

## Town of Arnprior Regular Meeting of Council: August 22, 2022

## **Correspondence Package No. I-22-August-14**

## **Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-22-August-14 be received as information and filed accordingly.

## **General Information Items:**

- 1. Correspondence from the Province of Ontario
  - a) Canada and Ontario Taking Further Action to Grow and Sustain the Agri-Food Workforce
  - b) COVID-19 Vaccine Bookings to Open for Children Aged Six Months to Under Five Years
  - c) Ontario Bringing High-Speed Internet Access to More Communities
  - d) Ontario Introduces French Accents on Health Cards
  - e) Ontario Launches its Plan to Catch Up
  - f) Ontario Making it Easier and Faster to Renew Ontario Photo Cards
  - **g)** Ontario Platform Enabling Electronic Filing of Criminal Charges Now Available Province wide
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- 2. Correspondence from AJ Anas
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  - a) Ontario Sheep Livestock Guardian Dogs
- 4. Correspondence from Ontario Age Friendly Communities Network Exchange
  - a) Newsletter- August 2022

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- 5. Correspondence from Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home Program Inc.
  - a) Seniors Newsletter Summer 2022
- 6. Correspondence from Renfrew County & District Health Unit
  - a) COVID-19 Case Summary August 11, 2022
  - b) Increase in Local COVID-19 Activity
- 7. Correspondence from Renfrew County
  - a) County of Renfrew Presenting Two Delegations at AMO Conference
  - b) County of Renfrew Receives \$40,000 Donation Towards Algonquin Trail
  - c) Renfrew County Councillor Peter Emon Secures Seat on AMO Board Rural Caucus
  - d) Taste of the Valley now Accepting Vendor Applications
  - e) Miramichi Lodge Volunteers Celebrate at Garden Party

### 8. Correspondence from Ottawa Valley Business

- a) August 16, 2022
- **b)** July 19, 2022

## 9. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- a) Watch File July 7, 2022
- b) Watch File July 14, 2022
- c) Watch File July 28, 2022
- d) Watch File August 4, 2022
- e) Watch File August 11, 2022
- f) AMO'S 2021 Annual Report

# Canada and Ontario Taking Further Action to Grow and Sustain the Agri-Food Workforce

Governments addressing agri-food labour challenges to strengthen food security and supply chains

July 28, 2022 Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

TORONTO — The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing \$4 million to continue building a strong and competitive agri-food workforce. The second round of the <u>Ontario Agri-Careers Support Initiative</u>, which opens today and closes on September 8, 2022, provides funding for innovative pilot projects that are tailor-made to address employee needs at a local level.

"By working together through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, we're ensuring Ontario has a skilled workforce to support its crucial food processing sector," said Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. "This investment in Agri-Careers helps Ontario's food processors meet growing labour challenges, while remaining competitive here and around the world."

Eligible food processing businesses with 50 or more employees can apply for up to \$80,000 in funding, or up to \$200,000 for collaborations between two or more businesses, to cover up to 70 per cent of eligible project costs. Selected projects will aim to help the sector attract, support and retain the workers it needs to continue producing the safe and high-quality food made in Ontario, strengthen the local supply chain and promote greater food security.

"Our government recognizes that we need to continue making strategic investments that position Ontario's agri-food sector for success both now and in the future," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "The innovative projects we are supporting through this program will make it easier for people to take advantage of meaningful and increasingly high-tech career opportunities available in food processing."

Examples of pilot projects that could be eligible for funding include:

- transportation initiatives for employees to commute to the job site
- childcare options for working parents
- language proficiency solutions for workers with English as a second language
- improving workspace environments.

"We need all hands-on deck to tackle the historic labour shortage in Ontario, so that shelves are stocked, and families have food on their table," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "That's why our government is supporting the Ontario Agri-Careers Support Initiative, which will prepare job seekers for exciting careers in agri-food and spread opportunity to every corner of our province."

The Ontario Agri-Careers Support Initiative builds on the first intake that was announced in February and follows an additional \$1.5-million labour intake under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) that was announced last October. These initiatives, combined with the \$22 million Agri-Tech Innovation cost-share program launched in April 2021, further enhance the province's agri-food labour support to build a competitive and skilled agri-food workforce.

"As the province's largest manufacturing sector by employment, programs like the Ontario Agri-Careers Support Initiative are vital to supporting the important work of the food and beverage processing sector," said Chris Conway, CEO of Food and Beverage Ontario.

## **Quick Facts**

Canada and Ontario Taking Further Action to Grow and Sustain the Agri-Food Workforce | Ontario Newsroom

- The Canadian Agricultural Human Resource Council (CAHRC) estimates an agri-food workforce shortfall of 123,000 by 2029 in Canada. Ontario is expected to represent the largest share of the shortfall.
- The agri-food sector represents 10.2 per cent of Ontario's labour force. In 2021, one in 10 jobs was related to the agrifood sector.

### **Additional Resources**

Ontario Agri-Careers Support Initiative

Canadian Agricultural Partnership

## **Related Topics**

### **Rural and North**

Information about the province's Far North and rural communities. Get connected to business improvement organizations and learn more about funding and programs that support rural, northern and Indigenous communities. <u>Learn more</u>

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Bookings to Open For Children Aged Six Months to Under Five Years

COVID-19 Paid Sick Days Extended to March 31, 2023

July 21, 2022 <u>Health</u>

TORONTO — As of 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022, parents and caregivers of children aged six months to under five years will be able to book appointments for the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine. <u>Immunocompromised</u> youth aged 12 to 17 will also become eligible to schedule their second booster dose (fifth dose) if at least six months have passed since their first booster (fourth dose).

"The approval of a lower dose paediatric Moderna vaccine will give families the opportunity to provide an additional layer of protection against COVID-19 for the youngest members of their families," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Getting vaccinated remains the best defence against COVID-19 and I encourage parents with questions to reach out to their health care provider, the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre or the SickKids COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service to make an informed choice for their family."

Over the next several days, paediatric vaccines are being distributed across the province and will be available through public health unit clinics, as well as participating paediatricians, primary care providers and pharmacies. Starting July 28, appointments will be available through the <u>COVID-19 vaccination portal</u> and the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre, directly through <u>public health units</u> using their own booking system, participating primary care providers and paediatricians, as well as at <u>participating pharmacies</u> and Indigenous-led vaccination clinics.

Parents and caregivers with questions are encouraged to speak with their health care provider or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 to speak to a health specialist or visit <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service</u> to book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids Registered Nurse.

"We know that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and have helped lower the rate of infection in our communities throughout the pandemic," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "Although most children who get infected have no symptoms or mild symptoms, some can become very sick and require hospitalization. The vaccine offered to children aged six months to under five years is a lower dose that is safe and effective at protecting this age group from COVID-19. Even if a child has already had COVID-19, vaccination will help to further improve the immune response and provide more robust protection. I encourage every parent and caregiver to consider getting their younger children vaccinated and protected, especially if they are immunocompromised or have other serious medical conditions."

The Ontario government is also ensuring workers do not lose pay if they miss work due to COVID-19 by extending <u>paid sick</u> <u>days</u> to March 31, 2023.

Eligible workers will continue to receive up to \$200 a day for up to three days if they need to get tested, vaccinated, receive booster shots, self-isolate, or care for a family member who is ill from COVID-19. The government will continue to reimburse eligible employers for the paid leave days.

## **Quick Facts**

- Children aged six months to under five years old will receive the paediatric Moderna COVID-19 vaccine which is a slightly modified, lower dose (half the amount given to children aged six to 11), in a two-dose series at a <u>recommended</u> <u>interval of eight weeks</u> between first and second doses.
- Parents or caregivers of children aged six months to under five years will have to provide consent on behalf of the child before or at the time of the appointment. To receive a vaccine, children must already be at least six months old.
- As of July 19, 2022, Ontario has administered more than 33 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with more than 93 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over having received at least one dose, more than 91 per cent having received a

second dose and more than 57 per cent having received a booster.

- Certain <u>immunocompromised</u> Ontarians are eligible for a three dose primary vaccination series and a first booster (fourth dose). Starting on July 28, immunocompromised individuals aged 12 to 17 will become eligible for their second booster (fifth dose) at a recommended interval of six months since their first booster (fourth dose).
   Immunocompromised individuals aged 18 and older are already eligible to receive their second booster dose (fifth dose).
- If you have questions about vaccine eligibility, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007), which is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and capable of providing assistance in more than 300 languages.

## **Additional Resources**

- Ontarians Aged 18+ Eligible for Second Booster Shot
- <u>COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth</u>
- <u>Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines: Recommended Doses</u>
- Visit <u>COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service</u> to book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids Registered Nurse
- Ontario COVID-19 Worker Income Protection Benefit
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's <u>COVID-19 communication resources webpage</u>.
- Visit Ontario's <u>website</u> to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

## **Related Topics**

#### Government

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#### Health and Wellness

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## Ontario Bringing High-Speed Internet Access to More Communities

Province helping to connect up to 266,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses

August 04, 2022 Infrastructure

TORONTO — The Ontario government is bringing high-speed internet access to up to 266,000 unserved and underserved homes and businesses, marking another milestone in its plan to help connect every corner of the province by the end of 2025.

"Our government is ensuring every community in Ontario has access to reliable high-speed internet," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "We are making tremendous progress towards building a stronger Ontario, where everyone will have access to health services, be able to work and learn online, participate in the agriculture sector, while also helping to create jobs and invest in the future of our province, today and for generations to come."

The province has signed agreements with <u>eight internet service providers</u> to bring access to as many as 339 municipalities across Ontario. The internet service providers were selected through a two-stage <u>competitive process</u> and are part of Ontario's historic investment of nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet across the province.

"This competitive process is the first of its kind in Canada and has led to an unprecedented market response and commitment to deliver high-speed internet connections to communities that have been left underserved until now," said Michael Lindsay, President and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario. "We at Infrastructure Ontario are proud to help create a connected, modern and competitive Ontario."

The government has a plan to build Ontario's future with shovels in the ground for highways, hospitals, housing and highspeed internet infrastructure. Ontario's high-speed internet initiatives will help ensure that every home and business, in every community, can participate in today's economy. It will also help create the conditions for economic and fiscal growth, while protecting progress made.

## **Quick Facts**

- The Ontario government has committed over \$950 million to nearly 190 broadband, cellular and satellite projects to date, bringing faster internet access to over 375,000 homes and businesses across the province, and significantly improving cellular connectivity throughout Eastern Ontario.
- In 2021, Ontario passed the <u>Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021</u> to help speed up construction of broadband projects. To build upon this legislation, the Ontario government passed the <u>Getting Ontario Connected Act,</u>

<u>2022</u> which further reduces barriers, duplication and delays.

• Expanding access to high-speed internet is part of <u>Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused</u> <u>Government</u>, which includes more than 30 projects that are changing the way people and businesses interact with government.

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"Our government has made access to high-speed internet a priority for rural Ontario, and we're delivering on that commitment. Access to high-speed internet will help build Ontario and strengthen communities by helping families stay in touch, enabling them to access the supports they need, while providing a much-needed boost to the local economy. It's the type of critical infrastructure that will benefit the entire community."

- Lisa Thompson Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

## **Additional Resources**

- Ontario Increasing Access to High-Speed Internet Across the Province
- Ontario Connects: making high-speed internet accessible in every community
- Historic Investment Plan Ensures Access to High-Speed Internet for All
- Ontario Takes Next Step to Expand High-Speed Internet Access
- 2022 Ontario Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build
- Ontario Builds map

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https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002218/ontario-bringing-high-speed-internet-access-to-more-communities

## **Ontario Introduces French Accents on Health Cards**

Franco-Ontarians Can Now Request a New Health Card at No Cost

August 03, 2022 <u>Health</u>

TORONTO — To better serve the Francophone community, the Ontario government is now offering the option of French language characters, such as accents (e.g., ç, è, é, ê, ë), on Ontario health cards. This is another step forward in the province's plan to make French characters available on all Ontario government identification.

"We are supporting Ontario's Francophone community and improving their experience when accessing vital government services throughout the province, including health care," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Franco-Ontarians can now have their name correctly identified on their health card in addition to their driver's licence and photo card."

Ontarians with French names may now visit a ServiceOntario location with the <u>required supporting identification documents</u> to request a free replacement health card displaying their name with French language characters, including accents.

"By making available French-language characters on Ontario health cards, the Government of Ontario demonstrates its determination to expand quality services for the province's French-speaking community," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Francophone Affairs. "We are committed to delivering French-language services to Francophones and will continue to work closely with our partners to reflect the needs and specificity of Ontario's Francophonie."

In <u>September 2020</u>, Ontario added French language characters to Ontario driver's licence cards and Ontario Photo Cards. With French language characters now available for health cards, Franco-Ontarians will now be able to have their names accurately reflected on the most commonly used government ID cards.

"Ontario is committed to building an inclusive province where everyone belongs, and where culture and diversity are respected," said Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "We are pleased that French language characters are now available on all commonly used Ontario government identification."

Ontarians are reminded to check their health cards in case they have expired and can conveniently renew their cards online at <u>Ontario.ca/Renew</u> or book an in-person meeting at <u>Ontario.ca/Appointment</u>. Individuals experiencing difficulties with renewing their health card should contact ServiceOntario at 1-866-532-3161 (TTY: 1-800-387-5559) to inquire about options for their specific situation.

"We are making life easier for Ontarians by delivering simpler, faster, and more inclusive services," said Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. "Ontario's Francophone community can now conveniently access vital documents that reflect their unique identity through ServiceOntario centres across our province."

## **Additional Resources**

- Ontario Introduces French Accents on Driver's Licences and Ontario Photo Cards
- <u>Learn more</u> about how to replace, cancel or make changes to your Ontario health card.
- Find out which ServiceOntario locations are near you.
- To avoid missing renewal dates for health cards and other important IDs or permits, free reminders by email, text or phone call are available by subscribing at <u>Ontario.ca/Reminders</u> or calling ServiceOntario at 1-800-267-8097.

## **Related Topics**

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## **Ontario Launches its Plan to Catch Up**

Plan Starts with Students Back in Classrooms, On Time

July 25, 2022 Education

TORONTO — After two years of pandemic disruptions, Ontario today launched its *Plan to Catch Up* for the 2022-23 school year. The plan, which is supported by the government's historic investments in education, starts with students back in classrooms, on time, with the full school experience including extracurriculars like clubs, band and field trips.

"Our government is looking ahead as we remain squarely focused on ensuring students receive the best stable learning experience possible, and that starts with them being in class, on time, with all of the experiences students deserve," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "We have a plan for students to catch up, including the largest tutoring program in Ontario's history, a modernized skills-focused curriculum to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow, and enhanced mental health supports."

Ontario's *Plan to Catch Up* is squarely focused on the priorities of parents and includes five key components:

- 1. Getting kids back in classrooms in September, on time, with a full school experience that includes extra-curriculars like clubs, band, and field trips;
- 2. New tutoring supports to fill gaps in learning;
- 3. Preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow;
- 4. Providing more money to build schools and improve education; and
- 5. Helping students with historic funding for mental health supports.

The full *Plan to Catch Up* can be found online <u>here</u>.

The government has made key investments that students and educators are already benefiting from, including:

- More than \$26.6 billion in funding for the 2022-23 school year, the highest investment in public education in Ontario's history.
- Investing more than \$175 million for enhanced tutoring support programs delivered by school boards and community partners, with a focus on reading, writing and math.
- \$304 million in time-limited funding to support the hiring of up to 3,000 front line staff, including teachers, early childhood educators, educational assistants, and other education workers.
- Investing \$14 billion to build state-of-the-art schools and classrooms and renew and repair existing schools, including \$2.1 billion for the 2022-23 school year.
- Allocating \$90 million for mental health initiatives and supports for students, a 420 per cent increase from 2017-18.
- Additional funding to support students with exceptionalities through a \$93 million increase in funding for the Special Education Grant and over \$9 million in funding to support the new de-streamed grade nine program, with an emphasis

on supporting students most at risk including students from racialized, Black, immigrant, and Indigenous communities.

"With almost 50,000 children benefiting from Ontario's tutoring investments every week, and summer learning programs underway province-wide, Ontario's plan is getting students back on track," added Minister Lecce. "With an emphasis on getting back to basics, our government is focused on strengthening life and job skills in the classroom, so that students graduate as financially literate, technologically savvy, emotionally intelligent leaders, ready for the jobs of tomorrow."

