



Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: March 13th, 2023
Correspondence Package No. I-23-MAR-05

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-MAR-05 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

- 1. Correspondence from the Province of Ontario**
 - a) Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Publicly Funded Surgeries and Diagnostics
 - b) Ontario Doubles the Number of Long-Term Care Inspectors
 - c) Ontario Reducing Red Tape, Saving Taxpayers Money and Boosting Economic Growth
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 - e) Ontario and Québec Launching Joint Call for Francophone Projects
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- 2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew**
 - a) County Council approves 2023 County of Renfrew budget
 - b) County Council Summary – March 1st, 2023

- 3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County District Health Unit**
 - a) Board of Health Announces New Medical Officer of Health

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

- a) [Watch File – February 23rd, 2023](#)
- b) [Watch File – March 2nd, 2023](#)

5. Correspondence from the Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County

- a) [Introducing Our New Dementia Society Centre](#)

6. Town of Arnprior News and Notices

- a) [March 2023 Arnprior Life Newsletter](#)

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Publicly Funded Surgeries and Diagnostics

New legislation outlines next steps in province's plan to connect people to convenient care, close to home

February 21, 2023

[Health](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Your Health Act, 2023*, which outlines the province's next steps in its plan to reduce wait times for surgeries, procedures and diagnostic imaging, while enabling its new "As of Right" rules to automatically recognize the credentials of health care workers registered in other provinces and territories.

"With the *Your Health Act*, Ontario is boldly breaking with a status quo that has stifled innovation and struggled to respond to growing challenges and changing needs," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Instead, our government is being bold, innovative and creative. We're making it easier and faster for people to connect to convenient care closer to home, including and especially the surgeries they need to maintain a high quality of life."

Based on feedback from frontline partners, the *Your Health Act, 2023* will, if passed, enhance guardrails to integrate community surgical and diagnostic centres into the health system, enhance quality standards and oversight while protecting the stability of doctors, nurses and other health-care workers in public hospitals and other health-care settings. The legislation will also, if passed, put into law that people will always access insured services at community surgical and diagnostic centres with their OHIP card and never their credit card, consistent with the *Canada Health Act*.

Integration with Hospitals and Other Health-care Settings to Reduce Wait Times

If passed, the *Your Health Act, 2023* will require applicants to outline how the new community surgical and diagnostic centre will promote connected and convenient care, including its capacity to improve patient wait times and improve patient experiences, as well as its plans to integrate with the health system. The legislation

will also, if passed, require centres to provide a description of current linkages with health system partners and how the centre will maintain and improve those linkages to promote optimal patient care pathways.

Ontario Health will also ensure that these centres are included in regional health system planning, including connection and reporting into the province's wait times information system and participation in regional central intakes, where available. Community surgical and diagnostic centres will also coordinate with local public hospitals to accept patients that are being referred, ensuring people get the surgery they need as quickly as possible.

Quality and Oversight

As the province expands the types of surgeries and procedures being done in the community to include hips and knees and orthopedics, it will ensure the new community surgical and diagnostic centres have in place the highest quality standards with strong oversight. The *Your Health Act, 2023* will, if passed, enable the province to designate one or more expert organizations as inspecting bodies of the centres. To be completed before hips and knees and orthopedics are expanded to community surgical and diagnostic centres, these expert organizations will work with Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health to establish, maintain and publish quality and safety standards and establish schedules for regular inspections of the centres. The province is working with its frontline partners to determine what organizations are best positioned to serve as inspecting bodies and is exploring several options, including continuing the role of regulatory colleges to ensure continuity of the existing quality assurance programs. By naming inspecting bodies, the government will ensure flexibility to appoint additional or alternate inspecting bodies in the future to support system change as required.

The *Your Health Act, 2023* will also, if passed, require centres applying for a licence to provide details of its quality assurance and continuous quality improvement programming, including policies for infection prevention and control. These details will be considered against the quality standards set by the expert organizations designated as inspecting bodies.

If an individual believes they did not receive the highest quality care, the *Your Health Act, 2023* will, if passed, also mandate that every community surgical and diagnostic centre must have a process for receiving and responding to patient complaints. This process will include the documentation of all complaints and the timely

response and actions taken by the centre. If patients are not able to have their complaints addressed at the centre, they will be able to seek help from the patient ombudsman.

The *Your Health Act, 2023* will also, if passed, include community surgical and diagnostic centres under the oversight of Ontario's patient ombudsman. The province also expects the patient ombudsman to report on any patient complaints and will adjust quality and oversight controls as needed to be responsive to these concerns.

Protecting Stability of Doctors, Nurses and Other Health-care Workers

The legislation will, if passed, mandate several components of a proposed centre's application to protect the stability of doctors, nurses and other health-care workers at public hospitals and other health-care settings. This includes the requirement to submit a detailed staffing model, including evidence of its sustainability and the specific model for staffing anaesthesia delivery, given specific concerns about the global availability of these professionals. The centres will also be required to provide a description of how it consulted with health system partners, including public hospitals, in the development of its application, including any endorsements, which will be considered before any licence is granted.

If passed, the *Your Health Act, 2023* will lead to a requirement that physicians employed by community surgical and diagnostic centres must also have privileges to do the same work in a hospital. This will ensure that anyone seeking emergency care at a hospital will be able to receive the urgent treatment they need. The legislation will also, if passed, enable Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health to require centres to report on their compliance with these health care workforce protections.

Paying with Your OHIP Card, Not Your Credit Card

Consistent with the *Canada Health Act*, the *Your Health Act, 2023* will, if passed, reinforce that people always receive insured services using their OHIP card, never their credit card. If passed, no centre will be allowed to refuse service to someone because they choose not to purchase upgrades, such as an upgraded cataract lens, and people cannot pay an additional fee to receive services faster than anyone else. The *Your Health Act, 2023* will also, if passed, require centres to transparently provide this information upfront and ensure there is a mechanism to address people's concerns.

First-in-Canada "As of Right" Rules and Stronger Data Protections

The *Your Health Act, 2023* will, if passed, enable the recently announced “As of Right” rules that allow health care workers registered in other provinces and territories to immediately start working and caring for people in Ontario without having to first register with one of Ontario’s health regulatory colleges. These changes will help health-care workers overcome bureaucratic delays that have made it difficult to practice in Ontario.

The legislation will also, if passed, strengthen protections for personal health information and data as the province puts in place new models to better inform policy and program planning to improve services. These changes will support improvements to the health care system by integrating data while enhancing privacy protection, transparency and accountability for organizations that collect and use data.

[Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#) will put Ontarians back in charge of their health, making it easier and more convenient to navigate care at every stage of their life, providing more ways to receive care closer to home, and ensuring that people will be able to get the care they need faster, when it can have the greatest impact to their health.

Quick Facts

- On February 2, 2023, the Ontario government released [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#). The plan focuses on providing people with a better health care experience by connecting them to more convenient options closer to home while shortening wait times for key services across the province and growing the health care workforce for years to come.
- Ontario is making it more convenient for people to connect to care closer to home by allowing pharmacists to treat and prescribe medications [for thirteen common ailments](#), including rashes, pink eye, insect bites and urinary tract infections.

Quotes

"The OMA is very encouraged by this next important step to reduce wait times. We support the government's action to move lower acuity surgeries out of hospitals, which in turn will free up hospital resources to focus on emergency, acute and complex cases, while relieving strain and capacity issues. The introduction of legislation to move from independent health facilities to integrated community health centres is the strongest signal yet of the government's intention to ensure the necessary safeguards are in place as part of this transformative reform."

**- Dr. Rose Zacharias
President, Ontario Medical Association**

"The OMA appreciates the collaboration with Ontario's government and their commitment to thoughtfully implement the shift of more procedures out of hospitals into the community. We are very encouraged this legislation, if passed, aligns with OMA's recommendation to replace the independent health facilities act with a more comprehensive framework that strengthens prohibitions against two-tier health care, creates greater capacity for quality and safety controls, and transitions towards a more integrated health care system. We look forward to participating fully in the legislative process to ensure shared principles are met for Ontario's patients."

**- Allan O'Dette
CEO, Ontario Medical Association**

"With the introduction of the government's Your Health Act, Ontario is setting the foundation to expand and integrate community-based surgical and diagnostic centres into the public system. The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) welcomes the legislation which will require, for the first time, prospective clinics to satisfy public interest requirements and expectations to be granted a license. Ontario's hospitals look forward to working closely with proponents in developing new partnerships, while ensuring equity, access, and the prevention of unintended consequences, particularly in relation to health human resources. Our shared goal must be to create additional flexibility and health services capacity to meet the needs of all Ontarians. The OHA and Ontario's hospitals also look forward to working with the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health, clinical experts, and system partners in establishing the policies and regulations needed to ensure the successful implementation of the government's strategy, beginning with the allocation of new surgical volumes for hip and knee replacements starting in 2024. Ontario's hospitals are leaders in clinical innovation and will continue to develop new solutions to strengthen Ontario's health care system, and ensure it meets the needs of the patients it exists to serve."

- Anthony Dale

President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

Additional Resources

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Ontario Connecting More People to Care at Home](#)
- [Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Home Residents to More Diagnostic Services](#)
- [Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Every Corner of the Province](#)
- [Ontario Expanding Learn and Stay Grant to Train More Health Care Workers](#)
- [New "As of Right" Rules a First in Canada to Attract More Health Care Workers to Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Surgeries and Procedures](#)
- [Pharmacists Now Treating Thirteen Common Ailments and Renewing Prescriptions for Most Medications](#)
- Visit ontario.ca/yourhealth to find the health care services you need, close to home.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Doubles the Number of Long-Term Care Inspectors

156 new inspectors helping keep long-term care residents safe

February 24, 2023

[Long-Term Care](#)

OSHAWA — The Ontario government has hired 193 new long-term care inspection staff, including 156 new inspectors. Supported by an investment of \$72.3 million, these new hires double the number of inspectors in the field completing on-site inspections and responding to complaints more quickly, to ensure every resident experiences the quality of care they deserve.

“These additional inspectors will help strengthen what is already Canada’s toughest inspection and enforcement regime,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care. “By delivering on our commitment to double the number of inspectors in the field, Ontario now has the highest inspector-to-home ratio in the country, surpassing our goal of having one inspector for every two homes in the province.”

