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Correspondence Package No. I-24-MAY-09

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-24-MAY-09 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew

- a) [Construction Update - May 2, 2024](#)
- b) [Province supports Renfrew County building homes in Pembroke](#)
- c) [County Council Summary \(April 2024\)](#)

3. Correspondence from Renfrew County and District Health Unit

- a) [Lyme Disease Know the Risks and How to Prevent Tick Bites](#)
- b) [Yellow is the Colour of Caution in RCDHU's Animal Bite Awareness Campaign](#)

4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- a) [Watch File – April 18th, 2024](#)
- b) [Watch File – April 25th, 2024](#)
- c) [Watch File – May 2nd, 2024](#)

5. Correspondence from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)

- a) [2023 Annual Report](#)

6. Resolutions from Other Municipalities

- a) [Municipality of St.-Charles – Household Food Insecurity and Public Health Implications](#)
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- c) [Municipality of Arran-Elderslie - Unwilling Host for Wind Turbines](#)

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing in Local Emergency Preparedness and Response

Targeted investments will help keep communities safe during emergencies

April 16, 2024

[Treasury Board Secretariat](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$5 million in communities across the province to help them prepare for and respond to emergencies. Funding is being delivered through the [Community Emergency Preparedness Grant](#) to help communities and organizations purchase critical supplies, equipment and deliver training and services.

“Through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, our government is stepping up to ensure Ontario is safe, practiced and prepared for any type of emergency,” said Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Emergency Management. “From floods to wildland fires, these targeted investments will empower communities and organizations to enhance their emergency response. Whether it’s building up our local fire departments or enabling more efficient search and rescue operations, our government is giving communities the tools and resources they need to keep people safe.”

The funding is supporting 113 recipients across Ontario including municipalities, local services boards, First Nation communities, Tribal Councils, Indigenous service organizations and non-governmental organizations with mandates in emergency preparedness.

Recipients of the grant include:

- The Township of Adelaide Metcalfe is receiving \$15,600 to purchase a thermal imaging drone, making it safer and more efficient to conduct search and rescue missions during severe weather events.
- Bimose Tribal Council is receiving \$43,467 to establish an emergency operations centre for their 10 First Nation member communities, which will house air purifiers, first aid kits, sleep kits, backpacks and other emergency equipment.

- The Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is receiving \$50,000 to improve access to emergency pet food, supplies and transport carriers in northern Ontario during emergencies.
- The Rosemont District Fire Department is receiving \$22,206 to purchase firefighting equipment including a hose, nozzles, forestry pump, collapsible water backpack, hand pumps, a drone and a radio system.

The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant is part of the \$110 million the government earmarked over the next three years to strengthen emergency preparedness in Ontario. The province will continue to make substantial investments and expand training programs to support Ontario's whole-of-government approach to emergency management and response.

Quick Facts

- Eligible applicants had to be located in Ontario and include:
 - Non-governmental organizations that have a mandate in emergency preparedness
 - Local services boards
 - First Nation communities; Indigenous organizations, including Tribal Councils; and other Indigenous service organizations that support emergency management programming in First Nation communities
 - Small- and medium-sized municipalities (those with populations under 100,000 as per Statistics Canada data from 2021)
 - Recipients were selected through a rigorous and competitive review process.
 - The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant is one of the ways the government is ensuring that communities are as safe and prepared as possible. Earlier this month, Ontario released its [first annual report on the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#), reporting on progress made in 2023 to move emergency management forward.
 - On May 7-9, 2024, the province will host Exercise Heatwave, a simulated heat-related emergency taking place with participating municipalities that will practise response procedures working in partnership with others.
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Quotes

"We are grateful to the Ontario Government for their support through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. With their partnership, we are better equipped to support and care for our furry companions and their families when they need it most."

- Arista Wogenstahl

Northern Regional Manager, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society

"The Township and the Adelaide Metcalfe Fire Department are grateful for the funding received through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. This funding will allow our amazing team of volunteer firefighters to safely enhance search and rescue efforts while providing support to neighbouring communities when called upon."

- Sue Clarke

Mayor, Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

"On behalf of the Rosemont District Fire Department, the residents of the Town of Mono and the Townships of Mulmur and Adjala-Tosorontio, I would like to thank the Province of Ontario and Emergency Management Ontario for the generous grant. The funds received will greatly enhance our abilities to provide a higher level of service in our coverage area as well as the ability to assist our mutual aid partners throughout Dufferin County and the southwestern portion of Simcoe County. Our volunteer firefighters strive to provide the highest level of service possible and the equipment that we will be purchasing through this grant will greatly aid us in being the best that we can possibly be."

- Mike Blacklaws

Fire Chief, Rosemont District Fire Department

"On behalf of the ten First Nations we serve, we are thankful to be selected as a recipient of the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. Our Emergency Management Coordinator will be rolling out distribution of supplies that will support Emergency Operation Command Centres and enhance wildfire smoke mitigation efforts."

- Fawn Wapioke
Executive Director, Bimose Tribal Council

Additional Resources

- [Community Emergency Preparedness Grant](#)
- [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#)
- [Emergency Management Ontario](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Building New and Upgraded Sports and Recreation Facilities

\$200 million investment helping communities provide families and sports fans better access to modern facilities to play and watch

April 18, 2024

[Office of the Premier](#)

OAKVILLE —The Ontario government is investing up to \$200 million over three years to support Ontario's growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.

The new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund was [announced as part of the 2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#).

"Ontario's new Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund will transform and expand recreational facilities across the province, creating jobs and fostering healthier and more active lifestyles for families," said Premier Doug Ford. "As our population grows, our government is building the necessary infrastructure so families can live, work, play and thrive right in their local communities."

Funding will be delivered through two streams:

- Repairing and upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities into more accessible, state-of-the-art facilities that better suit the community's needs.
- Building new and transformative sport and recreation facilities, including replacing existing facilities that have reached the end of their lifespan and are beyond repair.

"Our government is listening to Ontarians and we want to ensure that new and upgraded facilities remain the heart of communities across this province for decades to come," said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "Not only will families benefit from better access to places to play, modern sport and recreation facilities will allow communities to host provincial, national and international events and competitions, attracting more visitors and good-paying jobs."

Applications will be open to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations. More information about eligibility and application guidelines will be provided in Summer 2024.

“Community centres and recreation facilities give people of all ages a safe place to come together, laugh, play and get the most out of their local community,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Our government will continue building the infrastructure needed to support growing communities, and investing in the well-being of children, families and seniors across the province.”

Investing in new and improved sport and recreation facilities through the [2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#) will continue to support the province’s growing population and ensure that all Ontarians have access to opportunities to thrive.

Quick Facts

- The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is a competitive, application-based program open to municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations.
 - The sport and recreation sector contributed an estimated \$2.6 billion to Ontario’s economy in 2021 and accounted for approximately 38,000 jobs.
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Additional Resources

- [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Providing More Funding to Build Long-Term Care Homes

New funding will help get much-needed long-term care projects built sooner

April 23, 2024

[Long-Term Care](#)

MISSISSAUGA — The Ontario government is investing \$155.5 million this year to help fast-track the construction of new or redeveloped long-term care homes. This funding, through the [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#), is part of the government's \$6.4 billion plan to build 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.

"From escalating construction costs to high borrowing rates, our government understands the financial difficulties many long-term care operators and would-be builders are facing right now," said Stan Cho, Minister of Long-Term Care.

"Extending the construction funding subsidy top-up will help get more shovels in the ground on much-needed projects all across the province."

The construction funding subsidy was first introduced in 2022, helping get shovels in the ground for 67 projects across the province and resulting in the largest construction campaign the ministry has achieved in a single year. Based on this success, the province is providing the construction funding subsidy for a second year.

Eligible projects that are approved to construct by November 30, 2024 will receive an additional construction subsidy of up to \$35 per bed, per day for 25 years. In addition, eligible not-for-profit applicants will be able to convert up to \$15 of the supplemental funding into a construction grant payable at the start of construction, to help increase the project's up-front equity and make it easier to secure financing.

"We owe the seniors who helped build this province a huge debt of gratitude and the dignity of modern, comfortable long-term care facilities," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Now is the time for us to seize our once-in-a-

generation opportunity to build the critical infrastructure that makes Ontario the best place to live, work and raise a family, which is exactly what Ontario's 2024 Budget is all about."

The government is fixing long-term care to ensure Ontario's seniors get the quality of care and quality of life they need and deserve. The plan is built on four pillars: staffing and care; quality and enforcement; building modern, safe and comfortable homes; and connecting seniors with faster, more convenient access to the services they need.

Quick Facts

- Construction costs and long-term borrowing rates have increased significantly over the past few years, making it difficult to get long-term care homes to the construction stage without additional supports.
- More information about funding is available on the Ontario.ca [Funding for long-term care home development page](#). Eligible operators who have worked on advancing their projects through the development process in order to receive ministry approval of construction by November 30, 2024, will be able to access the supplemental construction funding subsidy.
- Building more modern, safe and comfortable homes for our seniors is part of the Government of Ontario's [Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021](#).
- The province is taking innovative steps to get long-term care homes built, including modernizing its funding model, selling unused lands with the requirement that long-term care homes be built on portions of the properties, and leveraging hospital-owned land to build urgently needed homes in large urban areas.

Quotes

"Organizations like Ivan Franko Homes in Mississauga are building comprehensive communities with safe, modern long-term care homes. With continued support from the provincial government, these projects will be completed faster, allowing more Ontarians to find a home that meets their needs. I'm excited to see homes like these open their doors across the province."

- Sheref Sabawy
MPP for Mississauga – Erin Mills

"At Ivan Franko Homes, we are incredibly grateful for the government commitment to long-term care homes. Our vision is to create a modern campus of care where elders can truly live their lives to the fullest. With the new funding, we are excited to make this vision a reality by building a new Centre for Aging and Longevity with 160 beds in Mississauga. "

- Olya Vovnysh
Chief Executive Officer at Ivan Franko Homes

Additional Resources

[2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)

[Plan to Stay Open: Health System Stability and Recovery](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping Family Doctors Put Patients before Paperwork

Initiatives will save doctors 95,000 hours that can now be spent caring for people

April 24, 2024

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TORONTO —The Ontario government is taking further action to help family doctors and other primary care providers spend more time with their patients and less time on paperwork.

“Our government is making common sense changes that will reduce the administrative burden on family doctors so that they can spend more time caring for patients instead of doing duplicative or unnecessary paperwork,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

The government will allow primary care providers to spend more time with patients by making changes that encourage employers to use other tools instead of sick notes, such as attestations, that will help maintain accountability as employees request time off sick. The province is also expanding an innovative program to more than 150 primary care providers that safely uses artificial intelligence to automatically summarise or transcribe conversations with patients who consent into electronic medical notes. This will result in a better patient experience and more accurate records.

These initiatives, in addition to other changes aimed at putting patients over paperwork, will free up to 95,000 hours annually for physicians to put back into their practices caring for patients, including:

- **“Axe the fax”** to replace fax machines over the next few years to speed up diagnosis, referrals and treatments while improving the privacy of patient’s health information.
- **Expanding eServices** to digitize more referral and consultation forms so they can be conveniently shared electronically in a timely manner to obtain specialist

advice, often eliminating the need for an in-person specialist visit entirely.

