



**Town of Arnprior
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Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-MAR-06 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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3. Correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)

- a) FCM Board of Directors discuss municipal priorities ahead of the federal budget
- b) Statement from FCM on the launch of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund

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

- a) AMO Focuses on Housing and Homelessness in Pre-Budget Advice to Ontario Legislature
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Preparing Students for Jobs of the Future

Mandatory high school graduation requirement will empower students with early exposure to technological education and skilled trades

March 10, 2023

[Education](#)

MISSISSAUGA —The Ontario government is implementing a new high school graduation requirement to help better prepare students across our province for the jobs of tomorrow. Starting with students entering Grade 9 in September 2024, all students will now be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

"I am proud to announce another step forward to ensure all students learn the critical skills necessary to succeed and get a good paying job," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "By requiring students to take at least one Technological Education credit in high school, we are opening up doors and creating new pathways to good jobs in STEM and the skilled trades. All students will benefit from a greater emphasis on hands-on learning experiences and technical skills in the classroom so they can graduate with a competitive advantage in this country."

This new learning graduation requirement will expose Ontario's students to at least one Technological Education course that could guide them to a future career in the highly skilled workforce, including the skilled trades. With more than 100,000 unfilled skilled trades jobs right now, it is critical Ontario attracts more young people to pursue a fulfilling, good-paying career in the trades.

The Technological Education curriculum covers a broad range of sectors, including construction, transportation, manufacturing, computer technology, hospitality and communication. In Ontario, men make up more than 70 per cent of workers in trades-related occupations. The exposure to these career pathways as a mandatory graduation curriculum requirement will ensure more young women make the choice to pursue a career in the trades.

While almost 39 per cent of Ontario secondary school students were enrolled in a Technological Education course in 2020-21, nearly 63 per cent were male students. With this graduation requirement, more young women will have an opportunity to

explore the trades. This new requirement means a student may be introduced to programming learning in Grade 9, explore the apprenticeship pathway further and may ultimately decide to become an Aerospace Manufacturing Technician.

“For Ontario to succeed, we need more women and girls to pursue fulfilling careers in the skilled trades. I am proud our government is taking action to ensure students across our province have the tools and skills they need to build a new generation of prosperity in Ontario,” said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity. “This mandatory graduation requirement means a brighter future – not just for Women and Girls – but for our entire province.”

This new graduation requirement builds upon other actions taken by the government to bolster its Skilled Trades Strategy, including developing an accelerated Grade 11 to apprenticeship pathway for students to get into the skilled trades faster.

“Ontario is facing the largest labour shortage in a generation, which means when you have a career in the skilled trades, you have a career for life,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “That’s why our government is taking an all-hands-on deck approach to attract and train our next generation of skilled trades workers for better jobs and bigger paycheques for themselves and their families.”

This action supports the [next steps in Ontario’s Plan to Catch Up](#) and ensures students have exposure and access to learning opportunities to consider STEM fields, including in the skilled trades, as a future career.

Quick Facts

- The government is beginning consultations with employers, unions, education stakeholders, trainers, parents, students and others to explore academic entry requirements for the skilled trades.
- It’s projected that, by 2026, approximately one in five job openings in Ontario will be in skilled trades-related fields.
- By graduation, 73 per cent of secondary school students earn at least one credit in Technological Education.
- In 2022-23, students are approved to participate in over 25,500 Dual Credits, of which over 10,900 are related to the skilled trades and technology.
- Since 2020, Ontario has invested nearly \$1 billion to make it easier to learn a trade, breaking the stigma, attracting youth, simplifying the system, and encouraging employer participation.

Quotes

"The General Contractors' Association of Toronto (GCAT) strongly supports revitalizing the graduation requirement for each student to complete a tech ed high school credit. The skilled trades offer in-demand, lucrative and rewarding careers and we believe the mandatory credit will expose students to opportunities they would not have known of otherwise. GCAT applauds the work this government continues to do to address our labour shortage while promoting careers in construction, including the skilled trades and to provide a healthy perception of the construction industry to help make an informed career decision."

- Jim Vlahos

Executive Director, General Contractors' Association of Toronto

"Skills Ontario is pleased and fully supportive of today's announcement requiring students to take Tech Education classes as part of the curriculum. We have long advocated that students need more exposure to and experiential opportunities with skilled trades and technology. This change will result in more students being introduced to skilled trades and technology, which will help to address our skills shortages and move more people to fulfilling and rewarding careers. This is another example of Ontario's leadership in developing and delivering skills solutions that will benefit the province, our economy and our standard of living."

- Ian Howcroft

CEO of Skills Ontario

"There aren't enough skilled workers in Ontario but attracting more women to these jobs will go a long way. With the growing demand for jobs in STEM and Skilled Trades, I applaud the Government of Ontario for requiring high school students to take at least one technological education credit before graduation. The exposure to these courses will give women a greater opportunity to explore these career paths. Tech is the future, and it's high time we ensure that all of Ontario's youth – regardless of race, gender or social class – are given the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the jobs of tomorrow. That's exactly what I aspire to do with Codespire: inspire and educate underrepresented young people by unlocking the advantages of digital literacy."

- Harseshaj Dhami
Founder of Codespire

Additional Resources

[2022 Ontario Budget: Ontario's Plan to Build](#)

[Dual credit programs](#)

[Province Takes Action to Ensure Students Catch Up](#)

[Ontario's Education Plan for Students to Catch Up](#)

[Ontario Preparing More Students for Careers in the Skilled Trades](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Tightening Rules Around Mass Layoffs

Proposed changes would protect remote and precarious workers

March 13, 2023

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

KITCHENER — The Ontario government is working for workers by proposing updates to employment laws that would respond to more workers being remote and a changing economy. Under the proposed changes, employees who work solely from home would be eligible for the same enhanced notice as "in-office" and other employees in mass termination situations. This would ensure that remote employees receive the same eight week minimum notice of termination or pay-in-lieu, preventing companies from taking advantage of them.

"Whether you commute to work every day or not shouldn't determine what you are owed. No billion-dollar company should be treating their remote employees as second-class," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "The future of work is here, and our government will continue to lead the country in ensuring workers have the protections they need to find better jobs and earn bigger paycheques in the 21st century economy."

Also, under Ontario's *Employment Standards Act* (ESA), employers are currently only required to share the latest version of the employment standards poster, which outlines ESA workplace rights and responsibilities, with new employees. To protect precarious employees, the government is also proposing regulatory changes that would require employers to provide new hires with information in writing about their job, such as pay, work location and hours of work, and the date by which that information needs to be provided (e.g. before their first shift).

"We applaud Minister McNaughton for taking steps to ensure that all workers in Ontario are afforded the same rights and protections, regardless of their workplace setting," said Chris Albinson, CEO and President of Communitech.