Ontario is on track to build nearly 60,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds by 2028 to address wait lists and connect seniors with the care they need, including supports and social activities. As more seniors connect to care in long-term care homes, doubling the number of inspectors will help the province continue to ensure residents live with dignity in a safe, compassionate environment.

Doubling the number of long-term care inspectors is part of a [wider suite of changes](#) the government put in place in December 2021 to strengthen its enforcement capabilities. This includes adding strong, new compliance and enforcement tools, such as the ability for inspectors to issue monetary penalties for non-compliance and expanding the grounds under which the ministry would require a temporary manager be brought in to assist with the operation of a home, such as when there are concerns about the health, safety or welfare of residents.

The government is fixing long-term care to ensure Ontario’s seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve both now and in the future. This work is built on three pillars: staffing and care; accountability, enforcement, and

transparency; and building modern, safe, comfortable homes for seniors.

Quick Facts

- The Ministry of Long-Term Care responds quickly to urgent complaints about long-term care homes — in some cases, on the same day. For non-urgent complaints, contacting a home directly is often the best and fastest way to address a problem. Learn more about the ministry's long-term care home complaint process [here](#).
 - Ontario is a leading province in terms of inspector per long-term care home ratio in Canada, with one inspector for every two homes in the province.
 - Through a \$6.4 billion investment, Ontario now has 31,705 new and 28,648 upgraded beds in development across the province. This will help increase overall bed capacity, address long-term care waitlists and hallway health care, and provide our seniors the care they deserve.
 - The province has also made a \$4.9 billion commitment over four years to increase the average daily direct care time provided by nurses and personal support workers to four hours per resident by March 31, 2025. This also includes increasing the system average direct care provided by allied health professionals to 36 minutes per resident, per day by March 31, 2023. As part of this commitment, the Ontario government is providing \$673 million to long-term care homes in 2022-23 [to hire and retain thousands of long-term care staff](#) across the province.
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Additional Resources

- Find inspection reports on Ontario long-term care homes [here](#).
 - Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the Province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.
 - [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Reducing Red Tape, Saving Taxpayers Money and Boosting Economic Growth

Proposed legislation will improve management of the province's realty assets and modernize environmental assessment process

February 27, 2023

[Infrastructure](#)

TORONTO — Today, Ontario introduced the *Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023* that, if passed, will enhance fiscal management, cut red tape, and save taxpayers dollars. The proposed legislation would allow the province to improve the management of real estate and bring efficiency changes to the environmental assessment process.

“Our government is looking to take another meaningful step towards reducing inefficiency and improving oversight with the introduction of the *Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023*,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “The changes introduced today, if passed, would help our government cut red tape, save taxpayers money, and streamline processes so we can continue to practice good governance on behalf of the people of Ontario.”

As part of the proposed legislation, a framework would be established to modify the real estate authority of 14 entities which are under the oversight of eight ministries and provide the Minister of Infrastructure with the ability to oversee and manage this real estate. This will be done through amendments to the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011* and complementary amendments to nine other Acts.

The proposed legislation, if passed, would also allow the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, on a project-specific basis, to alter or waive the 30-day waiting period for Class Environmental Assessments projects. The government is modernizing its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, too costly, and too burdensome. The proposed changes will help projects get built faster, without compromising environmental standards and protections.

Quick Facts

- The proposed legislative amendments in the *Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023*, if passed, will address the 2017 Auditor General's report and other third-party reports that have identified opportunities for the province to deliver the real estate portfolio more efficiently through initiatives that centralize authority and decision-making.
- Class environmental assessments are a simplified assessment process that sets out requirements for consultation, impact assessment and mitigation for projects with routine and predictable effects (e.g., municipal roads).

Additional Resources

- [Reducing Inefficiencies Act \(Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments\), 2023](#)
- [Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011](#)
- [Environmental Assessment Act](#)
- [Modernizing Ontario's environmental assessment program](#)
- [Class Environmental Assessments: Approved Class EA Information](#)

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BACKGROUND

Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023

February 27, 2023

[Infrastructure](#)

Today, Ontario introduced the *Reducing Inefficiencies Act (Infrastructure Statute Law Amendments), 2023*, that, if passed, would support the government's plan to enhance fiscal management, cut red tape, and save taxpayers dollars.

Initiatives include:

Improving the management of realty assets

The proposed legislative changes to the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011* and other Acts would, if passed, establish an initial framework to modify the real estate authority of the following 14 entities and provide the Minister of Infrastructure with control of real estate previously under the control of these entities:

- *AgriCorp*
- *Education Quality and Accountability Office*
- *Province of Ontario Council for the Arts (also known as the Ontario Arts Council)*
- *Ontario Media Development Corporation (also known as Ontario Creates)*
- *Ontario Trillium Foundation*
- *Ontario Financing Authority*
- *Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council*
- *Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (also known as Destination Ontario)*
- *Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario*
- *Ontario Securities Commission*
- *Human Rights Legal Support Centre*
- *Intellectual Property Ontario*
- *Skilled Trades Ontario*
- *Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario.*

This is the first phase of a plan to improve the management of real estate and enhance fiscal management. The first phase of this plan focuses on entities that primarily hold or use office space.

New ministerial authority under Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act)

Ontario is modernizing its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow and unnecessarily burdensome and costly, to better serve Ontario now and into the future.

The proposed amendment will allow the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks, on a project specific basis, to alter or waive the 30-day waiting period for Class EAs to help projects get built faster.

Environmental standards and protections will remain in place as we work to cut red tape, reduce inefficiencies, and save taxpayers dollars.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Reducing Red Tape, Saving Taxpayers Money and Boosting Economic Growth](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Protecting the Health and Safety of Paramedics

Province working with labour partners to ensure those providing emergency medical services get home safe

February 28, 2023

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

TORONTO — The Ontario government is working for workers by establishing a Paramedic Services Committee under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (OHSA) to develop resources that address the unique health and safety risks these frontline heroes face.

“In every community, paramedics are on the front lines each and every day saving lives,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “These everyday heroes work tirelessly to bring us the medical attention we need, and in return, they deserve to get home safe too. I look forward to working with the newly established committee to ensure our paramedics receive the support they need.”

OHSA committees, formed under Section 21 of the Act, are comprised of both employer and labour representatives, who provide the Minister with technical expertise and sector-specific advice on health and safety issues, including recommending regulatory changes and actions on emerging issues.

“Ontario’s paramedics have been valuable partners to our government in building a more convenient and connected health care system,” said Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Sylvia Jones. “Many go above and beyond to be there for Ontarians and as we continue to work together to deliver care across the province, this new committee will ensure our paramedics have the support and protection they deserve.”

Paramedics respond to over 1.6 million calls every year. They face risks that are separate and distinct from those of doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who typically don’t engage with their patients outside of their hospital, facility or office.

With support from CUPE, Unifor and labour leaders across the province, our government is protecting workers and working across the health and safety system to support and foster safe workplaces.

“On behalf of the CUPE Ambulance Committee of Ontario (CACO) and the paramedics we represent, we are pleased with the announcement today regarding the new Paramedic Services Section 21 Committee,” said Ian Nash, CACO Health and Safety Representative. “The paramedic unions (CUPE, SEIU, OPSEU & Unifor), OAPC and various stakeholders met for the first time in May 2008, and since that day the committee has been very professional with dealing with the health and safety issues arising affecting our profession and developing guidance notes, and will continue this practise for years to come.”

The new paramedic services committee will complement the existing first responder committees for fire and police services while providing a focused channel for recommendations from experts, employers, and workers.

“Today’s announcement of the creation a Paramedic Section 21 Committee demonstrates the commitment by our government to protect the health and safety of paramedics in Ontario,” said Chief Michael Sanderson, President of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC). “The OAPC has advocated, with its partners from all unions, to establish this committee and we thank Minister McNaughton for his support in moving to this new format.”

Quick Facts

- Examples of risks paramedics face while transporting and caring for patients includes violence, exposure to harmful chemicals and traumatic events. Paramedics are on the frontlines and sometimes respond to calls in place of firefighters or police.
 - Section 21 committees include equal membership from both labour and management, which allows stakeholders with competing interests to exchange information and build consensus.
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Quotes

"The establishment of a standalone Section 21 committee for the paramedic sector is a win for our members and for paramedics across the province. EMS work is extremely diverse and encompasses practices not found in other health care professions, which is why for years we have been calling for paramedics to have a standalone committee like our fellow first responders in fire and police services. Nothing can match the experience of front-line paramedics. We're hopeful this standalone committee will result in improved health and safety for our sector, and enhanced EMS delivery for the people of Ontario."

- Dave Doran
OPSEU Ambulance Division

"Paramedics dedicate their careers to public service, and they deserve to feel safe at work. The creation of this collaborative committee is a vital investment in the physical, emotional and psychological wellbeing of our paramedics. Thank you to Minister McNaughton and Minister Jones for their ongoing support and recognition of the unique challenges that paramedics face every day responding to the needs of the community."

- Bikram Chawla
Acting Chief, Toronto Paramedic Services

"I am very pleased that Minister McNaughton has recognized the valuable role paramedics and communication officers play in Ontario by creating a full Section 21 committee for paramedic services. The important work that is undertaken by this committee is a great opportunity for industry stakeholders to make important recommendations and provide practical guidance for employers and workers on matters impacting paramedicine in Ontario."

- Colin Heise
**Commander, Professional Practice & System Oversight, Middlesex-London
Paramedic Service**

"As the role of a paramedic continues to expand to meet the emergent and chronic healthcare needs of the province, this news release announcing the creation of a full Section 21 committee for paramedics is a much-needed improvement that streamlines the process and allows for a quicker response to this work sectors' health and safety concerns."

- Wayne Markell

Deputy Chief, Cornwall SDG Paramedic Services

Additional Resources

- [Section 21 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act](#)
- [Ontario's occupational health and safety system](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario and Québec Launching Joint Call for Francophone Projects

Interprovincial collaboration supporting economic prosperity, education, and skills development

March 01, 2023

[Francophone Affairs](#)

TORONTO and QUÉBEC CITY – The Ontario and Québec governments are strengthening the Francophonie, its language, and cultures by supporting projects that promote economic prosperity, education and skills development. [Applications for funding](#) are being accepted under the *Cooperation and Exchange Agreement between the government of Québec and the government of Ontario with respect to the Francophonie*.

