



**Town of Arnprior  
Regular Meeting of Council: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Correspondence Package No. I-23-APR-08**

**Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-APR-08 be received as information and filed accordingly.

**General Information Items:**

**1. Correspondence from the Province of Ontario**

- a) Ontario Providing More Supportive Housing for Vulnerable People
- b) Ontario Strengthening Protections for Tenants
- c) Ontario Helping Families Save Money with Energy-Efficiency Program
- d) Ontario Creating Conditions for More Investments and Jobs
- e) COVID-19 Booster Recommended for High-Risk Individuals This Spring
- f) Ontario Introduces Next Steps to Support Housing Supply Growth
- g) Ontario Launches New Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Price Plan
- h) Ontario Making it Easier and More Convenient to Visit Provincial Parks

**2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew**

- a) OVTA Hosting Ottawa Valley Tourism Conference & AGM in Hardwood Lake
- b) Getting Started with IP Copyright Webinar
- c) Mental Health in the Workplace Webinar

**3. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

- a) Watch File – April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- b) Watch File – April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**4. Correspondence from Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Programs Inc.**

a) [Spring 2023 Newsletter](#)

**5. Correspondence from the Renfrew County 55+ Senior Games**

a) [Summer 2023 Invitation and Registration Information](#)

## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Providing More Supportive Housing for Vulnerable People

Additional investment will help people experiencing or at risk of homelessness

April 04, 2023

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing an additional \$202 million annually in homelessness prevention programs to help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and to support community organizations delivering supportive housing.

“We know Ontario’s housing supply crisis impacts all Ontarians, no matter their background or budget,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “That’s why we’ve increased funding for our homelessness prevention programs by more than 40 per cent. These measures complement the bold and transformational change we are implementing to tackle the housing supply crisis and get more homes built faster across Ontario.”

This new funding, announced in the 2023 Budget, will be provided through the Homelessness Prevention Program and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program, and builds on the government’s investment of nearly \$4.4 billion over the past three years to grow and enhance community and supportive housing.

“During a time of economic challenges and change, our government is supporting those who have fallen on hard times and are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing, homelessness,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Ontario’s 2023 Budget: *Building a Strong Ontario* is the right plan to support those who need it the most today while laying a strong fiscal foundation for future generations.”

Of the \$202 million in additional annual funding, \$190.5 million will be provided each year through the Homelessness Prevention Program, which gives Ontario’s 47 service managers greater flexibility to allocate funding and make better use of existing resources to focus on reducing and preventing homelessness. The remaining \$11.5 million each year will be invested in the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program, which provides Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate long-term housing solutions and support services to Indigenous people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

"Supportive housing provides people in need with a roof over their heads. It also connects them with services that provide a hand up to improve their circumstances, including mental health support and job training," said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister for Housing. "Our government met with partners and stakeholders across the province this past fall – we heard their concerns and are addressing their valuable feedback to improve Ontario's supportive housing system. This investment will make a real impact to support housing providers that help vulnerable Ontarians each and every day."

The Ontario government's 2023 budget, Building a Strong Ontario, is helping to drive economic growth, attract jobs and investments, and build key infrastructure projects faster. The government's plan is also training skilled workers to fill in-demand jobs, keeping costs down for those who need it the most, and providing better health and public services for Ontario families.

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### Quick Facts

- This \$202 million increase in annual funding brings the total yearly funding for the Homelessness Prevention Program and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program to \$700 million.
- The increased funding is being allocated based on a revised funding model that better reflects the current need for homelessness services and supportive housing in community across Ontario. Funding dollars are being increased to address increased needs, particularly during a time of rising inflation, and to help ensure no service manager receives a decrease in funding compared to 2022-23 as a result of the transition to the new model.
- The changes also address the recommendation in the Auditor General's 2021 value-for-money audit on homelessness, which called for a better funding model for homelessness programs that would target areas where funding is most needed.

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### Additional Resources

- Learn more about supportive [housing](#) in Ontario and find your local [service manager](#) to see what housing supports are available in your community.
- [Ontario's Community Housing Renewal Strategy](#)
- Read the [2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario](#)
- [More Homes Built Faster](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Strengthening Protections for Tenants

Proposed changes would also tackle delays at the Landlord and Tenant Board

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LONDON — Ontario is taking steps to support renters and rental housing providers by increasing the number of adjudicators and staff at the Landlord and Tenant Board to speed up decision timeframes, as well as strengthening a broad range of tenant protections.

Ontario is investing \$6.5 million to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.

“Residents and rental housing providers deserve fast results, and government bureaucracy should not stand in the way,” said Attorney General Doug Downey. “That is why we’re investing millions of dollars to increase the number of adjudicators and staff at the Landlord and Tenant Board, so the board can continue its work to reduce its case load, improve client service and resolve disputes faster.”

Ontario is also taking steps to make life easier for renters, with proposed changes that would enhance tenants’ rights to install air conditioning in their units. The government is also proposing to strengthen protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord’s own use.

“Today’s announcement builds on the record number of rental housing starts that have occurred in recent years thanks to the actions our government has taken,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “We know this record is being challenged by external economic factors, but we will continue to take actions that lay the groundwork for long-term housing supply growth. Meanwhile, our government is also taking real steps to make life easier, stabler and more predictable for tenants and landlords alike.”

When evicting a tenant to use the unit themselves (or for their family), a landlord (or their family members) would have to move into the unit by a specific deadline.

When evicting a tenant to renovate a unit, landlords would be required to:

- provide a report from a qualified person stating the unit must be vacant for renovations to take place
- update the tenant on the status of the renovation in writing (if they plan to return)
- give them a 60-day grace period to move back in, once the renovations are complete

If the landlord doesn't allow the tenant to move back in at the same rent, the tenant would have two years after moving out, or six months after renovations are complete (whichever is longer), to apply to the Landlord and Tenant Board for a remedy.

When a tenant is in arrears of rent, they may enter into a repayment agreement with their landlord to pay the rent they owe and avoid eviction. To make it easier for both tenants and landlords, the government is proposing to require use of the Landlord and Tenant Board's plain language repayment agreement form. This would help ensure all parties better understand their rights and responsibilities.

The province remains focused on its long-term goal of creating 1.5 million homes by 2031, including rental homes. In October 2022, More Homes Built Faster introduced changes to reduce barriers for home builders to replace older, mid-sized rental apartments with larger, more modern rental buildings.

