

## Town of Arnprior Regular Meeting of Council: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

#### Correspondence Package No. I-24-APR-08

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-24-APR-08 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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- b) Construction Update April 2024

#### 4. Correspondence from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

- **a)** FCM welcomes new \$6 billion fund to address housing and urgent municipality infrastructure needs
- **b)** FCM welcomes new rental protection fund that will support affordable housing across Canada
- c) FCM welcomes new federal plan to address the homelessness and housing crises in Canada

## 5. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- a) Watch File April 4th, 2024
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a) 2024 Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games Details

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Government of Canada

## Gouvernement du Canada

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# Government to increase tax credits for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers

From: <u>Department of Finance Canada</u>

## News release

#### April 10, 2024 - Ottawa, Ontario - Department of Finance Canada

Volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers play a critical role in protecting Canadians. Every year thousands of Canadians volunteer their time, and sacrifice their own safety, to keep their neighbours safe. Whether responding to flooding in Nova Scotia or wildfires in British Columbia, these volunteers continue to go above and beyond to help with firefighting and search and rescue.

In recognition of this, today the federal government announced that Budget 2024 will propose to double the Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit and the Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credit.

This means the tax credit will increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for 2024 and subsequent tax years, saving volunteer firefighters up to \$900 per year. This increase will particularly benefit rural communities where firefighters are most often volunteers and they are confronting increasingly more frequent wildfires

due to climate change. Over the next six years, this represents about \$105 million in new support for volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers across the country.

Today's announcement also includes \$166.2 million over five years in new funding in support of First Nations emergency management and preparedness. Recognizing that many First Nations communities are especially vulnerable to the impact of natural disasters, this investment will better support First Nations to protect their communities.

These investments will help ensure that our essential first responder volunteers are better supported in the selfless work they do to keep all of us safe. Alongside these measures, in the upcoming budget, the government will announce further action to build more homes, faster, make life more affordable, and create more good jobs and economic growth to ensure every generation can get ahead.

## Quotes

"Volunteer firefighters keep Canadians safe, while putting their own lives at risk. As wildfires and natural disasters grow more severe, these volunteers remain some of the only first responders in their community. The Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit and the Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credit are there to support the service of remarkable Canadians and encourage more people to do this critical, lifesaving work."

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland,
 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance

"The 2023 Wildfire Season was instructive – it showed us what the world will be like if we fail to tackle climate change and prepare for increasingly intense burn seasons. The immediate priority of any government is to protect lives and livelihoods – and increasingly that starts with recognizing the scientific reality of climate change and investing in measures to mitigate and adapt our changing climate. That is why the federal government has been working hard to train more firefighters, provide more lifesaving equipment, and partner with provinces and territories in anticipation for the 2024 wildfire season and fire seasons to come."

The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson,
 Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

"Canadians from coast to coast to coast have felt the increasing impacts of intense wildfires due to the changing climate. These emergencies, which threaten our communities, livelihoods and environment, are met by extraordinary individuals who volunteer as firefighters and search and rescue personnel. There is no braver person than one who is willing to sacrifice their own life for another. Our federal government recognizes this essential community service through the Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credits."

- The Honourable Harjit Sajjan,
President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of
Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific
Economic Development Agency of Canada

"Today's announcement marks another big step forward as we implement Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy. We are committed to protecting communities, our economy and our natural environment from the costly impacts of climate change. While we work to reduce the carbon emissions that are driving climate change, we are also safeguarding Canadians from immediate climate impacts, such as more intense and costly wildfires."

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault,
 Minister of Environment and Climate Change

"First Nations communities and their traditional lands are experiencing firsthand the impacts of climate change. They are disproportionally affected, with 80% of communities at risk of wildfire. First Nations know best what they need to manage wildfires, and today's announcement incorporates their traditional knowledge while building their capacity in a self-determinate way. Our message is clear: we will be at First Nations' side and support their efforts both before, during, and after the wildfire season."

- The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario

## **Quick facts**

 The Government of Canada's Budget 2024 will be tabled in the House of Commons by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

- In recent weeks, the Prime Minister has announced that Budget 2024 would also:
  - Invest \$2 billion to build and provide access to computing capabilities and technological infrastructure for Canada's world-leading AI researchers, start-ups, and scale-ups.
  - Boost AI start-ups to bring new technologies to market, and accelerate AI adoption in critical sectors, such as agriculture, clean technology, health care, and manufacturing, with \$200 million in support through Canada's Regional Development Agencies.
  - Invest \$100 million in the NRC IRAP AI Assist Program to help small and medium-sized businesses scale up and increase productivity by building and deploying new AI solutions.
  - Support workers who may be impacted by AI, such as creative industries, with \$50 million for the Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program, which will provide new skills training for workers in potentially disrupted sectors and communities.
  - <u>Create a new Canadian AI Safety Institute</u>, with \$50 million to further the safe development and deployment of AI.
  - Strengthen enforcement of the Artificial Intelligence and Data Act, with
     \$5.1 million for the Office of the AI and Data Commissioner.
  - <u>Launch a new \$50 million Homebuilding Technology and Innovation</u>
     <u>Fund</u> that will seek to leverage an additional \$150 million from the private sector and other orders of government to support the scale-up, commercialization, and adoption of innovative housing technologies and materials, including for modular and prefabricated homes.
  - Deliver \$50 million to modernize and expedite home building through the regional development agencies. This builds on the success of dozens of existing innovative projects already funded and underway in communities across the country, including those

- modernizing building practices through modular housing, mass timber construction, robotics, 3D printing, and automation.
- Deliver \$500 million to support rental housing. With low-cost financing through the Apartment Construction Loan Program, this will support new rental housing projects using innovative construction techniques from prefabricated and modular housing manufacturers as well as other homebuilders.
- <u>Launch a modernized Housing Design Catalogue</u> to standardize up to 50 efficient, cost-effective, and liveable home blueprints. With \$11.6 million in Budget 2024, this will include frames for modular homes, row housing, and fourplexes.
- <u>Launch a new \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund</u> that will provide \$1 billion in loans and \$470 million in contributions to nonprofit organizations and other partners so they can acquire units and preserve rent prices in the long term.
- <u>Deliver a \$15 billion top-up to the Apartment Construction Loan</u>
   <u>Program</u> to build a minimum of 30,000 new apartments. With this top-up, the program's financing is on track to build over 131,000 new apartments within the next decade.
- Announce new reforms to the Apartment Construction Loan Program
  to increase access to the program and make it easier for builders to
  build.
- <u>Launch Canada Builds</u>—partnering with provinces and territories to build more rental housing across the country. The federal government is leveraging its \$55 billion Apartment Construction Loan Program by making it available to support partnerships with provinces and territories that launch their own ambitious housing plans, similar to the <u>recently announced BC Builds initiative</u>.
- <u>Top-up the Housing Accelerator Fund</u> with an additional \$400 million,
   so more municipalities can cut red tape, fast-track home

construction, and invest in affordable housing. Since launching the now \$4.4 billion Housing Accelerator Fund last year, the federal government has signed 179 agreements across the country to fast-track more than 750,000 homes over the next decade. This \$400 million top-up will fast-track an additional 12,000 new homes in the next three years.

- <u>Launch a new \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund</u> to accelerate the construction and upgrading of critical housing infrastructure. This includes water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste infrastructure to support the construction of more homes.
- Restore generational fairness for renters, particularly Millennials and Gen Z, by taking <u>new action</u> to protect renters' rights and unlock pathways for them to become homeowners.
- Save more young families money and help more moms return to their careers by <u>building more affordable child care spaces</u> and training more early childhood educators across Canada.
- Create a <u>National School Food Program</u> to ensure children have the best start in life, with the food they need to learn and grow, no matter their circumstances.
- Invest \$500 million for a new <u>Youth Mental Health Fund</u> to help younger Canadians access mental health care.
- Invest \$8.1 billion over five years and \$73 billion over 20 years in defence spending.

## **Associated links**

 Government of Canada shares seasonal outlook, wildfire projections and emergency preparedness measures

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## Backgrounder: Solving the housing crisis: Canada's Housing Plan

From: Infrastructure Canada

## **Backgrounder**

Today, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Sean Fraser, unveiled Canada's Housing Plan, which responds to the significant housing challenges faced by Canadian communities. With Canada's Housing Plan, the federal government is taking a leadership role and making investments that drive the change needed to help solve Canada's national housing crisis.

In the years since the pandemic, Canada's housing sector has faced increasingly difficult challenges, compounded by high interest rates that slowed the economy and home construction. Today, the national housing crisis presents one of Canada's greatest social and economic challenges. Canada needs to build more homes, faster, to meet the demand of our growing communities.

Today, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister Fraser announced Canada's vision and plan to solve Canada's national housing crisis. Through Canada's Housing Plan, the government is committing to building more homes, faster; increasing housing affordability; growing the community housing sector; and, making it easier to rent or buy a home.

#### Canada is rising to this challenge by:

- Building more homes by bringing down the costs of homebuilding, helping cities make it easier to build homes at a faster pace, changing the way Canadian homebuilders manufacture homes, and growing the workforce to ensure we get the job done.
- Making it easier to rent or own a home by ensuring that every renter or homeowner has a home that suits their needs, and the stability to retain it.
- Helping Canadians who can't afford a home by building more affordable housing for students, seniors, persons with disabilities, and equity-deserving communities, and eliminating chronic homelessness in Canada.

