



Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: February 27th, 2023
Correspondence Package No. I-23-FEB-04

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-FEB-04 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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- 1. Correspondence from the Government of Canada**
 - a) Working together to improve health care for Canadians
 - b) Canada Revenue Agency kicks off the 2023 tax-filing season
Canadians need to file their returns before May 1
- 2. Correspondence from the Province of Ontario**
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3. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew

- a) Enterprise Renfrew County to deliver Francophone programming
- b) Arnprior's Wushu rising star ready for Ontario Winter Games
- c) Communities across Renfrew County come together to host successful Ontario Winter Games
- d) 2023 Summer Company Program – Do you want to be your own boss this summer?

4. Correspondence from Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

- a) AMO Focuses on Housing and Homelessness in Pre-Budget Advice to Ontario Legislature
- b) Watch File – February 9th, 2023
- c) Watch File – February 16th, 2023

5. Correspondence from the Renfrew County District Health Unit

- a) Overdose Alert for Renfrew County and District

6. Correspondence from the Municipality of Shuniah

- a) Municipal Petition in Opposition to Bill 3

February 7, 2023
Ottawa, Ontario

As Canadians, we place a lot of value in our universal, public health care system. Unfortunately, it hasn't been living up to expectations. Across the country, patients seeking emergency care are finding their emergency rooms overwhelmed or even closed. People are waiting for surgeries that are postponed or cancelled. The health care system and the workers who uphold it are under enormous strain, a situation that was exacerbated by the pandemic, and needs immediate action to deliver better health care for Canadians.

Today, the Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and his provincial and territorial counterparts met to work together on improving Canada's health care system. Prime Minister Trudeau and premiers discussed shared health priorities to deliver real results for Canadians as well as the importance to uphold the *Canada Health Act* to protect Canada's publicly funded health care system. Canadians must have equitable access to medical care based on their needs, not their ability to pay.

At the working meeting with premiers, the federal government announced it will increase health funding to provinces and territories by \$196.1 billion over 10 years, including \$46.2 billion in new funding. This funding includes the following elements:

- An immediate, unconditional \$2 billion Canada Health Transfer (CHT) top-up to address immediate pressures on the health care system, especially in pediatric hospitals and emergency rooms, and long wait times for surgeries. This builds on previous CHT top-ups that total \$6.5 billion provided throughout the pandemic.
- A 5 per cent CHT guarantee for the next five years, which will be provided through annual top-up payments as required. This is projected to provide an additional \$17.3 billion over 10 years in new support. The last top-up payment will be rolled into the CHT base at the end of the five years to ensure a permanent funding increase, providing certainty and sustainability to provinces and territories. With this guarantee, the CHT is projected to grow by 33 per cent over the next five years, and 61 per cent over the next 10 years.
- \$25 billion over 10 years to advance shared health priorities through tailored bilateral agreements that will support the needs of people in each province and territory in four areas of shared priority:
 - family health services;
 - health workers and backlogs;
 - mental health and substance use; and
 - a modernized health system.

These additional federal investments will be contingent on continued health care investments by provinces and territories. This funding builds on the \$7.8 billion over five years that has yet to flow to provinces and territories for mental health and substance use, home and community care, and long-term care.

- \$1.7 billion over five years to support hourly wage increases for personal support workers and related professions, as federal, provincial, and territorial governments work together on how best to support recruitment and retention.
- \$175 million over five years for the Territorial Health Investment Fund in recognition of medical travel and the cost of delivering health care in the territories.

In addition, the government will work with Indigenous partners to provide additional support for Indigenous health priorities:

- \$2 billion over 10 years to address the unique challenges Indigenous Peoples face when it comes to fair and equitable access to quality and culturally safe health care services. The government will work with Indigenous partners to prioritize investments.

These investments, on top of already significant funding, will help build a health care system that includes:

- access to high-quality family health services when they need them, including in rural and remote areas, and for underserved communities;
- a resilient and supported health care workforce that provides high-quality, effective, and safe health care services;
- access to timely, equitable, and quality mental health, substance use, and addictions services to support Canadians' well-being;
- access to a patient's own electronic health information that is shared between the health professionals they consult; and
- access to home care and safe long-term care so Canadians can age safely and live in dignity.

While provinces and territories are already taking steps to advance work on these shared priorities, Canadians expect more concrete actions to improve health care services. The funding announced today can help accelerate progress.

Canadians deserve to know what progress is being made. That is why to access their share of the federal funding, including the 5 per cent CHT guarantee, provincial and territorial governments are asked to commit to improving how health information is collected, shared, used, and reported to Canadians to promote greater transparency on results, and to help manage public health emergencies. Canadians should be able

to access their own health information and benefit from it being shared between health workers, across health settings, and across jurisdictions. That is why provinces and territories are also asked to agree to adopt common standards and policies related to data.

The Government of Canada recognizes that provinces and territories have their own unique circumstances. As such, bilateral agreements are intended to be flexible, and provinces and territories will have options to tailor these agreements to address the unique needs of their populations and geography. As part of these agreements, provincial and territorial governments are asked to develop action plans that will outline how funds will be spent and how progress will be measured. Investments are to be centered around the following four shared health priorities: family health care; health workforce and backlogs; mental health and substance use; and modernizing the health care system with standardized information and digital tools. Each province and territory will have flexibility in designing their action plans, including the addition of targeted results with indicators that are tailored to their realities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we showed that we can work together to tackle big challenges. The Government of Canada will continue to work in collaboration with provinces and territories on next steps, in the best interest of Canadians, their families, and health care workers. We will work to deliver concrete outcomes for Canadians and improve the health care system that Canadians value and depend on.

Quotes

“Today’s announcement is about strengthening our health care system to address existing challenges and provide Canadians with the safe, high-quality care they need and deserve, including when it comes to mental health. Building on the lessons of the pandemic, we will continue to take a Team Canada approach to deliver the best results for patients, support our health care workers, and protect our health care system now and into the future.”

— The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

“It is clear to Canadians that we need to invest in strengthening Canada’s public health care system and ensure better health care outcomes for Canadians across the country. The investments we are prepared to make today will help Canadians access the high quality, public, and timely health care they deserve.”

— The Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

“Canadians deserve better health care and we need immediate actions to address current and future challenges. These investments will support those actions so that people have timely access to family health services and that we have less people waiting for treatments, diagnosis, and surgeries, and more mental health and substance use services across the country. We must also work together to collect, share, and use health information to strengthen and improve the delivery of health care while continuing to support our health care workers.”

— The Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Health

“Our government continues to work with our partners across the country to build a better health care system. Today’s working meeting builds on our shared objective of ensuring all Canadians, regardless of where they live or their ability to pay, can access the care they need, when they need it. I look forward to working with our provincial and territorial partners in the coming weeks to deliver on Canadians’ priorities.”

— The Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities

“Mental health is health, and through these bilateral agreements, we are working with provinces and territories to integrate mental health and substance use care as a full and equal part of our universal health care system. These agreements will work to provide greater access to mental health services, reduce substance use harms, and lower stigma. Together, we must ensure that all Canadians have access to supports and services for their mental health and well-being – when they need them, wherever they need them.”

— The Hon. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health

Quick Facts

- The Canada Health Transfer (CHT) is the largest major federal transfer to provinces and territories. It provides long-term, predictable funding for health care and supports the principles of the *Canada Health Act*. CHT payments are made on an equal per capita basis to provide comparable treatment for all Canadians, regardless of where they live. The CHT grows in line with a three-year moving average of nominal gross domestic product, with total funding guaranteed to increase by at least 3 per cent per year. In 2023-24, the federal government will

provide a total of \$49.4 billion to provinces and territories under the CHT, an increase of 9.3 per cent, or \$4.2 billion, from 2022-23.