The government is consulting on changes that will help to create a balanced framework governing municipal rental replacement by-laws. For example, the government is considering requiring replacement units to have the same core features (e.g., number of bedrooms) as original units. The proposals would also give existing tenants the right to move into the new unit while paying the same rent. This would help protect affordable housing while encouraging the revitalization of older, deteriorating buildings and increasing rental housing supply.

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## Quick Facts

- The Landlord and Tenant Board funding builds on the government's April 2022 investment of \$4.5 million over three years as part of the More Homes Built Faster: Ontario's Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-23, along with an additional \$1.4 million in November 2022 to hire operational staff.
- The province is proposing to double the maximum fines for offences under the Residential Tenancies Act (such as bad faith renovictions) to \$100,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for corporations. Ontario has the highest fines in Canada for residential tenancy offences.



- In 2022, Ontario broke ground on nearly 15,000 new purpose-built rentals, a 7.5 per cent increase from 2021 and the highest number on record.
- The government has committed to releasing updates to its housing supply action plans every year to help address the housing supply crisis.

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## Quotes

"Our government will continue to stand up for both renters and landlords, ensuring the rules surrounding rental housing are fair, reasonable and enforced in a timely manner. This announcement builds on our record of rental housing growth while setting the stage for future growth over the long term."

- Nina Tangri  
Associate Minister of Housing

"Today's announcement is welcome news for renters in London and across Ontario, and I'm so pleased Minister Clark, Associate Minister Tangri and Attorney General Downey were able to be here in person to make it. London shares the province's goal of tackling the housing supply crisis by getting more shovels in the ground, including for rental housing. That's why London was one of the first cities to approve its housing pledge in response to last year's provincial housing supply action plan – and I'm pleased the province is following up with a suite of measures to make life fairer and more secure for renters and landlords alike."

- Josh Morgan  
Mayor of London

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## Additional Resources

- [More Homes Built Faster](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Learn more about the Landlord and Tenant Board](#)

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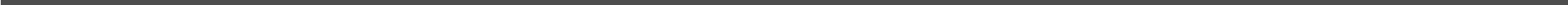


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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Helping Families Save Money with Energy-Efficiency Program

Program providing home upgrades that will reduce energy use and bills for families

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TORONTO – Ontario is helping thousands of additional families reduce their energy use and save money by updating the eligibility for the [Energy Affordability Program](#) which provides free home-efficiency upgrades for Ontarians who are looking for support with their energy bills. To ensure families have access to these critical supports and help keep costs down, the income eligibility threshold is being raised by \$11,715 for a four-person household, and by \$8,285 for a couple.

“As the home heating season continues, our government is helping families reduce their energy use and save money on their bills”, said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “With this update to the Energy Affordability Program, Ontario is ensuring access to free home energy-efficiency upgrades like insulation, smart thermostats, and energy-efficient refrigerators and air conditioners.”

The Energy Affordability Program offers energy saving measures that can help participating households manage their energy use and lower electricity costs by up to \$750 per year depending on eligibility, at no cost to the customer. The energy-efficiency upgrades and types of support available are tailored based on various factors including home heating system, location and an assessment of energy needs.

Under the increased income eligibility threshold, a four-person household with a before-tax income of \$84,872, or a couple with a before-tax income of \$60,014, is now eligible for support through the Energy Affordability Program. That represents an increase of 16 per cent compared to the previous income threshold.

The government is also continuing to invest in other critical programs to support Ontarians who are looking for support with their electricity or natural gas bills. The [Ontario Electricity Support Program](#) provides an on-bill credit of up to \$75 per month to provide support for low-income households when paying their electricity bills.

Customers can also access the [Low-Income Energy Assistance Program](#) and receive up to \$600 in emergency assistance if they are behind on their electricity or natural gas bill and face having their service disconnected.

“Updates to the Energy Affordability Program will provide greater comfort and lower bills for income-eligible Ontarians,” said Chuck Farmer, Vice-President, Planning, Conservation and Resource Adequacy at the IESO. “Energy efficiency programs like this reduce electricity demand and contribute to the overall reliability of Ontario’s power system.”

The Energy Affordability Program and Enbridge’s [Home Winterproofing Program](#), which provides home energy upgrades to income-eligible natural gas customers, are now coordinated through a one-window approach. That means an improved customer experience and making it easier than ever for families to receive energy-efficient upgrades that will help them reduce energy costs and improve comfort at home.

“Energy affordability and climate change are among the most pressing issues we face today, and energy efficiency is one of the most effective solutions that addresses both,” said Michele Harradence, President, Enbridge Gas. “That’s why we are excited to coordinate efforts to efficiently and cost-effectively deliver conservation programs that can help Ontario families reduce their household energy use, affordably. We look forward to our continued collaboration with the IESO and the Government of Ontario as we chart a path to a dependable, resilient, and sustainable energy future, at the lowest cost for consumers.”

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## Quick Facts

- In October 2022 the government [announced](#) it was increasing funding for the province’s energy-efficiency programs by \$342 million, bringing the total investment to more than \$1 billion over the current four-year electricity conservation framework.
- The Energy Affordability Program, which is funded by the province’s current four-year electricity conservation framework, has provided free energy-efficiency upgrades to more than 47,000 Ontario households since 2018.
- Free energy upgrades may include insulation, draft proofing, smart thermostats, showerheads, aerators, pipe wrap, energy-efficient refrigerator, air conditioner and health and safety measures where needed such as carbon monoxide detectors and attic dampers.

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## Additional Resources

[Manage energy costs for your home](#)

Learn about programs and credits to reduce your energy bills.

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**Related Topics**

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## STATEMENT

# Ontario Creating Conditions for More Investments and Jobs

Key investments will help create jobs today and in the future

April 06, 2023

[Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade](#)

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TORONTO — Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, issued this statement following today's monthly employment release by Statistics Canada that showed employment in Ontario increased by 21,400 jobs in March 2023.

“For the sixth straight month, we have seen jobs increase in Ontario along with new investments from global and domestic companies. Since 2018, more than 600,000 good-paying jobs have been added to the province and we continue to lead the nation in job creation.

Amid global economic uncertainty, our government is taking a targeted and responsible approach to support people and businesses today, while also laying a strong foundation for the future. We're investing in infrastructure, training a world-class workforce, cutting red tape and keeping taxes low so that all companies, from innovative start-ups to global corporate giants, have the best opportunity to grow and create more jobs.