These proposed changes 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

- The COVID-19 pandemic has initiated the largest shift to remote work in history. In the fourth quarter of 2022, about 2.2 million people worked from home, with about 1.4 million doing so on an exclusive basis and about 800,000 doing so on a hybrid basis.
 - The ESA's notice rules for mass termination apply when the employment of 50 or more employees is terminated at an employer's establishment within a four-week period. In the case of a mass termination, an employee could be entitled to eight, 12 or 16 weeks' notice, depending on the number of employees terminated.
 - The proposed changes, if passed, would broaden the definition of "establishment" to include employees' remote home offices, making employees who solely work remotely from home eligible to receive enhanced notice.
 - Generally, under the ESA, an employee who is terminated after five years of service would be entitled to five weeks of paid notice or pay-in-lieu under individual termination rules, but if that employee is one of 100 employees terminated at an employer's establishment within a four-week period then that employee would be entitled to eight weeks of paid notice or pay-in-lieu.
 - An Ipsos survey conducted on behalf of the Ontario Workforce Recovery Advisory Committee revealed that 89 per cent of people in Ontario believe that the workplace has changed permanently due to COVID-19 and the province needs to act to update employment regulations, as a result.
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Additional Resources

- [Learn about the *Working for Workers Act*, 2022](#)
 - [Learn about the *Working for Workers Act*, 2021](#)
 - [Employment Standards Act, 2000](#)
 - [The future of work in Ontario](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Governments of Canada and Ontario invest over \$13 million to bring high-speed internet access to more than 6,400 homes across Eastern Ontario

Rural communities to benefit from increased connectivity to high-speed internet

March 13, 2023

[Infrastructure](#)

All Canadians need reliable and affordable high-speed internet, no matter where they live. The governments of Canada and Ontario are taking action to bring high-speed internet access to unserved and underserved communities.

Today, Jenna Sudds, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth and Member of Parliament for Kanata–Carleton, on behalf of the Honourable Gudie Hutchings, Minister of Rural Economic Development, together with Merrilee Fullerton, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kanata–Carleton, announced over \$13 million in federal and provincial funding for Bell Canada to bring high-speed internet access to more than 6,400 homes in the communities of Arnprior, Braeside, Burnstown, Carp, Constance Bay, Dunrobin, Fitzroy Harbour, Glasgow Station, Kinburn, Marathon Village and White Lake.

The projects being announced today are part of an existing partnership between Ontario and Canada. On July 29, 2021, the governments [announced a Canada–Ontario broadband partnership](#) to support large-scale, fibre-based projects that will provide high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 homes across the province. This historic partnership was made possible by a joint federal-provincial investment totalling more than \$1.2 billion.

Today's announcement builds on the Government of Canada's progress toward ensuring that 98 per cent of Canadians have access to high-speed internet by 2026, and 100 per cent by 2030. The announcement also brings the Government of Ontario closer to achieving its goal of bringing reliable high-speed internet access to every community by the end of 2025.

Quick Facts

- [Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#) aims to provide all Canadians with access to internet speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download / 10 Mbps upload.
 - The [Universal Broadband Fund](#) is a \$3.225 billion investment by the Government of Canada designed to help provide high-speed internet access to 98 per cent of Canadians by 2026 and achieve the national target of 100 per cent access by 2030.
 - Today, 93.5 per cent of Canadian households have access to high-speed internet or are targeted to receive access through existing program commitments, compared to just 79 per cent in 2014.
 - On July 29, 2021, the governments of Canada and Ontario [announced a Canada-Ontario broadband partnership](#). This agreement will bring high-speed internet access to more than 280,000 homes across Ontario with a total investment of more than \$1.2 billion, co-funded equally by both levels of government.
 - The Ontario government is investing nearly \$4 billion to bring access to reliable high-speed internet to every community across the province by the end of 2025. This is the largest single investment in high-speed internet in any province, by any government in Canadian history.
 - As of February 2023, Ontario has finalized agreements totalling more than \$2.2 billion for nearly 200 high-speed internet and cellular projects across the province.
 - In 2021, Ontario passed the [Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021](#) to help speed up construction of high-speed internet projects. To build upon this legislation, the Ontario government passed the [Getting Ontario Connected Act, 2022](#), which further reduces barriers, duplication and delays.
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Quotes

"We all know that internet is no longer a luxury in this day and age—it's a necessity. Access to fast, reliable internet helps rural Canadians by levelling the playing field to access essential services like health care and education, participate in the digital economy, or simply connect with loved ones. Our government will continue to work side by side with our partners to achieve our connectivity targets and ensure every Canadian, no matter where they live, has access to high-speed internet by 2030."

**- The Honourable Gudie Hutchings
Minister of Rural Economic Development**

"Access to high-speed internet will create jobs, improve health and safety for all, and help bridge the rural-urban divide. Our government is working hard to ensure that everyone, no matter where you live, can take part and thrive in a digital world, which is why we are working to connect every community in Ontario to high-speed internet by the end of 2025."

**- Jenna Sudds
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Women and Gender Equality
and Youth and Member of Parliament for Kanata–Carleton**

"Our government recognizes how critical access to high-speed internet is for Ontarians. That is why we have made it a priority to bring reliable high-speed internet access to every community by the end of 2025. Through these projects, we are ensuring that people will have access to critical health services and will be able to learn and work online, participate in the agriculture sector and connect with their loved ones."

**- The Honourable Kinga Surma
Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure**

"Reliable, quality internet service is essential for business and home-based employees, and it is tremendous that West Carleton will now be able to depend on high-speed internet. This government investment will expand access to high-speed internet to over 6,400 homes across 11 communities in Eastern Ontario. It is part of the Ontario government's objective to build a stronger business environment and more resilient communities for families, workers and businesses to grow and prosper in today's digital world."

- Merrilee Fullerton, MD
Member of Provincial Parliament for Kanata-Carleton

"We are proud to partner with the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to expand our all-fibre broadband network to even more communities in Eastern Ontario. Our fast and reliable internet connections help people in rural and remote communities stay connected at home and at work. Through our own fully funded investments and through partnerships like this, Bell continues to deliver on our goal of advancing how Canadians connect with each other and the world."

- Bruce Furlong
SVP Network, Bell Canada

Additional Resources

- [Universal Broadband Fund](#)
- [Backgrounder: Universal Broadband Fund and Telesat low Earth orbit capacity agreement](#)
- [Canada Infrastructure Bank: Broadband](#)
- [High-Speed Access for All: Canada's Connectivity Strategy](#)
- [High-Speed Internet Access Dashboard](#)
- [National Broadband Internet Service Availability Map](#)
- [Ontario connects: making high-speed Internet accessible in every community](#)
- [Ontario Builds: our infrastructure plan](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Requiring Cleaner Washrooms on Construction Sites

Changes will require women's-only washrooms and make the skilled trades more accessible for everyone

March 15, 2023

[Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development](#)
[Women's Social and Economic Opportunity](#)

LONDON — The Ontario government is working for workers by making washrooms on construction sites private, clean and safe. There are nearly 600,000 construction workers in Ontario, but only one in 10 are women. These changes, if approved, would make the skilled trades more accessible to women by ensuring they have access to at least one women's-only washroom on jobsites and properly fitting equipment such as uniforms, boots and safety harnesses.