- The funding outlined today is in addition to \$11 billion in existing funding (\$4.8 billion remaining) through the 2017 bilateral agreements on Home Care and Mental Health (to 2026-27), and \$3 billion for long-term care provided in Budget 2021.
- As part of today's announcement, the Government of Canada will provide \$505 million over five years to the Canadian Institute for Health Information, Canada Health Infoway, and federal data partners to work with provinces and territories on developing new health data indicators, and to support the creation of a Centre of Excellence on health workforce data and underpin efforts to use data to improve health care.
- The CHT, along with historical tax point transfers for health to provinces and territories dating back to the 1970s, accounts for nearly one third of all the money provinces and territories spend on health care. The value of these tax points is \$25 billion in 2022-23.
- In addition to the CHT, the Government of Canada has made significant targeted investments to support health systems, including more than \$72 billion over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health and safety of Canadians. More than eight out of every 10 dollars provided to fight COVID-19 and support Canadians was provided by the federal government.
- The federal government works collaboratively and in partnership with Indigenous partners and communities to support improved access to high quality, culturally appropriate health services, greater Indigenous control of health services, and improved health outcomes. Each year, the government invests approximately \$5 billion in Indigenous health. This includes important new investments announced since 2021 to support further progress, including:
 - \$354 million over five years to increase the number of nurses and other medical professionals in remote and isolated First Nations communities;
 - \$250 million over five years to further support recruitment and retention of health professionals on reserve;
 - \$825 million over three years for distinctions-based mental health and wellness strategies;
 - \$127 million over three years to foster health systems free from racism and discrimination; and
 - \$107 million over three years to continue efforts to transform how health services are designed and delivered by First Nations communities.

Related Product

- Backgrounder – Working together to improve health care for Canadians (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/news/2023/02/working-together-to-improve-health-care-for-canadians.html>)

Associated Links

- Canada's health care system (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/canada-health-care-system.html>)
- Canada Health Transfer (<https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/programs/federal-transfers/canada-health-transfer.html>)
- *Canada Health Act* (<https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/c-6/page-1.html>)



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The Canada Revenue Agency kicks off the 2023 tax-filing season: Canadians need to file their returns before May 1

From: [Canada Revenue Agency](#)

News release

Sign up for direct deposit and file electronically to get your refund faster

February 20, 2023

Ottawa, Ontario

Canada Revenue

Agency

Tax season has officially kicked off and many Canadians will turn to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for guidance. We are ready to answer your questions and provide you with services to make it easier and quicker to file your 2022 income tax and benefit return, whichever way you choose to do it.

For most Canadians, the deadline to pay their taxes and file their return for 2022 is April 30, 2023. Because this date is a Sunday, a return will be considered filed on time if the CRA receives it, or it is postmarked, on or before

May 1, 2023. A payment will be considered made on time if the CRA receives it, or a Canadian financial institution processes it, on or before May 1, 2023.

Helpful information and resources for taxpayers

Looking for the best way to file your taxes? – Check out our [Ways to do your taxes](#) page and pick the option that best suits your needs. Some options are free!

Over 28 million income tax and benefit returns were filed online in 2022. Electronic returns filed on time are generally processed within two weeks. If you are registered for [direct deposit](#) and you [file online](#), you may be able to get your refund in as little as eight business days.

My Account – [My Account](#) is our online portal for individuals where you can find your tax information and access many of the slips you need to file your income tax and benefit return.

You can also:

- change your personal information, such as your address, phone number, and marital status
- register for direct deposit
- make a payment
- track the status of your return
- apply for child benefits
- receive mail and email notifications
- view [uncashed cheques](#)
- and so much more!

You will also be able to access digital services such as [Auto-fill my return](#) and [Express NOA](#) in certified tax-filing software. If you own a business, you can also sign up for [My Business Account](#).

Steps to get ready for filing – Not sure where to start? Visit our [Get ready to do your taxes](#) page for the latest tax information. We have eight steps that will help you prepare to file.

Quick and helpful tax tips – Our [Tax tips](#) can provide you with quick and helpful information to address your tax questions.

Learn about your taxes – The CRA has launched a [free online learning tool](#) to help you do your taxes on your own. This tool provides you with lessons that help you understand what taxes are, why we pay them, how to understand your paycheques, pay stubs and income tax slips, and finally, how to do your taxes for the first time.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) – If you have a modest income, a simple tax situation, and require assistance, a CVITP volunteer may be able to do your taxes for free. To find a clinic, please visit our [Free tax clinics](#) page. If you live in Quebec, please visit the [Income Tax Assistance – Volunteer Program](#) page for more information.

Payment arrangements – If you cannot pay an existing debt in full, you may be eligible for a [payment arrangement](#). Payment arrangement options have been expanded to reflect current realities. The [Payment Arrangement Calculator](#) has also been added to My Account and My Business Account. This self-service tool allows you to submit a potential payment arrangement without having to contact the CRA. If the proposed payment arrangement does not meet the CRA payment policy, a CRA officer will reach out to complete the arrangement.

New benefits, credits and services

Simplified Northern Residents Travel Deduction – The CRA is launching the Simplified Northern Residents Travel Deduction, a pilot project to make it easier for northern residents to determine the lowest return airfare, one of the three amounts required to claim the travel deduction come tax time. Available the week of February 20, 2023, on canada.ca/lowest-return-airfare, the simplified version features tables that identify the lowest return airfare amount found from airports with regularly scheduled commercial flights to a designated city. The airfare tables contain more than 135 airports, almost all of which are located in the [prescribed zones](#).

Canada Dental Benefit – The new interim Canada Dental Benefit is available to eligible families earning less than \$90,000 per year. It provides financial support for parents and guardians of children under 12 years old if they receive dental care in Canada and do not have access to private dental insurance. In order to receive this benefit, you need to have filed your 2021 tax return. The CRA's online application [My Account](#) is the fastest way to apply for this benefit. For more information, go to [Canada Dental Benefit](#).

One-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit – The government introduced a one-time \$500 payment to help lower-income renters facing housing affordability challenges. Applications are open until March 31, 2023. To obtain the one-time payment, you need to have filed your 2021 tax return. For more information on the eligibility requirements and how to apply, go to [One-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit](#).

First-time home buyers' tax credit – The amount used to calculate the [first-time home buyers' tax credit](#) has increased to \$10,000 for a qualifying home purchased after December 31, 2021.

Home accessibility tax credit – For 2022 and later tax years, the annual expense limit of the [home accessibility tax credit](#) has increased to \$20,000.

Disability tax credit – For 2021 and later tax years, an individual diagnosed with type 1 diabetes is considered to have met the two times and 14 hours per week requirements for life-sustaining therapy. For more information, go to [Disability tax credit](#).

You may be eligible for other benefits and credits. You can find more information on our [Tax credits and benefits for individuals](#) page.

Quotes

“The 2023 tax season is underway and whether or not you had any income last year, filing your return can let you obtain important benefits and credits such as the new Canada Dental Benefit or the one-time top-up to the Canada Housing Benefit. These key programs created by our government aim to make life more affordable, and the CRA is here to help you access them.”

-The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of National Revenue

“We are here to help you. Reporting your income is beneficial for several reasons, especially with the rise in the cost of living. This can include getting additional benefits and credits to help support you and your family.”

-Gillian Pranke, Assistant Commissioner

Quick facts

- There were over 17 million refunds issued in 2022, amounting to a total of almost \$37 billion in refunds issued to Canadians. Also, 78% of refunds were issued by direct deposit.
- 15.8 million Canadians are already registered for My Account.

