases Employment Report What we can do to help fill jobs now and in the future

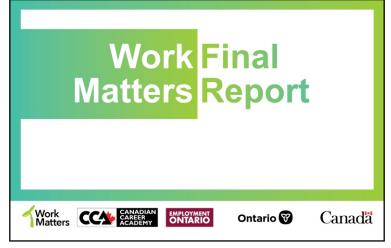
By: Jennifer Layman jenn@ovbusiness.com

The primary objective of the Work Matters project was to improve recruitment and retention practices across five sectors within Lanark and Renfrew Counties. The five sectors were healthcare, manufacturing, transportation, early childhood education and the skilled trades. In their final report, Work Matters noted that across Lanark and Renfrew counties, they placed 180 personal support workers, 15 developmental service workers and 25 DZ licensed truck drivers into sectors with labour gaps.

While strides were made with the two-year project, the Work Matters team offers the following recommendations:

#### **More Programming**

More programming and improved work structures are needed to fill the gaps in our labour force. Programs such as the Pathway2PSW, Pathway2DZ and Pathway2DSW must be renewed to continue producing



skilled workers to fill the demand for workers. A similar ECE program using this format would be useful and much in demand. To mitigate the effects of the labour shortage, adopting an employee work-sharing model can also help fill the gaps and provide workers with full-time hours across multiple positions in one sector.

### **Leadership Training**

Leadership and soft (human) skills training programs for both employers and their employees

are necessary to build strong, productive, diverse, and inclusive workplaces. A program focused on building human-first workplaces with decentralized leadership structures is necessary to assist employers.

#### **Apprentice Help**

Employers working with apprentices need more help. Employers welcome the idea of an apprenticeship-mentor program that would pair each apprentice with a mentor who has specific experience in the

trade and will help navigate the apprentice on their pathway to qualification, and assign each apprentice to an apprenticeship support specialist who would be responsible for completing all paperwork related to the program, removing this burden from the employer and apprentice.

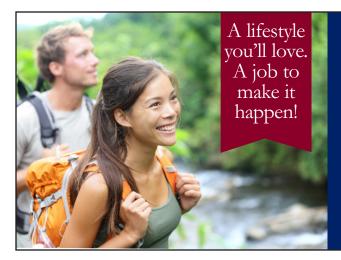
### **Attracting Young People**

Creative and engaging initiatives are needed to attract young people into sectors with a high demand for workers. Improved training for guidance counsellors and the reintroduction of curricula related to the skilled trades and other in-demand sectors may help attract young people to careers with labour gaps.

### **Collaborative Work**

More initiative needs to be taken that allows employment services, economic development, employers, service providers, etc. to connect and collaborate on common goals.

For more information and the full report, visit www.work-matters.ca



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### **Events**

#### June 21, 2022

eCommerce 101: What, why and how. Free webinar. 10:00am-11:30am. www.digitalmainstreet.ca

#### June 21, 2022

Free Apps & Tools For Your Business. 9:00am-10:30am. This workshop is designed to showcase a variety of different apps and tools that are most beneficial to start up businesses. Hosted by Small Business Advisory Centre. Register with www.smallbizcentre.ca/events

#### June 22, 2022

Sales Playbooks 101. 60-minute workshop where he will share the three foundational elements for sales success and walk away with templates and actionable worksheets so you can implement the learnings in your own organization. 11:00am-12:00pm. Free. Register at www.investottawa.ca/events

### June 23, 2022

Are you a potential Maturepreneur? The 21st century requires more "maturepreneurs" to use their skills and experience in new ways. Join us to figure out the mindset and some of the entrepreneurial competencies that you may already possess. 12:00pm-1:15pm. Free. Register at www.investottawa.ca/events

### June 23, 2022

Free Ontario Program: How an online store can boost your business. ShopHERE powered by Google provides independent small businesses and artists with a quick, easy and no-cost way to start selling online right away. 11:30am-12:30pm. Register at www.digitalmainstreet.ca

#### June 24, 2022

Resilience and Innovation Business Networking Breakfast. 8:00am-9:00am. Algonquin College Waterfront Campus. Special guests are co-owners of ValleyEats to talk about taking a concept to reality, expansion, pivoting and adapting to ever-changing times. \$10 for Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce members. \$15 for guests. manager@uovchamber.com

### June 28, 2022

Putting Fun Back in the Buying Process for Customers and Clients. 9:00am-10:30am. The last few years with the pandemic taught us that no business is without change. Learn highlights some of the big marketing trends for 2022, and how expanding your offerings and going the extra mile will help put the fun back in the buying process. Hosted by Small Business Advisory Centre. Register with www.smallbizcentre.ca/events