- **Improving the eForms platform** to use more digital tools that make it convenient for providers to autofill and share forms.
- Working with the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) to streamline and simplify **12 key government medical forms** that are burdensome, as well as digitizing and integrating more forms into electronic medical records.
- Accelerating the expansion of the **centralized waitlist program** for surgical and diagnostic services that will take the guesswork out of the referral process and provide faster access to care for patients.

Cutting unnecessary paperwork like sick notes and streamlining note taking during patient appointments are more ways that the Ontario government, through [Your Health: A Plan For Connected and Convenient Care](#), is making it easier and faster for people to connect to the care they need, where and when they need it.

Quick Facts

- AI scribes will only be used during a visit if the patient gives their consent, and the privacy of patient health information will continue to be protected under the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*.
 - Research shows using medical scribes reduced the time doctors spent on after-hours documentation by up to 50 per cent and helped clinicians see an additional 12 patients per month.
 - Across government and in collaboration with the Ontario Medical Association, the government is reviewing key forms to streamline and simplify them, minimize any duplication, and identify opportunities for digital solutions.
 - According to the Ontario Medical Association, family doctors spend 19 hours per week on administrative tasks, including four hours writing notes or completing forms for patients.
 - Most employees have the right to take up to three days of unpaid job-protected sick leave each calendar year due to a personal illness, injury or medical emergency. Proposed changes would prohibit employers from requiring sick notes from a qualified health practitioner in order for employees to take their entitled leave. Employers maintain the ability to require reasonable evidence from an employee that they were sick, such as an attestation or declaration.
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Quotes

"OntarioMD is very proud to be leading this innovative evaluation of AI scribe technology. It is critical that we test new technologies to make sure they meet the needs of Ontario patients and doctors. Artificial Intelligence based technology has tremendous potential to support our healthcare system and this study will review the clinical, legal and privacy implications to ensure it best addresses system needs."

- Dr. David Daien

OntarioMD & Primary Care Doctor at Summerville Family Health Team

"The OCFP welcomes the government's commitments to reduce administrative burden through ongoing efforts, including piloting AI scribes and eliminating sick notes. Eliminating unnecessary sick notes is an important change for which the Ontario College of Family Physicians has advocated. While we know that much more needs to be done to address the administrative issues that take up to 19 hours a week, this is an important step to ensure that more Ontarians can see their family doctor. We remain committed to continuing to work with the Ontario government on solutions to ensure that family doctors have the support they need to help ensure every Ontarian has access to a family doctor."

- Dr. Mekalai Kumanan

President, Ontario College of Family Physicians

"Using an AI Scribe has allowed me to focus more on listening to a patient's concerns and working collaboratively to develop a management plan. It has significantly reduced the burden of documentation so I can serve my patients better. Primary Care Providers need these types of supports so they can spend more time with patients."

- Mohamed Alarakhia

Family Physician and CEO of the eHealth Centre of Excellence

"Our government is putting patients before paperwork and tackling the red tape burden for healthcare workers by proposing legislation to prohibit employers from requiring a sick note for a worker's job-protected sick leave. This will complement the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's efforts to collaborate with health sector organizations as they explore additional measures to reduce the administrative burden for sick or injured workers and healthcare professionals."

- David Piccini

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

"AI has the potential to transform vital programs and services to better serve the people of Ontario. We are leading the way in strengthening the guidance for using AI responsibly across the government and broader public sector to protect privacy and personal information and enhance online security."

- Todd McCarthy

Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery

"Reducing the administrative burden of Ontario's physicians is critical in improving our health-care system, and today's announcement is a positive step forward. We encourage government to continue taking action, making the investments necessary and working with OMA every step of the way, to build the health-care system Ontarians deserve."

- Dr. Andrew Park

Ontario Medical Association

Additional Resources

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Your Health, Your Results](#)
- [Guide to the Employment Standards Act: Sick Leave](#)
- [Ontario Continues to Cut Red Tape to Improve Services and Save Businesses Time and Money](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Unlocking More Opportunities for Businesses

New procurement rules prioritizing local companies

April 26, 2024

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

BURLINGTON — A new regulation under the [Building Ontario Businesses Initiative Act, 2022](#) (BOBIA) will give Ontario companies more opportunities to compete for procurement contracts from public sector entities like hospitals, school boards and universities.

Whether it is a medical supply company in Thunder Bay or a fresh produce supplier in London, several Ontario businesses and industries will now have a competitive advantage that will help bolster their success.

“Ontario small businesses are the backbone of our economy, employing more than two million people,” said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business. “By leveling the playing field for local businesses, the government is supporting Ontario-made products and innovations that will promote economic growth, create new jobs and secure the province’s supply chain.”

Under the regulation, public sector entities are now required to give preference to Ontario businesses when conducting procurements below the specified thresholds. This ensures compliance with the province’s trade obligations. The new rules apply to procurements below a \$121,200 threshold for goods and services in the Broader Public Sector. Similarly, for the Ontario Public Service, the thresholds are set at \$30,300 for goods and \$121,200 for services.

“We applaud the government for making a commitment to support Ontario businesses by creating the Building Ontario Businesses Initiative”, said Mike Canzoneri, President and CEO of Canadian Hospital Specialities. “We look forward to working with Supply Ontario to reduce long standing barriers so Ontario based companies can benefit from greater access to public procurement opportunities, grow our businesses and create more jobs.”

The government anticipates that at least \$3 billion in contracts will be awarded to Ontario businesses through to 2026.

Quick Facts

- Every year, the Ontario Public Service and Broader Public Sector spends approximately \$30 billion on goods and services. The province is leveraging this to help grow Ontario's local businesses, including technology and manufacturing sectors.
- [Supply Ontario](#) is a provincial agency created to address challenges faced in the public sector supply chain system. Supply Ontario works with partners to transform and modernize the procurement process to benefit the economy and businesses across the province.
- With support from the province, the [Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters](#) launched the [Ontario Made](#) program to promote the many world-class products that are made right here.

Quotes

"Our government is continuing to deliver on our promise to build Ontario by supporting Ontario-made products and services that will help protect the supply chain, create good paying jobs and rebuild the province's economy. Ontario businesses should benefit from the investments of its own government."

- Caroline Mulroney

President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Francophone Affairs

"Today's announcement marks a significant milestone in Ontario's economic recovery. By prioritizing Ontario businesses through the Building Ontario Businesses Initiative Act, we are not only fostering a competitive advantage for our local industries but also reaffirming our commitment to the prosperity and resilience of the people of Ontario. This initiative showcases the power of collaboration between government and business, paving the way for a stronger, more resilient province."

- Effie J. Triantafilopoulos

**Member of Provincial Parliament for Oakville North—Burlington and
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job
Creation and Trade**

"As a provincial agency created to modernize and transform public procurement in Ontario, Supply Ontario recognizes the important role public purchasing plays in supporting Ontario's economy. We are proud to play a key role in the Building Ontario Businesses Initiative, which will help Ontario businesses sell more goods and services, create jobs in their local communities and provide support for them to innovate and compete more effectively."

- James Wallace
CEO, Supply Ontario

Additional Resources

- [Ontario.ca/Business](#)
- [Doing Business with the Government of Ontario](#)
- [Building Ontario Businesses Initiative Act, 2022](#)
- [Building Ontario Businesses Initiative](#)
- [Broader Public Service Procurement Directive](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Expanding Access to Palliative Care in Ottawa

Nearly \$3 million will add 10 new hospice beds in the region

April 26, 2024

[Health](#)

OTTAWA — The Ontario government is investing \$2.75 million over two years to increase access to comfortable and dignified end-of-life care close to home for families in the Ottawa region. This investment will add eight new hospice beds at Hospice Care Ottawa's La Maison de l'Est, and two new pediatric hospice beds at Roger Neilson Children's Hospice located at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

"Our government is ensuring people, at every stage of life, have access to the care they need in their community, close to their loved ones," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Expanding access to end-of-life care services in the Ottawa region is another step our government is taking to deliver high quality, dignified care for patients and their loved ones with additional choices about where they spend their final days with the specialized support they need."

The eight new beds at La Maison de l'Est will be located within the Cité Parkway Retirement Residence to make it more convenient for families to access end-of-life care in a familiar setting. La Maison de l'Est is building partnerships within the Francophone community to connect families to culturally appropriate palliative care services. This includes recruiting bilingual Francophone health care providers and Francophone volunteers to help deliver services in French, and creating a Francophone hospice palliative care hub that ensures services reflect the Francophone culture.

The two new pediatric hospice beds at Roger Neilson Children's Hospice bring the total number of beds at this hospice to 10. Roger Neilson Children's Hospice offers families comprehensive palliative care for children and youth living with progressive life-limiting illnesses. Services include:

- Residential care, including pediatric end-of-life nursing and personal support
- Respite and symptom management

- Recreation therapy
- Volunteer visiting home hospice services
- Memory and legacy making
- Grief and bereavement support for parents, caregivers, siblings and grandparents.

Through [Your Health](#), Ontario is making it easier and faster for people of all ages to connect to the care they need, where and when they need it. This includes investing up to \$147.4 million over three years to expand palliative care services across the province to ensure Ontarians have a choice about where they spend their final days.

Quick Facts

- Through the 2024 Budget, [Building a Better Ontario](#), the government continues to expand palliative care services in local communities by adding up to 84 new adult beds and 12 pediatric beds, bringing the total to over 750 planned beds.
 - With the addition of 10 new hospice beds, a total of 51 beds are now available in the Ottawa region.
 - The Ontario government is investing \$2.18 million over two years to add eight new hospice beds at La Maison de l'Est as part of the plan to expand access to hospice care across the province.
 - The Ontario government is investing \$567,000 over two years to add two new pediatric hospice beds at Roger Neilson Children's Hospice as part of the 2024 Budget.
 - Ontario Palliative Care Network works alongside hospices, Ontario Health Teams and long-term care homes to ensure providers have access to standardized models of care, clinical expertise, and training to deliver equitable and compassionate palliative care supports.
 - Palliative care, which includes end-of-life care, can begin as early as the diagnosis of a serious illness and focuses on improving the quality of each individual's life, provides integrated and holistic care for individuals, their families and caregivers and ensures that they have access to the supports they need when facing illness, death, grief, and/or bereavement.
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Quotes

"This facility represents much more than just a physical space. It embodies our commitment to providing compassionate end-of-life care in our mother tongue. For years, the Franco-Ontarian community has been advocating for this crucial resource. Its opening marks an important milestone in the continuum of services to our community. End-of-life care in your mother tongue is important because it allows for clearer communication between patients, families, and healthcare providers, maintaining dignity, and fostering a deeper sense of understanding and support."

- Benoit Hubert

Chair of the Board of Directors, Hospice Care Ottawa

"With these two new beds, we will be able to extend our services to more families caring for children and youth with life-limiting illnesses. This will create more open access to a unique blend of support services, including respite, symptom management, recreation therapy and grief support. Most importantly, these additions will mean more families can celebrate their children by cherishing precious moments shared together."

- Megan Wright

Executive Director, Roger Neilson Children's Hospice

"Hospice care is about living and dying with dignity. Those who care for patients during this stage of their life bring an incredible amount of compassion and empathy to their calling and that is why I am grateful our government is making this investment. Patients and families deserve quality care and that is what will be provided."