## **Building more homes**

#### Making the math work for homebuilders

- Eliminating GST from new rental apartment construction projects, co-ops, and new student residences built by non-profit universities, and public colleges and school authorities.
- Reforming the Apartment Construction Loan Program (ACLP), and providing
  a further \$15 billion in loans to build a minimum of 30,000 new rental
  apartments. This brings the program's total loan funding to over \$55 billion
  with more than 131,000 new rental homes by 2031-32, including \$500 million
  in low-cost financing to support rental housing projects using innovative
  techniques. This is in addition to the \$15 billion announced in the 2023 Fall
  Economic Statement.
- Launching Canada Builds to leverage funding from the Apartment
   Construction Loan Program (ACLP) to partner with provinces and territories
   that launch their own ambitious housing plans, increasing the impact of
   federal, provincial and territorial investments.

- Launching a Public Lands for Homes plan that will unlock underused public land to build more housing, accelerate the process of making public land available for housing, lease public land instead of selling it off, and create a new mapping tool to keep track of federal lands that can be used for housing.
- Announcing \$20 million, through Budget 2024, for Statistics Canada and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) for modernizing and enhancing the collection and dissemination of housing data, including municipal-level data on housing starts and completions.
- Introducing the Canada Secondary Suite Loan Program, delivered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to provide homeowners up to \$40,000 in low-interest loans to add a secondary suite to their existing homes.
- Launching a \$4.3 billion Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing
   Strategy in 2024 to establish a 'for Indigenous, by Indigenous' National
   Housing Centre, and provide additional distinctions-based investments for
   culturally appropriate Indigenous housing to be delivered by Indigenous
   governments, organizations, and housing and service providers.

#### Working with communities to build more housing, faster

- Providing an additional \$400 million dollars to the \$4 billion Housing
   Accelerator Fund (HAF) to incentivize an additional 12,000 new homes in the
   next three years so more municipalities can cut red tape, fast-track home
   construction, and invest in affordable housing.
- Attaching housing conditions on public transit funding by requiring that any community that wants transit funding will be required to take action that will directly unlock housing supply where it's needed most, including:
  - Eliminating mandatory minimum parking requirements within 800 metres of a high-frequency transit line;

- Allowing high-density housing within 800 metres of a high-frequency transit line;
- Allowing high-density housing within 800 metres of post-secondary institutions; and,
- Completing Housing Needs Assessments for communities with a population over 30,000.
- Launching a new \$6 billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund to accelerate
  the construction and upgrading of critical housing infrastructure. This
  includes water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste infrastructure to
  support the construction of more homes. This fund will include:
  - \$1 billion available to municipalities to support urgent infrastructure needs to enable more housing; and
  - \$5 billion for agreements with provinces and territories to support longterm priorities. Provinces and territories can access this funding if they commit to key actions that increase housing supply, including:
    - Legalizing more housing options by adopting zoning that allows four units as-of-right and that permits more "missing middle" homes, including duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, and small multiunit apartments;
    - Implementing a three-year freeze on increasing development charges from April 2, 2024 levels for municipalities with a population greater than 300,000;
    - Adopting forthcoming changes to the National Building Code to support more accessible, affordable, and climate-friendly housing options;
    - Providing pre-approval for construction of designs included in the government's upcoming Housing Design Catalogue; and,
    - Implementing measures from the forthcoming Home Buyers' Bill of Rights and Renters' Bill of Rights.

 Provinces will have until January 1, 2025 to secure an agreement, and territories will have until April 1, 2025. If a province or territory does not secure an agreement by their respective deadline, their funding allocation will be transferred to the municipal stream.

#### Changing the way we build homes

- Allocating \$11.6 million to the development of a Housing Design Catalogue, which will provide builders and municipalities with a set of standardized designs that will streamline planning, development, and approval processes of new home build.
- Launching the new Homebuilding Technology and Innovation Fund. This
   Fund will provide \$50 million delivered through Next Generation
   Manufacturing Canada (NGen) to help scale-up, commercialize, and promote adoption of innovative housing technologies and materials in Canada's homebuilding industry, including for modular and prefabricated homes.
- Investing \$50 million over two years for Canada's regional development agencies to support innovative housing projects, including those in modular housing, automation, and robotics.
- Simplifying the way that Canada builds homes by making specific changes to the National Building Code to support factory build-housing and changes to allow more multi-bedroom apartments in existing neighbourhoods.
- Providing \$500 million in low-cost financing for new apartments that use innovative prefabricated homebuilding techniques through the Apartment Construction Loan Program (ACLP).

#### Growing and training the workforce

 Providing an additional \$50 million in the Foreign Credential Recognition Program, building on the federal government's previous \$115 million investment, with a focus on residential construction to help skilled trades workers get more homes built. Providing \$10 million for the Skilled Trades Awareness and Readiness
program to encourage high school students to enter the skilled trades, with
an additional \$90 million for the Apprenticeship Service, creating
apprenticeship opportunities to train and recruit the next generation of
skilled trades workers.

## Making it easier to rent or own a home

#### **Protecting renters**

- Launching the new \$15 million Tenant Protection Fund, through Budget 2024, to provide funding to provincial legal services and tenants' rights advocacy organizations to better protect tenant rights and ensure that renting a home is fair, open, and transparent.
- Creating the Canadian Renters' Bill of Rights, in partnership with provinces and territories, to require landlords to disclose a clear history of apartment pricing, significantly reduce renovictions, and create a nationwide standard lease agreement to give renters more agency.
- Strengthening the Canadian Mortgage Charter, and working with fintech companies, credit bureaus, and lenders to prioritize tools so that renters can report and record their rent payment history, strengthening their credit scores, ensuring they get credit for on-time rent payments, and unlocking pathways to become homeowners.

#### Getting you into your first home

- Extending the limit on insured mortgage amortizations for first-time buyers acquiring new builds by five years to increase access to mortgages for younger Canadians.
- Strengthening the Canadian Mortgage Charter to support access to fair, reasonable, and timely mortgage relief measures from their federally regulated financial institutions.

 Leveraging the tax-free First Home Savings Account to help Canadians meet their saving goals and purchase of their first home, faster. The tax-free First Home Savings Account is already helping over 750,000 Canadians save faster for their first downpayment.

#### **Supporting current homeowners**

- Extending the grace period for when homeowners are not required to repay their Home Buyers' Plan withdrawals to their RRSP, from two to five years, for all those who withdraw between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2025.
- Launching the Canada Green Buildings Strategy to focus on lowering home energy bills and reducing building emissions by supporting energy efficient retrofits. \$903.5 million will go toward the Canada Greener Homes Affordability Program, renewing and improving existing energy efficiency programs, and continuing to develop national approaches to home energy labelling.

#### **Protecting Canada's existing housing stock**

- Creating a short-term rental enforcement fund which will provide \$50 million for municipal enforcement of restrictions on short-term rentals, and increase long-term rental units.
- Extending the ban on purchasing residential property by foreign investors, legislated through the *Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act*, until January 1, 2027.

## Helping Canadians who can't afford a home

#### Increasing the supply of affordable housing in Canada

Providing \$1 billion to the Affordable Housing Fund (AHF) in addition to the
 \$1 billion top-up announced in the 2023 Fall Economic Statement, bringing

the total funding to over \$14 billion, to reform and strengthen the program.

- Launching a \$1.5 billion Canada Rental Protection Fund to help community
  housing providers acquire affordable rental units at risk of being sold to
  investors and repriced in order to preserve their affordability over the long
  term.
- Launching the \$1.5 billion Co-operative Housing Development Program to support new co-operative housing developments across the country.

#### Providing funding to communities to help end homelessness

- Providing additional investments of \$1 billion over four years to stabilize
   Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy.
- Investing \$250 million to address the urgent issue of encampments and unsheltered homelessness in communities across Canada, supporting the most vulnerable and ending encampments as vulnerable Canadians transition into dignified housing solutions.

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Ontario Launches Bereavement Support Program**

Funding will provide families of fallen public safety personnel with rapid access to mental health supports

April 05, 2024

**Solicitor General** 

AURORA — The Ontario government is investing over \$3 million to support families of first responders and public safety personnel who are killed in the line of duty or have died by suicide. The funding will provide free rapid bereavement counselling for up to two years following the death of a loved one.

"First responders and public safety personnel put their lives on the line for the safety of Ontario every single day," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "That is why our government is ensuring that families who experience the loss of a loved one can access critical mental health support when they need it most. This investment is a testament to our government's dedication to protecting everyone who helps keep our province safe."

The Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program will provide compassionate assistance for grieving families of police officers, firefighters, paramedics, ambulance communications officers and adult provincial correctional services employees.

"Ontario is proud to be home to world-class first responders who go above and beyond every day, sometimes putting their lives on the line to provide safety, care and support in communities across the province," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Through our government's investment in this new program, we are ensuring that loved ones of fallen paramedics, and all first responders, have access to the compassionate supports they need to begin their journey towards healing."

Family members can access mental health services such as crisis support, counselling and therapy by phone or online. These services are being delivered through a three-step care model that includes:

- Professionals who provide crisis and care planning 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Comprehensive mental health services, including rapid access to counselling
- Proactive care that supports families regardless of location or services required

#### **Quick Facts**

- Eligible family members include partners, parents, siblings, and children.
- The Family Wellness Program aligns with recommendations made in <u>Staying Visible, Staying Connected, For Life</u>.
- The Ontario government has invested over \$45 million to support organizations and programs that provide public safety personnel with access to high quality and specialized mental health services.
- Ontario is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to fill gaps in mental health and addictions care, create new services and expand programs through <u>Roadmap to</u> <u>Wellness</u>.
- As part of Budget 2024, Building a Better Ontario, the government is building on its work through the Roadmap by investing an additional \$396 million over three years to improve access and expand existing mental health and addictions services and programs.
- Ontario has invested more than \$10.5 million in one-time capital funding to support first responders affected by work-related stress or trauma, including post-traumatic stress injury. The services are being offered by the First Responder Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Rehabilitation Treatment and Assessment Centre at Runnymede Health Centre in Toronto.