Over the last two and a half years, we've attracted over \$17 billion in auto investments and, just last month, [Volkswagen, Europe's largest automaker](#), announced plans to build its first overseas electric vehicle (EV) battery cell manufacturing facility in St. Thomas. [VueReal, a made-in-Ontario start-up](#), also recently announced a \$40 million manufacturing investment to expand their operations.

As we face global challenges, our government is also doing more to help Ontario-based manufacturing companies remain competitive. As part of our [2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario](#), we're proposing a 10 per cent [Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit](#), helping local manufacturers invest in innovation, expand operations and create new good-paying jobs.

Our government will continue to work around the clock to build a strong Ontario by driving growth and strengthening the province's competitive edge. Our work today will ensure that Ontario workers and businesses continue to succeed now and for

generations to come.”

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## NEWS RELEASE

# COVID-19 Booster Recommended for High-Risk Individuals This Spring

Boosters for high-risk individuals help protect against severe outcomes from COVID-19

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[Health](#)

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TORONTO — Based on guidance from Health Canada and the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health is recommending [high-risk](#) individuals receive their next COVID-19 booster dose this spring.

“Staying up to date with vaccinations continues to be our best defense against COVID-19 and I’m strongly encouraging everyone, especially those with an increased risk of severe infection, to get all boosters available,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “We are grateful to all Ontarians for taking the time to get vaccinated and I’m encouraging everyone to keep helping reduce the spread of respiratory illness by staying home when they feel sick, washing their hands often and covering their mouths when they cough or sneeze.”

Individuals in the following high-risk groups are recommended to book an appointment for a spring COVID-19 booster if it has been at least six months since their last dose or confirmed COVID-19 infection:

- Individuals aged 65 years and older;
- Residents of long-term care homes, retirement homes, Elder Care Lodges, and other congregate living settings for seniors;
- Individuals aged 18 years and older living in a congregate care setting for people with complex medical care needs;
- Pregnant individuals;
- Individuals aged 18 years and older who are moderately to severely immunocompromised; and
- Individuals aged 55 years and older who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis and their non-Indigenous household members aged 55 years and older.



Individuals 5 years and older who have not yet received a booster dose since September 1, 2022, remain recommended to receive a booster dose if it has been at least six months since their last dose or confirmed COVID-19 infection. Recommendations for other individuals who are not high-risk and have already received a booster since September 1, 2022, will be available closer to Fall 2023.

Appointments can be booked via the [COVID-19 vaccination portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre (PVCC) at 1-833-943-3900 (TTY for people who are deaf, hearing-impaired or speech-impaired: 1-866-797-0007). The PVCC is capable of providing assistance in over 300 languages, and parents and caregivers can book for their children and dependents. Eligible individuals can also book an appointment directly through public health units that use their own booking systems, Indigenous-led vaccination clinics, participating health care providers and [participating pharmacies](#).

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### Quick Facts

- Evidence shows that vaccine protection decreases over time and decreases more quickly for higher risk groups.
  - Individuals can access [Ontario's antiviral screener tool](#) to help determine if they are at higher risk and should be assessed for treatment. A positive rapid antigen test, PCR or rapid molecular test is required as part of the assessment for antiviral treatment. Rapid antigen tests will remain available for pick up at no charge until June 30, 2023, from over 3,000 [retail locations](#) in the province. PCR testing is available at any provincial [testing location](#) to eligible groups.
  - Antiviral treatments are available at no cost to Ontarians with a prescription and can be prescribed by a pharmacist, physician or nurse practitioner. Pharmacists are able to prescribe Paxlovid to eligible individuals in-person or virtually (such as by telephone) at no cost. Eligible individuals should contact their primary care provider, local pharmacy or call Health811 for more information.
  - Parents are reminded to also ensure their children are up to date with routine immunization by following [the Ontario routine immunization schedule](#). If your child missed routine vaccinations or if you are unsure about which vaccinations they have received, contact your health care provider or [public health unit](#) to get their vaccination schedule back on track.
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### Additional Resources

- Visit [ontario.ca/antivirals](https://ontario.ca/antivirals) for more information on eligibility and to find local pharmacies that are dispensing Paxlovid.
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's [COVID-19 communication resources](#)

[webpage](#).

- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Introduces Next Steps to Support Housing Supply Growth

Further action will ensure province is ready to build more homes as market conditions improve

April 06, 2023

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**TORONTO** — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act* as it continues to take a responsible, targeted approach to deliver on [its plan](#) to build 1.5 million homes by 2031, while laying a strong foundation to make life easier and more affordable for people across the province.

If passed, the proposed changes would further strengthen homebuyer protections, support tenants and streamline the rules around land-use planning.

“Our government has made [real progress](#) in tackling Ontario’s housing supply crisis, with current housing starts remaining above historic averages”, said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “Like the rest of North America, Ontario is experiencing challenging headwinds that are slowing down new home construction, including inflation, soaring interest rates and labour shortages. Despite these challenges, our government will continue to take action to ensure Ontario is ready to build more homes as market conditions improve.”

The Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan includes:

- A \$6.5 million investment to appoint an additional 40 adjudicators and hire five staff to improve service standards and continue to reduce active applications and decision timeframes at the Landlord and Tenant Board. This increase more than doubles of the number of full-time adjudicators at the Landlord Tenant Board.
- Further strengthening protections against evictions due to renovations, demolitions and conversions, as well as those for landlord’s own use, as well as clarify tenants’ rights to install air conditioners.
- Expanding deposit insurance for First Home Savings Accounts to Ontario at credit unions, and exploring a cooling-off or cancellation period on purchases of newly built freehold homes, as well as mandatory legal review of purchase agreements for all new home purchases.

- Freezing 74 different provincial fees at the 2023-2024 level. This includes fees that directly or indirectly increase the cost of housing.
- Speeding up government approval processes by updating the [Provincial Policy Statement, 2020](#) and integrating it with [A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#) to create a single, provincewide, housing-focused land use planning policy document.

“Our government has been steadfastly focused on Ontario’s housing supply crisis since the moment we first took office,” said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Housing. “We have introduced policies that are helping to get more homes built across Ontario, but we know more needs to be done. Today’s announcement is the next step in our plan to ensure that Ontario’s housing supply continues to grow over the long term, so more Ontarians can find a home they can actually afford.”

