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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: September 11th, 2023
Correspondence Package No. I-23-SEP-15**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-SEP-15 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

- 1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario**
 - a) To Build More Homes, Ontario Launching Building Faster Fund and Expanding Strong Mayor Powers
 - b) Ontario Investing in a Stronger Public Health Sector
 - c) Ontario Investing an Additional \$160 Million to Train Workers
 - d) Ontario Preparing Students for Success
 - e) Ontario Doubling Career Fairs to Help More Young People Enter Skilled Trades
 - f) Ontario Driving Economic Growth in Rural Communities

- 2. Correspondence from the Arnprior Regional Hospital**
 - a) Arnprior Regional Health Board appoints three new directors
 - b) Adult Day Program moves to new location

- 3. Correspondence from the Local Immigration Partnership of Renfrew and Lanark Counties (LIP)**
 - a) Invitation for LIP's 2023 Welcoming Week Activities

- 4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
 - a) Watch File – August 24th, 2023
 - b) Watch File – August 31st, 2023

5. Correspondence from the Rotary Club of Arnprior

- a) [Thank You Letter re 2023 Tarts and Arts in the Park Event](#)

NEWS RELEASE

To Build More Homes, Ontario Launching Building Faster Fund and Expanding Strong Mayor Powers

Three-year, \$1.2 billion fund will reward municipalities that deliver on housing targets

August 21, 2023

[Office of the Premier](#)

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

LONDON — To reward municipalities that build homes, the Ontario government is launching the Building Faster Fund, a new three-year, \$1.2 billion program that provides significant new funding based on performance against provincial housing targets. To ensure more municipalities have the tools needed to build homes and to expand eligibility for the Building Faster Fund, the province is also expanding strong mayor powers to municipalities projected to have populations of 50,000 or larger by 2031 that commit to meeting their provincial targets.

“With these new measures, we’re supporting municipalities and giving them the tools they need to build more homes faster to tackle the affordability crisis that’s pricing too many people, especially young families and newcomers, out of the dream of home ownership,” said Premier Doug Ford. “We have two choices: We can sit back and ignore the crisis, or we can build more homes. Our government is choosing to build homes.”

The Building Faster Fund will provide \$400 million in new annual funding for three years to municipalities that are on target to meet provincial housing targets by 2031. Municipalities that reach 80 per cent of their annual target each year will become eligible for funding based on their share of the overall goal of 1.5 million homes. Municipalities that exceed their target will receive a bonus on top of their allocation.

Funding from the Building Faster Fund can be directed toward housing-enabling infrastructure and other related costs that support community growth. Eligible expenses will be determined following consultations between the province, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the City of Toronto and the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team. A portion of the overall funding will also be

allocated to single and lower tier municipalities that have not been assigned a housing target, including small, rural and northern communities, in order to address their unique needs, following municipal consultations.

Ontario is also expanding strong mayor powers to 21 more municipalities that are projected to have populations of 50,000 by 2031 and whose heads of council are committed to a provincially assigned housing target. The expansion of strong mayor powers will take effect on October 31, 2023. The expansion is in addition to the [28 municipalities that already have strong mayor powers](#), having committed to targets through municipal housing pledges. Once a housing pledge is received from the head of council, these municipalities will also become eligible for and will have access to the Building Faster Fund.

“There is an urgent need to get more homes built quickly across Ontario,” said Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark. “By providing additional financial resources to our municipal partners as well as strong mayor powers to help speed up the approvals process, our government is acting decisively to tackle Ontario’s housing supply crisis and build the homes our residents need and deserve.”

Quick Facts

- The 29 municipalities assigned housing targets in 2022 and the 21 municipalities with newly assigned housing targets represent more than 88 per cent of the provincial target of 1.5 million homes.
- Municipal housing pledges identify the tools and strategies that municipalities intend to use to achieve their housing targets as part of the ongoing work to increase housing supply. Municipalities with housing targets must submit a pledge to access the Building Faster Fund.
- An eligible municipality would receive no funding if it is below 80 per cent of its annual assigned target. However, it would receive up to 100 per cent of allocated funding if it is on track to meet its target and could receive potential bonus funding if it exceeds that.
- In 2022, Ontario saw the [second-highest number of housing starts since 1988](#), with just over 96,000 new homes. Ontario also broke ground on nearly 15,000 new purpose-built rentals, the highest number ever on record.

Additional Resources

- BACKGROUND: [Ontario Providing New Tools to Municipalities to Build More Homes Sooner](#)

- [Ontario's Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Plan](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [More Homes Built Faster](#)

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BACKGROUND

Ontario Providing New Tools to Municipalities to Build More Homes Sooner

August 21, 2023

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The Ontario government has assigned housing targets to 21 additional municipalities as part of its plan to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. Once these municipalities, through their heads of council, have pledged to achieve their targets, they will have access to the new Building Faster Fund, which will reward municipalities that are on track to meet their housing targets.

Building Faster Fund

The three-year, \$1.2 billion fund will provide up to \$400 million per year to municipalities that have committed in writing to achieve their overall 2031 housing target. Ten per cent of the overall funding will be reserved for small, rural and northern communities that have not yet been assigned a housing target by the province to support unique needs and circumstances.

For municipalities with targets, each municipality's portion of the \$400 million annually will be determined based on their share of the greater provincial housing supply goal, as well as their performance compared to their annual assigned targets. For example, if a municipality's target represents 10 per cent of the province-wide target, that municipality will be eligible for 10 per cent of funding through the Building Faster Fund.

Performance will be evaluated by comparing the municipality's number of housing starts and additional residential units created in a given calendar year against the annual target. Municipalities that are achieving 80 per cent or more of their annual target will be able to access a portion of their allocation. Those that exceed their target will be eligible to receive additional funding. Municipalities that are not achieving at least 80 per cent of their annual target will receive no funding.

