



**Town of Arnprior  
Regular Meeting of Council: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Correspondence Package No. I-23-OCT-17**

**Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-OCT-17 be received as information and filed accordingly.

**General Information Items:**

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

- a) Edith Dumont to be Installed as Ontario's 30th Lieutenant Governor
- b) Ontario Releases 2022-23 Public Accounts
- c) Ontario Supporting Affordable Home and Job Creation
- d) Ontario Raising Minimum Wage October 1 to Support Workers
- e) Even More Convenient Care Close to Home Coming to Communities Across Ontario

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

- a) Tour Paramedic Ride rolls into Renfrew County

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

- a) Policy Update on Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act Introduced and Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response
- b) Watch File – September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- c) Watch File – September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**4. Correspondence from the Arnprior Regional Health**

- a) News Release – The Grove 32 bed expansion project will not move forward at this time
- b) News Release – The Opportunity Shop Double Give Campaign Aims to Help Food Bank

**5. Correspondence from the Arnprior Public Library**

- a) Fall 2023 Newsletter

**6. Correspondence from Hospice Renfrew**

- a) Event Poster – Broken Hearts Club
- b) Event Poster – Nurturing the Caregiver Workshops

**7. Correspondence from Anson's Mandazis**

- a) Thank You Card



## NEWS RELEASE

# Edith Dumont to be Installed as Ontario's 30th Lieutenant Governor

Madame Dumont will be the first Francophone Lieutenant Governor in province's history

September 26, 2023

[Office of the Premier](#)

**TORONTO** — The installation ceremony of Madame Edith Dumont as Ontario's 30th Lieutenant Governor will take place on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 in the Queen's Park Legislative Chamber.

Further and more detailed information about the installation will be released at a later date.

The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell continues in office as Lieutenant Governor until the installation of Madame Dumont.

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## Quotes

"For nine years, it has been my honour to serve as the Crown's Representative in Ontario. In our communities and on the world stage, Ontarians have inspired me daily by their strong civic spirit and dedication to better futures for all. I can think of no higher privilege than encouraging our province to realize the best version of itself: a resilient, inclusive Ontario committed to sustainability, reconciliation, and the safeguarding of democracy. I am confident that Ontario will be well-served by our 30th Lieutenant Governor, Madame Edith Dumont. I extend my best wishes for her success and happiness in the next chapters of Ontario's shared story."

**- The Hon. Elizabeth Dowdeswell**  
**Lieutenant Governor of Ontario**

"I want to congratulate Madame Edith Dumont on her appointment as the 30th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. I look forward to working with Madame Dumont and wish her the best of luck in her new role. I also want to express my gratitude to outgoing Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, for her years of dedicated service to the people of Ontario."

**- Doug Ford**  
**Premier of Ontario**

"I am deeply honoured to be appointed Ontario's 30th Lieutenant Governor, representing His Majesty the King. I am especially proud to be the first Francophone in Ontario's history to hold this position. I look forward to connecting with people across the province, and I will serve our communities with pride and civic spirit. I would also like to acknowledge the remarkable work of the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, who will be a source of inspiration for me in this new role."

**- Edith Dumont**  
**Lieutenant Governor-designate**

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## **Additional Resources**

- [For general information about the installation of the Lieutenant Governor, visit here.](#)





## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Releases 2022-23 Public Accounts

Province delivers on Plan to Build through targeted investments in programs, services, and infrastructure

September 27, 2023

[Treasury Board Secretariat](#) – [Finance](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government released the 2022-23 Public Accounts, which provide the final audited financial results of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

“As Ontario’s population continues to grow, the Public Accounts show that we are taking a targeted, responsible approach to the province’s fiscal plan, creating the conditions to attract jobs and investments, building critical infrastructure and, at the same time, providing Ontarians with the services they depend on,” said Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board. “We are committed to prudent management of taxpayer dollars, while making much needed investments to build a more resilient economy and a stronger Ontario.”

The *2022-23 Public Accounts* illustrate that the government is delivering on its Plan to Build by investing \$186.4 billion across all programs. This represents a \$15.9 billion or 9.3 per cent increase over program spending in the previous fiscal year. Some key investments from the 2022-23 Public Accounts include:

- Infrastructure spending increased by 8.5 per cent, to a total of \$19.2 billion, to build highways, roads, schools, and other community infrastructure as part of the province’s Plan to Build.
- Health sector base program spending increased by 8 per cent, to a total of \$75.2 billion, to provide convenient and improved quality care to people in communities across the province.
- Education sector base program spending increased by 16 per cent, to a total of \$33.6 billion, supporting Ontario families. This increase includes the implementation of the

Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, which reduces average out-of-pocket childcare fees for parents across the province.

“Despite the strong position Ontario is in today, we’re mindful that the province is not immune to any potential slowdown in economic growth,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “In the face of heightened economic and geopolitical challenges, including the Bank of Canada’s interest rate increases, we will continue to take a responsible and targeted approach to building a strong Ontario by supporting people and businesses today, while laying a strong fiscal foundation for future generations.”

The Public Accounts reports a 2022-23 deficit of \$5.9 billion — \$14.0 billion lower than the *2022 Budget* projection, building on the government’s track record of strong fiscal management. This result mainly reflects higher taxation revenues due to strong economic growth and higher-than-expected inflation. Higher revenues were also reported by ministries and the broader public sector.