"This collaboration between Ontario and Québec, one of the longest-standing in the country's Francophonie, allows us to continue to work together for the growth and sustainability of the French language in Canada," said Jean-François Roberge, Minister responsible for Canadian Relations and the Canadian Francophonie. "The Québec Office in Toronto, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary, is an excellent demonstration of the importance that the Government of Québec places on its relationship with its Ontario partner, but also of our government's involvement in the Canadian Francophonie. It is also with this in mind that the National Assembly of Québec has designated March 22 as the Journée québécoise de la francophonie canadienne. We need to further boost collaborations and partnerships between Francophones in order to harness the common strengths of Francophones in joint projects, and thus create a new, active and committed Francophone solidarity."

"Our continued work supported through this cooperation agreement reflects the commitment of the governments of Québec and Ontario to promote the Francophonie and its language, cultures and entrepreneurial dynamism," said Caroline Mulroney, Ontario's Minister of Francophone Affairs. "We are very proud of all the projects that have come to fruition thanks to this agreement. The funded projects are in line with the priorities of Francophones in both provinces including in the areas of culture, education and economic development."

In 2022-23, \$531,670 in grants were allocated to joint initiatives, the largest amount awarded since the beginning of this cooperation between Ontario and Québec. In 2022-23, this interprovincial collaboration supported 16 projects that promote the growth of the Francophonie in a variety of areas, such as economic development and entrepreneurship, seniors, sexual and gender diversity, family, and education. These partnerships contribute directly to the strengthening of Francophone ties between Québec and Ontario.

Quick Facts

- In 2016, Ontario and Québec renewed their commitments through the Cooperation and Exchange Agreement which dates back to 1969. The agreement calls for the sharing and exchange of information, expertise, and cooperation in a number of areas, including culture, education, early childhood, health, immigration, tourism, the economy, youth and the French language.
 - The call for projects will be held from March 1 to April 12, 2023. Applications must be submitted through the new online platform of the Secrétariat du Québec aux relations canadiennes [as soon as it is online](#).
 - Funded projects must be developed and carried out jointly by Francophone organizations in Ontario and in Québec. Each project must be submitted by an applicant from one province and a co-applicant from the other province.
 - Proposed projects must be completed by March 31, 2024. On the Québec side, applications must follow the parameters of the recently updated Program to Support the Canadian Francophonie:
<https://www.sqrc.gouv.qc.ca/francophonie-canadienne/soutien-financier/index.asp> (available in French only)
 - Since 2021, Ontario has been investing \$250,000 annually to support projects funded under the Ontario-Québec Cooperation and Exchange Agreement with respect to the Francophonie.
 - A joint selection committee made up of representatives from Ontario and Québec will evaluate applications and make recommendations to determine which projects will be co-funded.
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Additional Resources

- [List of selected 2022-23 projects](#)
 - [Available funding opportunities from the Ontario Government](#)
 - [Available funding opportunities from the Québec Government](#) (available in French only)
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Related Topics

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BULLETIN

Ontario Investing in Critical Infrastructure

Public-private partnerships strengthening communities and supporting economic growth

March 01, 2023

[Infrastructure](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing more than \$159 billion over the next decade to support infrastructure, including transit, highways, schools, hospitals, and long-term care projects. To build many of them, the government is leveraging Infrastructure Ontario's (IO) public-private partnership (P3) delivery model and other innovative approaches to help strengthen communities and support economic growth. [IO's latest Market Update](#), released today, lists 38 major infrastructure projects, with an estimated value of \$35 billion (in design and construction costs).

The Market Update is a list of public projects in the pre-procurement and procurement stages for which Ontario has committed investments. The list helps potential local and global private-sector partners organize their time and resources to make sure Ontario gets robust, innovative, and competitive bids for its public infrastructure projects.

"The challenging work being done by the province's construction sector has been critically important, and our government appreciates and values how partners are working together to help us build Ontario," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "Our government is continuing to invest in the delivery of major infrastructure projects that are crucial to this province and that are supported by the hard-working people of Ontario. We continue to engage with key stakeholders to identify solutions to overcome challenges and together we will bring these projects to life to help create great jobs and support our economic future."

Highlights from the March 2023 IO Market Update include:

- Garden City Skyway Twinning, a new 2.2 km bridge – now in active procurement
- Ottawa Hospital's New Civic Redevelopment, a new campus that will be one of the largest and most modern teaching hospitals in Canada – now in active procurement

- Ontario Place Site Servicing, to upgrade infrastructure such as sewage, water, electrical and gas services – now in active procurement

In addition, the following projects have advanced to partnership stages:

- Scarborough Subway Extension – Stations, Rail and Systems
- Weeneebayko Area Health Authority – Health Campus
- Niagara Health’s New South Niagara Hospital Project

“Infrastructure Ontario is pleased to present our first Market Update of 2023,” said Michael Lindsay, CEO, Infrastructure Ontario. “We continue to work with our partners to address challenges in the global marketplace and to build on our momentum to further advance the provincial government’s efforts and historic commitment to modernizing the province’s public assets, including highways, public transit, hospitals, children’s treatment centres, schools and correctional facilities.”

Quick Facts

- The current Market Update includes 38 projects in pre-procurement and active procurement, valued at an estimated \$35 billion.
- The list also includes 16 projects in early stages of planning, for which scope, timing and delivery model are still being determined.
- The projects in this P3 Market Update are part of the government’s historic investment of more than \$159 billion in planned infrastructure over the next 10 years.
- To find out more about projects in your community, visit the [Ontario Builds](#) map.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Making Record Investments in Critical Infrastructure](#)
- [2022 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review](#)
- [Ontario Builds map](#)

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TRANSIT and TRANSPORTATION

Projects	Project Phase	Model	PDC/TA Procurement	Issue RFQ	Issue RFP	Contract Execution	Location	Estimated Design & Construction Cost
Highway 3	Active Procurement	DBF	N/A	June 2021	December 2021	Apr - Jun 2023	Town of Essex to Leamington	< \$200M
Eglinton Crosstown West Extension - Advance Tunnel (Jane to Mt. Dennis)	Active Procurement	DBF	N/A	December 2021	April 2022	Apr - Jun 2023	Toronto	\$200M - \$499M
Ontario Line - Elevated Guideway and Stations	Active Procurement	Progressive DB (target price)	Awarded	November 2022	March 2023	DPA: Jan - Mar 2024 PA: Jan - Mar 2025	Toronto	\$1B - \$2B
Ontario Line - Pape Tunnel and Underground Stations	Active Procurement	Progressive DB (target price)	Awarded	November 2022	March 2023	DPA: Jan - Mar 2024 PA: Oct - Dec 2025	Toronto	\$1B - \$2B
Garden City Skyway Twinning	Active Procurement	DBF	RFP Closed	December 2022	Apr - Jun 2023	Jul - Sep 2024	St. Catharines	\$500M - \$1B
Bradford Bypass	Pre-Procurement	TBD	Jan - Mar 2023	Apr - Jun 2023	TBD	TBD	York Region/Simcoe County	> \$1B
Yonge North Subway Extension - Advance Tunnel*	Pre-Procurement	DBF	Awarded	Apr - Jun 2023	Oct - Dec 2023	Oct - Dec 2024	Toronto/York Region	\$1B - \$2B
Eglinton Crosstown West Extension - Stations, Rail and Systems*	Pre-Procurement	TBD	Awarded	Jan - Mar 2024	TBD	TBD	Toronto	\$2B - \$4B
Highway 17 (through Renfrew)	Pre-Procurement	DBF	Jul - Sep 2023	Jan - Mar 2024	Oct - Dec 2024	Jan - Mar 2026	Arnprior to Renfrew	\$200M - \$499M
Yonge North Subway Extension - Stations, Rail and Systems*	Pre-Procurement	TBD	Awarded	TBD	TBD	TBD	Toronto/York Region	\$2B - \$4B

* Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario continue to review these projects for the most suitable staging and sequencing in recognition of continuing market feedback and other recently issued procurements to market.

Projects in Planning Phase: Transit and Transportation
Eglinton Crosstown West Extension Airport Segment
Hamilton LRT
Highway 413
Line 4 Extension (Sheppard East) Subway

HEALTH and CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRES

Projects	Project Phase	Model	PDC/TA Procurement	Issue RFQ	Issue RFP	Contract Execution	Location	Estimated Design & Construction Cost
Kingston Health Sciences Centre - Kingston General Hospital Redevelopment	Active Procurement	DBF	N/A	August 2021	Jul - Sep 2024	Jul - Sep 2025	Kingston	\$500M - \$1B
Trillium Health Partners Broader Redevelopment – Queensway Health Centre	Active Procurement	BF	N/A	October 2021	October 2022	Jul - Sep 2023	Toronto	\$500M - \$1B
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health - Phase 1D Redevelopment	Active Procurement	DBF	N/A	February 2022	December 2022	Oct - Dec 2023	Toronto	\$500M - \$1B
1Door4Care Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) Integrated Treatment Centre Project	Active Procurement	DBF	N/A	March 2022	November 2022	Oct - Dec 2023	Ottawa	\$200M - \$499M
Trillium Health Partners Broader Redevelopment – Mississauga Hospital Site	Active Procurement	Progressive DBFM	N/A	N/A	April 2022 (Dev. Partner)	DPA: Jan - Mar 2023 PA: 2025	Mississauga	> \$2B
The Ottawa Hospital – New Civic Redevelopment	Active Procurement	Progressive DBFM	N/A	N/A	November 2022 (Dev. Partner)	DPA: Jan - Mar 2024 PA: 2025	Ottawa	> \$2B
Quinte Health Care– Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	DBB	N/A	Jan - Mar 2023	Jul - Sep 2023	Jul - Sep 2024	Picton	< \$200M
William Osler Health System - Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness Phase 2	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Awarded	Jul - Sep 2023	Jan - Mar 2024	Jan - Mar 2025	Brampton	\$200M - \$499M
Lakeridge Health – Bowmanville Hospital Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Apr - Jun 2023	Apr - Jun 2024	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2025	Bowmanville	\$200M - \$499M
Stevenson Memorial Hospital - Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	BF*	N/A	Apr - Jun 2024	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2025	Alliston	< \$200M
North York General Hospital – Inpatient Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Apr - Jun 2023	Jul - Sep 2024	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2025	Toronto	\$500M - \$1B
Hamilton Health Sciences – Juravinski Hospital Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	RFP Closed	Oct - Dec 2024	Jul - Sep 2025	Jul - Sep 2026	Hamilton	\$500M - \$1B
Windsor Regional Hospital – New Windsor Essex Regional Hospital	Pre-Procurement	DBFM*	Awarded	Jan - Mar 2025	Jul - Sep 2025	Jul - Sep 2026	Windsor	> \$1B
Collingwood General and Marine – Hospital Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Jan - Mar 2024	Oct - Dec 2025	Apr - Jun 2026	Apr - Jun 2027	Collingwood	\$200M - \$499M
Oak Valley Healthcare – Uxbridge Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	BF*	N/A	Oct - Dec 2025	Jul - Sep 2026	Apr - Jun 2027	Uxbridge	< \$200M
Scarborough Health Network Birchmount Redevelopment Phase 1A	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Jul - Sep 2024	Jul - Sep 2026	Jan - Mar 2027	Jan - Mar 2028	Toronto	\$500M - \$1B