If a municipality has a total housing target of 150,000 homes by 2031, this represents 10 per cent of Ontario's target of 1.5 million homes and makes them eligible for \$40 million in annual funding, plus bonus. The Building Faster Fund provides double the funding for every one per cent above 100 per cent of a municipality's target.

If this municipality hits 80 per cent of their annual housing target, they receive \$32 million ($\$40 \text{ million} \times 80\% = \32 million).

If this municipality hits 90 per cent of their annual housing target, they receive \$36 million ($\$40 \text{ million} \times 90\% = \36 million).

If this municipality hits 105 per cent of their annual housing target, they receive \$44 million ($\$40 \text{ million} \times 100\% + (5\% \times 2 = 10\%) = \44 million).

If this municipality hits 110 per cent of their annual housing target, they receive \$48 million ($\$40 \text{ million} \times 100\% + (10\% \times 2 = 20\%) = \48 million).

For the first year of the program, 2023, province-wide housing targets will start at 110,000 new housing starts, which would represent a historic year for Ontario. From there, housing targets will ramp up over time until the province is on track to achieve at least 1.5 million homes by 2031.

Expanding Strong Mayor Powers

Municipalities with targets would also be given strong mayor powers if their head of council has committed to meeting these targets, in writing, by October 15, 2023. These municipalities would then receive strong mayor powers by October 31, 2023 and would be eligible for the Building Faster Fund.

There are now 50 municipalities with assigned municipal housing targets in Ontario:

Municipality	Housing Target to 2031
1. Halton Hills (new)	9,500
2. Aurora (new)	8,000
3. Bradford West Gwillimbury (new)	6,500
4. Kawartha Lakes (new)	6,500
5. Whitchurch-Stouffville (new)	6,500
6. New Tecumseth (new)	6,400
7. Innisfil (new)	6,300
8. Georgina (new)	6,200
9. Norfolk County (new)	5,700
10. Woodstock (new)	5,500
11. Peterborough City (new)	4,700
12. East Gwillimbury (new)	4,300
13. Welland (new)	4,300
14. Haldimand County (new)	4,200
15. Greater Sudbury (new)	3,800
16. Belleville (new)	3,100
17. Thunder Bay (new)	2,200
18. Sault Ste. Marie (new)	1,500

19. Chatham-Kent (new)	1,100
20. North Bay (new)	1,000
21. Sarnia (new)	1,000
22. Toronto	285,000
23. Ottawa	151,000
24. Mississauga	120,000
25. Brampton	113,000
26. Hamilton	47,000
27. London	47,000
28. Markham	44,000
29. Vaughan	42,000
30. Kitchener	35,000
31. Oakville	33,000
32. Burlington	29,000
33. Richmond Hill	27,000
34. Oshawa	23,000
35. Barrie	23,000
36. Milton	21,000
37. Cambridge	19,000
38. Guelph	18,000

39. Whitby	18,000
40. Ajax	17,000
41. Waterloo	16,000
42. Windsor	13,000
43. Clarington	13,000
44. Pickering	13,000
45. Caledon	13,000
46. Newmarket	12,000
47. St. Catharines	11,000
48. Brantford	10,000
49. Kingston	8,000
50. Niagara Falls	8,000

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing in a Stronger Public Health Sector

Province also increasing funding to municipalities to connect people to paramedics and ambulance services faster

August 22, 2023

[Health](#)

LONDON — The Ontario government is taking an important step forward to deliver on [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#) by increasing provincial funding for public health agencies to build a robust public health sector that has the support and resources needed to connect people to faster, more convenient care in their communities.

Starting January 1, 2024, the province will restore \$47 million in provincial annual base funding for public health units, which is the level previously provided under the 75 per cent provincial / 25 per cent municipal cost-share ratio. The province is also providing local public health units an annual one per cent funding increase over the next, three years so they can more effectively plan ahead and prepare. This will also allow time for the province to collaborate with municipalities on a longer-term sustainable funding agreement that will not put any additional financial burden on municipalities.

“Building a stronger public health system, with more convenient and consistent access to public health services, is one more way our government is connecting people in Ontario to health care closer to home,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “The pandemic showed that we need a stronger public health system and this increased funding will help to create a more connected public health system that will support Ontario communities for years to come.”

The province will also work with its partners to refine and clarify the roles of local public health units, to reduce overlap of services and focus resources on improving people’s access to programs and services close to home. One-time funding, resources and supports will be offered to local public health agencies that voluntarily merge to streamline and reinvest back into expanding programs and services.

To connect people to emergency care faster and increase the availability of paramedics and ambulances in communities, Ontario is increasing land ambulance funding to municipalities by an average of six per cent, bringing the province's total investment this year to over \$811 million.

The province is also investing an additional \$51 million into the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program over the next three years which helps reduce delays paramedics encounter dropping off patients at a hospital and allows them to get back out into the community faster. This investment will help 30 municipalities cover around 800,000 dedicated hours to support offloading ambulance patients in the emergency department, ensuring paramedics can get back out in the community faster.

With [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the government continues to take action to strengthen the health care system so that it is responsive and is evolving to meet the health needs and priorities of Ontarians, no matter where they live.