#### June 30, 2022

Bidding on Government of Canada contracts. This webinar is for participants who are ready for a more detailed overview of the bidding process. Key information to help you bid on opportunities. 12:00pm-2:00pm. Register at www.investottawa.ca/events

#### June 30, 2022

Free Ontario Program: How an online store can boost your business. ShopHERE by Google provides independent small businesses and artists with a quick, easy and no-cost way to start selling online right away. 11:30am-12:30pm. Register at www.digitalmainstreet.ca

#### July 5, 2022

Web Presence 101: Ensuring your foundation is set. Learn the fundamentals to your online web presence and put yourself in the best position. 10:00am-11:30am.

Register at www.digitalmainstreet.ca

#### July 7, 2022

Municipal election information session. 6:30pm-9:30pm. Lanark County Administration Building, 99 Christie Lake Road in Perth. Free to current, new and potential candidates. Contact Jasmin Ralph at jralph@lanarkcounty.ca or 613-267-4200 ext. 1502.

### July 7, 2022

Free Ontario Program: How an online store can boost your business. ShopHERE powered by Google provides independent small businesses and artists with a quick, easy and no-cost way to start selling online right away. 11:30am-12:30pm. Register at www.digitalmainstreet.ca

### July 14, 2022

Free Ontario Program: How an online store can boost your business. ShopHERE powered by Google provides independent small businesses and artists with a quick, easy and no-cost way to start selling online right away. 11:30am-12:30pm. Register at www.digitalmainstreet.ca

#### July 21, 2022

Municipal election information session. 6:30pm-9:30pm. Town of Carleton Place arena (upstairs), 75 Neelin Street, Carleton Place. Free to current, new and potential candidates. Contact Jasmin Ralph at jralph@lanarkcounty.ca or 613-267-4200 ext. 1502

Submit your business event to admin@ovbusiness.com

### **Deadlines**

## Ottawa Valley BUSINESS

Publishing: June 21, 2022 Deadline: June 14, 2022

Publishing: July 5, 2022 Deadline: June 28, 2022

Publishing: July 19, 2022 Deadline: July 12, 2022

Publishing: August 2, 2022 Deadline: July 26, 2022

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Publishing: July 5, 2022 Deadline: June 28, 2022

#### **Fall Edition**

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### **Health Matters**

### **Spring Edition**

This edition will be distributed in May.

#### **Summer Edition**

Deadline: July 1, 2022 Publishing: July 21, 2022

### Fall Edition

Deadline: September 30, 2022 Publishing: October 20, 2022

## **Business News Around The Valley**

#### Sheridan To Retire

Sue Sheridan, CAO for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards will be retiring effective August 5, 2022 As of June 1, 2022, Tammy Gorgerat has been appointed as the CAO Clerk-Treasurer for the municipality.

Dillabough Earns CMO
Hope Dillabough, CAO-Clerk
for Horton has earned the
Certified Municipal Officer
(CMO) designation through the
Association of Municipal Clerks
and Treasurers of Ontario
(AMCTO).

### **Applications For Housing Affordability Grants Open**

The County of Renfrew has opened the grant application process for two housing affordability programs as of June 6. The programs are Ontario Renovates and Affordable Homeownership. Ontario Renovates provides financial assistance to homeowners by way of a forgivable loan to

repair their home to acceptable standards while improving the energy efficiency and/or increasing accessibility of their unit. Loans of up to \$10,000 are available. This program can help homeowners with eligible repairs including heating systems, windows, roofs, plumbing and accessibility modifications. The Affordable Homeownership Program assists low-to-moderate-income renter households to purchase affordable homes by providing down payment assistance in the form of a forgivable loan of up to \$25,000. For information, contact Jennifer Dombroskie at 613-735-0782 ext.140.

### **ERC Looking For Volunteer Mentors**

Enterprise Renfrew County is seeking volunteer mentors, coaches and advisors to assist the Starter Company Plus program and Summer Company student entrepreneur development program. Volunteers with experience in entrepreneurship, business operations and management, and professionals who service business clients, and those with experience in marketing, sales, communications, management, media, e-marketing and logistics are invited to contact Jackie Stott, Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Coordinator or Heather Inwood-Montrose, Small Business Advisor.