"Access to a washroom is a basic human dignity and something every worker should have the right to," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Careers in construction offer six-figure salaries with pensions and benefits, and it is an injustice only 10 per cent of them are filled by women. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government will continue to stand with these heroes. Everyone has the right to a safe and welcoming workplace."

The government is further improving portable washrooms by requiring them to be private and completely enclosed, have adequate lighting and hand sanitizer (where running water is not reasonably possible). Additionally, the government is doubling the number of toilets on most jobsites.

"Workplaces that are safer and more equitable help increase women's participation in the workforce," said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. "Our government is taking action to remove barriers and empower women to excel in sectors where they are underrepresented – because when women succeed, Ontario succeeds."

These changes are part of a larger package that expands on the ground-breaking actions introduced in the *Working for Workers Acts, 2021* and *2022*, which are already helping millions of people. These regulatory amendments are part of a comprehensive strategy to meet labour demand, bring better jobs and bigger paycheques within reach for more people, and attract and equip people to thrive in today's world of work.

Quick Facts

- Proposed amendments to the [Construction Projects Regulation](#), if approved, would explicitly require that personal protective equipment (PPE) and clothing be properly fitted to women and workers with diverse body types.
 - The proposed regulatory amendments, if approved and filed, would come into force on the July 1, 2023.
 - Ontario's construction sector will need to hire an additional 72,000 workers over the next six years due to retirements and expected job growth. Making these types of workplaces more inclusive to a diversity of people will be a key factor in attracting more skilled workers.
 - Ontario's [More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022](#) is part of a strong foundation on which 1.5 million homes can be built over the next 10 years – in partnership with municipalities, the private sector, not-for-profits and the federal government.
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Quotes

"Ensuring women have access to tools to reach their full potential in the construction industry will strengthen retention, eliminate barriers, attract talent and empower a stronger sense of belonging on-site. On behalf of LiUNA, we commend Minister McNaughton's unwavering commitment to advancing the skilled trades, ensuring equity, safety and respect for our workforce remain at the forefront of policy building. We look forward to continue working collaboratively to empower a path forward where LiUNA sisters and women in the industry can thrive and advance with dignity, as we come together to build a strong future for the industry and for our province."

- Victoria Mancinelli

LiUNA Director Public Relations, Marketing, Strategic Partnerships

"We applaud measures that make all job sites more accessible and safer for all, including women. Given the trades shortage, all barriers to entry and retention must be eliminated and this is an important step in the right direction."

- Andrew Regnerus
Ontario Construction Coordinator, CLAC

"Over the course of years (and prior to the COVID-19 pandemic), the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario has been advocating for better sanitary conditions on construction jobsites, including access to water, clean-up facilities and adequate washrooms for all construction workers to use. Today's announcement sheds light on an issue that is often overlooked but critically important to the successful building of Ontario's infrastructure. Requiring all construction jobsites to have adequate and well-kept washrooms and clean-up facilities, including dedicated washrooms for women as well as proper-fitting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), brings us a step closer towards ensuring equity on construction worksites."

- Carmine Tiano
Director of Occupational Services – Provincial Building and Construction
Trades Council of Ontario

"With over 100,000 workers needed by 2030, we must ensure that women are welcomed to the construction industry. Today's announcement is positive as it removes barriers for women to entering and staying in the industry. Properly fitted PPE and access to a private and clean washroom are best practices that are key to making women feel included on job sites."

- Amina Dibe
Manager, Government and Stakeholder Relations, RESCON

"Given the target that's been set to increase the number of women in the trades from 4.5% to 15% by 2030, we need to make every effort now to start attracting women to a work environment that caters to women and their specific needs. These amendments are a welcome change and will assist in paving the way to a future where construction sites will be more inclusive and inviting for women."

- Natasha Ferguson

Founder and CEO, A Women's Work and Ethelfox Construct

"The Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 95 have always been a strong advocate of workforce equity and inclusion. We are glad to hear today's announcement from the Minister, ensuring female workers have access to at least one women's-only washroom on construction sites. This is a much-needed, real change to boost accessibility for women in the workplace. Ensuring washrooms that are clean, private and safe are a basic human need and enforcing this is critical as the construction industry strives to embrace a more diverse workforce rooted in equity."

- Adam Melnick

Director of Canadian Affairs, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers

"IUOE Local 793 applauds the government's increased commitment to attracting needed workers to the construction industry given the well-established reality of future shortages. Ensuring that women workers have their own safe, clean washrooms on every jobsite and properly fitted personal protective equipment sends a clear message that the construction industry is serious about recruiting more women into the skilled trades."

- Mike Gallagher

Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 793

"Every skilled trades professional has the right to a private and clean washroom so they can get on with the jobs they were hired to do. I fully support Ontario's efforts to make construction sites more accessible to all workers. These changes not only promote safety and dignity for women in the skilled trades, but will help remove barriers to create a more inclusive and welcoming workplace for all."

- Melissa Young
CEO and Registrar of Skilled Trades Ontario

Additional Resources

- [Promoting women's social and economic opportunity](#)
- [Guide to the Occupational Health and Safety Act](#)
- [Regulation for Construction Projects](#)
- [Learn about the Working for Workers Act, 2022](#)
- [Learn about the Working for Workers Act, 2021](#)
- [More Homes Built Faster](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Announces Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team Members

Municipal leaders and industry experts will provide advice on market housing initiatives

March 14, 2023

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government announced the members of the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team. The new members join Chair Drew Dilkens, the Mayor of Windsor, and Vice Chair Cheryl Fort, the Mayor of Hornepayne. The Team will evaluate progress and provide advice on implementing Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plans and tackling Ontario's housing supply crisis.

The new members are:

- Marlene Coffey, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association
- Simone Swail, Senior Manager, Government Relations, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada
- Adam Brown, Founding Partner, Sherman Brown
- Jim Harnum, Founder, Municipal VU Consulting Inc.
- Tony Irwin, President and CEO, Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario
- Richard Lyall, President, Residential Construction Council of Ontario
- Paula Tenuta, Senior Vice President, Policy and Advocacy, Building Industry and Land Development Association

"I'm pleased to appoint seven experts to our Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team," said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Their advice and broad range of experience in municipal planning, the not-for-profit sector and the housing industry will get more homes built faster and help us reach our goal of 1.5 million new homes by 2031."

The government recently introduced a series of measures including [More Homes for Everyone](#), and [More Homes Built Faster](#) to deliver both near-term solutions and long-term commitments to build more homes faster to put home ownership within reach for all Ontario families.

"We've developed policies and reduced red tape to help address Ontario's housing supply crisis," said Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing. "The Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team will help us assess how those plans are working and help more Ontarians find a home that meets their needs and their budget."

The Team will have its first meeting in the coming weeks.

Quotes

"Ontario's housing crisis has been years in the making and will require bold ideas and vision," said Chair Drew Dilken, Mayor of Windsor. "Legislation enacted by the government challenges stakeholders and municipalities to think outside the box to reduce costs that are ultimately passed on to homebuyers. The Implementation Team will continue this approach by embracing change and questioning the status quo. Ontario should be a place where everyone that aspires to homeownership is able to obtain it. As Chair, I look forward to working with the experts and industry leaders appointed to complete the Implementation Team's mandate."