Quick Facts

- Key public health lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic will inform how Ontario strengthens the public health sector, including the importance of local public health agencies having capacity to respond in a crisis, the benefit of collaboration across the health care system and the need for stability and sustainability to help local public health agencies plan for, and be able to respond to, ongoing and future crises and challenges.
- Provincial funding for local public health agencies to support the delivery of public health programs and services has increased by approximately 16 per cent since 2018.
- The province's 2023 investment of \$811 million in the Land Ambulance Services Grant represents an average funding increase of 11 per cent for municipalities over the last two years.
- Nearly 200 patient care models being led by more than 50 paramedic services across the province are now approved to provide more appropriate and timely care options for eligible 9-1-1 patients in the community instead of in the emergency department.
- Ontario is investing an additional [\\$44 million](#) this year in 165 high volume and smaller emergency departments to reduce wait times and provide people with faster and easier access to timely care close to home.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Reducing Wait Times in Emergency Departments](#)
- [Ontario Helping More Students Become Paramedics](#)
- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

Related Topics

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing an Additional \$160 Million to Train Workers

Province accepting proposals for solutions to help people on social assistance, including those with criminal records, find purpose-driven careers

August 25, 2023

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

DRESDEN — The Ontario government is investing an additional \$160 million in the Skills Development Fund (SDF) to tackle the labour shortage and help at least 100,000 workers get free training to meet the needs of employers hiring in their communities. The funding will prioritize programs that propose innovative training solutions to help people on social assistance and with prior criminal records find meaningful employment in critical industries like healthcare, auto-manufacturing, information technology, hospitality and the skilled trades.

“For too long, too many in our community have been forgotten and treated as second class in their own province. In the middle of a historic labour shortage, we need all hands on deck,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “That is why our government is leaving no stone unturned to ensure we give anyone who wants a job and a paycheque they can be proud of a shot at the Ontario dream. Whether you’ve been on social assistance for 10 months or 10 years, we’ll help you.”

Roughly 300,000 jobs in Ontario are going unfilled every day, which threatens to hold back the economy and the government’s ambitious infrastructure plans, including building at least 1.5 million homes by 2031. At the same time, more than 800,000 people in Ontario rely on social assistance when the majority are willing, able and eager to work. This includes hundreds of thousands of people who made a mistake in the past and carry a criminal record and have not reoffended – almost half of whom are on social assistance even 15 years after release from prison.

In response, the fourth round of the [Skills Development Fund](#) Training Stream will support programs that help them find meaningful work and tackle the labour shortage.

The announcement was made in Dresden, where the government announced a \$465,000 investment through a previous round of the Skills Development Fund Training Stream to prepare 24 young people for well-paying careers in construction and the skilled trades in Chatham-Kent. SkillShift will provide a free six-week introductory course that teaches participants essential skills for construction, such as blueprint reading, scissor lift certifications, as well as financial literacy and soft skills, with mentors, networking opportunities and \$1,125 for equipment and transportation. Participants will also receive a paid two-week job placement with a local employer.

"Through this transformative \$465,000 investment, the Government of Ontario is shaping brighter futures for 24 youth in Chatham-Kent while invigorating our local construction industry," said Phillip Mock, Executive Director at Vision Us. "Vision Us is excited to be leading this investment in our community with our partners."

Through its first three rounds, the Skills Development Fund has supported 596 projects in a variety of sectors, helping half a million people take the next step in their careers, including [people with disabilities](#), [auto workers](#), [firefighters](#) and [construction workers](#).

"This \$465,000 investment in our youth through the Skills Development Fund is a transformative step," says Trevor Jones, MPP for Chatham-Kent-Leamington.

"Empowering youth for rewarding careers in construction and skilled trades not only secures their future but also fuels the growth of Chatham-Kent-Leamington as a thriving community."

Today's announcement brings Ontario's total investment in the Skills Development Fund Training Stream to over \$860 million.

Quick Facts

- The [Skills Development Fund](#) Training Stream supports ground-breaking programs that connect jobseekers with the skills and training they need to find well-paying careers close to home. Through its first three funding rounds, the fund has supported 596 projects, helping over half a million people around the province take the next step in their careers.
- Funding applications are now being accepted and will close on November 17, 2023. Interested organizations can apply through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#).
- Organizations eligible for funding include employers, employment service and training providers, labour unions, community, business and industry organizations, municipalities, hospitals, Indigenous Band offices, Indigenous

skills and employment training agreement holders and service system managers.

- The first cohort for the SkillShift program began in July. For more information on how to participate in the program, contact skillshift@visionus.ca or 519-784-4164.
- The Ontario government [launched the new \\$224 million Skills Development Fund: Capital Stream \(Bricks and Mortar\) on June 30](#) to support the building of new training centres and the renovation or expansion of existing ones.
- Ontario's Skills Development Fund is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Quotes

"Our government believes in second chances, and we know that comebacks are possible. Providing free labour training to those with criminal records who want to contribute to Ontario's economy will result in a safer Ontario. The Skills Development Fund not only builds careers that move our economy forward, but it also provides second chances to Ontarians, so they aren't left behind."

**- Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General**

"The Skills Development Fund is life-changing for Ontarians who are able to work in these important careers. We know that hundreds of thousands of Ontarians are ready and willing to undertake critical jobs that are much needed to drive forward the changes to build an Ontario where everyone can thrive."

**- Michael Parsa
Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**

"Initiatives such as this from Vision Us are integral in ensuring a future of economic prosperity in Chatham-Kent. Bolstering the skilled trades is an ongoing need in our community, and we're excited to have programs like SkillShift that highlight this and actively strive to strengthen the industry in Chatham-Kent. I would like to thank Vision Us, as well as the community partners involved in the program, for helping keep CK on the path to greatness."

**- Darrin Canniff
Mayor of Chatham-Kent**

"The Skills Development Fund is critical to supporting continuous training, education and development that, in turn, will support Millwright apprenticeship and work opportunities in industries across Ontario. We are constantly expanding our training and skills to become experts in our field and the most reliable partners in the business. The support from Premier Ford and Minister McNaughton continues to demonstrate the important pathways to a successful career in the Skilled Trades."

**- Steve Laur
Business Manager at Millwright Local 1592**

"We would like to recognize and thank the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development for the support and investments they are making to promote and develop Ontario's workforce of the future. The Skills Development Fund has been a game changer in helping young people move forward in the skilled trades and technology careers. Skills Ontario was thrilled to receive funding from the SDF allowing us to expand our Mobile Skills Program and build three new Trade & Tech Trailers. This funding will fuel our mission to provide thousands of youths across the province with hands-on learning experiences to ignite an awareness of opportunities in the skilled trades and technologies and drive more young people to pursue these careers."