### Municipalities Join For Grant Funding

The municipality of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, in partnership with the municipalities of Madawaska Valley, Bonnechere Valley, Brudenell Lyndoch and Raglan and North Algona Wilberforce have announced that they have received a \$51,153.90 grant from the Digital Main Street program for a two-year Digital Service Squad program, which provides small business owners

with the tools and support needed to digitally transform their businesses. Trained specialists who meet with brick-and-mortar small businesses, at no cost, to help them complete an online assessment and to introduce them to online training modules designed to build their digital knowledge and skills. Beginning on August 1, 2022, the Digital Service Squad member will start working towards helping local business owners for a term of approximately 10.5 months in the hopes of serving at least 240 businesses in the catchment area.

### Arthur Smith Resigns In Deep River

Arthur Smith, Treasurer for the Town of Deep River, has tendered his resignation. Smiths is moving on to further his career in another role.

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## **Business News Around The Valley**

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### Women's Institute **Celebrates Anniversary**

The Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario is celebrating the 125th anniversary of its founding in 1897. Branches in the north and south Renfrew districts will be holding events to celebrate locally. For details, contact Lynn at 613-432-6317.

### **Food Basics Coming** To Petawawa

In November 2014, the Town of Petawawa entered into a site plan with Metro for a 29,000square-foot grocery store and

several additional retail stores. Recently Metro indicated they were ready to proceed with the development of the site with slight modification to the original grocery store footprint. A revised site plan was presented to the committee for a Food Basics grocery store. A standalone Food Basics grocery store is anticipated to be open in 2023.

### **Farms Open Event September 18, 2022**

The Ottawa Valley Food Co-op, County of Renfrew Economic Development, National Farmers Union and Renfrew County Federation of Agriculture are combining resources to host the

first annual Farms Open event on September 18. This one-day open house event is to develop a stronger understanding and relationship between urban and rural people and showcase the advantage of local food and the science of producing it. Farms are invited to sign up by contacting Marshall Buchanan at 613-602-5253.

**Arnprior Market Returns** Arnprior Market is returning! As a reminder, there is no parking between John Street North (both sides) from Rock Lane to Elgin Street West from 2:00am to 3:00pm on Sundays, between the first Sunday in June and the last

Sunday in September.

**OPG Bridge Closure** Ontario Power Generation is advising residents that structures on the bridge onto and off of Limerick Island will undergo upgrades through 2022. To accommodate this work, the bridge will be closed overnight from 8:00pm to 5:00am during various dates from June to October, A schedule of anticipated closures can be found at www.opg.com/eastern

## Bill 27: Working For Workers Act, 2021

Hicks Morley review of Working For Workers Act, 2021

Bill 27: Working for Workers Act, 2021 introduced a number of changes to the Employment Standards Act, 2000 (ESA) and other legislation. Changes to ESA include prohibition of noncompete agreements, new licensing and regulatory requirements for temporary help agencies and recruiters and policies around the requirement to be able to disconnect from work.

Bill 27 prohibits employers

from entering into employment contracts or other agreements with an employee that are or include non-compete agreements. "Non-compete agreement" is defined as: an agreement, or any part of any agreement, between an employer and an employee that prohibits the employee from engaging in any business, work, occupation, professional, project or other activity that is in competition with the employer's business

after the employment relationship between the employee and the employer ends. The effect of the prohibition is that the noncompete agreement is void. Prohibition is effective as of October 25, 2021.

Bill 27 creates extensive new licensing requirements for temporary help agencies (THAs) and recruiters. All THAs and recruiters must hold a licence to operate. Clients are prohibited

from using a THA or recruiter if they know the THA or recruiter does not hold a license.

Bill 27 introduced the requirement for employers to have a written policy on "disconnecting from work." "Disconnecting from work" means not engaging in workrelated communications. including emails, telephone calls, video calls or the sending or reviewing of other messages, so as to be free from the performance of work. Current legislation is deceptively simple and requirements are 1) employers with 25 or more employees as of January 1st of any given year must have a written policy regarding disconnecting from work for all employees, 2) policy must include the date of preparation and the date any changes are made, 3) copies must be provided to each employee within 30 days of preparation or any changes and 4) copies must be provided to all new employees within 30 days of commencing employment. Compliance dates for 2022 only are June 2, 2022 and for every other year, it is March 1.