Nationally, Ontario students continue to be among the top performers in math, reading and science, as demonstrated in the 2019 Pan-Canadian Assessment Program results. Ontario's *Plan to Catch Up* will help preserve the province's competitive advantage and ensure students have the skills they need for the jobs of the future as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Quick Facts**

#### Ontario Launches its Plan to Catch Up | Ontario Newsroom

- As of the beginning of April 2022, ministry-funded tutoring programs were underway across the province. From May to June 2022, on average, approximately 49,000 students participated in tutoring programs each week, with an average group size of less than five students to provide tailored and focused support.
- With supportive policies and programs delivered by the ministry, school boards and partners, Ontario students have overcome many of the challenges of the pandemic, and graduation rates continue to rise. In 2020-21, 84.2 per cent of the 2016-17 grade nine cohort of students received their high school diploma within four years and 89 per cent of students received their high school diploma within four years and 89 per cent of students received their high school diploma within four years.
- Since August 2020, more than \$665 million has been allocated to improve ventilation and filtration in schools as part of the province's efforts to protect against COVID-19. These investments have resulted in improvements to existing ventilation systems; deployment of over 100,000 standalone HEPA filter units and other ventilation devices to schools; upgrades to school ventilation infrastructure; and increased transparency through public posting of school board standardized ventilation measure reports.
- Up to 9,000 HEPA filter units were deployed to child care centres to provide further protection against COVID-19.
- Over the course of the pandemic, child care programs stayed open and served children and their families, including providing emergency child care for front line workers during periods of school closure and remote learning.

## **Additional Resources**

- Plan to Catch Up
- <u>Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness</u>

## **Related Topics**

## **Education and Training**

Learn about Ontario's early years, education and training systems. Includes information on child care, elementary schools, secondary schools, colleges, universities, skills training and financial aid. <u>Learn more</u>

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## Ontario Making it Easier and Faster to Renew Ontario Photo Cards

Digital reminders making it more convenient to keep government-issued ID and licence plates up to date

August 08, 2022 Public and Business Service Delivery

TORONTO — The Ontario government is making it more convenient for people to keep their government-issued identification and permits up to date. Holders of Ontario Photo Cards can now sign up for free reminders by email, text, or phone call 60 and 30 days before it is time to renew, providing a convenient way to get notified when the photo cards are set to expire. All Ontarians are also encouraged to sign up for free digital renewal reminders for health cards, driver's licences and licence plates.

"We're constantly improving government services to make life easier for people and businesses," said Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. "Digital renewal reminders are a great way to help people remember to keep their ID, documents, and licence plates up to date and to take advantage of our easy and fast online services to renew them in minutes."

It is important for Ontarians to keep their licence plate, driver's licence, health card, or Ontario Photo Card up to date to ensure seamless access to critical services and avoid fines or penalties. It's easier, faster, and more convenient to renew now than ever before. Customers can renew online at <u>Ontario.ca/Renew</u> in minutes. Those who need to visit a ServiceOntario centre in person can book an appointment at <u>Ontario.ca/Appointment</u> to make the visit quicker and hassle-free.

Signing up for digital reminders is quick and easy online at <u>Ontario.ca/Reminders</u> or by calling ServiceOntario at 1-800-387-3445 (TTY: 1-800-268-7095).

"Signing up for renewal reminders via email, text or automated phone calls is an easy and fast way for people to keep their Ontario Photo Cards up to date. This initiative will provide Ontarians with more time to focus on what matters most, while ensuring these critical documents like driver's licences, licence plates, and Ontario Photo Cards, are always current," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation.

"Providing digital reminders is a great way to offer Ontarians choice about how they engage with important services," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "These free reminders help ensure everyone can receive communications in an accessible manner."

## **Quick Facts**

- An Ontario Photo Card is a government-issued identification document and an option for people who do not hold a driver's licence. The card makes it easier for people to do things such as open a bank account or receive a voting ballot and can be used for online renewal of health cards. There are approximately 770,000 Ontario Photo Card holders.
- <u>Since the launch of the service in 2021</u>, there are now more than 2.6 million digital reminder subscriptions for licence plates, driver's licences, and health cards.
- More than 40 services provided by ServiceOntario are available online, anytime and anywhere for Ontarians.
- In March 2022, the government eliminated licence plate renewal fees and the requirement to have a licence plate sticker, saving vehicle owners \$120 a year in southern Ontario and \$60 a year in Northern Ontario. While the renewal fee and sticker have been eliminated, it is still a legal requirement for vehicle owners to <u>renew</u> their plates every one or two years at no cost to confirm their automobile insurance is valid and pay any outstanding Highway 407 tolls and other municipal fines.

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https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002228/ontario-making-it-easier-and-faster-to-renew-ontario-photo-cards

## Ontario Platform Enabling Electronic Filing of Criminal Charges Now Available Provincewide

New elntake system allowing police to spend more time combatting crime

July 27, 2022 Solicitor General

TORONTO — The Ontario government has expanded the use of the eIntake digital platform to include the Eastern region, making the platform available right across the province.

elntake expedites the process for law enforcement officers to file criminal charges electronically and streamlines the information shared between police, other enforcement agencies and courts in real time. It also allows Justices of the Peace to enter their decisions, sign documents digitally and request additional information from law enforcement officers online.

"Our government is modernizing the criminal justice system to ensure our justice sector partners have the tools they need," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "The successful implementation of elntake across Ontario is an important step towards building a more connected criminal justice system, allowing our frontline heroes to spend more time combatting crime and ensuring communities are protected across the province."

"The elntake platform is a critical pillar in the Ontario government's strategy to reduce paperwork and build a more responsive and resilient justice system," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "By expanding these services provincewide, we're ensuring police and Justices of the Peace can focus on bringing offenders to justice and keeping our communities safe."

The elntake system is now being used by 64 enforcement agencies and 129 courthouses across Ontario. It is among a series of digital initiatives the Ontario government is taking to build a justice system that is seamless, simple and efficient, and is part of <u>Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused Government</u>, which includes more than 30 projects that are changing the way people and businesses interact with government.

## **Quick Facts**

• More than 110,000 charging documents have been received by elntake since the application's launch in 2019.

#### **Additional Resources**

Ontario Making Government Services More Convenient, Reliable, and Accessible

## **Related Topics**

### Law and Safety

Ontario's laws and related information about our legal system, emergency services, the Ontario Provincial Police and victim services. Learn more

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# Ontario's Plan to Build Supporting Stronger Province and Economy

2022 Budget is a plan to help keep costs down for families, support better jobs and bigger paycheques and build more highways, housing, transit and hospitals

August 09, 2022 Finance

TORONTO — As part of its commitment to implement the *2022 Budget* and build a stronger Ontario for workers, businesses and families, the Ontario government today re-introduced the *Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures), 2022*.

"I am pleased to re-introduce the *Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures), 2022* bill today so our government can continue delivering *Ontario's Plan to Build*, supporting better jobs for workers while building more highways, housing and hospitals right across the province," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "With costs rising, our plan also includes measures to help families, including new direct payments to parents to help their kids catch up and increasing Ontario Disability Support Program payments."

To help those who qualify for disability support, the government is delivering on its commitment to increase the rates for income support by five per cent beginning in September 2022, for families and persons under the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). Beginning in September, the government will increase both the ODSP rate and the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program maximum monthly amount by five per cent. Future ODSP rates will also be adjusted to inflation.

To help fill gaps in learning for students after two years of pandemic disruptions, the government is also investing \$225 million for direct payments to parents. This is in addition to the previously announced \$175 million tutoring support program, the largest of its kind in Ontario's history. The government will have more details later in the year on how families can access this new support.

"No government in Ontario history has invested more in public education, tutoring supports, and student mental health than our government," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "We are going further by providing direct financial support to parents, in addition to the expanded tutoring supports for students, all focused on ensuring kids get back to class with the full school experience."

The additional investment in tutoring supports and increased ODSP rate will be funded from existing contingencies contained in the government's fiscal plan as presented in the *2022 Budget*.

Building on the Province's record of transparency and accountability, the government also released the <u>2022-23 First Quarter</u> <u>Finances</u> today, which provides updated information about the evolution of Ontario's economic and fiscal outlook since the <u>2022 Budget</u> for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Due to higher-than-projected taxation revenues, the government is projecting a

deficit of \$18.8 billion in 2022-23, an improvement of \$1.1 billion from the outlook presented in the 2022 Budget.

"We have a prudent and flexible plan which builds on our record of responsible fiscal management, while making the investments that will reduce commute times, support front-line health care and help create good jobs," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "In a time of economic uncertainty, our government is supporting Ontario workers and families by putting more money back into their pockets."

## **Quick Facts**

- Employment in July 2022 was 192,400 jobs or 2.6 per cent above the February 2020 pre-pandemic level.
- The Province's 2022–23 First Quarter Finances is projecting a deficit of \$18.8 billion, an improvement of \$1.1 billion since the outlook published in the 2022 Budget, primarily due to higher projected taxation revenues.

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- Ontario's real gross domestic product (GDP) continued to grow in a challenging global environment, rising 1.1 per cent in the first calendar quarter of 2022 and exceeding the pre-pandemic level in the fourth quarter of 2019 by 1.3 per cent. Growth in the first quarter was widespread, with gains in household spending, business investment and exports.
- The government released the 2022 Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build and first introduced the Plan to Build Act (Budget Measures), 2022 on April 28, 2022.

## **Additional Resources**

- Keeping Costs Down for Ontario Families
- 2022-23 First Quarter Finances
- Ontario.ca/Budget

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IT MEANT SO MUCH. Dear Mayor Stack, I am writing to thank you for your generous award. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of the Town of Arnprior Award. As I start my HVAC schooling and training I am very thankFul to have received this award and Will use it to buy tools For

My trade. Sincerely, AJ Anas

## Ontario Sheep

On behalf of Ontario's 2700 sheep farmers, I am reaching out to begin a dialogue with your municipality on the increasing challenge livestock farmers face in dealing with problem predators, and the role that Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGD) and your municipal dog control bylaws play in helping our farmers protect their sheep.

Problem predators are an increasing challenge and cost for Ontario livestock farmers requiring considerable effort and resources on the part of farmers and the Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF). The financial cost of predation not only costs farmers, in terms of preventative measures, such as fencing and LGD; it also costs Ontario taxpayers, with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) paying farmers over \$717,000 in the 2021 FY for losses of livestock caused by wildlife. This cost does not include the cost borne by municipalities and OMAFRA in sending investigators out to farms and administering the program. Nor does this cover the costs of veterinarians to help those maimed by predators to recover, the production losses of animals who are stressed from predation and the mental health toll predation takes on the farmer. Without being able to properly protect livestock from predation, taxpayers should expect to see an increased incidence of predation and increased costs.

Livestock guardian animals are one of the most common forms of predation prevention control used by Ontario sheep producers. These include Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs), donkeys, and llamas, with LGD being the most popular choice. However, there are instances when municipal by-laws hinder the efficient use of LGDs on farming operations as the by-laws are intended primarily for dogs kept for companionship, breeding, or non-working purposes. We have reviewed work done by several Ontario municipalities where LGDs have been specifically addressed when creating or revising existing by-laws. Below are some of the primary areas of concern and suggested options for consideration by your municipality.

#### Add Definition of Livestock Guardian Dogs (LGDs) and Herding Dogs to by-laws

#### We propose that:

"Livestock Guardian Dog" (LGD) be defined as a dog that works and/or lives with domestic farm animals (e.g. cattle, sheep, poultry) to protect them while repelling predators and is used exclusively for that purpose.

"Herding Dog" means a dog that has been trained and is actively being used in a bona fide farming operation for the purposes of controlling livestock on the farm.

There are different breeds of LGDs of which the most popular breeds in Ontario include Great Pyrenees, Akbash, Kuvasz, Maremma and Anatolian Shepherd and crosses between these breeds. Although not an exhaustive list, dogs generally used for herding include Border Collies, Australian Shepherds, Blue & Red Heelers and Huntaways.



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#### Dog Registration/Licensing Requirements

Paying annual dog registration/license fees for numerous working farm dogs can become a significant cost for sheep producers. We would encourage municipalities to exempt LGDs and herding dogs from annual license fees as is done in many jurisdictions for assistance/service dogs and working police dogs. The definition of

#### Requirement for Dogs to Wear a Collar and Tag

LGDs' instincts are to guard and follow the flock, sleeping and working outdoors in all kinds of weather. Collars can become snagged on branches or fences and become a skin irritant in hot or wet weather. We suggest that municipal by-laws allow owners to remove the collar and license tag (if applicable) from a guardian or herding dog while the dog is being actively used in farming practices provided that the owner uses an alternative means of identification linking the animal to the name and address of the owner, e.g. either a tattoo or microchip containing the required information.

#### Requirements for Kennel Licensing and/or Limitation on Number of Dogs Kept

In some areas bylaw requires a person with more than three dogs at the same premises to secure a kennel license. Coyotes are very smart and will lure the dogs away while the remaining coyotes kill the sheep or lambs from behind or will attack the dogs directly. It is not uncommon for farmers to have more than two LGDs, especially when they are training younger dogs. This is especially true in areas where there is heavy predation. As well, larger sheep flocks in Ontario (several over 1500 animals), require numerous dogs to provide adequate protection especially where higher numbers of predators are present.

We would propose for your consideration that a person may keep more than three dogs at a premise without obtaining a kennel license provided:

- the person is keeping sheep (or other livestock) upon the same premises.
- the premises is on land that is zoned rural and agricultural.
- the person provides proof of producer registration issued in the name recorded by the Ontario Sheep Farmers, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Ontario Goat,
- the dogs are registered/licensed annually in accordance with relevant municipal by-laws (if required)
- and that the dogs are LGDs and or herding dogs.

#### **Running At Large**

A dog shall not be running at large if it is a LGD and is on their leased or owned property.

#### **Barking Restrictions**

LGD are exempt from barking restrictions if actively engaged in guarding livestock against predators. Under the Farming and Food Production Protection Act farmers are protected from nuisance complaints made by neighbours provided they are following normal farming practices. The use of LGD on sheep farms is a widely used practice in Ontario and other sheep producing jurisdictions.



#### Aggressive/ Dangerous Dog designation

LGD act aggressively and show aggression towards things they view as a threat to the livestock they are protecting. As such, an exemption, like that for police dogs should be considered.

OSF wishes to work cooperatively with you to ensure that municipal bylaws take into consideration the use of LGD when developing their bylaws. We would be pleased to communicate with the appropriate municipal officials to review with you Ontario sheep producers' needs and concerns in this area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

John Hemsted, Chair





#### Livestock Guardian Dog use in Ontario

Predation is a significant cost and ongoing threat to sheep flocks in Ontario. Preventative measures are the first line of defense for producers. Livestock Guardian Dogs are one of the most effective preventative measures available because they are actively protecting the flock 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Livestock Guardian Dogs have been used in Ontario since the 1960's. Their use has increased in the past 40 years as the province's coyote population has increased and expanded throughout the entire province. Livestock Guardian Dog are now used by a great majority of sheep producers in Ontario to protect their flocks from predation by (primarily) coyotes, but also wolves, bears and other wildlife.

Livestock Guardian Dogs live with the sheep flock.

They provide protection to the flock by patrolling pastures, marking the perimeter of their territory. They also bark, run at, and try to intimidate any threats to the livestock they are protecting, which in this case is sheep.

Barking is one of the primary means by which livestock guardian dogs provide protection to the sheep flock. It is their way of communicating with other canines, and the guarding bark warns predators to avoid the area. Because dogs' sense of smell and hearing are many times more acute than that of humans, they often appear to be "barking" at nothing, when in fact, they hear, or smell something that humans are not able to.

Except perhaps for sheep flocks totally confined to barns with no access to outdoors, very few sheep flocks would survive predation attacks if it weren't for the effectiveness of livestock guardian dogs.

Ontario Sheep Farmers (OSF) considers the use of livestock guardian dogs to provide protection to livestock against predation as a normal farm practice.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act (administered by Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) defines normal farm practice as a farming practice which:

- is consistent with proper, acceptable customs and standards of similar operations; or
- uses innovative technology according to proper, advanced farm management practices.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act was established to promote and protect agricultural uses and normal farm practices in agricultural areas, in a way that balances the needs of the agricultural community with provincial health, safety and environmental concerns.



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## Ontario Age-Friendly Communities Network Exchange August 2022

Good morning Kaila,

Whether you are taking some planned vacation or using the quiet month of August to dive into some passion projects, we hope you are enjoying some sunny, well-deserved, rest and relaxation!

With a record hot summer continuing throughout much of Canada, check out the extreme heat safety tips for older adults listed under our Resources below.

