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**Correspondence Package No. I-22-OCT-17**

**Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-22-OCT-17 be received as information and filed accordingly.

**General Information Items:**

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- b) Creating More Economic Opportunities for Women in Ontario
- c) Ontario Preparing to Expand Health and Benefits Coverage
- d) Ontario Recognizes Fifth Annual Rowan's Law Day
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- f) Ontario Strengthening Cyber Security and Protecting Ontarians Online
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- k) Ontario to Provide New and Expanded Energy-Efficiency Programs
- l) Ontario Expanding Energy Efficiency to Help Families and Businesses Keep Costs Down
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- n) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Public Consultation (Land Use Planning Process)

**2. Correspondence from Renfrew County & District Health Unit**

- a) COVID-19 Case Summary – September 28, 2022

- 3. Correspondence from Renfrew County**
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- 4. Correspondence from Ontario Ombudsman**
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- 5. Correspondence from CN Railway**
  - a) [CN in Your Community 2022 Report](#)  
(Full Report Available in the Clerk's Office)
  
- 6. Correspondence from Arnprior Regional Health Foundation**
  - a) [Thank you](#)
  
- 7. Correspondence from Cheryl Gallant, MP**
  - a) [Thank you](#)
  
- 8. Correspondence from Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada**
  - a) [2022 PMA National Recipients](#)
  
- 9. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)**
  - a) [Watch File – September 22, 2022](#)
  - b) [Watch File – September 29, 2022](#)
  
- 10. Correspondence from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)**
  - a) [InTouch Newsletter – September 2022](#)

## Ontarians 18+ Eligible for Bivalent Booster Starting Tomorrow

Province Adding New Paediatric Pfizer Vaccine for Infants and Children Aged Six Months To Under Five Years

September 25, 2022

[Health](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is reminding individuals that starting tomorrow, September 26, all adults aged 18 and over are eligible to receive the bivalent booster dose, which may offer more targeted protection against the Omicron variants.

Appointments can be booked through the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900. Eligible individuals can also book an appointment directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, participating health care providers and [participating pharmacies](#).

“With the start of the fall and winter respiratory illness season, it is especially important to make sure people stay up to date with their vaccines,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are the best tool to keep people healthy and out of hospitals, and to ensure Ontario’s economy stays open as the weather cools and people spend more time indoors.”

Also, as of September 26, 2022, the new paediatric Pfizer vaccine will be another vaccine available for children aged between six months to under five years old. Parents and caregivers can continue to book appointments through the same methods as for the bivalent vaccination.

“The bivalent COVID-19 booster provides better protection against the currently circulating COVID-19 variants in Ontario,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We also know that getting your child vaccinated improves their immune response to COVID-19 infection and reduces the possibility of severe disease and hospitalization and post COVID-19 symptoms.”

COVID-19 vaccines, along with continued access to testing and antivirals and updated public health guidance, give Ontarians the tools they need to make the best decisions for themselves on how to stay safe, healthy and out of hospitals as the province continues its efforts to support the recovery and rebuilding of the health system.

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### Quick Facts

- Individuals who are eligible to receive a bivalent booster can do so at a recommended interval of six months (168 days) from their previous dose, or a minimum interval of three months (84 days), regardless of how many booster doses they have already received. Individuals who would like to receive their bivalent booster between three months and the recommended six-month interval, or who otherwise have difficulty booking their appointment online, must call the PVCC to book an appointment.
- Vulnerable individuals such as individuals aged 70 and over, and moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals aged 12 and over are strongly recommended to receive their bivalent booster as soon as they can (i.e., at 84 days since previous dose), upon discussion with their health care provider, to protect themselves this fall as people spend more time indoors.
- The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for infants and children aged six months to under five years, including those who are immunocompromised is a three-dose primary series, with a recommended dosing interval of eight weeks between doses. Mixing products for your infant or child's primary series doses is not recommended. Your child should receive the same product for all their primary series doses, whether it is Pfizer or Moderna.
- To make the best decision for your family, contact your health care provider or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900 to speak with a health specialist. Alternatively, visit [COVID-19 Vaccine Consult Service](#) to book a confidential phone appointment with a SickKids Registered Nurse or the [www.shn.ca/vaxfacts](http://www.shn.ca/vaxfacts) to speak with a qualified Scarborough Health Network doctor. More information on COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth can also [be found here](#).
- For more information about treatment options, contact your primary care provider, visit a clinical assessment centre, or call Health Connect Ontario at 811 or 1-866-797-0007 (toll-free TTY) for more information on treatments, assistance, or eligibility for virtual care options.

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### Additional Resources

- [Ontarians Aged 18+ Eligible for Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Dose](#)

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Bookings to Open for Children Aged Six Months to Under Five Years](#)
  - [Children Aged Five and Over Eligible for First Booster Shot](#)
  - [Ontario Introduces a Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery](#)
  - [COVID-19 vaccines for children and youth](#)
  - For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
  - Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.
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# Creating More Economic Opportunities for Women in Ontario

\$6.9 Million Investment Will Help More Women Build In-demand Skills

September 27, 2022

[Children, Community and Social Services](#)

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AJAX – The Ontario government is investing \$6.9 million over the next three years to expand and enhance the Investing in Women’s Futures program. The program, which provides resources and training opportunities to help women develop in-demand skills for jobs, is being expanded to up to 10 new centres and further funding is being provided to the 23 centres currently offering the program.

“Many women face additional challenges participating in the workforce, such as child care and caregiving responsibilities,” said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. “We are expanding the Investing in Women’s Futures program to ensure that women have the supports and in-demand skills they need to pursue good-paying jobs or pursue further education that can help lead to financial independence.”

The Investing in Women’s Futures program provides employment training opportunities and supports for women facing social and economic barriers, including abuse and isolation, so they can overcome barriers, increase well-being, build skills and gain employment. The new service delivery sites will be selected through a [call for applications](#), which is now open to eligible organizations until Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

“The Investing in Women’s Futures program helps women develop the skills they need to build economic independence and financial stability so they can invest in themselves and their families,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “By providing an additional \$6.9 million over three years, our government is helping to deliver the critical wrap-around supports, skills training and services vulnerable women need to live free from violence and build a better life.”

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- As a result of COVID-19, women and gender-diverse Ontarians have faced additional challenges, such as increased economic insecurity, greater burden of caregiving responsibilities and a rise in the incidence of domestic violence. Young women, mothers of young children, racialized women, single mothers, Indigenous women, immigrant women, women with disabilities and women without university degrees have been most affected.
- This additional \$6.9 million investment builds on the \$18 million in funding the government is already investing from 2022-2025 in 35 community-based organizations and educational institutions. These investments support the Investing in Women's Futures and Women's Economic Security Program to help women facing socio-economic barriers develop in-demand skills to enter or re-enter the workforce.
- In 2021-22, the Investing in Women's Futures program helped more than 1,300 women across the province secure employment, start their own businesses or pursue further training and/or education.
- In June 2021, the government launched Ontario's Task Force on Women and the Economy to provide advice on addressing the unique and disproportionate economic barriers women face.
- Enhancing the Investing in Women's Futures program is part of the *2022 Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build*, the government's plan to help deliver better jobs and bigger pay cheques for workers, help keep costs down for families, and get shovels in the ground for highways, transit, hospitals and other key infrastructure.

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### **Additional Resources**

[Ontario's Task Force on Women and the Economy](#)

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[Available funding opportunities from the Ontario Government](#)

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## Ontario Preparing to Expand Health and Benefits Coverage

Public survey will inform the design of a portable benefits plan covering millions of workers

September 27, 2022

[Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development](#)

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**TORONTO** — The Ontario government is seeking public feedback as it moves forward with plans to expand benefits like health, dental, prescription drug and vision care to more workers who need coverage. Results from an online [public survey](#) will inform the design and implementation of a proposed [benefits plan](#) that would make Ontario the first province in Canada to cover millions of precarious workers in sectors such as retail, the gig economy and hospitality.

“How or where you work, should not determine whether you have access to benefits like health and dental plans,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “Our government is giving workers the protection and confidence they need to provide for their families and build stronger communities for us all.”

Most workers in Ontario with full-time, permanent jobs have medical insurance and dental coverage. However, fewer than a quarter of people who work part-time or in precarious jobs have similar benefits, which means these workers and their families often have to make difficult choices between their health and other necessities like food and shelter. Independent contractors, gig workers, low-wage workers, newcomers, younger workers and racialized people are less likely to have workplace benefits.

Public feedback is open until December 16<sup>th</sup> and will help determine the [Portable Benefits Advisory Panel](#)'s recommendations, expected in Summer 2023.

Expanding health and benefits coverage is part of Ontario’s ambitious plan to attract the best workers from across Canada – and around the world – by making the province the best place to live, work and raise a family.