#### **Quotes**

"Families of our first responders and public safety personnel face unique mental health and addictions challenges when coping with the death of a loved one in the line of duty. The new Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program will provide reliable services to families of our frontline heroes who lost their lives while on duty or by suicide. This program aligns with our Roadmap to Wellness plan which is treating mental health with the seriousness it deserves and building a world-class mental health and addictions system."

- Michael Tibollo

**Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions** 

"On behalf of SOLE (Survivors of Law Enforcement) we wish to thank the Government of Ontario for acknowledging the important work that all peace officers do every day in our province. This government's unwavering commitment to the well being of police officers and all first responders as well as their families is the right thing to do and paramount in our healing journey. We appreciate this government's recognition of the ultimate sacrifices our loved ones have made while keeping our communities safe."

- Nancy MacDonald President, Survivors of Law Enforcement

"The trauma and grief from a line of duty death or a suicide of one of our members is far reaching. In dealing with the loved ones left behind, we often learn of people deeply impacted who are not immediate family, many who are not covered under traditional benefit plans for professional services. We welcome the creation of a program to help the people closest to our members and thank the Ontario government for the additional support to help all loved ones of our members to grieve and heal from unspeakable tragedies."

- John Cerasuolo President, Ontario Provincial Police Association

"First responders are routinely exposed to disasters and emergencies that often leave an imprint. Firefighters struggle with mental illness and suicide rates at levels that are much higher than what is found in the general population. It is estimated that suicide is three times more likely to happen in a fire department than a line of duty death. In the wake of a line of duty death or suicide, the family and friends of the victim often experience great loss and grief, with little support or counselling. We applaud this government for not only investing in firefighter health and safety, but for taking the necessary steps to care for the ones left behind when tragedy strikes."

- Greg Horton President, Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association "I am deeply moved by the Ontario government's support to address the mental health challenges that affect the families of our fallen public safety heroes. This funding represents a pledge to the journey of healing and well-being of the families that have already sacrificed so much. This support acknowledges the unique burdens our families bear and underscores our collective commitment to their well-being as they navigate this difficult journey. Together, we're providing unwavering support and commitment that will echo through our organizations for future generations of first responders."

- Rocco Volpe Acting Fire Chief, Central York Fire Services

"Families matter. They need our support and care when a paramedic or any first responder loses their life in the line of duty or have died by suicide. It is the least we can do as a community dependant on our first responders to service us in our worst time of need. The OAPC applauds the Ford government's commitment to families."

- Michael Sanderson President, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs

"We often thank our members for their dedication and service, for their bravery and strength. But we often forget to acknowledge their families. Husbands, wives, partners, children, parents, they all make sacrifices, when a loved one becomes a police officer. Thanks to this investment from the Ford government, our police families will get the support they deserve, having made the ultimate sacrifice."

- Jon Reid President, Toronto Police Association "The families of firefighters take on a heavy burden without ever having to see a fire or respond to an emergency. The Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program demonstrates a commitment to supporting these families to address the mental health challenges they may be facing."

> - Jon Pegg Fire Marshal of Ontario

"Public safety and emergency service workers serve the residents and visitors of Ontario around the clock in some of the most challenging and dangerous conditions imaginable. When these workers are killed in the line of duty, or when they die by suicide, it creates great loss for their families and coworkers. The delivery of new services for the families of public safety heroes who were killed in the line of duty or have died by suicide is an admirable initiative by this government, one that is applauded by the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (OAFC)."

- Rob Grimwood President, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

"Police personnel rely on the support of their families as they take on the difficult work of protecting our communities. When a member dies in the line of duty or because of the line of duty, we must make sure the mental health needs of those left behind are met with compassion and care. The Police Association of Ontario is grateful to the Government of Ontario for recognizing the sacrifices made by these families and for making support available."

- Mark Baxter Police Association of Ontario

#### **Additional Resources**

Ontario Immediate Family Wellness Program

Mental health resources for first responders and public safety personnel

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#### **STATEMENT**

## **Ontario Continues to Build a Resilient Economy**

Province's targeted plan will help create more opportunities across key sectors

April 05, 2024

Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

TORONTO — Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, issued the following statement on today's monthly employment release by Statistics Canada, which showed Ontario added 26,100 jobs last month, including 11,400 jobs in the construction sector and 7,100 jobs in the manufacturing sector.

"As Ontario, like the rest of the world, continues to face economic uncertainty due to high interest rates and global instability, our government is building a more resilient economy that can weather any storm.

Last month, we released our *2024 Budget*: <u>Building a Better Ontario</u>. The Budget outlines our government's plan to rebuild Ontario's economy without raising taxes. As part of our plan, we're creating the conditions to attract new investments and better jobs with bigger paycheques in every region of the province. This includes our government's \$140 million <u>Regional Development Program</u> (RDP) that provides targeted financial and advisory supports for small and medium-sized businesses.

To date, over 110 projects across Ontario have received support through the RDP, leveraging more than \$1.5 billion in new investments that have created over 2,800 good-paying jobs. Last month, we welcomed a \$32 million investment by <a href="EcoPoly Properties Inc.">EcoPoly Properties Inc.</a>, that will create 85 new jobs as the company enhances its existing production facility in Orillia.

As our population grows, we will continue working hard to create more goodpaying jobs, strengthen Ontario's supply chains, and support long-term economic resilience across the province."

#### **Related Topics**

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Ontario Preparing Communities for Emergencies**

Province's first annual report on emergency management highlights progress in plans to keep Ontario safe

April 09, 2024

**Treasury Board Secretariat** 

TORONTO — Today, the Government of Ontario released its <u>first annual report on the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan</u>, highlighting key actions the province is taking to ensure communities across Ontario are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies such as floods, wildland fires and cyber attacks.

"There is nothing more important than the safety and well-being of everyone in Ontario," said Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Emergency Management. "As the first province in Canada to require public reporting on emergency management progress, we are ensuring Ontario has the right plans, people and equipment in place to respond to emergencies now and in the future."

The province collaborated with municipal and Indigenous partners to highlight the progress we have made since releasing the plan in 2023. Those accomplishments include:

- Leading and participating in 85 emergency exercises and drills with both government and non-government partners to strengthen emergency practice and preparedness.
- Delivering 336 emergency management courses to over 13,800 participants.
- Launching the <u>Community Emergency Preparedness Grant</u> to help communities and organizations purchase critical emergency equipment and supplies.
- Making emergency management training more culturally appropriate and relevant for Indigenous partners by developing courses that support their needs and the types of situations they face.
- Providing municipalities and provincial partners with resources to help them plan, set up and coordinate emergency exercises on their own.

• Launching the Provincial Exercise Program, a multi-year plan to exercise, test and strengthen multi-sector emergency plans and whole-of-government emergency response.

The report also highlights priorities for the future of emergency management in Ontario. This includes continuing to use data and digital tools to help communities prepare for potential emergencies, including extreme weather events.

"Ontario is a leader in emergency management. By harnessing the Ontario spirit, we are building a stronger and more resilient province together," said Minister Mulroney.

#### **Quick Facts**

- In 2023, Emergency Management Ontario reported 28 local emergency declarations and 280 significant emergency incidents across the province.
- There were 86 deployments in 2023 by Emergency Management Ontario staff to communities to assist with emergencies.
- Ontario strengthened collaboration during coordinated responses to emergencies across the province. This included the safe evacuation of 3,519 community members in 2023.
- This year, the province is hosting Exercise Heatwave, a simulated heat-related emergency taking place with participating municipalities from May 7-9, 2024, that will practise response procedures working in partnership with others.

#### Quotes

"The Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan has been another key step to ensuring that First Nation communities are prepared and able to respond to emergencies. The support for the Independent First Nations Alliance training exercises has allowed our team and member communities to be better prepared for the future. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Emergency Management Ontario and working with all partners to enhance opportunities for sustainable Indigenous-led emergency management and all-hazards response."

- Mathew Hoppe Chief Executive Officer, Independent First Nations Alliance

#### **Additional Resources**

- Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan
- Emergency Management Ontario

#### **Related Topics**

#### **Law and Safety**

Ontario's laws and related information about our legal system, emergency services, the Ontario Provincial Police and victim services. <u>Learn more</u>

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Ontario Building More Inclusive Communities**

Applications now open for 2024-25 Inclusive Community Grants

April 09, 2024

**Seniors and Accessibility** 

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$750,000 this year to help communities across the province become more age-friendly and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Applications for the 2024-25 cycle of <u>Inclusive Community Grants</u> opened today. These grants provide municipalities, non-profit organizations, and Indigenous communities with up to \$60,000 for local projects that will help older adults and people with disabilities participate in community life.

"We know that everyone benefits from inclusive communities that support independent, active living and help reduce social isolation by removing barriers," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "That's why I'm proud to announce the launch of the latest round of funding for Inclusive Community Grants, which will help enable older adults and people with disabilities to contribute to all aspects of community life."