Projects	Project Phase	Model	PDC/TA Procurement	Issue RFQ	Issue RFP	Contract Execution	Location	Estimated Design & Construction Cost
Unity Health Toronto - St. Joseph's Health Centre Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Oct - Dec 2024	Oct - Dec 2026	Apr - Jun 2027	Apr - Jun 2028	Toronto	> \$1B
Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare – Bracebridge and Huntsville Redevelopments	Pre-Procurement	DBF*	Jan - Mar 2026	Jul - Sep 2027	Jan - Mar 2028	Jan - Mar 2029	Bracebridge and Huntsville	\$500M - \$1B
The Hospital for Sick Children – Project Horizon	Pre-Procurement	DBFM*	Jan - Mar 2025	Jul - Sep 2027	Oct - Dec 2027	Oct - Dec 2028	Toronto	> \$1B
Lakeridge Health – Broader Redevelopment	Pre-Procurement	TBD	TBD	> 5 years	> 5 years	> 5 years	TBD	TBD

* Infrastructure Ontario continues to review these projects for the most suitable delivery model (inclusive of procurement strategy and contract form) in recognition of continuing market feedback and other recently approved changes.
Note: The Ministry of Health continues to review timing and cost details of each project in light of the Province's ongoing COVID-19 response and recovery work.

Projects in Planning Phase: Health and Children's Treatment Centres		
Brant Community Health Care - Redevelopment	Lake of the Woods District Hospital (Kenora) – Redevelopment Project	Sunnybrook Health Sciences - Critical Care Tower
Grand River Hospital and St. Mary's General Hospital - Joint Redevelopment Project	Royal Victoria Health Centre - Phase 1 Redevelopment	William Osler Health System - Radiation Oncology Project
Hotel Dieu Shaver (St. Catharines)	Southlake Regional Health Sciences - Phase 1 Redevelopment	

PUBLIC WORKS, EDUCATION and JUSTICE

Projects	Project Phase	Model	PDC/TA Procurement	Issue RFQ	Issue RFP	Contract Execution	Location	Estimated Design & Construction Cost
George Street Revitalization*	Active Procurement	DBF	Awarded	November 2020	August 2022	Jan - Mar 2024	Toronto	TBD
Ontario Place Site Servicing	Active Procurement	CM	N/A	N/A	December 2022	Apr - Jun 2023	Toronto	< \$200M
Education Rapid Build Pilot Program	Pre-Procurement	PMSP	Awarded	March 2023	April 2023	May - Jun 2023	1) Fort Frances 2) Limoges	< \$50M
Education Rapid Build Pilot Program	Pre-Procurement	RFQSO	Awarded	N/A	March 2023	March 2023	1) Bowmanville 2) Fergus	< \$50M
Education Rapid Build Pilot Program	Pre-Procurement	PMSP	Awarded	April 2023	May 2023	May - Jun 2023	Napanee	< \$50M
Eastern Ontario Correctional Complex	Pre-Procurement	DBFM	Awarded	Apr - Jun 2024	Jan - Mar 2025	Apr - Jun 2026	Kemptville	\$200M - \$499M
Quinte Detention Centre	Pre-Procurement	DBB	RFP Closed	Apr - Jun 2024	Apr - Jun 2025	Jan - Mar 2026	Napanee	< \$200M
Brockville Correctional Complex / St. Lawrence Valley Correctional and Treatment Centre	Pre-Procurement	DBF	Awarded	Jul - Sep 2024	Apr - Jun 2025	Jul - Sep 2026	Elizabethtown-Kitley	< \$200M

* Infrastructure Ontario acts in an advisory capacity in the procurement of this project.

Projects in Planning Phase: Public Works, Education and Justice
Grosvenor Office Tower
MECP / MLITSD Science Complex
Ontario Place Landscape and Public Realm Construction
OPP Modernization Phase 3

DEFINITIONS and CHART LEGEND

General Definitions

Note: Bold-face text denotes a change from the previous Market Update

DPA	Development Phase Agreement
PA	Project Agreement
PDC	Planning and Design Consultant
RFP	Request for Proposals
RFQ	Request for Qualifications
TA	Technical Advisor

Delivery Model Definitions

Note: The progressive procurement strategy may be compatible with various contract forms and pricing approaches. Where applicable, notations have been made to indicate:

- (1) whether the contract form is being procured in a progressive fashion involving a development phase prior to construction and/or
- (2) whether the contract for construction is intended shall be bid a target-price basis.

BF	Build Finance
CM	Construction Management
DB	Design Build
DBB	Design Bid Build
DBF	Design Build Finance
DBFM	Design Build Finance Maintain
DBFOM	Design Build Finance Operate Maintain
DBOM	Design Build Operate Maintain
PMSP	Construction to be procured by IO's Project Management Service Provider(s)
RFQSO	Construction to be procured under IO's Request for Qualifications and Standing Offer

Estimated Design & Construction Cost

Note: The range values shown are inclusive of the estimated design and construction values within approved project budgets only. The range values shown exclude the following:

- (1) other contract costs such as financing and long-term maintenance costs; and
- (2) costs to be paid by the Contracting Authority outside of the construction contract such as land, equipment, third party advisors, and contingencies.

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Cancer Coverage for Firefighters

Changes will allow thyroid and pancreatic cancer claims to be processed faster

March 03, 2023

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

TORONTO — The Ontario government is working for workers by expanding cancer coverage for firefighters. These changes will make it faster and easier for these heroes and their families to access the compensation and supports they deserve for thyroid and pancreatic cancers from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

“In every community, firefighters are on the front lines each and every day saving lives,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “These everyday heroes work tirelessly to protect the communities we live in and, in return, they deserve to get the care and support they need. By expanding the list of presumptive cancers to include thyroid and pancreatic cancers, firefighters will get faster access to compensation and other benefits, ultimately supporting their recovery.”

Firefighters die of cancer at a rate up to four times higher than the general population. On average, 50 to 60 firefighters die of cancer yearly in Canada, and half of those are from Ontario. Proposed changes by the government will streamline the assessment of WSIB claims by presuming they are work-related.

“Firefighters put service over self each day, ready to approach dangerous situations to protect their communities,” said Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General. “In recognition of their courage, we have a duty to enhance the safety, health, and wellness of our community heroes. By expanding WSIB coverage for firefighters to include thyroid and pancreatic cancers, we continue to promote better health outcomes, while honouring their service.”

Expanded coverage for claims related to thyroid and pancreatic cancers would be retroactive to January 1, 1960. These changes would apply to full-time, volunteer, and part-time firefighters, firefighters employed by First Nations band councils and fire investigators.

“Preventive measures, early detection and support for those suffering and/or succumbing to occupational cancer while serving the residents of Ontario, have proven to be a priority for this government through the unwavering support of Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Labour Monte McNaughton and Solicitor General Michael Kerzner,” said Greg Horton, President of the Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association. “With the addition of pancreatic and thyroid cancers to the list of illnesses already presumed to have come from a long career in firefighting, the Ontario government is sending the message that the health and safety of these first responders is a priority.”

These regulatory amendments are part of a larger package that expands on the ground-breaking actions in the *Working for Workers Acts, 2021* and *2022*, which are already helping millions of people by introducing additional supports that embrace the future of work.

Quick Facts

- There are 437 fire departments and about 30,000 firefighters in Ontario, including about 12,000 full-time firefighters, nearly 19,000 volunteer firefighters and more than 400 part-time firefighters.
 - Five Canadian jurisdictions (Yukon, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and British Columbia) have recently added presumptive entitlement for thyroid and pancreatic cancers.
 - The WSIB, which is completely funded by employer premiums, provides wage-loss benefits, medical coverage, and support to help people get back to work after a work-related injury or illness.
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Quotes

"Every year, an estimated 10,000 cancer cases in Canada are due to exposures to cancer-causing substances in the workplace. That's 10,000 cancer cases that didn't need to happen, because workplace-related cancers can be prevented. The Canadian Cancer Society applauds changes to coverage like those announced today by the Ontario government that better protect Ontarians from occupational exposure. Firefighters provide a tremendous service to our communities and for the protections they provide to our safety, it's important the same protections against occupational exposure be provided back to them."

- Kelly Masotti

Vice President of Advocacy, Canadian Cancer Society

"The World Health Organization has reclassified firefighting to its highest level of occupational risk for cancer. Today's announcement proves that Ontario's provincial government is putting firefighters and their families first, by providing faster access to supports and benefits that will aid Ontario's firefighters in their recoveries."

- Rob Grimwood

President of Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC)

"When anybody is facing a work-related illness, we are here to help. Our team gets to work as quickly as possible to help people and this change will help us get started faster for firefighters and fire investigators with thyroid and pancreatic cancers. "

- Jeffery Lang

President and CEO of the WSIB

Additional Resources

- [Learn about the *Working for Workers Act, 2022*](#)
 - [Learn about the *Working for Workers Act, 2021*](#)
 - [Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997](#)
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March 3, 2023

Good morning/afternoon,

Ontario is taking action to streamline and modernize its almost 50-year-old environmental assessment process that is too slow, unnecessarily burdensome and costly, to build Ontario while continuing to protect the environment. As part of this plan, we are making practical changes that would ensure strong environmental oversight while reducing delays to get shovels in the ground on projects that matter most to Ontario communities.