Kind regards, Sarah

Sarah Webster Manager, Centre for Studies in Aging and Health websters@providencecare.ca

#### **Age-Friendly News**

#### Ontario

- Four Ottawa women choose a cohousing way of living (All Things Home)
- <u>First Ever Indigenous-led Housing Development for Seniors under 'Housing Now'</u> <u>Initiative</u> (Urban Toronto)
- <u>McMaster study aims to help older adults stay mobile and social</u> (The Hamilton Spectator)
- Sudbury community projects for seniors receive federal funding (CTV News)
- Thorold Age-Friendly Committee launches free calendar (Thorold Today)
- <u>Bradford Seniors enjoy 'Yappy Hour' with special guests</u> (Bradford Today)
- <u>The pandemic was rough on seniors. These students started a pen pal program to</u> <u>keep them company</u> (CBC News, London)
- Feds help fund program to link Sudbury seniors, youth through gardening (Sudbury.com)

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- <u>The biggest challenge for senior homeowners</u> (The Hamilton Spectator)
- <u>'Grandparent scam' is once again preying on local Orillia seniors</u> (Orillia Matters)

#### Canada

- <u>Never too old to learn: Study groups available for Okanagan seniors</u> (Kelowna Capital, British Columbia)
- <u>Sending sunshine to seniors, one card at a time</u> (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News, British Columbia)
- <u>How these P.E.I. sisters have been making seniors smile for nearly 2 decades</u> (CBC News)
- How a mental health project from moratorium-era Newfoundland can inform senior care (Toronto Star)
- Yukon seniors preparing to compete in Canada 55+ Games (CBC News)
- <u>It's a program designed to help seniors and students in Quesnel</u> (My Cariboo Now, British Columbia)
- <u>Better emergency preparedness can protect older adults from climate change</u> (The Conversation, Canada)
- <u>Alberta hopes to improve protections for seniors with updated elder abuse strategy</u> (Edmonton Sun)

#### International

- <u>The Decade Of Healthy Aging Cannot Ignore Mental Health Of Older Workers</u> (Forbes, United States)
- <u>Online chair yoga a plus for older adults with dementia: study</u> (McKnight's Long-Term Care News, United States)
- Feeling connected through Age Scotland's friendship services (Age Scotland)
- Shifting Our Aging Society From A Burden To An Asset (Forbes, United States)

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Sep 19, 2022

DeafBlind Ontario Services: <u>Virtual Workshop Webinar – Communication 101: Bridging the</u> <u>Gap</u>

(workshop)

#### Sept. 20, 2022

AGE-WELL: <u>AgeTech and Arthritis: How Technology Can Help People Living with Arthritis</u> (webinar)

#### Sept. 21, 2022

AARP: 2022 AARP Livable Communities Workshop: Housing for People of All Ages (workshop)

Sept. 29, 2022

#### Oct. 18, 2022

AGE-WELL: Innovating a Better Future 2022 (conference)

#### Oct. 24 – 26, 2022

Ontario Long Term Care Association: <u>This is Long Term Care 2022 Virtual Conference</u> (conference)

#### Oct. 27, 2022

Healthy Aging CORE: <u>Age-friendly Communities</u> (webinar #2 of 3)

Nov. 24, 2022

Healthy Aging CORE: Housing for Older Adults (webinar #3 of 3)

#### Research

- <u>Social stress contributes to accelerated aging of the immune system, study finds</u> (National Institute on Aging)
- <u>Cumulative Loneliness Associated With Accelerated Memory Aging in Older Adults</u> (Neuroscience News)
- <u>Neighborhoods play role in older adults' pandemic experience</u> (University of Michigan Health Lab)
- <u>New Study Finds That While Aging Seniors Prefer In-Home Care, Most Are Critically</u> <u>Underprepared for Future Healthcare Needs</u> (Business Wire)

#### Resources

- Extreme heat safety tips for older adults (Medical Xpress)
- <u>Let's go! Steps for engaging older people and improve communities for all age:</u> <u>Toolkit Launch</u> (Pan American Health Organization & World Health Organization)
- <u>An Examination of the Social and Economic Impacts of Ageism</u> (Federal, Provincial and Territorial Forum of Ministers Responsible for Seniors)
- <u>A Case Study on Ageism during the COVID-19 Pandemic</u> (Federal, Provincial and Territorial Forum of Ministers Responsible for Seniors)
- <u>Enabling Older Adults to Age in Community</u> (Queen's University Network of Aging Researchers for the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Forum of Ministers Responsible for Seniors)

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The AFC Outreach Program builds on and complements Ontario's <u>AFC Planning</u> <u>Guide</u> and the AFC Planning Grant Program, with the aim to raise awareness about agefriendly planning principles, facilitate knowledge sharing within and between communities, and increase the capacity for local planning, implementation and evaluation of age-friendly community initiatives.

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Do you have news, resources or an event that you would like shared in our next newsletter? Email <u>Sarah Webster</u> with your content.



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Welcome Summer

Summer is here and the smiles are plentiful as we welcome getting together with friends and neighbors after a long, frigid winter and Covid 19. We at Seniors at Home are busy making plans for a fun-filled year ahead as life returns to a new normal.





## BLUE ENVELOPE OF HOPE CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS

Our Annual Blue Envelope Campaign launched in June and to date, we have raised \$18,852.00. While we are grateful to those who responded so far, we are only halfway to our goal! It is never too late to donate to the Blue Envelope of Hope Campaign, and your financial support is crucial to our operations in the delivery of programs such as the Loan Cupboard, Transportation, Hot Meals on Wheels to the most vulnerable seniors in need. Donations can be made in-person at 106 McGonigal St W, by phone 613-623-7981, or by e-transfer to donate@cssagency.ca (specify in the message section Blue Envelope donation and your contact information for charitable tax receipts).

### **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SHRED EVENT!**

Staff and volunteers were all smiles as another successful Shred Day took place on May 28th. Datashred Security were on-site to provide instant shredding as people dropped off their boxes at \$10 per box. A big thank you to all the volunteers and our local businesses who dropped off a truckload of boxes in support of this great cause!



## SHRED DAY 2022

Left to right, Jocelyn Dunn (staff), Nikki Rumbelow (staff), Heather Campbell (volunteer)

## Father's Day Car Show & BBQ





It was a windy but wonderful day at the Annual Father's Day Car Show & BBQ! Thanks to Valley Cruisers, the amazing volunteers, entertainers, and local businesses with hearts who donated great items for the Silent Auction. Our event raised over \$3000 in support of Arnprior Braeside McNab Seniors at Home Programs!

A special shout out to Mark's No Frills and Giant Tiger for their generous donations towards our BBQ!







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**Giant Tiger** vee Funeral Home Island View Carp Commons The Madawaska Golf Club **Pilon Family Funeral Home Betty's Fries** Brian's Spuds Jim's Restaurant Joe Townley ruprior District High School ing of Munchies Mama Rosa's Missy's Fries Wes' Chps Marshall's

## Annual Seniors BBQ in the Park

After a 2 year break, Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home were thrilled to host their Seniors BBQ at Robert Simpson Park once again. It was a fun day, with food, friends, games and music. A huge thank you to all the sponsors, Gillan Rutz for the entertainment and all the volunteers that helped out this year. We look forward to doing it all over again next year!

CHECK US OUT ONLINE!



## POKER RUN SHOW, SHINE & BBQ



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The Poker Run Show, Shine & BBQ was held on Saturday, July 30. It was a great time for spectators and car enthusiasts that enjoyed the amazing classic & sports cars, trivia and the BBQ. A STIHL chainsaw, provided by Valley Rent Rite was awarded to Andy Pirie of Pakenham for having the best poker hand, with prizes awarded to the runner up and voted car favourites. A huge thank you to Valley Rent Rite, to Brian Gunn and the Valley Cruisers, to the Township of McNab/Braeside, Scoops Ice Cream, Carolyn Keys and fellow musicians for the live music entertainment, and of course to our volunteers who came out and made it all possible. Over \$2000 was raised in support of Seniors At Home programs!

DON'T FORGET MONDAY SHOW AND SHINE NIGHTS AT ANTRIM TRUCK STOP

## New Staffing Role in 2022



#### Suzanne Giroux, Development Coordinator \_

Raised in Aylmer, Quebec and a long-time volunteer over the years, Suzanne spent most of her youth swimming in the Pontiac and learning to navigate the wilderness with her dad, sister and cousins. In 1999, after a family illness, Suzanne packed her family up and moved to Braeside to help her parents manage their organic farm while employed as a Marketing Program Manager with Bell Canada. Fast forward 15 years, after running a restaurant in White Lake and a return to the Telecom sector, Suzanne made another life changing decision and returned to college to become a certified Community Service Worker. This eventually led her to a recreation job in a local retirement home.

A true believer, that things happen for a reason, she decided to join Seniors at Home as a volunteer in 2018 with hopes that one day, she could make a positive difference in the community. Today, she is thrilled to be working with such a compassionate, caring group of volunteers and staff that share the same values.



#### Carolyn Stevens, Transportation Coordinator —

Carolyn moved to Arnprior in 2017 from Constance Bay. After working retail for 15 years, she joined Seniors at Home in July after being off due to an injury. She's very excited about her new role as the Transportation Coordinator and looks forward to giving back to the community and getting to know the clients, volunteers and the entire staff at Seniors At Home.



#### Yiman Teso, Transportation Driver

Described as curiosity driven, Yiman, also known as Teso, was raised in Ethiopia where he studied in the capital of Addis Ababa and spent weekends helping his father tend to their family farm.

In 2001, having to make a difficult decision, Teso was forced to escape to Kenya due to politics where he lived for several years without communication with his family. In 2004, he moved to Ottawa where he worked various jobs, including as a taxi driver with Westway Taxi. In 2006, he was reunited with his wife Embet and 3 children. Two years later, he had his fourth child, Josi.

In 2020, he opened Josi Bakery and Pizza in Arnprior serving up Ethiopian fare. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic and a family illness they made the tough decision to close in 2022. Fortunately for Seniors at Home, we were thrilled to add him to our team. Welcome Teso!



#### Paul Lapierre, Transportation Driver

Born and raised in Arnprior, Paul moved to West Carleton where he worked in the manufacturing sector and raised a family. In his spare time, he volunteered as a fire fighter and today he spends most of his leisure time listening to rock music and touring the Eastern Ontario Seaway. Paul joined Seniors At Home in May and is really enjoying helping people out!



## **MEET OUR TRANSPORTATION TEAM!**

Left image (Dan Dubois, Teso Falmina, Bill Materman, Ken Caroll, Paul Lapierre, David Anthony, Chubby Meleskie, Carol Choffe, Nancy Peck, Mike Walsh and Maurice Burnette.

We're open for business from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. weekdays! As a reminder, all drivers have passed a vulnerable safety check for our client's peace of mind and comfort. In-town senior services offer door-to-door services, assistance with groceries and walkers. Drive 9 times and your 10th trip is FREE.
Our Out-of-Town Medical and Para Transit services are for all ages, offer one-to-one personal assistance 7 days a week. To learn more, see us at cssagency.ca or call us at 613-623-7981.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LOCAL SENIOR



Ken Bridges (top), with the friendly Jim McGonigal (bottom) joking about Jim's gardening skills.

Meet Ken Bridges who was born in 1926 in Almonte, Ontario. From the age of 11, he and his brother spent most of their life working on their family farm. In 1945, he met his wife Doreen and eventually bought a 100-acre farm in Carp. In 1951, they built a house on the property and later welcomed three children into their lives, two sons and one daughter. Ken is still working today, as he wakes up at 5:00am to start his watering routine at the entrance of the Arnprior Villa where he tends to multiple flowerpots and raised garden beds. He then continues into the courtyard where he has a beautiful vegetable garden that has been expanding year over year. Ken is very pleased with how he has been able to turn the courtyard around for other residents to enjoy and knows the exercise is good for himself too. He continues to check the gardens throughout the day and even spends a few hours in the evening making sure everything is perfect. This hobby quickly earned Ken the nickname the "Resident Gardener" after moving to Arnprior Villa in 2019.

The garden isn't the only thing Ken spends his days on. When he isn't gardening, Ken can be found gathering groups of residents and playing Euchre every afternoon. He is well known in many Euchre circles around town and plans on rejoining some as the community slowly re-opens.

When Ken was asked when he retired, he laughed and responded that he "hasn't really retired yet". I'm sure the residents including Jim at the Villa, are glad he hasn't.



#### THE MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE IS MAKING A COMEBACK!

You are invited to join the Annual Memorial Butterfly Release at Robert Simpson Park on August 21st, 2022, in a ceremony of remembrance as you release a live butterfly into the wild as a tribute to a loved one. The day will begin at 11am, when you will receive your pre-purchased butterfly enclosed in a special container, followed by a greeting, a special presentation and ceremonial reading of the names of those remembered. Afterwards, you will be invited to release your butterfly into the wild and a moment to remember and honour your loved one. Butterflies can be purchased year-round, however in order to release in this year's ceremony, you must **purchase your butterfly by August 12th.** 

1 butterfly for \$25 2 for \$45 – 3 for \$70 4 for \$85 – 5 for \$100



We at Seniors At Home gratefully thank those who have donated in memory of their loved ones.





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How will you be REMEMBERED?

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## **COVID-19** Case Summary

August 11, 2022

Total Confirmed Cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD): 5366 Cases Reported in the Last 7 Days: 125		Current Status of Cases in RCD Self-Isolation: 149	
		Hospitalized: 6 Hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit: 0	
Incidence Rate <sup>a</sup> in the Last 7 Days: 115.1 per 100,000 individuals		Resolved: 5151 Deceased: 60	
Outbreak Setting	Cumulative Number of Outbreaks		Active Number of Outbreaks
Hospital	12		1
Long-term care home	26		1
Retirement home	26		4
Congregate living facility	20		0
Other <sup>C</sup>	38		0
Total	122		6
Total Number of tests completed for RCD residents: 153,196Percent Positivity <sup>b</sup> of tests completed for RCD residents (July 28, 2022-August 03, 2022) 15.0%			

<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>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>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.

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



Renfrew County and District Health Unit "Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

## For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 10:30 a.m., July 12, 2022)

#### Increase in Local COVID-19 Activity

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is monitoring signals for viral COVID-19 particles in Pembroke and Petawawa wastewater. While recent signals are relatively stable, COVID-19 particles are still being detected in local wastewater. This data compliments other evidence that demonstrates COVID-19 transmission and activity is still occurring across Renfrew County and District (RCD). For more details, please review the latest <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Wastewater Surveillance Initiative in Renfrew County and District (RCD)</u> report. Please note that wastewater sampling in RCD is currently limited to Pembroke and Petawawa wastewater treatment plants, which represents only 30% of RCDHU's total population. As such, trends in wastewater may not necessarily reflect overall COVID-19 levels and transmission for RCD.

Currently, our testing percent positivity is low (4.5% in RCD vs. 16% in the Ottawa Public Health catchment area), but it is rapidly rising. The institutional outbreak activity is higher than previous weeks, including 4 new confirmed outbreaks in the past 10 days.

Residents are encouraged to continue the use of preventative measures (e.g., masking in high-risk settings) to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. While many may be looking at participating in summer get-togethers in the coming weeks, please keep COVID-19 in mind, assess your risk and add layers of protection. By following the recommendations put forth by the Champlain Region's Hospital Chiefs of Staff and Medical Officers of Health, **the best way to protect yourself**, **your family and your community is to:** 

- 1. get vaccinated with all the doses you are eligible for;
- 2. limit your close contacts;
- 3. wear a mask in indoor public spaces;
- 4. practice frequent hand hygiene; and
- 5. stay home if you are sick.

**Currently, walk-in appointments are accepted at all COVID-19 vaccination clinics.** For more information on COVID-19 vaccination, visit <u>https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccine-rollout/</u>. If you would prefer to book a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please visit <u>https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario</u>.

For more information, please visit the Renfrew County and District Health Unit website at <u>https://www.rcdhu.com/</u>.

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# County of Renfrew presenting two delegations at AMO Conference

Posted on Monday, August 15, 2022

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### County of Renfrew presenting two delegations at AMO Conference

OTTAWA – The County of Renfrew is preparing for two delegation meetings during the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference in Ottawa this week.

The annual conference, taking place from Aug. 14-17, is the top educational forum for municipal leaders. The 2022 conference marks the first time municipal officials will gather inperson in almost three years. Aside from having more than 60 speakers, sessions and workshops to choose from, Renfrew County elected officials and senior staff members will appear as delegations before provincial ministries to discuss issues that directly impact service delivery and quality of life in Renfrew County – namely County Road Growth Pressures and ongoing funding for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC).

"The AMO conference is a highly anticipated event this year as it gives municipal leaders from across Ontario an opportunity to meet in-person with provincial ministers and their staff," said Warden Debbie Robinson. "We are fortunate to be meeting with Minister of Health Sylvia Jones to discuss the request for sustainable funding for Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC). Minister Jones' predecessor Christine Elliott was supportive of VTAC and I am confident that Minister Jones will also see the tremendous positive impact VTAC is making in Renfrew County, and its potential of being duplicated across the province.

"As well, we will be meeting with the Parliamentary Assistant to Minister Kinga Surma, Amarjot Sandhu to speak about the County's ongoing challenges to improve our infrastructure, in particular in areas where we've seen and continue to see significant growth," Warden Robinson added.

The Warden will be joined at the delegation meetings by Health Committee Chair Councillor Michael Donohue and Operations Committee Chair Councillor Tom Peckett, along with Chief
Administrative Officer Paul Moreau, Directors Craig Kelley and Lee Perkins and Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan.

As the largest geographical municipality in Ontario, Renfrew County has 1,600 lane kilometres of County-owned roadways and infrastructure, including 252 large culverts and bridges. Maintaining this public infrastructure is becoming increasingly difficult, especially after the inflationary pressures of 2021/22. The most significant areas of growth have been Arnprior, Petawawa and Calabogie.