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- The [Portable Benefits Advisory Panel](#) was established in response to a key recommendation from the [Ontario Workforce Recovery Advisory Committee](#).
  - Two-thirds of people in Ontario agree that “it is important that we have government benefits available based on where [workers] live not who they work for,” according to a 2021 survey by Ipsos.
  - Preparing to introduce portable benefits builds on [legislation](#) passed in Spring 2022 that established a [minimum wage and other foundational rights](#) for certain digital platform workers, [mandated naloxone kits](#) in high-risk workplaces and increased the maximum fines for businesses that fail to protect their workers.
  - These measures also follow the government’s successful 2021 changes to ensure [washroom access](#) for delivery people, require certain workplaces to have a ["disconnecting from work" policy](#), and [ban the use of non-compete clauses](#) in employment.
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#### **Additional Resources**

- [Public Survey on Portable Benefits](#)
  - [Portable Benefits Advisory Panel](#)
  - [Ontario Workforce Recovery Advisory Committee](#)
  - [Ipsos Survey: How COVID has changed how we work and what we need to prepare for the future](#)
  - [Working for Workers Act, 2022](#)
  - [Working for Workers Act, 2021](#)
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## STATEMENT

# Ontario Recognizes Fifth Annual Rowan's Law Day

Province's sport sector continues to honour Rowan Stringer's memory as an international leader on concussion safety awareness

September 28, 2022

[Tourism, Culture and Sport](#)

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TORONTO — Today, Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, issued the following statement to commemorate the fifth Rowan's Law Day in Ontario.

"In 2018, our government passed ground-breaking legislation and the first of its kind in Canada. *Rowan's Law* has changed the way that Ontario sport organizations identify and address potential concussions.

Rowan's Law Day, named in honour of Rowan Stringer's memory, is commemorated in Ontario on the last Wednesday in September to raise awareness about concussions in sport. I want to thank Gordon and Kathleen Stringer for sharing Rowan's story. For five years and counting, Ontario's sport sector has made great strides in promoting awareness and developing educational resources on concussion safety.

We are the first jurisdiction in Canada to pass concussion safety legislation. As the cornerstone of a safe sport culture, *Rowan's Law* has educated us on the signs and symptoms of concussions. It makes it mandatory for sport organizations to have a concussion code of conduct and protocols for removing injured athletes from play, and determining when they may return.

Today, we released the [fourth Rowan's Law progress report](#), profiling Ontario's leadership in concussion safety. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the perseverance and commitment of the Rowan's Law Advisory Committee, Rowan's Law Concussion Working Group, and the many dedicated organizations, parents, coaches, athletes and teachers who continue to make *Rowan's Law* a success story.

As a former professional football player who has remained active in sport as both a coach and parent, I know how important it is for everyone on a field of play to be aware of the seriousness of concussions. I spent years playing football at a position that required physical contact on each and every play. Sport was always fun to me.

It made me a better person and increased my love of community. I will continue to work with our partners at all levels to make sure that a safe sport culture continues to grow in Ontario and across Canada.

Ontario is now an international leader in concussion safety. However, there is more work to be done. I strongly encourage all of Canada's provinces and territories to join with us and follow Ontario's example.

Rowan's legacy is seen every day, at training, practices and games across our province. She will be remembered."

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## Province Investing in Ontario-made Research and Innovation

Accelerating Ontario's economic growth through world-class research

September 29, 2022

[Colleges and Universities](#)

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TORONTO – The Ontario government is supporting Ontario-made innovation with an investment of more than \$198 million in research projects at colleges, universities and research hospitals across the province. The funding is being delivered through the Ontario Research Fund and Early Researcher Awards and supports researchers in making discoveries that advance knowledge, drive progress and create jobs for the people of Ontario.

“Cultivating research excellence and innovation are more important than ever as Ontario continues to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 and lays the groundwork for robust long-term economic growth,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “These critical investments will ensure our world-class researchers have the technology and equipment to put Ontario at the forefront of innovation, supporting the development of homegrown ideas and products and creating jobs in local communities.”

The funding will support 241 research projects across the province and will be used to cover the costs of research operations and infrastructure, including building, renovating and equipping research facilities with the latest technology, and supporting researchers to attract and retain research talent.

Examples of funded research projects include:

- Sinai Health System is receiving \$5,830,254 to build an integrated platform to identify and characterize rare cells that contribute to cancer, neurodegenerative and other disorders and develop drug leads to treat these diseases. The platform will be accessible to the scientific community to enable further rare cell studies.
- Durham College is receiving \$788,509 to create a resource for Ontario small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to evaluate, develop and deploy cybersecurity systems, helping them to detect, prevent and respond to cyber-

attacks efficiently. This will enable SMEs to monitor for vulnerabilities and protect data.

- McMaster University is receiving \$430,000 to purchase a transmission electron microscope that will support research focused on developing the next generation of advanced steels. Their work will seek to improve the fuel efficiency and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of passenger vehicles.
- Lakehead University is receiving \$127,079 for research that investigates innovative power conversion and control for next-generation offshore wind systems. This initiative aims to reduce the cost and size of existing wind systems while improving their efficiency and reliability.
- The Hospital for Sick Children is receiving \$164,620 to collaborate with Indigenous People, federal and provincial organizations and other conservation and wildlife groups to identify and create high-quality reference genomes for 400 Canadian species. The information will be made freely available on a user-friendly platform so that other researchers can use the data to support biodiversity conservation in Ontario.
- The University of Waterloo is receiving \$738,083 to improve the conversion of food waste into biodegradable bioplastic materials using novel genomic solutions. Through a collaboration of industry partners, this project aims to create a circular economy, which involves sharing, reusing, repairing and recycling existing materials and products for as long as possible.
- Carleton University researcher Professor Laura Banducci is receiving an Early Researcher Award of \$140,000 to train Ontario students in modern archaeological excavation, research methods, digital data management and 3D visualization by exploring the ancient city of Gabii, one of the largest settlements in pre-Roman Italy. This project builds on 10 years of work at the excavation site.

“Research and innovation are important drivers of Ontario’s economic growth, and through these investments, our government will ensure that our research and research infrastructure continue to be competitive and attract the best and brightest talent to the province,” said Minister Dunlop. “By supporting ground-breaking research, we can advance new discoveries and innovation, help create a skilled labour force and promote new business opportunities across the province.”

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#### **Quick Facts**

- The government is investing over \$500 million over the next 10 years to support additional high-value research undertaken across Ontario’s universities, colleges, research institutes and research hospitals.



- Research projects were selected through a rigorous and competitive peer review process.
- The awarded projects are funded through six different categories:
  - The [Ontario Research Fund – Small Infrastructure Fund](#) provides research institutions with funding to support infrastructure needs, such as acquiring research equipment. The government is supporting 133 research projects with an investment of \$29,717,536.
  - The [Ontario Research Fund – College Fund \(formerly the College-Industry Innovation Fund\)](#) helps cover the costs of building, renovating and equipping research facilities to promote collaborations between colleges and industry, not-for-profit and public sector partners. The government is supporting eight research projects with an investment of \$6,337,547.
  - The [Ontario Research Fund – Large Scale Applied Research Project](#) aims to advance genomics research and development. The government is supporting four research projects with an investment of \$4,962,143.
  - The [Ontario Research Fund – Large Infrastructure Fund](#) provides research institutions with funding to help cover the costs of building or renovating facilities and equipping them to conduct collaborative academic research. The government is supporting 40 research projects with an investment of \$148,065,848.
  - [Ontario Research Fund – Genomic Applications Partnership Program](#) aims to advance genomics research and development. The government is supporting two research projects with an investment of \$1,605,949.
  - [Early Researcher Awards](#) provide funding to new researchers working at publicly funded Ontario research institutions to build a research team. The government is supporting 54 researchers with an investment of \$7,560,000.
- On March 3, 2022, the Ontario government [announced the launch of Intellectual Property Ontario](#), a new board-governed agency will serve as a go-to resource for Intellectual Property (IP) expertise to help researchers and companies maximize the value of their IP, strengthen their capacity to grow and compete in the global market.
- As announced in the [2022 Ontario Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build](#), the launch of Intellectual Property Ontario is being supported by an investment of about \$58 million over three years.
- The launch of Intellectual Property Ontario is a significant milestone of the province's [Intellectual Property Action Plan](#).

"Clean energy production is key to tomorrow's sustainable economies and communities. The funding Dr. Wei and his research team received will fuel the research required to develop the clean, more efficient, energy solutions needed for the future. We thank the Ontario government for their ongoing support of innovative research projects at Lakehead University."

**- Moira McPherson**  
**President & Vice Chancellor, Lakehead University**

"The Ontario Hospital Association thanks the Government of Ontario for the investments announced today through the Ontario Research Fund. Research hospitals are the largest contributors to health research in the province and are home to world-class scientists with international and commercial connections. As the province emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic and plans for the future, the importance of cultivating local innovation and investing in Ontario's health research sector has never been greater."

**- Anthony Dale**  
**President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association**

"Durham College is incredibly grateful for this investment from the Province of Ontario and the partnerships we've built with local industry to develop a robust cybersecurity training and development foundation. The Ontario Research Fund will add new capacity for Durham College's Centre for Cybersecurity Innovation and scale our ability to serve the cybersecurity needs of industry, primarily SMEs in the Region of Durham. With these funds, we will work with industry partners to establish a source for SMEs to evaluate, develop and deploy cybersecurity systems to detect, prevent and respond to cyber-attacks efficiently."