Today, on behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, I am writing to let you know that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has been amended as part of the ministry's work on EA modernization.

Over the last three years, our modernization efforts have focused on ensuring strong environmental oversight while reducing delays on infrastructure projects that matter most to Ontario communities. This process includes considering input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities and streamlining requirements for low-risk municipal infrastructure projects, while maintaining strong environmental oversight and protection.

In 2019, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks invited the proponents of class environmental assessments to review their assessment process and to propose changes to reduce duplication and better align assessment requirements with risk. We started consulting with municipalities, government agencies and Indigenous communities on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA in 2020. I want to thank all who have offered feedback on the proposed amendments, through submitting comments, participating in webinars and correspondence. We have considered all comments received during the consultation, in addition to conducting our own analysis before the minister decided on the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA.

After careful consideration, the decision was made to approve many of the proposed amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including amendments proposed by the ministry. Various changes were made to the Municipal Class EA to update project schedules to better align the level of assessment with the environmental impact of the project. By looking at smarter, more modern ways of doing business, we're making sure important public services and infrastructure projects can get off the ground faster without unnecessary costs and delays.

Based on input received from Indigenous communities and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) regarding the need to ensure the protection of archaeological resources and burial sites, an archaeological screening process will be required for various project types that are now eligible for exemption. The exemption will be conditional on the completion and outcome of the screening. The archaeological screening process consists of three questions with links to various tools and criteria developed under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Proponents must carry out the specified research and consultation to accurately respond to each question, including consultation with Indigenous Communities, municipal governments, and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, and may require the assistance of a licensed archaeologist. A project that the screening process applies to would not be exempt unless the archaeological screening process is completed as required, project documentation maintained and all mitigation measures that are identified through the screening process are implemented.

Please see Appendix 1 of the Municipal Class EA for more information on the new archaeological screening process.

Detailed information on the approved amendments to the Municipal Class EA, including the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' reasons for making the amendments, can be found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-5069>. The changes are effective as of the date of posting on the Environmental Registry of Ontario, March 3, 2023.

Proponents authorized to proceed with projects through the Municipal Class EA are required to proceed in accordance with the transition provisions set out in the amended Municipal Class EA, as it came into effect on March 3, 2023. Municipalities should review the amended Municipal Class EA to determine the impact on their project.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, by e-mail at: Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca and the Environmental Assessment Modernization Team at: EAModernization.MECP@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Cross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Annamaria Cross
Director, Environmental Assessment Modernization Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks



County Council approves 2023 County of Renfrew budget

Posted on Thursday, February 23, 2023



Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Finance and Administration Committee Chair, and Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon led the 2023 Budget Workshop discussions.

RELEASE DATE:

February 23, 2023

The County of Renfrew has approved its budget for 2023 during the annual budget workshop.

County Council met February 22 and 23, 2023, with the budget workshop being led by Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon and Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Chair of the County's Finance and Administration Committee. Both commended staff for the hard work that went into formulating the budget documents and elected officials for working through the process to make difficult decisions in the challenging budget year.

The County of Renfrew continues to adopt the principles outlined in the long-term financial plan, ensuring that the County remains focused on today and the future. With the budget for 2023 approved, the County of Renfrew will continue to operate and deliver all of its existing programs and services and will also fund several key service enhancements.

The 2023 approved County levy will increase by 2.5%, excluding new assessment growth. This translates into a residential property tax impact of \$9.88 increase per \$100,000 of assessed value. The median residential property value in Renfrew County currently sits around \$203,000, meaning that a typical homeowner would see an impact of \$20.06 for 2023 on the County portion of the tax bill. With a very modest tax rate increase of 2.5%, the County of Renfrew can continue to deliver high quality services to our community such as two long-term care homes, paramedic services, and community services.

"I want to thank our staff for bringing forth some difficult recommendations," said Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon. "When making these difficult decisions, you have to consider the information that is in front of you, consider what is important today and what is going to be important tomorrow. I think we've made the right decisions today and managed to not compromise our level of service. Thank staff for offering guidance coming into the process and through the past day and a half."

The Warden also thanked members of council for their patience, especially new members around the table, as they engaged in respectful dialogue to move the process forward in a productive manner.

"I am proud to work alongside both County Council and County of Renfrew staff who are ensuring that we continue to focus on affordability for our residents while providing quality services to our community."

Chair Murphy acknowledged the challenges presented during this budget cycle but commended elected officials and staff on their efforts to find savings within their respective areas of the budget.

"We have a very effective and efficient budget process that allows Council to debate, review and approve a budget that provides clear direction to our staff, allowing them to do their jobs and deliver services to our residents in a timely manner," she said.

A recommendation for the 2023 budget was adopted as a by-law immediately following the budget presentation and discussion on Thursday.

Additional Information for Consideration:

With only a modest 2.5% increase in municipal taxation, County Council was able to ensure that quality services provided by the County of Renfrew continue to be available for Renfrew County residents, including:

- A \$43 million in capital asset renewal
- Addition of a new ambulance and crew staffed 24/7
- Investments in active transportation via major upgrades to the Algonquin Trail and hardened shoulders on County roads
- Investing in many community services initiatives, including increased capacity for affordable housing in Renfrew County
- Ongoing support for 1,020 rent-geared-to-income housing units
- Continued support for subsidized Child Care and Ontario Works

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County Council Summary

March 1, 2023

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council meeting from March 1, 2023.

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.

February meeting [YouTube](#) link

Warden's Address

Key highlights

During the Month of February, Warden Peter Emon attended 12 meetings on County business.

- During the weekends of February 2 to 5, and 9 to 12, he attended the various events and ceremonies of the Ontario Winter Games in Renfrew County, as he served as Chair of the Games Organizing Committee.
 - On January 3, as the Chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, he met with MPP John Yakabuski to discuss the EOWC's current priorities, including the regional housing initiative known as the "7 in 7" plan. He delivered the same message and presentation to the City of Belleville on February 27, along with Hastings County CAO Jim Pine and EOWC staff.
 - On February 27, he attended, along with CAO Craig Kelley, a meeting with City of Pembroke Mayor Ron Gervais and CAO David Unrau. They talked about shared initiatives and a plan to commit to future meetings of the County/City Liaison Committee on a quarterly basis.
 - On February 28, the Warden attended a presentation from the South Eastern Ontario Production Accelerator Fund in Toronto. This initiative – a regional film and television production initiative - aims to bring millions of potential economic development activity in Eastern Ontario.
 - On February 22 and 23, the Warden and County Council, along with County staff attended the budget workshop sessions. The Warden acknowledged and thanked staff for the work that went into drafting the budget document and he thanked County Council for their attention and patience when it came to the budget process. County Council approved the 2023 budget at the end of the second day of budget discussions. See our [budget media release](#) here.
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Finance & Administration Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- Following inquiries from members of County Council on the County's Weighted Voting System, staff reviewed the by-law which contains the schedule for the weighted vote for each municipality. The weighted vote is based on one vote per 500 electors for each municipality. After receiving the updated number of electors from (MPAC) the total number of votes increased to 221 votes from 208. Staff had calculated a total of 208 votes for two recorded votes in January but the correction to 221 weighted votes did not change the final outcome on those recorded votes. The weighted vote is updated in a municipal election year. Under the new calculations, 13 of 17 municipalities within the County of Renfrew increased by one vote. The exceptions were the Town of Renfrew, the Town of Arnprior, Township of McNab/Braeside, and Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards.
- The Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission has issued a report which allows the Township of Greater Madawaska to remain in the newly named federal electoral district of Algonquin-Renfrew-Pembroke (formerly Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke). In September 2022, the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission issued a similar report that changed the electoral district of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke removing the Township of Greater Madawaska from Renfrew County. County Council supported a resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska opposing the proposal of the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Ontario.
- In January, the POA Manager completed and submitted a critical incident/issue report to the Ministry of Attorney General's POA Unit. This reporting process is used whenever there is a major event or issue to be relayed to the province. The report highlighted the impact that ongoing court closures and limited judicial resources are having in the County of Renfrew. Despite numerous requests to the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace to reallocate satellite court dates back to Pembroke, or provide additional trial dates, no resources have been made available. The concern is a mounting backlog and a defendant's ability to access justice in a timely manner.
- Property assessments are typically updated every four years and this process was paused during the height of the pandemic. With the Province's latest economic statement remaining silent on the assessment cycle, municipalities are eager to understand the government's intentions regarding the 2024 tax year and beyond. AMO is continuing to call on the government for urgent action as an up-to-date assessment system is the foundation of the municipal tax system that supports strong, vibrant and growing communities.
- Following the move of Ms. Jennifer Grant, former County of Renfrew municipal prosecutor, to the role of Justice of the Peace assigned to Pembroke, Tara-Lee Hay was the successful candidate in the competition and has begun her new duties as the Prosecutor for the County of Renfrew.

- County Council approved the [Strategic Plan](#) for 2023-2026, which sets out guiding principals for the County of Renfrew for the next four years. The plan was developed following two days of consultation sessions involving County Council, the Senior Leadership Team and departmental managers. Warden Emon called this a valuable document which recognizes the needs to build the capacity of the community, but also our corporation and the importance of the services delivered by the County.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus is ready to take a regional leadership role on finding supports and solutions for the housing crisis. It has developed a plan to reduce the wait list and build the supply of community rental housing by developing what is now referred to as the '7 in 7' plan. The '7 in 7' plan will deliver 7,000 affordable community rental units new over 7 years. The plan would also incent an additional 21,000 attainable market rate units from the private and non-profit sectors. This plan and presentation were launched during a multi-ministerial delegation at the recent ROMA conference in Toronto. The video is available at [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus 7 in 7 Plan](#).
- County Council adopted a by-law to enter into an agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the National Housing Co-Investment Fund for \$5 million in capital for the renovation and repair of existing affordable and community housing units.
- County Council passed a resolution to enter into a Wage Enhancement Agreement for the purpose of receiving Wage Enhancement Grant Funding with Bamoonzhe Daycare, a licensed child-care centre which will operate out of Herman Street Public School in Petawawa.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- The County of Renfrew has been named the host community for the 2024 Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum. Economic development and planning staff will be shadowing this year's Host Organizing Committee to learn more about the planning and delivery, as well as attend the Fall event in Temiskaming Shores. Dates and location for the 2024 event will be decided in the coming months.
- The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) Tourism Conference and Annual General Meeting will be returning as an in-person event for the first time since 2019. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 25, 2023. More details including location, program and

registration information will be announced in the coming weeks via the OVTA's industry newsletter.