- Lisa MacLeod

MPP for Nepean

"This investment by the government of Ontario represents an increase in hospice beds of nearly 25 per cent for the Ottawa region. The new beds at La Maison de l'Est and Roger Neilson Children's Hospice will enhance the access to and quality of end-of-life care for hospice patients."

- Goldie Ghamari
MPP for Carleton

"Our government is taking action to ensure the large population of Franco-Ontarians residing in Eastern Ontario, have access to the high quality care they need, at every stage of life. The launch of La Maison de l'Est marks a historic stride in this direction by ensuring that members of our community are able to access compassionate palliative care that reflects the communities they come from. To everyone involved in this launch, thank you for your continued efforts."

- Nolan Quinn
MPP for Stormont Dundas South Glengarry

Additional Resources

- [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)
- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Ontario Provincial Framework for Palliative Care](#)
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Ontario Supporting Local Cultural Tourism Events

\$8.4 million investment will boost local economies and create good-paying jobs

April 26, 2024

[Tourism, Culture and Sport](#)

HAMILTON — The Ontario government is investing more than \$8 million over the next three years to support cultural tourism in communities across the province. \$2.4 million of this funding will be provided this year through the [Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund](#) (OCAF) to help 40 arts, heritage and cultural organizations develop, promote and present high-quality, high-profile events that strengthen local economies and create good-paying jobs.

“Ontario’s cultural tourism events and attractions provide residents and visitors alike with unique experiences that create lifelong memories,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. “The investments that our government is making through OCAF will help to bring these one-of-a-kind events to life, boosting local businesses, creating good-paying jobs and enabling audiences of all ages to experience the best that Ontario has to offer.”

Minister Lumsden announced the funding today at Theatre Aquarius in Hamilton, which received \$60,000 to support its 50th anniversary season that runs from March 26 to June 16. Programming includes the world premiere production of Tom Wilson and Shaun Smyth’s “Beautiful Scars”, inspired by the book “Beautiful Scars: Steeltown Secrets, Mohawk Skywalkers and the Road Home” by Tom Wilson.

“We’re thankful to the Ontario government for the funding that it has provided to our organization through OCAF, which will enable us to expand our marketing efforts in our 50th season,” said Kelly Straughan, Executive Director of Theatre Aquarius. “We’ve assembled a world-class team led by Tom Wilson for the world premiere of his new musical Beautiful Scars, which has a deep connection to Hamilton. It’s a celebration of Indigenous identity that will resonate with theatregoers in the region and beyond.”

This year marks the 25th anniversary of OCAF, which has supported more than 900 events, festivals and exhibitions across Ontario since 1999 and attracted over 91 million attendees.

OCAF funds are provided as partially repayable loans, which enable even more projects to be supported. For every \$1 that the Ontario government invests, \$1.69 is in turn invested in cultural tourism.

“On behalf of the OCAF board, we thank the Ontario government for the support and confidence in this three-year renewal of the Fund,” said Mary E. Hofstetter, Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund Chair. “It will allow us to invest in more wonderful projects like the 50th anniversary of Theatre Aquarius and other great events happening across Ontario this spring, summer and fall.”

Quick Facts

- OCAF provides support to cultural tourism events that range in size from large art and music festivals to smaller events that celebrate local Ontario culture and heritage.
 - OCAF continues to accept applications for new events and offers applicants flexibility regarding project timing and scope. Please visit the [OCAF website](#) for more information on the organization and to view the full list of recipients.
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Additional Resources

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Strengthening Protections for Firefighters

Province expanding coverage for occupational cancer, heart injuries, and PTSD to help safeguard the health and safety of frontline heroes

April 29, 2024

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

BRANTFORD – The Ontario government will soon introduce legislation that, if passed, will ensure wildland firefighters and investigators have the same presumptive WSIB coverage for cancers, heart injuries, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) that municipal firefighters do. The province is also proposing to expand presumptive coverage to firefighters and fire investigators for skin cancer and lower the service time required for firefighters to receive compensation from 15 to 10 years, bringing Ontario to the lowest required duration of service in the country. With presumptive coverage, certain cancers, heart injuries, and PTSD diagnoses are presumed to be work-related, helping ensure quicker and easier access to WSIB benefits.

“In every corner of our province, firefighters, fire investigators, and volunteers put their lives on the line to keep our families and communities safe. These frontline heroes deserve a government that values their service and sacrifice – they have earned stronger, more expansive coverage,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “Our government is serving those who serve by expanding cancer coverage and ensuring wildland firefighters have the same health coverages that municipal firefighters do. This builds on the progress we’ve made in our previous Working for Workers legislation, and we will continue to work with the firefighting community as part of our long-term plan to safeguard the health and safety of our frontline heroes.”

The government is proposing changes to the [Workplace Safety and Insurance Act](#) (WSIA), which would reduce the duration of employment requirement for entitlement to presumptive coverage for primary-site skin cancer from 15 years to 10, making it faster and easier for firefighters to access benefits. Growing scientific evidence shows that firefighters, including wildland firefighters, are at an increased risk of developing skin cancer because of their exposure to carcinogens and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) found in fireground dust.

The new proposals build on the government's progress from four previous Working for Workers acts. In June 2023, Ontario [expanded presumptive](#) occupational cancer coverage for firefighters and fire investigators to include primary site thyroid and pancreatic cancers, making it faster and easier for them to access WSIB compensation and services. [Working for Workers Four Act, 2024](#) lowered the required employment period for primary-site esophageal cancer from 25 to 15 years, as well as "super indexing" WSIB benefits above the annual rate of inflation so sick heroes can focus on their health – not struggling with the cost of living.

These changes are part of a larger package that will expand on the ground-breaking actions introduced in the Working for Workers Acts, 2021, 2022, 2023, which will be unveiled in the coming weeks to protect workers, help them earn bigger paycheques, and help newcomers contribute to building Ontario. By continuing to put workers first, the province is building a brighter future for all Ontarians and ensuring our province remains the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Quick Facts

- Approximately five million workers and 325,000 employers are covered by the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).
 - Over 1,000 people worked as wildland fire and wildland fire investigators during the 2023 wildland fire season.
 - There were 741 Ontario wildland fires during the 2023 season that burned 440,000 hectares.
 - In March 2024, Ontario announced an investment of over [\\$5 million](#) to attract, retain and recognize wildland firefighting staff.
 - Historically the scientific community had not identified a causal link between forest firefighting and occupational cancers, until a ground-breaking [July 2022 publication](#) by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) which established that wildland firefighting is carcinogenic.
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Quotes

"Studies have shown that firefighters have a 21 per cent higher risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, even though it represents only one per cent of all skin cancers. They also have a higher risk of other types of skin cancers. The current latency period is 15 years. In Ontario, firefighters are developing serious melanomas earlier, making them ineligible for compensation under the current system. We thank Ontario's government for recognizing that the legislation requires updating and amending the latency period to 10 years thus ensuring fairer treatment for firefighters and their families who face health issues due to their service. We applaud the government for expanding the coverage to include wildland firefighters who also are at risk due to their occupation."

- Greg Horton

President, Ontario Professional Firefighters Association

"Wildland firefighting is a respected and challenging career in our natural resources sector. Our changes would support these frontline workers who work tirelessly to keep us safe, by improving their access to benefit entitlements and making them eligible for the same presumptive benefits as all other firefighters and fire investigators. Our government will continue to make investments that support fire rangers and protect northern communities."

- Graydon Smith

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

"Supporting the brave and dedicated heroes that protect our communities is another way the government is ensuring that Ontario is safe, practiced and prepared for emergencies. The province continues to make substantial investments to ensure that our partners across Ontario have the resources and tools necessary to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies, now and in the future."

- Caroline Mulroney

President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Emergency Management

"All firefighters are a priority for our government. The additional coverage and support that this legislation will enable, if passed, is further evidence of our government's dedication to supporting the fire service. We are cutting red tape to ensure those who need coverage can receive it when they need it while bringing increased awareness to selfless dedication and risk that all firefighters experience daily while keeping our province safe."

**- Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General**

"The changes announced today are an important step to allow the WSIB to be there to help firefighters when they need us. We are ready to support firefighters if they suffer from occupational illness."

**- Jeffery Lang
President and CEO of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)**

"We value the contribution of all our firefighters. As the science continues to evolve, we need to continue to identify practices, procedures and technologies that can help protect them against heart injuries and cancers, including of the skin. Many of the pollutants emitted by wildfires are known human carcinogens, and last summer the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified occupational exposure as a firefighter as carcinogenic to humans, without making a distinction between municipal and wildland firefighters."

**- Dr. Joel Moody
Ontario Chief Prevention Officer**

"The cornerstone of Ontario's efforts to combat wildfires is a dedicated corps of hundreds of wildland firefighters/rangers, who risk their lives to protect and defend 90 million hectares of Crown land. Whether speaking with municipal or wildland firefighters, the concerns that keep these protectors of our communities up at night, are consistent. What we have learned over the last few decades, including from my own experiences as a volunteer firefighter and member of a crew, is that there are profound physical and mental health consequences for these first responders who serve to protect people and property. Despite over 15 years of appealing to the former government for recognition of the very real dangers our wildland firefighters face each time they defend our forests and our people, nothing was done. Now, I am so proud and honoured to say that through the genuine dedication of The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and our government in hearing directly from our firefighters and the medical community, this latest version of the Working for Workers legislation provides recognition of our wildland firefighters/rangers as first responders entrusted with public safety just as their municipal counterparts."

- Kevin Holland
MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan

"I am pleased to be part of a government that prioritizes and listens to the unique needs of Ontario's frontline emergency workers. As an active-duty volunteer firefighter with the County of Brant Fire Service, I know first-hand the supports that have been announced today will improve the lives of many workers and their families alike."

- Will Bouma
MPP for Brantford-Brant

"On behalf of the City of Brantford, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our provincial partners for their consistent support to our Emergency Services and first responders. These measures will provide security and support to those who serve our community with courage and dedication on a daily basis."

- Kevin Davis
Mayor, City of Brantford

Additional Resources

- [The Workplace Safety and Insurance Act](#)
 - Information on [Workplace Exposure and Illnesses](#)
 - [Prevention Works – Ontario’s 2021-2025 Occupational Health and Safety Strategy](#)
 - [WSIB Scientific Advisory Table on Occupational Disease](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario to Establish New Regional Office in Ottawa

Provincial office to support better services for the people of Ottawa and region

April 29, 2024

[Office of the Premier](#)

OTTAWA — Building upon Ontario’s historic new deal with the City of Ottawa, the provincial government is opening a new regional office to support better services for the people of Ottawa and the surrounding region. The new office, which opens today, will support greater engagement with both municipal and federal governments and play an important role in implementing the new deal, advancing shared priorities and ensuring that Ottawa’s unique needs as Ontario’s second-largest city and Canada’s capital are addressed and supported.

“Today’s announcement is further evidence that our government takes Ottawa’s position as our second-largest city and a service and economic hub for eastern Ontario seriously,” said Premier Doug Ford. “This new office will be critical in delivering on the new deal while identifying opportunities to grow Ottawa and eastern Ontario’s economy and supporting the hardworking people of this region. It will also be an important link between the province and the federal government.”