Associated links

- [Get ready to do your taxes](#)
- [Tax-filing season promotional kit](#)
- [Scams and fraud](#)

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STATEMENT

Premier Doug Ford Commemorates Start of Black History Month

February 01, 2023

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — Today, Premier Doug Ford issued the following statement to mark the launch of Black History Month 2023:

“February is Black History Month, a special moment to recognize and celebrate the many contributions and accomplishments of Ontario’s Black community.

Throughout our history, Black Ontarians have helped to build our great province with achievements in the arts, sciences, business, and across all fields.

February is also a time to acknowledge that racism still exists in society and recommit to the ongoing work to ensure that all Ontarians, including the province’s Black community, have the same opportunities to succeed and thrive. That’s why our government is investing in programs that combat the harmful effects of racism and hate, empower Black youth with skills to find good-paying jobs and help Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs start or grow their business. We’re also investing in targeted supports for Black students across all classrooms and enhancing Black History education so more students are exposed to Black success stories.

I encourage all Ontarians to take some time this month to reflect on the history of Black people in Ontario, as well as to celebrate their many inspirational achievements.

We’re so grateful for your contributions to our province, helping to make Ontario the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family.”

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Providing Better Service

ServiceOntario improvements saving people time and money

February 01, 2023

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is making it faster, easier and more convenient for people and businesses to access driver's licences, health cards, birth certificates and other services.

An enhanced appointment booking system at ServiceOntario is now available at 64 of its busiest centres. Customers requiring in-person visits can book multiple services in a single appointment on their smartphone or computer or book a single appointment for the whole family. Ontarians will also have the option to identify accessibility needs ahead of the appointment so services can be provided to meet their individual needs efficiently and effectively.

"We're making it easier for people and businesses to connect with ServiceOntario, putting customers first and saving people time and money," said Premier Doug Ford. "Across our government, we're making it less complicated and more convenient for people to interact with government. We'll never stop working to improve the services we offer people."

ServiceOntario is also enhancing the customer experience through a number of pilot programs including virtual services. Eligible Ontarians who may find it difficult to visit a ServiceOntario centre in person can [book virtual appointments](#) to have their health cards renewed through live video calls. For those phoning the Contact Centre, new technology is rolling out to cut down the time callers spend on the line with quicker interactive responses or call-backs.

"Our government continues to modernize the way we deliver services, using data and technology to design programs that put customers first," said Kaled Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery. "Ontarians are already benefiting from our improved services that are easy-to-use, more accessible and digitally enabled. They can choose to access services in person, by phone, or online – taking advantage of more than 55 online services available anywhere, anytime, any day."

New online services are being added regularly and these include renewal of health cards, licence plates and other government identification and permits. Convenient renewal reminders by email, text or phone call help Ontarians keep their important documents up to date. Almost all transactions related to [Accessible Parking Permits](#) are online.

As part of the work to provide customers with more online delivery options, in the coming months, soon-to-be-married couples can apply for a marriage licence online through a new secure portal in participating municipalities. As well, by spring, digital dealership registration — providing on-site registration of vehicle purchases at dealerships — will be expanding to trade-ins and used cars.

Now more than ever, Ontarians expect improved, consistent and safe services designed for them by their government. Ontario will continue to deliver simpler, faster and better services to hard-working Ontarians.

Quick Facts

- ServiceOntario offers appointment bookings at many of its busiest service centres to make the visit fast and hassle-free. Book at [Ontario.ca/Appointment](#) or call ServiceOntario at 1-800-387-3445 (TTY 1-800-268-7095).
- We are nearly doubling the number of service centres offering appointments to 120 by the end of 2023.
- Customers can go online to renew their licence plate, driver's licence, health card, Ontario Photo Card, and Accessible Parking Permit at [Ontario.ca/Renew](#) in minutes.
- Sign up for renewal reminders by email, text or phone call so you always know when it is time to renew your important products at [Ontario.ca/Reminders](#) or call ServiceOntario at 1-800-387-3445 (TTY 1-800-268-7095).
- Ontarians with a medical exemption or are over 80 years of age can request a virtual appointment to renew their health card. Learn more at [Ontario.ca/VirtualAppointment](#) or call ServiceOntario at 1-800-387-3445 (TTY 1-800-268-7095).
- Ontarians complete more than 59 million transactions at ServiceOntario annually, with 53 per cent of transactions being completed online.
- Ontario vehicle dealerships can apply to [Digital Dealership Registration on Ontario.ca](#).

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Preparing People and Communities for Future Emergencies

First-ever action plan will support quick response to natural disasters and other emergencies

February 03, 2023

[Treasury Board Secretariat](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government released its first-ever [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#), helping to ensure Ontarians are prepared for and safe during future emergencies like cyber security threats, pandemics or natural disasters.

The plan, the first of its kind in Canada, sets a foundation for emergency management in Ontario and builds on lessons learned from past emergencies including the COVID-19 pandemic, which represented the single largest provincial emergency in decades.

“With an increase in wildfires, floods, and other potential emergencies that threaten the safety of Ontario’s communities, it’s vitally important that we have a plan in place to respond to crises quickly, efficiently and in close coordination with partners on the ground,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Emergency Management in Ontario. “This strategic and action-oriented plan outlines a comprehensive vision for all of Ontario to be safe, practiced, and prepared at all times. Our commitment to communities across the province is to ensure we are as emergency ready and resilient as possible—both now and into the future.”

Developed in partnership with emergency management partners, including municipalities, First Nations partners and provincial ministries, the plan highlights key actions the province is taking to keep Ontario in a state of constant readiness and preparedness. It also outlines initiatives to augment and support municipal and First Nations emergency strategies.

Highlights of the plan include the following:

- A strengthened provincial governance and accountability framework that includes Emergency Management Ontario as the provincial lead for emergency management coordination.
- A one window for all Ontarians approach to proactively coordinate with emergency management partners on preparedness and information sharing.
- Increased local supports for municipalities and Indigenous partners, including a doubling of regional field services staff, in 2022, to better support all regions of the province.
- Proactive planning and monitoring, including enhanced flood mapping, a cyber security strategy, and increased resources for emergency management partners.
- Programs to improve community preparedness, including tabletop and priority exercises and a strengthened Ontario Corps.
- A commitment to annual reports detailing the progress made on the strategy and action plan.

The plan will be further strengthened through ongoing engagement with partners to ensure Ontarians are prepared for future emergencies.

The Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan can be downloaded from ontario.ca/SafeAndPrepared.

Quick Facts

- In 2022, 58 community and provincial emergencies were declared in Ontario and more than 1,900 members from four First Nations communities in Ontario were evacuated due to the threat of floods.
- To support Ontario's 444 municipalities and 133 First Nations communities, of which over 30 are remote fly-in communities, there were over 4,000 enrollments in emergency management training courses in the province, with over 300 courses run in 2022.
- In 2022, the Ontario Corps transferred from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism to Treasury Board Secretariat. The program registers, screens and trains volunteers so Ontario is better prepared to mobilize volunteers and safely respond to emergencies, from public health crises to natural disasters. Plans are underway to strengthen the support available to communities by leveraging the existing capacity and expertise of partners to ensure predictable volunteer and specialized technical capacity is available to support communities.

- In 2022, Emergency Management Ontario participated in 35 emergency exercises and drills to test emergency plans and procedures. This includes participating in Exercise Huron Endeavour in October 2022 which tested Ontario's nuclear emergency response plans, alongside Bruce Power, municipalities, 40 agencies and 1,400 participants.
- The Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan builds on the government's [A Plan to Stay Open](#) to protect the safety of Ontarians.
- Help protect yourself and your loved ones, visit [Ontario.ca/BePrepared](https://ontario.ca/BePrepared) and [@OntarioWarnings](https://twitter.com/OntarioWarnings) on Twitter.