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### Renfrew County, Lanark County, South Algonquin, Bancroft and Mattawa

### **Renfrew County**

**Admaston Bromley** Kevin LeGris - councillor

Arnprior

Lisa McGee – mayor Dan Lynch – county councillor Maureen Campbell – councillor Chris Couper – councilor

**Bonnechere Valley** 

Jennifer Murphy – mayor Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

John Rutledge – councillor W1 Iris Kauffeldt – councillor W1

**Deep River** 

Suzanne D'Eon – mayor Glenn Doncaster - reeve William Fitton – councillor

Greater Madawaska

Susan Humphries - Eng PSB trustee

### Head, Clara & Maria

Debbi Grills - mayor Ernest Villeneuve – councillor Chris Dower – councillor Rachel Richer - councillor

Horton

Dave Bennett - mayor Tom Webster – councillor Glen Campbell – councillor

Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards

David Mayville - mayor Janice Tiedje - mayor Ted Browne - councillor W1 Bil Smith - councillor W1 Maureen MacMillan - councillor W2 Brian Pecoskie - councillor W3

#### Laurentian Hills

Anne Giardini – mayor Brenda Blimkie – councillor W3 Bruce Boucher - councillor W1 John Hoyle – councillor W4

### Laurentian Valley

Steve Bennett - mayor Chris Pleau – reeve Keith Watt - reeve Allan Wren – councillor Michael Summers - councillor Pat O'Grady - Eng SSB trustee

Madawaska Vallev

Helen Benn – councillor Carl Bromwich – councillor Joseph Olsheski – councillor Dave Shulist – councillor M.P. Merkowsky - Eng SSB trustee

#### McNab Braeside

Tom Peckett - mayor Kevin Rosien – councillor North Algona Wilberforce

No candidates listed

### Pembroke

Ron Gervais - mayor Brian Abdallah – councillor Andrew Plummer – councillor Ed Jacyno – councillor Leo Boland – Eng PSB trustee Bob Schreader - Eng SSB trustee Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB trustee

#### Petawawa

Barry Schimmens - councillor Bryon Morris - Eng PSB trustee

#### Renfrew

No candidates listed

#### Whitewater Region

Neil Nicholson – mayor Cathy Regier – deputy mayor Connie Tabbert - councillor David Shields - Eng PSB trustee

### **Lanark County**

**Beckwith** 

Donald Cram - Eng PSB trustee Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB trustee

### **Drummond North Elmsley**

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### Lanark Highlands

Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB trustee Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB trustee

### Mississippi Mills

Rickey Minnille - deputy mayor Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB trustee Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB trustee

### Montague

Vince Carroll - reeve Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB trustee Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB trustee

#### Perth

Judy Brown - mayor Gary Waterfield - councillor Roy Van Der Mull - councillor Dave Bird - councilor

Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB trustee Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB trustee

### **Smiths Falls**

Lvnda Mae Bradfor - councillor Colleen Mariona - Eng PSB trustee

### **Tay Valley Township**

Rob Rainer - reeve Fred Dobbie - deputy reeve

### **Neighbouring Municipalities**

### South Algonquin

Bongo - mayor Barney Baker - mayor Garbeila Hairabedian-Lyell - councillor Joe Florent - councillor

### **Bancroft**

Michel Charron - Fr SSB trustee Rachel Laforest - Fr SSB trustee Peter McEnery - Eng SSB trustee

#### Mattawa

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### Federal Government News In Brief

### Facts cannot be produced, sick benefits extended, fraud and vax rules

### Canada Provides Russia Subsidy

The Government of Canada has provided a \$40 million federal subsidy to a Russian-owned steelmaker. Evraz Incorporated had a global net profit of \$3.1 billion in 2021 and paid out dividends of \$1.8 billion. Staff chose not to detail the terms of the agreement which included "a partially repayable contribution with conditions."

### Finance Minister Cannot Produce Facts

On June 14, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland testified to the Special Joint Committee on the Declaration of Emergency that the Freedom Convoy was "a core threat to the Canadian economy." When asked to produce factual support for the statement, Freeland said she had numbers "in my head" and was not able to produce any despite multiple questions.

### EI Sickness Benefit Extended to 52 Weeks

A private member's bill to edit the *Employment Insurance Act* to allow for 52 weeks of paid sick leave has passed its second reading. The *Act* currently allows for 15 weeks of paid sick leave (55% of income to a maximum of \$638 weekly). The reading passed in a vote of 174 to 151. It is estimated to cost \$1.6 billion annually with an average of 151,000 possible claimants. The bill was sponsored by the Conservatives.

### June 20 Key Vax Mandate Day

Most federal vaccine mandates for employees and travellers end on June 20 based on "new science" from Transport Minister Omar Alghabra. The mandatory COVID-19 vaccine requirement will no longer be enforced on commercial air flights or VIA Rail. A vaccine mandate for cruise ships remains. Travellers on federally-regulated airplanes will still need to be masked. The federal vaccine mandate for employees also ends.