For the sixth year in a row the government has received a clean audit opinion from the Province’s Auditor General. The province is committed to providing regular reporting and to being open, honest and transparent about the state of Ontario’s finances.

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## Quick Facts

- The Public Accounts note that since 2018-19, the government has increased spending in the health sector on average by 6.1 per cent per year from \$61.9 billion to \$78.5 billion, and 4.7 per cent per year in the education sector from \$28.7 billion to \$34.5 billion.
- Ontario’s *2023-24 First Quarter Finances* projects a deficit of \$1.3 billion for 2023-24, which is unchanged from the outlook published in the *2023 Ontario Budget*. The *2023 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review* will provide the next quarterly update on the province’s fiscal plan by November 15, 2023.
- Following the *2023 Ontario Budget*, Standard & Poor’s, Moody’s and DBRS Morningstar have all placed Ontario’s credit ratings on positive outlook, while Fitch confirmed Ontario’s credit rating with a stable outlook.

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## Additional Resources

- [2022-23 Public Accounts](#)
- [Public Accounts 101 Video](#)
- Read the [2023-24 First Quarter Finances](#)



## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Supporting Affordable Home and Job Creation

Changes would make it cheaper and easier to build and find affordable homes

September 28, 2023

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act*, which, if passed, would make it cheaper and easier to build affordable homes, provide certainty to municipalities and help more Ontarians find an affordable home based on their household income. This would help support measures made through the government's [housing supply actions plans](#) and its commitment to help communities across Ontario build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031.

The proposed change would update the definition of affordable housing units that would qualify for development-related charge discounts and exemptions. This approach reflects the ability of local households to pay for housing and recognizes the diversity of housing markets across the province. It also supports the government's efforts to lower the cost of building, purchasing and renting affordable homes across the province.

"Too many people in Ontario are struggling to find a home that they can afford and our government is working hard to help them," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "This proposed legislation will increase the supply of affordable housing across Ontario and make it easier for people to find a home that truly meets their needs and their budgets."

The proposed change would more closely align with the definition of affordable housing in the current [Provincial Policy Statement](#). This definition has been in place since 2005 and is currently in effect provincewide.

Ontario will also be consulting on new regulations as part of the ongoing strategy to streamline hearings and speed up decisions at the [Ontario Land Tribunal](#). The results from this fall's

consultations will help set service standards and prioritize resolution of certain cases, including cases that would create the most housing.

The government is also proposing changes that would, if passed, help support Volkswagen Group and PowerCo SE's historic investment to build an electric vehicle battery cell manufacturing facility in the City of St. Thomas, creating thousands of jobs. These changes would give the City of St. Thomas the authority to provide PowerCo SE municipal-based incentives that were negotiated in partnership with the municipality.

"We're growing Ontario's automotive supply chain by partnering with St. Thomas and local communities to create the right conditions for growth," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "The proposed legislation will support key investments and deliver cost savings for critical infrastructure projects in St. Thomas and the surrounding region, strengthening the local economy and helping to create more good-paying jobs."

To support procurement savings and efficiencies at the municipal level across the province, the government will also be engaging and collaborating with municipalities to ensure they can benefit from provincial supply chain programs and strategies, led by [Supply Ontario](#). Increasing procurement collaboration with municipalities supports Ontario's commitment of leveraging consolidated spending to enable cost savings and efficiencies in all levels of government in Ontario.

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## Quick Facts

- The province is seeing meaningful progress in its plan to build homes. Both 2021 and 2022 saw the most housing starts in over 30 years, with close to 100,000 homes built in each year. In 2022, Ontario recorded close to 15,000 purpose-built rental housing starts, the highest number on record.
  - Ontario is working closely with the federal government to increase the supply of purpose-built rentals by removing both the federal and provincial portions of the HST, a measure that will make it easier and cheaper to build this important housing type.
  - Ontario is continuing to take steps to tackle the housing supply crisis and meet its pledge of at least 1.5 million new homes by 2031, including [implementing recommendations of its Housing Affordability Task Force](#) and through the introduction of its most recent housing supply action plan, [Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants](#).
  - Ontario's recent additional funding investments, including \$14.7 million over three years starting April 2022 and \$11.8 million over three years starting April 2023, are helping the Ontario Land Tribunal to streamline processes, improve customer service and resolve land use planning disputes more quickly.
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## Quotes

"We are focused on creating the conditions for growth and construction to take place and making it less expensive to get housing built. Far too many people are struggling with the rising cost of living and with finding housing that meets their family's needs. Discounts and exemptions on development-related fees could help lower the cost of building, purchasing, and renting affordable homes across the province, helping to ensure more Ontarians in all parts of the province can find a truly affordable home."

**- Rob Flack**  
**Associate Minister of Housing**

"Municipalities are committed to working with the province to increase housing supply and improve housing affordability. Including income as a measure of affordability in Ontario is essential to making home ownership and rental housing more affordable for more people."