**- Ian Howcroft
CEO at Skills Ontario**

"Getting working automotive tradespeople the skills that they need and getting more people into the rapidly evolving automotive industry is essential. The Skills Development Fund has been pivotal to helping participants further their careers in the automotive sector, and has helped address our collective goals of ensuring a more resilient workforce, empowering workers and job seekers who face higher barriers of entry, and enhancing pathways into meaningful employment."

- Jean-François Champagne
President and CEO, Automotive Industries Association of Canada

"Under Premier Ford and Minister McNaughton's leadership, UTIMUS and its partners have helped more than 100 newly arrived Canadians gain the necessary skills to thrive in Ontario's workforce, from supporting women in aerospace to Ukrainians and Afghans in the manufacturing sector. We are thrilled by the opportunity to expand our impact, to build Ontario's economy and to ensure a more secure future for hundreds more."

- Emilee Alpaugh
Program Director at UTIMUS

"This critical funding has allowed us to upskill, retrain and develop our workforce so we can continue to deliver our crucial services to underserved communities. Working together with the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, we are breaking down barriers and stereotypes to ensure that Ontario becomes a leader in training the next generation of skilled tradespeople."

- Gordon Kemp
President at KE Electrical Ltd.

"The Skills Development Fund has allowed PTP, in partnership with George Brown College's College Vocational Program, to create an innovative and integrated pathway to meaningful employment for youth with intellectual disabilities. With these funds, our community and employer partnerships continue to provide new opportunities and to lower barriers for youth participants."

- Barbara McFater

CEO at PTP - Adult Learning and Employment Programs

Additional Resources

- [Skills Development Fund](#)
- [Skills Development Fund: Capital Stream](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Preparing Students for Success

Students and parents can expect updated curriculum, more support and staffing for new school year

August 28, 2023

[Education](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing new student supports and updating curriculum for the 2023-24 school year. These actions will refocus school boards on the development of foundational skills in reading, writing and math, supported by almost \$700 million more in base education funding, \$109 million in a new strategy to boost literacy rates, and the hiring of 2,000 more educators.

“Our government is delivering on our commitment to continue to raise the bar by boosting student success in the classroom with a focus on reading, writing, math, STEM disciplines, and learning about mental health literacy,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “Our students deserve a stable and enjoyable school year with the full school experience of extracurriculars, clubs and more that build real life and job skills that go beyond the classroom.”

Beginning this September, all publicly funded school boards will be required to adopt provincial student achievement priorities and metrics to:

- Help students improve EQAO scores in reading, writing and math;
- Prepare students for future success to raise graduation rates, encourage more students to participate in job skills programs and take senior math and science courses; and
- Improve student engagement and awareness of mental health supports.

To further support students facing challenges with math, Ontario is investing over \$71 million to launch the Math Action Achievement Plan, a strategy to boost math competence in the classroom and improve board accountability. This includes:

- One lead per school board with the focus of helping improve math outcomes for students. These leads will be responsible for curriculum implementation and standardized training and lead board-wide actions to meet targets.
- More than 300 math coaches will provide direct support in classrooms.

- New Math Action Teams will work directly with school boards to identify and recommend targeted strategies to improve student achievement.

To ensure students have the skills they need to compete and succeed, the province is investing more than \$100 million to hire over 940 educators to support students from Grades 7 to 10 transition to high school. Ontario also intends to fund \$1 million per year for two years beginning in 2024 for the Ontario Science Centre to create hands-on learning experiences and virtual lesson plans for students, as well as STEM teaching materials for educators.

For the 2023-24 school year, Ontario is introducing revamped curriculum supports to ensure student success including:

- **Language Curriculum:** Last updated in 2006/2007, the revised Language and Français Grade 1 to 9 curriculums include foundational instruction to support reading and writing, critical thinking, and digital media literacy skills.
- **Educator Resources:** The government has provided \$825,000 to Dyslexia Canada to develop, in partnership with International Dyslexia Association – Ontario, evidence-based systematic and explicit instruction resources and learning supports that are now ready for use.
- **Reading Screener and Supports:** The province's \$109 million 2023-24 investment includes the largest screening program in Canada, funded with \$12.5 million annually to support students from Year 2 of Kindergarten to Grade 2 to be screened for early reading. Up to 700 literacy educators will work to support students who are behind in reading development.
- **Grade 10 Digital Technology and Innovations in the Changing World:** This [course](#) will equip students to be innovative leaders by teaching them how to apply coding concepts and skills, build hands-on projects, and investigate artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and other emerging digital technologies.
- **Financial Literacy Modules:** Secondary students will learn how to create a budget, manage their money, protect themselves from financial scams, and plan for long-term purchases such as buying a house or car with new modules.
- **Mental Health Modules:** The Ontario government has partnered with School Mental Health Ontario in collaboration with the Hospital for Sick Children to develop Mental Health Literacy Modules, for teacher use in Grades 7 and 8.

These measures will improve transparency for parents and ensure Ontario's public education system continues to focus on improving student outcomes by providing them with the skills and tools they need to succeed, particularly in key areas like reading, writing and math.

Quick Facts

- Student mental health funding in schools is increasing to a historic \$114 million in 2023-24, representing an increase of 555 per cent since 2017-18.
- In April 2023, the Ontario government introduced a new [\\$180-million reading and math strategy](#) to help students build the skills they need to succeed.
- As announced in the budget, the government will provide \$6.8 million over three years to support practical, hands-on experiences for students to further their financial literacy learning and growth.
- The Ontario government also [announced an accelerated apprenticeship pathway](#), starting in Grade 11 that will help prepare students to access rewarding careers in the skilled trades. Consultations will begin in Fall 2023.