Since the Inclusive Community Grants Program was created in 2020, the Ontario government has provided up to \$4.5 million to support 87 projects in communities across Ontario. Last year, the funding supported important projects such as:

- Haliburton's Abbey Gardens Community Trust to establish an accessible recreational trail system for people of all abilities.
- The City of Kenora's third phase of their Norman Park Accessibility project that will build the only fully accessible park with lake/beach access in the area.
- Madawaska Valley to install new fully accessible, wheelchair-friendly, allweather picnic tables in seven municipal parks.
- Sault Ste. Marie's Pointe Des Chenes Day Park and Beach to update paths, adding Mobi mats for beach access, and making bathroom and change rooms more wheelchair friendly.

 Tay Valley Township to introduce new accessible, age-friendly sports and recreation activities and programs for 300 local residents in eight rural communities.

This year, Ontario is prioritizing projects focused on increasing access to outdoor spaces and promoting and increasing accessible housing and transportation. Applications for Inclusive Community Grants are available at <a href="Ontario.ca/GetFunding">Ontario.ca/GetFunding</a>. Eligible organizations have until May 22, 2024 to submit their applications.

#### **Quick Facts**

- Inclusive and Age-Friendly communities work to promote accessibility, safety and active living for people of all ages and abilities.
- Eligible organizations must apply for an Inclusive Community Grant through <u>Transfer Payment Ontario</u>.

#### **Additional Resources**

- <u>Creating a more inclusive Ontario: age-friendly community planning guide for municipalities and community organizations</u>
- Accessibility in Ontario
- Programs and services to support Ontario's seniors.

#### **Related Topics**

#### **Home and Community**

Information for families on major life events and care options, including marriage, births and child care. Also includes planning resources for municipalities. <u>Learn</u> more

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

## Ontario Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes

Government's measures now saving people and businesses 1.5 million hours and \$1.2 billion every year

April 10, 2024

Red Tape Reduction

Municipal Affairs and Housing

TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government introduced the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, as part of its ongoing commitment to cut red tape, speed up government processes and build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031.

This spring 2024 red tape reduction package includes a variety of measures that would improve service delivery while saving people and businesses time and money. These targeted steps would build on the actions Ontario has taken to cut red tape to date, which are expected to save people and businesses over 1.5 million hours and \$1.2 billion every year.

These measures include a proposed regulation to require ministries to develop business service standards for permits and license services to help businesses understand how long they can expect to wait for a decision about a permit or license they need. In addition, this legislation would, if passed, help reduce unnecessary regulatory burden, delays and costs for utility projects.

The proposed legislation also contains a variety of measures focused on cutting red tape to help build more homes faster. Municipalities and homebuilders have been clear that red tape is one of the biggest barriers to getting shovels in the ground. The proposed legislation would, if passed, take significant steps toward streamlining approvals and increasing housing and infrastructure development across the province.

"These measures recognize the struggles that our municipal partners have faced in building homes and are targeted at removing those obstacles," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Legislative Affairs. "We're not going to micromanage and dictate a one size-fits-all approach across the province. Municipalities know their communities best – they know where it makes

sense to build homes. That's why we're supporting them by giving them the funding and tools they need to build much-needed infrastructure and more housing, of all types."

If passed, the legislation and targeted housing measures would help municipalities and other partners by:

- Building homes faster at a lower cost, including by letting homebuyers and homebuilders decide on the number of parking spaces in new residential development near transit based on market needs and by making it easier to build more garden, laneway and basement suites.
- Prioritizing infrastructure for ready-to-go housing projects with a new "use it or lose it" process to address stalled development.
- Improving consultation and providing municipalities and builders with greater certainty to get homes built faster, including by limiting third-party appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal.
- Building more types of homes for more people by streamlining approvals for student housing, supporting standardized designs to reduce delays and costs, including for modular homes, and supporting innovative construction methods such as mass timber.

In addition to the proposed legislation and other measures to cut red tape, the government is supporting municipalities through tools and initiatives to build more homes faster. These include:

- Substantial investments in housing-enabling infrastructure, including through the \$1 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, the \$825 million Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and the \$1.2 billion Building Faster Fund.
- Strong mayor powers, which are being effectively used across Ontario to speed up approvals at a local level.
- The elimination of the provincial sales tax from purpose-built rentals to boost rental starts that are already at record levels.
- The Transit-Oriented Communities Program, which is helping build vibrant, mixed-use communities that will bring more housing (including affordable housing options), jobs, retail, office space and public amenities within a short distance of transit stations.

In addition to the housing-related initiatives, the proposed legislation and regulatory package includes complementary initiatives to grow a stronger economy, keep costs down, save time and improve service delivery for businesses

and people across the province. These include:

- Attracting investment and creating new jobs by making it faster and easier for municipalities to provide incentives to attract game changing global investment.
- Building transit and infrastructure projects faster by reducing delays and costs for utility relocation projects.
- Providing predictability and certainty to businesses by implementing service standards for permits and applications, as part of our work to establish a single window for business.

#### **Quick Facts**

- In 2023, Ontario reached 99 per cent of its target of 110,000 new homes.
- This is the 13th red tape reduction package and the 12th red tape reduction bill introduced by the Ontario government since 2018.
- Since 2018, Ontario has taken more than 500 actions to reduce regulatory burdens.

#### **Quotes**

"Removing barriers faced by universities when building student housing shows how we can find innovative ways to get shovels in the ground sooner. By requiring postsecondary institutions to publish their student housing policies, we're also ensuring students have access to and are aware of student housing options that are safe, affordable and within an easy commute to campus."

- Jill Dunlop Minister of Colleges and Universities

"These proposed measures would get more homes built faster by ending needless delays and cutting red tape to get shovels in the ground sooner. Embracing innovative factory-made housing solutions like modular homes and mass timber will accelerate homebuilding, improve housing affordability for Ontario families, and support home-grown industries that provide quality jobs for Ontarians."

- Rob Flack Associate Minister of Housing

#### **Additional Resources**

- Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes
- Ontario's Housing Supply Progress
- Building 1.5 million homes in Ontario
- Consultations related to building more housing
- Ontario's Red Tape Reduction Portal
- Spring 2024 Red Tape Reduction Package

#### **Related Topics**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

# **Ontario Building New Highway 416 Interchange**

Province saving commuters time in Ottawa, Manotick and Richmond

April 12, 2024

**Transportation** 

OTTAWA — The Ontario government is fighting gridlock in south Ottawa by investing \$5 million in a new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road. The interchange will save commuters time in the rapidly growing community of Barrhaven and connect more people to housing and jobs across the region.

"As Ontario's population grows, it's critical we ensure our province's transportation network keeps pace," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "The new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road will help local residents and other drivers get where they need to go faster and more conveniently. Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government will continue to invest in the roads and bridges that we need to keep Ontario moving."

The Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road interchange is part of a <u>new deal</u> between the Ontario government and Ottawa that recognizes the unique needs of Canada's national capital region. The deal includes up to \$181 million for critical transportation projects, including rehabilitation and maintenance of Ottawa Road 174 and funding for the Kanata North Transitway.

"The provincial government understands the unique challenges our city faces. This new funding shows how committed they are to supporting the population growth and development in Ottawa and all of eastern Ontario," said Mark Sutcliffe, Mayor of the City of Ottawa. "Advancing the design and construction of a new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road will improve infrastructure and connectivity within our communities. It's a game changer and will transform the way we move around our great city."

The province will work with the City of Ottawa to plan and design the Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road interchange, which will also serve the communities of Manotick and Richmond. Since 2018, Ontario has invested approximately \$425 million in highway and bridge improvements in the Ottawa region.

## **Quick Facts**

- The new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road is among the more than 50 actions identified in the government's <u>Connecting the East: A draft</u> <u>transportation plan for eastern Ontario</u>.
- Last year, the province completed an Environmental Assessment and proposed a preliminary design of the interchange which would provide commuters with access to Highway 416 at Barnsdale Road.
- The government is investing more than \$3.8 billion in 2024-25 to deliver the Ontario Highways Program, which features 650 expansion and rehabilitation projects and will support roughly 15,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- Since 2022, the Ontario government has replaced nine bridges at four locations on Highway 417 in Ottawa, including at Bronson and Percy, to improve safety and keep roads and bridges in a state of good repair.

## **Quotes**

"The completion of the Barnsdale interchange is a commitment our government made to the people of Ontario in 2018. I'm thrilled to celebrate the next step as we push the interchange over the finish line as part of our 2024 budget and build a better Ontario for everyone."

- Lisa MacLeodMPP for Nepean

"Barnsdale Road is the perfect location for a much needed interchange with Highway 416. Not only will it serve Barrhaven and the nearby growing communites of Manotick and Richmond, it will also benefit commuters heading north into Ottawa and provide local farms and businesses with easier access to Highway 401 south of the city."

- Goldie Ghamari MPP for Carleton "The Ottawa Board of Trade welcomes the Ontario government's investment in a new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road. As the nation's capital and the second largest city in the province, increasing connectivity for Ottawa businesses, residents, and visitors is critical to driving Ontario's economic growth agenda. Innovative infrastructure inspires confidence and future investments. We look forward to continued collaboration with Queen's Park to build up Ottawa and Ontario as the best place to live, work, play, visit, learn, and invest."