Quotes

"The Independent First Nations Alliance has worked in strong partnership with Emergency Management Ontario for many years and looks forward to continued partnership and efforts to enhance the roles and capacity of not only IFNA First Nations, but all First Nations, in the area of emergency management, preparedness and response. The PEMSAP provides one of the frameworks for that partnership, with actionable goals that we look forward to achieving together. "

- Nicholas Rhone
IFNA – Independent First Nations Alliance

Additional Resources

[Ontario.ca/SafeAndPrepared](https://ontario.ca/SafeAndPrepared)

[A Plan to Stay Open](#)

[Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Appoints New Inspector General of Policing

Nationally recognized expert bringing strategic leadership and direction to police oversight in Ontario

February 07, 2023

[Solicitor General](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government has taken another step to improve policing in the province by appointing Ryan Teschner as the new Inspector General of Policing. Mr. Teschner is an experienced leader in community safety, police governance and public administration. He will be responsible for the Inspectorate of Policing, an independent organization to monitor police and police board performance as well as promote improvements to public safety.

“I am delighted to welcome Mr. Teschner as Ontario’s Inspector General of Policing – the first and only role of its kind in Canada,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “He is a nationally recognized expert who has worked throughout his career to help enhance public safety, modernize police governance and oversight, and build public trust.”

Mr. Teschner begins his new position on March 27, 2023. Ken Weatherill, who has been serving in the role on an interim basis, will continue to serve as the Deputy Inspector General.

“I want to extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to Ken Weatherill for his contributions as Inspector General of Policing and Deputy Inspector General,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “We are grateful that he will continue to serve as Deputy Inspector General to help lead the province in the delivery of effective policing for all Ontarians.”

Quick Facts

- Mr. Teschner led significant organizational change at the Toronto Police Services Board as Executive Director and Chief of Staff from 2018-2023.
- Working for the Government of Ontario as Special Counsel to the Deputy Minister of Community Safety, and the Ministry of the Attorney General, Mr. Teschner helped develop new policing and oversight legislation.

- Mr. Teschner is the recipient of the 2021 Canadian Association of Police Governance [Award for Excellence in Police Governance](#) in recognition of his commitment, leadership and significant contributions to the enhancement of civilian police governance in Canada.
- A graduate of the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, Mr. Teschner was called to the Ontario Bar in 2006 and has worked as a litigator, where he practiced in the areas of regulatory, administrative, constitutional and commercial law, and has appeared as counsel in all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada.
- Under Mr. Weatherill's leadership, the Inspectorate of Policing has developed into a new, modern regulatory organization ready to deliver on its legislative requirements under the [Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019](#) once in force.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario's First Inspector General of Policing Appointed](#)
- [Ontario Passes New Legislation That Will Restore Respect for Police Officers and Streamline Police Oversight](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Strengthening Supports for Survivors of Violence and their Children

\$6.5 million investment helping women and children access services they need to be safe and supported in their communities

February 07, 2023

[Children, Community and Social Services](#)

[Women's Social and Economic Opportunity](#)

TORONTO, ON — The Ontario government is investing up to \$6.5 million to help women and children who have experienced violence and are survivors of human trafficking access the supports and services they need to stay safe and rebuild their lives. This funding will also help children and youth get the early intervention supports they need to heal from the harmful effects of experiencing and witnessing violence.

“Our government is breaking down barriers so women who have experienced violence can receive the help they need no matter where they are in the province,” said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity. “This investment will ensure women and children have access to timely and effective care, whether they live in a rural community or are concerned about the care their children will receive once they arrive at a shelter.”

The \$6.5 million investment includes:

- Up to \$3.6 million for frontline agencies in rural and remote communities to strengthen culturally responsive supports for Indigenous women and reduce barriers for survivors of violence and human trafficking – for example, by providing transportation to and from counselling and legal appointments.
- Up to \$2.9 million to increase access to stable and ongoing prevention and early intervention supports for children and youth entering a shelter who have been exposed to violence. These supports are delivered by frontline service providers, such as child and youth workers, early childhood educators, and culturally specific service providers.

“Our government feels strongly that women and children who are victims of violence and human trafficking must be supported and feel safe in their communities. We are investing in culturally relevant support services that will help address trauma and enhance the healing process,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Northern Development. “By expanding funding, we are removing barriers and improving access to meaningful supports in northern, rural and remote communities.”

Ontario is working to prevent and address violence against women in all forms, including human trafficking. This \$6.5 million additional investment will help ensure survivors and their children have the foundation they need to stay safe and begin their healing process. This funding builds on Ontario’s ongoing investments in prevention initiatives, community services and supports for women and children who have experienced violence, as well as survivors of human trafficking.

Quick Facts

- Arrival at emergency shelters presents a critical point at which to intervene with children and youth exposed to violence. For many children and youth, shelters are a highly stressful transition environment, and they require child-appropriate trauma-informed supports to confront the difficulties they are experiencing.
- [Ontario’s Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy](#) represents the largest total investment dedicated to anti-human trafficking supports and services in Canada.

Additional Resources

- Ontario is investing \$18.5 million over three years to support survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking by increasing access to safe and affordable housing, employment assistance and childcare through the [Transitional and Housing Support Program](#).
- Ontario released [Pathways to Safety: Ontario’s Strategy in Response to the Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls](#).

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Connecting More People to Care at Home

Investments are helping more people connect to care at home and in the community

February 08, 2023

[Health](#)

TORONTO — As part of [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), Ontario is connecting people to convenient care at home and in their community so more Ontarians can choose to stay in their homes for longer as they age or are able to receive care closer to home. Delivering convenient care at home provides a better experience for people and frees up more space in hospitals, long-term care homes and doctors' offices.

"The only thing better than having care close to home is having care in your own home," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "We've heard loud and clear that you and your family want better and faster access to home care services and our investments will provide you more choice to connect to convenient care in your own home and in your community, instead of in a hospital or long-term care home."

Last year, the government invested \$1 billion to expand the delivery of home and community care services to help more people connect to the care they need in the comfort of their own home. From more caregiver supports and respite services, bereavement and behavioural programs to assisted living services for people with brain injuries, work is underway to provide faster and more convenient access to the care they need.

The province is also working with Ontario Health Teams and home and community care providers to create new and innovative programs for people wanting to connect to care at home, including more virtual care options and connecting home care services with other care providers such as a family doctor to ensure personal medical records follow people as they move between care providers. These investments will help nearly 700,000 families who rely on home care annually to connect to care more conveniently.

With the help of paramedics, those living with chronic health conditions can now live at home more independently and avoid regular visits to the hospital waiting room. Ontario's expanded community paramedicine program is already in place in 55 communities and has connected more than 30,000 people to 24/7 non-emergency support at home. The initiative allows paramedics to use their training and expertise to provide home visits for a range of services, including making sure medication is taken as prescribed, educating people on how to properly manage their chronic conditions and providing assessments and referrals to local community care services, such as home care.

Ontario is also expanding palliative care services by adding 23 new hospice beds to the 500 beds already available across the province to connect Ontarians with comfortable and dignified end-of-life care near their communities and loved ones. Ensuring Ontarians have a choice about where they spend their final days is an important part of ensuring Ontarians can connect to the care they need throughout their entire life.

With [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the province is making it easier for people and their families to connect to the care they need, whether that's by expanding access to services in their home or community or giving them the choice to book or take an appointment virtually, to ensure hospital and long-term beds are available when it is needed most.

Quick Facts

- Ontario Health Teams will help guide the expansion and modernization of home and community care.
 - Home and community care services support people of all ages who require care in their home, at school or in the community. Seniors and those experiencing complex medical conditions can often stay in their homes if they have some support.
 - The Ontario Caregiver Organization supports caregivers across Ontario with a suite of programs and resources including the 24/7 Ontario Caregiver Helpline 1-833-416-2273 (CARE), counselling and peer support groups, webinars, tip sheets and checklists available at www.ontariocaregiver.ca.
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Quotes

"Home and community care is an integral part of our health care system. We look forward to working with our government and community partners to ensure programs and services are in place to help people be healthier at home through connected, accessible patient-centred care."