**- Don Lovisa**  
**President, Durham College**

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#### **Additional Resources**

- [List of funded projects](#)
- [Learn more about Intellectual Property Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Strengthening Province's Research and Innovation Sector](#)
- [Ontario Supporting Advanced Science, Technology and Innovation](#)

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## STATEMENT

# Ontario Strengthening Cyber Security and Protecting Ontarians Online

October 03, 2022

[Public and Business Service Delivery](#)

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TORONTO - Today, Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, issued the following statement:

“The beginning of October marks the start of Cyber Security Awareness Month and is a chance to highlight the importance of cyber security in our daily lives.

Our government is leading the way in transforming the delivery of services to the people and businesses of Ontario, making them easier and faster to access by providing more online options. In doing so, we have made the safeguarding of data and information our top priority.

That is why I am excited to announce a major milestone in our Cyber Security Strategy with the release of the [Cyber Security Expert Panel Report](#). The 10-member expert panel was appointed in October 2020 to identify cyber security challenges across government, municipalities, and the Broader Public Sector.

This report focuses on how the Ontario Public Service, and Broader Public Sector organizations can strengthen Ontario’s cyber security network and better protect the public. Through it, we are providing the guidance and supports that municipalities and organizations like hospitals, school boards, colleges and universities, and children’s aid societies need to prevent and respond to future cyber attacks.

The recommendations center on four key themes: reinforcing governance and operating models, improving education and training, expanding communication between organizations, and embracing cross-sector shared services to better mitigate future cyber attacks. The Expert Panel’s recommendations will form the foundation of our cyber security policies and help develop best practices shared across all sectors as well as inform future targeted investments in our cyber capabilities and defences.

With the help of this report and working collaboratively with our partners and cyber experts, we will bolster our existing networks and build up stronger defenses that are more adaptable and sustainable. As we continue on our ambitious agenda to move more government programs and services online, and as cyber threats evolve and become more sophisticated, the key learnings from this report will strengthen our cyber security capabilities and make our digital services more secure for Ontarians.

Cyber Security Awareness Month is also a great opportunity for us to reflect on our online activity and learn more about steps we can take to better protect our personal information. I encourage everyone to visit our [Cyber Security Centre of Excellence](#) throughout October to find weekly tips and best practices for protecting their data and themselves online.”

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## Ontario Takes Action to Combat Cybercrime

Funding will help prevent online hate crime, human trafficking and fraud

October 03, 2022

[Solicitor General](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing more than \$1.6 million over two years to help fight cybercrime. The funding will be allocated to 18 community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils to support projects that prevent online hate crime, human trafficking and fraud.

“As our lives become increasingly reliant on technology, cybercrime continues to grow and affect an ever-expanding range of victims,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “Our government is committed to finding solutions to help prevent cybercrime – especially crimes such as internet fraud schemes that affect vulnerable seniors; the luring of young people via social media that can lead to human trafficking; online scams that target local businesses; and hate crimes. This funding will support local organizations and their police services to work together to increase awareness about these pervasive crimes and help prevent them from happening in their communities.”

Among the organizations receiving funding is the Jane Finch Community and Family Centre in Toronto. Its “Sister’s Keeper” project, supported by Toronto Police Service’s Community Partnership and Engagement Unit, will work with young Black and racialized women in the Black Creek-Jane Finch community to develop a youth-led prevention and awareness strategy to combat sex and human trafficking. The project’s use of targeted online social media strategies and in-person information sessions in local settings and schools will aim to reduce risks that contribute to human trafficking and to build strengths, skills and resiliency in youth.

Funding for projects is being delivered through the [Safer and Vital Communities \(SVC\) grant program](#) and will support a variety of initiatives, such as:

- Developing education campaigns and community resources to increase public awareness about cybercrime, with a focus on hate crimes, human trafficking and fraud.



- Introducing training to equip vulnerable job seekers with the knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary to detect and prevent fraudulent recruitment and employment schemes.
- Developing an online education tool and teacher facilitation package to help increase awareness about cybercrime, especially related to human trafficking, among students in Grades 6-9.
- Organizing workshops, discussions and forums among diverse population groups to ensure a better understanding of the different types of cybercrime, how it can be prevented, and what resources are available to support victims.
- Creating a collection of videos and resource books for retailers to help prevent cybercrime in the retail sector.
- Undertaking engagement in First Nations communities to help enhance understanding about the roots of online hate crime and its impact on victims.

“Ontario's strength is its diversity. Our government is building safer and inclusive communities by helping to educate, support and protect those who are being targeted online by perpetrators of hate crimes, human trafficking, fraud and other cybercrimes,” said Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. “This funding will make a big difference in stopping these heinous crimes from happening and provide racialized people with the tools and resources they need to stay safe.”

“This initiative is another bold step in the fight against human traffickers who use social media, messaging platforms and illicit websites to lure, groom, and recruit children and youth into sexual exploitation,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. “Innovative solutions in the cybercrime space are an essential tool in stopping predators and protecting our children and youth.”

“Cybercrime causes irreparable harm and we are fighting back,” said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity. “I am very pleased that we can help make a difference in the Jane Finch community because I know how many lives this grant is going to positively affect.”

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### Quick Facts

- According to [recent data released by Statistics Canada](#), the number of police-reported cyber-violations across Ontario increased 201 per cent from 2017 to 2021.
- Further, the rate of cybercrime in Ontario in 2021 was 193.2 out of 100,000 individuals.

- The Safer and Vital Communities Grant is open to incorporated community-based, not-for-profit organizations as well as Indigenous community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nation Chiefs and Band Councils.
  - Grant recipients are required to partner with their local police service and are encouraged to partner with at least one other organization from a different sector to ensure a broad range of community engagement.
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### Additional Resources

- [Successful 2022-23 - 2023-24 SVC grant recipients and project descriptions](#)
  - [Ontario's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#)
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### Related Topics

#### Law and Safety

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

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## New Judges Appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice

October 03, 2022

[Attorney General](#)

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Attorney General Doug Downey announced the appointment of three judges to the Ontario Court of Justice, effective October 13, 2022.

**Justice Sarah Tarcza** was called to the bar in 2005. Since that time, she has been an assistant Crown attorney in Barrie and in 2019 she became the deputy Crown attorney in Barrie. Justice Tarcza worked collaboratively with other justice partners to develop and improve processes to transition the Ontario Court of Justice to a virtual platform in Simcoe County. She also continued to work on initiatives to manage criminal case backlogs that occurred during the pandemic. In 2014, she was part of a team that received the Rupert Ross Award for Social Justice from the Ontario Crown Attorneys' Association for her part in helping start a mental health court in Barrie.

Justice Tarcza was one of the founders of the Barrie chapter of Lawyers Feed the Hungry. Since 2007, she has been a lawyer coach for the Simcoe Muskoka High School Mock Trial team. She has also been an assistant coach and team manager for youth sports associations in the Barrie area.

Chief Justice Lise Maisonneuve has assigned Justice Tarcza to Barrie.

**Justice Christopher Uwagboe** was called to the bar in 2007. Justice Uwagboe's career started in the Middlesex Crown Attorney's office in London. In 2011, he opened a private practice representing clients in criminal defense, real estate, small claims, and immigration cases. During his time in private practice, he also was a per diem prosecutor for the Crown Attorney's office and the Ministry of Transportation in London. He was appointed to the Legal Aid Ontario Board of Directors in April 2021 and served as the Chair of the Operations Committee.

Justice Uwagboe is passionate about career development, networking, and mentorship. He has spoken on panels and provided guidance to paralegal candidates from triOS and Fanshawe Colleges, law students and Black students at

Western University, and professionals at the Ontario Association of Black Paralegals. As a law student, Justice Uwagboe was President of the National Executive of the Black Law Students' Association of Canada.

Chief Justice Lise Maisonneuve has assigned Justice Uwagboe to Windsor.

**Justice Raymond Williams** was called to the bar in 2002. Since that time, he has been an assistant Crown attorney and has worked in Crown Attorney's offices in Simcoe County, Kitchener, and Hamilton. He has prosecuted murder trials, dangerous offender and long-term offender hearings, and coroner's inquests. In addition, he served as assistant Crown attorney in all satellite courts throughout Simcoe County. Justice Williams has been designated a Crown agent for Part VI projects and been involved in numerous complex investigations. He has been the recipient of awards from the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Justice Williams assists with youth hockey, baseball, and soccer teams for his four children. He has been an assistant coach for lacrosse teams in the Barrie area. From 2006 to 2019, he was involved with the Simcoe County Mock Trial Program. He has also been involved with a variety of police educational programs.

Chief Justice Lise Maisonneuve has assigned Justice Williams to Barrie.

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#### **Additional Resources**

- [Read about the Ontario Court of Justice](#)
- [Read about the appointment of judges to the Ontario Court of Justice](#)

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## Government asks for Hunters' Help with Monitoring for Fatal Wildlife Disease

October 03, 2022

[Natural Resources and Forestry](#)

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The government of Ontario is asking hunters to submit deer samples as part of its Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance program to allow for early detection of the disease.