The office will help ensure a successful implementation of the province’s new deal with Ottawa. As part of the new deal, announced earlier this year, the province is providing Ottawa with up to \$543 million in operating and capital funding, including \$181 million for critical transportation projects. The deal includes a phased plan to guide the upload of Ottawa Road 174 to the province, provincial support for the repair and upgrade of the city’s major connecting routes and rural roads, a new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road and improved public safety with a new police neighbourhood operations centre in the ByWard Market Area.

“More great news for Ottawa,” said Mayor Mark Sutcliffe. “Recently, the Province recognized some of our unique needs and provided some much-needed funding to help Ottawa tackle these challenges. Having a regional Provincial office in Ottawa will ensure that our local needs are supported and our concerns are effectively

communicated to Queen's Park. I am very pleased with the Premier's decision to open an Ottawa office. I look forward to continuing to work together to build better, safer, more affordable communities and get things done."

This office will provide Ottawa's municipal government with a central link to the premier, cabinet and government. It will help ensure that the needs of Ottawa residents, including workers, families, business owners and more, are understood and met at the provincial level. It will also provide the province with additional resources to ensure Ontario's needs are properly understood and addressed by the federal government.

Ontario's new office in Ottawa will be led by Sean Webster. Mr. Webster draws on a track record of advocacy and leadership in the Canadian pharmaceutical and energy sectors, most recently holding senior positions at Canopy Growth Corporation and Shoppers Drug Mart. As a volunteer, Mr. Webster also served on the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Convention Centre, Exhibition Place and the Board of Providence Healthcare.

Quick Facts

- Ottawa is Canada's national capital, Ontario's second largest local municipality and the largest city in eastern Ontario, with a growing population of more than one million residents. Ottawa is geographically four times larger than Toronto, encompassing interconnected urban, suburban and rural areas. The city is an important interprovincial gateway to Quebec and Eastern Canada and is uniquely reliant on the public administration sector.
- The [2024 Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#) includes funding for highways and community infrastructure in Ottawa, including moving forward with The Ottawa Hospital's Civic Campus redevelopment project, maintaining supportive housing for Salus Ottawa, building a new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road and replacing bridges on Highway 417.
- Through an extensive range of municipal funding supports, including the newly announced [\\$1.8 billion for housing-enabling infrastructure](#), the Building Faster Fund and the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund, the province is supporting all of Ontario's 444 municipalities to deliver valuable services for growing communities.

Additional Resources

- [A New Deal for Ottawa](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Exploring Options to Reduce Electricity Rates for Public EV Chargers

New electricity rate would help get chargers built in more communities across the province

May 01, 2024

[Energy](#)

TORONTO – Ontario’s Minister of Energy, Todd Smith, has asked the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to explore options for an *Electric Vehicle Charger Discount Electricity Rate* as the province continues to support the adoption of electric vehicles (EV). A new rate would reduce the cost of electricity for public EV chargers in areas where demand for the service is only beginning to emerge, making charging infrastructure more economical in more communities and giving Ontario drivers the confidence they need to transition to electric vehicles.

“With more than 150,000 electric vehicles already on the roads in Ontario, we’re continuing to look at new ways to increase the number of public chargers – including reducing electricity rates for chargers in areas where electric vehicle usage is just beginning to emerge,” said Minister Smith. “This is another step we are taking to give drivers in every part of our province, including rural Ontario, the confidence to transition to electric vehicles, and take advantage of our growing, world-class clean grid.”

Under existing rules, public EV charging stations in areas with low EV adoption rates can be expensive to operate as they experience sharp peaks in demand when an EV is charged, but they still incur costs when they are not used for most of the day. Electric vehicle charging stations predicted to have low utilization are either not built or operate at a loss, giving rise to charging accessibility concerns.

A new electricity rate would support electric vehicle adoption across the province by reducing the electricity costs for charging infrastructure where demand is only beginning to emerge, making them more economical. Starting this month, the Ontario Energy Board will conduct public consultations on a new *Electric Vehicle Charger Discount Rate* with the intent of making the new rate available to public EV charging providers by January 1, 2026.

“We’re making it easier to own an EV by filling gaps in public charging infrastructure,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. “Today’s announcement highlights important work to support EV uptake outside of large urban centres and transition Ontario to a sustainable, low-carbon transportation system.”

This initiative is part of the government’s larger plan to support the adoption of electric vehicles and make EV charging infrastructure more accessible, which includes:

- The [EV ChargeON program](#) – a \$91 million investment to support the installation of public EV chargers outside of Ontario’s large urban centres, including at community hubs, Ontario’s highway rest areas, carpool parking lots and Ontario Parks.
- The new [Ultra-Low Overnight price plan](#), which allows customers who use more electricity at night, including those charging their EV, to save up to \$90 per year by shifting demand to the ultra-low overnight rate period when provincewide electricity demand is lower.
- Making it more convenient for electric vehicle owners to travel the province with EV fast chargers now installed at all [20 renovated ONroute](#) stations along the province’s busiest highways, the 400 and 401.

“With \$43 billion in new electric vehicle and EV battery manufacturing investments in Ontario’s auto sector over the last several years, our government is working to improve access to public charging infrastructure to support drivers who are making the transition to electric vehicles,” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. “Making electricity rates more affordable, especially in areas with emerging EV demand will be integral as we continue to build a fully integrated end-to-end EV supply chain across our province.”

The initiative also builds on the government’s [Driving Prosperity: The Future of Ontario’s Automotive Sector](#) plan to create a domestic EV battery ecosystem in the province and position Ontario as a North American automotive innovation hub by working to support the continued transition to electric, low carbon, connected and autonomous vehicles.

“This rate aims to fairly allocate costs and better support the efficient integration of EVs in Ontario,” said Susanna Zagar, CEO of the OEB. “This is another way the OEB is enabling and advancing Ontario’s clean energy advantage. We look forward to

hearing from electricity distributors, EV charging service providers and other stakeholders to inform this work as we strive to solve energy challenges effectively and meet the demands of the energy transition.”

Quick Facts

- The new retail transmission service rate, if approved, would be available to public EV charging stations with low utilization, between 50kW and 4,999 kW.
 - If approved by the Ontario Energy Board, local distribution companies would begin offering the rate to public EV charging providers beginning January 1, 2026.
 - As of March 2024, there are more than 150,000 EVs registered in Ontario, including both battery-electric vehicles (BEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV). By 2030, there are expected to be more than one million EVs on the road in Ontario.
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Additional Resources

- [Driving Prosperity: The Future of Ontario's Automotive Sector](#)
 - [Consumer Protection and Information: Electric Vehicles](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping Jobseekers and Cracking Down on Exploitative Employers

Changes would discourage employers from “ghosting” jobseekers and increase fines for employment standards violations to the highest level in Canada

May 03, 2024

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

TORONTO — The Ontario government is proposing legislative changes that would make the hiring process fairer for jobseekers who are trying to get into the workforce and that would get tougher on exploitative employers by increasing maximum fines for violating the *Employment Standards Act* (ESA) to the highest level in Canada.

"We know that the vast majority of employers across Ontario are doing right by their staff and customers and helping drive the economic prosperity of our province," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "But with today's announcement, we are sending a clear message to those bad actor employers out there that there are real consequences for bad behaviour. We are also supporting jobseekers by taking a balanced approach that gives them greater certainty in the hiring process without adding unnecessary or onerous requirements for employers."

The government will soon introduce legislation that will, if passed, double the maximum fine for individuals convicted of violating the ESA from \$50,000 to \$100,000, which would be the highest fine in Canada. The government will also make regulatory changes to increase the penalty for repeat offenders who have contravened the same provision of the ESA three or more times from \$1,000 to \$5,000, one of the highest penalties in Canada. Violations of the ESA include failure to pay wages, penalizing employees for taking pregnancy or parental leave and paying employees unequal pay for equal work on the basis of gender.

The government is also intending to propose changes to the ESA that would, if passed, require larger employers to disclose in publicly advertised job advertisements whether a job vacancy exists or not. Additionally, proposed changes would require larger employers to respond to job applicants whom they

have interviewed for publicly advertised job postings, which would make Ontario the first province in Canada to set this standard. The government intends to consult on these proposed changes to ensure they are implemented in a manner that does not cause undue red tape for employers (i.e. consulting on the size of the business that these measures would apply to as well as the most efficient way to respond to jobseekers once a position has been filled, such as through an automated process) while giving prospective employees the certainty they deserve.

These changes are part of a larger package of measures which will be unveiled in the coming weeks that will build on the government's previous *Working for Workers* acts to protect workers, help them earn bigger paycheques and help newcomers contribute to building Ontario. By continuing to put workers first, the government is building a brighter future for all Ontarians and ensuring our province remains the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Quick Facts

- With the historic measures in four previous *Working for Workers Acts*, [2021](#), [2022](#), [2023](#) and [2024](#), Ontario is advancing a nationally leading, pro-workers legislative agenda designed to support, attract and protect workers, increase economic competitiveness and support Ontario businesses.
 - Ontario is the only place in Canada where penalties can be multiplied without a cap, based on the number of employees affected by a contravention. This means penalties can increase significantly depending on the number of affected employees.
 - A recent survey of 1,000 hiring managers conducted by Clarify Capital in October 2023 found that 50 per cent of hiring managers reported creating job openings to keep a talent pool "at the ready" for when they are hiring, without the intention to hire in the immediate term.
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Quotes

"This announcement and these new government measures build confidence in Ontario as a safe and trusted place to work and demands more accountability from employers that violate the Employment Standards Act. We welcome these changes and the Government of Ontario's work to strengthen protection for job seekers and workers. A safer and healthier workforce means a more vibrant and thriving economy in Ontario."

- Guled Warsame
President, UNITE HERE Local 75

"At the Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association, we understand the challenges the industry faces in hiring and keeping staff. We believe that strong employee policies can bring top talent to a company. By following the Employment Standards Act, businesses embrace effective hiring and recruiting practices, creating an outstanding workplace that attracts top-notch employees."

- Tony Elenis
President and CEO, Ontario Restaurant Hotel & Motel Association (ORHMA)

Additional Resources

- [Working for Workers Four Act, 2024](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2023](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2022](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2021](#)
- [Guide to the Employment Standards Act, 2000](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Building Supportive Housing in Pembroke

Provincial investment will support seniors and people with disabilities

May 03, 2024

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

Pembroke — The Ontario government is providing \$3.1 million to help create eight supportive housing units in Pembroke.

The complex at 1030 Lea Street features four one-bedroom and four two-bedroom units. Residents will have access to individualized support services such as mental health and addictions counselling, other health services, and life skills training intended to promote housing security, self-sufficiency and overall well-being. Four units are accessible and will support seniors and people with disabilities.

The units, operated by the Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC), will be rent-geared-to-income, becoming part of their housing portfolio. The new build is the first addition of new construction within the more than 20-year history of RCHC. The homes are centrally located with access to schools, shopping, parks, and recreational trails, and are expected to be ready for occupancy by June 1, 2024.

The funding was announced by Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing.

"Our government is investing historic levels of funding in housing and homelessness prevention because we know what a positive impact it can have in the life of a vulnerable person and on a community as a whole," said Associate Minister Flack. "Working with our partners to build more supportive and affordable housing is a critical part of our plan to get at least 1.5 million homes built by 2031."

Today's announcement is part of the province's Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). In 2023-24, the province began investing an additional \$190.5 million annually through the HPP to help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the community organizations delivering supportive housing. This funding can also be used to build new supportive housing units.