- Cynthia Martineau
CEO of Home and Community Care Support Services

"Providing more home care will allow more people to stay at home, including at end of life. The people we serve, and their caregivers, tell us that quality home care and palliative care improves quality of life, pain and symptom management, emotional well-being and makes it possible to be at home and avoid hospital and emergency room visits."

- Dipti Purbhoo
Executive Director, Dorothy Ley Hospice

Additional Resources

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- Visit [Home Community Care](#) for more information.

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BULLETIN

Ontario Protecting Walleye from Illegal Angling

February 10, 2023

[Natural Resources and Forestry](#)

The Ontario government is safeguarding walleye from illegal fishing practices by ensuring anglers are only keeping fish of a legal size.

Sylvester Gutkowski of Winnipeg, Manitoba pleaded guilty to possessing fish of a prohibited size. He was fined \$2,700 and was also suspended from fishing in Ontario for one year.

James Morrisette and Lorrie Morrisette both of Winnipeg, Manitoba pleaded guilty to fishing without a licence. Each was fined \$200.

The court heard that on evening of September 3, 2022, conservation officers were conducting a patrol of Caribou Falls north of Kenora and observed a group of people camping. During the contact it was determined that the group had been angling on the Winnipeg River and Gutkowski had nine illegally sized walleye. Both James and Lorrie Morrisette had been angling and neither had a valid licence.

Justice of the Peace Daphne Armstrong heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Kenora, on December 6, 2022.

To report a natural resource problem or provide information about an unsolved case, members of the public can call the ministry TIPS line toll free at 1-877-847-7667. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS. For more information about unsolved cases, please visit ontario.ca/mnrftips.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Connecting Youth Leaving Care with Supports to Succeed

New program focusing on life skills and post-secondary education, training and employment

February 15, 2023

[Children, Community and Social Services](#)

OTTAWA — The Ontario government is investing \$68 million in a new program that connects youth in the child welfare system with additional services and supports they need to prepare for and succeed after leaving care. The Ready, Set, Go program, launching on April 1, 2023, will provide youth transitioning out of care with life skills and supports they need to pursue post secondary education, skilled trades training and employment opportunities.

“Children and youth in the child welfare system face additional barriers throughout their lives,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. “Our government is enhancing the way youth leaving care are supported so they can access the same opportunities as their peers. The Ready, Set, Go program will help youth get the skills they need to build a brighter future for themselves.”

Under the new program, children’s aid societies will begin focusing on helping children plan for the future at an earlier age. Starting at age 13, they will begin learning practical life skills and planning educational goals. At age 15, the emphasis will expand to financial literacy and preparing for the workforce, including managing personal finances, setting up a bank account, grocery shopping, resumé building, and how to access social services and other supports.

The Ready, Set, Go program will also allow youth to remain in care until the age of 23, up from age 21. Monthly financial support will also increase to provide youth better quality of life and safer housing opportunities so they can focus on their studies or working.

Funding is increasing from \$850 per month to:

- Age 18 - \$1,800

- Age 19 - \$1,500
- Age 20 - \$1,000

Youth who will remain in care at age 21 will now receive \$1,000 per month. Youth in care at age 22 will receive \$500 per month. Youth will also be able to work up to 40 hours per week at Ontario's minimum wage without affecting their financial supports. Those pursuing a post-secondary program or training in skilled trades and apprenticeships, will receive an additional \$500 per month starting at age 20.

The Ready, Set, Go program was developed with input and advice from former youth in care, child welfare advocates, partners and is informed by research. These changes are part of [Ontario's plan to transform the child welfare system](#) and hold children's aid societies accountable to better prepare youth leaving care.

Quick Facts

- The ministry is seeking further feedback and advice from sector partners and the public on the new Ready, Set, Go program through a posting on [Ontario's Regulatory Registry](#). The regulatory posting will be open until March 1, 2023.
 - About 12,000 children and youth are in the care of children's aid societies in Ontario.
 - Children and youth leaving the child welfare system are more likely to experience a range of negative outcomes, such as homelessness, mental health concerns, unemployment, lack of education and involvement in the justice system.
 - Currently, youth transitioning from care are provided with financial and non-financial supports up to their 21st birthday through the Continued Care and Support for Youth program. Youth leaving care also have access to the Youth-in-Transition Workers program, the Aftercare Benefits Initiative, the Postsecondary Application Fee Reimbursement program and the Living and Learning Grant.
 - While Ontario has been developing the new youth leaving care policy and program, the province has extended a moratorium on youth aging out of their care arrangements with children's aid societies to March 31, 2023.
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Quotes

"We commend the Ontario government today for taking steps to ensure youth feel confident and supported as they leave care. Through this investment and new framework, more youth across the province will have access to the resources and tools they need to transition successfully to adulthood."

- Nicole Bonnie
CEO, Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies

"For youth from care who continue to face disproportionate adverse risk and challenges, this framework will help in mitigating some of those complex barriers. The Child Welfare PAC enthusiastically supports a data driven system coupled with a better resourced, graduated introduction to independence that will create multiple pathways to brighter futures and improved outcomes for our most vulnerable youth."

- Ingrid Palmer
Child Welfare Political Action Committee

"The Ready, Set, Go program is an important step that the Ontario Government is taking to help youth leaving foster care secure safer housing in their communities. We know that youth who don't have access to stable housing are at a much higher risk of human trafficking, and by helping youth have a safe place to live it will reduce the likelihood that they will become victims of human trafficking or face exploitation."

- Carly Kalish
Executive Director, Victim Services Toronto

"The Ready, Set, Go program is a great start to support the transition from being a youth in care to becoming a young adult. By offering an opportunity of gradual independence as well as softening the abrupt effects of being ejected from the foster system, youth are going to be better prepared to enter adulthood."

- Dr. Rebekah Jacques
Sixties Scoop Survivor

"When you have a career in the skilled trades, you have a career for life. The Ready, Set, Go program will give our young people leaving care a hand up to well-paying, in-demand jobs with pensions and benefits. We're giving them the training they need to lead purpose-driven lives in the skilled trades as leaders in their community, building a stronger Ontario for all of us."

- Monte McNaughton
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

"This is another step by our government to ensure Ontario children and youth are set up for success and can reach their full potential. This investment will help support youth in care to graduate from high school and to develop the necessary life skills and job skills leading to rewarding careers they can flourish in, including pathways to the skilled trades, entrepreneurship and postsecondary education."

- Stephen Lecce
Minister of Education

"Our government is taking a targeted approach and supporting those that need it the most. We are supporting youth in care from the ages of 13-23 to prepare for when they exit care by helping them learn how to manage personal finances at a young age and providing supports for education and skills training."

- Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance

"It's important for young people to have the right supports that will set them up for success. Through the new Ready, Set, Go program, we are better supporting children and youth in the child welfare system by empowering them to build the lives they want to lead and embrace their futures."

- Charmaine A. Williams
Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity

Additional Resources

- Learn more about the [Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies](#).
- Learn more about redesigning [Ontario's child welfare system](#), including the [five pillars of the provincial redesign strategy](#).

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Releases 2022-23 Third Quarter Finances

Latest fiscal update demonstrates Ontario's economy remains resilient amid global challenges

February 15, 2023

[Finance](#)

TORONTO — Today, the government released the [2022-23 Third Quarter Finances](#), to provide an update on Ontario's economic and fiscal outlook since the release of the *2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*.