**- Colin Best**  
**President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

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## Additional Resources

- [\*Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023\*](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants](#)
- [Ontario's More Homes for Everyone Plan](#)

## BACKGROUND

# Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023

September 28, 2023

### [Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

The Ontario government is proposing changes to help more people find an affordable home and support municipalities across the province to attract jobs. The proposed measures would update the legislated definition of affordable housing, cut red tape to build more priority projects such as housing, help municipalities find savings and efficiencies, and support the creation of more jobs. Related initiatives include:

#### **Affordable Housing Definition for Development Charges Exemptions**

Under the *More Homes Built Faster Act*, Ontario made changes to the Development Charges Act that would exempt affordable housing units from development-related charges once a definition is in force and a Bulletin issued by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is published. The goal of this change is to make it cheaper and easier to build truly affordable homes, since development-related charges can add well over \$100,000 to the cost of a single-family home in some Ontario municipalities. The proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act* contained in this bill would, if passed, take local incomes and market factors into account to define an affordable residential unit. This definition would then be used to determine which housing units should be eligible for development-related charge discounts and exemptions. This approach, [which the government is consulting on](#), will reflect the ability of local households to pay for housing and recognize the diversity of housing markets across the province. Discounts and exemptions on development-related fees can lower the cost of building, purchasing and renting affordable homes across Ontario.

#### **Building the Volkswagen Group and PowerCo SE's Facility**

The government is also [proposing legislative changes](#), that, if passed, would support Volkswagen Group and PowerCo SE's historic investment to build an electric vehicle battery cell manufacturing facility in the City of St. Thomas. These changes would give St. Thomas the authority to provide PowerCo SE municipal-based incentives that were negotiated in partnership with the municipality. The battery cell manufacturing facility will be the largest of its kind in Canada, creating up to 3,000 direct jobs and thousands of indirect jobs, helping to support economic growth and prosperity for future generations.

## **Streamlining Decisions at the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT)**

As part of the strategy to streamline hearings and speed up decisions at the OLT, Ontario is consulting on and developing regulations to set service standards and to prioritize resolution of certain cases, including cases that would create the most housing. Consultations will begin this fall.

## **Enabling Greater Municipal Procurement Collaboration**

Ontario is proposing to help ensure municipalities can benefit from provincial supply chain programs and strategies, led by Supply Ontario, including category management and Vendor of Record arrangements, which combine Ontario's purchasing power together to obtain better value for procurements. Municipalities can collaborate with Supply Ontario on a voluntary basis to enable cost savings and efficiencies in all levels of government in Ontario.



## STATEMENT

# Ontario Raising Minimum Wage October 1 to Support Workers

Increase to \$16.55 an hour follows passage of government's third Working for Workers Act this week

September 29, 2023

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

TORONTO — David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, issued the following statement on the minimum wage increasing and the passage of the [Working for Workers Act, 2023](#):

“Starting Sunday, October 1, Ontario’s minimum wage will increase from \$15.50 to \$16.55 per hour, helping more than 900,000 hard-working men and women across our province earn more take-home pay for themselves and their families.

This 6.8 per cent raise means up to \$2,200 more in workers’ pockets every year and brings Ontario to one of the highest minimum wages in the country.

Our government is continuing to deliver steady and predictable annual increases, helping families offset the rising cost of living while also providing certainty to businesses by announcing this increase six months in advance.

Minimum wage jobs should be for the start of a worker’s career, not the end. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we are giving workers a hand up to even better jobs and bigger paycheques.

Earlier this week, our government continued our mission of introducing common-sense changes to protect workers and prepare them for the future of work through passing our [Working for Workers Act, 2023](#).

For those who think health and safety is just the cost of doing business, we passed the [highest health and safety fines](#) in the country, along with new penalties for those who try to abuse vulnerable temporary foreign workers by [withholding their passport or work permit](#).



Ontario is also the first province in Canada to [ban unfair or discriminatory Canadian work experience requirements](#) in more than 30 regulated professions and trades to help newcomers work in the fields they trained for. This will ensure more immigrants are getting a fair shot. In December 2023, all unfair or discriminatory requirements for Canadian experience in these professions will be gone.

We're also making [job-protected leave for military reservists](#) the most flexible and comprehensive in all of Canada and [protecting remote workers during mass layoffs](#).

Finally, to complement our legislation, we are [requiring women's-only washrooms on construction sites](#) and protective equipment that actually fits them, and we have [expanded cancer coverage](#) for firefighters who run into burning buildings while everyone else runs the other way.

All these changes build on measures our government passed in our *Working for Workers Acts*, [2021](#) and [2022](#), which are already changing lives and improving working conditions for millions of workers and their families.

In the coming months, I will be introducing more legislation as part of our plan to make Ontario the best place in the world to live, work and raise a family."



## NEWS RELEASE

# Even More Convenient Care Close to Home Coming to Communities Across Ontario

Local pharmacies now a one-stop-shop for 19 common ailments as Ontario expands list of medications pharmacists can prescribe

October 01, 2023

### [Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is making it more convenient for people to connect to care closer to home by allowing pharmacists to treat and prescribe medications for an additional six common medical ailments. This is in addition to the [13 common ailments](#) that pharmacists have already been prescribing for since January 1, 2023.

“Expanding the list of common ailments pharmacists can treat, people will now get faster, more convenient access to the care they need closer to home, while helping to further reduce wait times at our community clinics and hospitals,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Pharmacist prescribing has been a huge success and Ontario is now one of the leading jurisdictions in Canada in providing convenient health care services through pharmacies.”

Starting today, people will be able to visit a local pharmacy to receive prescriptions for:

- acne;
- canker sores;
- diaper rash;
- yeast infections;
- parasitic worms (pinworms and threadworms); and
- nausea and vomiting in pregnancy.