Ontario is undertaking a 60-day consultation on the proposed new Provincial Planning Statement until [June 5, 2023](#). This new provincewide planning policy document would provide municipalities with more flexibility, reduce duplication, create more homes in urban and rural communities, support local economies and create jobs while continuing to protect the environment (including existing Greenbelt protections), and public safety. It would also require coordination between municipalities and school boards to consider school and childcare needs earlier in the planning process, so that families moving to new housing can expect that local schools will be available for their children.

The government continues to work with municipal partners to ensure that cities, towns and rural communities grow with a mix of ownership and rental housing that meets the needs of people across the province.

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## Quick Facts

- Despite significant external economic pressures, Ontario is seeing [strong progress](#) resulting from its housing plans. The first plan, [More Homes, More Choice](#), was released in 2019. In the spring of 2022, [More Homes for Everyone](#) was released. [More Homes Built Faster](#) was released in fall of 2022.
- 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, the highest number on record.
- Ontario will continue to call on the federal government to defer the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on all new large scale purpose-built rental housing projects to tackle the ongoing housing affordability crisis. Ontario would support this measure,

as it would help spur the construction of more rental housing units while helping to create jobs, encourage economic development and support growth.

- The province's [Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team](#), made up of municipal leaders and industry experts, will evaluate progress and provide advice on tackling Ontario's housing supply crisis.
- The province is continuing the process of launching third-party audits of select municipalities to get a factual understanding of their finances, including their reserve funds and development charge administration, as part of its commitment to ensure there should be no funding shortfall for housing enabling infrastructure as a result of the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, provided municipalities achieve and exceed their housing pledge levels and growth targets.
- Ontario is looking at [modular construction](#) and other innovative options to reduce the cost of building attainable housing and speed up the creation of housing. As part of this work, we will engage with the housing sector, municipalities and Indigenous communities to consider different opportunities to build housing – using modular and other technologies – in communities across the province.
- In 2022, Ontario started its consultation on a housing-focused policy review of the [Provincial Policy Statement](#) and [A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#), as well as on municipal rental replacement by-laws and how to build more housing while continuing to protect tenants. These consultations for the More Homes Built Faster Plan informed the development of the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan.

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## Additional Resources

- [Ontario's Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Ontario Adding New Protections for Home Buyers](#)
- [Ontario Strengthening Protections for Tenants](#)

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Launches New Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Price Plan

Province's third electricity price plan will offer a new option to reduce energy costs

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[Energy](#).

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TORONTO – The Ontario government is launching a new Ultra-Low Overnight price plan as part of its plan to provide consumers with more ways to keep costs down, save money and take control of their energy bills. Starting May 1, 2023, customers of Toronto Hydro, London Hydro, Centre Wellington Hydro, Hearst Power, Renfrew Hydro, Wasaga Distribution, and Sioux Lookout Hydro can opt-in to this new optional electricity price plan, with all utilities required to offer it to customers within six months.

“Our government has put families back in control of their energy bills, and the new Ultra-Low Overnight price plan will give families and small businesses who use more electricity overnight more ways to save” said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. “Starting May 1 customers can opt-in to the new ultra-low electricity price plan which could save them up to \$90 per year, while at the same time making our grid more efficient, helping to reduce costs for all ratepayers.”

The new electricity pricing structure is a third option for electricity customers, in addition to the existing [Time-of-Use \(TOU\) and Tiered plans](#). Customers that use more electricity at night, including shift workers and those that electrically heat their home or charge their electric vehicle, could save up to \$90 per year by shifting demand to the ultra-low overnight rate period when province-wide electricity demand is lower.

The new ultra-low overnight rate, set by the Ontario Energy Board, will be 2.4 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which is 67 per cent lower than the current off-peak rate, in exchange for a higher on-peak rate.

Delivery of this new ultra-low overnight rate is possible as Ontario continues to have excess clean electricity during overnight hours. Shifting electricity use to these hours will allow the province to better leverage Ontario's clean electricity grid, increasing grid efficiency, resulting in potential capacity cost savings for the electricity system of up to \$5.7 million per year, helping to reduce costs for all Ontario ratepayers.



“By making better use of the province’s clean grid, our government is taking further action to keep electricity affordable in Ontario,” said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “Offering more options for smart electricity use is good news for Ontarians and the environment.”

As Ontario’s electricity demand continues to grow, the government will continue to provide electricity relief for both people and businesses while investing in a clean and reliable energy system across the province.

“As more and more people across the province begin to use EVs, the Ultra-Low Overnight price plan will make it easier and less expensive to charge their vehicles in the evening,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “Ontario continues to strengthen our province’s end-to-end EV supply chain, ensuring that the cars of the future are build right in Ontario by Ontario workers.”

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### Quick Facts

- The new optional Ultra-Low Overnight price plan provides:
    - Ultra-low overnight rate of 2.4 cents per kWh: everyday 11 p.m.-7 a.m.
    - Mid-peak rates of 10.2 cents per kWh: weekdays 7 a.m.-4 p.m. and 9 p.m.-11 p.m.
    - On-peak rates of 24.0 cents per kWh: weekdays 4 p.m.-9 p.m.
    - Weekend off-peak rates of 7.4 cents per kWh: weekends and statutory holidays 7 a.m.-11 p.m.
  - The new optional third price plan is available to all eligible Regulated Price Plan (RPP) TOU and Tiered consumers.
  - Families and small businesses can use the [Ontario Energy Board’s Bill Calculator](#) to determine what electricity rate plan, Tiered, Time-of-Use or Ultra-Low Overnight, best suits their lifestyle and will help them save money on their energy bills.
  - An ultra-low overnight rate will help reduce emissions by encouraging the use of more nighttime electricity, which is typically generated from clean, zero-emissions resources like nuclear, hydro and wind power.
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## Quotes

"Toronto Hydro is pleased to be one of the first utilities to offer the Ultra-Low Overnight price plan to its customers. This new pricing option offers customers more flexibility to help manage electricity costs by shifting high electricity-usage activities, like electric vehicle charging, away from peak times. This is one of the many steps we're taking to prepare our grid for the electrification of major economic sectors like transportation to help Toronto reach net-zero."

- Anthony Haines  
President and CEO, Toronto Hydro

"London Hydro is excited to roll out the ULO rate and help local customers lower the cost of charging electric vehicles at home. The province's initiative will help make the grid more efficient while boosting customer choice for low-rate plans and EV adoption across Ontario."