"Welcome aboard to the newly appointed members of the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team," said Vice Chair Cheryl Fort, Mayor of Hornepayne. "This diverse and talented team has the skills, expertise and know-how to get the job done for Ontario. We have a tremendous challenge set before us and through a consistent, measured, and results-driven approach we will provide invaluable advice to the Ministry. I am looking forward to working together to ensure every Ontarian has a place to call home!"

Quick Facts

- The government has committed to introducing a new Housing Supply Action Plan each year to help address the housing supply crisis.
- In 2022, Ontario saw the second highest number of housing starts since 1988, with just over 96,000 new homes. This is 30 per cent higher than the annual average for the past 20 years.
- Ontario also broke ground on nearly 15,000 new purpose-built rentals, a 7.5 per cent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record.

Additional Resources

- [More Homes Built Faster](#)
 - [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Connecting Long-Term Care Residents to More Hours of Direct Care

Record investment bringing Ontario closer to nation-leading goal of four hours of daily direct care

March 17, 2023

[Long-Term Care](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing up to \$1.25 billion to long-term care homes this year to hire and retain thousands more long-term care staff across the province, to continue increasing the amount of direct care time provided to residents. This is part of the government's historic four-year, \$4.9 billion commitment to hire and retain more than 27,000 registered nurses, registered practical nurses and personal support workers over four years and ensure residents receive, on average, four hours of direct care per day by March 31, 2025.

"In 2018, we inherited a broken long-term care system and status quo that was no longer working so we introduced a historic plan to fix long-term care," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Long-Term Care. "With the largest investment in long-term care in Ontario's history, we're hiring more staff to increase daily direct care for residents to ensure they can continue to connect to the care they need in the comfort of their long-term care home."

This is the third and largest annual funding increase to date that long-term care homes are receiving to reach the system-level average direct care targets set out in the [Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021](#). Direct care is hands-on care that includes personal care, such as help with dining, bathing and dressing, as well as other important tasks such as helping residents move and providing medication.

As a result of the government's ambitious plan, more people are working in long-term care than ever before. This year's funding will help achieve targets of an average of three hours and 42 minutes of daily direct care for residents as well as increasing hours of care from allied health professionals such as resident support aides, physiotherapists and social workers to 36 minutes per resident, per day.

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 four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe and comfortable homes; and providing seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

Quick Facts

- Achieving the system-level average target of four hours of direct hands-on care per resident, per day is being made possible by annual funding increases to long-term care homes:
 - \$270 million in 2021-22
 - \$673 million in 2022-23
 - \$1.25 billion in 2023-24
 - \$1.82 billion in 2024-25
 - Funding to increase daily direct care for residents is matched by annual implementation targets. Ontario successfully achieved its implementation target for 2021-22, of three hours of care provided by registered nurses, registered practical nurses and personal support workers, as well as 33 minutes of care from allied health professionals.
 - 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.
 - 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.
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- [A better place to live, a better place to work: Ontario's long-term care staffing plan](#)
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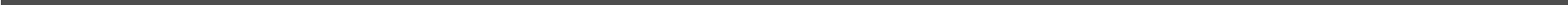


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BULLETIN

Ontario is Protecting the Province's Biodiversity

March 17, 2023

[Natural Resources and Forestry](#)

The Ontario government is safeguarding Ontario's biodiversity by ensuring commercial bait dealers and harvesters are licenced and in compliance with ministry regulations.

Joshua Schill of Sault Ste. Marie pleaded guilty to selling baitfish without a licence for commercial purposes and fined \$2,000. Schill was fined an additional \$1,200 for failing to make an annual return or keep a logbook.

The court heard that on February 1, 2021, a conservation officer inspected commercial baitfish traps set through the ice on Furcate Lake, marked with Schill's commercial baitfish licence number. Further investigation revealed he was selling baitfish out of his Thunder Bay-based business Wiggley Baits without a valid baitfish harvester and dealer licence, and that he failed to submit his mandatory annual return. A subsequent inspection of the Silver Minnow Bait Shop, also owned by Schill, revealed his baitfish logbook was not being maintained.

Justice of the Peace Nancy Tulloch heard the case remotely in the Ontario Court of Justice, Thunder Bay, on March 1, 2023.

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

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NEWS RELEASE

Province Building Ontario by Doubling Economic Immigration

Historic increase in skilled immigrants will help fill jobs in the skilled trades, technology and health care

March 18, 2023

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

TORONTO — The Ontario government is doubling the number of economic immigrants it selects in 2025 to over 18,000 to help solve the province's critical labour shortage. With nearly 300,000 jobs going unfilled daily, this will allow Ontario to select more of the workers needed to fill gaps in critical industries like the skilled trades, technology and health care.

"From 9,000 immigration spots in 2021 to over 18,000 in 2025, today's announcement is a significant win for the people of Ontario and will help us control our economic destiny by selecting more of the skilled immigrants we know are well-placed to succeed and build stronger communities for all of us," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "On behalf of Premier Ford and the people of Ontario, I want to thank Minister Fraser and the federal government for their commitment to meet us at the table and land this historic immigration increase."

In April 2021, Minister McNaughton called on the federal government to double the number of immigrants allowed under the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) to help tackle the labour shortage. Ontario reached its allocation of 9,750 immigrants through the OINP in 2022, including 3,900 skilled trades workers, 2,200 software and IT workers, and nearly 100 nurses and personal support workers.

"As we remain focused on addressing the acute labour market shortages and building a strong economy into the future, one thing remains certain: immigration is a key part of the solution," said Sean Fraser, Federal Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. "As Canada's flagship regional economic immigration program, the Provincial Nominee Program's increasing growth will support the long-term well-being of communities in Ontario. I am grateful for the outstanding

working relationship I have with Minister McNaughton and look forward to continuing to work with the province to achieve our shared economic immigration objectives."

To further attract the skilled workers Ontario needs the most and ensure they can start working in their professions sooner, the province was the first in Canada to [remove discriminatory barriers](#) that prevent foreign-trained professionals from continuing their careers in sectors they trained in, such as engineering, law, accounting and skilled trades.

Quick Facts

- The Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program allows the province to nominate individuals for permanent residence who have the skills and experience to contribute to Ontario's economy.
- In December 2022, there were nearly 300,000 jobs in Ontario going unfilled.
- Ontario's OINP allocation from the federal government has more than doubled from 9,000 in 2021 to 18,361 in 2025. In 2023, Ontario will be able to nominate 16,500 immigrants.
- Ontario's 2023 allocation represents 36% of the national allocation of provincial nominees.
- This work builds on the government's efforts to attract top talent and investment to the province by:
 - improving the nomination process for applicants to the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program with an [expression of interest system](#)
 - helping businesses in small and rural communities [attract and retain skilled workers](#)

Quotes

"Increasing the province's allocation of economic immigrants under the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program will help address labour shortages and ensure businesses find employees with the right skills. Our thanks to the Governments of Canada and Ontario for their continued action to support our ability to attract talent to the province."