Hunter samples from harvested deer are critical in Ontario's efforts to detect CWD – a fatal, untreatable brain disease that affects members of the deer family, including white-tailed deer, elk, moose and caribou. It has not been found in Ontario but has been detected in all five U.S. states bordering Ontario, as well as Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Québec, so it's important we remain vigilant and take action to monitor for CWD.

In 2022, the ministry will be doing surveillance in three target regions from October until the end of December:

- Eastern Ontario in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 48, 55B, 58 and 59.
- Southern Ontario in WMUs: 72A, 72B, 73, 77A, 77B, 77C, 78A, 78B, 78C, 78D and 78E.
- Southwestern Ontario in WMUs 90B, 91A, 91B, 92A, 92B, 92C, 92D, 93A, 93B, 93C

During the fall hunt, wildlife research technicians will be canvassing the surveillance areas and asking hunters' permission to remove a small amount of tissue from the deer head for analysis. Sampling will not prevent hunters from consuming the meat or having the head mounted.

All bow and firearm hunters within the surveillance areas are invited to take the head of their deer (preferably within a few days of being harvested) to an [MNRF freezer depot](#). Depots will be open from October to the end of December.

Hunters submitting a deer head are asked to provide their contact information, the date and general location of harvest. Fawns under one year of age will not be tested as this disease is unlikely to be detected in young animals.

If you see a deer, elk or moose showing signs of CWD, such as severe loss of body weight, tremors, stumbling, or lack of coordination, report it to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781 or Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Natural Resources Information and Support Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

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### Quick Facts

- The first 500 hunters in each zone who provide a tissue sample from a deer taken in the surveillance area will be given a participation crest.
  - Hunters can find locations to drop off samples, see their test results and learn more about CWD at [ontario.ca/cwd](https://ontario.ca/cwd)
  - In 2021, MNRF collected 549 samples from hunters during regular surveillance operations.
  - Since 2002, the ministry has tested over 14,200 hunter-harvested white-tailed deer in Ontario. CWD has not been detected in any of the samples tested.
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### 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. [Learn more](#)

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## Ontario Creating Jobs by Investing in Indigenous Tourism

Funding will support and grow Ontario's Indigenous tourism landscape

October 03, 2022

[Tourism, Culture and Sport](#)

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MANITOULIN – The Ontario government is providing \$300,000 to Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) through the Pan-Regional Fund to create jobs and support unique and authentic Indigenous experiences across the province.

This investment also supports a wide range of projects that unite communities — including cultural authenticity workshops, product development and itineraries, marketing and workforce development.

“By supporting Indigenous Tourism Ontario, our government is helping to provide meaningful opportunities for Indigenous communities throughout the province to showcase their deep-rooted, diverse cultures,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “This funding will support Indigenous arts, culture and tradition, while bringing people together, boosting the local economy and allowing visitors to celebrate our province’s broad cultural landscape through a wide variety of unique and inclusive programming.”

“ITO is extremely thankful for the fantastic contributions provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport,” said Kevin Eshkawkogan, CEO and President of Indigenous Tourism Ontario. “We couldn’t continue our work to improve the socio-economic conditions of Indigenous people through tourism without support like this.”

This funding is part of a \$1.65 million investment the government has provided to Indigenous Tourism Ontario since 2018 to create jobs and encourage more visits to Indigenous tourism operators and the businesses in their communities.

“Ontario’s robust tourism sector is complemented by many opportunities to visit Indigenous communities across the province,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Minister of Northern Development. “I am proud that our government’s investment will create jobs for Indigenous people while expanding tourism offerings in Northern Ontario.”

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## Quick Facts

- ITO is Ontario's only dedicated Indigenous tourism organization that focuses on uniting communities, Indigenous organizations and industry leaders to support the growth of Indigenous tourism in Ontario.
  - The Pan-Regional Fund is designed to support project-based initiatives related to tourism and destination development that benefit more than one region.
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## Additional Resources

[Indigenous Tourism Ontario](#)

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# Ontario to Provide New and Expanded Energy-Efficiency Programs

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[Energy](#).

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Ontario will be making available four new and expanded energy-efficiency programs, also known as Conservation and Demand Management (CDM) programs, to ensure a reliable, affordable, and clean electricity system to power the province, drive electrification and support strong economic growth. As there will be a need for additional electricity capacity in Ontario beginning in 2025, and continuing through the decade, CDM programs are among the fastest and most cost-effective ways of meeting electricity system needs.

## Conservation and Demand Management

The Ontario government launched the [2021-2024 CDM Framework](#) on January 1, 2021. The framework focuses on cost-effectively meeting the needs of Ontario's electricity system, including by focusing on the achievement of provincial peak demand reductions, as well as on targeted approaches to address regional and/or local electricity system needs.

CDM programs are delivered by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through the [Save on Energy](#) brand. These programs address electricity system needs and help consumers reduce their electricity consumption to lower their bills. CDM programs and incentives are available for homeowners, small businesses, large businesses, and contractors, and First Nations communities.

## New and Expanded Programs

The four new and expanded CDM programs will include:

- A new **Residential Demand Response Program** for homes with existing central air conditioning and smart thermostats to help deliver peak demand reductions. Households who meet the criteria could voluntarily enroll in this program to be paid an incentive in return for the IESO being able to reduce their cooling load on a select number of summer afternoons to reduce peak

demand. There are an estimated 600,000 smart thermostats installed in Ontario.

- **Targeted support for greenhouses** in Southwest Ontario, including incentives to install LED lighting, non-lighting measures or behind-the-meter distributed energy resources (DER), such as combined solar generation and battery storage.
- Enhancements to the **Save On Energy Retrofit Program** for business, municipalities, institutional and industrial consumers to include custom energy-efficiency projects. Examples of potential projects could include chiller and other HVAC upgrades for a local arena, building automation and air handling systems for a hospital, or building envelope upgrades for a local business.
- Enhancements to the **Local Initiatives Program** to reduce barriers to participation and to add flexibility for incentives for DER solutions.

It is the government's intention that the new and expanded CDM programs will be available to eligible electricity customers beginning in Spring 2023.

The IESO estimates that the new program offers will deliver total provincial peak electricity demand savings of 285 megawatts (MW) and annual energy savings of 1.1 terawatt hours (TWh) by 2025. Savings will persist beyond 2025 with a total reduction in system costs by approximately \$650 million over the lifetime of the measures, and will support economic recovery, decarbonization and energy cost management for homes and businesses.

These enhancements will have a particular impact in Southwest Ontario, with regional peak demand savings of 225 MW, helping to alleviate electricity system constraints in the region and foster economic development.

The overall savings from this CDM programming will result in an estimated three million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions reductions over the lifetime of the energy-efficiency measures to help achieve Ontario's climate targets and protect the environment for the future.

The IESO will be updating the CDM Framework Program Plan, which provides a detailed breakdown of program budgets and energy savings and peak demand targets expected to be achieved.

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#### **Additional Resources**

- [Ontario Expanding Energy Efficiency to Help Families and Businesses Keep Costs Down](#)

For more information on the new and expanded CDM programs, visit the IESO's Save on Energy [website](#).

For more information on the 2021-2024 CDM Framework visit the IESO's [website](#).

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## Related Topics

### Business and Economy

Information about Ontario's economy and how to do business here. Includes economic development opportunities, research funding, tax credits for business and the Ontario Budget. [Learn more](#)

### Environment and Energy

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

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## Ontario Expanding Energy Efficiency to Help Families and Businesses Keep Costs Down

New and expanded energy-efficiency programs will also help the province meet growing electricity demand

October 04, 2022

[Energy](#).

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**BRAMPTON** - The Ontario government is increasing funding for the province's energy-efficiency programs by \$342 million, bringing the total investment to more than \$1 billion over the current four-year electricity conservation framework. This funding will support new and expanded programs that will help families and businesses reduce their electricity use so they can save money on their energy bills, while helping to meet the province's emerging electricity system needs.

"Our government's success in driving electrification of industry and transportation and strong economic growth is increasing electricity demand, and our government is looking at every option to meet these upcoming needs," said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. "By 2025, this expansion of energy-efficiency programs will help deliver enough annual electricity savings to power approximately 130,000 homes every year and reduce costs for consumers by over \$650 million."

This funding will support a new voluntary Residential Demand Response Program with an incentive for homes with an existing central air conditioning or heat pump unit and smart thermostat to help lower energy use at peak times and lower bills. It will also provide targeted support for greenhouse growers in Southwest Ontario, in addition to enhancements to existing programs that provide support for businesses, municipalities, hospitals and other institutions to reduce their energy use and their energy bill.

The government accepted the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) recommendation to roll out these new and expanded energy-efficiency programs, which are among the fastest and most cost-effective ways of meeting system needs, with the intention that they will be available to eligible electricity customers beginning in Spring 2023.



“Energy conservation is an important part of Ontario’s plan to build a cleaner, greener Ontario,” said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “Using less energy is better for people and our planet. It’s also one of the fastest and most effective ways to save money, address climate change and help ensure we can continue to generate the clean, renewable and affordable electricity needed to meet the province’s long-term needs.”