Quotes

"LDAO welcomes the Ministry's funding of infrastructure required to support the move to evidence-based reading practices. Our hope is to see far fewer students struggle to read, which then of course has negative outcomes to their educational experience and outcomes. Support from the Ministry to the front lines of education is a vital part of making the impacts we wish to see become a reality."

- Lawrence Barns

President & Chief Executive Officer, Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) Member of Minister's Advisory Council on Special Education (MACSE)

"Students tell us they want to learn more about mental health at school. These important new research-based, mental health literacy modules help equip every Grade 7 and 8 student across the province with strategies to maintain good mental health. This learning can reduce stigma about help-seeking when mental health or substance use problems arise and bring awareness to the supports and services available in schools and communities. Introducing mental health literacy at school in a systematic and evidence-informed way is a strong positive step that will have meaningful and lasting impacts for Ontario students."

- Dr. Kathy Short

Executive Director, School Mental Health Ontario

"Young people have big, bold dreams for their futures. That's why JA partners with educators to start teaching financial literacy concepts as early as Grade 3, setting students up for success when they graduate. The integration of financial literacy into Ontario's curriculum and the strong emphasis on math helps young people build the skills, understanding, and self-efficacy they need to thrive."

**- Jennifer Holmes Weier
President & CEO JA Central Ontario**

"Through our research and clinical experience at SickKids, we have seen first-hand how the past few years have significantly impacted the mental health of children and youth. School is a critical time in a child's life to develop the skills that will help them succeed into adulthood and we are pleased to see mental health literacy being incorporated in the Ontario curriculum. Developed with SickKids expertise, the Mental Health Literacy Modules will introduce children to core concepts in mental health, and help them to consider tools they might use to cope with challenges they encounter in their lives."

**- Dr. Daphne Korczak, Psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry
SickKids Chair in Child and Youth Medical Psychiatry and Associate
Scientist in the Neurosciences & Mental Health program at SickKids**

Additional Resources

- [Investing in Students](#)
- [Helpful Parent Resources and Guides](#)

Related Topics

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Doubling Career Fairs to Help More Young People Enter Skilled Trades

Over 25,000 students in grades 7 to 12 will learn about exciting and in-demand careers close to home

August 31, 2023

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is expanding its successful skilled trades career fairs, now in its second year, to even more cities with more exhibitors and twice as many participating students. Ontario will need over 100,000 new skilled trades workers this decade to help build the province, making it crucial for more young people to have the opportunity to unlock their potential in the trades. The new cities with career fairs this year are Hamilton, Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie, Oshawa and Dryden.

“Last year’s career fairs were a phenomenal success, giving thousands of students and their families exposure to the many career opportunities in the skilled trades,” said Premier Doug Ford. “As we make historic investments to build roads, transit, hospitals, schools and other critical infrastructure, these expanded fairs will help us attract more young people into the trades and develop the skilled workforce our growing province needs.”

[Level Up!](#) is a series of dynamic, multi-day career fairs highlighting the 144 skilled trades, from electricians to boilermakers. Over 25,000 students in grades 7 to 12, as well as parents and jobseekers, will have the opportunity to learn about these trades through interactive exhibitions and hands-on activities while hearing directly from tradespeople and local employers. The first fair kicks off September 19 and 20 in Thunder Bay and will continue with fairs in communities across the province.

“For far too long, parents and students have been told the only way to succeed in life is by going to university – this is simply not true,” said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “There are lucrative and purpose-driven careers waiting in the skilled trades where you can

help build our province. Under Premier Doug Ford, we are giving more students the opportunity to learn about the life-changing careers in skilled trades that come with defined pensions and benefits.”

“In an ever-changing global economy, we are seizing the opportunity to inspire students with hands-on learning in the skilled trades and increasing pathways to apprenticeship that better connect students to good-paying jobs,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. “Our priority is to keep students in stable and normal classrooms, benefiting from a focus on strengthening foundational skills on reading, writing, math. This is supported by expanded career fairs and a new mandatory requirement that all students take at least one technological education course starting next year, so that students graduate into fulfilling careers of the jobs of tomorrow.”

Additionally, Ontario is investing \$24 million for 2023-24 through the Apprenticeship Capital Grant program, helping 66 training institutions across Ontario upgrade their training equipment and existing facilities that support hands-on learning for students and apprentices.

Last month, the government announced apprenticeship registration increased by 24 per cent in the last year – from 21,971 to 27,319 – as more people joined the skilled trades, playing a role in building Ontario. This follows more than \$1 billion investment in the skilled trades over three years, along with the launch of Skilled Trades Ontario, as part of its strategy to attract more people into the trades.

Quick Facts

- Nearly 300,000 jobs are going unfilled across the province, while one in five new job openings in Ontario will be in the skilled trades by 2025.
- 1.2 million people were working in skilled trades-related occupations in Ontario in 2022.
- Roughly one in three workers in Ontario with an apprenticeship or trade certificate is aged 55 or over and nearing retirement.
- The [Level Up! skilled trades career fairs](#) are open to all students, including First Nations schools. Last year, 12,800 students, parents, friends, and teachers visited the fairs.
- Career fairs are taking place in ten communities between September 19 and November 29, 2023:
 - Thunder Bay - September 19 & 20
 - Sault Ste Marie – September 27 & 28
 - Sudbury – October 3 & 4

- Dryden – October 17
 - Hamilton – October 17 & 18
 - Windsor – October 25 & 26
 - London – November 1 & 2
 - Mississauga – November 15 & 16
 - Oshawa – November 21 & 22
 - Ottawa – November 28 & 29
- Grade 7 to 12 students interested in attending the career fairs are encouraged to contact their school board's Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) recruiter, a teacher or school guidance counsellor to register.
 - Most of Ontario's skilled trades initiatives are supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Quotes

"Choosing the right career path can be a challenge for young people, and we're here to help. The Level Up! career fairs are a chance to try your hand at different trades, explore your passion, and learn about the pathways into a rewarding career. Skilled Trades Ontario is thrilled to be partnering with the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development on this important initiative."