- Rocco Rossi

President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

"Greater autonomy over the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program gives the province better tools to address the skilled labour shortage and places new Canadians on the right track to achieve their full potential. Congratulations to Minister McNaughton for his tireless efforts to get a better deal from the federal government. Ontario's new car dealers are in dire need of automotive technicians and auto body repairers, and this announcement will help attract workers for these well-paying careers that are waiting for them today."

- Frank Notte

Director of Government Relations, Trillium Automobile Dealers Association

"The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) would like to thank Minister Fraser and Minister McNaughton for today's announcement regarding the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP). Since gaining access to the OINP in 2019, the Ontario trucking industry has continued to welcome newcomers to our sector to help fill key job vacancies. As the past few years have shown, bolstering the trucking sector's labour market is one of the surest ways we can help strengthen the supply chain and keep the economy moving. Today's announcement is not only positive for our sector, it's positive for all businesses and Ontarians who rely on the trucking industry to deliver the essential goods and products they need every day."

- Jonathan Blackham

Director, Policy and Public Affairs, Ontario Trucking Association

"The food and beverage processing industry is Ontario's largest manufacturing sector by employment. We employ more than 125,000 people in over 4000 companies. Labour is our top challenge. The changes announced today to the OINP will permit increased recruitment of foreign workers for good jobs, in addition to contributing to a strong and sustainable workforce for our industry. We fully support today's announcement which will help address labour shortages. This is a win for Ontario and our sector."

- Chris Conway

CEO, Food and Beverage Ontario

"The history of residential construction is immigration. For decades, immigrants have developed our communities, supported our economy, and made Ontario what it is today. RESCON commends the provincial and federal governments for increasing the number of immigrants to Ontario through the Provincial Nomination Program. This will help fill critical labour shortages in the construction and reduce barriers for immigrants to gaining employment and making a living in Ontario. "

- Andrew Pariser
Vice President, RESCON

"Menkes has been a part of Toronto's diverse history for 70 years, employing thousands of immigrants and building homes for thousands more. Today's announcement will build on Menkes foundation of immigration and will further support new immigrants, the residential construction industry and help reach the goal of building 1.5 million new homes."

- Joe Francavilla
SVP, Menkes Developments Ltd.

"Ellisdon applauds the efforts of Minister McNaughton and the Government of Ontario to fight for immigration to be tailored to the nuanced needs of the labour market. We know first-hand the challenges that the labour shortage poses to businesses and Ontario's global competitiveness; this is a much needed step in the right-direction to addressing that."

- Geoffrey Smith
President, Ellisdon

"Tridel recognizes the importance that immigration can play in addressing our labour shortage. The Province of Ontario is uniquely suited to assist with this, by having a system geared for economic and labour market needs, and by ensuring swift processing times. We applaud the federal and provincial government's commitment to collaborative solutions on this matter."

- Jim Ritchie
President and CEO, Tridel Group of Companies

"Eastern Construction fully supports and commends the provincial government for their tireless efforts in solving the skilled trades shortage that plagues our industry. One of the keys to solving this problem is increased immigration of skilled tradespeople. Once again, the provincial government has stepped up to address these issues. We applaud Premier Doug Ford and Minister McNaughton taking these steps to help us deliver crucial infrastructure projects in a timely and efficient manner."

- Bryan G. Arnold

President and CEO, Eastern Construction Company Limited

"As an organization who has been providing essential support services to immigrants for over 40 years, we welcome and support Minister McNaughton and Minister Fraser's announcement to increase the number of economic immigrants coming to Ontario. This announcement also represents and showcases government coordinated efforts at the provincial and federal levels in recognizing immigrants' significant contributions to the province's economic growth and prosperity. Increasing immigration levels will have positive impacts on our province, including boosting our economy, addressing labour market needs, and enhancing cultural diversity."

- Sara Asalya

Executive Director, Newcomer Women's Services Toronto

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- [Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program](#)
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- [Ontario Bridge Training Program for internationally-trained immigrants](#)

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BACKGROUND

Working for Workers Act, 2023

March 20, 2023

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

The Ontario government is introducing changes to continue leading the country in providing ground-breaking protections for workers. These proposed changes expand on the ground-breaking actions in the *Working for Workers Acts*, [2021](#) and [2022](#), which are already helping millions of people in Ontario.

Today, the government intends to introduce the *Working for Workers Act, 2023*, that would, if passed:

- Make Ontario's job-protected [leave for military reservists](#) the most flexible and comprehensive in all of Canada. This will allow reservists to have their job protected when they are deployed to emergency operations inside Canada even if it's their first day at a new job, reduce the length of employment required for all other reasons from three months to two months, and expand the reasons for taking reservist leave to include where the employee may need additional time off to recover from physical or mental injuries.
- Increase the maximum fine that may be imposed on a corporation convicted of an offence under the [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#) (OHSA) from \$1.5 million to \$2 million. This would give Ontario the [highest maximum corporate fines](#) under workplace health and safety legislation in Canada, build on changes announced in the [Working for Workers Act, 2022](#), and reinforce the importance of putting worker safety first and further penalize employers that treat injuries as the cost of doing business.
- Give greater certainty to employees starting a new job by proposing regulatory changes to require employers [provide employees with information](#) about their job, such as pay, work location and hours of work, and the date by which that information needs to be provided (e.g., before their first shift).
- Include employees who work solely from home in the count for [mass termination provisions](#) to ensure that remote employees receive the same

eight-week minimum notice of termination or pay-in-lieu as their in-office colleagues.

- Strengthen protections for temporary foreign workers by establishing the [highest maximum fines](#) in Canada for employers and people who are convicted of taking possession of or retaining a foreign national's passport or work permit.
- Continue to advance international credential recognition, by introducing further measures to help remove barriers facing internationally trained professionals when seeking registration in regulated professions in Ontario, which includes clarifying that a regulated profession can only accept Canadian experience in satisfaction of a qualification for registration if it also accepts alternatives that meet certain criteria.

The government is also proposing to [remove barriers for women](#) in the construction sector by introducing new regulatory amendments that will make the skilled trades more accessible to women by ensuring they have access to at least one women's-only washroom on jobsites and properly fitting equipment such as uniforms, boots and safety harnesses.

In addition, the Ontario government is making it easier for firefighters, fire investigators and their families to get access to Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) compensation by proposing to [expand presumptive cancer coverage](#) for firefighters to include thyroid and pancreatic cancers.

The government is also [preparing students to enter the skilled trades faster](#) by allowing students in Grade 11 to transition to a full-time skilled trades apprenticeship program. After receiving their certificate of Apprenticeship, these young workers can apply for their Ontario Secondary School Diploma as mature students.

The government will consult with employers, unions, education stakeholders, trainers, parents, and others on ways to make it easier for young people to enter the skilled trades. This includes the potential of lowering entry requirements for some skilled trades that currently require a Grade 12-level education.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Introducing Highest Fines in Canada for Withholding Worker Passports](#)
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Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"



For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, 3:00 p.m., March 6, 2023)

Renfrew County and District Health Unit Announces Service Hub Relocation

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) and the Town of Renfrew are pleased to announce negotiations are underway to secure the future location of the RCDHU Service Hub. RCDHU services will be relocating to 127 Raglan Street South in Renfrew at the end of June, 2023.