The project was also supported by the Social Services Relief Fund, which provided over \$1.2 billion of support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, to help municipal service managers and Indigenous program administrators create longer-term housing solutions and help vulnerable people in Ontario, including those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Quick Facts

- The County of Renfrew was allocated \$7.5 million through all phases of the Social Services Relief Fund to deliver critical services such as shelters, food banks and emergency services.
 - Through HPP, service managers have the flexibility to allocate provincial funding to programs and services that address and prevent homelessness in their communities, such as rent supplements, homeless shelters, and supportive housing including capital projects.
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Quotes

"Building more homes and providing funding for affordable and supportive housing continues to be one of our government's highest priorities. As MPP for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, I am very pleased that we could support this project. I commend the County of Renfrew and all involved as we continue to address our housing challenges."

- John Yakabuski
MPP for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke

"We are thrilled to see this new integrated community housing complex completed as it adds to the available affordable and supportive housing units in the County of Renfrew. As these are the first new housing units built in the County of Renfrew in nearly 60 years, we see this project as the beginning of the transformation to new housing stock in the County as we work to address the current housing crisis. Today, we celebrate not just bricks and mortar, but the bonds of compassion that hold us together."

- Peter Emon
Warden, County of Renfrew

"Today we're not just opening doors; we're opening hearts, minds, and opportunities for every member of our community. This affordable housing complex stands as a testament to our commitment to provide shelter, security, and dignity to all. Together, we've woven a tapestry of hope and belonging for Renfrew County. Let this moment mark the beginning of a brighter tomorrow for every resident who calls this place home."

- Anne Giardini

Chair Community Services Committee, County of Renfrew

"With the completion of this project, we honour the countless hours of dedication, collaboration, and vision that have brought us to this moment. Today's ceremony represents not only the culmination of a construction project but the beginning of a new chapter in the story of Renfrew County housing. May this affordable housing complex serve as a sanctuary of safety, stability, and support for generations to come as we unravel the constraints of poverty and homelessness and weave a new fabric of resilience and hope."

- James Brose

Chair Development and Property Committee, County of Renfrew

"The City of Pembroke is proud to support the addition of this new multi-unit affordable and supportive housing complex. We join the County of Renfrew in the commitment to ensuring affordable, sustainable and inclusive housing."

- Ron Gervais

Mayor, City of Pembroke

Additional Resources

- Learn more about [affordable housing in Ontario](#) and find your local [service manager](#) to see what housing supports are available in your community.
- Read the [2023 Ontario Budget: Building a Strong Ontario](#).

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Supporting Women at Work

Province's fifth Working for Workers Act will support women in the skilled trades, protect jobseekers and improve access to skills development

May 06, 2024

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

MISSISSAUGA — Today, the Ontario government is introducing the [Working for Workers Five Act, 2024](#), building on its previous four *Working for Workers* acts. The act contains a suite of measures to support workers, including requiring that menstrual products be provided on larger construction sites and mandating that washrooms are clean and sanitary. The legislation, the first of its kind in Canada, would make the skilled trades more accessible to women and support women at work.

“Under Premier Ford, our government is tackling the generational labour shortage previous governments left in their wake. That means we need all hands on deck – but when women represent only one in ten workers in the skilled trades, we have one hand tied behind our back,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “That’s why our government is introducing first-in-Canada changes to encourage women to start a career in the skilled trades and reach their full potential. Because an economy that doesn’t work for women, doesn’t work at all.”

For the first time in Canada, the Ontario government will make regulatory changes to the province's *Occupational Health and Safety Act* to require menstrual products be provided on larger construction sites. The government will also propose legislative and regulatory changes to require employers at both construction sites and other workplaces to require that washrooms are kept clean and sanitary and maintain records of washroom cleaning.

Ontario's proposed amendments would add virtual harassment to the definitions of workplace harassment and workplace sexual harassment in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, ensuring that workplace policies to address harassment in the workplace also cover online harassment.

The government will also engage with survivors of harassment, legal experts and other stakeholders to identify the most effective legislative or regulatory means to create a duty to act for employers where investigations have identified workplace harassment has occurred.

“Today’s announcement is another example of action our government is taking to make careers in construction and the skilled trades more inclusive and welcoming for women,” said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. “By further protecting their health and safety at work, the Working for Workers bill will increase women’s access to rewarding careers that both pay well and help create the stronger, more diverse workforce we need to build a better Ontario.”

Additional measures to address safety in construction will include a comprehensive review of critical injuries and fatalities in the construction sector and a consultation on expanding the types of life-saving equipment, such as defibrillators, to be provided on construction projects.

If passed, the government’s fifth *Working for Workers Act* will protect the health and dignity of workers and frontline heroes, impose tougher penalties on exploitative bad actors and open up new pathways for people to join the skilled trades. By continuing to put workers first, the government is building a brighter future for all Ontarians and ensuring our province remains the best place to live, work and raise a family.

Quick Facts

- Approximately one in 10 construction workers in Ontario are women, and approximately four per cent of workers in Ontario’s construction skilled trades-related occupations are women.
 - Half of respondents to the [Ontario Building and Construction Tradeswomen 2022 survey](#) cited better washroom facilities as something needed to make construction more appealing to women.
 - As of February 2024, 25 per cent of Ontario workers are working mostly from home.
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Quotes

"Ontario continues to make great strides towards equity and safety in the workplace. Today's announcement will accommodate the diverse needs of our workforce and is another welcome example of the government's dedication to work environments of respect and dignity. Together, these measures bring us another step closer to a more diverse, equitable and inclusive skilled trades sector."

- Melissa Young
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Skilled Trades Ontario

"Today's Working for Workers Five bill includes welcome measures that will improve conditions on job sites across the construction industry in Ontario. Clean, functioning washrooms should be the right of every worker, male or female. Providing menstrual products on every job site is a tangible way to level the playing field for women on site and we look forward to continuing to work with the government to roll out these new measures to ensure they have the intended impact across the province."

- Karen Pullen
Chair, Ontario Building and Construction Tradeswomen (OBCT)

"The Ontario General Contractors Association and our members applaud Minister Piccini for elevating the health and safety of all workers through the fifth Working for Workers bill and taking action on a serious topic in the most effective and efficient means possible. All workers must feel safe at work and that includes clean and sanitary workplace washrooms, including menstrual products, protection from harassment, regardless of the medium, and having the correct equipment on construction sites to safely perform the work. Having menstrual products on construction sites is a small cost for the overall dignity of the women working on those construction sites. The OGCA members welcome advancements that will keep all workers safe and ensure that our members continue to build Ontario."

- Giovanni Cautillo
President, Ontario General Contractors Association

"Local 787 is pleased to support Premier Ford and Minister Piccini as they introduce a new bill, 'Working for Workers Five.' We look forward to supporting the government to build its legislation as we safeguard worker health and dignity, ensure workplaces are sanitary and clean for workers, and that workers are better protected from harassment."

- Andrew Tarr
Business Manager, UA Local 787 HVAC & R

"Our government is committed to the growth and success of women in the workforce, and so we are expanding the sanitary standards, requiring menstrual products for females on certain construction sites, expanding current requirements for clean and sanitary workplace washrooms and cracking down on workplace harassment in an effort to encourage more women to join the labour workforce."

- Patrice Barnes
**Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training
and Skills Development**

"The Residential Construction Council of Ontario congratulates the Ford government for enshrining best practices that make our workplaces safer, more inclusive and more welcoming for all construction workers. Recruiting more workers into the skilled trades starts with ensuring workplaces are ready for all workers. We are happy to support these measures."

- Andrew Pariser
Vice President, Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON)

"Aecon has worked to establish more welcoming and inclusive work sites, through initiatives such as the Aecon Women In Trades (AWIT) program. We applaud the Ford government for introducing new measures that make everyone feel safe and included on their construction site. We are confident that initiatives like these will make strides in having people see the skilled trades as an inclusive and viable career option."

- Gordana Terkalas
Chief People Officer, Aecon Group Inc.

"This legislation represents the next step for some important changes to improve health and safety and make it easier to access WSIB services, especially for our hero firefighters. Everything we can do by working together to improve health and safety for anyone on any job is a good thing."

- Jeff Lang
President & CEO, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

"We commend Minister Piccini and the Government of Ontario for recognizing the harm that asbestos continues to cause workers and their families. The inclusion of asbestos in the provincial occupational exposure registry is necessary to understand the ongoing dangers of asbestos in our already-built environment and the destructive legacy the disease has left for workers and their families. Today's announcement is an important step forward to a provincial asbestos strategy."

- Adam Melnick
Director of Canadian Affairs, International Association Of Heat And Frost Insulators and Allied Workers

Additional Resources

- [Working For Workers Five Act, 2024](#)
- [Guide to the Occupational Health and Safety Act](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2021](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2022](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2023](#)
- [Working for Workers Four Act, 2024](#)

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BACKGROUND

Working For Workers Five Act, 2024

May 06, 2024

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

The Ontario government is building on progress from its previous four Working for Workers acts by introducing new first-in-Canada supports and even stronger protections that would, if passed, open pathways into the skilled trades, remove barriers to employment, protect frontline heroes and workers and support women at work.

Today, the government is introducing the *Working for Workers Five Act, 2024*. If passed, it would contribute to a larger package of policy, legislative, regulatory and other actions to:

[Open pathways into the skilled trades:](#)

- Building on the successful Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) by creating a new stream, called Focused Apprenticeship Skills Training (FAST), that will allow students in Grades 11 and 12 to participate in more apprenticeship learning through additional co-operative education credits while completing high school. This is part of our government's plan to ensure all students learn the critical skills necessary to succeed and get well-paying careers in the trades, including receiving hands-on learning experiences and technical skills in the classroom.
- Making it easier to find apprenticeship opportunities by launching a new online job-matching portal. This will be developed for apprentices, journeypersons and employers to network and share job opportunities.
- Enabling alternative pathways for people interested in the skilled trades as a second career if they meet alternative criteria, such as prior professional experience, but cannot meet certain academic entry requirements to register as an apprentice. These alternative criteria would be prescribed under future regulations.

[Remove barriers to employment:](#)

- Streamlining registration for internationally trained workers and cutting red tape by requiring regulated professions to have a plan for enabling multiple registration processes to take place concurrently wherever possible. If passed, Ontario would be the first province in Canada to require regulated professions to have a plan in place to process registration steps and materials concurrently.
- Making the foreign credential system outcomes-oriented by requiring regulated professions to have a policy to accept alternatives where standard registration-related documents cannot be obtained for reasons beyond an applicant's control, such as war or natural disasters. If passed, Ontario would be the first province in Canada to have this legislation.
- Expanding occupations eligible for the In-Demand Skills stream of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) and allowing the delegation of internal reviewer decision-making authority to speed up processes within the OINP.
- Consulting on a new Trusted Employer Model under the OINP to cut red tape and reduce the paperwork burden for reputable businesses.
- Ontario has delivered on its promise to bring integrated, streamlined and outcomes-oriented employment services to every region in the province, with the confirmation of the province's final three service system managers (SSMs) for Toronto, Northeast and Northwest Ontario as part of the province's Employment Services Transformation (EST).