These enhancements are expected to have a particular impact in Southwest Ontario, with regional peak demand savings of 225 megawatts (MW). This will help to alleviate electricity system constraints in the region and foster economic development.

The overall savings from this energy efficiency programming will result in an estimated three million tonnes of greenhouse gas emission reductions over its lifetime - the equivalent to taking approximately 600,000 vehicles off the road for one year.

“With strong economic growth and electrification increasing system demands, the IESO is committed to meet growing system needs and ensuring grid reliability by enhancing energy efficiency programming,” said Lesley Gallinger, President and CEO, the IESO. “Energy efficiency is one of the most reliable and cost-effective approaches to ensuring reliability on the grid. By using energy wisely, we increase opportunities to support electrification initiatives and decarbonization efforts at the same time.”

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### Quick Facts

- Minister Smith directed the IESO to report back to him with options for expanded cost-effective energy-efficiency programming in April of 2022. Today, the Minister accepted their recommendations.
- The increased investment in energy-efficiency programs will help to offset the need for new electricity generation facilities in upcoming resource procurements.
- For more information on the upcoming new and expanded energy-efficiency programs, visit the IESO’s Save on Energy [website](#).

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### Additional Resources

- [Ontario to Provide New and Expanded Energy-Efficiency Programs](#)
- [Manage energy costs for your home](#) - Learn about programs and credits to reduce your electricity bill.

- [Manage energy costs for your business](#) - For large to small businesses, manage your energy costs through one of these programs.
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## Ontario Investing in Innovative Agri-Food Research

Made-in-Ontario research will help modernize the agri-food sector

October 04, 2022

[Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

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Guelph — The Ontario government is taking action to support the agri-food industry by investing \$7.25 million in 50 Ontario-led research and innovation projects. These projects will help develop new innovative technologies, practices and solutions to make Ontario's agri-food sector more competitive and productive.

"Some of the most advanced agri-food research in the world is happening right here in Ontario, and our government is proud to support made-in-Ontario solutions that will deliver good return on investment and strengthen our local food supply chain," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "Through our partnership with the University of Guelph, we are helping Ontario's agri-food sector grow and innovate so that farmers can remain competitive on a global scale, and Ontario can continue to be a leader in agri-food."

Ontario's investments are being made through the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance, a collaboration between the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and the University of Guelph that works to advance the next generation of agri-food innovations.

These projects focus on four research categories: environmental stewardship and food safety, economic and rural development, animal health and welfare, and plant health and protection.

"The University of Guelph is a leader in agri-food research and innovation, putting Ontario at the forefront of sustainable environmental practices, innovative farming management and ensuring that the people of Ontario can access safe foods produced right here in this province," said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Colleges and Universities. "Our government is proud to support postsecondary research that advances knowledge, drives economic growth and creates a healthier future for Ontarians."

Among the projects selected for funding are:

- Development of biological control tactics for use in an Integrated Pest Management program for multiple thrips species in Ontario greenhouse crops (Rose Buitenhuis, Plant Health and Protection)
- Assessment, simulation and optimization of a prototype net zero energy greenhouse for Ontario (William Lubitz, Environmental Stewardship)

Agri-food innovations developed by University of Guelph researchers help advance farming management practices, improve production efficiency, and drive economic growth. This research, supported by the province, benefits the people of Ontario by helping to ensure food grown and produced here remains healthy, safe and nutritious.

“The University of Guelph is committed to working with farmers, business leaders and government partners to advance a sustainable and competitive agri-food sector at home in Ontario and around the world,” said Charlotte Yates, U of G President. “OMAFRA’s investment in U of G’s world-class research faculty will support the creation of innovative solutions that improve life on farms, in small businesses and along the links of the agri-food value chain.”

The Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance is a significant economic driver for the province, returning approximately \$1.4 billion annually to Ontario’s economy and promoting food stability in the province. Since 2018, Ontario has invested approximately \$270 million in the Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance to support research and innovation, further the development of new food products and agricultural advancements, and drive economic growth in the sector.

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### Quick Facts

- The University of Guelph recently issued a 2022-23 call for proposals under the Alliance program this year. This call is from August 23, 2022 to November 7, 2022. To check eligibility requirements and apply, visit [uoguelph.ca/alliance/research-programs/tier-1-operating-funding](https://uoguelph.ca/alliance/research-programs/tier-1-operating-funding).
- As part of the 2022 Budget, the Ontario government is developing an Agri-Food Innovation and Technology Strategy to promote the long-term success of the sector. The strategy will prioritize attracting and developing agri-food talent.
- Ontario implemented Agri-Tech Innovation, a \$22-million cost-share program that helps farming operations and processors adopt new technologies, and helps the agri-food sector implement new and unique ways to set up businesses for future growth.
- To learn more about agri-food research funded through OMAFRA, visit [OMAFRA's research portal](#).

- The Ontario agri-food sector supports more than 860,000 jobs in Ontario and contributes more than \$47.3 billion each year to the province's economy.
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### **Additional Resources**

[Link to complete list of 50 research projects selected for Alliance funding this year](#)

[Ontario Agri-Food Innovation Alliance case studies](#)

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September 26, 2022

Dear Head of Council:

Our government recognizes the importance of streamlining development approvals in land use planning in supporting the development of 1.5 million new homes by 2031. Our government will continue working with you to identify opportunities and innovative solutions that would help us effectively address the housing crisis.

I am writing you today about [public consultation](#) in the land use planning process. The *Planning Act* requires public meetings to be held prior to making certain planning decisions for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the matter under consideration.

For example, your municipal council can consider how to meet the *Planning Act's* requirements using a variety of methods such as physical meetings, electronic or virtual channels – separately or in combination - to engage and solicit feedback from the public on land use planning matters. This may include a mixture of technologies and approaches to meet local public needs (for example, physical meetings, webinars, video conferencing, moderated teleconference). There is no requirement in the *Planning Act* to have multiple types of meetings (e.g., both a physical meeting and a virtual meeting).

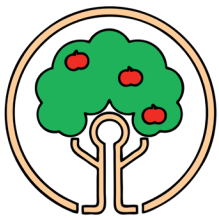
Thank you for the work that you do to engage and provide the public with an opportunity to make representations on planning matters in a manner that works best in your local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Clark".

Steve Clark  
Minister





# Renfrew County and District Health Unit

## COVID-19 Case Summary

September 28, 2022

<p><b>Total Confirmed Cases in Renfrew County and District (RCD):</b> <b>5986</b></p> <p><b>Cases Reported in the Last 7 Days:</b> <b>89</b></p> <p><b>Incidence Rate<sup>a</sup> in the Last 7 Days:</b> <b>81.9 per 100,000 individuals</b></p>		<p><b>Current Status of Cases in RCD</b></p> <p><b>Self-Isolation: 128</b></p> <p><b>Hospitalized: 6</b></p> <p><b>Hospitalized in Intensive Care Unit: 1</b></p> <p><b>Resolved: 5786</b></p> <p><b>Deceased: 65</b></p>	
Outbreak Setting	Cumulative Number of Outbreaks	Active Number of Outbreaks	
Hospital	17	1	
Long-term care home	29	1	
Retirement home	35	3	
Congregate living facility	27	5	
Other <sup>c</sup>	38	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>10</b>	
<p><b>Total Number of tests completed for RCD residents:</b> <b>156,662</b></p>		<p><b>Percent Positivity<sup>b</sup> of tests completed for RCD residents (September 15, 2022-September 21, 2022) 12.8%</b></p>	

<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. Its 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:

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

# County Council Summary

**September 28, 2022**

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council meeting from September 28, 2022.

Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meeting and approved minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

The [full agenda](#) can be found here.

Meeting [YouTube](#) link

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## Warden's Address

### Key highlights

- Warden Debbie Robinson was pleased to report that the County of Renfrew received the Community Impact Award for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) at the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce 2022 Business Excellence Awards Gala held at Garrison Petawawa. The County was represented by Councillor Michael Donohue, Chair of Health Committee; CAO Craig Kelley; Mathieu Grenier, Deputy Chief Clinical Programs, Emergency Services Department; and David Wybou, Business Development Officer. She noted this year the awards were judged by chamber of commerce executives from across Canada who were not UOV Chamber members, which provided a great opportunity to get not only provincial but national attention for RC VTAC.
- She thanked staff and residents who signed our book of condolences following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, especially those who shared stories of what the Queen meant to them.
- She noted the past month was spent writing many follow-up letters from delegation meetings at AMO on behalf of the County of Renfrew and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. She noted while these meetings with Ministers and Ministry staff are important, the real advocacy work advancing the positions on various issues should be an ongoing venture. Although COVID certainly curtailed activities in the past two years, elected officials are working very hard to make up that ground. With approximately 50 days remaining as Warden, she is determined to use her time as effectively as possible.
- Warden Robinson also acknowledged September 30 as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and encouraged everyone to reflect on this day which honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. She also recommended a visit to the Noojimokamig [new-Gee-mah-gah-mig] Garden at the County Administration Building, which is open to all. She sees it as a wonderful place for quiet reflection.