RCDHU is committed to ensuring public health service delivery in Renfrew County and District. In-person client services will be readily accessible at the new location including, but not limited to, clinics for routine immunization, parent child wellness and Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

"The Town of Renfrew is excited to work with Renfrew County and District Health Unit as a tenant within the former police detachment space at Town Hall. The health unit is an important partner given the importance and impact of their programs and services on Renfrew and surrounding area residents. We look forward to exploring other potential synergies and partnerships to support health and well-being," states Mayor Tom Sidney, Town of Renfrew.

Ann Aikens, Chair, Board of Health for RCDHU, states, "On behalf of the board and our dedicated team at RCDHU, I am delighted about our new partnership with the Town of Renfrew. Our municipal partners provided so much support to us during the pandemic. This is an excellent example of how we can continue to work together collaboratively to meet the public health needs of the community."

RCDHU will vacate its current location at 450 O'Brien Road at the end of June, 2023. RCDHU aims to ensure there will be no disruption of services during the relocation period.

RCDHU staff look forward to working with the residents of Renfrew County and District from this new location. To stay connected, visit www.rcdhu.com and continue to monitor RCDHU and Town of Renfrew social media accounts.

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FCM Board of Directors discuss municipal priorities ahead of the federal budget



March 10, 2023

The president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Taneen Rudyk, issued the following statement at the conclusion of the FCM Board of Directors meetings in Regional Municipality of Durham, Ontario.

“Municipalities are known for turning shared federal-municipal aspirations into action on the ground. From job-creating infrastructure projects to local climate resilience, to fostering safe and inclusive communities, we are improving Canadians’ quality of life in ways that are efficient and equitable.

“This work continues in the face of significant challenges for local governments. This week’s FCM Board of Directors meeting was an

opportunity for municipal leaders to focus on delivering more and better results on key priorities like infrastructure, climate adaptation and mitigation, housing and homelessness, and community well-being.

“Municipalities own and maintain a large proportion of key public infrastructure, despite relying on an outdated fiscal framework. Ahead of the upcoming federal budget, we are advocating vigorously for the next generation of core infrastructure. The estimated cost of addressing all municipal assets currently in “poor” and “very poor” condition is more than \$175 billion. Yet core infrastructure is crucial to growing communities, increasing housing supply, and delivering the basic services Canadians rely on.

“That is why FCM is calling for the next federal budget to address municipal infrastructure needs, including the creation of a new dedicated water and wastewater infrastructure fund, the permanent doubling of the proven Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF, formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund), investments in inter-community transit that builds on programs like the Rural Transit Solutions Fund, and more. These are efficient, cost-effective measures that will make life better in this country.

“Additionally, municipalities are focused on preparing and protecting Canadians from the ongoing effects of extreme climate events. That is why our members are urging substantial climate resilience investments, including an immediate increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) totaling \$2 billion in 2022–2023 and at least \$1 billion per year over ten years for disaster mitigation infrastructure.

“Discussions among the Board also touched on the ongoing challenge of housing supply. FCM recognizes that all orders of government have important responsibilities and roles to play in alleviating this challenge, and local leaders are urging the federal government to work closely with municipalities. Action includes prioritizing a swift and effective rollout of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund in close collaboration

with municipalities through FCM, to rapidly advance the Urban, Rural and Indigenous Housing Strategy, and to optimize and continue to invest in critical National Housing Strategy programs.

“Finally, FCM’s Board reiterated that community wellbeing is the basis of truly livable municipalities in Canada. That starts with safe communities, and today, FCM again calls for the federal commitment to absorb all retroactive costs associated with new RCMP bargaining agreements. FCM also continues to advocate for access to crucial services to address the ongoing mental health and addictions crises.

“With the meeting of the Board of Directors coinciding with International Women’s Day on March 8, our Board took the opportunity to call for continued support for FCM’s Canadian Women in Local Leadership (CanWILL) program – as part of a national effort to help counter harassment of female elected officials and public figures.

“Together we can go further and build a growing quality of life for all, in a Canada that is resilient, safer, and more affordable.”

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) unites over 2,100 local governments at the national level, representing more than 90 per cent of Canadians in every province and territory.

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Statement from FCM on the launch of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund



March 17, 2023

FCM president Taneen Rudyk issued the following statement on the launch of the federal Housing Accelerator Fund.

“Today, the Prime Minister announced the launch of the long-awaited federal Housing Accelerator Fund—an important sign of progress in the national effort to improve housing supply across the country.

“All orders of government, including municipalities, have a responsibility to address this challenge. With Canada’s population set to continue growing in the coming years, the [Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation](#) (CMHC) estimates that an additional 3.5 million new housing units are needed above the current trend if Canada is going to restore housing affordability by 2030. This is an ambitious target and a tight timeline—nobody better appreciates the need for urgency and collaboration than municipal leaders.

“FCM welcomes today’s news. Our members have been steadfast in advocating for the Housing Accelerator Fund to be launched quickly to remove local barriers that block the creation of the right kind of housing supply and affordable housing. With the fund now launched, municipalities can prepare to leverage this support.

“A significant level of detail on the application process has been provided as part of this announcement. FCM must underscore the importance of an application process that is streamlined and accessible, with eligibility considerations that do not create barriers to the kind of transformative action Canada needs.”

“In this period, ahead of the formal intake process, FCM will continue to work with the federal government and CMHC to ensure the Housing Accelerator Fund is accessible to all local governments—in order to advance our shared goal of increasing the right supply of housing.”

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

February 13, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AMO Matters

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

AMO has made a [submission](#) to MMAH's consultation on municipal reporting on planning matters. The submission makes 5 recommendations based on consultation with municipalities requested to submit a housing pledge.

Provincial Matters

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 Normal Farm Practices Protection Board is proposing updates to its Rules of Practice and Procedure. See the [ERO posting](#) for details.

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

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

Federal Matters

The Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario and AMO have prepared a [template letter](#) for Councils to send to the Minister of Transport. Councils are also encouraged to support [Warwick's resolution](#).

Eye on Events

Springtime in Paris is hosted by the County of Brant, April 26 - 28, inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event. [Register](#) for the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and book your [accommodations](#) by March 25 to take advantage of conference rates.

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

AMO understands that action is required and is holding an [Ending Homelessness Symposium](#) May 3-4. This important event will offer perspectives on the root causes of homelessness – including income insecurity, insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addictions challenges and the policy responses required. This one and a half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations.

AMO is excited about this year's Conference hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20 - 23, 2023. Book your [accommodations and register](#) now for this important event.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to exhibit or sponsor at the 2023 AMO Conference - the largest municipal conference in Ontario. Full details on how your organization can participate is located here [here](#).

AMO's Foundations in Planning and Deeper Dive training prepares elected officials in understanding planning concepts and requirements as well making strategic decisions on the complex issues you will face over the coming term. Register [here](#) and [here](#).