- Vinay Sharma  
CEO, London Hydro

"The introduction of Ontario's new Ultra-Low Overnight Electricity Pricing Plan provides customers another pricing option to fit their business and lifestyle needs. Customers now have additional choice and flexibility to manage their energy costs and consumption. We welcome this initiative as a positive step towards supporting electrification and a sustainable energy future in Ontario."

- Teresa Sarkesian  
President and CEO, Electricity Distributors Association

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## Additional Resources

### [Electricity Price Plans](#)

Learn about the different types of electricity price plans you can choose from.

### [Manage energy costs for your home](#)

Learn about programs and credits to reduce your energy bills.

### [Made-In-Ontario Environment Plan](#)

Learn about Ontario’s plan to address climate change and protect our air, land and water.

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Making it Easier and More Convenient to Visit Provincial Parks

Visitors now able to book daily vehicle permits in advance at 20 additional parks

April 14, 2023

[Environment, Conservation and Parks](#)

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WASAGA BEACH — The Ontario government is expanding the advance day-use reservation service, available at select provincial parks. This year, 20 additional parks will adopt the service, bringing the total to [57 parks across the province](#). This expansion will help reduce overcrowding and provide visitors with greater certainty when planning park visits on busy days like weekends and holidays.

“Ontario’s provincial parks are some of the most beautiful and well-loved places in our province, which is why we are always looking for ways to improve and modernize the Ontario Parks experience,” said David Piccini, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “By expanding the advance daily vehicle permit service, we are responding to feedback from visitors who want a fast and convenient way to visit our parks so they can focus on what really matters – enjoying their visit to the fullest.”

Visitors can book a daily vehicle permit online up to five days in advance, reducing time spent registering when they arrive so they can spend more time enjoying the park.

Starting this spring, the advance daily vehicle permit service is expanding to the following provincial parks:

- Wasaga Beach, Awenda, Rondeau and MacGregor Point – now available
- Sauble Falls – as of April 21, 2023
- Frontenac and Inverhuron – as of April 28, 2023
- Bronte Creek, Fitzroy, Murphys Point, Oastler Lake, Petroglyphs, Port Burwell, Rideau River and Rock Point – as of May 12, 2023
- Chutes, Esker Lakes, Ivanhoe Lake, Neys and White Lake – as of May 19, 2023

“Building on the success of the last two years, we are pleased to announce the expansion of the advance day-use registration service to even more parks, including Wasaga Beach Provincial Park,” said John Yakabuski, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “To help meet growing customer demand, this easy-to-use online service gives visitors peace of mind by allowing them to reserve their spot in advance to ensure they can access the park they want to visit.”

Ontario Parks encourages visitors to secure an advanced daily vehicle permit where available, especially during busy periods like weekends and holidays, to help guarantee access to participating provincial parks. Visitors can purchase their advance daily vehicle permit online at [reservations.ontarioparks.com](https://reservations.ontarioparks.com). Walk-up permits will continue to be sold, subject to availability.

Continuing to improve and modernize the Ontario Parks system is another way the government is working for you to build stronger and healthier communities. By expanding services like advance daily vehicle permits, the government is ensuring access to recreational opportunities for Ontario families to enjoy, while boosting local tourism and strengthening the protection and health of local wildlife and the environment.

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### Quick Facts

- Visitation to Ontario’s provincial parks has grown steadily in the last decade, reaching over 12 million visits in 2022.
- Spending time in nature can lower the risk of heart attack by 50 per cent, reduce the risk of mental health challenges and help to combat chronic disease.

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### Additional Resources

[Reserve your permit](#)

[Find a provincial park or conservation reserve near you](#)

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# OVTA Hosting Ottawa Valley Tourism Conference & AGM in Hardwood Lake

Posted on Thursday, April 13, 2023



April 5, 2023

**Pembroke, Ontario** – The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) is hosting their first in-person tourism conference and annual general meeting in three years at Maplehaus Rustic Banquet Hall & Event Space in Hardwood Lake. The event is taking place during the weeklong celebration of tourism, Tourism Week and compliments this year's theme of CANADA: Powered by Tourism. It is the first time this event has been held in the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan; a formidable adventure paddling destination as well as a recreational geology hot spot.

Attendees of the full day conference will have the opportunity to network and collaborate while learning about a new culinary tourism strategy for the Ottawa Valley, receive updates from the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and elect a new board of directors for the Association.

In addition to the opportunity for face-to-face networking, attendees will have the opportunity to hear keynote speaker, Altaf Sovani, Industry Expert and author of *Labor Crisis in the Hospitality, Tourism and Event Industry – Finding Innovative Solutions for Recruitment and Retention of Millennials*, discuss the impact of labor



shortages on the tourism industry and share tips on how to recruit, retain and motivate millennials.

Another exciting component of the conference is the announcement of the recipients of the Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards, which celebrate industry achievements, strive for future excellent and honour the memory of those before us. A total of six awards will be presented including: Tourism Champion, Business/Organization of the Year, Event of the Year, Tourism Marketing, Sustainability Champion and New Tourism Product.

"The opportunity to gather in-person again to network and collaborate is very exciting," says Chris Melmoth, President of the OVTA Board of Directors. "We look forward to being together with our fellow tourism operators and community stakeholders to celebrate our successes and prepare for the upcoming summer tourism season."

Members of the OVTA, tourism stakeholders and community leaders are encouraged to attend the Ottawa Valley tourism conference taking place on April 25. The cost to attend is \$76.50/person +HST and registration is available online at <https://guestlist.co/events/743520>

The OVTA is the official destination marketing organization for the Upper Ottawa Valley and proudly represents close to 300 tourism businesses, comprised of attractions and outfitters, accommodation, food, beverage and retail establishments, artists and galleries, municipalities and community organizations, as well as media and industry suppliers. The OVTA is supported by the County of Renfrew, Renfrew County municipalities and the City of Pembroke.

### **For more information:**

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Putting a price on carbon pollution is widely recognized as the most efficient means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while also driving innovation. Our [latest blog](#) helps to understand how carbon pricing is broken down.

Check out this [case study](#) featuring the Town of Essex who use the [LAS Road & Sidewalk program](#) to survey and manage their streets. Are you in need of a road needs study this year? [Contact Tanner](#) to learn how this program will work in your community.