- Melissa Young
CEO and Registrar, Skilled Trades Ontario

"The Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario appreciates the support of the Government of Ontario to expand the successful skilled trades career fairs to more cities across our province. We know that it is important to increase awareness and understanding of the diverse opportunities offered by the skilled trades to young Ontarians to grow, expand and diversify our workforce."

- Marc Arsenault
Business Manager, PBCTCO

"As an active participant in two Level Up career fairs last year, Support Ontario Youth knows firsthand the vital role of this initiative under the leadership of Premier Doug Ford. These career fairs play a crucial role in jumpstarting careers and cultivating interest in the trades, which are integral to the future prosperity of our economy."

- Melanie Winter
Executive Director, Support Ontario Youth

"Workers across the skilled trades are paramount to the strength, growth and function of Ontario! The Level Up career expos are a gateway to advancing education and exposure for youth and community to gain insight to the vast career opportunities in the skilled-trades. LiUNA looks forward to our ongoing participation and partnership to strengthen our skilled workforce and build a stronger future together!"

- Victoria Mancinelli
LiUNA Director Public Relations, Marketing, Strategic Partnerships

"Last year's career fairs were a huge success in promoting Ontario's skilled trades to students, educators, parents, and those who influence young Ontarians. This announcement will expand that opportunity to learn and ensure Ontario's future is a skilled future."

- Andrew Pariser
Vice President, RESCON

"No high school student should miss attending the Level Up! skilled trades career fair that's being held in their area. Level Up! is a great way to experience the full array of skilled trades careers and to see if one is right for you."

- Ian Cunningham
President, Council of Ontario Construction Associations

"The expansion of skilled trades career fairs in Ontario will provide greater awareness for the tremendous opportunities found within the trades. The Government commitment to promoting meaningful careers to our youth will be key to developing the province's skilled workforce."

- Jonathan White
International Representative – CSO, International Brotherhood of
Boilermakers

Additional Resources

- [Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fairs](#)
- [Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fairs Exhibitor Page Exhibitor Page](#)
- [Skilled Trades Ontario Portal](#)
- [Employment Ontario: Free Employment Services and Training Programs for Job Seekers, Workers and Employers](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Driving Economic Growth in Rural Communities

Up to 80 projects receiving funding through the Rural Economic Development Program

September 01, 2023

[Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs](#)

PETERBOROUGH — The Ontario government is investing over \$4.3 million in up to 80 projects across the province through the latest intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program. The RED program supports projects that diversify rural economies, retain skilled workers, and create jobs in local communities.

“Our government values rural communities throughout the province, and this program provides municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profits with the funding they need for projects that contribute to local economic vitality,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “The Rural Economic Development program is another example of how our government is ensuring small towns and communities across Ontario continue to share in the province’s growth and economic prosperity.”

In Peterborough, the Innovation Cluster is receiving up to \$73,750 for the launch of a new program that will support:

- The hiring of a project coordinator, as well as experts to train, consult, and advise entrepreneurs throughout the program
- The purchase or software subscriptions for virtual platform programming
- Hosting project events and workshops for the innovation and technology program
- The development and implementation of a marketing and promotional campaign with advertising to help support the innovation and technology program
- Creating opportunities to further facilitate the growth of entrepreneurs through networking events.

The project will positively impact rural Ontario by supporting entrepreneurship in the region, strengthening the skills of community members, preparing the next generation of entrepreneurs, and strengthening partnerships among the economic development community.

“The Agri-food industry has been a key innovator in so many technologies that we take for granted in our everyday lives,” said Dave Smith, Member of Provincial Parliament for Peterborough-Kawartha. “Good things grow in Ontario when we nurture local entrepreneurs and give them the tools they need to collaborate and innovate.”

The RED program provides cost-share funding support towards activities that create strong rural communities. This includes funding assistance to build local capacity and improve job prospects. The program aligns with the government’s priorities of removing barriers to investment, opening doors to rural economic development, and creating good jobs across the province.

Quick Facts

- The latest intake of the RED program opened on January 23, 2023, and closed on February 23, 2023.
- Since 2019, the RED program has invested more than \$21.6 million to fund more than 380 projects that are helping to attract investment, create jobs, and boost economic development in rural communities across the province.

Additional Resources

[Rural Economic Development Program](#)

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Arnprior Regional Health Board appoints three new directors

July 18, 2023 – The Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) Board of Directors is pleased to appoint three new board directors and celebrate the contributions of outgoing board directors **Erin Stitt-Cavanagh** and **Bob McGaraughty**.

“Our Board has benefitted tremendously from Erin and Bob’s experience, leadership, and contributions,” *said Cathy Jordan, Chair, Board of Directors.* “Erin served on our Board for seven years, stepping into leadership roles throughout her tenure, including Vice-Chair of the Board, Chair of the Quality Committee, and Co-Chair of the Seniors’ Village Committee. Her full engagement in our Board work and commitment to improving local health care has been invaluable.”

Cathy added:

“We had the good fortune of welcoming Bob to the Board in 2022. He came to our team with extensive governance experience and was instrumental in providing the insight and knowledge to advance our governance model, including updates to our bylaws. On behalf of the Board, we thank Erin and Bob for their exceptional service to ARH.”

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Send a special thank you message to one of our departments, staff members, physician’s or volunteers.

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Share any concerns or an experience you had while accessing our services, we welcome your feedback.

The Board of Directors confirmed three new directors at the 2023 Annual General Meeting: Richard Holock, Peter Kenny, and Borys Koba.