During the month of September, Warden Debbie Robinson attended 19 meetings regarding County business, including, but not limited to:

- On September 7, she attended a special meeting of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus. Topics of discussion were the Eastern Ontario Regional Housing Networks Project, the Rural Housing Information System Digital Data Tool and of course, the election of CAO Craig Kelley as the Secretary-Treasurer of the EOWC for the remainder of her term as Chair, which continues until sometime in January.
- On September 22, she attended – along with CAO Craig Kelley and Community Services Chair James Brose – a round table meeting with the City of Pembroke as well as external agencies on the issue of homelessness. Also in attendance was Director of Community Services Laura LePine, Ontario Works Manager Andrea Patrick and Manager of Housing and Homelessness Jennifer Dombroskie.

## Delegations

- Aimee Bailey, an Algonquin elder, knowledge keeper from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and spokesperson for the Circle of Turtle Lodge, appeared virtually and spoke about the significance of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. She encouraged elected officials and area residents to take time to mark the day in a similar way to Remembrance Day. She called it a day to commemorate and to grieve; for the families to grieve, for the Indigenous people to start to heal about the children that were lost, the potential future opportunities that were lost from those children.

## Announcements

- Chief Administrative Officer Craig Kelley provided an end-of-term update on the County of Renfrew [Strategic Plan](#) for the County Council term of 2018-2022.
- Since it was the final County Council meeting prior to the October 24 Municipal Election, Mr. Kelley also recognized the members of County Council who will not be running for a County Council position – Laurentian Hills Mayor Jed Reinwald, Brudenell Lyndoch Mayor Sheldon Keller, Greater Madawaska Mayor Brian Hunt, Madawaska Valley Mayor Kim Love, Whitewater Region Reeve Cathy Regier and Petawawa Mayor Robert Sweet.

## Finance & Administration Committee

### Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- CAO Craig Kelley provided a summary of initiatives he has undertaken since taking over the role on September 1, including preparations for the November 23 inaugural meeting and orientation for the new council in December; co-ordinating agenda items for the September and October meetings of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus; and working with staff on the November 3 County Day at the Ontario Legislature.
- Media Relations and Social Media Coordinator Tina Peplinskie, who joined the County of Renfrew in mid-April, provided an update on her activities. She has written 15 media releases and reviewed and issued an additional 15 media releases prepared by other departments. She has also been working to create consistent messaging with daily posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, including posts about upcoming meetings with the YouTube links for meetings.

- KPMG LLP was awarded the Request for Proposal as the external auditor for the County of Renfrew under delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk. The proposal for auditing services as submitted by KPMG LLP for 2022 is \$77,250 plus HST and represents a \$20,500 increase over the 2021 audit fees. The five-year proposal for 2022 to 2026 totals \$418,150.00 plus HST.
- County Council passed a resolution to set out 2023 Budget Guidelines as follows:
  - annual levy increase of 2.5%
  - restriction in the use of that levy increase to only 2.5% per year for operating expenses
  - utilization of the annual current value assessment (CVA) weighted growth into capital reserves (estimated at 1.48%)
  - new debt for projects in excess of \$3 million
  - annual Provincial funding of at least \$500 thousand
  - annual Federal Gas Tax funding of at least \$2.6 million
  - minimum Capital Reserve balance of \$2 million.
- County Council passed a resolution to approve the Cost-of-Living Allowance (COLA) increase for non-union staff under Employment By-law #1 be set at 2.0% for 2023.
- County Council approved the 2023 budget schedule, with a two-day budget workshop set for February 22 and 23, 2023.
- County Council adopted a by-law to approve the new policy for the Electronic Monitoring of Employees. This policy is necessary for employers with 25 or more employees. Staff has been notified about this policy and informed it is a requirement of the Employment Standards Act.
- County Council adopted a By-Law to enter into a service agreement with Inkblot Technologies Inc. for an Employee and Family Assistance Program for a two-year period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. The proposal for 2023 and 2024 is valued at \$26,352 plus HST per year (a fixed fee of \$2.44/per employee/per month). This represents a \$54,648 decrease in EFAP costs when compared to the 2022 fixed fee contract with LifeWorks (\$7.50/per employee/per month).

## Community Services Committee

### Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- The committee received information about the demolition and rebuild of a housing unit at 202 Cecil Street in Pembroke, which is a single family, rent-geared-to-income (RGI) home that is part of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation portfolio. The intention is to rebuild a duplex on the site that would replace the RGI unit and create an additional affordable rental unit. The cost to complete this is funded through Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) funding.
- The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System guidelines were updated in August. Some of the new directions were highlighted, including extension to November 1, 2022 for licensees to opt into the program.
- County Council passed a resolution requesting the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier’s Office, expand the Amber Alert system by creating a new alert called the Draven Alert, to protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing.

- County Council considered a resolution to support Private Member's Bill C-233 "Keira's Law" which calls upon the House of Commons to support Member of Parliament Anju Dhillon's Private Member's Bill C-233, that will raise the level of education on domestic violence and coercive control for federally appointed Judges. Keira's Law is named after four-year-old Keira Kagan, who was killed while in the custody of her father in 2020. The matter was deferred to a later meeting until the director can provide additional information.
- County Council passed a resolution requesting the Warden send a letter that outlines the current rates of Ontario Works financial support per residents in Ontario, compared to other rates across Canada and provide comment on how that relates to the current inflation rate and other economic realities in Ontario. This is in response to the announced 5% increase to Ontario Disability Support Program rates and the monthly maximum amount for the Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program, however the increase does not apply to the most vulnerable receiving Ontario Works or the Temporary Care Allowance.
- County Council passed a resolution authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into an agreement with Arnprior Heritage Child Care Centre and Deep Roots Nature & Nursery School for the provision of child-care services.
- County Council passed a resolution authorizing the County of Renfrew to enter into a special needs resourcing agreement with Arnprior Heritage Child Care Centre and Deep Roots Nature & Nursery School.
- County Council passed a resolution to enter into a Wage Enhancement Agreement for the purpose of receiving Wage Enhancement Grant Funding with child-care agencies Centre éducatif Coeur des Jeunes and Deep Roots Nature & Nursery School

## Development & Property Committee

### Presented by: Robert Sweet, Chair

- The first three Taste of the Valley events were successfully held on August 19 in Barry's Bay, August 26 in Eganville, and September 24 in Renfrew, with approximately 4,000 visitors in attendance. Events were held in Deep River October 1 and Arnprior October 2. The final event of the season will be held in Cobden on October 15.
- Destination Ontario has started providing [Industry Health Check Reports](#) that include up-to-date data about border crossings, visitation, occupancy rates and spending with comparisons to 2019-2021. The purpose of these reports is to track the tourism industry's recovery efforts from the pandemic. While the information is not broken down at the County level, it is broken down by region providing current data for Ontario's Highlands, which includes Renfrew County.
- Over the past year and a half, the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) has provided media support to two Ontario authors who have written various guidebooks about travelling in Ontario.

Laura Byrne Paquet, author and influencer with [OttawaRoadTrips.com](#), has published two books: *Your 100-km Getaway Guide* and *Your Weekend Getaway Guide*. Each book includes chapters about various Ottawa Valley communities within a 100-400 km driving distance from Ottawa, including Arnprior, White Lake and Burnstown, Renfrew, Calabogie and Eganville, Pembroke, Petawawa and Deep River and Barry's Bay.

Author Ron Brown has published the sixth edition of *Backroads of Ontario* and the first edition of *Top 170 Unusual Things To See in Ontario* which features various driving routes and

attractions, including Along the Ottawa River: Arnprior to Pembroke, Tripping the Mighty Madawaska River, The Opeongo Pioneer Road, Newfoundland, Bonnechere Caves and Rockingham Church.