The County will ask the provincial government to commit to the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) allocations to municipalities and commit to a longterm funding formula that would allow municipalities to align funding with their long-term financial plans and asset management plans, while also preparing for anticipated future growth.

In the meeting with Minister Jones, Warden Robinson will highlight the adaptability of the RC VTAC for communities across the province to improve access to primary care. She will also stress the necessity of sustainable funding from the province in order for RC VTAC to continue serving County residents.

In Renfrew County as of July 2022, approximately 30,000 or 28 per cent of residents did not have a family doctor. When adding in the planned family physician retirements in 2022, the number of unattached residents is expected to jump to 35,000.

Per month, RC VTAC currently receives approximately 5,000 calls and operators provide 2,250 physician assessments which prevent 1,000 Emergency Department visits or 911 calls. RC VTAC is a cost-effective, efficient, patient-focused model of care. It has become a lifeline for thousands of local residents, many of them seniors, who do not have the resources or options to seek health care outside of their home communities.

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports and enhances strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the values of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

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# Algonquin Trail Donation

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# County of Renfrew receives \$40,000 donation towards Algonquin Trail

The County of Renfrew is recognizing a \$40,000 donation from the Renfrew County ATV Club towards the Algonquin Trail.

Although the donation was received in 2021 Cameron Hann, president of the RC ATV Club, officially presented the cheque to Renfrew County Warden Debbie Robinson and County Councillor Robert Sweet, chair of the Development and Property Committee, recently. The funds will go towards ongoing trail maintenance and additional control access gates in the Pembroke area.

"The Renfrew County ATV Club memberships have grown dramatically in the past number of years which is evident by this generous donation to the Trail," Chair Sweet said.

The Warden is appreciative of the continued support from the local clubs which utilize the trail.

"The County of Renfrew appreciates not only this donation, but all of the volunteer hours the Club members spend on the trail through outreach and education, trail maintenance and the 2020 donation for a control access gate at the end of McAndrew Avenue in the Town of Renfrew," Warden Robinson said.

The Algonquin Trail is complete from Smiths Falls to the Town of Petawawa. It is part of the 296-kilometre Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail, which stretches from Smiths Falls to near Mattawa and is owned and managed by the County of Renfrew, Lanark County and the Township of Papineau-Cameron. The four-season, multi-use trail is located on the former CP rail line corridor. For trail updates, visit <u>www.ottawavalleytrail.com</u>.

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The Renfrew County ATV Club has donated \$40,000 to the County of Renfrew towards the Algonquin Trail. Taking part in the cheque presentation (from left) were Renfrew County Warden Debbie Robinson; Cameron Hann, president of RC ATV Club; County Councillor Robert Sweet, chair of the Development and Property Committee and Craig Kelley, director of Development and Property.

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# Renfrew County Councillor Peter Emon secures seat on AMO Board Rural Caucus

Posted on Monday, August 15, 2022

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OTTAWA – Renfrew County Councillor Peter Emon will continue his advocacy for rural municipalities as a member of the Rural Caucus of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) board.

He was acclaimed to the position ahead of the 2022 AMO Conference, which is taking place in Ottawa Aug. 14-17.

As a member of the board, Councillor Emon will help set policy for the association and serve as a key municipal leader in the province. He will remain in the position until 2024.

"The rural municipalities need to be represented in conversations with the Province to ensure we do not get left behind. Our needs are different; as challenging and as pressing as our urban neighbors," he said. "My participation at AMO and ROMA ensures Renfrew County's needs are discussed and recognized so resources can be identified to assist in making our community viable and a great place to live, raise a family or start a business."

Councillor Emon feels fortunate to have the guidance and support of MPP John Yakabuski, County Council and senior staff as he advances the needs of rural Ontario municipalizes.

"Our local governments across our community remain a valuable source of information and support for me also as I represent our community," he added.

A number of other individuals have also been acclaimed ahead of the conference, including the President Colin Best, Councillor for the Region of Halton and three other members of the Rural Caucus. Some positions will be filled through elections at the conference. AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada's political system.

For more information about AMO visit <u>www.amo.on.ca</u>.

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Councillor Peter Emon (Shown in the image above)

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# Taste of the Valley now accepting vendor applications

Posted on Monday, July 18, 2022

With much anticipation, Renfrew County farmers, food and beverage producers and artisans have been waiting to hear about how to apply as vendors at this year's Taste of the Valley events. For more than a decade, Taste of the Valley events have become increasingly popular for both residents and visitors to Renfrew County. Originally developed to promote and support local food producers in the Ottawa Valley, over the years the Taste of the Valley has evolved to encourage an expanded focus on the notion of "taste" with the celebration of local food, products, art and culture, all from within Renfrew County.

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, starting in August and continuing through to October, in-person Taste of the Valley events will take place in Barry's Bay, Eganville, Renfrew, Deep River, Arnprior and Cobden.

Local vendors have always looked forward to and enjoyed the Taste of the Valley events, which take local farmers markets to a higher level and attract many more vendors and much larger crowds.

"Taste of the Valley markets are a lot of fun. They feature big crowds, lots of friends and great sales," says local farmer and long-time Taste of the Valley vendor, Marshall Buchanan of Farm to Fork.

The first Taste of the Valley will take place on Friday, Aug. 19 at the Legion in Barry's Bay, followed by Eganville at Legion Field on Friday, Aug. 26, Renfrew at Low's Square downtown on Saturday, Sept. 24, Deep River behind Town Hall on Saturday, Oct. 1 and in Arnprior on John Street downtown on Sunday, Oct. 2. The Taste of the Valley season culminates with the largest event on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Cobden Fairgrounds.

Vendors can now register to participate by completing the online application form found on the Taste of the Valley website: <u>www.totv.ca</u>

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# Miramichi Lodge volunteers celebrated at garden party

Posted on Tuesday, July 12, 2022

The contribution and positive impact of volunteers in a long-term care home setting cannot be overstated.

Those who give freely of their time to benefit the residents of Miramichi Lodge in Pembroke were honoured recently at a volunteer appreciation garden party in the courtyard of the longterm care home, which is funded jointly by the County of Renfrew and City of Pembroke.

This marked the first volunteer gathering since the start of the pandemic. While activities were curtailed by COVID-19, the hope is that things can get back to normal so volunteers can resume regular activities once again.

Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk for the County of Renfrew, noted he had not been at a volunteer appreciation event at the Lodge since 2018, but he is happy to see the spirit and energy of the volunteers is still evident.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of what we do here and how we support our residents," Mr. Moreau said. "Now that we are getting back to normal, we can reengage with our volunteers and Foundation and start to reenergize and make this a welcoming home for our residents to reside. Thank you for all you do at Miramichi Lodge. We could not deliver our programs without you."

Renfrew County Warden Debbie Robinson was in attendance and brought greetings on behalf of County Council and noted all members are well aware of the value brought into the home by volunteers.

"We can only provide so much as an organization and a municipal council and you provide all the extras," the Warden said. "Thank you for every minute of every day that you spend with the residents. Volunteering is about the gift of time. The time you provide this home and its residents is invaluable and we do not take that for granted."

Councillor Michael Donohue, chair of the County Health Committee, commended the resiliency of the volunteers and their ability to respond to challenges and continue to add vibrancy and colour to the lives of the residents. "In volunteerism, if you find that thing you truly enjoy doing, it's actually bringing more energy back than you are expending, and it fills you up; I know what you are doing in this community is truly vital," he said. "Accept my gratitude for everything you do for this community, the broader community and for the families of the residents of Miramichi Lodge; it truly is an outstanding effort."

Mike Blackmore, director of long-term care for the County of Renfrew, offered his sincere appreciation to the volunteers for all they do to enrich the lives of the residents at the Lodge.

"Our Miramichi Lodge volunteers exemplify what it is to give of oneself and to give during what has been an extraordinary time, where one could easily refocus on their own needs," Mr. Blackmore said. "Extraordinary times call for extraordinary people, people such as yourselves who have and continue to give selflessly to bring joy and great meaning to the residents of Miramichi Lodge."

During the afternoon, the volunteers enjoyed entertained by Bernadette Kelly and were able to add messages to painted rocks, which could be taken home and placed in their own gardens or left at the Lodge to be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

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Miramichi Lodge recently hosted

a volunteer appreciation garden party. Taking part in the event, held in the courtyard, were (front from left) Kelsey Wagstaff, Social Worker and Acting Client Program Supervisor; Brandon Harwood, resident volunteer; Margaret Cavanagh, Ladies Auxiliary and (back from left) Paul Moreau, County of Renfrew CAO/Clerk; Steve Boland, Miramichi Lodge Foundation and Meals on Wheels; Mike Blackmore, Director of Long-term Care; Gary Severin, Miramichi Lodge Foundation; Councillor Michael Donohue, Health Committee chair; Barb McGonegal, Miramichi Lodge Foundation, Renfrew County Warden Debbie Robinson and Sandra Sell, Miramichi Lodge Foundation. County of Renfrew photo

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# 55 Potential Acclamations: Renfrew County August 19: deadline for municipal election nominations

# By: Jennifer Layman jenn@ovbusiness.com

As of August 12, 2022, there are a number of people who have put their name forward in the upcoming municipal election who might be acclaimed to their position because no one is running against them. In addition, there are several municipalities that do not have enough people nominated to fill positions in council. August 19 is the final day to file or withdraw a nomination. Here is a recap:

#### Possible Acclamations In Renfrew County

 Admaston Bromley mayor: one nomination for one position
Arnprior council: five nominations for five positions

- Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan: full council, one mayor and four councillors

- Deep River mayor: one nomination for one position

- Deep River reeve: one nomination for one position

- Greater Madawaska councillor ward 1: one nomination for one position



- Greater Madawaska councillor ward 3: one nomination for one position

- Head, Clara and Maria full council: one mayor and four councillors

- Horton full council: one mayor and four councillors

- Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards council: two nominations each for two council positions in three different wards

- Laurentian Hills full council: one mayor and four councillors

- Laurentian Valley mayor: one nomination for one position

- Pembroke mayor: one

nomination for one position - North Algona Wilberforce: one nomination for one position - Petawawa full council: one

mayor and six councillors - Renfrew reeve: one

- Whitewater Region full council: one mayor, one deputy mayor and five councillors

#### Possible Acclamations In Renfrew County

 Beckwith reeve: one nomination for one position
Beckwith council: three nominations for three positions
Drummond North Elmsley full council: one reeve and two councillors each from two wards - Lanark Highlands deputy reeve: one nomination for one position

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- Lanark Highlands councillor ward 1: one nomination for one position

- Lanark Highlands councillor ward 5: one nomination for one position

- Mississippi Mills mayor: one nomination for one position

- Mississippi Mills councillor Pakenham ward: one nomination for one position

- Mississippi Mills councillor Ramsay ward: two nominations for two positions

- Montague deputy reeve: one nomination for one position

- Perth deputy mayor: one

nomination for one position - Smiths Falls mayor: one

nomination for one position - Tay Valley deputy reeve: one

nomination for one position

- Tay Valley council Sherbrooke ward - two nominations for two positions

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#### September 29, 2022

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Bidding on Government of Canada Contracts. Webinar. 12:00pm-2:00pm. Free. This webinar is designed for participants who are ready for a more detailed overview of the bidding process and provides key info to bid on opportunities. www.investottawa.ca/events

August 18, 2022 Conversation on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Not-For-Profits. 12:00pm. Free by Zoom. How to engage in better practices and policies for expanding equity, diversity and inclusion. Volunteer Ottawa. info@volunteerottawa.ca or 613-736-5270.

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# Municipal Election: An Overview To Date Current races and races short of candidates for council positions

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#### Possible Acclamations In Neighbouring Municipalities

- Bancroft mayor: one nomination for one position - South Algonquin council Dickens ward: one nomination for one position

- South Algonquin council Murchison ward: one nomination for one position

- South Algonquin council Sabine ward: one nomination for one position

#### Current Races In Renfrew County

- Admaston Bromley council: five nominations for four positions

- Arnprior mayor: two nominations for one position

- Arnprior reeve: two nominations for one position

- Bonnechere Valley mayor: two nominations for one position

- Bonnechere Valley council: five nominations for four positions

- Greater Madawaska mayor: two nominations for one position

- Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards mayor: two nominations for one position - Laurentian Valley reeve: two nominations for one position

- Laurentian Valley council: eight nominations for five positions

- Madawaska Valley mayor: two nominations for one position

- Madawaska Valley council: seven nominations for four positions

- McNab Braeside mayor: three nominations for one position

- McNab Braeside council: five nominations for three positions

- Pembroke council: seven nominations for six positions

- North Algona Wilberforce: five nominations for four positions

- Renfrew mayor: two nominations for one position

Current Races In Lanark County - Beckwith deputy reeve: two

nominations for one position

- Lanark Highlands reeve: three nominations for one position

- Lanark Highlands councillor ward 4: three nominations for one position

- Mississippi Mills deputy mayor: two nominations for one

position

- Mississippi Mills councillor Almonte ward - three nominations for two positions

- Montague reeve: three nominations for one position

- Perth mayor: two

nominations for one position - Perth council: seven

nominations for five positions - Tay Valley reeve: three

nominations for one position - Tay Valley council Bathurst

ward - three nominations for two positions

- Tay Valley council Burgess ward - three nominations for two positions

#### Current Races In Neighbouring Municipalities

- Bancroft council Bancroft ward: four nominations for three positions

- Bancroft council Dungannon ward: four nominations for three positions

- Mattawa mayor: two nominations for one position

- Mattawa council: seven nominations for six positions

- South Algonquin mayor: three nominations for one position

- South Algonquin council

Lyell ward: two nominations for one position

#### Current Races Short On Candidates: Renfrew County

- Deep River council: four nominations for five positions - Greater Madawaska

councillor ward 2: no candidates for one position

- McNab Braeside deputy mayor: no candidates for one position

- Renfrew council: three nominations for five positions

Current Races Short On Candidates: Lanark County

- Lanark Highlands councillor ward 2: no nominations for one position

- Lanark Highlands councillor ward 3: no nominations for one position

- Montague council: two nominations for three positions

- Smiths Falls council: five nominations for six positions

Current Races Short On Candidates: Neighbouring Municipalities

- South Algonquin council Airy ward: one nomination for two positions

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# Business News Around The Valley

#### Petawawa Business Updates

Spaws for Paws at 64 Mohns has closed unexpectedly, however a new business will open in its place offering the same pet spa services under the name Clippity Do Dog. Mad Hair Designz at 3495 Petawawa Boulevard has closed. The owner will be on maternity leave and then opening a home studio. Pac Rolls Express food truck is open and will be located in the Kin Hut parking lot once renovations have been completed. Taco Hut is preparing to locate next to Valley Smokehouse.

#### Waste Depot Closing In McNab Braeside

McNab Braeside is reminding residents that the Household Hazardous Waste Depot will be closing on August 27, 2022 at the Renfrew Landfill Site, located at 376 Bruce Street.

#### Farms Open Seeking Farms

Farms Open, a new initiative of the Renfrew County Agricultural Economic Development Committee and supported by the Ottawa Valley Food Co-op and County of Renfrew, is planned for September 18, 2022. This one-day open house event will showcase the advantages of local food, the production process and aim to develop relationships between consumers and producers. Recruitment for host sites is currently underway. For more information, contact Marshall Buchanan at 613-602-5253.

#### Shaw Development Proposed in Deep River Herb and Dana Shaw are proposing an 85-unit subdivision in Deep River According to

in Deep River. According to Deep River Mayor Sue D'Eon, the property is 25 acres and located between Grouse Park and Highway 17. D'Eon said "we are grateful that a respected and responsible Ottawa Valley family continues to be interested in working with us and investing in Deep River."

#### O'Brien Road Temporary Closure O'Brien Road from Gillan Road to Mask Road will be closed through the night (6:00pm to

6:00am) from August 14-18 (weather depending). Traffic flow will be returned to normal from 6:00am to 6:00pm.

#### Culinary Strategy For Renfrew County

The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) has received funding support from the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization for a culinary tourism strategy for the Ottawa Valley. The OVTA has engaged the services of the Culinary Tourism Alliance to lead the strategy in consultation with the OVTA board of directors and local food and beverage industry. The strategy is to be complete by December 31, 2022.

#### Starter Company, Summer Company Updates

The first Starter Company Plus program for 2022-23 with Enterprise Renfrew County has resulted in 10 completed participants, with eight intending to compete for \$4,000 grants. A total of four Summer Company participants have completed the required training and are now operational with their respective summer businesses. Business operations include two lawn care companies, an artist and a kayaking guide.

**MRC** Pontiac Grants The MRC Pontiac has \$412,939 available to local organizations for sustainable development projects that improve the quality of life of citizens. Non-profit organizations, municipalities, cooperatives and band councils of Aboriginal communities are invited to contact MRC Pontiac to schedule an appointment August 9 and September 14. The deadline is 12:00 noon on September 16. For information, call 819-648-5689 ext. 126 or developpement@mrcpontiac.qc.ca

#### LaHay Mechanical Opens Store

Raymond LaHay has opened a BBQ and patio centre at 125 Belmont Street in Pembroke. LaHay is the owner of LaHay Mechanical and this is an expansion of the current business. A new store opening is set for August 20. The store is open to the public.