- The 2023 Summer Company program is now open and accepting applications. Students aged 15-29 interested in pursuing self-employment throughout the summer are encouraged to apply. The Summer Company program provides training and support for individuals to open and run their own business during the summer months. Successful applicants can also receive up to \$3,000 in grant funding to support operations. See our [Summer Company media release](#).
- Program delivery is underway as part of the Francophone Language funding grant. Programming includes a series of virtual marketing workshops. Sessions were held in February and two further sessions are scheduled for March 21 and 29. A Networking Breakfast is scheduled for March 6 where the Francophone Entrepreneur Award will be presented. Enterprise Renfrew County has partnered with le Centre Culturel Francophone de Pembroke, Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation and the City of Pembroke to deliver these events.
- County Council received the 2022 Annual Report for Renfrew County Forest activities. In 2022, 58 hectares of forest were harvested, producing \$163,151.23 in revenue. This is slightly lower than budgeted, since several operations were extended into 2023 due to delays caused by the May 2022 windstorm. As a result, 2023 revenue will be higher than normal.
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid is an invasive species, which was found within 200 km of Renfrew County in 2022. To date, monitoring by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has been very limited geographically for this pest. The Ontario Woodlot Association and other community forests in Central Ontario have requested MNRF to increase involvement and funding to monitor, research, educate and control existing populations. A letter has been sent to the Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, requesting the Province take action to support ongoing efforts to address the threat of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.
- County Council approved a resolution requesting a letter be sent to Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski under the Warden's signature in support of the request for increased core funding to all Small Business Enterprise Centres across Ontario, including Enterprise Renfrew County.
- County Council approved a resolution recommending staff discontinue holding a public meeting for plans of subdivision. Recent changes to the Planning Act have removed the requirement to hold public meetings for plan of subdivision applications. New plan of subdivision applications will no longer include the public meeting component as part of the application review.
- County Council approved a resolution recommending staff amend the Consent Delegation Approval By-law to delegate to staff the decision on "contested" applications and bring back in March for adoption.

- County Council passed a By-law to adopt and approve Official Plan Amendment No. 37 in relation to the Calabogie Motorsport Track, to allow additional uses on the property which are usually permitted within rural areas – including residential uses.
- County Council passed a By-law to adopt and approve Official Plan Amendment No. 38 to change the designation of a parcel of land from Rural to Mineral Aggregate to facilitate the expansion of the Selle Quarry in the Township of Bonnechere Valley.
- County Council passed a By-law to adopt and approve Official Plan Amendment No. 39 in relation to Voyageur Bay (Whitewater Region Township) which would redesignate approximately 7.69 hectares of land to a site-specific Waterfront – Exception Five designation.
- County Council passed a By-law to execute an agreement with Rogers Telecommunications Inc. to erect a 90-metre wireless radio communication tower on the County of Renfrew owned property, the Little Ireland Tract, located at Highway 28 and Little Ireland Road in the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- County Council passed a resolution approving the continuation of the Advanced Care Paramedic Tuition Loan Program be through the 2023 calendar year. This covers tuition for six Primary Care Paramedics per year to take the Advanced Care Paramedic Education Program.
- County Council passed a by-law authorizing the Warden and CAO/Clerk to sign the Lease Agreement and letter of agreement between the County of Renfrew and Carefor Health and Community Services to lease office space at 425 Cecelia Street, Pembroke for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre.
- County Council adopt a by-law rescinding the Vaccination Policy for County of Renfrew Long-Term Care Homes effective March 1, 2023.
- County Council passed a resolution to amend By-law 84-09 to revise Long-Term Care Homes Policy G-009 that removes ‘residents of Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge’ from the policy. This change, in the interest of resident safety and recognition that Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge are homes to their respective residents, allows residents be permitted to smoke on the property no closer than nine metres from the entrance to each Home. This policy be reviewed in six months and again in twelve months.
- County Council passed a resolution to extend the funding for Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) for 30 days using funds from the Community Paramedic Reserve and/or through Arnprior Regional Health. A report will be brought back to the March 29 meeting of County Council. RC VTAC has currently secured funding from the Ministry of Health until March 31. The Ontario government is set to introduce its budget for the next fiscal year on March 23.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- Staff will be monitoring the spring weather conditions to determine the optimum time to impose the spring load restrictions. County of Renfrew By-law 11-12 is a By-law to Designate a Reduced Load Period on County Roads and pertains to spring load restrictions which may be imposed commencing March 1 and extend to May 31.
- County Council passed a by-law approving the alterations to County Roads and Structures. The Municipal Act allows a municipality to pass By-laws removing or restricting the common law right-of-passage by the public over a highway and the common law right-of-access to the highway by an owner of land abutting a highway. For several of our 2023 capital projects, the work may include temporary or permanent changes, alterations or restrictions to the use of the highway, or to private entrances.
- County Council passed a resolution to award the contract for the rehabilitation of County Structure C025 (Borne Road Culvert) to 1956466 Ontario Inc. (JWK Contracting), Pembroke, Ontario, in the amount of \$613,882.20, plus HST.
- County Council passed a resolution to award the contract for rehabilitation of County Structure B064 (Pilgrim Road Bridge) Bonnechere Excavating Incorporated, Renfrew, Ontario, in the amount of \$398,505 plus HST.

Ontario Winter Games

Presented by: Peter Emon, Chair

- The Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games, held February 2-5 and 9-12, hosted 2,500 participants including athletes, coaches and officials.
- Nearly 900 volunteers were active during the Games, with many taking multiple shifts to make these the #BestGamesEver
- A total of 22 sports were held in nine different communities across Renfrew County and into west end Ottawa.
- Close to \$400,000 in sponsorship, both cash and in-kind, was raised.
- Once all of the bills have been paid, more details will be announced about the Games' Legacy Project
- The Warden thanked the communities which fully embraced the Games, including several municipal partners and he thanked the Games Organizing Committee which worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make Renfrew County 2023 such a resounding success.

Additional Information

Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

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

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario 11:30 a.m., February 28, 2023)

Board of Health Announces New Medical Officer of Health



The Board of Health for Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is very pleased to announce that Dr. Jason Morgenstern, MD MPH FRCPC, has been appointed as permanent, full-time Medical Officer of Health for Renfrew County and District Health Unit, effective April 3, 2023. We have

submitted this appointment to the Minister of Health, as required by regulation.

Dr. Morgenstern is a well-qualified and committed public health physician who grew up in Renfrew County. He currently works with Halton Region Public Health, where his portfolio includes health protection, disease surveillance, and emergency preparedness. His university training includes a Bachelor of Science from the University of Guelph, an MD from Western University in London, a Master of Public Health from McMaster University, and medical residency training at McMaster University. He is a public health and preventive medicine specialist and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Additionally, Dr. Morgenstern has published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and presented at conferences, focusing on artificial intelligence in public health practice.

"The Board believes that Dr. Morgenstern will provide excellent public health leadership to our organization, our Health and Social Service partners and the residents of Renfrew County and District. We are delighted to welcome him back to Renfrew County and District as our new Medical

Officer of Health,” states Ann Aikens, Chair, Board of Health.

“I am very enthusiastic about the opportunity to return to Renfrew County and District to serve the community as Medical Officer of Health,” states Dr. Jason Morgenstern.

The dedicated Public Health Team at RCDHU is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Morgenstern as we continue to promote our goal of “Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District”.

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February 23, 2023

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- Careers: MOE, York Region, Treasury Board, Greater Sudbury, and Hastings.

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Provincial Matters

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New [resources](#) are available to help police and health partners collaborate with service providers in their communities to implement Mobile Crisis Response Teams and enhance crisis response across the province.

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LAS

[Canoe Procurement Group](#) webinars make important information freely available to Ontario municipalities. Coming soon is a presentation on ambulance remounts, followed by a three-day series on fleet electrification. [Check out our Events page](#) to sign up.

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) continues to expand! We've added Blue1 Energy Equipment, Graco, and Syn-Tech to the Fuel Management Solutions category. Store and distribute your fuel and other fluids safely and efficiently. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

Municipal Wire*

Operation Black Vote Canada is encouraging all Black Canadians who have run for public office, including municipal councils across Ontario, to participate in their research survey. Please share or complete the [Google form](#). For more information, please visit blackcanadianpolitics.ca #RepresentationMatters.

Careers

[Manager, Planning and Program Transformation Unit - Ministry of Education](#). Play a critical role in the effective delivery of programs to meet the government's objective of creating a continuity of high-quality early years experiences for children in Ontario. [Apply online](#) by March 1.

[Program Manager, Housing Stability and Homelessness - Regional of York](#). Responsible for managing and coordinating the development, implementation and monitoring of new and ongoing program initiatives. [Apply online](#) by February 27.

[ADM Economic, Environment, Justice and Intergovernmental Policy & ADM Health, Social and Education and Children's Policy - Treasury Board ETU \(Cabinet Office\)](#). Direct the development of strategic policy advice in partnership with various Ministries, the Premier's Office and the Secretary of the Cabinet. [Apply online](#) by February 27.

[Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer - City of Greater Sudbury](#). Accountable for

the core finance functions including Accounting, Financial Planning and Budgeting, Purchasing, Revenue Management, and Risk Management. Apply to careers@waterhousesearch.net by March 16.

Chief Administrative Officer - County of Hastings. Responsible for the management of all human, financial and physical resources of the County while providing strategic guidance and advice for the effective delivery of programs and services. Apply to caorecruitment@hastingscounty.com by March 19.

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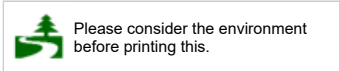
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- MEPCO 101 for council members and municipal administrators.
- Blog: Municipal Digital Transformation: Avoid These 4 Traps.
- Cooper Lighting: Canoe meets Facility Lighting Service.
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Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) will be notified shortly on applications for NG-911 transition funding for 2022-2023. The funding program has been implemented to help support the transition CRTC deadline of March 4, 2025. For more information contact ESTD.NG9-1-1@ontario.ca.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development has [announced](#) the establishment of a Paramedic Services Committee under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (OHSA) to develop resources that address the unique health and safety risks faced by the profession.