- The OVTA has received additional funding support in the amount of \$58,000 from the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization for the development of the culinary tourism strategy. The total funding received now covers 100% of the project cost.
- Starter Company Plus spring session had 10 completed participants and 8 participants successfully earn \$4,000 grant awards. Successful grant recipients were Sarah Campanico, Evernew Recovery and Rehabilitation, Petawawa; Rob Campbell, Fire-Que, Renfrew; Carleen Clouthier, Canadian Baby Co., Pembroke; Courtney Enright, Small Town Co., Douglas; Karen Kavanagh, Valley Clean Co., Cleaning Company; Jennifer McGuire, Redneck Recipes, Arnprior; Alexis Sopera, EWE Crafts, Beachburg and Kelly Sperry, Kelly's Salon Services Unbound Inc., Arnprior.
- Enterprise Renfrew County is actively planning Small Business Week events during the week of October 16-20, 2022 in partnership with Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation, Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce, Local Immigration Partnership and Renfrew and Area Chamber of Commerce, including three virtual sessions and one in-person workshop:
  - Wellness for Entrepreneurs – October 17 (virtual)
  - Purpose Driven Ventures – October 19 (virtual)
  - Leadership for Entrepreneurs and Newcomers – October 20 (virtual)
  - Product Photography Workshop – October 18 (in-person in Pembroke)
- Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) launched the Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program to flow federal funding, up to 50% reimbursement for eligible activities, to provinces and territories for eligible flood mapping projects through March 2024. The Province of Ontario has existing light detection and ranging (LIDAR) data for a portion of Renfrew County that can be utilized to create flood hazard identification and mapping. County staff has organized multiple meetings with the local municipalities that are within the LIDAR data area and a number of these municipalities support the County submitting a group application. The Committee directed staff to submit an application to the NRCan Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program and if successful, staff will bring back for approval.
- On July 20, 2022, the County hosted its first workshop with interested volunteers from local municipalities to address the changes introduced by Bill 109 with the purpose of a working group to collaboratively identify and implement opportunities to improve/revamp our processes so that we are processing applications in a timely manner, have a consistent approach across the County and avoid the financial implications of the refunding of planning application fees.
- County Council passed a resolution directing staff to initiate the application to consider the draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA) No. 35 in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

## Health Committee

**Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair**

- The committee heard about a number of core initiatives in relation to long-term care
  - Updates to requirements for homes set aside for pandemic-related isolation
  - Ministry of Long-Term Care funding
  - Public health guidance which will apply to all respiratory illnesses



- Vaccine preparedness
- Amendments to Personal Support Worker Permanent Wage Enhancement Funding Policy
- Miramichi Lodge has partnered with Algonquin College, Pembroke Campus to provide educational space on site at the Lodge for a Personal Support Worker program that commenced on September 6, 2022 with nineteen students.
- Nancy Lemire assumed the role of Director of Care at Miramichi Lodge September 5, 2022. She has been in the role in an acting position since June 2021.
- Commander Amber Hultink co-authored an article entitled, “Palliative paramedicine: Comparing clinical practice through guideline quality appraisal and qualitative content analysis, which has been published in the August 8, 2022 issue of Palliative Medicine.
- The Bivalent vaccine was approved for release by RCDHU on September 12. This vaccine is an adapted version of the Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine. On September 19, it was made available at Assessment Centres for those who are 70 plus, immunocompromised, and Indigenous/Metis groups. There is currently no schedule for release to other cohorts.
- County Council approved Policy G-011 Declarations and Police Record Checks under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 for the Council Members for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, including the City of Pembroke representatives for the Long-Term Care Homes (Bonnehocher Manor and Miramichi Lodge).
- County Council adopted a By-law authorizing the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement between the County of Renfrew and Arnprior Regional Health for ongoing tenancy of 275 Ida Street, Arnprior, the current location of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC).

## Operations Committee

### Presented by: Tom Peckett, Chair

- Close Cut Clearing has been completed along County Road 512 (Foymount Road), from Miller Road to County Structure B257 (Harrington Creek Bridge). Unfortunately, despite best efforts, the project has had several schedule setbacks. Due to additional clearing being required, Hydro One and Bell were delayed in commencing layout and design for the utility relocations. County staff continues to work diligently with both utilities to assist in having all poles and lines moved in a timely fashion. County staff had notified the Design Consultant last year that, in order to potentially move forward with a section of road reconstruction in 2022, the project would be at the western most section of road and include the replacement of B257 (Harrington Creek Bridge). Due to staff turnover within the firm, the necessary approvals were not attained for the bridge replacement project but have now been requested so that works may proceed. Staff will continue to endeavour to move the project forward as efficiently as possible. However, due to the delays already incurred, it is not anticipated that road reconstruction will proceed in 2022.
- The RFP for an Engineering Consultant to complete the design for the reconstruction of County Structure C201 (Broomes Creek Culvert) on County Road 7 (Foresters Falls Road) in the Municipal Township of Whitewater Region was awarded under the delegated authority to the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk. Though not the lowest cost proposed at \$224,784.00, J.L. Richards & Associates’ proposal included much greater detail on the needs of the structure and the dam, as well as the timelines required for the studies prior to replacement of the dam.

- At the June meeting of Operations Committee, two County Structures, B232 (Cochrane Creek Bridge) and C051 (Harris Creek Bridge) were presented which are scheduled for works in 2023 but do not meet criteria of the County’s Policy PW-02 - Bridge Design and Construction. Under the policy, “all bridge structures under the jurisdiction of the County must be situated on a public right of way, which is maintained year round and have a minimum Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) volume of 100 vehicles.” Both of these structures are located on seasonally maintained roads with AADT far below 100. The Committee directed staff to continue with design of County Structures B232 (Cochrane Creek Bridge) and C051 (Harris Creek Bridge), and to review and revise the Bridge Policy to better reflect current practice. Currently there are 17 bridges located on local roads with an AADT less than 100, and 5 of these bridges are located on or at the transition to a seasonally maintained road. There are 38 structure culverts located on local roads with an AADT less than 100, and 4 of these structures are located on or at the transition to a seasonally maintained road.

## **Additional Information**

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Greetings,

I am pleased to send you two hard copies of my latest Annual Report (one English, one French). This report covers the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

This is our Office's sixth full fiscal year of reporting on our oversight of municipalities, universities and school boards, in addition to provincial government organizations. It is also our third year of reporting on children and youth in care, and French language services. I hope that you and all stakeholders in these areas will find the information in this report of interest. (The French Language Services Commissioner also published a separate Annual Report in December 2021, and her next report will be released later this year.)

We encourage you to read the chapters of the report that relate to the topic areas relevant to your interests. In each chapter, we discuss the most common issues and the types of cases we have resolved across the province. Please feel free to share this information with any interested colleagues and stakeholders.

You can find the entire report, media materials and backgrounders, and statistics on our website here: <https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/resources/reports-and-case-summaries/annual-reports>  
As well, we would be happy to provide more copies upon request.

Should you have any questions about the report or cases related to your organization, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also happy to assist you with any general questions about our work. Our staff can be reached via email at [info@ombudsman.on.ca](mailto:info@ombudsman.on.ca).

Sincerely,



Paul Dubé,  
Ombudsman of Ontario





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August 2, 2022

His Worship Walter Stack  
Mayor  
Town of Arnprior  
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Dear Mayor Stack:

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the *CN in Your Community 2022* report. This annual report is one of the most important publications issued by CN and is sent to our stakeholders, community leaders and elected officials across North America.

In this report you will find information describing our ongoing investments in the safety and strength of communities all along our tri-coastal network. It describes our various national, regional and local initiatives and partnerships, and how we have, and can collaborate with you.

As a proud neighbour, CN is committed to closely engaging with the communities where we operate. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or the CN Public Affairs manager for your region. Our contact information is on page 5 of the report.

We look forward to collaborating and building stronger communities with you throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Sean Finn

Encl.: CN in Your Community 2022: Proud to Be Your Neighbour





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September 20, 2022

Corp. of the Town of Arnprior  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation (ARHF) please accept my gratitude for your donation of \$100,000.00. Your tax receipt is included below.

Your donation makes it possible for local Physicians, Nurses, and Front-Line workers to provide exemplary care and puts life-saving tools in the caring hands of healthcare staff so that they can focus on what matters most: the people in their care.

If you have any questions about our Foundation, would like to volunteer, or have fundraising ideas don't hesitate to email us at [foundation@arnpriorhealth.ca](mailto:foundation@arnpriorhealth.ca).

Also, please feel free to follow and/or like us on Facebook and Instagram to get the most current news, invitations and updates as they happen!

Thanks again for your support of the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation. Together we can ensure a healthy community now, and for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Gardiner  
Executive Director, Arnprior Regional Health Foundation

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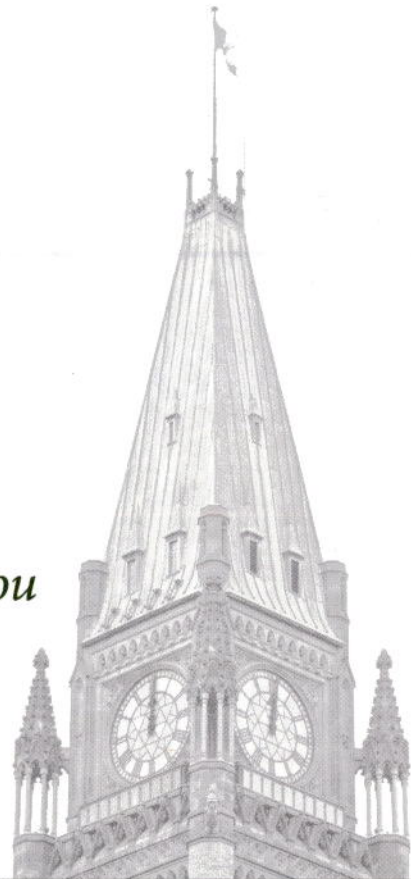


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*Thank you*







Cheryl Gallant  
Member of Parliament  
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

Dear Mayor, Staff, Council and Staff,  
Thank you very much for  
permitting me to use the  
classroom at the Fire Hall.  
We had many people in  
need of assistance come by.