[Keep frontline heroes and workers healthy and safe:](#)

- Improving presumptive coverage to firefighters, fire investigators and volunteers for primary-site skin cancer by lowering the required duration of service 15 years to 10 years, bringing Ontario to the lowest required duration of service in the country.
- Expanding presumptive coverage for occupational cancers, heart injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to wildland firefighters and fire investigators to ensure they have the same presumptive coverage as municipal firefighters do.
- Allowing for electronic copies of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* (OHSA) to meet posting requirements and allowing joint health and safety committee meetings to be held virtually.
- Launching a consultation to consider expanding the types of workers who would be presumptively entitled to benefits for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, under the WSIA, to further support workers who may be regularly affected by traumatic situations in their job.
- Led by the Chief Prevention Officer, reviewing the causes of critical injuries and fatalities in the construction sector, as well as launching a consultation on

expanding the types of health and safety equipment to be provided on construction projects, to inform future prevention strategies.

- Working to prevent future asbestos-related illnesses by incorporating asbestos-related data into the ministry's forthcoming occupational exposure registry.
- Putting patients before paperwork and reducing the paperwork burden for healthcare professionals by prohibiting employers from requiring a [sick note](#) from a medical professional for a worker's job-protected sick leave under the *Employment Standards Act* (ESA). To maintain accountability in the office without creating unnecessary paperwork for healthcare professionals, employers can still request another form of evidence that is reasonable in the circumstances, such as an attestation. Future ministry guidance would be developed to inform this. This complements the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's (WSIB) efforts to collaborate with health sector organizations as they explore additional measures to reduce the administrative burden for sick or injured workers and healthcare professionals.
- The government recently launched a [consultation](#) on a new, 27-week, job-protected leave for employees experiencing serious or critical illness, such as cancer, which would match the federal Employment Insurance sickness benefits. This consultation opened on April 4, 2024, and closes on May 6, 2024, and will be used to inform future strategies to support and protect workers.

[Support women at work:](#)

- Requiring menstrual products on construction projects with 20 or more regularly employed workers and where the project is expected to last at least three months. If passed, Ontario will be the first province in Canada to have this policy.
- Requiring washrooms provided to workers to be clean and sanitary and ensure accountability by maintaining records of cleaning as prescribed by regulations. If passed, Ontario would be the first province in Canada to require a record of cleaning in its health and safety legislation. This is in direct response to advocacy from tradeswomen and other sector stakeholders who have cited better washroom facilities as a key policy to encourage more women to join the building trades, such as in the [Ontario Building and Construction Tradeswomen 2022 survey](#) where over half of respondents agreed this would make construction more appealing to women.
- Modernizing the definition of harassment to include protection against virtual harassment, including virtual sexual harassment, to respond to increasingly digital work practices and reflect the future of work.

- Launching a consultation with survivors of harassment, legal experts and other stakeholders to identify potential legislative or regulatory changes to create a duty to act for employers where investigations have identified workplace harassment has occurred.

[Increase fairness for jobseekers and employees:](#)

- Requiring employers to disclose in publicly advertised job postings whether a position is vacant and respond to applicants they have interviewed for those jobs. If passed, the Ministry would consult with stakeholders to develop an education-first approach to implement these changes.
- Doubling the maximum fine for individuals convicted of violating the ESA from \$50,000 to \$100,000, which would be the highest fine in Canada.
- Making regulatory changes to increase the penalty for repeat offenders who have contravened the same provision of the ESA three or more times from \$1,000 to \$5,000, one of the highest penalties in Canada.
- Effective October 1, 2024, Ontario is [increasing the minimum wage](#) from \$16.55 per hour to \$17.20. This 3.9 per cent annualized wage increase is based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) and brings Ontario's minimum wage to the second highest in Canada.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Supporting Women at Work](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2021](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2022](#)
- [Working for Workers Act, 2023](#)
- [Working for Workers Four Act, 2024](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Prepares for Extreme Heat Emergencies to Keep People Safe

Exercise Heatwave to take place between May 7 and 9

May 06, 2024

[Treasury Board Secretariat](#)

TORONTO — As part of [Emergency Preparedness Week](#), the Government of Ontario is hosting Exercise Heatwave, a large-scale simulated exercise which will reinforce provincial procedures and response to heat-related emergencies.

“Exercise Heatwave is a valuable opportunity to practise and plan for our response to potential extreme heat emergencies,” said Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board and Minister responsible for Emergency Management. “Planning exercises like this one will play a critical role in keeping Ontarians safe while reducing economic strain and minimizing impacts on our infrastructure and environment.”

Exercise Heatwave is part of the government’s multi-year Provincial Exercise Program to strengthen the province’s emergency plans and whole-of-government emergency response. The exercise will help enhance coordination and collaboration between government and non-governmental partners during future emergencies. Six municipalities will participate, including Guelph, Mississauga, Peterborough, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay and Toronto, along with three federal government departments and more than 50 non-governmental organizations.

Exercise Heatwave, which takes place between May 7 and 9, will not affect the public and no provincial services will be impacted.

As part of Emergency Preparedness Week, the province is also reminding Ontarians of the steps they can take to keep safe during heat-related and other emergencies, including:

- [Making an emergency plan](#) that considers everyone’s needs in your household;
- [Building an emergency preparedness kit](#) with year-round essentials and seasonal items such as sunscreen and bug spray;

- [Being aware of the signs of heat-related illnesses](#) such as heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke and know what actions to take if you experience any of these symptoms; and
- Checking in regularly on individuals who may be more susceptible to heat.

For more helpful tips about keeping safe, visit [Ontario.ca/BePrepared](https://ontario.ca/BePrepared).

Quick Facts

- To support municipalities in times of emergency, the province coordinates emergency management through the [Provincial Emergency Operations Centre \(PEOC\)](#), which is staffed at all times and monitors evolving situations inside and outside of Ontario. To make the space more efficient and enable greater collaboration and information sharing, the PEOC was recently modernized with a new video display wall and floor layout, an upgraded audio system, ergonomic desks and chairs, a breakout room and folding walls that allow the space to be divided into three separate rooms that can be used for different functions.
 - The government is taking further action to ensure the province is as prepared as possible in the event of an emergency. In April, Ontario released its [first annual report on the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#), highlighting progress made in 2023 to move emergency management forward. The province also recently announced the [113 recipients of the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant](#), a \$5 million investment that is empowering communities and organizations to enhance their emergency response by helping them purchase critical emergency supplies and deliver training and services.
 - On May 15, there will be a routine test of the AlertReady emergency alerting system in Ontario. The test message will be distributed over TV, radio and compatible wireless devices and will occur at 12:55 p.m. EDT. Visit alertready.ca for more information.
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Quotes

"As a participant in the Provincial Priority Exercise, I've seen an increased focus on our community's approach to addressing hazardous situations in Sault Ste. Marie. The enthusiasm and dedication shown by our local response partners has been remarkable. Together, we've refined processes and continue to prepare ourselves for potential challenges. The true significance of this experience lies in the collaborative efforts with other municipal partners. Learning from their planning process, and insights gained from post action assessments will be invaluable lessons that will increase local resilience and preparedness for the future."

- Lauren Perry
Community Emergency Management Coordinator, Fire Services, City of Sault Ste. Marie

"Preparing for extreme heat isn't just about being ready for the inevitable—it's about safeguarding our communities, recognizing the value of collaboration, and ensuring that every level of government is equipped to respond swiftly and effectively. This exercise underscores the vital importance of provincial-municipal cooperation in safeguarding the well-being of our citizens during times of crisis. The City of Peterborough extends its heartfelt appreciation to all participants of the extreme heat exercise. Your dedication and collaboration exemplify the spirit of proactive preparedness, ensuring the resilience of our respective organizations and communities in the face of extreme weather events."

- Jodi DeNoble
Director, Emergency and Risk Management, City of Peterborough

"Participating in Exercise Heatwave provides municipalities, ministries, critical infrastructure operators, and other organizations to identify opportunities for improved emergency preparedness and response. This exercise has allowed us to analyze best practices and novel approaches to foster disaster risk reduction and community resilience in Mississauga. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in such an exercise and to work with such a committed group of public safety partners from across the province."

- Ben Gallagher

Manager, Office of Emergency Management, City of Mississauga

Additional Resources

- [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#)
- [Emergency Management Ontario](#)
- [Emergency Preparedness Week](#)

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Construction Update – May 2, 2024

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County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge) – Township of Admaston/Bromley

Construction Update – May 2, 2024

The County of Renfrew Department of Public Works and Engineering provides monthly updates on construction projects within the County. This notice 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 <https://www.municipal511.ca/>.

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

Upcoming Projects

County Road 5 (Stone Road) – Township of Admaston/Bromley

The rehabilitation of County Road 5 (Stone Rd.), from Mhusk Rd. to Highway 60, is anticipated to commence the week of May 27 and be completed in early July. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations and

portions of the roadway may also be temporarily closed with alternates routes posted.

County Road 13 (Mountain Road) – Township of Laurentian Valley

The rehabilitation of County Road 13 (Mountain Rd.), from Stafford Third Line to Highway 17, is anticipated to commence the week of May 27 and be completed in late June. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Road 64 (Opeongo Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley

The rehabilitation of County Road 64 (Opeongo Rd.), from Wieland Shore Rd. to Constant Lake Rd., is anticipated to commence the week of May 13 and be completed in early July. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge) – Township of Admaston/Bromley

The rehabilitation of County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge), located on Butler Road, approximately 1km south of Highway 60, is anticipated to commence the week of May 13 and be completed in early November. During construction, the road at the bridge will be closed with alternate routes, using South McNaughton Road, Bonnechere Road, and Highway 60, posted.

Ongoing Projects

County Road 512 (Foymount Road) – Township of Bonnechere Valley

The reconstruction of County Road 512 (Foymount Rd.), from Miller Rd. to B257 (Harrington Creek Bridge), is anticipated to resume on June 3 and be completed in early November. The works in this phase will primarily occur from Lake Clear Road to Harrington Creek Bridge, and will include the replacement of County Structure B257 (Harrington Creek Bridge). During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

For the safety of all, please use extra caution when travelling through construction zones.



County Road 13 (Mountain Road) – Township of Laurentian Valley

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Province supports Renfrew County building homes in Pembroke

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Taking part in the official ribbon cutting ceremony at the County of Renfrew's new build at 1030 Lea Street in the City of Pembroke on May 3 (from left) were Pembroke Councillor Ed Jacyno; Pembroke Mayor Ron Gervais; County Councillor Rob Weir; County Councillor Jennifer Murphy; the Honourable Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing; Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski; County of Renfrew Warden Peter Emon; County Councillor Anne Giardini; Jason Davis, Director of Development and Property and Chief Administrative Officer Craig Kelley.

NEWS RELEASE

May 3, 2024

Provincial investment will support seniors and people with disabilities

Pembroke — The Ontario government is providing \$3.1 million to help create eight supportive housing units in Pembroke.

The complex at 1030 Lea Street features four one-bedroom and four two-bedroom units. Residents will have access to individualized support services such as mental health and addictions counselling, other health services, and life skills training

intended to promote housing security, self-sufficiency and overall well-being. Four units are accessible and will support seniors and people with disabilities.

The units, operated by the Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC), will be rent-g geared-to-income, becoming part of their housing portfolio. The new build is the first addition of new construction within the more than 20-year history of RCHC. The homes are centrally located with access to schools, shopping, parks, and recreational trails, and are expected to be ready for occupancy by June 1, 2024.