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Following on the success of the 2022 AMO-LAS Energy Symposium, this [in-person event](#) will once again bring information and insight to all the energy issues on your mind. Information on the location of the Symposium, registration and how to submit a proposal to present is coming soon.

AMO has designed its training to support members in your leadership roles. Our training offers skills to navigate the many relationships you encounter as an elected official. [Navigating Conflict Relationships for Elected Officials](#) is a top-rated course you shouldn't miss. New dates available for our [Human Rights and Equity](#) training offering insights, understanding and skills to support your role as an employer in these complex areas.

LAS

LAS is working with Save on Energy to help municipalities analyze their building's energy data and report on their performance. Watch for more information in the coming weeks. To give you a glimpse into what is coming, [register here](#) for their free webinar coming March 30, 2023.

The [Canoe Procurement Group Technology](#) category is growing! We're pleased to welcome Quadiant Canada Ltd., Toshiba, and Konica Minolta Business Solutions (Canada) to the program. Keep your tech modern and streamline your processes through Canoe. [Contact Simon](#) to learn more.

The [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment](#) service gives access to high-quality, usable information at an affordable price. Machine learning and AI helps make sure you get the best bang for the buck out of your maintenance dollars. We're getting ready for a busy summer season, contact [Tanner](#) today to get a no-obligation quote for your scan.

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Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville](#). Provides leadership and direction to the long-term strategic planning process to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of corporate services. Apply to careers@waterhousesearch.net by March 24.

[Regional Director, Municipal Services - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#). Provide leadership and direction on the delivery of high-quality, value-added programs and services to municipalities. [Apply online](#) by March 21.

[Request for Proposal, Integrity Commissioner - Town of Espanola](#). You are invited to submit a proposal for the services of an Integrity Commissioner to administer the approved Code of Conduct and all associated approved by-laws and legislation. Apply to jburke@espanola.ca by March 31.

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March 16, 2023

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AMO Matters

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

AMO has made a [submission](#) to MMAH's consultation on municipal reporting on planning matters. The submission makes 5 recommendations based on consultation with municipalities requested to submit a housing pledge.

The [Call for Nominations for the 2023 Ontario Small Urban Municipalities \(OSUM\) Executive Committee](#) is now open. Those interested in running for the Committee election are required to fill out the [nomination form](#) and return by 4 pm April 14.

Provincial Matters

Applications for the [2023-24 Inclusive Community Grants](#) are open until April 20. Municipalities and other organizations can apply for up to \$60,000 for projects that help older residents and people with disabilities participate in community life.

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 Normal Farm Practices Protection Board is proposing updates to its Rules of Practice and Procedure. See the [ERO posting](#) for details.

The Ministry of Transportaion has published a [Transit Technology Toolkit](#) for small and medium sized municipalities, indigenous communities, and transit systems. The kit helps communities to navigate new transit technologies. For more information, contact: mto.smart.mobility@ontario.ca.

Federal Matters

The Drainage Superintendents Association of Ontario and AMO have prepared a [template letter](#) for Councils to send to the Minister of Transport. Councils are also encouraged to support [Warwick's resolution](#).

Eye on Events

Springtime in Paris is hosted by the County of Brant, April 26 - 28, inviting municipal leaders from small urban municipalities to this important event. [Register](#) for the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities Conference and book your [accommodations](#) by March 25 to take advantage of conference rates.

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

AMO understands action is required and is holding an [Ending Homelessness Symposium](#) May 3-4. This important event will offer perspectives on the root causes of homelessness - including income insecurity, insufficient supply of deeply affordable housing, insufficient responses to mental health and addictions challenges and the policy responses required. This one and a half-day event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations. [Register today](#) as space is limited.

AMO is excited about this year's Conference hosted by the City of London at RBC Place London and DoubleTree by Hilton, August 20 - 23, 2023. Book your [accommodations and register](#) now for this important event.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to exhibit or sponsor at the 2023 AMO Conference - the largest municipal conference in Ontario. Full details on how your organization can participate is located [here](#).

AMO's Foundations in Planning and Deeper Dive training prepares elected officials in understanding planning concepts and requirements as well making strategic decisions on the complex issues you will face over the coming term. Register [here](#) and [here](#).

AMO training examines the realities, responsibilities, challenges and opportunities of municipally elected officials in today's context. Essential information on legislation, policy, roles, responsibilities and managing relationships are only some of the things attendees will gain insight and tools on. Register today for [New Councillor training](#).

AMO's Health and Safety Program Management partner, [4S Consulting](#), is hosting a

webinar on March 29 at 8:30am EST on the double rebate offering from WSIB for municipal health and safety programs. Learn more on how to create sustainable health and safety programs.

LAS

An LAS staff member tests a new organics composting technology available through our group buying program. Read and watch as he documents his adventure in this week's blog.

RadioMobile and Genesys are two of our newest Canoe Procurement Group suppliers found under the Public Safety Software category. Now you can access modern technology quickly and affordably to keep your communication lines open. Contact Simon to learn more.

The LAS Fuel Program has moved. Realize lower prices on gasoline, diesel, oil and lubricants now offered under Canoe's Fuel Program. Contact Jesse Patenaude for a no obligation quote and find out how much you can save.

Municipal Wire*

The legal primer on natural asset management was developed by the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative (MNAI), through funding provided by FCM; it explores the responsibilities Canadian local governments have to protect nature as part of service delivery. The legal primer is national in scope with analysis of four sample provinces (AB, BC, ON & NB) as well as case studies and legal developments to watch.

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Manager Waste Collection - Region of Peel. Oversees enforcement of the waste collection by-law, management of waste collection container inventory, development and management of the waste collection budget. Apply online by March 26.

Legal Counsel - Niagara Region. Responsible for providing legal support and advice on a broad range of legal matters to staff and Council. Apply online by April 9.

General Manager, Halton Digital Access Services Corporation (HDASC). Oversee and manages the start-up and operation of HDASC. Apply to haltontalentacquisition@halton.ca by April 3.

Municipal Integrity Commissioner - City of London. Independent accountability officer given authority under the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*. Apply to mschulth@london.ca by April 13.

Manager, Service Coordination & Improvement - City of Kitchener. Leads or participates in planning and implementation of change initiatives that improve internal and external service delivery. Apply online by March 24.

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March 9, 2023

Attention: Municipal Clerk

Subject: Municipal Engineers Association 2023 Bursary Awards Program

The Municipal Engineers Association (MEA) is pleased to advise that it will be offering its 2023 Bursary Program to assist students enrolling in the first year of an engineering program at the University level for the upcoming 2023/2024 academic year. This is the 16th consecutive year the MEA will be awarding bursaries to prospective engineering students. Since the inception of the program, the MEA has awarded over \$165,000 to children/dependents of municipal employees and elected councillors. Up to ten (10) awards will be provided this year; the two (2) highest scoring applications will receive the *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* and the *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000 each; the balance valued at \$1,500 each.