*I appreciate all you have done.*

*Cheryl Gallant*

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September 22, 2022

### **In This Issue**

- Register for Bill 109 implementation and best practices webinar.
- MNRF webinar training sessions on *Conservation Authorities Act*.
- Jump start your digital transformation with an e-signature solution.
- Pandemic recovery support for municipal health and safety programs.
- Canoe vendor spotlight: Midwest Fire Equipment.
- Investments 101 Workshops - Registration open!
- Have your say on a Net Zero future.
- Ontario's 2022 Cybersecurity Conference.
- Careers: Richmond Hill, Windsor, Simcoe, Niagara Region and Brampton.

### **AMO Matters**

Join AMO for a webinar on Wednesday, October 5 from 12:00 to 1:30 pm to discuss Bill 109 changes, featuring a panel of municipal planners. You can [register here](#).

### **Provincial Matters**

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### **Eye on Events**

As municipalities move from paper to electronic filing, authentication of files is a critical challenge. On [September 28, 12 pm](#), join AMO's partner, [Notarius](#), and learn how ConsignO Cloud can reduce the signing time of documents and allow anyone to sign legally reliable documents electronically with a phone, a tablet, or a computer.

On September 29, 8:30 am ET, AMO's partner [4S Consulting Services](#) 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 through how you can double the rebate on WSIB premiums and other topics. [Register today](#).

### **LAS**

LAS welcomes Midwest Fire Equipment to the [Canoe Procurement Group](#)! They're able to supply tankers, pumpers, brush trucks, tactical tenders, and more. Save time and money while keeping your community safe. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

### **ONE Investment**

Calling municipal finance staff Investment Basics and Beyond workshops are coming to a location near you - Milton, London, Barrie and London. For more details and registration information click on the following [link](#).

## **Municipal Wire\***

Enbridge will be holding several engagement activities, starting in 2023, offering the opportunity to learn about and inform our Integrated Resource Plans (IRP). [Sign up](#) now to ensure you are included in future opportunities.

On October 3, join the Government of Ontario for a free, full-day, hybrid conference that focuses on how employees and organizations can best protect themselves from the ever-evolving cyber threats faced in today's digital age. [Register now](#).

## **Careers**

[Urban Design/ Heritage Planner - City of Richmond Hill](#). Ensure that all development and construction affecting heritage resources meets operational exceptions. [Apply online](#) by September 30.

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[Director, Information Technology - City of Windsor](#). Assisting the organization in lean process reviews and redesigns to support the alignment of business processes to digital solutions and change management activities. [Apply online](#) by October 6,

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September 29, 2022

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- MNRF webinar training sessions on *Conservation Authorities Act*.
- Federal Enabling Accessibility Fund applications open.
- Legislative review of the *Cannabis Act* announced.
- AMO 2022-2023 training roster available now.
- AMO's iconic New Head of Council Training & New Councillor Training is back.
- ROMA 2023 Conference information.
- Blog: How a Net Zero Fire Hall Came to Be.
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AMO and the Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario (DSAO) circulated a *Railways and Drainage Act* survey to municipal staff members on September 20. Members are encouraged to complete the survey by October 7. For more information, contact [Lianne Sauter](#), Policy Advisor.

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The [Skills Development Fund](#) offers funding for innovative projects that address challenges to hiring, training, or retaining workers. Municipalities are eligible to apply. Applications open September 29-January 31.

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The Government of Canada [announced a call for proposals](#) under the Enabling Accessibility Fund to support infrastructure improvements such as the renovation, construction or retrofit of ramps, accessible doors, accessible washrooms, elevators and lifts, accessible communications technology, accessible playgrounds, and multi-sensory rooms. Municipalities are eligible to apply. [Apply online](#) by November 1.



An Expert Panel will lead the review of the *Cannabis Act* over 18 months. Initial engagement is open until November 21 including a [questionnaire](#) for all Canadians and a [paper for feedback](#) from Indigenous peoples.

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Calling municipal finance staff Investment Basics and Beyond workshops are coming to a location near you - Milton, London, Barrie and London. For more details and registration information click on the following [link](#).

### **Municipal Wire\***

The [Canadian Red Cross](#) is working to get help to people in and around affected areas as quickly as possible and provide humanitarian assistance for new needs as they arise. Money raised will enable the Red Cross to carry out relief, recovery, resiliency and risk reduction activities in and beyond the region at the individual and community levels.

On October 3, join the Government of Ontario for a free, full-day, hybrid conference that focuses on how employees and organizations can best protect themselves from the ever-evolving cyber threats faced in today's digital age. [Register now](#).

FCM's CanWILL project is inviting AMO male elected officials to join training to strengthen their ability to be allies to women confronted with sexism, racism and other harassment - if interested, [complete this form](#) by October 3.

### **Careers**

[Executive Director - Ontario Public School Boards' Association](#). Serve as an outstanding relationship-builder and communicator capable of leading and supporting OPSBA. Apply to [resumes@prometheus.ca](mailto:resumes@prometheus.ca) by October 26.

Claims Examiner - Niagara Region. Responsible for the administration of claims, including claim response, assessment, defense, settlement negotiation, and the disposing of claims. [Apply online](#) by October 10.

Manager, Innovation and Transformation - City of Brampton. Plan for short and long-term business plans, through research, analysis and monitoring of relevant factors. [Apply online](#) by October 12.

Manager, Collections - County of Simcoe. Oversees all waste collection, processing and support services. [Apply online](#) by October 10.

Financial Analyst - District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. Accounting duties in the verification, maintenance, reconciliation, analysis and reporting of the financial accounts and records. Apply to [jobs@psdssab.org](mailto:jobs@psdssab.org) by October 17.

HR Coordinator - District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board. Responsible for the recruitment process, as well as other core human resources functions. Apply to [jobs@psdssab.org](mailto:jobs@psdssab.org) by October 17.

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#### About AMO

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#### AMO's Partners



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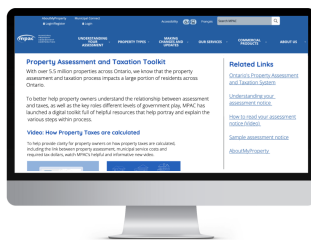
## Important updates

### 2022 Enumeration Update

MPAC has successfully delivered all legislated enumeration deliverables to support the October 2022 Municipal and School Board elections. The Preliminary List of Electors (PLE) were delivered before the August 2 and 22 deadlines, based on the preferred date choice of each municipality or school board. Following this milestone, MPAC delivered Exceptions files on September 8, to support current data for municipal voters' lists.

[READ MORE](#)

## Our stories



### Property Assessment and Taxes - Municipal Toolkit

MPAC has created a digital toolkit to support municipal staff and elected officials as they provide information and support to property taxpayers to educate them about the relationship between property assessment and taxation.

In this new toolkit, you will find the following:

- MPAC's **new video** on How Property Taxes are calculated
- Information on MPAC's **Myth vs Fact** education campaign related to the relationship between property assessment and taxation

- **Key Messages And Frequently Asked Questions** to share with your customer service and frontline staff. This useful information is designed to offer support in responding to inquiries received from property owners.
- **Shareable content** to post on your website, and include in newsletters and social media channels.

The full toolkit is available on [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca).

[Read more](#)



## Events Round-up

Following many great discussions at the August AMO Annual Conference, MPAC was pleased to continue our fall outreach in September with update sessions and an exhibit presence at the Ontario Municipal Tax and Revenue Association (OMTRA) conference and the Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) Conference.

We were also pleased to be present at the Ontario East Municipal Conference for some great discussions with municipal leaders. In October we look forward to attending the Ontario Municipal Administrator's Association Conference.

[Read more](#)

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## Partnerships in action



## VoterLookUp in Central Ontario

With less than one month left until the 2022 Municipal Election, we know that municipalities are continuing to work hard on their voters' lists.

With all MPAC enumeration deliverables out the door, we want to acknowledge and thank our municipal partners for their efforts to help promote the VoterLookUp platform. We saw some creative examples of partner advertising, including a variety of print, digital and physical signage promotion across the province.

The City of Kawartha Lakes for example, leveraged all advertising platforms available, and saw over 6,000 searches in their database. This included print ads in the local paper, large display boards in 13 different communities, as well as a physical presence at local events, such as Farmers Markets, to host over 500 face-to-face conversations.

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## Webinar recap

### In case you missed it – Property Tax and Assessment Webinar

On September 19, 2022, MPAC hosted a Municipal Webinar focused on our role in the property tax and assessment system, current areas of focus and some operational highlights. Hosted by Carmelo Lipsi, Vice-President and COO, and Mary Dawson-Cole, Director of Municipal and Stakeholder Relations, this event echoed a number of key messages and updates that were delivered as part of our annual MPAC update at the August 2022 AMO Conference. As part of his remarks, Carmelo Lipsi confirmed that MPAC's Board of Directors again approved a total provincial levy of 0% for 2023.

There were over 200 municipal representatives in attendance at the webinar and the Q+A session that followed. We thank municipal staff for taking time out of their days to join us for these important MPAC updates, and so we can hear what's on your mind. The full recording is available on [mpac.ca](https://mpac.ca).

#### WATCH NOW

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

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