### **Employee Fraud in Canadian Government**

110 employees have been investigated for fraud in the past five years at Canada Revenue Agency. 20 were fired and 80 faced discipline. Canadian Border Services Agency investigated 109 employees for fraud and six were fired. The Treasury Board reported that 55 employees falsified insurance benefit claims but did not say if anyone was fired. The Department of Public Works disclosed 38 fraud investigations with 15 fired. The Department of Employment had 27 investigations with 17 fired. The Department of Foreign Affairs investigated 12 people and all were fired while the Department of Health had nine investigations with five fired. Correctional Service of Canada investigated nine people with five being fired.

### Tam Predicting Next COVID Wave

Dr. Theresa Tam testified at a Commons health committee that a seventh wave of COVID-19 will start after Labour Day and last into the winter. Conservative MP Michael Barrett wanted details on how the prediction of a seventh wave was being made – facts, findings, etc. – but experts were unable to offer any

### \$39 Million to Censor Documents

Federal departments and agencies spent \$39 million hiring private contractors to censor documents sought by Canadians under the Access To Information Act in the past two years. Consultants were hired to reduce the backlog of requests.

### New Fully Vaccinated Definition

True North News is reporting that the federal government is working on a new definition of what it means to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Health Minister, Jean-Yves Duclos, said two does "doesn't work anymore" but says it still prevents disease and death. No details were released on what the government plans to implement or "transition to" for more COVID measures.

### Law Enforcement Said Convoy Was Peaceful

True North News is reporting that documents obtained by Rebel News show that Public Safety Canada told Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino that the Freedom Convoy was peaceful and that there was no violence or threats or firearms. Emails show that the Convov was also calling on people to continue to be respectful of the law. Despite this, Mendicino and others, including NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, said Convoy violence was commonplace and painted the protesters as violent, despite knowing they were not.

### COVID "Science" Proof Denied

An NDP motion for a copy of documents with public health advice and scientific modelling received by the Minister of Transport on quarantining, masking, random testing and a mandatory vaccination rule for air travellers leading to the end of mandates has been blocked by government caucus members on the Commons transport committee.

### Privacy Bill Will Not Apply To Government

On June 16, Cabinet reintroduced a bill exempting itself from a ban on third-party use of Canadians' personal information without consent. Bill C-27 An Act To Enact The Consumer Privacy Protection Act exempts government institutions and permits the bulk sale of data such as data collected from Canadian cellphone users so long as it is anonymized.

Source: Unless otherwise noted, the source is www.blacklocks.ca

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### Tender Results Around The Valley

PW 2022-06 Surface Treatment and Fog Seal Rehabilitation of Cotieville Streets. Horton.

Miller Paving - \$206,769.66 Greenwood - \$184,048.75

## PW 2022-07 Supply of Screened Winter Sand. Horton.

Eastway - \$34,182.50 RGT Clouthier - \$25,953.84 BR Fulton - \$31,075.00

### Animal Control-By-Law Enforcement Contract. Laurentian Valley.

Municipal Law Enforcement
Services
\$39.17 per hour up to 20 hour

\$39.17 per hour up to 20 hours \$35.00 per hour after 20 hours PRO-TECH 5 Inc.

\$39.85 per hour with increments to \$42.85 per hour over the duration of the contract

### PW-2022-05 Screened Winter Sand. McNab Braeside.

RGT Clouthier - \$87,750.00 Bonnechere Ex. - \$88,845.00 BR Fulton - \$114,750.00

### Tender 2022-10 Half Ton. Madawaska Valley.

Recommended award to MacLang Sunridge in the amount of \$68,668.97.

### Tender MV2022-09 Hot Mix Pavement. Madawaska Valley.

Recommended award to Bonnechere Excavating in the amount of \$478,944.60.

### MV2022-08 Double Surface Treatment. Madawaska Valley.

Recommended award to Greenwood Paving in the amount of \$216,533.43.

### RFP 2022-02 Development of a Concept Plan for the Development of Barry's Bay Lakeshore Park. Madawaska Valley.

Recommended award to Beacon Environmental in the amount of \$43,220.52.

### **2022 Sidewalk Replacements. Arnprior.**

Cavanagh Const. - \$211,175.42.

### Office Livestream and Recording Equipment. Madawaska Valley.

Recommended award to ComBEtek Multimedia in the amount of \$9,951.00.