The MEA is a non-profit association representing the interests of over 1,100 municipal engineers across Ontario who are employed as professional engineers at Ontario municipalities and other provincial agencies serving in the engineering/public works field. The MEA values the contribution of all municipal employees, is committed to the technical excellence of our future municipal engineers, is sensitive to serving the community and the need for effective communication skills.

Please find attached the following items:

1. Eligibility and Selection Criteria
2. 2023 MEA Bursary Application form (applications can also be done online).
3. Bursary Notice Flyer (1 page) that can be used to assist you in publicizing this year's bursary at your municipality.

The above items are also available for download at www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary.

We respectfully request that the Clerk's office make reasonable efforts to notify their municipal employees about the availability of the MEA's 2022 Bursary Program including the selection criteria, application process and the deadline (midnight May 14, 2023).

We appreciate the opportunity to work with the children/dependents of municipal employees to contribute to their academic studies to become engineers. If you require any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



D.M. (Dan) Cozzi, P. Eng.
Executive Director
Municipal Engineers Association

2023 MEA Bursary Awards Program

- A. Purpose
- B. Eligibility
- C. Application Requirements
- D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria
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A. Purpose

The MEA Bursary Program provides financial assistance to encourage secondary school students to pursue a career in engineering. Up to ten (10) bursaries will be awarded to students enrolling into an Engineering Program at the University level. The two (s) highest scoring applications will receive the:

- *John Hammer Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000; and,
- *William Robinson Memorial Bursary* valued at \$2,000.

The balance of the bursaries are valued at \$1,500 each.

B. Eligibility

- The MEA Bursary Program is open to all children and/or dependents of current, full-time, municipal employees and elected municipal Councillors in Ontario. Full-time “part-time” employees who work at least 24 hours per week are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.
- Must be an Ontario resident and Canadian citizen.
- Student must be in the process of completing a secondary school program in Ontario and be eligible for graduation in the year of application.
- Student must have been accepted and commit to entering an undergraduate engineering program (1st year) at a Canadian University as a full-time student.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extracurricular activities at their school and/or in civic organizations.
- The awards are non-renewable and non-transferable.

C. Application Requirements

- Each application (attached) will include the following:
 - Name and signature of applicant
 - name(s) and signature(s) of parent/guardian and the name of the municipality where employed;
 - Applicant’s secondary school transcript;
 - Applicant’s resume that includes details of extracurricular activities and contributions to their community;
 - Demonstration of financial need;
 - 300-word explanation of why the applicant aspires to be an engineer;
 - 500-word essay on a topic of the applicant’s choice relating to municipal engineering or public works
- Each application must include a copy of the University Admission Offer Letters and/or any other supporting documents confirming enrolment/acceptance at an Ontario University (or equivalent) and their response to enter into an undergraduate engineering program as a full-time student (***if this is not available at the time of submission, the application can proceed, but it must be provided prior to actual award of the MEA bursary cheque***).
- Applicants are encouraged to submit their application online at www.municipalengineers.on.ca. Alternatively, applications may be submitted in PDF format and emailed to info@municipalengineers.on.ca.
- Submission deadlines for all applications will be midnight on **May 14, 2023**.

D. Selection Committee and Awards Criteria

- All bursary applications will be reviewed/judged by the Municipal Engineers Association through its Bursary Committee and will be assessed/scored/ranked as follows:
 - Complete Application: 15 Points
 - Demonstrated Financial Need: 10 Points
 - Extra-curricular activities (sports/volunteerism, helping others): 15 Points
 - Why They Aspire to be an Engineer: 25 Points
 - Essay Component (creativity, logical, grammar/spelling): 20 Points
 - Overall Quality of Application: 15 Points
- As many as 10 applications will be awarded bursaries.
- The 2 highest ranked applications will be awarded the ***John Hammer Memorial Bursary and William Robinson Memorial Bursary*** valued at \$2,000 each
- the balance of awards will be for \$1,500 each.
- All decisions of the Bursary Committee are final - only those receiving a bursary award will be notified.
- The monetary awards (cheques) will be forwarded to successful applicants upon the completion of the judging and only after the receipt of university confirmation of acceptance and evidence of student commitment to enter a university engineering program.

E. Consent for Photo & Communications:

- Each Bursary winner will be required to provide the MEA with a photo holding the cheque.
- Each Bursary winner consents to:
 - their photo being posted on the MEA's website and used in other communications by the MEA.
 - MEA contacting the municipal council where the parent/guardian is employed notifying them of the award.

2023 MEA BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

1. Contact Information

Student Name	
Home Address/Telephone/E-mail	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian' Municipal Employer & Job Title	
Parent/Guardian's Municipal Business Address/Telephone/E-mail	

2. Education

Please provide us with a copy of secondary school transcript and volunteer hours form.

Letters of reference are welcome.

Post-Secondary Schools applied for	
Engineering Program applied for	

3. Why have you selected an Engineering Program?

Tell us about your interest in the selected education program and why you would like to be an engineer (300-words)

4. Special Interests

Summarize any special interests you have acquired from employment, volunteer work, or through other activities, including hobbies or sports.

5. Why should you receive this Bursary?

Summarize your interest in this bursary. Demonstrate financial need.

6. Essay Submission

Please indicate your essay topic and attach a copy of your essay to this Application (500-words).

7. Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted for this bursary, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in withdrawal of the bursary.

Student Name (printed)	
Applicant Signature / Date	
Parent/Guardian Signature / Date	

NOTE: If you have any questions, please contact: dan.cozzi@municipalengineers.on.ca

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Candidates must complete an application to the MEA. Please visit www.municipalengineers.on.ca/bursary for further details. The application deadline is midnight, May 14, 2023.

Eligibility

- Candidates must be in their final year of a secondary school program.
- Candidates must have been granted conditional acceptance at a Canadian University in an engineering program (1st year) and will be required to show proof of entering that program.
- Interest in, and contribution to, their community through active participation in extra-curricular activities on campus and/or in civic organizations.
- As part of the application, the Municipal Engineers Association requires the student to submit a 300-word explanation on why they wish to become an engineer and a 500-word essay on an engineering-related topic.
- All applicants must be children and/or dependents of current, full-time municipal employees or elected municipal councillors in Ontario. Full time “part time” employees, who work at least 24 hours per week, are also eligible if they qualify for OMERS pension and benefits.

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March 10, 2023

Attention: Oliver Jacob
Client Services Coordinator
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105 Elgin St West
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Dear Oliver,

The Arnprior Lionettes had a very successful Friendship Picnic Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, February 26, 2023. Your generosity of waiving the rental fees for the Nick Smith Centre went towards offsetting our expenses which was very much appreciated. Your Customer Service Personnel had the letter of acceptance for our request ready when I stopped in to get our Lottery License.

This Friendship Picnic Dinner is one of our fund raising ventures that assist the less fortunate residents of Arnprior/McNab Braeside and we took in \$1,100.00.

Thank you once again for helping us make our venture a hugh success.

Yours truly,

Lionette Betty Dunlop
Co-Chairperson Ways & Means Committee

Cc: Attention: Graeme Ivory
Nick Smith Centre