- Sueling Ching President and CEO, Ottawa Board of Trade

# **Additional Resources**

# Ontario Builds Project Map

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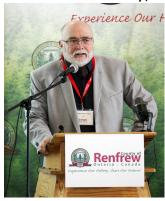
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# County of Renfrew hosts Affordable Housing Summit

Posted on Monday, April 08, 2024



Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon welcomes everyone to the Renfrew County Affordable Housing Summit held in Renfrew on April 4, 2024. Approximately 110 people attended the Summit, the goal of which was to identify innovative partnership opportunities to address the housing crisis.

#### **RELEASE DATE:**

April 8, 2024

RENFREW – On Thursday, April 4, 2024, the County of Renfrew hosted a successful and informative Affordable Housing Summit; a full day which opened a dialogue towards the development of critical relationships to grow affordable housing across the Renfrew County region.

The goal of the Summit was to identify innovative partnership opportunities. It was a dynamic gathering aimed at creating a collaborative environment for developers, builders, investors, real estate specialists, elected officials and municipal staff to spark out-of-the box-thinking to address the housing crisis being felt across Ontario and beyond.

The conversation was sparked by Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property, who introduced the County of Renfrew's newly launched Expression of Interest, which

makes County properties potentially available for developing affordable housing, including existing ageing stock within the Renfrew County Housing Corporation portfolio and other lands owned by the County of Renfrew.

"We are looking for willing partners and we want to develop plans to address the housing crisis that work for all parties involved. We are open to any and all innovative ideas," Mr. Davis said.

Overall, organizers were pleased about the multi-sector community engagement towards finding housing solutions and the feedback throughout the day, including the need for more seamless processes and less red tape.

Attendees heard from a range of speakers including Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, who indicated the Provincial Government is working on a housing bill, and Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon, who shared details about the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus '7 in 7+' regional housing plan that aims build at least 7,000 community rental units over seven years across eastern Ontario and relieve the pressure of the affordable housing waitlist.

"As Warden, I am heartened by the success of our housing summit, where community members have come together to discuss this important topic," Warden Emon said. "Let us harness the power of collaboration, innovation, and shared purpose to build a brighter future for all members of our communities."

Andrea Patrick, Director of Community Services, provided an overview of the programs offered through her department including Community Housing, Childcare & Early Years, and Ontario Works. She noted the wait for a housing unit ranges between seven and ten years with approximately 1,500 names on the local waiting list, while mentioning that figure is likely low as the wait time is a deterrent for many.

The Community Services Department offers financial assistance for housing through a number of programs: Affordable Home Ownership, Ontario Renovates and the Emergency Minor Home Repair Assistance Program.

Chief Administrative Officer Craig Kelley highlighted the newly minted Mesa initiative, which aims to address the root causes of homelessness, substance abuse and addictions and mental health while fostering a resilient and healthier community for all residents of the County of Renfrew. The Community Services Department along with the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service and Development and Property Department are working together on the program, a collaborative approach to compassionate care in the community.

In addressing the housing crisis, Mr. Kelley stressed the need for willing partners; "In times of crisis this community has stepped forward, and this is the time to do it again to meet the growing need and demand for attainable and affordable housing," he said. "All options are on the table."

Attendees also heard speakers from Cahdco, an organization which develops affordable housing solutions, and Habitat for Humanity, which brings communities together to help families build strength, stability and independence through affordable homeownership. Attendees received information about potential funding from the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, and the need for shovelready projects when applying for funding from the Canadian Housing and Mortgage Corporation.



County Councillor James Brose, Chair of the Development and Property Committee, presents thank you gifts to Adrian Schut, Director of Construction for CAHDCO and Bonnie Martell, of Habitat for Humanity, following their developer experience presentations at the County of Renfrew Affordable Housing Summit in Renfrew April 4

Submissions for the aforementioned Expression of Interest are due by June 7, 2024 and the County is looking forward to seeing the proposals that come forward to address the housing crisis. The Expression of Interest can be found on the County's website at <a href="https://bit.ly/AffordableHousingEOI">https://bit.ly/AffordableHousingEOI</a>. A report on the Summit will follow the results of a post-event survey and be presented along with the results of the RFEOI, later this spring.

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# Construction Update - April 2024

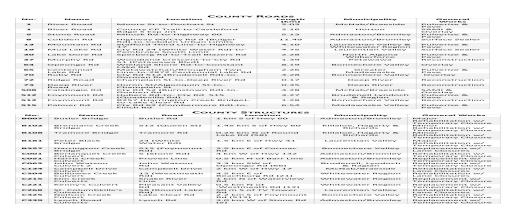
Posted on Friday, April 12, 2024

## **Construction Update - April 2024**

The County of Renfrew Department of Public Works and Engineering will provide monthly updates on construction projects within the County. Notices can be shared with members of the public or in public forums in order to keep residents, businesses, and stakeholders informed of any potential upcoming traffic interruptions due to construction projects. For up-to-date information on active projects and their traffic impacts, please visit Municipal511 at <a href="https://www.municipal511.ca/">https://www.municipal511.ca/</a>.

Please contact our office should you have any questions or concerns about a County construction project or our general operations.

Future notices will provide an update on upcoming, ongoing, and completed projects on a monthly basis; as this is the first notice of the year, the entire capital program for 2024 has been included to advise of planned works for the 2024 construction season.



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B102	Brennans Cree	ek	512 (Queen St)	1.45 km S	of Hwy 60	Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	Temporary Closure Minor Rehabilitation w/	
B108	Tramore Bridg	ge	Tramore Rd		l of Round	Killaloe, Hagarty &	Temporary Closure Minor	
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B181	Peter Black Bridge		24 (White Water Rd)	1.5 km E o	of Hwy 41	Laurentian Valley	Major Rehabilitation w/ Temporary Closure	
B257	Harrington Cr Bridge	eek	512 (Foymount Rd)	2.5 km E o	of Cormac	Bonnechere Valley	Replacement w/ Lane Closures	
C001	Berlanquet Cr Culvert	eek	5 (Stone Rd)	4 km W o	f Hwy 132	Admaston/Bromley	Rehabilitation w/ Temporary Closure	
C051	Harris Creek Culvert		Proven Line	0.5 km N	of Barr Line	Admaston/Bromley	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C062	John Watson Culvert 2		John Watson Rd	3.3 km SV Opeongo		Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C134	Campbell Driv Culvert	⁄e	Campbell Drive	2 km W o	f Hwy 17	McNab/Braeside	Rehabilitation w/ Lane Closures	
C204	Bellowes Cree Culvert	ek	12 (Westmeath Rd)	4.5 km E o Beachbur		Whitewater Region	Rehabilitation w/ Lane Closures	
C215	Elm Creek Culverts		Snake River Line	1 km N of Rd	Waterview	Whitewater Region	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C221	Kenny's Culve	rt	Pleasant Valley Rd	0.5 km N .Westmea	of ath Rd (12)	Whitewater Region	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C268		e's	58 (Round Lake	50 m S of	TV Tower	Laurentian Valley	Rehabilitation w/	
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64	Opeongo Rd		land Shore Rd-to-C	Constant	8.19	Bonnechere Valley	Overlay	
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B007	Butler Bridge		Butler Rd	1 km S of	Hwy 60	Admaston/Bromley	Major Rehabilitation w/	
B102	Brennans Cree	ek	512 (Queen St)	1.45 km S	of Hwy 60	Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards	Temporary Closure Minor Rehabilitation w/	
B108	Tramore Bridg	ge	Tramore Rd		l of Round	Killaloe, Hagarty &	Temporary Closure Minor	
				Lake Rd (5	58)	Richards	Rehabilitation w/ Temporary Closure	
B181	Peter Black Bridge		24 (White Water Rd)	1.5 km E o	of Hwy 41	Laurentian Valley	Major Rehabilitation w/ Temporary Closure	
B257	Harrington Cr Bridge	eek	512 (Foymount Rd)	2.5 km E o	of Cormac	Bonnechere Valley	Replacement w/ Lane Closures	
C001	Berlanquet Cr Culvert	eek	5 (Stone Rd)	4 km W o	f Hwy 132	Admaston/Bromley	Rehabilitation w/ Temporary Closure	
C051	Harris Creek Culvert		Proven Line	0.5 km N	of Barr Line	Admaston/Bromley	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C062	John Watson Culvert 2		John Watson Rd	3.3 km SV Opeongo		Brudenell, Lyndoch & Raglan	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C134	Campbell Driv Culvert	⁄e	Campbell Drive	2 km W o	f Hwy 17	McNab/Braeside	Rehabilitation w/ Lane Closures	
C204	Bellowes Cree Culvert	ek	12 (Westmeath Rd)	4.5 km E o Beachbur		Whitewater Region	Rehabilitation w/ Lane Closures	
C215	Elm Creek Culverts		Snake River Line	1 km N of Rd	Waterview	Whitewater Region	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C221	Kenny's Culve	rt	Pleasant Valley Rd	0.5 km N .Westmea	of ath Rd (12)	Whitewater Region	Replacement w/ Temporary Closure	
C268		e's	58 (Round Lake	50 m S of	TV Tower	Laurentian Valley	Rehabilitation w/	
C325	Culvert  Neilson Creek Culvert		Rd) Lake Clear Rd	Rd 2.2 km S o Rd (512)	of Foymount	Bonnechere Valley	Rehabilitation w/ Temporary Closure	
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# FCM welcomes new \$6 billion fund to address housing and urgent municipality infrastructure needs









April 2, 2024

Ottawa, ON —The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) welcomes the new \$6-billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund announced today by the federal government to meet the needs of Canadian communities, especially those experiencing record growth.