### PW-19-2022 – Award of Tender # PW-14-2022, Sewage Treatment Plant Addition. Petawawa.

Recommended award to Frecon General Contractors in the amount of \$257,000.00.

### PW-10-2022, Supply and Delivery of 1 2022 Multi-Purpose Sidewalk Tractor. Petawawa.

Cubex Ltd. - \$171,685.00 Jade Equipment - \$157,800.00 Joe Johnson - \$178,689.22 Karcher Mun. - \$168,195.00

### PW 2022-05, Public Works Office Renovation. Horton.

Schedule A

Black/McDonald - \$146,696.60 Valley Automation - \$66,896.00 R and R Electric - \$65,653.00 Schedule B

Black/McDonald - \$30,340.50 Valley Automation - \$30,662.55 R and R Electric - \$31,075.00

### Pembroke Street West Reconstruction Phase 3 – Contract No. 20-0264-3 – Reynolds Ave. to Miramichi Lodge. Pembroke.

Greenwood - \$929,946.10 H&H Const. - \$948,114.33

### PW-14-2022, Sewage Treatment Plant Addition. Petawawa.

One tender was received. Frecon - \$257,000.00

### Reconstruction of Joffre Avenue, Haig Avenue and Dufferin Street Contract No. 02-2022. Renfrew.

Bonnechere Ex. - \$2,984,411.39

### Reconstruction of O'Brien Road (Highway 60) - Gillan to Mask Contract No.01-2022. Renfrew.

Bonnechere Ex. - \$5,116,885.60

### Website RFP. Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

Recommended award to Cloud Nine Web Design in the amount of \$10,800 and \$360.00 annually for website hosting.

### Construct Gravity Sanitary Sewer. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to EastPoint Engineering of Halifax in the amount of \$167,760.00.

## DSS for Various Demos for CFHA. Defence Construction Canada.

Awarded to Stantec Consulting of Ottawa in the amount of \$57,318.75.

### Library Expansion Tender PW-2022-06 Engineering Officer Facilities & Assets. Arnprior.

Recommended award to Renokrew in the amount of at \$1,117,264.80.

### DP Trails-2022-01 - Quarry Limestone Crusher Dust Supply and Delivery to K & P Recreational Trail. County of Renfrew.

Goldie Mohr - \$102,654.87 McCrea Excavating -189,995.00 G.P. Splinter Forest Products -\$189,615.00

## PWC-2022-05 B005 (Scollard Bridge) Rehabilitation. County of Renfrew.

Bonnechere Ex. - \$588,465.00 Dalcon Const. - \$633,000.00 Willis Kerr Cont. -\$760,800.00 DW Building - \$769,244.50 GMP Contracting - \$810,452.25 Merol Power -\$815,649.25 Clearwater Struct. - Incomplete

## PWC-2022-21 – Rehabilitation of County Road 21 (Beachburg Road). County of Renfrew.

H&H Const. - \$1,216,714.25 Greenwood - \$1,251,966.61 Bonnechere Ex. - \$1,345,793.26 Cavanagh Con. - \$1,500,000.00

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### It's A Fact

## Canadians Buying US Homes

Source: National Association of Realtors

### 8,800

Homes purchased in the US by Canadians from April 2020 to March 2021

### \$4.2 Billion

Value of homes purchased in the US by Canadians from April 2020 to March 2021

### 69,100

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2010

### 48,500

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2011

### 49,500

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2012

### 43,900

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2013

### 43,700

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2014

### 29,400

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2015

### 26,900

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2016

### 33,800

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2017

### 27,400

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2018

### 19,900

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2019

### 18,300

Units purchased in the US by Canadians in 2020

# Tender Results Continued

PWC-2022-48 C037 (Bagot Creek Culvert) Supply of Concrete Box Culvert. County of Renfrew.

Power Precast - \$172,270.25 Con Cast Pipe - \$172,759.69

## PWC-2022-03 Rehabilitation of County Road 512 (Foymount Road). County of Renfrew.

R.G.T. Clouthier - \$1,381,415.93 Bonnechere Ex. - \$1,405,534.25 Cavanagh - \$1,429,203.54 Greenwood - \$1,436,554.62 Walsh Cont. -\$1,540,743.25

PWC-2022-11 Rehabilitation of County Road 1 (River Road). County of Renfrew. B.R. Fulton - \$849,937.80 Cavanagh Const. - 4898,958.14 Greenwood - \$930,969.27

## PWC-2022-24 Rehabilitation of County Road 24 (White Water Road). County of Renfrew.

H&H Const. - \$857,625.64 Greenwood - \$1,041,022.60 Bonnechere Ex. - \$1,170.943.60

PWC-2022-29 Rehabilitation of County Road 29 (Drive-In Road). County of Renfrew. Greenwood - \$752,674.70

R.G.T. Clouthier - \$838,708.00 Bonnechere Ex. - \$1,044,075.69

PWO-2022-16 Hot Mix Asphalt – Cobden Patrol Yard. County of Renfrew.