This is in addition to the 13 common ailments pharmacists have been able to treat since January 1, 2023:

- hay fever (allergic rhinitis);
- oral thrush (candidal stomatitis);
- pink eye (conjunctivitis; bacterial, allergic and viral);
- dermatitis (atopic, eczema, allergic and contact);
- menstrual cramps (dysmenorrhea);
- acid reflux (gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD));
- hemorrhoids;
- cold sores (herpes labialis);
- impetigo;
- insect bites and hives;
- tick bites (post-exposure prophylaxis to prevent Lyme disease);
- sprains and strains (musculoskeletal); and
- urinary tract infections (UTIs).

Since the start of this year, 89 per cent of Ontario's pharmacies have been treating common ailments, providing over 400,000 assessments. Stopping by a local pharmacy saves people a trip to the doctor's office and gives family doctors more time to help people who need more specialized care.

As with visiting a family physician or walk-in clinic, Ontarians can receive a prescription from a pharmacist for common ailments with just their Ontario health card. The cost of the medication being prescribed will continue to be paid for by people directly or through their drug benefits plan.

Recent changes by the province also allow pharmacists to administer certain injection and inhalation treatments so that they can better care for people who need help taking certain medications, such as insulin, vitamin B12, or osteoporosis treatment. Ontarians can now access this service at their local pharmacy for a professional fee, similar to fees to receive travel vaccines.

This work is part of Ontario's [Your Health Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), which focuses on providing people with a better health care experience by connecting them to more convenient options closer to home, while shortening wait times for key services across the province and growing the health care workforce for years to come.

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## Quick Facts

- Overall surgical waitlists continue to decline and the average length of stay for patients admitted to an emergency department has decreased over the last year.
- Anyone with symptoms should contact their local pharmacist to confirm whether they provide prescribing services for certain common ailments before visiting the pharmacy.

- This change builds on pharmacists' current knowledge, skills and judgement to recommend over-the-counter medications and allows physicians to focus on the more complex health care needs of their patients.
  - Ontarians can now also visit local pharmacies for Paxlovid prescriptions. Visit [ontario.ca/antivirals](https://ontario.ca/antivirals) for more information on eligibility and to find local pharmacies that are dispensing Paxlovid.
  - These changes are being made in partnership with the Ontario College of Pharmacists.
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## Quotes

"We are already seeing the tremendous impact that the minor ailments program has had in helping to more conveniently connect Ontarians to care. Since the program launched earlier this year there have been more than 400,000 pharmacy assessments for minor ailments. With the expansion of this program on October 1, 2023, Ontarians will now be able to get support for six more minor ailments from their local pharmacist including for canker sores, acne, and diaper rash."

**- Justin Bates**  
**CEO, Ontario Pharmacists Association**

"Expanding the role of Ontario's pharmacists is another significant step towards connecting Ontarians to the care they need, right in their own communities. This announcement aligns with our commitment to improving access to care for patients and we are proud to work with the Ontario government and the Ontario College of Pharmacists to make these positive changes."

**- Jeff Leger**  
**President of Shoppers Drug Mart**

"We applaud the Government's announcement to expand access to minor ailments services through neighbourhood pharmacies across Ontario. We are pleased to have partnered with the Government to support their commitment to timely and accessible care in communities across the province. We look forward to continued partnership to further enable pharmacies to serve as community health hubs providing convenient and accessible care to Ontarians."

**- Sandra Hanna**  
**CEO, Neighbourhood Pharmacy Association of Canada**

"The independent pharmacists of I.D.A., Guardian, Remedy'sRx and The Medicine Shoppe are continuing their commitment to care by offering choice and convenience for their patients to obtain quality health care close to home and when they need it the most. The addition of these six minor ailments affords pharmacists the opportunity to expand the in-pharmacy services by

using their experience and scope helping to provide health care quickly, while giving them the tools and resources to provide the best patient care options possible."

**- Smita Patil**  
**VP Professional Affairs, McKesson Canada**

"Our pharmacies have proven to be a crucial health care destination for our communities in Ontario and our patients are relying more and more on our pharmacy teams when it comes to their health care needs, including minor illnesses. Acknowledging the vital contribution pharmacists make in delivering accessible healthcare, we are excited about further broadening our pharmacist services and expanding our scope of practice to address six additional minor illnesses. This expanded scope of care will continue to enhance our commitment to support our communities, alleviate healthcare system pressures, and continue to improve the well-being of Ontarians."

**- Nicolas Caprio**  
**President of Rexall Pharmacy Group**

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## Additional Resources

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- More information about the types of health care services you can get through your local pharmacy can be found [here](#)



# Tour Paramedic Ride rolls into Renfrew County

Posted on Friday, September 22, 2023



*County of Renfrew Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan shakes hands with co-founder of the Tour Paramedic Ride Norm Robillard at Robert Simpson Park in Arnprior on September 20.*

## **RELEASE DATE:**

September 22, 2023

The Ontario Paramedic Memorial Bell rang 50 times in Robert Simpson Park in Arnprior on September 20 as paramedics held a moment in silence for their colleagues who have died in the line of duty.