Hastings County's Belleville Seniors Apartment recently took advantage of LAS' [Facility Lighting Service](#). The project was a huge success saving the County thousands of dollars in monthly energy bills and collecting IESO incentives close to 10% of project cost. Interested in finding out more? Contact [Christian Tham](#) for a free lighting proposal.

The Town of Whitby recently offered their staff an [LAS Energy Training workshop](#) with a focus on net zero emissions. Their energy treasure hunt revealed thousands of dollars in potential savings opportunities. Contact [Christian Tham](#) to find out how you can uncover hidden treasure in your buildings.

Join us on April 20 for an informative [webinar](#) featuring the [LAS Road and Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Learn about NEW program features including gravel road assessments, streetview imagery, and updates to the Streetlogix software.

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Spring is in sight and birds have taken flight! Soon we'll be tending to our gardens and fighting off the flies.

Seniors at Home have been busy planning fun programs and events for the upcoming spring and summer season! As a reminder, we are just a phone call away and eager to chat about the services and programs that may be of assistance to you or someone important in your life. We're here to help, so give us a call, 613-623-7981.



*Spring is here!*

## St. Patrick's Music Trivia Night



The Leprechauns were out in full force on Friday night for The St. Patrick's Music Trivia Night fundraiser for Arnprior Braeside McNab Seniors At Home Program Inc. A Heartfelt Thanks to all the teams who participated in our Fundraiser. Together we raised over \$1400 which will go a long way in helping our local seniors!

A special Thank you to our host, Rick Leben and our sponsors who generously donated the First Place Prize and door prizes for this event! Businesses include Under My Roof, Aspira Island View, Metro, Hart, Giant Tiger, The Peavey Mart, The Riverside Grill and Bar and the beautiful balloon arrangement by Claudia's Art. We would also like to congratulate the #1 Music Trivia Team, The Convergence Design & The Thirsty Philosophers- as well as the recipients of the # Team Spirit Award, Big Bad John and Topsy Chicks! Congratulations to everyone, clearly it was a win/win for All!



Top Image: Winning Team: Convergence Design & The Thirsty Philosophers

Bottom Left: Team Spirit Award: Big Bad John & The Topsy Chicks

Bottom Right: ABM Seniors At Home Program Inc. staff – The Lucky Senior Leprechauns

## Valentine Angel Tree

Love was in the air on February 19th! We wish to express our sincere gratitude to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and members for hosting a very special **Valentine Angel Tree** and "Thank You" lunch during fellowship following their weekly Sunday service. In total, they raised \$770.05 towards local seniors in need.







## It's Income Tax Time!

Our Income Tax Program has officially opened! This program is available to individuals with low to modest income with a "simple" tax situation, i.e. no self-employment or business income or expenses, no capital gains or losses, no bankruptcy files.  
**By Appointment Only.** Call 613-623-7981 ext. 108

Our office, located at 106 McGonigal Street West, Arnprior, is open to accept your 2023 Income Tax forms starting March 2, 2023 until April 28, 2023. The service is offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between the hours of 10:00am and 2:00pm.

Image (left to right) – Income Tax Volunteers- Pat Weir, Elizabeth Briggs and Robert Sandles

## SENIORS AT HOME TRANSPORTATION

- Monday through Friday 8:45- 4:15
- Ages 55+, or adults with disabilities
- ALL AGES for our wheelchair accessible service
- Your first trip is on us!
- \$5 each way within the Town of Arnprior
- \$6 each way from the Village of Braeside
- Ride 9 times... 10th trip is FREE
- Prepaid pass cards available for your convenience

## Did you know?

**Specialized Foot Care Clinics are held each Thursday within our agency.**

**To book an appointment, call 613-621-0012**

Soft Soles   
 Advanced Diabetic Foot Care



As we head into a new fiscal year, it also marks the start of our Annual Blue Envelope of Hope Campaign. The operation of many of our programs and services, such as our Para Transit Care Coach, Meals on Wheels, Loan Cupboard, Friendly Visiting etc. rely on proceeds from this campaign. That said, your continued generosity is crucial to ensuring these important services remain active and viable in our community. This year, our goal is \$40,000.

We ask that you keep an eye out for our "Blue Envelope of Hope" in your mailbox and consider a donation by returning the supplied envelope either by mail or drop off at our office, Unit 1, 106 McGonigal St. West, Arnprior, ON K7S 1M4.

We also accept:

- Debit, Visa, or Master Card
- An e-transfer option to [blueenvelope@cssagency.ca](mailto:blueenvelope@cssagency.ca) (include your contact information for a charitable tax receipt)
- The secure online portal [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) is also available from our website [www.cssagency.ca](http://www.cssagency.ca)



Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors At Home Program Inc.  
**BLUE ENVELOPE OF HOPE**

Please return with your donation to:  
 Arnprior-Braeside-McNab  
 Seniors At Home Program Inc.  
 Towne Centre, Unit A1, 106 McGonigal St. West,  
 Arnprior, Ontario K7S 1M4

## Thank You

A special Thank You to our friends from the **Arnprior Lionette's** who graciously offered to donate proceeds from their **SHARE THE WEALTH RAFFLE** to Seniors At Home! Raffle tickets are \$1.00 per ticket and can be purchased at our office located at 106 McGonigal Street, The Arnprior Library, or from a local Lionette!

Left to right – Peggy Frechette and Joan Kelly of the Arnprior Lionette's





# FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!!



The Easter Bunny came in many different forms this year for our 1st Easter Bake Fair & Cake Decorating Contest! There were plenty of smiles, as there were sweets sold by multiple vendors under one roof at the Masonic Hall in town!

**Judging was quite a challenge, as every single cake was nothing short of magnificent!**

## Winners:

- # 1 Overall Winner - Sweet & Sassy
- Most Whimsical - Teagan Banks
- Rising Star - Tessa Moffatt (11 yr. old student)
- People's Choice - Kait Guttridge

We would like to thank the participating vendors and kind-hearted volunteers for their participation! In addition, a **HUGE SHOUT OUT OF THANKS** to Under My Roof, The Peavey Mart, Metro, Canadian Tire and Hart for donations towards the prizes for our event.