Greenwood - \$169,631.75 Miller Paving - \$174,431.25 Bonnechere Ex. \$192,408.70

PWO-2022-17 Tandem Truck and Plow Unit. County of Renfrew.

Winslow-Gerolamy - \$384,749

PWO-2022-18 Backhoe Loader and Attachments. County of Renfrew.

J.R. Brisson - \$183,694 Brandt Tractor - \$212,714

### **Tenders**

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

APN\_Base Program 2022-23, Petawawa

#### **FOR SALE**

Surplus Equipment

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

PW2022-1 A Gravel

PW-2022-07 – Arnprior Cemetery Columbaria (Malloch Road)

### **TENDERS**

2022-11 Fire Nozzles

#22-PW-006 Supply and Delivery of Winter Sand

Request for Tender Contract No. 22-1030 Melton Street Watermain Reconstruction

Proposal for Engineering Design & Contract Administration
Services for Hunter St.
Reconstruction

Mattawa Landfill Wood, Brush and Fibre Piles Chipping and

**Shredding Contract** 

RFT-PR-2022-01 Lanark & District Community Centre Ice Rink Board Replacement

PWO-2022-21 Service Truck

DP Trails 2022-05 Trail Surface Repair and Deliver Aggregate – Algonquin Trail

DP-RCHC-22-01 Asphalt Shingle Roof Replacement, 425 Nelson Street

DP-RCHC-22-102-1 MacKercher Drive Asphalt Shingle Roof Rehabilitation

PW-2022-04 Surface Treatment-Various Locations

PW-2022-03 Paving Works – Various Locations

Engineering Design and Contract Administration Services for PACC Parking Lot

Climate Specialist for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast

Civil-Municipal Services QRT Source List

North Townsite Roads & Utilities Reconstruction, Multiple Streets

Replace Siding at Residential

Housing Units for CFHA

APN\_CO/NO Detectors and Fire Alarm Modifications

Construct Concrete Sidewalk on Montgomery Road

Mechanical Contractor Services QRT Source List

Electrical Contractor QRT Source List

Replace Roof at F16

General Contractor Services QRT SL

Healing Garden in Last Duel Park

Request for Tender – PWC-2022-11 Rehabilitation of County Road 1 (River Road)

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### How Do You Communicate?

### The person you want to reach needs certain things



### By: Jennifer Layman jenn@fwdthink.net

A Forbes magazine article - Why Writing Ability Is The Most Important Skill In Business (And How To Acquire It) - makes the following statement: "Business is fundamentally about getting other people to do things -- getting employees to be productive, customers to buy your product or service, government to leave you alone -- and you can't make these things happen if you can't communicate well."

There is a difference between writing and writing with a purpose. If you want to encourage action, you have to communicate in a way that impacts the audience to whom you are writing. The challenge is being able to separate the information you know from the information to provide people so they will do something with it. Here is an example:

### **Organization Focus Writing**

As a person-centred organization, our mission is to put people first. We do that by adhering to measured and audited standards of excellence and encouraging feedback from the people who benefit from our services. When people are disenfranchised in life, they are often unable to advocate for themselves, and our supervisors recognize that and can bring forward issues while respecting the person who is impacted. When you support our organization, your dollars help fund programs that return person-centred results and outcomes.

### **Audience Focus Writing**

Most of us have never experienced a life situation that causes us to lose our home, lose our job or become a disenfranchised person in society. Further, most of us don't even know people who face this situation. Unfortunately, it's more common than you might think, and ABC Organization exists to support these often hidden people in our community. We offer assistance to people who need help to regain control over their lives, whether that is a more solid financial footing, a second chance at a career or the

ability to choose a healthier life. Sometimes people need a little help and we're here to do that...with your help.

When you communicate with a certain audience, you have to speak your message in a way that resonates with them. Your goal in marketing communications is to attract interest from someone, not to give them an entire history of your business or the purpose and vision of your organization. That information is valuable, but it comes later. Initially, you have to be more yielding to the person's needs rather than your own desire to share information you deem as critical to operations. And, it is not an easy task.