Overall, the report shows that despite global geopolitical conflict, high inflation, rising interest rates and ongoing supply chain challenges, Ontario's economy continues to be resilient, with real gross domestic product (GDP) estimated to have increased by 3.7 per cent in calendar year 2022.

"While today's update is positive, Ontario and the rest of the world continue to face ongoing economic and geopolitical uncertainty," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Though the road ahead may not be easy, our government's *Plan to Build* is a responsible and prudent approach to getting Ontario through the challenges of today while planning for tomorrow."

The *2022-23 Third Quarter Finances* show the government is projecting a deficit of \$6.5 billion in 2022-23, an improvement of \$6.4 billion compared to the Province's last published fiscal update. Revenues in 2022-23 are projected to be \$9.6 billion higher than forecast, mainly reflecting stronger than expected taxation revenues as a result of higher net tax assessments for 2021 and prior years, based on new information from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) received since the *2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*. Ontario, similar to other provinces, incorporates updated information received from the CRA in its regular financial updates.

Overall program expense in 2022-23 is projected to be \$188.6 billion, \$3.4 billion higher than forecast in both the *2022 Budget* and the *2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*. Increases in program expense are primarily due to significant one-time costs associated with ongoing land and land-related claims with

Indigenous communities where Ontario is in active negotiations, claims are accepted for negotiation or are under review. This additional spending has been partially offset by existing contingences within the fiscal plan, and savings.

“Our government is taking a targeted approach to deliver on our *Plan to Build* while laying a strong fiscal foundation for the province’s future generations,” said Minister Bethlenfalvy. “We will continue to be transparent with the people of Ontario by providing regular updates on the province’s economic and fiscal situation.”

The government plans to provide its next update as part of the *2023 Budget* on or before March 31, 2023.

Quick Facts

- Other program expense increases since the release of the *2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review* include spending related to reopening of colleges following the easing of public health restrictions and resulting additional on-campus activity, the government’s commitment to support the City of Toronto to address a portion of its 2022 operating deficit with up to one-third of the city’s projected COVID-19 pressures, and additional funding for prevention and containment of COVID-19 at long-term care homes. These expenses have been partially offset by additional third-party revenues from colleges, savings and the drawdown of existing contingencies within the fiscal plan.
- Interest on debt expense is projected to \$13.4 billion, slightly lower than the \$13.5 billion forecast in the 2022 Budget and approximately \$0.2 billion lower than the \$13.6 billion projection in the 2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review. Due to rising interest rates, Ontario’s cost of borrowing has, however, increased to 4.0 per cent, which is higher than the 3.4 per cent forecast in the 2022 Budget but lower than the 4.2 per cent forecast in the *2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*.

Additional Resources

- Read Ontario’s [2022-23 Third Quarter Finances](#).
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Enterprise Renfrew County to deliver Francophone programming

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RELEASE DATE:

February 8, 2023

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) has received a grant to provide French language business services for Francophone entrepreneurs in the County of Renfrew and City of Pembroke. Funded by the Government of Ontario, the grant will provide free virtual marketing workshops, a Francophone Entrepreneur Award, networking event, business consultations and resources in the French language.

Virtual workshops are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8 – Marketing Basics; Wednesday, February 15 – Consumer Behaviour; Tuesday, March 21 – Social Media and Wednesday, March 29 – Search Engine Optimization. All workshops will be facilitated and delivered in French by Bernard Charlebois of BOUM Strategies.

Celebrating Francophone entrepreneurs, the Francophone Entrepreneur Award will be presented at the Business Networking Breakfast on Monday, March 6, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. During the breakfast event, attendees will also hear from keynote speaker Marie-Josée Lévesque of Bumpy Roads Studios and learn more about

services and resources available from organizations like the Enterprise Renfrew County, le Centre Culturel Francophone de Pembroke and Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation.

Residents and businesses are invited to nominate a Francophone entrepreneur, from Renfrew County or the City of Pembroke, who inspires others and gives back to their community for the Francophone Entrepreneur Award. Send an email to [Enterprise Renfrew County](#) explaining why you feel they deserve to be celebrated and recognized. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, February 23 at midnight.

For more information, including access to resources, booking a consultation or registering for workshops or breakfast, visit www.enterpriserenfrewcounty.com and use the registration links on the calendar or email [Enterprise Renfrew County](#).

Enterprise Renfrew County is a non-profit government organization funded by the Government of Ontario, County of Renfrew, Town of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke. Its mandate is to encourage and contribute to the enterprising spirit and economic development of Renfrew County by assisting entrepreneurs with the development of new and existing companies.

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Arnprior's Wushu rising star ready for Ontario Winter Games

Posted on Friday, February 10, 2023



Arnprior's Madelyn Cazabon is competing in Wushu this weekend in her hometown as part of the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games.

RELEASE DATE:

February 10, 2023

With years of hard work under her green belt, Arnprior's Madelyn Cazabon is looking forward to competing in the Ontario Winter Games being held in Renfrew County this weekend.

The 10-year-old, Grade 5 student who attends St. Joseph's Catholic School, spends a lot of time at Sunny Tang Kung Fu Ottawa in Dunrobin, where she has trained in Wushu for the past two years.

"I'm excited that the Winter Games are here in Arnprior," said Cazabon, so excited in fact she spent four hours on Thursday night volunteering to help set up the competition area.

She says that Wushu is a lot of fun but hard work too.

"It teaches you different ways to defend yourself and it builds your confidence," she said.

Her love for the sport was born watching her father train in Martial Arts and her mother beams with pride.

"It really impresses me," said her mother Natalie proudly.

Ontario Winter Games describes Wushu as a form of contemporary Chinese martial arts that blends elements of performance and martial application. Wushu training emphasizes quickness, explosive power, and natural, relaxed movement. The Wushu practitioner must combine flexibility with strength, speed with flawless technique, and fierce intent with effortless execution.

Wushu kicks off at Arnprior District High School (59 Ottawa St., Arnprior) on Friday, then runs from February 10 to 12, and is free for the public to attend.

"I think people will really like watching," said Cazabon.

For more information on Wushu visit: <https://wushuontario.ca>. To learn more about the Ontario Winter Games visit: <https://renfrewcounty2023.ca/>.

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Communities across Renfrew County come together to host successful Ontario Winter Games

Posted on Thursday, February 16, 2023



Chadd Stoppa of Barry's Bay won a bronze medal in sledge hockey with the Niagara Thunderbolts during the second weekend of the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games.

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February 16, 2023

The hospitality, generosity and volunteer spirit of Renfrew County residents were on full display during the past two weeks, as the County of Renfrew hosted thousands of participants and visitors to the 2023 Ontario Winter Games.

Eight days of fierce competition in 22 sports over two weekends wrapped up February 12 as athletes demonstrated sportsmanship, skill and resilience throughout the Games and went home with memories that will last a lifetime.

Highlights of the second weekend of competition included Chadd Stoppa, 15, of Barry's Bay contributing to the offence in a number of games during the weekend

helping his team to win a bronze medal in sledge hockey with the Niagara Thunderbolts. Down the road in Arnprior, hometown hero Madelyn Cazabon, just 10 years old, finished eighth in the Wushu competition. Over the three days, Cazabon completed 10 different challenges and finished with a huge smile on her face as she beamed with pride for her accomplishments.

Through these Games, two venues – Ma-te-Way Park in Renfrew and the Calabogie Highlands Golf Club – hosted major winter events for the first time as trails were groomed for cross-country and para cross-country skiing and a biathlon course was created at the respective venues. Following the competition, some Renfrew residents even had a chance to put on their skis and check out the cross-country trail, which was built and maintained by world-renowned groomer Dirk Van Wijk, who honed his grooming skills during the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

Following years of planning for this major sporting event, held for the first time over two weekends and in an area as large and spread out as Renfrew County, the communities across the County stepped up to host events, businesses and corporations became partners in presenting the games and volunteers came out in droves to assist with all aspects to ensure everything ran smoothly.