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MEPCO

To better understand the Municipal Employer Pension Centre of Ontario's (MEPCO) role, and some of the key pension matters on the horizon, we created a simple [fact sheet](#) for municipal staff and elected officials.

LAS

There are [four potential traps](#) to keep in mind when you're in the midst of a digital transformation or just getting started. Avoiding them will make your transition much smoother.

Did you know [Cooper Lighting](#) is an approved supplier under the Canoe Procurement Group? They supply a wide range of lighting systems to brighten your sports fields, arenas, and other facilities. To make your lighting project truly turn-key, contact [Christian](#) and to see if Cooper will work for you under our [Facility Lighting Service!](#)

LAS is hosting a series of three webinars focused on EV technology available through Canoe. Register today: [Day 1 - March 22](#) (Fleet & Charging), [Day 2 - March 29](#) (Equipment & Recreation), [Day 3 - April 5](#) (Emergency Vehicles & Refuse Collection)

This is one series you won't want to miss!

The City of Thunder Bay and Town of Hanover recently participated in [energy treasure hunts](#) with LAS, identifying over \$145,000 in energy savings opportunities. Want these results? Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out more and book your custom Energy Workshop this spring.

Careers

[Project Manager, Traffic Engineering - Region of Peel](#). Leads a major innovative project to develop a formal business case, in consultation with the Regional local municipalities. [Apply online](#) by March 12.

[Manager, Capital Projects - District Municipality of Muskoka](#). Responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, assignment and completion of corporate capital projects. [Apply online](#) by March 22.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Midland](#). Facilitates the development of a clear mission and vision in line with Council directions and strategic priorities. [Apply online](#) by March 17.

[Senior Planner - City of Clarence-Rockland](#). Responsible for Zoning and Official Plan Amendment as well as Site Plan and Subdivision applications. Apply to hr@clarence-rockland.com March 7.

[Manager, Procurement Services - City of Mississauga](#). Develops, implements and maintains the framework of policies and procedures. [Apply online](#) by March 24.

[Director, Children Services - County of Simcoe](#). Responsible for leading the development, implementation and effective management of the Children Services Department. [Apply online](#) by March 10.

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Introducing- Our New Dementia Society Centre!

Wendy Grimshaw, The Dementia Society of Ottawa & Renfrew County
<wgrimshaw@dsorc.org>

Wed 2023-03-01 8:00 AM

To:



Hello,

In 1982, The Dementia Society's founding members gathered around a kitchen table to find a better way for families to navigate the challenging journey of dementia. Programs were developed, including support groups, education, social and recreational activities and these have been held in community and partner spaces across Ottawa and Renfrew County for over 40 years.

Dementia Society Strategic Objectives



Our community is one where people impacted by dementia are valued, supported and included.

As we move into our 5th decade, we continue to be inspired to make the experience of dementia better for families. In our mission, we now include a focus on prevention, brain health and managing risk factors for dementia. We are also committed to creating a more inclusive and supported community. To learn more about our direction, read the full Dementia Society 2022-25 Strategic Plan [here](#). (Available in English)

The opening of our **new purpose-designed Dementia Society Centre** is an important step in making our compassionate, expert dementia-care, support and services more accessible to people in Ottawa and Renfrew County.

Starting today, **March 1, 2023**, The Dementia Society welcomes you to our new home for in-person education, social and recreational activities, support groups and services. View our March calendar for up-coming education, activities and support group schedules.

March Calendar



New Dementia Society Centre

500 - 2327 St. Laurent Boulevard,
Ottawa, ON K1G 4J8

*Closest intersection: Heron and
Conroy Roads*

[Get Directions](#)

Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

*Please call in advance for same-day
support.*



- Our new Dementia Society Centre is directly accessible from a free parking lot and transit links nearby. (OC Transpo buses 40, 46 and 644).
- A Dementia Care Coach is onsite daily from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday to Friday for drop-in consultation. **Please call in advance**

for same-day support. (613-523-4004 | 1 888-411-2067)

We look forward to welcoming you to our new home and to our next innovative chapter.

Kind regards,



Wendy Grimshaw

CEO, The Dementia Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County



Bonjour Oliver,

En 1982, les membres fondateurs de La Société de la démence se sont réunis autour d'une table de cuisine afin de trouver une meilleure façon pour les familles de naviguer sur le chemin difficile de la démence. Des programmes ont été élaborés, notamment des groupes de soutien, des activités éducatives, sociales et récréatives, et ces programmes se déroulent depuis plus de 40 ans dans des espaces communautaires et partenaires à travers Ottawa et le comté de Renfrew.

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Notre communauté est une communauté où les personnes vivant avec une démence sont valorisées, soutenues et intégrées.

À l'aube de notre cinquième décennie, nous continuons à être inspirés par la volonté d'améliorer l'expérience de la démence pour les familles. Dans notre mission, nous mettons désormais l'accent sur la santé du cerveau et la gestion des facteurs de risque de la démence, et nous créons une communauté plus inclusive et soutenue. Pour en savoir plus sur notre orientation, lisez l'intégralité du plan stratégique 2022-25 de La Société de la démence [ici](#). (Disponible en anglais)

L'ouverture de **notre nouveau centre de programmation sur la démence**, conçu à cet effet, est une étape importante pour rendre nos soins, notre soutien et nos services spécialisés et empreints de compassion plus accessibles aux gens d'Ottawa et du comté de Renfrew.

À partir d'aujourd'hui, **1er mars 2023**, La Société de la démence pourra accueillir les membres du public dans nos nouveaux locaux, où nous offrirons nos services et tiendrons nos activités éducatives, sociales et récréatives ainsi que nos groupes de soutien. Consultez notre calendrier de mars pour connaître les horaires des formations, des activités et des groupes de soutien à venir.

Calendrier de mars



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Samedi et dimanche : Fermé

Veillez appeler à l'avance pour un soutien le jour même.

- Nos locaux inclusifs pour les personnes vivant avec la démence seront faciles d'accès, une entrée directe donnant sur le stationnement et le réseau de transport en commun (itinéraires 40, 46 et 604 d'OC Transpo).
- Un intervenant spécialisé en santé cognitive sera présent sur place chaque jour, de 8h30 à 16h30, du lundi au vendredi, pour des consultations sans rendez-vous. **Veillez appeler à l'avance pour un soutien le jour même. (613-523-4004 | 1 888-411-2067)**

Nous avons très hâte de passer au prochain chapitre avec vous et notre communauté.

Cordialement,

Wendy Grimshaw

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wendy Grimshaw'.

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ARNPRIOR LIFE

Welcome to the Arnprior Life Recreation Newsletter, March 2023 edition. March is an exciting month with March Break and St. Patrick's Day in the same week! There are many exciting programs and events to keep you busy.

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

JOB OPPORTUNITIES! The Town of Arnprior has full-time and part-time employment opportunities in the Recreation Department along with opportunities at Town Hall and more. Visit the [Jobs page](#) on the website for more information.

The positions include:

- Aquatics Instructor (Permanent - Full Time)
- Lifeguard/Program Staff
- Facility Attendant
- Crossing Guard
- Town Clerk
- Environmental Engineering Officer

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! Do you know of students looking to fill their volunteer hours? Interested students are encouraged to email recreation@arnprior.ca to learn more about how to get involved.

Learn more about what makes the Town of Arnprior a great place to work and find out about other opportunities within the Town by following our [Town of Arnprior page on LinkedIn](#).

Packers Playoff Hockey! Your Arnprior Packers are set to play some playoff hockey this month. Stay tuned to their website and social media channels to stay up to date.

Rivermen Playoff Hockey! Your Arnprior Rivermen play a must-win game this Friday against Gananoque! Follow their socials to stay up to date!

DATES TO CIRCLE ON YOUR CALENDAR

(Town of Arnprior run Programs/Events are Bolded. Information and Registration Available Through our [Online Recreation System](#))

March 1: Spring/Summer Sport Program/League Registration Opens

March 3: Craft Program (Mystery Craft Night)

[March 9: onTrac's Annual Job Fair](#)

March 10: Youth Night (Sports with a Twist)

March 13-17: March Break Camp

[March 17: St. Patrick's Music Trivia Night](#)

March 21: Craft Program (Bird Feeder)

March 26: Red Cross Stay Safe! Course with 13 First Aid

March 29: Spring Aquatics Registration (Lessons)

March 30: Spring Aquatics Registration (Aqua Fitness)

March 31: Youth Night (Trick Shot Night)

[April 1: Easter Bake Fair & Cake Decorating Contest](#)

April 4: Craft Program (Easter)

April 7: Youth Night

April 8: Easter Egg Hunt in the Parks

April 11: Swimming Lessons Start

April 21: Craft Program (Piggy Bank)

April 28: Youth Night

Summer Camp Registration (Camp Wanago, Hockey School, Ringette School and more) to open in early May!

Do you have an event you want to share? Add it to the events calendar at calendar.arnprior.ca



MARCH BREAK

Swimming		Skating	
March 11	1pm, 2pm	March 12	3pm
March 12	1pm, 2pm	March 13	9am, 2pm
March 13	10am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm	March 14	9am, 2pm
March 14	10am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm	March 15	9am, 2pm
March 15	10am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm	March 16	9am, 2pm
March 16	10am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm	March 17	9am, 2pm
March 17	10am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm, 7pm	March 19	3pm

Age 0-2yrs - Free 16-59yrs - \$4.50
2-15yrs - \$3.50 60+ - \$3.50

All skates are free thanks to our generous community sponsors

The Nick Smith Centre is packed with activities all March Break with swimming and skating daily. Take a twirl on the ice in any of our free public skates, sponsored by our generous community partners. Dip in to the pool at any of the Public Swim times listed. Regular user fees apply. For more information visit www.arnprior.ca/marchbreak

DROP IN PROGRAMS

We have many ways for you to stay active in the pool, on the ice and in the community hall ... and even outdoors! Full details of all the programs are [available here](#) or sign in to your online account and click on schedule to view the programs or to register.