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PHAC Employees Recognized

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is providing each employee with a speciallycreated medallion (coin) to recognize their commitment to COVID-19. The agency has 4,995 employees.

**Family-Run Business** Take Hit During COVID A federal Department of Industry report - SME Profile: *Ownership Demographic* Statistics - has found a decline in family-owned businesses in Canada. Prior to the pandemic, a total 62% of small and mediumsized businesses were owned by couples or members of the same family. The figure last year was 48%. The report noted that 33% of all small and medium sized enterprises had temporary closures due to the pandemic. The Department of Industry has estimated that lockdowns and the COVID recession have cost at least 740,800 small business jobs with private sector employment decreasing in all provinces.

#### Marijuana Tax Revenue More Than Expected

Federal taxes on marijuana were \$256.7 million in 2020, not including provincial sales taxes or GST. Cabinet had pledged to retain only \$100 million in taxes and return the rest to provinces to aid with enforcement expenses. Bill C-74 *Budget Implementation Act* taxed legal cannabis at \$1 per gram plus GST and provincial sales tax.

#### Airport Hearings Open In Transport Committee

The Commons transport committee opened hearings on August 8 into the challenges at federally-regulated airports. The Canadian Air Transport Security Authority laid off 1,750 screening officers during the pandemic and 500 did not return. The Authority is working to hire 1,000 more officers.

Handgun Ban Takes Effect August 19 As of August 19, handgun imports will be banned in Canada. Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino explained the government tried to go through regulatory means, but the summer break for MPs disrupted that process. The government was able to go ahead with the initiative using the *Export And Import Permits Act*. often used for eggs, dairy and poultry products that compete with the Canadian quotas. The legislation has been used to ban machine guns and poisonous gas.

#### Drug-Impaired Driving On The Rise

For the fourth consecutive year, drug-impaired driving has increased across Canada. In 2018 when parliament legalized marijuana, there were 6,573 violations. In 2021, there were 7,690. Other marijuana crimes also increased 5% in 2021 with most offences being illegal imports and exports of the drug. A Public Opinion Research On Drug Impaired Driving report noted that "drug-impaired driving is a major contributor to fatal road crashes, and young people continue to be the largest group of drivers who die in crashes and test positive for drugs." Nearly one-third of Canadians report that they have ridden in a vehicle operated by a driver who was under the effects of cannabis even though 86% of Canadians agree using cannabis makes the user a worse driver.

#### Emergency Powers Inquiry Underway

A judicial inquiry into the use of the *Emergencies Act* will cost \$18.8 million. Hearings will take place in September with a final report due February 6, 2023. Cabinet is required by law to have the inquiry.

#### Post-Secondary Vaccine Mandates

A labour arbitrator in Ontario has ruled that universities may continue to require vaccine mandates even if they are not required by public health. The Ontario case was brought by the United Food and Commercial Workers' union against a vaccine mandate at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo.

#### Drug Use on Rise in Prisons On The Rise

Despite the passing of the 2015 Drug-Free Prisons Act, the number of drug addicts in federal prisons is on the rise. Inmates reporting "lifetime drug use" included 91% of Indigenous prisoners, 79% of white prisoners and 51% of black prisoners. The most popular drug is cannabis, second is cocaine. Opioid-related overdoses in federal custody have more than doubled.

Vaccine Injury Claims **Noted By Federal Government** A total of eight vaccine death and injury claims have been paid to date in Canada with almost 700 awaiting completion of medical reviews according to the Vaccine Injury Support Program. The eight claims are the first to be paid under a \$75 million vaccination compensation program launched in 2021. Claims by families of those who suffer death or injury as a result of COVID-19 shots will be accepted until 2026. The health department said of 85.9 million COVID-19 vaccine doses given it received 48,670 reports of "adverse events" including 9,878 incidents rated as "serious."

#### CSIS Monitoring Parliamentarians

Michel Juneau-Katsuya, former chief of the Asia-Pacific desk at the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), testified before the Commons ethics committee that CSIS was monitoring elected officials at municipal, provincial and federal levels of government who are paid by foreign governments not acting in the best interests of Canada. In June 2021, a submission to the Commons foreign affairs subcommittee said the Canadian government had warned Chinese authorities against interference activities. Juneau-Katsuya also testified that often as cabinet ministers

retire they become employed by a foreign company that works against national security and Canada's national interests.

#### Historical Sites and Monuments Review

The federal Historic Sites and Monuments Board is having some of their designations and plaque texts reviewed as part of a 2019 Cabinet-issued document entitled Framework For History And Commemoration. So far, 208 designations are up for review. Recently, honours for Alexander Graham Bell (historic sites and his designation as a historical person) are being reviewed due to "controversial beliefs," the definition of which was not explained. Landmarks under review also include Algonquin Provincial Park.

Moving To Support French Due To Declining Numbers

Federal Languages Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor is asking Cabinet to consider how to secure a foothold for French in the public realm as the use of French outside of Quebec continues to decline. Discussion Guide: Cross-Canada Official Languages Consultations suggests that political, cultural and economic solutions are required and the March 1 Bill C-13 An Act To Amend The Official Languages Act can be part of the solution. Bill C-13 mandates bilingualism in federallyregulated private businesses in any region with "a strong francophone presence." A \$25,00 faces those not complying.

Source: Unless otherwise noted,



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# Local Municipal Election Candidates Renfrew County and City of Pembroke

#### **Admaston Bromley**

<u>Council</u> <u>1 mayor, 4 councillors</u> <u>Michael Donohue - mayor</u> Kevin LeGris – councillor Angela Field - councillor Vincent Rea - councillor Vincent Rea - councillor Patrick Thomas - councillor <u>Trustee</u> David Dobson - Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB Patrick O'Grady - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

### Arnprior

Council 1 mayor, 1 reeve, 5 councillors Lisa McGee - mayor Walter Stack - mayor Dan Lynch - reeve Ron Demmers - reeve Maureen Campbell - councillor Chris Couper - councillor Tiffany Lepack - councillor Billy Denault - councillor Tom Burnette - councillor Trustee Karin Haelssig - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Andrew Bray - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

# Bonnechere Valley

<u>Council</u> 1 mayor, 4 councillors Jennifer Murphy – mayor Leanne Panke - mayor Jackie Agnew - councillor Kayla Desjardins - councillor Merv Buckwald - councillor Kimberly Lehman - councillor Kelly Reinert - councillor <u>Trustee</u> David Kaiser - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Pat O'Grady - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

### Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

<u>Council</u> 1 mayor, 4 councillors Valerie Jahn - mayor John Rutledge – councillor W1 Iris Kauffeldt – councillor W1 Sheldon Keller - councillor W2 Wayne Banks - councillor W2

#### Deep River Council

1 mayor, 1 reeve, 5 councillors

Suzanne D'Eon – mayor Glenn Doncaster – reeve William Fitton – councillor Christina Giardini - councillor Terry Myers - councillor Kathy Hughes - councillor <u>Trustee</u> David Howard - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Myles Vosyllus - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB **Greater Madawaska** Council

1 mayor, 2 councillors ward 1 and 1 councillors for wards 2, 3 Lucie Perrier - mayor Debora Giffin - mayor Rob Tripp - councillor W1 Lois Thomson - councillor W3 Susan Humphries – Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Andrew Bray - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

#### Head, Clara & Maria Council

<u>1 mayor, 4 councillors</u> Debbi Grills – mayor Ernest Villeneuve – councillor Chris Dower – councillor Rachel Richer – councillor Fran Kelly-Chamberlain - councillor

### Horton

<u>Council</u> <u>1 mayor, 4 councillors</u> Dave Bennett – mayor Tom Webster – councillor Glen Campbell – councillor Doug Humphries - councillor Shane Finnigan - councillor Susan Humphries – Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Anne Haley - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

#### Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards Council

1 mayor, 2 councillors each for wards 1, 2 and 3 David Mayville - mayor Janice Tiedje - mayor Ted Browne - councillor W1 Bil Smith - councillor W1 Maureen MacMillan - councillor W2 Carl Kuehl - councillor W2 Brian Pecoskie - councillor W3 Steven Boyle - councillor W3 Trustee David Kaiser - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Mervin Merkowsky - Eng SSB Susan Artymko - Eng SSB Rose Noonan - Eng SSB

### Laurentian Hills

<u>Council</u> <u>1 mayor, 4 councillors</u> Anne Giardini – mayor Bruce Boucher – councillor W1 Gary McAnulty - councillor W2 Brenda Blimkie – councillor W3 John Hoyle – councillor W4 <u>Trustee</u> Myles Vosyllus - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB David Howard - English PSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

### Laurentian Valley

Council 1 mayor, 1 reeve, 5 councillors Steve Bennett – mayor Chris Pleau – reeve Keith Watt – reeve Allan Wren – councillor Michael Summers – councillor Jen Gauthier - councillor Danny Janke - councillor Betty King - councillor Stewart Ray - councillor Brian Leach - councillor Brian Hugli - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Michael Guenette - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Pat O'Grady – Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB **Madawaska Valley** 

# Council

1 mayor, 4 councillors Mark Wilmer - mayor Roger Prince - mayor Helen Benn - councillor Carl Bromwich - councillor Joseph Olsheski - councillor Dave Shulist - councillor Mary Blank - councillor Ernie Peplinski - councillor Andrew Kaminski - councillor Trustee David Kaiser - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Mervin Merkowsky - Eng SSB Susan Artymko - Eng SSB Rose Noonan - Eng SSB

#### McNab Braeside

Council 1 mayor, 1 deputy mayor, 3 councillors Tom Peckett - mayor Mark Mackenzie - mayor Oliver Jacob - mayor Kevin Rosien - councillor Darrell Carson - councillor Any Kalnins - councillor Joanna Jane Hall Davis - councillor Scott Brum - councillor Trustee Karin Haelssig - Eng PSB Andrew Bray - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB continued on page 7

# Municipal Election Timeline



AUGUST 19 - The final day to file or withdraw a nomination for municipal office.

AUGUST 24 - Additional nominations can be filed if nominations received is less than number to be elected.

SEPTEMBER 1 - From September 1 to October 24, a person may add or amend their name to the voter's list.

SEPTEMBER 24 - First possible day to hold an advance vote.

OCTOBER 24 - Voting Day.

NOVEMBER 15 - New term of office begins.

# Local Municipal Election Candidates Renfrew County and City of Pembroke

#### Pembroke

<u>Council</u> 1 mayor, 6 councillors Ron Gervais – mayor Brian Abdallah – councillor Dan Callaghan - councillor Ed Jacyno – councillor Ian Kuehl - councillor Patricia Lafreniere - councillor Andrew Plummer – councillor Karen Walsh - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Leo Boland – Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Bob Schreader – Eng SSB Robert Lemelin – Fr SSB

> North Algona Wilberforce Council 1 mayor, 4 councillors

James Brose - mayor Maria Robinson - councillor Melvin Berndt - councillor Janet Reiche-Schoenfeldt - councillor Doug Buckwald - councillor Kevin Clarke - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Michael Guenette - Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB Pat O'Grady - Eng SSB Robert Lemelin - Fr SSB

### Petawawa

Council 1 mayor, 6 councillors Gary Serviss - mayor Simon Brooks - councillor James Carmody - councillor Matthew McLean - councillor Murray Rutz - councillor Theresa Sabourin - councillor Barry Schimmens – councillor <u>Trustee</u> Bryon Morris – Eng PSB David Howard - Eng PSB Myles Vosylius - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Robert Lemelin – Fr SSB

#### Renfrew

Council 1 mayor, 1 reeve, 5 councillors Kathryn Windle - mayor Michael Coulas - mayor Peter Emon - reeve Andrew Dick - councillor Richard (Clint) McWhirter - councillor Guy Longtin - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Susan Humphries - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Anne Haley - Eng SSB

# Robert Lemelin – Fr SSB Whitewater Region

1 mayor, 1 reeve, 5 councillors Neil Nicholson – mayor Cathy Regier – deputy mayor Connie Tabbert - councillor Joe Kowalski - councillor Daryl McLaughlin - councillor Joseph Trimm - councillor Jim Butterworth - councillor <u>Trustee</u> David Dobson – Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB

Be sure you are on the voter's list. Check with your municipality or www.voterlookup.ca

# Municipal Election Candidates: Lanark County

#### Beckwith

<u>Council</u> 1 reeve, 1 deputy reeve 3 councillors Richard Kidd - reeve Brian Dowdall - deputy reeve Sharon Mousseau - deputy reeve Timothy Campbell - councillor Faye Campbell - councillor Erin Rose - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Donald Cram - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB **Drummond** 

### Drummona

**North Elmsley** Council 1 reeve, 2 councillors D, 2 councillors NE Steve Fournier - reeve Paul Kehoe - councillor D John Matheson - councillor D Ray Scissons - councillor NE Paul Coutts - councillor NE Trustee Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB Lanark Highlands Council 1 reeve, 1 deputy reeve 1 councillor each in 5 wards

Peter McLaren - reeve

James Parsons - reeve Adam-Michael Peters - deputy reeve Ronald Closs - councillor W1 Marina Summers - councillor W4 Gregory Drew - councillor W4 Mike Ford - councillor W4 Jeannie Kelso - councillor W5 Trustee Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB **Mississippi Mills** Council 1 mayor, 1 deputy mayor, 2 councillors Almonte and Ramsay wards, 1 councillor Pakenham ward Christa Lowry - mayor Rickey Minnille - deputy mayor Paul Watters - deputy mayor John Dalgity - councillor A Mary Lou Souter - councillor A Janet Maydan - councillor A Denzil Ferguson - councillor P Vicki Lowe - councillor R Beverley Holmes - councillor R Trustee Donald Cream - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB Montague

<u>Council</u> 1 reeve, 1 deputy reeve 3 councillors Vince Carroll - reeve Pat Dolan - reeve Klaas Van Der Meer - reeve Jeffrey Carroll - deputy reeve Jim Abbass - councillor Morgan Kenny - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB

### Perth

Council 1 mayor, 1 deputy mayor, 5 councillors Judy Brown - mayor John Fenik - mayor Ed McPherson - deputy mayor Dave Bird - councilor Jim Boldt - councillor Leona Cameron - councillor Marlene Donoghue - councillor Barry Smith - councillor Roy Van Der Mull - councillor Gary Waterfield - councillor Trustee Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB Colette Stitt - Fr PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB Smiths Falls

<u>Council</u> 1 mayor, 6 councillors Shawn Pankow - mayor Lynda Mae Bradford - councillor Jennifer Miller - councillor Chance Lauziere-Peterson - councillor Jay Brennan - councillor Peter McKenna - councillor <u>Trustee</u> Colleen Mariona - Eng PSB Jamie Schoular - Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB

### Tay Valley

Council 1 reeve, 1 deputy reeve, 2 councillors each for Bathurst, Burgess and Sherbrooke wards RoxAnne Darling - reeve Keith Kerr - reeve Rob Rainer - reeve Fred Dobbie - deputy reeve Korrine Afflect - councillor BA Gilbert Rossignol - councillor BA Marilyn Thomas - councillor BA Doug Barr - councillor BU Greg Hallam - councillor BU Angela Pierman - councillor BU Mark Burnham - councillor S Andrew Kendrick - councillor S Trustee Bill MacPherson - Eng PSB Collette Stitt - Fr PSB Jennifer Cooney - Eng SSB Diane Burns - Fr SSB

### You can still be a candidate! The deadline to register is August 19th.

# Municipal Election Candidates Bancroft, Mattawa and South Algonquin

#### Bancroft

Council 1 mayor, 3 councillors each in Bancroft and Dungannon wards Paul Jenkins - mayor Tracy McGibbon - councillor B Wayne Wiggins - councillor B George Eastman - councillor B Mary Kavanagh - councillor B Valerie Miles - councillor D Barry McGibbon - councillor D Charles Mullett - councillor D Dale Anderson - councillor D Trustee Rachel Laforest - Eng PSB Peter McEnery - Eng SSB Michel Charron - Fr SSB

### Mattawa

<u>Council</u> 1 mayor, 6 councillors Raymond Belanger - mayor Marie Johanne Goyette - mayor Dexture Sarrazin - councillor Bernie MacDonald - councillor Laura Ross - councillor Fern Levesque - councillor Matthew Gardiner - councillor Garry Thibert - councillor Loren Mick - councillor

#### South Algonquin

<u>Council</u> 1 mayor, 2 councillors Airy ward, I councillor each for Dickens, Lyell, Murchison and Sabine wards Bongo - mayor Barney Baker - mayor Ethel LaValley - mayor Gabrieila Hairabedian - councillor L Tom Taylor - councillor L Joe Florent - councillor M Bill Rodnick - councillor D Joan Kuiack - councillor S

# People On The Move New hires and recognition of employee achievements

#### Andrew Chenard

Andrew Chenard is the new Communications and Fundraising Specialist for Carefor Health & Community Services. Chenard previously owned Wilkies Bakery and Scotch and Spruce in Downtown Pembroke.