The cyclists from across Ontario rode through the Ottawa Valley for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tour Paramedic Ride, making five stops in and around the Valley. They conquered 93 kilometres of terrain on their final day, but they also travelled the Gatineau Hills and to downtown Ottawa. The day started at the Paramedic Base in Arnprior with the group heading to Burnstown Beach, Pakenham, Fitzroy Harbour and back to Arnprior for the closing ceremony.



*The Tour Paramedic Ride cycled into Arnprior's Robert Simpson Park on Wednesday, September 20. The ride raises awareness of what paramedics do and is also a fundraiser for a Canadian Paramedic Monument in Ottawa. During the closing ceremony the Ontario Paramedic Memorial Bell, centre, rang for each paramedic who have died in the line of duty.*

The ride holds a very special place in the heart County of Renfrew Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan as he was approached 13 years ago to help start the ride when he was the president of the Paramedic Chiefs of Canada.

"It's really a testament to the importance that volunteers, paramedics, and members of the public place on the incredible work that the paramedics are doing. It's both a celebration, and a sense of sadness, recognizing that the ride is commemorating the lives of paramedics who have died in the line of duty," said Chief Nolan. "It's also a commemoration, as it relates to mental health and the challenges that paramedics who are working today face every day."

Norm Robillard, one of the co-founders of the Tour Paramedic Ride, says Chief Nolan was instrumental in starting the ride, making key introductions to the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation and the Canadian Chiefs of Canada before the ride even started.

"He opened the door, he inspired and motivated us," said Robillard. "He was very supportive."

The event is also a chance to highlight the risks paramedics face day in and day out.

"We're a vehicle to promote and to raise awareness that paramedics do outstanding work. The risks and hazards involved can and have led to some of our colleagues dying," explained Robillard. "And we don't want these people to be forgotten. We want their families, colleagues, and friends to know through these rides they're not forgotten."





*Cyclists ride in Arnprior on Wednesday, September 20 during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tour Paramedic Ride.*

The ride also raises money toward the Canadian Paramedic Memorial Foundation, which has a goal of \$5 million to construct a monument in Ottawa.

"I think the monument really represents a celebration of the profession with a balance of commemorating those who have given their lives, their livelihood, and their time to making Canada a safer place through paramedic practice," said Chief Nolan. "We believe strongly that with the persistence of the paramedic ride and the awareness that it's providing, that a government will step forward and allow this project to go full steam ahead."

The Tour Paramedic Ride is a not-for-profit organization and more information can be found on its website: [www.tourparamedicride.ca](http://www.tourparamedicride.ca).

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*County of Renfrew Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan addresses the cyclists*



*from the 10th anniversary of the Tour Paramedic Ride that stopped in Arnprior on September 20.*

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## POLICY UPDATE

October 3, 2023

# **Policy Update - *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act* Introduced and Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response**

## ***Affordable Homes, Good Jobs Act* Introduced**

On September 28, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced [new legislation](#) that, if enacted, would incorporate an income component into the definition of affordable housing for the purposes of exemptions from development charges. Consistent with the approach advocated by AMO, the definition is based on the standard of housing costing no more than 30 percent of household income. Precise details are still required as part of the Minister's Affordable Housing Bulletin to enable implementation. AMO will continue to highlight for the government the importance of issuing this bulletin as soon as possible to enable municipalities to understand implications for budgets.

The bill, if enacted, would also support St. Thomas to provide municipal incentives as part of the building of an electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant; would streamline Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) decisions through regulatory change; and provide municipalities with the option of accessing Vendors of Records under Supply Chain Ontario. AMO plans to work with its Land Use Planning and Resources Task Force to make a submission to the government as part of the OLT regulatory consultation.

## **Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations Response**

At its meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup>, the AMO Board considered the recent request made by Minister Calandra to mayors across Ontario regarding their views on the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force. The Minister has requested that all heads of council respond to the request by **October 16<sup>th</sup>** or risk financial penalties for their municipality. AMO had previously requested that the ministry extend the deadline to allow mayors to consult with councils, however the request was not granted. AMO urges *all* members who received a letter from the Minister –

including those without provincial housing targets – to meet this deadline to remain eligible for investments under the Building Faster Fund.

To support members as consider their response, the AMO Board has [sent a letter to Minister Calandra](#) and stated that the letter would be shared with all municipal governments. While mayors will each make individual decisions that reflect local circumstances, AMO states that at a sector-level, **municipalities conditionally support all Task Force recommendations** with a few exceptions, provided that the government puts in place:

1. A **fair and sustainable funding framework** to support infrastructure and growth, that is not unduly subsidized by existing property taxpayers;
2. A **comprehensive, sequenced implementation plan** that gives both developers and municipalities certainty regarding costs and rules to support effective long-term decision-making;
3. An **accountability framework** that accurately recognizes the roles and responsibilities of different housing partners and does not hold municipalities accountable for the actions of developers or provincial ministries. Mechanisms must be included to ensure that public investments are tied to outcomes in the public interest;
4. A core focus on **non-market housing**, which was not within the mandate of the Housing Affordability Task Force. A robust non-market housing sector is a critical part of a well-functioning overall housing system and needs to be prioritized by governments.
5. A **public policy review by the Ontario Public Service** verifying that each recommendation is feasible, likely to result in increased housing supply and/or affordability and is in the public interest.

The letter identifies top recommendations from the Task Force for prioritization, as well as three recommendations that AMO objects to on principle.