Table Tennis - New to the Rec Department, we have Table Tennis (or Ping Pong, whichever you prefer) daytime on Mondays from 12:30-2:30pm or Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00pm. [Register online](#) to secure your spot!

Lending Hub – Our Lending Hub is open to residents of Renfrew County and is ready to go. If you're in need of skates and a helmet to enjoy skating on the ice, we've got you covered. We'll have snowshoes and cross-country skis available when the snow flies! Please call the Nick Smith Center (613.623.7301) or email recreation@arnprior.ca to reserve.

Pickleball – Join us at the Nick Smith Centre on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with the fastest-growing sport in Canada. [Check out court times online and reserve your spot!](#)

Badminton – We are serving up a good time on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights at the Nick Smith Centre! Both sessions run from 7:30-10:30pm and online registration is required as space is limited. [Sign up today!](#)

Lunchtime Toonie Skate: Take a break from the office and get out for a skate on your lunch hour! This skate is offered Monday - Friday from 12:00-1:00pm for just \$2.00.

Public Skating - Enjoy Public Skating at the Nick Smith Centre Fridays (6:00-7:00pm), select Saturdays (6:00-7:00pm) and Sundays (3:00-4:00pm). Please check the schedule online for updates. Participants can register online in advance or pay at the front counter. Cost is \$3.00 for Adults and \$2.50 for Children and Seniors.

Parent with Tots and Seniors Skate - Our Parents with Tots and Seniors Skates is offered three days a week running from 1:00-3:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Participants can register online in advance or check in at the front counter. This is a free skate for those eligible.

Adult Shinny - Shinny will be offered for adults, those 16 and older, Monday through Friday from 12:00-1:00pm and Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00pm at a cost of \$5. Full equipment is required. Participants can register online in advance or pay at the front counter.

Women's Shinny - New this year, we're offering women's shinny on Monday night's 9:30-10:30pm at a cost of \$5. Full equipment is required. Participants can register online in advance or pay at the front counter.

Minor Shinny - Offered for those U10-U12 on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm at a cost of \$4. Full equipment is required and a parent or guardian (18 or older) must remain present while the child is participating. Participants can register online in advance or pay at the front counter.

Junior Shinny - Offered for those U13-U16 on Mondays and Fridays from 3:30-4:30pm at a cost of \$4. Full equipment is required. Participants can register online in advance or pay at the front counter.

Ringette Shinny - Offered for youth ringette players on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30pm at a cost of \$4. Full equipment is required. Participants can register online in advance or pay at the front counter.

SPORT LEAGUES/PROGRAMS

T-Ball - Introducing a new youth sport program, T-Ball! Registration opens on March 1st for this program designed for those aged 4-7 as a fun and engaging introduction to baseball. Beginning following the May long-weekend this program is set to debut with the help of parent volunteers. [Click here to register and learn more!](#)

Youth Ball Hockey - Just because the ice comes out doesn't mean we stop playing hockey! We will be starting a youth ball hockey league this spring on the area slab for those aged 8-13. [Learn more and register online here!](#)

Adult Co-Ed Soccer - We are bringing it back to school yard soccer with this 7v7 league play. This co-ed league fosters fun and inclusive play with games once a week. Register your whole team or sign up as an individual and play with others. [Learn more and register online.](#)

Beach Volleyball - The always popular Beach Volleyball League return this summer for some action at Robert Simpson Park. Running every Wednesday night after the May long-weekend, you can register your own team or sign up as an individual and play with others. [Learn more and register online!](#)

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMING

Ready, Set, Go! - We've partnered with EarlyON to provide a free drop-in program on Tuesday mornings at the Nick Smith Centre. This parent-accompanied program runs from 10am-11:30am for some gross motor skills fun. See you there!

Little People's Program - The return of Little People's is going great and you can still join in if you're looking to get in on the action. This drop-off program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-12pm with lots of fun games

and activities on the go. [Register online now!](#)

KinderDrama - Coming soon! In partnership with Ottawa Valley Theatre Kids, this introduction to dramatic arts will take place at the Arnprior & District Museum on Saturday mornings in April. Open to ages 4 and 5, this program will surely be a thrill. Stay tuned for more information.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Crafting Program - After months of success in the Monthly Crafting Program, we've scrapped the monthly part and now run twice a month. [Register online](#) for this make-and-take program. Oh yeah, pizza too!

Drama Lab - the next session of Drama Lab is set to begin in April and you can [register for it now!](#)

Ready, Set, Go! - We've teamed up with EarlyON to offer a brand new motor skills program, *Ready, Set, Go!* Join us Tuesday mornings FOR FREE at the Nick Smith Centre.

Youth Nights - We are very excited to roll out a new series of youth programming called Youth Nights! These activities are led by young staff to create a fun and inclusive environment where kids can go and be themselves on Friday nights. Learn more and [register for these programs online!](#)

Off-Ice Training - The incredible Meagan Mask is putting you through an off-ice workout designed for young hockey and ringette players. [Learn more and register online.](#)

ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

SUP Yoga - This is the last month in the pool on Wednesdays with SUP Yoga classes led by Christin. You're tied down to lane ropes for extra stability in this exciting class that will surely be a good workout. [Register now!](#) This program is sponsored by Ottawa Valley Air Paddle.

Pilates - The always lovely Denise Weise is at the Nick Smith Centre every Monday for drop-in Pilates. [Register online](#) or visit the front counter to join in.

AQUATICS UPDATE

Spring Registration for all children's lessons opens on Wednesday, March 29th at 9am. Spring Registration for all Adult Pool Programs (aqua fitness) opens Thursday, March 30th at 9am.

First time in lessons? Looking to make it a smooth transition to that first class in the pool? We strongly suggest bringing your child to play and swim and at a Public Swim. We have toys to play with and excellent staff to answer any questions. The Public Swim schedule is available for viewing online.

Winter swimming lessons are not taking place during March Break from Saturday, March 11th to and including Friday, March 17th. Classes resume to their regular schedule on Saturday March 18th. The final class of 10 weeks will be during the week beginning Sunday March 19th to Saturday March 25th. Look for notices on the pool bulletin boards for session ending dates for all pool programs. Aqua Jogging, Aqua Boot Camp, and Excel Aquafit will not be taking place during the week of Monday March 13th to Friday March 17th.

Endurance Training: We will be hosting a trial evening in the pool for athletes who are training for endurance events on Saturday, March 4th from 5pm -8pm. You can swim, bike or run. You are invited to bring your bike trainer to set up on the pool deck. Swimming transition to your stationary bike to running in the pool. The options and time frame of events is your choice and aqua belts are available for water running. Registration is open online and cost is \$25.00 for the 3 hour block.

Swim Admission Test: In February of 2022 the Town of Arnprior adopted the Ontario Government's Provincial Admission Standards for Public Pools. All children 10 and under will be asked to take a swim test in order to swim in the deep end. Children who successfully complete the Swim Test may swim anywhere unaccompanied in the pool, however, a guardian 15 years of age or older must remain within the viewing area. Children who do not complete the swim test must be accompanied by a guardian over 15 years of age who remains in the water and is within arm's reach at all times. If a child is wearing a lifejacket but did not complete the Swim Test, they must still remain in the shallow end and be accompanied by a guardian who remains in the water and within arm's reach at all times. The Swim Test needs only to be passed once. The pool staff keeps a record of all swimmers who have passed the test.

Winter Pool Schedule: The Winter Pool Schedule can be [viewed \(and printed\) online](#).

Aquafit Punch Card: The Aquafit Punch Card has returned. This product can only be purchased in person at the front counter at the Nick Smith Centre for us at any of the 9am or 1pm Aquafit Classes.

Introducing Fitness Swimmer: Stuck in the same old swim routine? Looking to get fit through swimming? This class will teach you how to pace yourself, how to use different styles of training to raise your heart rate, and how to use the pace clock. This is a small class with individualized coaching to bring out the best in your swimming. This class runs Fridays at 2pm. More details can be found on our [website](#).

Tuesday and Thursday Evening Toonie Swim: At a cost of \$2.00 per person enjoy a half-hour swim. Come out in the early evening to have fun, play, swim, and relax and ensure a good night's sleep. This swim is at 7:30 - 8:00 p.m..

Drop In – Aquafit and Excel Waterfit and now available for drop-in. It is \$15.00 a class. We only accept 5 participants so it is first come first served.

Pool Rentals: The pool is available to rent on Saturdays or Sundays from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Contact us to book your party now.

National Lifeguard and Standard First Aid Course: is being offered on May 5,6,7 and May 12,13, 14. If you are soon turning 16 and looking for a summer job this is the course for you. You will be qualified and ready to work for the summer.

Hiring Lifeguards/Swim Instructors: Do you or someone you know hold your National Lifeguard – We would love to have you as part of lifeguard team with the Town of Arnprior. The job posting is available for viewing at [arnprior.ca](#).

OUTDOOR RINKS, TRAILS, PARKS AND MORE!

Arnprior is fortunate to have an abundance of outdoor recreation amenities that support the physical, mental, and social health of our community. Below is a list of these amenities for you to enjoy this winter and details to support the sharing and safety of these spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Outdoor Rinks

All outdoor rinks remain closed. Please refrain from entering these surfaces to allow our crew to properly maintain and bring these surfaces back up to a safe standard.

Find more information and status updates on our three outdoor rinks on our [Outdoor Skating Rinks webpage](#).

Trails

Whether you're on foot, skis or snowshoes, dress appropriately, plan your route, bring a buddy, watch your feet – stay away from slippery surfaces and fast-moving water – and wear reflective and colourful clothing. A reminder that not all trails are maintained in the winter and to be mindful of motorized vehicles when using the Algonquin Trail – please share the trail space with all users. Visit our Trails page to learn more about the trails in our community.

Sliding

The Town of Arnprior does not have any sanctioned sliding hills. Residents and visitors will see signs posted in select parks and areas where people often go sliding advising them of the risks of those areas. These locations include 'Tank Hill' on James Street and at Robert Simpson Park. These hills, and others, are not safe for sliding and the Town of Arnprior does not accept responsibility for related risks or injuries. Town staff continues to review suitable options to potentially designate a hill for sliding/ tobogganing in the future.

More information can be found on the [Trails and Outdoor Rinks](#) section of our website.