This significant investment, most notably with \$1 billion dedicated towards urgent community infrastructure needs including for water and wastewater management, signals the federal government is responding to FCM's ongoing advocacy for more investments in community infrastructure. FCM has been clear that for every new home built, there must be a corresponding investment in infrastructure.

"Today's announcement represents a vital stepping stone towards supporting the ambitious number of new homes Canada needs to build over the next decade," said FCM President Scott Pearce.

"It also represents clear recognition from the federal government that investing in infrastructure must be part of a plan for growth. There is no doubt Canada's housing challenge is also an infrastructure challenge. To build the 5.8 million housing units that CMHC says we need by 2030, existing infrastructure must be renewed, and new infrastructure needs to be built."

Halifax Mayor and Chair of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus Mike Savage also noted that Canada's cities and communities know effective growth is tied to infrastructure.

"Even as we are responsible for most of the infrastructure people rely on every day, municipalities still only collect one-tenth of every tax dollar," he said.

"Indeed, funding models for municipalities have not changed since confederation; our property tax system is simply not designed to meet this extraordinary growth. Wherever housing is built, it should be part of a complete community – this may mean water and wastewater, emergency services, parks and playgrounds, recreation centres, and transit connectivity."

FCM and its members look forward to collaborating with the federal government and our partners in provincial and territorial associations to fully analyze and ensure the success of this newly announced funding arrangement.

Today's announcement is timely in the context of ongoing re-negotiations of the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), which remains a crucial funding program for Canadian communities of all sizes.

Additionally, FCM welcomes the government's \$400-million top-up to the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF), which will encourage local initiatives to build more homes faster across the country. With Canada's cities and

communities leading on the ground, the HAF is on track to support the delivery of well over 750,0000 new homes in the next decade, with this top-up set to further facilitate many new housing builds.

While today's announcements represent upfront investment in urgent needs, a serious conversation is needed on supporting long-term funding for municipalities.

As governments of proximity, municipalities must be directly engaged in the growth of this country. FCM urges the federal government to convene all orders of government and discuss how a new Municipal Growth Framework would better support communities in the long-term.

In addition, FCM looks forward to additional details on the housing front, as referenced today by Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Minister Sean Fraser. FCM continues to call for a holistic approach to end chronic homelessness in Canada, including through long-term investments in supportive housing and the associated wraparound health and social supports.

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# FCM welcomes new rental protection fund that will support affordable housing across Canada









April 4, 2024

Ottawa, ON - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) welcomes today's federal announcement of a new Canada Rental Protection Fund. which is set to provide \$470 million in grants over five years as well as \$1 billion in loans to support affordable housing in communities across the country.

This announcement represents a substantive response to FCM's calls ahead of Budget 2024 for a national housing acquisition fund to protect affordable housing in Canada, prevent people from falling into homelessness and shield renters from 'renoviction' practices.

This new acquisition fund is crucial in the context of Canada losing existing affordable housing supply faster than we can build. Between 2016 and 2021, Canada lost 370,000 homes that rented below \$1,000 per

month. A fund to protect renters and combat the financialization of housing has been one of the missing pieces in Canada's housing strategy.

FCM has been advocating for a national housing acquisition fund for years, alongside other organizations including the Canada Housing and Renewal Association, having identified this as a key component of an effective National Housing Strategy. This investment will support non-profit organizations, co-operatives and other partners in purchasing existing rental properties by providing them with the necessary funding.

While positive, today's announcement contains details that will need to be analyzed. FCM will continue the conversation with the federal government to make sure existing and future municipally led residential acquisition initiatives are eligible to make use of this new fund.

Homelessness and the loss of affordable housing remains a serious issue across Canada. This is why this announcement represents a key element of a multi-faceted approach needed to tackle these issues. However, municipalities will require ongoing support and collaboration with federal, provincial and territorial governments to face this challenge on the ground.

With municipalities being the order of government closest to key issues like affordable housing and homelessness, FCM is urging the federal government to convene all orders of government to discuss a new Municipal Growth Framework that would better support communities in the long-term.

Today's announcement is timely in the context of ongoing re-negotiations of the Canada Community Building Fund, which remains a crucial funding program for Canadian communities of all sizes.

We are ready to contribute the perspective of Canadian municipalities to the successful design and implementation of this new funding over the coming weeks, and to support the best outcomes for non-market, affordable housing in communities across the country. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is the national voice of municipal governments, with over 2,100 members representing more than 92 per cent of the Canadian population.

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# FCM welcomes new federal plan to address the homelessness and housing crises in Canada









April 12, 2024

Ottawa, ON – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) welcomes Canada's Housing Plan as it will significantly help to support Canada's population, including our most vulnerable, by delivering new housing to all Canadians and provide over a billion dollars in additional support to combat homelessness.

This new federal plan includes an additional \$1 billion for the Reaching Home program and \$250 million in much-needed support in response to homeless encampments. The government is also committing to extending the Interim Housing Assistance program and working with all orders of government to find longterm solutions to prevent asylum seekers from experiencing homelessness. This announcement responds directly to FCM's recommendations to address Canada's biggest challenges.

"Today we're seeing a promising step forward in tackling the housing and homelessness crises that affect too many Canadians", said FCM President Scott Pearce.

Investments in housing and infrastructure must be a part of a plan for growth. To build the 5.8 million housing units that CMHC says we need by 2030, existing infrastructure must be renewed, and new

infrastructure needs to be built.

"Municipalities will work with all orders of government to deliver housing. We welcome new initiatives from the federal government and the provinces. But we only collect about 10 cents of every tax dollar and investments in infrastructure, most of which are borne by municipalities, which are critical to the efforts of building housing", said Mike Savage, Mayor of Halifax and Chair of the Big City Mayors' Caucus.

FCM also welcomes the acknowledgement that investment in non-market housing is critical to ensure all Canadians have adequate and affordable homes. Currently, Canada's non-market housing stock is only half of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development average. Canada needs a significant increase in the number of housing units that are developed and owned outside of the private market. Today's announcement will help achieve that goal.

FCM is pleased with the addition of \$1 billion to the Affordable Housing Fund, which follows last week's announcement of \$1.5 billion for a new Rental Protection Fund.

In addition, last week the government announced a \$6-billion new Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund to accelerate housing construction, including \$1 billion in direct funding for urgent municipal infrastructure needs, and a \$400 million top-up to the Housing Accelerator Fund. This support is expected to make a significant difference on the ground, particularly for the most vulnerable.

As municipalities are at the forefront of critical issues such as affordable housing and homelessness, FCM urges the federal government to bring together all orders of government to discuss a new Municipal Growth Framework that would provide more effective long-term support for communities, especially considering a proposed three-year freeze on development charges in certain municipalities.

"Now is the time for a bold, visionary and long-term solution to the challenges municipalities are facing. We're eager to see if Ottawa will seize the historical opportunity in Budget 2024 to convey a conversation with all the parties involved to equip governments of proximity with a 21st century growth framework to tackle them", added President Pearce.

In the absence of alternative sources of revenue, development charges provide a critical source of funding for the public infrastructure necessary to build housing and support growth. FCM is concerned about the proposal to freeze municipal development charges in certain municipalities for three years.

FCM will continue working closely with the federal government to design and implement these new and expanded programs announced in recent weeks, which will support the best outcomes for municipalities

nationwide, and look forward to more details when Budget 2024 is released on April 16.

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Join your small urban colleagues May 1 - 3 for discussion, examination and advocacy on matters unique to your communities and to hear provincial leaders. <u>View the full program</u> and <u>register today</u>.

#### IAS

The Canoe Procurement Group <u>Spring Webinar Series</u> starts in one week. Join our colleagues at Canoe on April 11 at 11am as they discuss their experience helping governments prepare for natural disasters like floods and fires. <u>Register here to attend</u>.

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Employee group benefits plans are an important part of any employee's compensation package, but when is the best time to review and renew your current plan? Read more in our latest blog by our Group Benefits Program partner.

Who is responsible for damaged sewer and water lines running from residential properties, and what options are available? Our Sewer and Waterline Warranty Program webinar will cover this and more. Register to attend or to receive a recording.

#### **Municipal Wire\***

The OEB's decision has a direct impact on our ability to provide affordable and reliable energy to Ontario homes and businesses. Learn more here. Natural Gas Matters | Enbridge Gas.

Efficiency Canada's <u>Municipal Guides</u> contain everything you need to leverage the 2020 model codes to enhance building performance, drive decarbonization, and amplify local benefits in climate action initiatives.

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Associate Solicitor, Municipal Law - City of Guelph. Closing Date: April 15, 2024.

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Join our Barrier-free Website Builder Program partner on April 15 for an <u>accessibility webinar</u> with a panel of experts.

Canoe's <u>spring webinar series</u> continues this spring. Do your local suppliers contact you wondering how they can get on Canoe's vendor list? On May 2 at 11am, Tony DeSciscio explains on how suppliers are selected and the benefits of Canoe Procurement to the private sector. <u>Register here to attend</u>.

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#### **Municipal Wire\***

Congratulations to Elliot Lake! Crowned <u>2024 Kraft Hockeyville</u>, Elliot Lake will receive the opportunity to host an NHL® Pre-Season game and \$250,000 for upgrades to Centennial Arena.

Are you from a small or medium-sized municipality with perspectives on local climate initiatives? If yes, share your thoughts here <u>EN | FR by April 15</u>. Insights inform supports for carbon resilience.

May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

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Manager, People & Inclusivity - County of Simcoe. Closing date: April 20, 2024.

Engineering Technician II - County of Simcoe. Closing date: April 14, 2024.