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Richard (Rick) Holock is a retired business owner and community leader who lives in Arnprior. He brings to the Board of Directors an impressive career in benefits consulting and strong community engagement track record through his volunteer roles. As part of his professional life, Rick oversaw benefits consulting agencies as President and Principal, including work with hospitals, school boards, post-secondary institutions, and municipal governments. After retiring in 2010, Rick has dedicated much of his spare time to supporting seniors active living in the Calabogie area. Rick will serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Peter (Pete) Kenny has called Arnprior home throughout his life and is deeply connected to the community. Pete works as an executive overseeing operations for M. Sullivan & Son Limited, a construction company headquartered in Arnprior. With an established background in institutional construction and decades of experience in project management, Pete brings to the Board of Directors valuable insight and a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies involved in infrastructure development and corporate governance. Pete will serve on the Board of Directors for a one-year term.

Borys Koba is a retired public servant with a formal electrical and nuclear engineering education. He spent the first half of his career in the private sector, from consulting to academia to high tech. In the second half of his professional life, he worked at an executive level with the Government of Canada. Borys lives in Stittsville, and in his retirement, he takes on part-time consulting engagements to provide independent project reviews within the federal government. Borys will serve on the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

The ARH Board of Directors consists of volunteer directors responsible for the oversight of ARH and is accountable for the corporation's Vision, Mission, and Values; strategic planning; financial stewardship; quality of care performance monitoring; and communications with stakeholders.

About Arnprior Regional Health

Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) is a progressive 140-bed organization with a fully accredited community hospital, nursing home, primary health care centre, and extensive community programs. ARH is a regional hub with a strong history of providing exemplary care to West Ottawa, McNab/Braeside, Arnprior, and Mississippi Mills residents. As your partner in health, ARH commits to listening and responding to those we serve to create a thriving community together.

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Adult Day Program moves to new location

August 14, 2023 – The Adult Day Program opens at its new location today at 80 McGonigal Street West.

This will be the program’s new home during the Grove expansion project, and the staff and clients are excited about the move.

“The clients are really looking forward to being closer to stores like Giant Tiger, and close to local restaurants downtown. They’re looking forward to more shopping and more outing time,” says Michaela McClymont, Community Programs Coordinator.

The new location at the County of Renfrew building is within walking distance of all the Arnprior downtown core has to offer, which Michaela hopes will bring in new clients.

“There are so many more people – both clients and care partners – who could benefit from the program,” explains Michaela. “Clients who get to be in a safe and engaging environment, but also their care partners: spouses, children, siblings... they know their loved one is being well supported by our staff so they can take time for themselves.”

The program will continue as usual at the new location, offering elderly adults with disabilities and/or cognitive impairment social and recreation programs Monday through Friday. The list of activities is impressive: in August, activities range from yoga, darts, and bocce ball to trivia and Jeopardy, to unique craft activities like floral bouquet crafting and card creation.

Care partners or individuals who are interested in this program are encouraged to contact the Adult Day Program team at 613-622-5574 ext. 1 or email:

adultdayprogram@arnpriorhealth.ca



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Hello,

Local Immigration Partnership – Lanark & Renfrew and community partners have an exciting line-up of #WelcomingWeek events you are invited to participate in. Welcoming Week is an annual opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people, places and values that help everyone feel welcome and give them a sense of belonging in their local community, no matter where they come from.



Canadian Citizenship Reaffirmation Ceremony: Wednesday, September 13, 6 – 9 pm @ Petawawa Civic Centre

This special event celebrates the spirit of unity, diversity, and the strong bond that exists between Canada and its citizens. With the heartwarming theme, “We’re Glad You’re Here,” we aim to honour and reaffirm the commitment of individuals who have chosen to become Canadian citizens and contribute to the rich tapestry of our nation. This event is in partnership with the Petawawa Public Library and the Town of Petawawa.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Event Highlights

- **Opening Ceremony:** The ceremony will begin with a heartfelt welcome address from event emcee Warden Peter Emon. Dignitaries, community leaders, and special guests will express their gratitude for the contributions of all citizens.
- **Cultural Showcase:** Canada’s diversity will shine through an engaging cultural showcase featuring a dance performance by Suli Adams and “Immigrant Minutes” video showcase.
- **Citizenship Reaffirmation Pledge:** Attendees will have the opportunity to reaffirm their oath of citizenship using the updated language adopted by the Canadian Government in

line with the Truth & Reconciliation Committee's calls to action, which recognizes and affirms the Aboriginal and treaty rights of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Reception

- Networking and Reception: A networking session will allow attendees to connect with one another and establish new friendships.

[Registration is required. Please register for the appropriate ticket using Eventbrite here.](#)



Kairos Blanket Exercise: Friday, September 15, 1 – 3:30 pm @ Integrated Health Centre, Pembroke

Join us for an interactive session to experience the Kairos Blanket Exercise, a teaching tool that shares the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. If you are interested in the session, we do ask that you commit to the entire two-and-a-half-hour window.

We encourage all newcomers and general public in Lanark and Renfrew Counties to participate in this free event. Limited spaces are available, so please only register if you can attend.

No experience necessary. All materials provided.

Integrate Health Centre is located at 570 Nelson Street, Pembroke, Ontario, K8A 7W7.

This activity is part of #WelcomingWeek, an annual opportunity to recognize and celebrate the people, places and values that help everyone feel welcome and give them a sense of

belonging in their local community, no matter where they come from, and is in partnership with Integrate Health Centre and the Circle of Turtle Lodge.

This session speaks to the following Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action:

14. We call upon the federal government to enact an Aboriginal Languages Act that incorporates the following principles: iv. The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities.