A number of schools also got involved in the Games by hosting events and providing student volunteers to help with setup and tear down and provide directions for visitors entering their schools

“Our community and our volunteers were so very welcoming and supportive of our athletes and visitors” said Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon, Chair of the Games Organizing Committee. “Our Committee worked long hours to set the stage for these Games and create a meaningful experience for the athletes and volunteers. They were so very successful in making the 2023 Ontario Winter Games the #bestgamesever. We also owe an immense debt of gratitude to our many partners who generously supported the Ontario Winter Games.”

While celebrating the successes, organizers also acknowledge the event was not without challenges; chief among them the weather as the first opening ceremony was hit with frigid temperatures and snow squalls and the second in-person opening ceremony was cancelled due to weather. The Games Organizing Committee quickly arranged a virtual ceremony as athletes gathered in their hotels to watch the ceremony on big screens in common areas.

At its core, the Ontario Winter Games were about providing opportunities for young athletes to compete in sport against the best in the province and they truly delivered with some outstanding performances. In 5-pin bowling, an extra game had to be added because the competition was so close.

“It was so great to see these young athletes compete at this level and receive such wonderful support from the community, which was truly astounding,” said Games Manager Cindy Burwell. “And to our volunteers, a huge thank you for everything. We could not have offered these Games without your commitment and dedication.”

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Arnprior's Madelyn Cazabon completes her push-up challenge during the wushu competition of the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games. During three days of competition, Madelyn completed in 10 different challenges and finished eighth.

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Do you want to be your own boss this summer?

Enterprise Renfrew County (ERC) is looking for ambitious students who are keen to enter the world of entrepreneurship.

The Summer Company Program is a unique opportunity for students aged 15 to 29 to create their own company, their own job and learn what it takes to be an entrepreneur. Students receive an initial financial award of up to \$1,500 to help kickstart their business. Upon successful completion of the virtual training and operation of their business until the end of August, student entrepreneurs will receive up to \$1,500 in additional support for their business. Through experiential learning, students acquire the essential skills and expertise in financial management, sales, inventory control, marketing, and customer service to successfully operate their business.

Enterprise Renfrew County staff works with successful applicants to enable them to turn their passion, career interest or hobby into a business.

In the past, ERC student businesses have included street food vendors, artists, bakers, gardeners and lawn care service providers, auto detailing, dog groomers, estheticians, firewood suppliers, retailers, children's entertainers, photographers, and small engine mechanics.

Summer Company is a highly competitive program with only five (5) spaces available. Interested students are encouraged to apply at the earliest opportunity. The application deadline is May 15, 2023 at midnight.

For more information, call Enterprise Renfrew County at 613-735-8224 or visit www.EnterpriseRenfrewCounty.com. To apply visit www.ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students.

Summer Company is administered by Enterprise Renfrew County on behalf of the Government of Ontario. Enterprise Renfrew County and the Summer Company Program have provided guidance to 156 young entrepreneurs from across the County of Renfrew, the City of Pembroke and the Town of Renfrew since 2000.

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AMO Focuses on Housing and Homelessness in Pre-Budget Advice to Ontario Legislature

February 13, 2023

Increasing the supply of housing and tackling the homelessness crisis in Ontario, brought on by decades of failed provincial social and economic policies, are the top priorities for municipalities across Ontario. That was the message from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario presenting its [2023 Pre-Budget Submission](#) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Increasing the supply of housing is a priority for municipalities across Ontario. AMO repeated concerns that the *More Homes Built Faster Act 2022* (formerly Bill 23) may undermine this goal because it is based on false assumptions.

“The provincial government’s belief that the housing supply crisis can be solved by limiting municipal access to infrastructure financing, eliminating environmental protections or changes to municipal governance is unsound,” said AMO President Colin Best. “Unless the costs of Bill 23 are fully offset by the province, it will cost Ontario property taxpayers \$1 billion a year.”

The submission calls on the government for collaboration with the municipal sector, clarity about the province’s commitment to offset the cost impacts of the legislation on property taxpayers and a commitment to reverse legislative measures that are creating unintended consequences.

AMO’s submission also illustrates that the Government of Ontario’s per capita spending on programming is the lowest in Canada at \$2,000 less per person than the national average. It states the homelessness crisis in Ontario is a direct result of decades of provincial underinvestment in areas such as affordable housing, community mental health and income assistance programs.

“This is a made-in-Ontario crisis resulting from provincial underinvestment and poor policy choices made by the government of Ontario,” Best said. “The Government of Ontario has the tools and resources to end the homelessness crisis it has created over decades. It must surely possess the leadership, capability and political will to get the job done.”

AMO’s submission calls for the Ontario Government to commit to ending homelessness:

- Increase the supply of deeply affordable housing through a variety of approaches from rent subsidies to property acquisitions.
- Increase financial assistance to individuals and families and fulfill the government's promise to transform its social assistance system.
- Invest in health services, community-based mental health services, supportive housing and addictions services.

Ontario's homelessness crisis is apparent and in every part of the province, including big cities and small towns, and in rural and northern communities.

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AMO Matters

On February 28, AMO will host a webinar on its policy around housing and homelessness. Open to municipal elected officials and staff. To register, please [click here](#).

AMO is soliciting applications to fill seven Caucus vacancies on the AMO Board of Directors; positions for elected officials and municipal employees are open. Application package can be found [here](#). Deadline: February 10, 2023.

Provincial Matters

On February 13, Ontario One Call will host a webinar reviewing changes to the regulation and AMP system. [Register here](#).

Apply between January 11 - March 6 for Seniors Community Grants to support the delivery of programs and learning opportunities for seniors. Applications will be accepted through the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) site.

The Ministry of Transportaion has published a [Transit Technology Toolkit](#) for small and medium sized municipalities, indigenous communities, and transit systems. The kit

helps communities to navigate new transit technologies. For more information, contact: mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca.

A new intake for Rural Economic Development (RED) funding is open until February 23. For more information, click [here](#).

The SDAF deadline has been extended from February 28, 2023 to November 1, 2023. Contact municipal.programs@ontario.ca with any questions.

The deadline for implementation of projects approved under Intake 3 of the MMP has been extended to December 1, 2023.

Eye on Events

Registration is now open for *Springtime in Paris*, April 26 - 28, 2023. Brant County is hosting the first Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) Conference since 2019 inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event.

Information on how vendors can participate in the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference (OSUM) is now available. Please [click here](#) for the full package and application form.

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The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) was built by municipalities for municipalities. As a not-for profit, they are your key buying partner offering products you use everyday - from Aggregates to Zambonis. Take a minute to see how Canoe will work for you. [Contact Simon](#) for more info.

Here we grow again! New Canoe vendor [Cemen Tech](#) offers a range of concrete mixing and silo products for all your municipal construction needs. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Register now for our Countertop Composting webinar on February 15 - an interesting take on kitchen waste and just one of several in our spring webinar series. Check out our events page for this and other webinars coming soon.

Don't forget about spring training this year. LAS has a catalogue of workshops to meet your energy training needs. Contact Christian to learn more and schedule your custom workshop.

Municipal Wire*

Finding My Place, Balance & Confidence is a 3 part online learning series from electHER Now: February 28, March 28 and April 25 (7 to 8:30pm). Eight panelists + one Senator discuss municipal life. Register here.

Registration is open for AdvantAge Ontario's free Long-Term Care orientation webinar for municipal councillors. The webinar will be February 15 from 12-1pm. A brief on municipalities and LTC is also available.