Top images – Middle top – Best Overall cake by Sweet & Sassy

Top Right – Most Whimsical by Teagan Banks

Centre Image – Rising Star winner, Tessa Moffatt with her Easter cake in background

Centre Right – People's Choice winning cake prepared by Kait Guttridge

Bottom Left (left to right) – Volunteer Heather Campbell, Suzanne Giroux of SAH, Town of Arnprior Mayor Lisa McGee, and councillors Billy Denault and Chris Couper (Oliver Jacob at back)

Bottom Right – Judges, Gracie Brox of Bee Savvy, Mike Marcil of Giant Tiger & Oliver Jacob of the Town of Arnprior



## NEW HIRE AT SENIORS AT HOME - BOB CREGO

Bob grew up not far from Arnprior, in Stittsville, back when it was a village of 600 people. He worked with the public for 46 years in retail spending most of his career between K mart Canada and Giant Tiger Stores Ltd. Absolutely in love with Arnprior, Bob's worked here since 1996 and purchased a home in 2009. Since retirement, he found himself with too much time on his hands and was wanting to do something fun and meaningful. When he heard that Seniors At Home were looking for casual drivers, he jumped at the opportunity and is so thankful that he was hired! Bob loves meeting new people and happy to be working with an organization that is so helpful and important to our community. **WELCOME BOB!**

Do you need to get rid of confidential papers or old files? If so, mark your calendars for our Annual **SHRED DAY Event - May 13th!**

With the end of Tax season fast approaching, we are pleased to announce our Annual Shred Day Event! Shredding services offer a secure and environmentally shredding solution on site. The cost is \$10 per bankers' box (approx. 15x22 in size), and we can accept office paper, file folders etc. No need to remove staples, paper clips rubber bands, or small binders. For more information, contact us at 613-623-7981!

**SECURE SHREDDING**

**SHRED DAY  
EVENT**  
  
 Preserve the Earth.  
 Protect your Identity.  
  
**COST: \$10 per Banker Box**

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:  
**Seniors At Home: 613.623.7981**



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER

Elizabeth Briggs – Volunteering  
at the St. Patrick's Music Trivia  
Night



My name is Elizabeth Briggs and I have only lived in Arnprior for the last 11 years. I was born in England and came to Canada when I was five. We became Canadians in 1967, our part of celebrating Canada's 100th anniversary. I grew up in Northwestern Ontario and went to university in Waterloo. I worked in Toronto in the Information Technology field in the financial sector. When I retired, I decided to move closer to family, hence the move to the Ottawa valley. As I volunteered all of my life, I wanted to continue and being a Volunteer Driver for Seniors at Home seemed like a great fit, giving me an opportunity to meet people and to assist with a much needed service. I soon expanded my volunteer role to include Income Tax preparation (I like working with numbers) and helping at many other of the events that Seniors sponsors, eg Christmas Craft Fairs, Musical Trivia nights, Jumble Sales, & Shred it days. While driving I have met very many great people, some of whom I have driven for over 8 years including during the pandemic. It is wonderful that we are now able to have larger gatherings that provide me with the opportunity to meet more of our clients. Volunteering at Seniors at Home has made my life in Arnprior a lot more interesting and fun.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May  
13**

### Shred Day Event

**Cost:** \$10 per box  
**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Location:** 106 McGonigal St. W., Arnprior



**May  
22**

### Weekly Valley Cruisers Car Show

**Time:** 4:00pm-8:00pm (every Monday until Sept)  
**Location:** Antrim Truck Stop



**June  
17**

### Father's Day Weekend Car Show & BBQ

**Time:** 9:00am-2:00pm  
**Location:** Red Pine Bay, Braeside



**July  
20**

### Annual Seniors BBQ in the Park

**Time:** 12:00-2:00pm  
**Location:** Robert Simpson Park



**August  
5**

### Poker Run Show & Shine + BBQ

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Location:** 45 Herrick Drive, Arnprior



**August  
20**

### Memorial Butterfly Release

*Pre-purchase a live butterfly in memory of a loved one!*

**Time:** 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Location:** Robert Simpson Park, Arnprior  
**For more information:**

**Call: 613-623-7981 or [www.cssagency.ca](http://www.cssagency.ca)**



*In Support of Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Seniors at Home Program Inc.*



**How will you be  
REMEMBERED?**

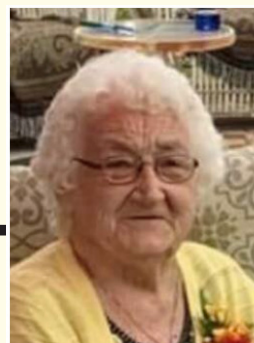
*Leave a Lasting Legacy*

More Information Suzanne Giroux  
Development Coordinator  
613.623.7981 [suzannegiroux@cssagency.ca](mailto:suzannegiroux@cssagency.ca)

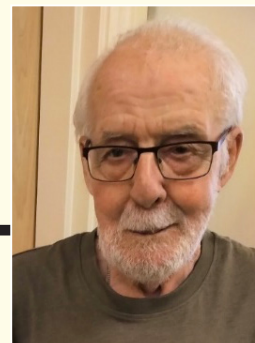
We at Seniors At Home gratefully thank those who have donated in memory of their loved ones.



COLETTE BELLEVILLE  
(1932-2023)



EDNA MCMILLAN  
(1933-2023)



ALLAN JOHN FERGUSON  
(1933-2022)

**The office will be closed on  
Friday, April 7, 2023 – Good Friday  
Monday, April 10, 2023 – Easter Monday  
Monday, May 22, 2023  
Victoria Day**

**613-623-7981**  
**[www.cssagency.ca](http://www.cssagency.ca)**

106 McGonigal St. W., Arnprior



# RENFREW COUNTY

## 55+ GAMES



### SUMMER 2023

**May  
08**

#### **Cribbage - 12pm**

Cobden  
Legion (43A Main St)

**May  
09**

#### **Prediction Walking - 11am**

McNab/Braeside (Braeside)  
John A. Gillies Rec Centre (138 Sarah St E)

**May  
09**

#### **Nordic Walking - 1pm**

McNab/Braeside (Braeside)  
John A. Gillies Rec Centre (138 Sarah St E)

**May  
10**

#### **Darts - Men's & Women's - 9:30am**

Deep River  
Legion (50 McElligott Dr)

**May  
11**

#### **Floor Shuffleboard - 9:30am**

Petawawa  
Civic Centre (16 Civic Centre Rd)

**May  
15**

#### **5-Pin Bowling - 9am**

Renfrew  
Renfrew Bowling Alley (233 Raglan St S)

**May  
16**

#### **Bid Euchre - 1pm**

Pembroke  
55+ Active Living Centre (42 Renfrew St)

**May  
16**

#### **Carpet Bowling - 9am**

Arnprior  
Nick Smith Centre (77 James St)

**May  
17**

#### **Mixed Darts - 9:30am**

Deep River  
Legion (50 McElligott Dr)

**May  
20**

#### **Pickleball - Mens & Women's - 9am**

Arnprior  
Nick Smith Centre (77 James St)

**May  
23**

#### **Mixed Pickleball - 9am**

Arnprior  
Nick Smith Centre (77 James St)

**May  
26**

#### **Contract Bridge - 10am**

Eganville  
ECHO Centre (30 Bell St)

**May  
27**

#### **Lawn Bowling**

Deep River  
Lawn Bowling Club (14 Club House Rd)

**May  
30**

#### **Euchre - 1pm**

McNab/Braeside (McNab)  
Murray Yantha Community Centre (2473 Russett Dr.)