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From: Goold, Carmen (MTCS)

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 12:33 PM

Subject: FW: RENFREW COUNTY 55+ Summer Games - May 3- May 31, 2024

# Good afternoon, I am forwarding the following message on behalf of the Renfrew County 55+ Games Committee:

We are excited to bring you the 2024 District Summer Games. The Summer Games will consist of 19 different events throughout Renfrew County on different dates, this will allow seniors the opportunity to participate in more than one event throughout the month of May. Please find attached a poster and registration information/forms (note that we are still working on a Pickleball and Tennis venue and will update you when we have more information). For more information and to register, contact: Georges Martin <a href="mailto:sympatico.ca">sympatico.ca</a> or Val Hinsperger <a href="mailto:yalhinsperger@gmail.com">yalhinsperger@gmail.com</a>.



#### **Carmen Goold**

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# RENFREW COUNTY 55+ GAMES

**SUMMER 2024** May Pool 8 Ball Mav Euchre | 1:00 PM 16 Cobden, Legion Chalk River. Lions Hall 02 Carpet Bowling | 9:00 AM Mav Bid Euchre | 1:00 PM Mav **Arnprior, Nick Smith Centre** Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre 17 03 **Pickleball Mens&Womens** 9:00 AM May Cycling | 10:00 AM 06 Westmeath Recreation Centre Mixed Pickleball | 9:00 AM Mav Cribbage | 12:00 PM 07 Cobden, Legion Darts Mens & Womens | 9:00 AM May **Lawn Bowling** 9:00 AM May **REGISTRATION** Deep River, Lawn Bowling 29 08 Deep River, Legion **DEADLINE: APRIL 25** Forms available at Golf | 9:00 AM May Mav **Prediction Walking** | 10:00 AM https://osga55plus.ca Eganville, White Tail Golf & CC 29 10 Calabogie, Community Hall or your community recreation department Bocce Ball 9:00 AM May or seniors active living May Nordic Walk | 1:30 PM Deep River, Grouse Park centre. Calabogie, Community Hall **31** 10 Floor Shuffle Board 9:30 AM Contract Bridge | 1:00 PM May May Petawawa, Silver Threads Centre Pembroke 50+ Active Living Centre П **31 COST PER PERSON** May **Tennis** | 1:00 PM **5 Pin Bowling** | 9:00 AM Participant OSGA 13 Renfrew, Bowling Alley Fees: **\$15** Game Fees: \$3

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Georges Martin (gsamartin@sympatico.ca)
Val Hinsperger - valhinsperger@gmail.com 613.402.3408

Additional Fees: Golf

**\$50**; Bowling **\$15** 

May

15

Mixed Darts | 9:00 AM

Deep River, Legion



First Name:

# Renfrew County 55+ Games

Last Name:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
April 25<sup>th</sup> 2024
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**Member Information:** 

# YES! I would like to join Ontario Senior Games Association

(Information provided will be used strictly for OSGA and District use unless otherwise instructed)
(If you are a returning member please log into your account to renew your membership.) iMembersDB
Login

Applicants are asked to complete the following information. Starred items (\*) are required.

After completing this form, click 'Submit Application'. A copy of this application will be emailed to you. Or you can also print this form and mail it to the address below.

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### ONTARIO SENIOR GAMES ASSOCIATION ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

(This Agreement *must be signed and all boxes checked* prior to participation or volunteering.)

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I am participating or volunteering in the activities, programs, classes, services or events (collectively the "Activities") sponsored or organized by the Ontario Senior Games Association ("OSGA") or OSGA's Districts. I agree that the OSGA and its Directors, Officers, employees, coaches, volunteers, officials, participants, agents, sponsors, organizers, owners/operators of the facilities in which the Activities take place, Districts, and representatives, in addition to the Province of Ontario and all municipalities within the OSGA's designated Districts (collectively the "Organization") are not responsible for any injury, personal injury, damage, property damage, expense, loss of income or loss of any kind that I suffer during or as a result of participating or volunteering in the Activities and/or when caused by the negligence of the Organization.

When you are a volunteer who is younger than 18 years old, your parent/guardian must acknowledge and agree to the terms described in this document on your behalf and references in this document to you agreeing to or acknowledging a risk or term is understood to be referring to your parent/guardian agreeing to or acknowledging the risk or term on your behalf.

#### RISKS

The Activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards and dangers that no amount of care, caution or expertise can eliminate, including without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis, and loss of life. These risks include:

- a) **Health**: executing strenuous and demanding physical techniques; physical exertion; overexertion; stretching; dehydration; fatigue; cardiovascular workouts; rapid movements and stops; lack of fitness or conditioning; traumatic injury; sprains and fractures, spinal cord injuries, bacterial infections; rashes; and the transmission of communicable diseases, including viruses of all kinds, bacteria, parasites or other organisms or any mutation thereof;
- b) **Premises**: defective, dangerous or unsafe condition of the facilities; falls; collisions with objects or barriers that are a part of the premises; dangerous, unsafe, or irregular conditions on the ground, floor, ice, grass, turf or other surfaces; extreme weather conditions; and travel to and from the premises;
- c) Use of equipment: mechanical failure of the equipment; negligent design or manufacture of the equipment; the provision of, or the failure by, the Organization to provide any warnings, directions, instructions or guidance as to the use of the equipment; failure to wear safety or protective equipment; and failure to use or operate equipment within my own ability;
- d) Contact: contact with participants, equipment, machines and equipment, or other persons; and other contact that may lead to serious bodily injury, including but not limited to concussions and/or other brain injury or serious spinal injury;
- e) Advice: negligent advice regarding the Activities;
- f) Ability: failing to act safely or within my own ability or within designated areas;
- g) **Sport**: the inherent risks of participating or volunteering in sport, including but not limited to slipping or falling on ice or the floor or ground; being hit with or tripping on sports equipment; dropping a weight, ball or other equipment onto any part of my body; and the malfunction of an exercise machine or other piece of equipment;
- h) Conduct: my conduct and the conduct of other persons including any physical altercation between participants or volunteers; and
- i) Travel: travel to and from the Activities

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**Cyber**: The Organization may offer or promote online programming (such as webinars, virtual competitions, remote conferences, workshops, and online training) which has different foreseeable and unforeseeable risks than in-person programming. These risks include privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction or damage.

☐ I accept the online programming risks Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization

and is contagious. The Organization has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, however, the Organization cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating or volunteering in the Activities could increase my risk of contracting COVID-19 or any other contagious disease.

**COVID-19 Protocol**: The Organization may develop COVID-19 protocols to which all participants and volunteers must adhere. I have reviewed the COVID-19 protocols and, when applicable, responded to any COVID-19 questionnaire or compliance declaration provided to me by the Organization. The Organization has the discretion to remove me from the Activities if I do not comply with the protocols.

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**Negligence**: The Organization may be negligent, which may include failure by the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with participating or volunteering in the Activities. (Does not apply to volunteers younger than 18 years old)

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#### **TERMS**

In consideration of the Organization allowing me to participate or volunteer in the Activities, I agree:

- a) that the sole responsibility for my safety remains with me;
- b) that I am not relying on any oral or written statements made by the Organization or their agents, whether in a brochure or advertisement or in individual conversations, to agree to participate or volunteer in the Activities;
- c) that I am responsible for my surroundings and the location and equipment that I select;
- d) that my mental and physical condition is appropriate to participate or volunteer in the Activities and I assume all risks related to my mental and physical condition;
- e) to comply with the rules and regulations for participating or volunteering in the Activities;
- f) to comply with the rules of the facility and use of equipment;
- g) that if I observe an unusual or significant hazard or risk, I will remove myself from participation and bring my observations to a representative of the Organization immediately;
- h) the risks associated with the Activities are increased when I am impaired and I will not participate if impaired in any way;
- i) that it is my sole responsibility to assess whether any Activities are too difficult for me. By commencing an Activity, I acknowledge and accept the suitability and conditions of the Activity;
- j) that COVID-19 is contagious in nature and I may be exposed to, or infected by, COVID-19 and such exposure may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, or death;
- k) that I am responsible for choosing my safety or protective equipment and the secure fitting of that equipment; and
- l) that negligence includes failure on the part of the Organization to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards associated with the Activities.

#### **ACTIVITIES STATUS**

I agree that the Organization has the discretion to cancel any scheduled Activities or modify the structure of any Activities due to a public health or safety issue, which may include removing specific disciplines or age groups from a competition, changing a competition format, or changing the manner in which individuals become eligible to participate.

I agree that the Organization may implement and enforce guidelines for participating or volunteering that may include adhering to 'Return to Play' protocols, signing declarations of compliance, or requiring that personal protective equipment be worn by participants and volunteers. The Organization has the discretion to remove any individual who does not comply with the Return to Play protocols, sign a declaration, or wear personal protective equipment. When required, I am responsible for providing my own personal protective equipment.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

I assume all risks arising out of, associated with, or related to, participating and volunteering in the Activities and waive any and all claims that I may have now or in the future against the Organization. I accept and fully assume all such risks and possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, expense and related loss, including loss of income, resulting from participation in the Activities. (Does not apply to volunteers younger than 18 years old)

I forever indemnify and release the Organization from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, actions, damages (including direct, indirect, special and/or consequential), losses, actions, judgments, and costs (including legal fees) (collectively, the "Claims") which I have or may have in the future, that might arise out of, result from, or relate to, participation in the Activities, even though such Claims may have been caused by any manner whatsoever, including but not limited to, the Organization's negligence, gross negligence, negligent rescue, omissions, carelessness, breach of contract and/or breach of any statutory duty of care of the Organization. (Does not apply to volunteers younger than 18 years old)

The Organization is not responsible or liable for any damage to my vehicle, property, or equipment that may occur as a result of participating or volunteering in the Activities. This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law of the Province of Ontario and if any portion thereof is held invalid, the balance shall continue in full legal force and effect. I agree to file any lawsuit against the Organization in the Province of Ontario and further agree that the substantive law of the Province of Ontario will apply with regard to conflict of law rules.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Agreement, that I have executed this Agreement voluntarily, and that this Agreement is to be binding upon myself, my heirs, spouse, children, parents, guardians, next of kin, executors, administrators and legal or personal representatives. I further acknowledge that by signing this Agreement I have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the Organization on the basis of any claims from which I have released herein.