The funding was announced by Rob Flack, Associate Minister of Housing.

"Our government is investing historic levels of funding in housing and homelessness prevention because we know what a positive impact it can have in the life of a vulnerable person and on a community as a whole," said Associate Minister Flack. "Working with our partners to build more supportive and affordable housing is a critical part of our plan to get at least 1.5 million homes built by 2031."

Today's announcement is part of the province's Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). In 2023-24, the province began investing an additional \$190.5 million annually through the HPP to help those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and support the community organizations delivering supportive housing. This funding can also be used to build new supportive housing units.

The project was also supported by the Social Services Relief Fund, which provided over \$1.2 billion of support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, to help municipal service managers and Indigenous program administrators create longer-term housing solutions and help vulnerable people in Ontario, including those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

Quick Facts

- The County of Renfrew was allocated \$7.5 million through all phases of the Social Services Relief Fund to deliver critical services such as shelters, food banks and emergency services.
- Through HPP, service managers have the flexibility to allocate provincial funding to programs and services that address and prevent homelessness in their communities, such as rent supplements, homeless shelters, and supportive housing including capital projects.

Quotes

"Building more homes and providing funding for affordable and supportive housing continues to be one of our government's highest priorities. As MPP for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, I am very pleased that we could

support this project. I commend the County of Renfrew and all involved as we continue to address our housing challenges."

- John Yakabuski
MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke

"We are thrilled to see this new integrated community housing complex completed as it adds to the available affordable and supportive housing units in the County of Renfrew. As these are the first new housing units built in the County of Renfrew in nearly 60 years, we see this project as the beginning of the transformation to new housing stock in the County as we work to address the current housing crisis. Today, we celebrate not just bricks and mortar, but the bonds of compassion that hold us together."

- Peter Emon
Warden, County of Renfrew

"Today we're not just opening doors; we're opening hearts, minds, and opportunities for every member of our community. This affordable housing complex stands as a testament to our commitment to provide shelter, security, and dignity to all. Together, we've woven a tapestry of hope and belonging for Renfrew County. Let this moment mark the beginning of a brighter tomorrow for every resident who calls this place home."

- Anne Giardini
Chair Community Services Committee, County of Renfrew

"With the completion of this project, we honour the countless hours of dedication, collaboration, and vision that have brought us to this moment. Today's ceremony represents not only the culmination of a construction project but the beginning of a new chapter in the story of Renfrew County housing. May this affordable housing complex serve as a sanctuary of safety, stability, and support for generations to come as we unravel the constraints of poverty and homelessness and weave a new fabric of resilience and hope."

- James Brose
Chair Development and Property Committee, County of Renfrew

"The City of Pembroke is proud to support the addition of this new multi-unit affordable and supportive housing complex. We join the County of Renfrew in the commitment to ensuring affordable, sustainable and inclusive housing."

- Ron Gervais
Mayor, City of Pembroke

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County Council Summary

April 24, 2024

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council meeting from April 24, 2024

Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meeting and approved minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

The [full County Council package](#) can be found on our website.

[April meeting](#) YouTube link.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- The first ever Renfrew County Housing Summit was held on April 4 at the myFM Centre in Renfrew. The Warden noted it was a very successful event with more than 110 attendees representing various segments of the housing spectrum. During the meeting, council had a chance to watch a summit wrap-up video. A fulsome report will be forthcoming in the months to follow, including action items and a discussion about tangible targets. Warden Emon thanked all involved in organizing the event.
- Warden Peter Emon noted the release of the federal budget on April 16. While the recently announced provincial budget had more direct implications to municipal operations, there were several items within the federal budget that focus on solving the housing and homelessness crises, including funding investments in infrastructure. He remains hopeful that the County of Renfrew will be an eligible partner in the funding allocations and applications when the programs get rolled out, including the \$6-billion Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund.

During the month of April 2024, Warden Peter Emon attended 20 meetings on County business.

- On April 12, he met with MPP John Yakabuski to discuss several issues including Queen's Park Days, Mesa funding for the Carefor project, Ministry of Transportation following up on the ROMA delegation on the Highway 17 brief, Child Care – CWELLC issues, Housing (funding and access/eligibility) for a modular project and housing stock revitalization, Enterprise Renfrew County and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit.
- On April 17, the Warden and CAO met with the Renfrew County and District School Board to discuss items of mutual benefit. In attendance were the new Director of Education Kristin Niemi, RCDSB Board Chair Susan Humphries and Executive Officer of Public Affairs Meredith Caplan Jamieson. The meeting identified several initiatives that the County and the School Board could collaborate on in the future.

Delegations

- Ann Pohl, Judy Sauve, Carol Sulpher of the Kitchissippi-Ottawa Valley (KOV) Chapter – Council of Canadians attended to discuss the Climate Action Petition in recognition of International Earth Day. They stressed the need for immediate action on climate change and the group requested the County of Renfrew take the lead on a Valley-wide Climate Action Committee.
- Jason St-Pierre, Chief Executive Officer, and Lisa Severson, Director of Communications, for the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) provided an update on the cell gap project for eastern Ontario, specifically on Renfrew County current and planned projects. Approximately \$50 million is being invested in infrastructure in the County of Renfrew to increase broadband service. They also touched upon Communal Servicing Systems projects within Eastern Ontario. Communal services, also known as shared drinking water and sewage systems, provide water and wastewater treatment to clusters of residences and businesses.

Finance & Administration Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- The Municipal Benefits Committee (MBC) has approved North Algona Wilberforce as a member. The MBC is chaired by the County of Renfrew and consists of lower-tier municipalities and partner agencies. The purpose of the MBC is to optimize the management of employee benefits programs, maximize efficiencies in program administration, share information and implement solutions, and benefit from economies of scale. These economies of scale include lower administration costs, higher breakeven points, improved trend factors, the use of reserves and risk sharing.
- County Council approved the Delegated Authority Policy which sets out Council's ability to delegate its powers and duties to staff. The intent of the by-law is to include appendices that would, i) consolidate all current delegated authority traceable to existing by-laws and/or Council resolutions, and ii) address administrative practices by staff lacking current approval via a by-law or Council resolution.
- By-laws were passed in relation to the 2024 Tax Policy:
 - A by-law to set tax ratios for County and lower-tier purposes.
 - A by-law to include a revenue neutral ratio for the Landfill class at 1.189066.
- County Council adopted a by-law to establish the 2024 Tax Rates for County of Renfrew purposes.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- On March 20, 2024, a Mesa stakeholder engagement session was held in Pembroke. Representatives from the County of Renfrew's Community Services, Development and Property, and Emergency Services Departments participated in the meeting, along with local addictions and mental health service providers. The aim of the session was to exchange information on services and obtain feedback from stakeholders on strategies to better meet the needs of individuals experiencing mental health, addictions, and homelessness.

- County Council adopted a By-law authorizing the Warden and Clerk to enter into a 2024 Ontario Works Administration Transfer Payment Agreement with the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. An Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement is required to be executed for the Corporation of the County of Renfrew to accept the 2024 Ontario Works Administration Funding in the total amount of \$2,022,000.
- Based on feedback received from the Province on the funding challenges being downloaded from the National Housing Strategy, County Council passed a motion requesting the Warden send urgent correspondence to the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Housing to confirm financial supports will continue for vulnerable households across Ontario and that he advocate to the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a trilateral table to negotiate a final three-year tranche of funding under the National Housing Strategy.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- The County of Renfrew held an [Affordable Housing Summit](#) on April 4, 2024 at the myFM Centre, Renfrew, Ontario, with an excellent turnout from interested parties. Topics for the day were developer experiences, updates from Community Services, information on the County of Renfrew properties expression of interest and innovative partnerships, and the Mesa project. Staff will provide a report to Council at a future meeting.
- The County of Renfrew has two designated Recreational Trails – the ‘Algonquin Trail’ and the ‘K & P Recreational Trail’, and each trail is governed by a separate By-law setting the rules for use of the trails. For consistency across the County’s trails, including any future trails, the preference is having a single By-law capable of governing all of the County’s Recreational Trails. A new draft By-law to Regulate and Govern the Use of the Lands Identified as County of Renfrew Recreational Trails as Linear Parks ([Appendix II \(pgs 274-280\)](#)) is available for consideration and input. A notable change in the new draft By-law from the current By-law governing the Algonquin Trail is permitting dirt bikes and motorcycles on the trail. Dirt bikes and motorcycles would require insurance, a licence, and an Ontario Federation of All Terrain Vehicle (OFATV) trail permit. Input on the draft By-law should be provided no later than April 30, 2024 to Taylor Hanrath, Manager of Capital Works.
- Tourism Tomorrow: Cultivating Growth and Navigating Change was the theme of this year’s Ottawa Valley Tourism Conference and AGM that took place on April 16 at the myFM Centre in Renfrew. Presented by the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation, and coinciding with National Tourism Week, event included a keynote address by Sara Norton of Reply All, a welcome to the land and a flash history lesson with Christine Luckasavitch of Waaseyaa Consulting, panel discussions about community partnerships, travel trade and succession planning.
The event wrapped up with the presentation of the [Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards](#):
 - Tourism Champion: Ron Moss, Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (Laurentian Valley)
 - Business/Organization of the Year: Somewhere Inn Calabogie (Greater Madawaska)
 - Event of the Year: Pembroke Regional Silver Stick Tournament
 - Sustainability Champion: Anupaya Cabin Co. (Deep River)
 - New Tourism Product: Ottawa Valley Farm to Fork (Bonnechere Valley)
 - Tourism Marketing: Ontario’s Highlands Tourism Organization (Whitewater Region)

- On April 2, 2024, Pembroke City Council voted in favour to implement a 4% Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) that will be applied to all roofed and non-roofed transient accommodations for overnight stays of 30 days or less with a proposed implementation date of January 1, 2025. The City of Pembroke also identified the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) as the eligible tourism entity to receive 50% of the collected funds. Staff will be working with the City over the coming months to finalize arrangements and develop plans for use of the funds to promote and develop tourism for the City of Pembroke.
- On February 14, 2024, a Request for Quotations (RFQ) was issued to six known service providers for 25 hectares of chemical site preparation at Beachburg Tract. This area is scheduled to be planted with 45,000 white and red pine in 2025 and the seedlings have already been ordered. It is anticipated that chemical site preparation will be necessary this year to control poplar and red maple competition in advance of planting. The area will be assessed by County staff mid-June to confirm that a chemical site preparation treatment is warranted. The estimated cost of chemical is less than \$500. The quote of \$10,201.25 + chemical from Heritage Reforestation Inc., Waltham, Québec was accepted with a maximum price of \$11,000. Significant public outreach and education by County staff will occur in advance of this work, and the area will be signed and closed by the contractor according to the requirements of the Pesticides Act and any other relevant regulations.
- The fit-up on the first floor of 450 O'Brien Road in Renfrew, consisting of 1,744 sq. ft. has been completed and is now functional at Renfrew County Place. Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC), which was temporarily located on the second floor, moved into this newly renovated area on March 27, 2024. Staff continues to look for future interested tenants for the remaining vacant space.
- The GIS Division has created two dashboards to view data/information regarding building activity and vacant land availability within Renfrew County. The [building dashboard](#) provides information on the location, type of unit, and year that residential buildings have been constructed. The [vacant land inventory dashboard](#) provides information regarding the location, size, and services of properties across Renfrew County.
- In partnership with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Renfrew County and local municipalities are preparing for an effective response to any future potential flood mapping funding opportunities. This project is aligned with the federal flood mapping framework (NRCan, 2018), of which the objectives of this project will be to identify current mapping status, identify shortfalls in current data and mapping, identify and prioritize areas for acquiring new mapping, and develop a plan to acquire data required for flood mapping and implement flood mapping across the county. Phase 1 of the flood-mapping framework (Flood Hazard Identification and Priority Setting) is complete and has been accepted by NRCan. The final reports are posted on the County of Renfrew [Zencity](#) platform.
- County Council directed staff to undertake an Official Plan Amendment and development of a Regional Incentives Program, enabling the County to offer financial support to local municipalities for implementing their respective CIPs. It is estimated at a high-level that this project could be done in-house and potentially completed in time for consideration of funding levels for the 2025 budget.
- County Council also directed staff to pursue a change to the regulation under the Planning Act to become a "Prescribed Upper-tier Municipality" for the purposes of developing an affordable housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP). If successful, the County could proceed with formulating its own CIP, particularly focused on affordable housing initiatives.