**May  
31**

#### **Golf - 9:30am**

Eganville  
Whitetail Golf Club (7113 ON-60)

**May  
31**

#### **Bocce Ball - 10am**

Deep River  
Grouse Park (17 Double Dip Rd)

**June  
03**

#### **Tennis - 10am** \*rain date June 4

Petawawa  
Civic Centre (16 Civic Centre Rd)

**June  
06**

#### **Cycling - 10am**

McNab/Braeside (McNab)  
Murray Yantha Community Centre (2473 Russett Dr.)

#### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 21**

Forms available at: [www.osga.ca](http://www.osga.ca) or your community recreation department or seniors active living centre.

#### **PER PERSON COST**

Participant OSGA Fees: \$15

Game Fees: \$3

Additional Fees: Golf \$45; Bowling \$15

#### **FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Georges Martin ([gsamartin@sympatica.ca](mailto:gsamartin@sympatica.ca)) | Irene Churchill ([imchurch@nrtco.net](mailto:imchurch@nrtco.net) or 613-633-1851)



# RenfrewCounty

## 55+ Games

**Registration Deadline Apr 21/23**

Late registrations may be accepted up to 10 days prior to the event if schedule permits.

First Name:	Last Name:
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male Year of Birth:	Email:
Address:	City/Town:
Postal Code:	Telephone #

**Do you intend to represent the District at the Provincial Games in Brantford, August 9 - 11, 2023?**

**YES ☐ NO ☐**

*Check all events* you wish to enter and indicate the division you wish to participate when there is more than one option. For games that require partner, list your partner's name(s).

Check	Date	Events	Town	Time	Division
	May 8	Cribbage	Cobden	12:00 PM	Open Doubles
	May 9	Prediction Walking	Braeside	11:00 AM	55+ <input type="checkbox"/> 3.0K or 75+ <input type="checkbox"/> 1.6k Men <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/>
	May 9	Nordic Walking	Braeside	1:00 PM	55+ <input type="checkbox"/> 3.0K or 75+ <input type="checkbox"/> 1.6k Men <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/>
	May 10	Darts Men's & Women	Deep River	9:30 AM	Men's <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles Partner:
	May 11	Floor Shuffleboard	Petawawa	9:30 AM	Open Doubles Partner:
	May 15	5 Pin Bowling	Renfrew	9:00 AM	Signles <input type="checkbox"/> Teams <input type="checkbox"/> Average: _____ Team Captian:
	May 16	Bid Euchre	Pembroke	1:00 PM	Open Doubles Partner:
	May 16	Carpet Bowling	Arnprior	9:00 AM	Open Doubles Partner:
	May 17	Mixed Darts	Deep River	9:30 AM	Mixed Doubles Partner:
	May 20	Pickleball Men's & Women's	Arnprior Max 20 teams	9:00 AM	Men's <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles Partner:
	May 23	Mixed Pickleball	Arnprior Max 20 teams	9:00 AM	Partner:
	May 26	Contract Bridge	Eganville	10:00 AM	Open Doubles Partner:
	May 27	Lawn Bowling	Deep River	10:00 AM	Open Doubles Partner:
	May 30	Euchre	Braeside	1:00 PM	Open Doubles Partner:
	May 31	Bocce Ball	Deep River	9:30 AM	Open Double Partner:
	May 31	Golf	Eganville	9:30 AM	Calloway Men <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ <input type="checkbox"/>
	June 3 Rain Date June 4	Tennis	Petawawa	10:00 AM	Men <input type="checkbox"/> Women <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed <input type="checkbox"/> Doubles 55+ <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ <input type="checkbox"/> Partner:
	June 6	Cycling	Braeside	9:30 AM	Prediction <input type="checkbox"/> Time Trial <input type="checkbox"/>

Difficulty Climbing Stairs ☐ YES ☐ NO Do you require wheelchair Assistance? ☐ YES ☐ NO

### EMERGENCY FAMILY CONTACT

First Name:	Last Name:
Telephone Number:	



# RenfrewCounty

## 55+ Games

**Registration Deadline Apr 21, 2023**

Late registrations may be accepted up to 10 days prior to the event if schedule permits.

*The Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) has requested that participants register, sign the waiver form, and pay their membership fees online this year using the OSGA data base at <https://osga55plus.ca/> .*

*This will enter you into the database.*

If you are **NOT** registering on-line, please fill out this form, including the waiver form and submit the forms to the address below along your OSGA Fee plus event/game fees.

### **FEES**

OSGA Participant..... \$15.00  
Event/Game (\$3.00 Per Event /Game ).....\$ 3.00  
Golf Extra (includes cart) ..... \$45.00  
Bowling Extra..... \$15.00

Paid Online.....Yes \$15 ☐

### **Fee Summary**

OSGA Participant.....(if paid online enter \$0)... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# of Games \_\_\_ X \$3 .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra** For Golf (includes cart) ...\$45..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra** For Bowling ...\$15..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

You must read and submit the registration and waiver forms. If you registered online then you would have completed the waiver forms and would not have to submit the waiver forms with the games form.

**Mail** Completed registration form with Cheques payable to **Renfrew County 55+ Games**

**TO: Renfrew County 55+ Games**  
**162 Pembroke St. E.**  
**PO Box 452**  
**Pembroke, Ontario K8A 0A0**

For more information call Irene: 613-633-1851

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED**

**NOTE:** If you are driving to an event and are willing to provide a ride to someone, please check this box ☐