AMO has previously stated that the government has chosen its own path in addressing the housing crisis in Ontario, despite the advice of municipalities, and will be accountable for its outcomes. AMO has also stated that municipalities will do everything within their power to help the province to achieve its housing targets and outcomes. The AMO Board believes that the response outlined in the letter is reflective of this approach.

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September 21, 2023

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- Sewer Safety Week will take place September 18 - 22.
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- Careers: Elliot Lake, Simcoe County, Deep River and Blandford-Blenheim.

## AMO Matters

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AMO and the province came together to form a Technical Working Group to provide an inter-governmental dialogue on municipal insurance costs, coverage and liability issues. [Read \*The Future of Municipal Liability and Risk Management\* report](#) summarizing the group's findings.

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## Eye on Events

View the full program for the AMO and Local Authority Services (LAS) Municipal Energy Symposium on November 2-3 at the Novotel Centre Toronto. [View the program and register now](#). Space is limited.

Don't miss AMO's in-demand *Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official* training. This two half day training is an opportunity to gain skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official. [Register for the October 18 - 19 training today](#).

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Sewer Safety Week will take place September 18-22. A reminder to always call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 for a free sewer safety inspection. To learn more, visit enbridgegas.com/sewersafety.

The Ontario Traffic Council is hosting an informative webinar all about Administrative Penalties (APS). Join OTC on September 28, 9-11am as they give an overview of APS and review their recently released APS Guideline. Don't wait - click here to register.

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Deputy Treasurer - City of Elliot Lake. Assisting with the general management of the treasury department. Apply to la@tdobbie.com by September 30.

Planning Information Analyst - County of Simcoe. Supports departmental data and analytic needs. Apply online by October 3

Director of Finance/Treasurer - Town of Deep River. Provide support, guidance, & advice to Department Heads, Committees, Council, and local boards on financial matters. Apply to hr@deepriver.ca by October 13.

Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Blandford-Blenheim. Provide exceptional leadership and strategic direction to the municipal organization. Apply to rmordue@blandfordblenheim.ca by October 19.

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The 2024 ROMA Conference, themed, *Closer to Home*, will provide rural municipal leaders the opportunity to address policy issues, funding concerns, and to meet directly with Provincial Ministers on local issues. Register by October 27 to access early bird rates. For full registration and hotel information, [click here](#).

Don't be disappointed! Book your trade show booth today to ensure your participation in the 2024 ROMA Conference. Limited spaces available. Download the [exhibitor package](#) or [sponsorship package](#) today.

If you missed the opportunity to attend AMO 2023 in the City of London, you now can [view the rich mainstage program](#) offered.

AMO and LAS have finalized the program for this years important conversation on energy and the municipal role. Don't miss this event November 2-3 at the Novotel Centre, Toronto. [View the program and register now](#). Space is limited.



AMO's Councillor Training provides the knowledge and insights to support you as a local leader. AMO's training explores the key areas related to your role as a local leader including: conflict of interest, code of conduct, insight into legislation and policy, finance and strategic planning, asset management - and more! [Register today](#) for October 20 training.

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[Senior Project Manager - City of Toronto](#). Research and policy analysis and development, project management, program evaluation and stakeholder engagement. [Apply online](#) by October 16.

[Manager, Administrative Monetary Penalty System \(AMPS\) - City of Markham](#). Develop and implement a comprehensive strategy for the AMPS program. [Apply online](#) by October 4.

[Technical Specialist - Ministry of Long-Term Care](#). Provide technical advice in the review, decision-making and approval process for health capital projects in the long-term care, hospital and/or community sectors. [Apply online](#) by October 11.

[Senior Asset Management Analyst & Asset Management Analyst - Niagara Region](#). Responsible for the organizational asset data and asset information needs. [Apply online](#) by October 11.

General Manager, Public Works Operations - Haldimand County. Responsible for the overall management and administration of the Public Works Operations Department. Apply online by October 17.

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## The Grove 32 bed expansion project will not move forward at this time

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – The Arnprior Regional Health (ARH) Board of Directors is disappointed to share that ARH is unable to move forward with the Grove Long-Term Care Home Expansion project at this time.

Unfortunately, high inflationary and significantly higher-than-forecasted construction costs mean that the current project is not financially viable. ARH will continue to work closely and collaboratively with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and local representatives to explore available options.

“The Board remains committed to ensuring that the needs of our community are being met,” says Cathy Jordan, Board Chair. “This was a very difficult and highly involved decision, and one we did not take lightly. We will continue to work with our partners to “create a thriving community together.” ARH continues to make significant capital investments – like our CT Scanner project, and Human Resources Information System to support our teams and our community.

### 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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## The Opportunity Shop "Double Give" Campaign Aims to Help Food Bank

A true "win-win" situation is rare, but the Hospital Auxiliary's Opportunity Shop "Double Give" campaign is one.

**Until October 6<sup>th</sup>, donations to the campaign will be put towards Opportunity Shop gift cards, which will then be donated to the Arnprior & District Food Bank.**

That means that contributions will have DOUBLE the impact:

- Funds from the Opportunity Shop go to support local healthcare
- Food Bank clients can shop for clothes, bedding, toys, and more from the Opportunity Shop

"This is really a win-win," says Gail Okum, Shop Manager. "And our prices are so low that even \$10 can go a long way for someone. People tell us all the time that they can get a whole new wardrobe for \$20 or \$30! So that money comes to us to support the hospital, but then we are turning around and supporting the Food Bank, too."