Signature:	Date:
_	ned acknowledges and agrees that they are a parent/guardian of the volunteer and have legal responsibility for the he volunteer.
Signature:	Parent/Guardian (if the volunteer is younger than 18 years old)

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Josh Machesney, City Clerk / Manager of Legislative Services

March 7, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

## RE: Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - Housing Funding

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on March 6, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

# Motion No 24-167 – Notice of Motion – Housing Funding Moved by Councillor Stedall Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

Whereas the City of Quinte West is in need of \$28M in funding to complete the West End Trunk Sewer Main replacement in 2024, which is critical in the ongoing development of new homes in Quinte West;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West requires \$58.6M in funding to upgrade the Trenton Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade building to accommodate new homes to be built;

And Whereas the City cannot afford to increase Water, Sewer or Tax rates to fund all of this infrastructure;

And Whereas increased Debt to build the projects will just increase costs to Water, Sewer and Tax rates, or increased costs to developers;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is currently experiencing a housing crisis from all citizens but specifically with regards to over 250 requiring housing, from Military members of CFB Trenton;

And Whereas City Council approved a Housing Action Plan with a projected 831 new residential units to be completed based on anticipated Housing Accelerator Fund funding over 3 years;

And Whereas the Federal government denied the City of Quinte West the Housing Accelerator Fund;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West is not currently eligible for funding under the Provincial Building Faster Fund as its population is below the threshold;

And Whereas the City of Quinte West may make application to the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund which has only \$200M available in funding of which the province would only fund up to 73% to a maximum of \$35M for one project;

And Whereas additional funding has not been allocated from the Federal Government to enhance the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funding;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build infrastructure to help build much-needed new homes;

And Further That the Province of Ontario be asked to invest more than the currently allocated \$200M into their Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund;

And Further That this motion be circulated to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Federal Minister for Housing, Ryan Williams MP, Premier Doug Ford, the Provincial Ministers of MOI, MMAH, and Todd Smith MPP, and all municipalities, for their support. **Carried** 

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

Josh Machesney,

City Clerk

cc: Hon. Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte

Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure

Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Todd Smith, MPP, Bay of Quinte

All Municipalities



**4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD** BEAMSVILLE, ON LOR 1B1 905-563-8205

April 3, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL: Premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario Legislative Building, Queen's Park Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

# Town of Lincoln Council Resolution - Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Council Meeting held on March 25, 2024, passed the following motion regarding the Extension of Bill 23 Timelines regarding Heritage Registry Lists:

Resolution No: RC-2024-33

Moved by Mayor Easton; Seconded by Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act stipulates that any nondesignated heritage property listed on the municipal register of properties as of December 31, 2022 shall be removed from the municipal register on or before January 1, 2025, if the council of the municipality does not give a notice of intention to designate the property under subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act on or before January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS since January 1, 2023, municipal staff and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee have been diligently working to: review the municipal heritage register; research the heritage value and interest of listed (non-designated) properties; review and research the heritage value and interest of non-designated properties; determine which properties should potentially be designated in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and take all required steps to designate such properties; and

WHEREAS the above-noted work involving 247 listed properties in the Town of Lincoln is extremely time-consuming and cannot be completed by December 31, 2024, with the limited municipal resources available.

**WHEREAS** the Heritage Advisory Committee on March 14, 2024 provided support to extend the January 1, 2025 deadline for five years to January 1, 2030 to continue efforts required to designate properties.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Town of Lincoln authorize the Mayor to promptly send a letter to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, requesting that Subsection 27(16) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be amended to extend the abovenoted deadline for five years from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2030; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council direct staff to forward this resolution to all municipalities in Ontario seeking support of the ACO correspondence.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

Julie Kirkelos Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

Cc: Premier of Ontario

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

All Ontario Municipalities



**RESOLUTION NO. 10** 

**DATE: April 10th, 2024** 

**MOVED BY: Netty McEwen** 

SECONDED BY: John van Klaveren

### RE: SECURING ACCCESS TO NATURAL GAS FOR OUR COMMUNITY AND ONTARIO

WHEREAS Access to natural gas is important to residents and businesses in our community for affordability and reliability.

WHEREAS The Ontario Energy Board's (OEB) decision on Phase 1 of the Enbridge Gas 2024 rebasing application, issued on 21 December 2023, has concerning implications including putting into question the future access to natural gas that support of economic development, affordable housing growth, and energy reliability in communities such as the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

AND WHEREAS Ontario is growing and access to affordable energy to support this growth for homes and businesses is crucial, and is a measured approach to energy transition as not having access to natural gas will stifle economic growth and put housing and energy affordability at risk.

#### NOWTHEREBE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supports a measured approach to Ontario's energy transition.

AND THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming recognizes that there may not be enough electricity available to replace the energy provided by natural gas and meet the increased demand from electrification.

- 2. THAT Natural gas must continue to play an integral role in meeting the energy needs of Ontario.
- 3. THAT the Town of Plympton-Wyoming supports the work the Government of Ontario has done to date, including the Natural Gas Expansion Program and Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's call for a clear policy on the role of natural gas to secure access to affordable energy.
- 4. THAT this resolution be circulated to the President of AMO, Colin Best, Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Todd Smith, the Minister of Energy, Bob Bailey Member of Provincial Parliament for Sarnia-Lambton, all regional municipalities as significant actors to ensuring the need for natural gas in Ontario as part of a measured approach towards energy transition, and submitted to municipalaffairs@enbridge.com.

Yay L. Afflinson Mayor

Town of Plympton-Wyoming

# The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie



# **Clerk's Department**

Rachel Tyczinski City Clerk

April 11, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Sir:

#### Re: Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control

Please be advised that at its April 8, 2024 City Council meeting, Sault Ste. Marie City Council passed the following resolution:

Whereas the jury that heard the Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk, and Nathalie Warmerdam inquest (The Renfrew County Inquest) issued 86 recommendations to prevent future deaths and delivered those recommendations to the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas recommendation #85 of the inquest is to include "coercive control", as defined in the *Divorce Act*, as a criminal offence or as a type of assault under section 265 of the *Criminal Code*; and

Whereas according to experts, a perpetrator has privileged access to information about the target by virtue of the closeness of an intimate relationship and, as such, is able to identify unique vulnerabilities that can be exploited for coercive control; and

Whereas Coordinating Community Responses to Domestic Violence cites scholars and advocates in the field have consistently described intimate partner violence as both an expression of, and an attempt to maintain, power and control over intimate partners; and

Whereas in 2019, according to the Government of Canada, of the 107,810 people aged 15 and over who experienced intimate partner violence 79% were women. 55% of women who experienced physical or sexual intimate partner violence feared a partner at some point. Being afraid of a partner can indicate intimate partner violence that is more coercive, more severe, and more likely to reflect a pattern of abusive behaviours; and

Whereas between 2014 and 2019 in Canada, there were 497 victims of intimate partner homicide, and 80% (400 victims) were women; and

Whereas while Indigenous women account for about 5% of all women in Canada, they accounted for 21% of women killed by an intimate partner between 2014 and 2019 (83 victims). In 2021, the rate of gender-related homicide of Indigenous women and girls was more than triple that of gender-related homicides of women and girls overall (1.72 versus 0.54 per 100,000 women and girls); and

Whereas the Government of Canada names coercive control as one of the acts included in intimate partner violence, but does not include coercive control as an offence contained within the *Criminal Code* of Canada\* and

Whereas Bill C332, a private member's bill to amend the Criminal Code to create an offence of exercising coercive control of an intimate partner by engaging in a pattern of conduct that consists of any combination, or any repeated instances, of any of the following acts: using, attempting to use or threatening to use violence against certain persons, coercing or attempting to coerce the intimate partner to engage in sexual activity or engaging in other conduct that could reasonably be expected to cause the intimate partner to believe that their safety, or the safety of a person known to them, is threatened\*\*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Sault Ste. Marie City Council express its support for Bill C-332 as well as call on the Government of Canada to support Bill C-332 and enact the necessary amendments to the *Criminal Code* of Canada to include coercive control of an intimate partner; and

Further it be resolved that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Public Safety, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services, the Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health, the Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, the Honourable Jenna Sudds, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, the Honourable Arif Virani, Minister of Justice, City of Sault Ste Marie MP Terry Sheehan, MP Laurel Collins, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.

- \* <a href="https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html">https://women-gender-equality.canada.ca/en/gender-based-violence/intimate-partner-violence.html</a>
- \*\* <a href="https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading">https://www.parl.ca/documentviewer/en/44-1/bill/C-332/second-reading</a>
- <u>https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2023001/article/00003-eng.htm</u>

Sincerely

Rachel Tyczinski

City Clerk