#### Angela Siebarth Angela Siebarth is the new Economic Development Officer for the City of Pembroke. Siebarth was the Director-Curator of the Champlain Trail Museum and Pioneer Village for 14 years. She has a B.Sc. in psychology from Trent University and a post-graduate certificate in museum management and curatorship from Sir Sandford Fleming College.

#### **Jason Davis**

Effective September 1, 2022, Jason Davis will be assuming the role of Director of Development and Property for the County of Renfrew. Davis has been with the county for 20 years, serving most recently as the Manager of Forestry, GIS and Trails.

#### Scott Hamilton

Scott Hamilton has been hired as the new Economic Development Specialist for the County of Renfrew. Hamilton joins the economic development team from the Township of Whitewater Region where he led the business, retention and expansion project for the past year. Hamilton began his position August 15.

#### Rajat Ali

Rajat Ali is the new Junior Planner for the County of Renfrew and began his position on July 6, 2022. Ali studied at Shimla University in India, has a bachelor of general science and subsequently received a postgraduate diploma in applied planning and a second diploma in urban forestry from Fleming College. He has worked with the Crow Valley Conservation Authority and the Township of Muskoka as a Planning Clerk. Alex Benzie

Alex Benzie, County of Renfrew Planner was the recipient of a Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) President's Award. This award was established to recognize one graduating student from each accredited planning program (undergraduate and graduate) in Canada, who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to their future profession. This contribution was assessed through a wide range of contributing factors, including academic and extracurricular contributions.

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Rural and Urban Non-Profit Orgs

Source: Statistics Canada

### 130,000

Non-profit organizations (NPOs) in Canada in 2019

22.5%

NPOs in rural Canada **7,176** Rural NPOs in Quebec

**5,553** Rural NPOs in Ontario

**23.6%** Rural NPOs in religion

17.0% Urban NPOs in religion 18.0%

Rural NPOs in sports, recreation and social clubs

**26.6%** Urban NPOs in sports, recreation and social clubs

**12.0%** Rural NPOs in social services

12.8% Urban NPOs in social services

9.2%

Rural NPOs in development and housing

7.1% Urban NPOs in development and housing

6.7%

Rural NPOs in culture/recreation **4.3%** 

Urban NPOs in culture/recreation **6.2%** 

Rural NPOs in health

**3.5%** Urban NPOs in health

5.1%

Rural NPOs in business and professional associations, unions

**7.9%** 

Urban NPOs in business and professional associations, unions

#### Ottawa Valley Business

# **Tender Results** Around The Valley

PW 2022-03. Admaston **Bromley.** Council has rejected all tenders.

PW 2022-04. Admaston **Bromley.** Awarded to Greenwood Paving in the amount of \$85,995.26.

**Tenders PW2022-05 Paving** Works - Various Locations. **Admaston Bromley.** Bonnechere Ex. - \$667,085.05 Greenwood - \$672,930.00

Tender PW-01-2022, Supply and Delivery of One (1) **Tandem Axle Truck with** Attachments. Petawawa. Premier Truck - \$500,889.00

Proposal No. PW2022-02 **Reallocation of Waste and Cardboard at Transfer** Stations and Landfill Site. **Admaston Bromley.** Emterra Env. - \$58,923.36 CWM Option 1 - \$66,248.00 CWM Option 2 - \$88,537.00 Barron DS - \$94,600.00

#### **Janitorial Contract - Renfrew County Place.** County of Renfrew. GDI Services - \$198,899.32 Glacier Maint. - \$276,055.00

PWO-2022-21 Service Truck. **County of Renfrew.** Fraser Durham - \$145,065.00 Surgenor Chev. - \$149,780.00 Rush Truck - \$188,791.72

LaSalle Drive Reconstruction. Deep River. RGT Clouthier - \$736,500.00

Ferguson Lake Road Phase 2. Greater Madawaska. Bonnechere Ex. - \$1,054,483.83

**McDougall Mill Museum Roof Replacement. Renfrew.** We Got It Covered - \$70,533.00

Tender No. 2022-11 Fire **Department Nozzle Tender.** Whitewater Region. AJ Stone - \$16,029.26

**Tender 2022-11 Sidewalk Plow** and Attachments. Madawaska Vallev. Cubex Ltd 2023 Maclean MV5 -

\$252.950.61 2019 Maclean MV5 (Demo 240hr) - \$197,847.54 Kaercher Municipal NA 2022 Holder S75 (Demo) -\$193.245.83 2022 Holder S75 - \$200,272.34 Jade Equipment Company 2022 Willie 275 - \$206,564.00 Joe Johnson Equipment 2022 Trackless MT7 -\$212,356.38

### **Melton Street Reconstruction** Tender Contract No. 22-1030. Pembroke. Recommended award to

Bonnechere Excavating in the amount of \$1,312,797.75.

#### **Bennett Street Watermain Reconstruction Phase 1.** Pembroke.

Eastway Cont. - \$1,698,429.82 Bonnechere Ex. - \$2,040,544.25 RGT Clouthier Const. -\$2,046,288.90

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# Tenders

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Professional **Engineering Services** -----

APN Base Program 2022-23, Petawawa

#### **FOR SALE**

Sale of Land - Mattawa

#### **REQUEST FOR** PROPOSAL

Snow Clearing and Removal and Ice Control Services (Renfrew Victoria Hospital)

2022-2023 Concession Booth Operation (Arena) \_\_\_\_\_

RFP-FN-2022-01 - Audit Services - Finance

#### **REQUEST FOR** QUOTATION

RFQ # CSD-02-2022 Composite Playground Structure \_\_\_\_ RFQ 05-2022 - 2022 Tandem

Axel Plow Truck

Pembroke Business Improvement Area Summer 2023 Flowers

RFP 22-12 Clayton Sidewalk Clearing, Sanding and Salting 2023-2026

#### **TENDERS**

Interior Renovation of **Residential Housing Units** 

Construct Administrative Building at Garrison Petawawa

Resurface Various Roads

Patterson Street Reconstruction

DP-RCHC 22-100 Flat Roof Replacement (Pembroke and Deep River)

DP-RCHC 22-202 Flat Roof Replacement (Arnprior)

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# Maximize Your Website A \$2,500 grant can help you do it



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

Are you using your website to benefit your marketing efforts? While more businesses are getting online with a website, many are not using it to their full advantage. There is an Ontario program that provides a grant of up to \$2,500 and it is available to brick-and-mortar businesses employing 1-50 staff. Details can be found here:

https://digitalmainstreet.ca/digita 1-transformation-grant-4-0/

Whether you choose to investigate the program (it ends October 31, 2022) or not, here are some things to keep in mind about creating a more effective online presence.

#### **Easy Access To Information**

In addition to promoting your business, you can provide easy access to information for customers 24/7. Key forms, links to programs, tip sheets and other

information can be posted on vour website for customers to download at their leisure. You can also share links to this information on your social media pages or through email. Internally, having a key area for often-requested information can improve your customer service. **Get More From Marketing:** 

# **Repurpose Content**

When the government comes out with a new program that can be helpful to your customers, you can include that information on your website. If you have a brochure that is available at your office, you can upload it to your website in a PDF format so it is accessible to people you don't see in person. If you run an advertisement, you can upload a copy of the ad to your website. Your business likely produces, uses or has access to a lot of content, but you may not be maximizing how you can use it across your marketing channels.

#### **Content Improves** Website Rankings

There are several factors that go into making your website easy to access in searches and having relevant content is one of them. Connect your content with words that people most often search online and it can drive business your way. Take a few

minutes to search things that customers regularly inquire about and see what emerges on the search pages. That will give you some ideas of what type of language to use on your website.

#### **Be Informative** Versus Creative

As a business, the consumer is visiting your website for more information about products or services. When you develop your website, information should be easy for someone to find. Pop-up windows, too many graphics, too many fonts and too many colours will all distract from keeping the customer on your site in an impactful way.

#### Make The Time To Have A Smart Website

If you don't have time to edit your website internally, make it a priority to have someone do the work for you. A well-organized website can be a great asset to your business and drive inquiries at the same time.

You don't have to be an IT genius to have a website. Tell a web developer that you want to be able to make edits and they can build that into the design.

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



# Work Wellness

#### **Celebrate Wellness Wednesday**

Dedicate hump day to Wellness Wednesday. It's a idea is a great tactic if you have an office that is set in their ways or otherwise resistant to change. One day a week seems much more manageable (and less overwhelming), and can be a gateway to healthier lifestyles. Wellness Wednesday is a great idea because it's in the middle of the week when employees usually experience a bit of a lull.

#### The Origin of Sayings: "Cold Feet"

One of the earliest pieces of evidence for the phrase "cold feet" comes from poet Stephen Crane. In 1896, he released Maggie: A Girl of the Streets. In it, Crane wrote, "I knew this was the way it would be. They got cold feet." The expression is used most for backing out of engagements, but the origin of the saying refers to simply losing interest in something.

#### **Ouotable**

"Great changes may not happen right away, but with effort even the difficult may become easy." – Bill Blackman

"Innovation - any new idea - by definition will not be accepted at first. It takes repeated attempts, endless demonstrations, monotonous rehearsals before innovation can be accepted and internalized by an organization. This requires courageous patience."

- Warren Bennis

"There's a difference between interest and commitment. When you're interested in doing something, you do it only when circumstances permit. When you're committed to something, you accept no excuses, only results." - Art Turock





Issue No. 329

# Bank Governor Talks To Small Businesses CFIB hears about inflation and the Bank's plan for the future

# By: Jennifer Layman jenn@ovbusiness.com

On July 14, 2022, Tiff Macklem, Governor of the Bank of Canada, joined the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) on a live webinar to discuss inflation and small business recovery. This is the first time that the Governor of the Bank of Canada has spoken to its members. A full transcript of the session is available on the CFIB website www.cfib-fcei.ca. Key points are noted here:

#### **General Comments**

We raised the policy interest rate by 1%. An increase of this magnitude at one meeting is very unusual, and it reflects unusual economic circumstances. Inflation is nearly 8%, a level that has not been seen in nearly 40 years. There were three main considerations for that decision:

1) Inflation is too high. More people are getting worried that high inflation is here to stay.

2) The Canadian economy is overheated. There are shortages



of workers and of many goods and services. Demand needs to slow so supply can catch up.

3) Our goal is to get inflation back to its 2% target with a soft landing for the economy. To accomplish that, we are increasing our policy rate quickly to prevent high inflation from becoming entrenched. If it does, it's going to be more difficult for the economy and for Canadians to get inflation down.

Higher interest rates will help slow demand and allow supply time to catch up. We expect consumer spending to moderate as pent-up demand from pandemic restrictions eases and the cost of borrowing increases.

We're forecasting annual growth in economic activity will be around 3.5% this year, 1.75% next year and 2.5% in 2024.

Some sectors will be more affected by interest rate increases. But there's room to reduce the number of job vacancies without having a big impact on overall employment.

By frontloading interest rate increases, we're trying to avoid the need for even higher interest rates down the road. Frontloaded tightening cycles tend to be followed by softer landings.

The prevailing view in consumer and business surveys is that the Bank of Canada will ultimately control inflation.

July 19, 2022

Q: What are the risks of inflation running so much higher than it has in decades?

The most worrisome is the risk that businesses and households begin to believe that the high inflation is here to stay. If high inflation becomes entrenched, it'll be much more difficult to get inflation back down. One way this can materialize is if a wageprice spiral emerges. Businesses are having trouble attracting and keeping workers so they start raising wages. They pass those higher wages on to higher prices. Households then face higher inflation. Workers want higher wages to compensate for higher inflation. Firms offer those higher wages. That gets higher inflation. You can see this creates a self-perpetuating cycle where inflation expectations become unmoored.

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# **Business News Around The Valley**

#### Arnprior Investing in Tourism Plan

The Town of Arnprior is taking advantage of a regional tourism relief fund non-repayable contribution agreement with Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization for the funding to engage a consultant who will create a destination development plan for the municipality.

**Building Permits** Laurentian Valley issued 81 building permits in the first six months of 2022 with a total construction value of \$9,547,300.00.

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Open House On Saturday, August 6, 2022, CNL and AECL are welcoming the public to the 2022 Open House at Chalk River Laboratories. This is an opportunity to see Canada's national nuclear laboratories with an on-site day of interactive demonstrations, lab tours, booths and displays, mega-machines, kids' entertainment, food and more. Register for free tickets at www.cnl.ca/openhouse.

**Horton Sole Sources** LED Upgrade Horton Township staff requested a quotation from R&R Electric for the replacement of fluorescent lighting in the municipal office to LED fixtures. Due to the fact that R&R Electric had been awarded PW-2022-05 to both the public works garage and the fire hall, staff felt it prudent to request a quotation for the Municipal Office while they're onsite and familiar with the township's infrastructure. The quote totalled \$7,571.00 including HST.

#### New Restaurant For Pembroke

J&E's Bored N' Saucy is opening a restaurant and sports bar in Pembroke. They will be located in the former Dineamics restaurant building just outside of Downtown Pembroke. The Petawawa location will continue

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offering poutine, grilled cheeses, freezer meals and catering. The plan is to open in Pembroke in October 2022.

#### Municipalities Seek Audit Committee Members

The municipalities of Arnprior, Admaston Bromley, Greater Madawaska and McNab Braeside have formed a joint compliance audit committee and are seeking applicants for the 2022 municipal election. One member from each municipality is required. The committee is responsible for reviewing compliance audit applications submitted by an elector who reasonably believes a candidate or third party advertiser has contravened the provisions of the Municipal Elections Act, relating to campaign or advertising finances. Ineligible committee candidates include: - employees/officers of the local municipality or local board; - members of council or a local board;

- any persons who are candidates in the 2022 municipal election; - any persons who are registered third party advertisers for the 2022 municipal election. Asset qualifications for the role include experience in legal, accounting and auditing as well as knowledge of campaign financing rules would be an asset. Interested applicants are encouraged to submit a letter of interest outlining their qualifications and experience prior to August 5, 2022 to Kaila Zamojski at the Town of Arnprior by email at kzamojski@arnprior.ca.

#### Bonnechere Valley Office Closed July 22 The Township of Bonnechere Valley municipal office will be

closed on Friday, July 22, 2022 to upgrade the township computer system. The municipal office will re-open on Monday, July 25, 2022 at 8:30am.

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# Ontario Legislation Tracking: PSHSA Four-day work week, paid sick days, support workers act and more

The Public Services Health & Safety Association (PSHSA) is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. PSHSA works with Ontario's public and broader public sector employers and workers to reduce workplace risks and prevent occupational injuries and illnesses. The following is their summary of legislation being forwarded in Ontario.

First Reading indicates the legislation is 20% of the way to being enacted. In Committee indicates the bill is 60% of the way to being enacted.

Protecting Vulnerable Persons in Supportive Living Accommodation Act, 2021

*First Reading* The Bill requires persons who operate a supportive living accommodation in specified circumstances to hold a licence issued by the Minister.

#### Support Workers Pay Act, 2021

*First Reading* The Bill enacts the *Support Workers Pay Act, 2021* which provides that the minimum pay for every support worker shall include the temporary pandemic pay paid to support workers. The Act also provides that every entity that employs support workers shall provide travel payments per kilometre travelled between work sites.

> Four-Day Work Week Act, 2021 First Reading

The Act establishes the Four-Day Work Week Commission, to develop recommendations on how to implement a pilot project designed to determine the effectiveness of a four-day work week in Ontario. Within one year of receiving the report setting out recommendations, the Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development shall implement the pilot project, which will last one year. After this time, the Minister will prepare a report that sets out recommendations for a four-day work week for Ontario workers.

#### Speaking Out About Workplace Violence and Workplace Harassment Act, 2021

First Reading The Bill amends the Occupational Health and Safety Act to include protections against reprisals of workers who speak out about workplace violence and harassment. The amendments provide that a reprisal is any measure taken against a worker that adversely affects the worker's employment. **10 Paid Sick Days for Ontario** Workers Act, 2021 First Reading The Bill makes the amendments to the Employment Standards

Act, 2000 to provide for up to 10

paid days of personal emergency leave in the case of a personal illness, injury or medical emergency; the illness, injury or medical emergency of a specified family member or an urgent matter concerning a specified family member. The Act will require that the Minister implement an employer program to provide resources and supports to assist employers in providing personal emergency leave. The Act currently provides three days of paid infectious disease emergency leave and will be amended to provide 10 days of paid leave.

#### Keeping Students Safe on School Buses Act (Highway Traffic Amendment), 2018

*In Committee* The Bill makes it mandatory to have three-point seat belts on forward-facing seats on school buses.

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# Bank of Canada Governor Continued Getting inflation under control and advice for small businesses

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The global economy is slowing. If it slows more than we expect, Canada will be affected.

On the other side, households have a lot of extra savings, between \$200 to \$300 billion. Whether they use that to pay down debt or spend it remains to be seen.