### How to give

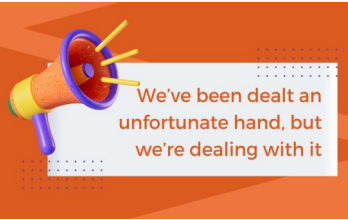
- Rounding up your shopping total
- Purchasing a \$5 gift card
- Donating any amount in shop

The Opportunity Shop is located at 153 John St N in Arnprior.

Monday: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday – Saturday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday: CLOSED



Cleanup and restoration progress is being made following an unprecedented flood and backup on September 7th. It will be some time before our comfortable lower level reopens for public use. On the bright side, no books or archival documents were damaged and the library is open for fall hours. New fiction collections have been moved to the main level and staff can retrieve titles located downstairs. The book sale has also relocated upstairs. For now, the community hall is unavailable for room bookings but we will try to accommodate requests, as best we can, in our new programming space. Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

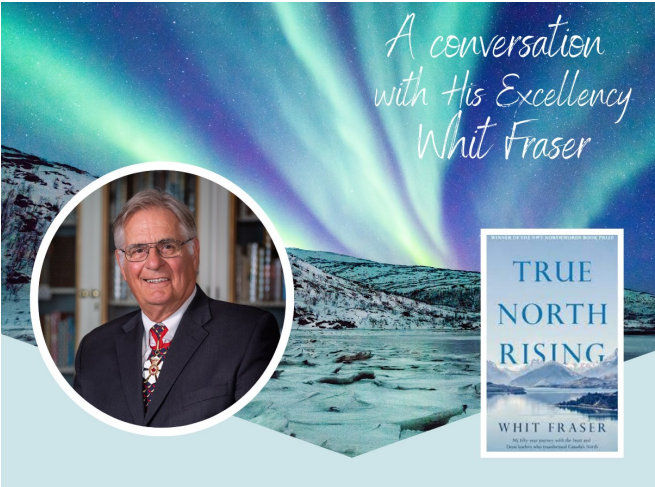
FALL HOURS
Monday & Tuesday 11am - 7pm
Wednesday to Friday 10am - 5pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm

We have lined up some fantastic programming this fall which will move ahead as planned.



Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 7pm on September 26, October 24, November 28 and December 19 stop by the library for some beautiful music (cello, guitar, classical, jazz and more). **Busker's Café** is sponsored by Tim Hortons, Arnprior. Enjoy a coffee & treat and the opportunity to chat with the musicians. Donations will be accepted to support the artists.

October 16—20 is Ontario Public Library Week. In addition to book draws and activities, we're hosting two premier author events. The Library's Book Clubs will welcome the public to **His Excellency Whit Fraser's** visit on Saturday October 21 at 3pm. Whit Fraser is an author and story teller and married to Governor General Mary Simon. He'll be speaking about Canada's North and his book **True North Rising**. [Registration](#) is required for this limited seating event.



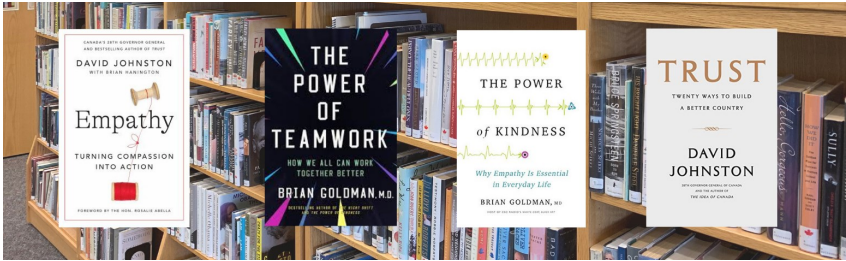
Canada's 28th Governor General **David Johnston** and CBC Radio's **Dr. Brian Goldman** have written extensively on the topic of empathy and kindness. We're bringing these two authors together for an engaging conversation in the hopes it will spring-board the community to further all their endeavours through the lens of kindness! Arnprior Mayor Lisa McGee will join library staff in co-moderating this engaging afternoon on Sunday October 22 at 2pm. There will be a Q&A segment as well.

White Pine Books will be on hand with books to purchase. This is a free event, but ticket [reservation](#) is required. Only registrants on the attendance list will be allowed into the venue. Sign up today through the library's [website](#).

White Pine Books is a wonderful library partner and we are pleased to help promote some of their upcoming author visits:

Emily Austin and Zoe Whittall will be at the bookstore the afternoon of October 21 and historical author Charlotte Gray will be at White Pine Books to talk about her newest biography [Passionate Mother's, Powerful Sons: The Lives of Jennie Jerome Churchill and Sara Delano Roosevelt](#) on Thursday, November 2nd at 6:30pm.

White Pine Books is located at 152 John Street North.



Coming up...

The library's signature **New Year's Eve Black and White Gala** is back - better than ever following a brief hiatus. The Fabulous Heartbeats will provide live music to dance the night away. Riley's Catering is planning a feast of amazing appetizers to be served throughout the evening and Celine McCorkell is our photographer for the an evening to remember! There will be a cash bar and complementary champagne at midnight. All in the ambiance in our beautifully transformed library! Tickets will go on sale by mid October.