63. We call upon the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada to maintain an annual commitment to Aboriginal education issues, including: iii. Building student capacity for intercultural understanding, empathy, and mutual respect

[Spaces are limited and registration is required. Please click here to register.](#)



Newcomer's Welcome Day: Saturday, September 16, starting at 12:30 pm @ Petawawa Public Library - Rotary Room

This is a great opportunity to learn about different services the library offers members, like the Mango Language Learning system and some free or discounted experiences available to newcomers in our backyard.

No registration is necessary.

Please consider participating in some of these #WelcomingWeek initiatives and share this information far and wide within our community.

Best regards,

Jodi Bucholtz

Manager, BFA, MEd (she/her)

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Our Purpose: To strengthen the role of local communities across Lanark and Renfrew Counties in integrating and serving our newcomer population.



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AMO Matters

AMO welcomed a record breaking 2400 participants to the host City of London for three days of education, networking and hundreds of delegation meetings. Thank you to our generous host, the City of London, sponsors, exhibitors and all who attended for making AMO 2023 a great success.

This year's recipients of the PJ Marshall Municipal Innovation Award at the 2023 AMO Conference are the City of Vaughan for its AI-based approach to managing local roads; the Municipality of Middlesex Centre for its building shared services through electronic permitting technology; and the City of Markham for its leadership in digital democracy.

Eye on Events

It's back! AMO and MISA ON's joint Municipal Cybersecurity 101 Forum returns this fall in time for Cybersecurity Month. Join us virtually on October 12 from 10am to 2pm to learn more about building a cyber resilient municipality. [Register today](#).

Join Local Authority Services (LAS) and Intact Public Entities (IPE) in discussion on Navigating the Road to Resilience in examination of critical municipal risk issues such as climate resiliency, cyber security, risk data management and more. [Register today](#) for all you need to know on municipal risk management - deadline: September 27.

AMO and Local Authority Services (LAS) are pleased to be hosting the 2023 Municipal Energy Symposium on November 2-3 at the Novotel Centre Toronto. [Registration](#) is now open. Space is limited.

LAS

What comes to your mind when you read or hear about the AMO Conference? This year, the City of London hosted the AMO Conference in-person for the first time since 2014. [Read more](#) in our latest blog - London Welcomed AMO with Open Arms.

Municipal Wire*

Join the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) on September 26

and 27 and explore the planning and delivery of social services nationally and globally to better understand and address common challenges. [Register today.](#)

Careers

Director of Resident Care - Administrative - County of Simcoe. Responsible for the daily planning and co-ordination of the administrative requirements related to resident care. Submit your [application online](#). Closing Date: September 9.

Consultant, Access and Privacy - Ministry of Health. Review assigned requests against legislation and provisions, and collaborate with program areas to respond. Closing date: September 6.

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AMO Matters

AMO is pleased to launch a refresh of the Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS). MIDAS is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. The FIR is the main data collection tool used by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to collect financial and statistical information on municipalities. Ontario municipal elected officials and staff can contact MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca for access.

Provincial Matters

The Ontario government is providing one-time grants of up to \$10,000 to ensure community spaces remain safe and secure from hate-motivated incidents. Applications are open for 2023-2024. The deadline is September 12, 2023.

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario's public safety regulator. TSSA releases public information (e.g., licence statuses or devices at a location) per its privacy codes. Click here to request a release.

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AMO is pleased to partner with Vayle to offer a cost-effective digital platform to streamline FOI program management, reduce costs, and mitigate compliance risks. Join us on September 14 at 12pm where we will provide a deeper dive into the latest digital offering.

LAS

ISA Cybersecurity was pleased to meet everyone in the exhibit hall at the 2023 AMO Conference. To learn more about the ISA Cybersecurity partnership with LAS, please contact Shannon Devane.

Are you planning to buy equipment in 2024? The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) provides quick and easy quotes for your budget. If you're ready to purchase, save the time of running your own RFP and buy direct from pre-approved vendors. Contact [Sarah](#) to learn more.

Town of Whitby recently completed an [LAS energy workshop & treasure hunt](#) at their Brooklin Community Centre, identifying tremendous energy savings opportunities. Join others planning the same and book your workshop for this fall. Contact [Christian Tham](#) today!

Municipal Wire*

aIPHa is offering two courses on Board of Health Governance and Social Determinants of Health for elected officials on Boards of Health. Pricing and more information are available [here](#).

Careers

[Chief Administrative Officer - Elgin County](#). Responsible for the strategic leadership and efficient delivery of all administrative and operational services. Please apply [via email](#) with a covering letter and resume by September 28.

[Chief of Staff - City of Kitchener](#). Lead a 4-person team responsible for supporting the Mayor and members of City Council in their community leadership roles. [Apply online](#) by September 6.

[Coordinator, Strategic Communications and Community Relations - City of Kitchener](#). Play a key role in constituency and community relations and communications. [Apply online](#) by September 15.

[Director, Culture and Entertainment - City of Kitchener](#). Oversee the development and implementation of strategic plans to support arts and artists, and attract major entertainment events. [Apply online](#) by September 13.

[Supervisor, Stores - Town of Oakville](#). Provide the planning, analysis, materials management, organization, and distribution of required goods and services. [Apply online](#) by September 5.

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Arnprior Municipal Council

On behalf of The Rotary Club of Arnprior , I wish to extend our gratitude for the cooperation of the town of Arnprior in the use of The Robert Simpson Park on August the 26 th. for our second Annual Butter Tart Festival.

Despite less than favourable weather , we feel that it was a rather successful event. We had many new vendors and community partners involved in the day. The crowning of the Queen of Tarts has become a sought after distinction. The judging of which was done by competent , expert judges.

Special thank you to the cooperation of Graeme Ivory and the people in his department for their excellent work in making this a successful day.

We look forward to running this event again in the future.

Sincerely
Terry Dawson
Event Chairperson
Rotary Club of Arnprior

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