Careers

Board Coordinator - ONE Investment. Provides legislative support to facilitate effective operations of ONE's Boards and Committees and prepares and distributes meeting notices, agendas, reports; takes and prepares minutes for both public and closed meetings. Deadline: 4:00 PM February 17. Email applications to: careers@amo.on.ca.

Director, Housing - City of Ottawa. Accountable for developing and maintaining strategic business and community partnerships to respond to the City's housing requirements. Apply online by March 2.

Senior Project Manager, Allocation - Region of Halton. Administers and develops programming that ensures the timely development and implementation of various strategies required to support approved growth. Apply online by February 17.

Municipal Integrity Commissioner - City of Richmond Hill. Responsible for administering the Council Code of Conduct and assists in maintaining ethical standards. Apply to stephen.huycke@richmondhill.ca by March 2.

Manager of Solid Waste Support Services - City of Greater Sudbury. Responsible for assisting the Director of Environmental Services in the preparation and execution of the Business Plan. Apply to hrjobs@greatersudbury.ca by March 3.

Budget and Operations Analyst - City of Toronto. Analyze PPO's budget information to support the preparation, review, analysis, forecasting, implementation and monitoring of budgets and financial reports. Apply online by February 28.

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AMO Matters

AMO presented our [Pre-Budget Submission to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs](#). Municipal councils and DSSABs are encouraged to support the Submission's key messages on housing and homelessness.

AMO encourages municipalities and DSSABs to consider passing a resolution ahead of the provincial budget (anticipated late March), calling on the province to end homelessness. A [resolution template](#) is available.

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Rosenbauer has secured additional contracts with the [Canoe Procurement Group](#), this time in the Airport Runway and Emergency Equipment category. Save time and money purchasing Panther, Airwolf, ARFF, and custom chassis equipment to keep your airport safe. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

It may not feel like it, but spring will be here soon! If a road or sidewalk survey is on your to-do list this year the [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment](#) service can help. [Contact Tanner](#) for a free, no-obligation quote and find out how this program can help you optimize your assets.

Ambulances are critical to community safety but sourcing them can be a challenging and expensive activity. [Register for our webinar](#) to learn about ambulance procurement options, including refurbishment and remounting - part of the Canoe webinar series. Be sure to check out our [other upcoming webinars](#).

Excel is useful as a data analytic tool for municipal staff, but do you find staff is still struggling to perform basic functions? [Our blog focuses](#) on how to delete blank cells quicker and smarter.

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[Strategic Initiatives and Policy Specialist - City of Cambridge](#). Participates in the development and implementation of the corporate performance management framework; supports government relations and policy review. Deadline: February 24.

[Supervisor, Accounting \(Capital Assets\) - County of Simcoe](#). Responsible for supervising staff and performing financial requirements within their portfolio, including accounting, budgeting, forecasting. Deadline: February 27.

[Advisor, Special Projects, Public Works & Engineering - City of Brampton](#). The role is to ensure strategic priorities and values of the City are developed and supported. Deadline: February 27.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of Thames Centre](#). the CAO is responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all the Municipality's administrative and operational services. Deadline: 4:00 pm, March 1.

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Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 9:50 a.m., February 10, 2023)

Overdose Alert for Renfrew County and District

Further to the Overdose Alert that was issued on January 02, 2023, Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and local Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are alerting residents about a small cluster of suspected overdose-related deaths that have occurred over the last week in Renfrew County and District.

Although specific substance(s) related to the overdoses have not been confirmed, it is important to remember *that all* street drugs must be considered highly toxic and potentially fatal.

Friends, family members and individuals who use street drugs can work together to reduce the risk of an overdose by putting the following measures in place:

- **Don't use alone** - If you overdose and are with someone, they can get urgent help.
- **Carry naloxone (Narcan®)**- Naloxone can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose and kits are available for free throughout RCD at local pharmacies and other locations. For more information on where to get a kit please visit [this link](#).
- **Don't mix drugs** - Don't mix drugs with other drugs or alcohol, as it puts you at higher risk of overdosing.
- **Go slow** - Quality of street drugs is unpredictable. If you are using street drugs, start by using in small amounts (testers or test doses) to check the strength of what you are using.
- **Know your tolerance** - Risk of overdose increases if you are a new user or have not used in 3 or more days.
- If you have no other choice than to use alone, always call the Overdose Prevention Hotline 1-888-688-6677 ([National Overdose Response Service](#)) to have someone standing by to call for help if needed. A volunteer will check in periodically and call 911 if there's no response.

Understanding the signs of an overdose can help to save a life. These signs can include, but are not limited to:

- Person can't be woken up.

- Breathing is slow or has stopped.
- Snoring or gurgling sounds.
- Fingernails and lips turn blue or purple.
- Pupils are tiny or eyes are rolled back.
- Body is limp.

All overdoses are a medical emergency and calling 911 is an important step in saving someone's life.

We ask that people who are aware of overdoses assist us by completing RCDHU's anonymous online [Overdose Reporting Form](#), which is used to support tracking overdoses within the community. The Overdose Reporting Form does not ask for any identifying information and can be completed directly on RCDHU's website.

Support is available; the [Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System](#) delivers assessment, counselling and treatment programs to individuals who use substances.

It's ok to not be ok...If you, or someone you know are experiencing feelings of stress, anxiety, grief etc. supports can be accessed [here](#).

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February 10, 2023

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Ford,

RE: Municipal Petition in Opposition of Bill 3

At the Council meeting held on January 31, 2023, the Council of the Municipality of Shuniah passed the attached resolution # 45-23 supporting the Town of Cobourg (Resolution 406-22) and the Municipality of Greenstone (resolution 22-396) regarding Bill 3 and further opposing the changes that Bill 3 makes to the Municipal Act, 2001 and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

The Municipality of Shuniah resolves to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and
2. THAT if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and
3. THAT the Ontario Government should enact legislation clarifying the role of Mayor, Council and Chief Administrative Officer, similar to those recommended by the Ontario Municipality Administrator's Association and those recommended by Justice Marrocco in the Collingwood judicial inquiry of 2022; and
4. THAT if the stated goal of this legislation is to construct more housing in Ontario that this can be accomplished through other means including amendment of the Planning Act and funding of more affordable housing.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference and consideration.

Yours truly,

K Bellamy
Kerry Bellamy

Clerk

KB/jk

Cc:

Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay Superior North
Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
All Ontario Municipalities

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 45-23

Date: Jan 31, 2023

Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____

THAT Council support the resolution put forward by the Town of Cobourg and the Municipality of Greenstone;

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has enacted Bill 3 which is described as "An Act to amend various statutes with respect to special powers and duties of heads of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will initially apply to the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa but, according to a statement made by the Premier at the 2022 AMO annual conference, will later be expanded to include other municipalities;

AND WHEREAS this will give Mayors additional authority and powers, and correspondingly take away authority and powers from Councils and professional staff, and will include giving the Mayor the authority to propose and adopt the Municipal budget and to veto some decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS this Bill will give authority over professional staff to the Mayor, including that of the Chief Administrative Officer;

AND WHEREAS these changes will result in a reduction of independence for professional staff including the COA, who currently provide objective information to the Council and public and will not take direction from the Mayor alone when the Mayor so directs;

AND WHEREAS these surprising and unnecessary changes to the historical balance of power between a Mayor and Council, and which historically gave the final say in all matters to the will of the majority of the elected Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Shuniah passes this resolution to petition the Government of Ontario:

1. THAT these changes to the Municipal Act, 2001, are unnecessary and would negatively affect the Municipality of Shuniah; and

2. THAT is the Ontario Government if the Ontario Government deems these changes necessary in large single-tier municipalities such as Toronto and Ottawa, that such changes should not be implemented in smaller municipalities; and

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be provided to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Lise Vaugeois, MPP, Kevin Holland, MPP, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all municipalities in Ontario.”

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**



Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7A 1X8