The library is thrilled to be hosting a return visit of Ottawa's Strings of St. John's Orchestra on November 25 at 7:30pm. This orchestra made their Arnprior debut at the library in 2014. Since that time, we've added more mobile shelves and can accommodate a much larger audience. Admission is by donation, but we ask guests to register to allow for ample seating to be set up. You can [reserve](#) your attendance on our website.

Stay tuned for more musical events in December.

**NOTES ON REGULAR LIBRARY PROGRAMMING:** The library's English as a Second Language Group is on hold for the time being. You can still add your name to the list and we'll keep you informed when this program resumes this fall. Tuesday Chess Club and Friday afternoon Bridge Club are on hold until the downstairs restoration work is completed. The Library Book Clubs will continue to meet on Tuesdays at 11am and the Monday Whatknots Knitting Group will meet at 10am in the bright new expansion space. We haven't forgotten about those of you who showed an interest in American Mahjong and we're also getting feedback on a "Painting Circle" at the library. Let us know what you'd like to pursue and hopefully we can schedule regular meetups by mid October. Information is available on our [website](#).



# NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



They say time flies when you are having fun and they're right! This summer flew by! Between our kick-off event with Junkyard Symphony on July 4 and our end of summer celebration with magician John Pert on August 23, we hosted 71 story times and handed out 1762 wooden coins earned by our avid readers! Generous donations from the Scharf Family Charitable Trust, the Arnprior Optimists and the Rotary Club of Arnprior allowed us to support these local businesses by purchasing gift certificates: Beach Bites, Dairy Queen, Flavour Container, Super Lucky Dollar Store, Wes' Chips and Wyvern Wares. For every 5 books participants read, they earned one wooden coin which they could redeem for treats at these businesses.



## We're planning and preparing for a busy fall schedule

Our popular Friday morning drop in story times will resume on October 6th. Due to the restoration work in the lower level and the repurposing of the main programming room, we'll be moving Toddler Time and Preschool Story Times into the bright new Scharf Hall. If weather permits, we'll also be taking the children outside on our new patio space.

Toddler Time is at 10am and children attend with a grownup for this half hour of stories, songs, rhymes, play and fun. Preschool Story Time starts at 11am and these youngsters attend independently.



Baby Rhyme Time is back for fall sessions. This is a [registered](#) program for babies aged 5—12 months.

Don't forget to check out our 100 Books to Share before Kindergarten display as well as our new French Beginner Reader display. It is chock full of new books, just in time for the opening of the new French School in Arnprior, Ecole elementaire catholique des Deux Rivières.

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...

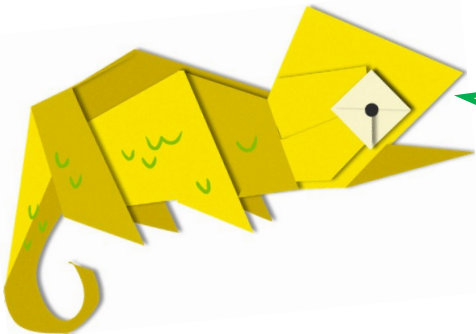
Our Book Advent Calendar event will take place on Tuesday November 21 from 6pm to 8pm. Registration will open online on Monday November 6th at 10am. If interest warrants, we may add a second evening.



Parents select their advent books and check them out for an extended loan. The library provides gift wrap for this great takeaway event for the whole family to enjoy as a lead up to Christmas.

## INTRODUCING...

Scrabble Club for kids in grade 4 and up! Please contact Carolyn ([youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca](mailto:youth@arnpriorlibrary.ca)) if you have a child who would be interested in a weekly meet-up to play scrabble with their peers. This club will run after school on a weekday to be determined, so please indicate which day of the week would be best for your child.



Origami Club for school age kids! Learn the art of origami and have fun with friends! Nahuel, who ran our summer origami programs is interested in heading up with after-school program, so simply drop by the first Thursday of the month beginning Thursday October 5th at 3pm in the Scharf Hall.

“The three most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card.” E.L. Doctorow



Hospice Renfrew is pleased to offer a monthly, social gathering for those adjusting to the loss of a loved one. Gather over coffee, tea, and refreshments and share in an activity with other bereaved folks in our community. Although peer support is a natural part of this gathering, this is not a grief support group. Facilitated by our Grief & Bereavement Counsellor with no fee attached.

**Sept. 19 2023**  
**Oct. 17 2023**  
**Nov. 21 2023**  
**Dec. 19 2023**

**10am - 11:30am**

**459 Albert St.  
Renfrew, ON**



**For more information or to REGISTER:**  
613 433 3993 x. 2237 or at [www.hospicerenfrew.ca](http://www.hospicerenfrew.ca)



# Nurturing the Caregiver Workshops



*These gatherings are offered to any unpaid caregiver in Renfrew County who cares for a loved one at home, in long term care, in hospital or at hospice. Come and gather with other caregivers to be nurtured, nourished and replenished.*



**2023 Dates:**  
**Saturday, September 30th**  
**Saturday, Oct. 28th**  
**Saturday, November 25th**  
**9am-noon**

*For more information or to register, please call Julie Keon,  
Grief & Bereavement Counsellor at Hospice Renfrew at 613 433 3993 x. 2237*

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And, of course, we must pay  
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