There are some similarities today to the 1970s. The initial boost in inflation came from a big increase in the price of oil. We had the oil embargo in the 1970s, oil prices went way up. This time we've got Russia's attack of Ukraine. It's feeding through to shipping costs, transportation costs. That's showing up in the prices of many goods. The other thing that's similar is this big oil price shock hit at a time when the economy was in excess demand. What is different, though, is that in the 1970s, the economy had

been overheated for several vears.

# Q: What advice do you have for small businesses?

We are very aware that it's been a very tough two and a half years. The high inflation we see today is not here to stay. So, when you're entering into longerterm contracts, where those are price contracts or wage prices, over the next two years we are confident inflation is going to come down back to 2%.

#### Q: Are there any other mechanisms which could combat inflation that doesn't put Canadian families under further pressure?

We are going to see a material slowing of the economy. It's not a recession. There's a lot about the last two and a half years that have never happened in history. We've never had a recession this sharp. We've never had a recovery this fast. We've never had vaccines developed so quickly. We've never seen businesses be so resilient. One thing that is quite different in Canada compared to many of our trading partners, is that we export oil, wheat, potash - so many of the commodities that the prices are very high. That is translating into high prices for consumers, but it is bringing more income into the country.

# Q: Why wait so long to increase interest rates?

Throughout this pandemic, there's been one curve ball after another. Our decisions have always been grounded in best judgments based on the best available information. If a year ago we knew everything we knew today, yes, we probably would have started raising interest rates earlier. And a year ago, there was still a lot of excess capacity in the economy. When we look back on those forecast errors, about two thirds of our inflation forecast errors reflect international factors, the biggest being higher oil prices, the other one being gummed-up global supply chains.

#### Q: To what degree do you think big inflation was caused by excess and irresponsible stimulus?

We're experiencing the problems associated with a global pandemic where everything shut down, everything's reopened at once. There's huge demand for goods around the world because people substituted out of services that they couldn't buy during the pandemic because things were closed into goods. Now, the goods, as things have reopened, we're now seeing a big surge in demand for services, and businesses are having a hard time keeping up with that demand. That's all creating inflationary pressures. And what that is a clear signal is we've got to slow demand.

# Statistics Canada Pandemic Review Results and impacts from the pandemic funding; retirements and more

#### Source: Statistics Canaa

In 2020, the COVID-19 public health measures and pandemic relief programs brought significant changes to the Canadian labour market and income landscape. Pandemic relief benefits were an important component of income in 2020. Over two-thirds of Canadian adults received income from one or more pandemic relief programs.

After-tax income growth was faster for households with lower incomes, reflecting greater contributions of the Canada Child Benefit and pandemic relief benefits to the incomes of lower-income families. Income growth was faster in large urban centres - particularly downtown cores - compared with smaller population centres and rural areas, mirroring trends in population growth.

There were 113,835 fewer Canadian adults who received employment income in 2020 than in 2019. Among those who received employment income, many earned less than they had earned before. Compared with 2019, 716,400 fewer Canadians had earnings ranging from \$20,000 to \$59,999 in 2020, while 415,585 more Canadians earned less than \$20,000.

Just under two-thirds of Canadian women received employment income in 2020, down 0.5 percentage points from a year earlier, while their median employment income fell 2.4% to \$32,000. In comparison, just under three-quarters of Canadian men received employment income, down 0.2 percentage points from a year earlier, while their median employment income fell 2.7% to \$43,200. Men's median employment income remained over one-third higher than women's median employment income in 2020.

Retirement age workers and those approaching retirement age were disproportionately impacted during the pandemic. The share of Canadians aged 65 and older receiving employment income fell 4.4 points for both men and women.

According to tax data, median earnings were down by approximately one-quarter in both the accommodation and food services, and in the arts, entertainment and recreation sectors from 2019 to 2020 - the largest declines among all sectors. Median earnings in these sectors were down sharply in all provinces and territories. At the same time, median earnings rose sharply in higherpaid sectors, such as finance and insurance; public administration; and information and cultural industries.

Of the 30.3 million Canadian adults aged 15 and older, 68.4%, or 20.7 million people, received payments from one or more of the federal, provincial or territorial pandemic-relief benefits.

According to the Canadian Income Survey, 6.4% of the population lived below Canada's official poverty line in 2020, down from 10.3% in 2019. Although the national poverty rate before 2020 was generally trending downward, the large decrease observed from 2019 to 2020 was mostly because of increases in government transfers.

# Local Municipal Election Candidates Renfrew County, Lanark County, South Algonquin, Bancroft and Mattawa

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# Municipal Election Timeline

AUGUST 19 Nomination Day. The final day to file or withdraw a nomination for municipal office (9:00am-2:00pm).

AUGUST 24 Additional nominations can be filed before 2:00pm if nominations received is less than number to be elected.

SEPTEMBER 1 From Sept. 1 to Oct. 24, a person may add or amend their name to the voter's list.

> SEPTEMBER 24 First possible day to hold an advance vote.

> > OCTOBER 24 Voting Day.

NOVEMBER 15 New term of office begins.

# Federal Government News In Brief Disability assessment, business legislation, official languages act

#### Disability Income Assessments

The Evaluation Of Canada Pension Plan Disability Reassessment Element, a federal audit of the disability payments under the Canada Pension Plan, has been available since 1966. It is the single-largest public longterm disability insurance benefit in Canada and currently pays up to \$17,580 a year to Canadians under age 65 who have a disability that leaves them unable to work. 401,000 people claim that benefit. While claimants are to be reassessed annually, recently only 2% of claimants were reviewed, leading to investigators reporting that at least 9,800 claimants were both working and claiming disability. According to auditors, in 2000-2001 the program paid \$2.8 billion to 282,111 beneficiaries and their dependent

children. By 2018, the program paid \$4.4 billion in benefits to 337,505 beneficiaries and their dependent children.

#### Canada Small Business Financing Act

Changes to the *Canada Small Business Financing Act* will offer taxpayer-guaranteed lines of credit up to \$150,000 at prime plus 5% interest. The Bank of Canada prime rate is currently 3.7%. Regular loans under the program are charged at prime plus 3%. The program guarantees 85% of eligible small business loans approved through banks and credit unions. Borrowers pay a 2% registration fee and a 1.5% annual registration fee.

Official Languages Act Amendments Bill C-13 An Act To Amend The Official Languages Act would require federally regulated private businesses like airports, banks, marine shippers, railways and interprovincial trucking companies that operate in any region with a "strong francophone presence" to offer service in French. "Strong francophone presence" is not defined. The cabinet bill proposes fines for Crown corporations and transport companies that breach the law. Languages Commissioner Raymond Théberge also proposed a firm quota on immigration by French-speaking foreigners.

#### Businesses Didn't Use All Funds

The federal government set aside \$20 million to compensate businesses for losses while the Freedom Convoy was in Ottawa. 1,900 businesses were deemed eligible and as of June 8, \$8.6 million has been dispersed (43%

of the fund). In Windsor, a \$2.5 million fund was created for 240 businesses that had hardships while the Ambassador Bridge had traffic issues. That fund was only used by 60 businesses for a total of \$462,469 (18% of the fund). A CBC story estimated damages from the Freedom Convoy to range between \$44 million and \$200 million. Michael Tremblay, CEO of Invest Ottawa (a business resource) also testified damages were "very significant." Compensation was paid through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

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# Ontario Legislation Tracking: Continued Paid leave, sick notes, workplace safety, human rights, long-term care

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#### Employment Standards Amendment Act (Sick Notes), 2020

In Committee The Bill amends the Employment Standards Act, 2000 about what evidence an employer can make an employee provide to show that they are entitled to sick leave. Employers retain the right to make an employee show evidence that they are entitled to sick leave, but are not permitted to require a certificate from a qualified health practitioner.

#### Workplace Safety and Insurance Amendment Act (Presumption Respecting COVID-19), 2020

*First Reading* The Bill amends the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 with respect to workers who work for a business that has been listed as an essential business in an order made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. If a worker for an essential business receives a positive test for COVID-19, the disease is presumed to be an occupational disease that occurs due to the nature of the worker's work, unless the contrary is shown. The presumption applies to a positive test received on or after January 25, 2020.

#### Human Rights Code Amendment Act, 2018 First Reading

The Bill amends the Human Rights Code to include immigration status, genetic characteristics, police records and social condition as prohibited grounds of discrimination with respect to services, goods and facilities, the occupancy of accommodation, the right to contract, employment and membership in various types of organizations. Long-Term Care Homes Amendment Act (Preference for Veterans), 2018 In Committee

The Bill amends the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 by enacting a definition of "veteran" that includes former officers and former noncommissioned members of the Canadian Forces. The Bill provides preference for admission to long-term care homes given to veterans.

Paid Personal Emergency Leave Now Act, 2021 First Reading The Bill amends the Employment Standards Act, 2000 to require employers to provide personal emergency leave to their employees.

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#### **Audit Committee** Established

A joint compliance audit committee is being established for election purposes with Pembroke, Renfrew, Laurentian Valley and Whitewater Region. Members include Rick Eustace, Mackie McLaren, Les Scott and Kent Tubman.

#### **ERC Program Participants**

The first intake for Starter Company Plus 2022-2023 program year has 14 participants. These new entrepreneurs will undergo three months of business training, coaching and mentoring from Enterprise Renfrew County staff, business coaching professionals, local business professionals and local volunteer entrepreneurs. At the end of the training sessions, those clients who wish to continue may compete in our business plan pitch contest where they may be awarded up to \$4,000 in funding to utilize towards their business operations. The Summer Company program recruitment has yielded five applicants and

staff is reviewing and updating the business plans of these student entrepreneurs. Once the reviews are complete, the business plans will be evaluated and successful young entrepreneurs will join the 2022 Summer Company program.

# **Huckabones** Adds

**Product Line** Huckabones Equipment in Cobden is now a Lumber Jack retailer. The business is now carrying Lumber Jack BBQ pellets, Croix Valley BBQ sauces/rubs, SuckleBuster's BBQ sauces and rubs, Slap Ya Mama Cajun seasonings and ASMOKE wood pellet BBQ grills.

**Arnprior Brewery** Launches First Beer Cold Bear Brew in Amprior has launched their first beer - Two Rivers. Two Rivers New England Pale Ale is brewed with malt from Mississippi Mills Malting in Pakenham, hops from Stone Hedge Hop Farms in Eganville, and yeast from Escarpment Labs in Guelph. The beer has notes of melon, peach, and tropical fruit and pours a hazy golden colour. For information, visit www.facebook.com/coldbearbrewco

#### Sarah Adam

Sarah Adam has rejoined the SADC Pontiac team as an Administrative Assistant. Sarah has taken over from Andrea Lagarde, who has taken her retirement after working 34 years with our organization. Adam previously worked as a business advisor in the SADC Pontiac loans department from 2012 to 2017. Adam then went on to accept a position at the Municipality of L'Isle-aux-Allumettes before returning to SADC Pontiac.

**Arthur Smith** The Town of Renfrew has recruited Arthur Smith to the position of Treasurer. Smith began his role on July 4. Smith has more than 10 years of municipal experience, including with the finance department of the City of Saskatoon and most recently as treasurer for the Town of Deep River. Smith attended Nipissing University and received his bachelor's in business administration before pursuing his Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in Ontario.

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# It's A Fact

# Wholesale Sales

Source: Statistics Canada

### 1.6%

Wholesale sales increase in May

### 7.8%

Increase in wholesale sales in food, beverage and tobacco in May; the 4th increase in the past five months

### 8.7%

Increase in wholesale food sales

# 3.2%

Increase in wholesale sales in machinery and equipment in May; the 8th month-overmonth increase in the past 9 months

### 17.2%

Increase in wholesale sales in farm, lawn and garden machinery

### 6.5%

Increase in wholesale sales in computer and communications equipment

### -4.3%

Decrease in wholesale sales in building material and supplies; the 3rd decline in 2022

### -8.2%

Decrease in wholesale sales in lumber. millwork. hardware and other building supplies

## 1.8%

Increase in wholesale sales in Ontario

# 1.5%

Increase in wholesale sales in Quebec

# 4.0%

Increase in wholesale sales in Saskatchewan

# **Reach Women Consumers with Country Girl Women's Golf Day 2022!**

Hole Sponsor: \$1,000 with a golf foursome; \$600 without the golf foursome - includes recognition and 1/2 page ad in Ottawa Valley Business

Swag Bag Sponsor: \$200 or product donation - a gift certificate or item for 100 golfers

- we can purchase an item for you!

Raffle Sponsor: Donate to our raffle

# Proceeds raised from the women's golf day go towards local charitable initiatives!

For more information on sponsorship or how to participate, text/call Jennifer at 613-312-7824 or email at jenn@fwdthink.net

# Tenders

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Professional Engineering Services

APN\_Base Program 2022-23, Petawawa

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

RFP #2022-15 Cafeteria Operator at Arnprior District High School RFP 2022-01 Municipal Road Resurfacing

RFP-FN-2022-01 – Audit Services – Finance

PW2022-2 Road Pulverization

RFP-HR-2022-01 – Employee and Family Assistant Program PW2022-1 A Gravel

# REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

RFQ # CSD-02-2022 Composite Playground Structure

Last Duel Park Pathway

RFQ Septic System

#### TENDERS

Tender # FD-02-2022 For the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Four Garage Doors for Fire Station 1

Tender # PW-01-2022 For the Supply and Delivery of One Tandem Axle Truck

Request for Quotation Q-22-05 Fencing Works

Recapitalization of 14 Residential Housing Units

MV 2022-11 Tender-2022-11-Sidewalk Plow and Attachments

APN\_CO/NO Detectors and Fire Alarm Modifications Contract No.21-5099B Tender for the Lasalle Drive Reconstruction

DP-RCHC-22-09 – Massey and Airth Roof Rehabilitations

Request for Tender for Phase 1 – Bennett Street Watermain Replacement

02-2022R1 – Reconstruction of Joffre Avenue, Haig Avenue and Dufferin Street

RFT-PR-2022-02 Lanark & District Museum Foundation Repair Tender

Complete listings at www.ovbusiness.com

# Tender Results Around The Valley

**Base Wide Environmental Site Assessment, Phase I. Defence Construction Canada.** Awarded to Golder Associates of Ottawa in the amount of \$127,541.50.

**Geotechnical and Topographical Survey for Reception Building Design. Defence Construction Canada.** Awarded to WSP Canada of Ottawa in the amount of \$50,643.00.

Sanitary Sampling Garrison Petawawa. Defence Construction Canada. Awarded to Arcadis Canada of Ottawa in the amount of \$17,231.50.

#### Supply and Delivery of One Current Year Backhoe Loader, Request for Proposal No. P-22-02. Pembroke.

Recommended award to J.R. Brisson Equipment in the amount of \$122,737.00. **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan. Pembroke**. Recommended award to With Chela, Inc in the amount of \$9,900. plus HST.

**Flat Roof Replacement project at Bonnechere Manor. County of Renfrew.** Perth Roofing - \$276,159.26 **PMC Replacement of Lower-Level Roof and Upper-Level Siding Tender Contract No. 206339-3. Pembroke.** Recommended award to J.G. Fitzgerald & Sons Ltd., in the amount of \$313,550.00 and additional expenditures in the amount of \$15,702.00 for a contingency allowance.

Melton Street Watermain Reconstruction – Tender Contract No. 22-1030. Pembroke. Bonnechere Ex. - \$1,312,797.75 Tender PW-15-2022, Springhill Crescent Watermain Loop. Petawawa.

Do-All Const. - \$338,887.95 H & H Const. - \$361,068.00 JWK Cont. - \$413,844.00 **Tender FD-01-2022, Supply and Delivery of One 2022 RIB Style Watercraft. Petawawa.** Co2 Inflatables - \$80,991.00 Tobermory Marine- \$98,750.00

**Tender CSD-01-2022, Laurentian Highlands Park Development. Petawawa.** 1000187812 Ont. - \$449,847.65 Eastway Cont. - \$362,272.72 McDougall Mill Museum Roof Replacement. Renfrew. We Got It Covered - \$70,553.00

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Bonnechere Manor Courtyard Improvements. County of Renfrew. Country Care. - \$360,114.00

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# Trade Compare For Communicate An unexpected conversation leads to opportunities



# By: Jennifer Layman jenn@fwdthink.net

A few weeks ago, I met a person who had been in business for 17 years. We ended up talking about our respective business histories (I was a year shy of his), and he shared about having done his part to sit on development committees and participate in strategies with his municipality to grow business in the area. He felt they were always seeking to be like other municipalities instead of really developing their own strengths and what they had to offer. He continued on the committee for a couple of years before deciding that his input was not what the committee was looking for, so he opted to support the community in other ways instead.

**Don't Dare To Compare** When it comes to marketing your town or your business, comparison is a tricky tool. When you start looking at what you have or do compared to another place, you can start copying ideas without knowing what's behind them. For example, another town has 150 businesses and you have 95 so you start a campaign to attract 50 new businesses. But what level of infrastructure is needed to support 150 businesses? What does that other town offer in location, population or demographics that might be different from your town? What is the cost of doing business in that community versus your local municipality?