"Business is fundamentally about getting other people to do things...and you can't make these things happen if you can't communicate well."

Make the time to communicate well. People appreciate being able to understand what you want from them.

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

### Work Wellness

#### Turn An Empty Office into a "No Work Allowed" Employee Lounge

A proactive organization has a company break room that requires access through a smartphone. It includes a series of soft, comfortable couches for relaxation or naps, turfgrass (so you can feel the experience of being outside without leaving the building), a cubby for shoes, and a strict rule of no work talk! Employees are free to listen to guided meditations, play board games, or do yoga.

### The Origin of Sayings: "Steal Your Thunder"

This idiom might have the funniest origin, and came from the 18th century. Dramatist John Dennis created an idea for a thunder machine for his play Appius and Virginia, but it didn't work. Fast-forward to the little-known production Macbeth, and alas, his idea was stolen for the play's production. Oh, the drama!

#### Quotable

"I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing it better. I think that's the single best piece of advice: constantly think about how you could be doing things better and questioning yourself." - Elon Musk

"Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones will tend to take care of themselves."

- William Patten

"When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better too."

- Paulo Coelho





June 16, 2022

### In This Issue

- Call for nominations to AMO Board of Directors.
- June 22nd Webinar for Phase 2 of the Conservation Authority Regulations.
- Have your say: National Adaptation Strategy.
- Federal flood mapping survey due Friday!
- Get the risk and claims system your municipality deserves.
- Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
- Remember to upload your annual Energy Consumption data.
- Careers.

### **AMO Matters**

In accordance with the Association's governing by-law, the Secretary-Treasurer is requesting nominations to the 2022-2024 AMO Board of Directors. Nomination package available here. To participate in the AMO Board of Directors election and caucus lunches, make sure to choose your caucus when registering for the 2022 AMO Conference.

AMO and Conservation Ontario are hosting a webinar on Jun 22 at 1:30 PM on the second phase of the transition period for Conservation Authorities. Register in advance for this webinar <u>here</u>.

### **Federal Matters**

The Government of Canada's National Adaptation Strategy is open for public consultation until July 15, 2022. For more information <u>click here</u>.

Municipal governments who are in need of flood mapping are encouraged to respond to Canada's Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program <u>survey</u> by June 17.

### Eye on Events

Are you still using spreadsheets to manage claims and risk? On June 29 at 1 pm ET, join AMO and <u>ClearRisk</u> for a <u>webinar</u> where you will learn more about one of our latest offerings - a risk management information system that saves you time and money.

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of these files is a critical challenge. On June 22 at 12 pm ET, join AMO's partner, Notarius, and learn how ConsignO Cloud can reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer. Register here.

### **LAS**

The time is almost here! Submit your annual energy reports to the Ministry of Energy by July 1, 2022. O. Reg. 507/18 reporting is for energy used in 2020. In case you need a 'How to' refresher, a Ministry hosted reporting webinar will be held <u>June 21 at 11am</u>. For questions, email <u>BPSsupport@ontario.ca</u>.

### **Careers**

<u>Director, Vital Statistics Registry Branch - Ministry of Government and Consumer Services.</u> Direct and manage the operations of the Office of the Registrar General (ORG) and effectively administer Ontario's Vital Statistics Act, Marriage Act and Change of Name Act, associated regulations, and sections of related statutes. <u>Apply online</u> by June 21.

<u>Chief Executive Officer (CEO) - CityHousing Hamilton.</u> Reporting to the Board of Directors of CityHousing Hamilton, you will provide leadership and support to the Board, and direct CHH operations. Apply to <u>careers@phelpsgroup.ca</u> by July 9th.

<u>CSWBP Coordinator - Bruce and Grey County.</u> Community Safety and Well-Being Planning (CSWBP) Coordinator is a joint Bruce and Grey role created by the Ministry of Solicitor General as a crime prevention initiative to work with various committees and agencies to successfully facilitate and implement the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. <u>Apply online</u> by June 29.

<u>Manager of Revenue and Deputy Treasurer - Town of Gravenhurst.</u> Lead responsibility for the billing, accounting, collection and reporting of property taxes, corporate revenues and receivables; the Town Development Charges by-law, policies, and administration. Apply to <u>HumanResources@gravenhurst.ca</u> By June 30.

<u>Financial Analyst - County of Dufferin.</u> Responsible for financial and program monitoring and reporting for the Community Services Department including monthly, quarterly, and annual reports. Apply to <a href="mailto:hr@dufferincounty.ca">hr@dufferincounty.ca</a> by July 15.

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