> Use The Expertise You Have At Hand

When the businessperson participated on the committee, he brought forward suggestions and ideas based on his experience of being in business and speaking to customers. Business people are great sources of important information from which communities can improve and build. The challenge is being able to accept new ideas that might not be in line with what other towns and cities are doing. But, that ability to be different is also a municipality's greatest opportunity to stand out amongst colleagues and share a locallymade success story.

#### Municipalities, Like Businesses, Compete

As a municipality, you cannot offer everything to everyone. And, that's a good thing. Building on a niche community can result in fewer expenses and more targeted marketing for businesses and residents alike. It allows you to put your focus on specific areas where you can allot the necessary tax dollars to improve and sustain.

As the business owner tried to convey on his committee, instead of focusing on what the town didn't have, he wanted the focus to be on what it did have. and find a way to push those strengths. Of course, it was a business solution - if a business didn't put its attention to the people who are most likely to be customers, it wouldn't be in business very successfully. But much of that thinking can be used by municipalities as well, it just takes some creative thinking to put it into action.

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms." (Zen Shin)

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



# Work Wellness

#### Encourage Wellness Initiatives Through Your Recognition And Rewards Program

When someone takes part in Bike to Work Day, you can tell by the grease marks on their calves and helmet on their desk. But how do you scale and reward your wellness initiatives as your company grows? Claimable awards incentivize healthy behaviours that contribute to a strong workplace, whether it's Bike to Work Day, a company step challenge, or your team's vegetarian chili cook-off. You can also create custom wellness rewards to showcase your company's culture and add some fun to your corporate wellness initiatives!

#### The Origin of Sayings: "Show Your True Colours"

More nautical lingo! Lowering your colours aboard a ship to hide your nation's flag is a strategic move. In a naval battle, if you hoist your flag high after hiding it, you are showing your true colours.

#### Quotable

"Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes... but no plans." - Peter F. Drucker

"Manage your relationships. Great relationships may not be profitable, but bad ones always result in losses." - Tarun Sharma

"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

"Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them." - Alfred North Whitehead



July 7, 2022

### In This Issue

- AMO is seeking a new Director of Policy and Government Relations.
- 2022-24 AMO Board of Directors Nominations Report.
- Housing in Ontario and Bill 109.
- AMO is proud to announce 2022 Conference keynote speaker, Dr. Samantha Nutt.
- AMO Board election Caucus affiliation deadline.
- Blog: AMO Conference Live and In-person.
- FCM funding for road assessments ends soon!
- Promote your RFP with OMSSA.
- Careers: Brockton, Brampton, Oakville, Fairhaven LTC and Georgina.

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The Secretary-Treasurer has released the <u>Nominations Report</u> for the AMO Board of Directors with a list of confirmed candidates. Elections will be held at the Annual Conference & General Meeting August 15-17, 2022.

AMO members are encouraged to review AMO's <u>recent work</u> on housing and homelessness as they navigate the changes set out in <u>Bill 109: the *More Homes for*</u> <u>*Everyone Act*</u>.

### Eye on Events

A medical doctor, a founder of renowned global organization, War-Child, Dr. Nutt will explore the idea of *Building Better Communities Through Principled Leadership in Challenging Times*. Dr Nutt is one of the many outstanding educational opportunities at AMO 2022. <u>Register</u> today.

The deadline to change your Caucus affiliation to vote in the AMO Board election is July 18. If you wish to change the Caucus in which you are currently registered, please email <u>events@amo.on.ca</u> with your name and desired Caucus affiliation **before the July 18 deadline**. Still need to <u>register</u>? Make sure to choose your caucus when doing so.

### LAS

The last two years the Association of Municipalities of Ontario hosted the annual conference and general meeting virtually. This year we are finally able to gather again, live and in-person in Ottawa for August 2022. What can you expect? Read more <u>here</u>.

If you were thinking of using FCM's Municipal Asset Management Fund (MAMP) for

your <u>Road & Sidewalk Assessment</u> this year, you'll want to act quick. FCM is closing the application window on <u>July 15 at midnight</u>. Don't delay, apply today!

## **Municipal Wire\***

Post your open RFPs to OMSSA's RFP Board and have it shared with human services professionals across Ontario. Email jobs@omssa.com to post your opportunity. Subscribe today to receive open opportunities.

# Careers

<u>Director of Operations - Municipality of Brockton</u>. Provides supervision, management, leadership, technical expertise and related communications. Apply to <u>jfarrell@brockton.ca</u> by July 29.

<u>Supervisor, Inspections, Building - City of Brampton</u>. Responsible for the field supervision of inspectors; monitors the inspection program to ensure proper and consistent application of technical standards. <u>Apply online</u> by July 14.

<u>Supervisor, Database and Development - Town of Oakville</u>. Responsible for supporting the Town's ITS leadership in their efforts at overseeing, managing and leveraging the IT Assets and Service. <u>Apply online</u> by July 20.

<u>Executive Director - Fairhaven LTC Home.</u> Responsible for strategic planning, administration, financial control and evaluation of all services, programs and activities. <u>Apply online</u> by August 5.

<u>Manager, Capital Delivery - Town of Georgina.</u> Responsible for business planning, financial management, public participation/ communication, Council reporting, technical expertise and construction contract administration. <u>Apply online</u> by July 22.

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July 14, 2022

### In This Issue

- AMO is seeking a new Director of Policy and Government Relations.
- ?Blue Box Transition: Interest in providing curbside collection due July 15!
- ?Invasive species survey now open.
- AMO and TVO partnering again for 2022 AGM.
- AMO Board election Caucus affiliation deadline.
- Pandemic recovery support for municipal health and safety programs.
- Jump-start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
- Our turn-key LED program is at your service!
- Energy workshops reduce GHG emissions in your buildings.
- Careers: King, Summerside, Waubeek ELCCC, MoT and Huron County.

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### **Provincial Matters**

The operational planning for the collection and processing system for Blue Box materials is well underway. Municipalities interested in providing curbside collection need to indicate their preference by <u>July 15, 2022</u>.

The Auditor General of Ontario has sent a survey to all Ontario municipalities about Invasive Species Management. Members are encouraged to participate in the survey and can direct any questions to the <u>Auditor General's Office</u>.

### Eye on Events

AMO is pleased to announce that our successful partnership with TVO's The Agenda with Steve Paikin will continue as we go live and in-person in Ottawa August 14-17. Join John Michael McGrath, Nam Kiwanuka, Jeyan Jeganathan and Steve Paiken as they moderate the Ministers' Forum, Women's Leadership, Trailblazers and Economic Recovery Panels. Also participating is Jeffrey Orridge, TVO's Chief Executive Officer, who will address AMO delegates. <u>Register today</u>.

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On July 26, <u>4S Consulting Services</u> is co-hosting a webinar with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) on pandemic recovery supports available to

municipalities for health and safety programs. Speakers will walk you through how you can double the rebate on WSIB premiums among other topics. <u>Register today</u>.

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of files is a critical challenge. On July 27, join AMO's partner, <u>Notarius</u>, 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. <u>Register here</u>.

# LAS

Our popular <u>LAS Facility Lighting Service</u> is ready to help you! Take advantage of our complete turn-key solution for municipalities wanting to upgrade their lighting to LED. <u>Contact us</u> for your free no-obligation proposal including a cost and financial return analysis.

Did you know buildings are responsible for about 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario? <u>LAS in partnership with Stephen Dixon</u> offers workshops on carbon reduction strategies to help you fight harmful GHGs. Dates are still available this fall. <u>Contact Christian Tham</u> for more information.

## Careers

<u>Planner I - Development - Township of King</u>. Responsible for the file management, review, and analysis of various planning/development applications and inquiries. Forward resume by 4:30 PM on August 1 to: Human Resources, 2585 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1. email: <u>hr@king.ca</u>.

<u>Planning Coordinator - Township of King.</u> Provides assistance and information, including planning policy, zoning, and other similar items. Apply to <u>hr@king.ca</u> by August 2.

<u>Chief Administrative Officer - City of Summerside, Prince Edward Island.</u> Reporting to and working collaboratively with a Council, the CAO provides oversight to all financial and human resources of the City. <u>Apply online</u> by August 8.

<u>Child Care Supervisor - Waubeek Early Learning and Child Care Centre.</u> Responsible for the effective operation of the program(s) through organization, planning resourcing and performance management. Apply to <u>jobs@psdssab.org</u> by August 4.

<u>Assistant Deputy Minister, Integrated Policy and Planning - Ministry of Transportation.</u> Works across the ministry, OPS and with other levels of governments and stakeholders to deliver the ministry's transportation mandate, and supports critical government policy and planning interests. <u>Apply online</u> by July 27.

<u>Deputy Chief Professional Standards, Emergency Services - County of Huron.</u> Assists in motivating, coaching and mentoring staff to their highest practical standard. Apply to: <u>humanresources@huroncounty.ca</u> by July 29.

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July 28, 2022

### In This Issue

- Guidelines for administrative penalties for Vehicle-Based Contraventions.
- AMO Conference keynote AMO-COU lecture: Adapting to Climate Change.
- Blog: You're invited to the AMO Conference.
- Digital partner surveys Feedback requested.
- Energy reporting deadline extended.
- Careers: Toronto, DPSSSAB, and Guelph/Eramosa.

## **Provincial Matters**

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has released <u>program guidelines</u> for the new regulation on Administrative Penalties (AP) for Vehicle-Based Contraventions Captured by Automated Cameras. Questions can be directed to <u>roadsafety@ontario.ca</u>.

## Eye on Events

AMO in partnership with the Council of Universities of Ontario is proud to present Dr. Daniel Henstra of the University of Waterloo who will be addressing conference delegates on the important topic of local adaptation to climate change: *Local Government Tools to Build Climate Resilience*. <u>Register today</u>. You have until August 8 to register online after which onsite registration will be available as of August 14.

# LAS

LAS Blog: The AMO 2022 Conference is in Ottawa and in person! Between August 14-17, delegates will have a wide variety of sessions to choose from. Read about some of the topics <u>here</u>.

LAS wants your feedback on two offerings from our digital partners - the <u>accessible</u> <u>website builder</u> and the <u>digital citizen relationship management (CRM) software</u>. The surveys will take approximately 5 minutes each to complete. Please submit your feedback by Friday, August 12.

Did you miss the <u>O. Reg. 507/18</u> annual energy reporting deadline? The Ministry of Energy will accept 2020 consumption data up to August 26, 2022. Please email <u>BPSsupport@ontario.ca</u> if you have any questions about the regulation.

### Careers

<u>City Manager - City of Toronto</u>. The City Manager is the most senior official in the City's administrative structure, with accountability to the Mayor and City Council for the policies and programs delivered by members of the Toronto Public Service. Submission Deadline: August 22.

<u>Director of Women's Services - District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration</u> <u>Board</u>. Position will oversee the development and delivery of Women's Services and Violence Against Women programs, including the Esprit Place Family Resource Centre, Child Witness Program, and the Outreach Program. Submission Deadline: August 19.

Deputy Clerk - Township of Guelph/Eramosa. Responsible in fulfilling the statutory duties and providing administrative support and assistance to the Legislative Services Department, Township Council and Committees. Submission Deadline: August 11.

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August 4, 2022

## In This Issue

- ?An Integrated Approach to Mental Health and Addictions.
- Important AMO 2022 information to look for!
- ?Thank you to AMO 2022 partners, sponsors and exhibitors!
- Digital partner surveys Feedback requested.
- ?- Planning a Road Needs Study for 2023?
- Engaging with communities on electricity procurement.
- ?Municipalities, electrification and the economy of the future.
- Careers and RFP: OMTRA, KDSB and Hastings County.

### **AMO Matters**

On August 2, AMO was pleased to have the opportunity to submit <u>An Integrated</u> <u>Approach to Mental Health and Addictions</u> to the Ministry of Health.

# Eye on Events

On August 9 all registered AMO 2022 delegates will receive an email with important information on registering and planning for AMO's Conference in Ottawa August 14 – 17. Don't miss this helpful information. Check your spam folder if you don't receive the email by August 9. If someone else registered you, check with them. Haven't yet registered? You can <u>register online</u> until August 8 and in person as of Sunday August 14.

The importance of <u>partners</u>, <u>sponsors</u> and <u>exhibitors</u> to the success of the AMO 2022 Conference cannot be overstated. AMO is truly grateful and looks forward to their participation in Ottawa, August 14 -17. If you still need to <u>register</u>, you can do so online until August 8. Onsite registration will open Sunday, August 14, at noon in the Shaw Centre. Visit our <u>program page</u> to see all the outstanding educational offerings and events planned for AMO 2022

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Is a Road Needs Study on your schedule for 2023? <u>Contact Tanner</u> to receive a noobligation quote for the <u>LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service</u>. Save time and money with high-quality data and the tools to make it useful.

# **Municipal Wire\***

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking input by August 5 on the process to procure new electricity supply for Ontario. Visit the dedicated <u>LT RFP</u> <u>community engagement webpage</u> for more details.

Join Hydro One on Tuesday, August 16, in Governor General 1 room, at the AMO 2022 Conference in Ottawa, as we discuss how we can help your municipality plan and prepare for the economy of the future, including the electrification of transit, personal vehicles and industry.

### Careers

<u>Request for Proposal - Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association.</u> Seeking a vendor who has demonstrated experience in successfully developing consensusbased strategic plans and has strong facilitation skills. Responses must be emailed to <u>stratplan@omtra.ca</u> by August 26.

<u>Director/Chief of Emergency Medical Services - Kenora District Services Board</u>. Provides overall direction, leadership and planning for direct and contracted ambulance and paramedic services. Apply to <u>hr@kdsb.on.ca</u> by August 16.

<u>Director of Finance/Treasurer - County of Hastings.</u> The position will provide executive leadership of the Financial Services Department. Apply to <u>careers@hastingscounty.com</u> August 26.

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August 11, 2022

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- Important AMO 2022 information to look for.
- Thank you to AMO 2022 partners, sponsors and exhibitors!
- LAS Blog: You're invited to the AMO Conference.
- Win an iPad!
- Knowledge uncovers significant energy savings.
- Modern lighting to decrease your energy costs.
- Digital partner surveys Feedback requested.
- Enhance your professional development with OMSSA.
- Careers: MOE, MOEDJCT, TTC, Innisfil and Simcoe County.

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# LAS

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It's your chance to have your say about how LAS can help your community work better, visit the LAS booth August 14 and 15 at the AMO Conference and fill out a survey. We'll enter your name in a draw to win an iPad.

Older lighting technology accounts for appx. 20 - 30% of your facility's energy cost. Upgrading to LED will change that. With over 65 lighting projects completed through the <u>Facility Lighting Service</u>, municipalities are collectively saving over \$1 million annually. Contact <u>Christian Tham</u> for your free budget proposal.

Knowledge gained from <u>Energy Training workshops</u> can uncover significant energy savings. In partnership with Stephen Dixon, with over 55 workshops and 300 attendees, participants have discovered huge energy savings opportunities in their municipal facilities. Contact <u>Christian Tham</u> to book your custom workshop.

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surveys will take approximately 5 minutes each to complete. Please submit your feedback by August 12.

## **Municipal Wire\***

This fall, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) offers a full slate of virtual workshops designed to build your key skills and competencies. Visit our website and <u>register</u> for a course today.

# Careers

<u>Executive Director, Provincial and Demonstration Schools - Ministry of Education</u>. Provides oversight and strategic leadership to superintendents and managers, that deliver education, curriculum, programs, maintenance, housekeeping, food service operations, IT, lodging, transportation and support services. Submission Deadline: August 31.

<u>Senior Program Advisor - Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade</u>. Plan, organize and complete a diverse range of assigned projects. Submission Deadline: August 18.

<u>Director, Planning & Growth - Town of Innisfil</u>. Provides dedicated leadership across a portfolio that encompasses Capital & Development Engineering, Building/Inspection, Municipal By-Law, Economic Development and Planning. Submission Deadline: September 9.

<u>Director, Talent Acquisition and Outreach - TTC</u>. Oversees all aspects of: recruitment; retention strategies for the organization; compensation; internal client group hiring/partnering strategies; requests for proposals (RFP) for talent acquisition services; and more. Submission Deadline: September 2.

<u>Legislative Coordinator - County of Simcoe</u>. Position provides a wide-range of senior level pre- and post-meeting support services to Council, Committees and to staff. Submission Deadline: August 31.

<u>Accounting Supervisor - County of Simcoe</u>. responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements within their portfolio. Submission Deadline: August 24.

# About AMO

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario's 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario's and Canada's political system. Follow <u>@AMOPolicy</u> on Twitter!

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August 8, 2022

# AMO's 2021 Annual Report

Dear AMO Member,

On behalf of the AMO Board of Directors, AMO is pleased to provide the Association's most current <u>Annual Report</u>.

The Report includes messages from the AMO President and the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Director's Report, along with information on the activities of the Association during the year, and the audited financial statements. It will form part of the Secretary Treasurer's report at the <u>AMO Annual General Meeting</u> on Monday August 15, 2022.

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