- County Council directed staff to prepare a report within three months on steps to form a Municipal Services Corporation to address communal water and wastewater systems in Renfrew County or join another Municipal Services Corporation and the possible scope of services that could be provided, for consideration by County Council. A Municipal Services Corporation can provide other services that are impractical for a single lower-tier municipality to manage efficiently on its own.
- County Council adopted a By-law authorizing Pro-tec 5, Pembroke, Ontario to act as By-law Enforcement Officers on County of Renfrew owned Recreational Trails on behalf of the County of Renfrew. It is anticipated approximately 27 patrols can be completed before the end of 2024, which is substantially more than past years with paid duty police officers.
- County Council adopted a By-law to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 44 to introduce an Alternative Notice Provisions policy into the Official Plan. The Planning Act allows for local alternatives for providing notice if the Official Plan contains policies specifying details of the method of notice. This amendment would introduce the required policies to allow municipalities to utilize “alternative notice” provisions under the Planning Act. Staff will continue to use print media when available.
- County Council adopted a By-law to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 45 to redesignate lands in the Township of Horton from “Rural-Exception Four” to “Rural-Exception Twenty”. The amendment allows the subject lands to finish the remaining development of the property to proceed through the consent (severance) process, rather than by means of a registered plan of subdivision.
- County Council adopted a By-law to approve Official Plan Amendment No. 46 to redesignate lands in the Township of McNab/Braeside, located along Gunsmith Road, Hidden River Road, and along Robertson Line from the Madawaska River to Hanson Creek from “Rural-Exception Sixteen” to a “Rural” designation to remove the restriction on lot creation for these lands.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- On March 20, the Mesa team, in collaboration with the Ontario Health Teams, hosted a community meeting with 20 community partners to discuss the new Collaborative Approach to Compassionate Care. Paramedics involved in the Mesa team are participating in regular visits with the Ontario Provincial Police and the Mental Health Crisis Rapid Response Team. They are involved in regular clinics at The Grind in Pembroke and the demand for services is increasing as trust and education are built through educational programs, system navigation, RCVTAC consultations and paramedic-lead interventions.
- County Council adopted a By-law authorizing the Warden and Clerk to sign a Letter of Agreement with MacKay Manor as represented by Community Withdrawal Management Services of Renfrew County (“CWMS”) and Addiction Treatment Services (ATS) for the provision of addiction and withdrawal services related to the Mesa Program.
- County Council adopted a By-law authorizing the Warden and Clerk to sign the 2023/24 one-time Increase to Long-Term Care Home Funding Agreement to assist in relieving financial pressures and addressing key priorities related to Ontario Fire Code requirements, addressing deferred maintenance and proceeding with (re)development projects in the amount of \$2,543 per bed with Ontario Health.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council endorsed a letter of support, under the Warden’s signature, be sent to the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards to endorse their application to the My Main Street, Community Activator Program for the “Killaloe: A Main Street Enhancement Project”.
- County Council denied the request from the Township of McNab/Braeside to lower the posted speed limits along County Road 3 (Usborne Street) between McLean Drive and River Road.
- County Council adopted a By-law to enter into an agreement to provide funding in the amount of \$2,460,000 to the Town of Petawawa for the reconstruction and urbanization of County Road 37 (Murphy Road). The Town of Petawawa will be managing the project and has provided the County of Renfrew with an Agreement to acknowledge the County of Renfrew’s contribution of \$2,460,000.
- County Council approved several contracts/agreements as submitted:
 - Rehabilitation of County Road 5 (Stone Road), from Mhusk Road to Highway 60, a distance of 5.13km, Township of Admaston/Bromley, to Thomas Cavanagh Construction Limited, Ashton, Ontario, in the amount of \$1,413,700, plus applicable taxes.
 - Rehabilitation of County Road 8 (Cobden Road) from Highway 60 to Urban Limit, a distance of 11.51km, Townships of Admaston/Bromley and Whitewater Region, Walker Construction, Niagara Falls, Ontario, in the amount of \$1,197,073, plus applicable taxes.
 - Rehabilitation of County Road 13 (Mountain Road) from Stafford Third Line to Highway 17, a distance of 4.01km, Townships of Laurentian Valley and Whitewater Region, Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd., Pembroke, Ontario, , in the amount of \$1,419,067.13, plus applicable taxes.
 - Contract Administration and Construction Supervision Services for the rehabilitation of County Structure B007 (Butler Bridge), Township of Admaston/Bromley, Stantec Consulting Limited, Ottawa, Ontario in the amount of \$151,640.10, plus applicable taxes.
 - Rehabilitation of County Structure B181 (Peter Black Bridge), located on County Road 24 (White Water Road), approximately 1.5km east of Highway 41, Township of Laurentian Valley, Bonnechere Excavating Incorporated, Renfrew, Ontario, in the amount of \$1,282,480, plus applicable taxes.
 - Supply and installation of traffic signal equipment at various County of Renfrew intersections within the Town of Petawawa and the Township of Laurentian Valley, in the amount of \$232,500, plus applicable taxes, to Partham Engineering Limited, Richmond, Ontario.
 - Supply and delivery of seven light duty pick-up trucks, in the amount of \$392,065, plus applicable taxes, to Surgenor Chev Buick GMC Cadillac, Ottawa, Ontario.

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"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, April 30, 2024)

Lyme Disease: Know the Risks and How to Prevent Tick Bites

Warmer weather in springtime means more outdoor activities. But it also means more tick activity as well.

Renfrew County and District (RCD) has many areas that are suitable habitats for blacklegged ticks (also called deer ticks), which have the potential to transmit Lyme disease to humans. The rate of Lyme Disease in RCD has been increasing, and since 2020 has surpassed the Ontario average.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) continues to conduct tick surveillance, which helps to identify the risk areas where infected blacklegged ticks are more likely to be found. Current risk areas are in the Eastern portion of Renfrew County, with ticks consistently identified near Arnprior, Calabogie, and Cobden. However, ticks capable of transmitting Lyme Disease can still be found outside of these areas.

Only infected blacklegged ticks can transmit Lyme disease. In most cases, the tick must be attached for at least 24 hours for the Lyme disease bacterium to be passed on to humans. Early symptoms of Lyme disease in humans usually appear between three and 30 days after a bite from an infected blacklegged tick.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease include:

- a bull's-eye rash surrounding the bite location
- fever
- chills
- headache
- muscle aches and joint pains
- fatigue
- swollen lymph nodes

You can prevent tick bites when outdoors and lower your risk of Lyme Disease by:

- Wearing light-coloured clothing,

- Wearing closed footwear and socks, with long sleeve shirts tucked into your pants, and your pants tucked into your socks,
- Using an insect repellent with DEET or Icaridin according to label directions,
- Conducting a tick check. To learn more about how to do a tick check or how to remove a tick, visit: [Tick-borne diseases](#),
- Consulting your pharmacist or healthcare provider if you are concerned about a tick bite, particularly if the tick was attached for 24 hours or more. Preventive treatment may be recommended.

If you are bitten by a tick, you can submit the tick to RCDHU for identification, or you can do this online by visiting:

- [Geneticks Statistics Center Link](#) – Tick testing service, interactive tick maps and statistics
- [eTick](#) – A public platform for image-based identification and population monitoring of ticks in Canada

For more information visit www.rcdhu.com or call 613-732-3629 extension 555.

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(Pembroke, Ontario, May 6, 2024)

Yellow is the Colour of Caution in RCDHU's Animal Bite Awareness Campaign

Yellow is the colour of caution on traffic lights, and now a warning sign to give space to dogs and other animals that need it.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is once again encouraging the use of a yellow ribbon (or bandana, bow, or similar marker) tied to a dog's leash or collar to remind people to give the animal space. This is part of RCDHU's awareness campaign to reduce the number of animal bites in the region. In addition to the potential for injury, animal bites carry a risk of exposure to rabies, often requiring rabies vaccinations for the person who is bitten or an observation period for the implicated animal.

Animal biting and scratching exposures have been steadily on the rise since 2020. "While the risk of acquiring rabies from a domestic animal is low, such events can be traumatic and can create a lot of inconvenience for the owner and the person bitten, and these situations can be avoided," states David Tantalo, Manager of Healthy Environments at RCDHU. He continues, "This campaign aims to reduce potential bites or scratches by identifying animals who need space. Remember, if you see yellow on someone's pet, give the animal space!"

The campaign builds on an international movement known as the 'Yellow Dog Project'. By tying a yellow marker to a dog's leash or collar, pet owners are stating that the animal needs space for various reasons. This could include age, health issues (including recovering from surgery), nervousness, aggression, or training.

RCDHU encourages social media users to get involved in the campaign by sharing photos of their pets wearing a yellow ribbon or marker. Tag RCDHU (@RCDHealthUnit) and use the hashtags #YellowRibbonDog or #GiveMeSpace.

Tantalo encourages families, especially children, to understand what the yellow ribbon or marker means. "In general, it's best to get the animal owner's full attention and permission before approaching and petting the animal. The yellow ribbon can serve as an important reminder of this."

RCDHU must be notified any time an animal bites or scratches a person. If someone is bitten by an animal, RCDHU recommends recording the pet owner's contact information. If possible,

take a picture of the animal or remember specific features, like markings or a distinctive collar. This assists public health inspectors in identifying the correct animal.

To learn more, contact RCDHU at 1-800-267-1097, or visit RCDHU's [Yellow Ribbon Campaign – Animal Bite Awareness](#) webpage.

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AMO Watchfile



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AMO Matters

Elections for positions to the AMO Board of Directors will occur at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024. [Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions if you are considering running.

AMO's advocacy via the Municipal Resource, Recovery and Research Collaboration (M3RC) gained media attention. [A CBC article](#) quoted AMO on extended producer responsibility, while The Narwhal wrote a piece on Ontario landfills [citing AMO's research](#).

Provincial Matters

Circular Materials (CM) replied to a [letter from municipal governments](#) on CM blue box advocacy. [CM's response](#) remains vague on the details of the changes they are seeking and on the details on how the changes will reduce costs.

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communities develop and implement local age-friendly community plans. Applications are due by May 22.

Show and tell us how your transparency project or program is modern and innovative, improves government transparency creatively, and has a solid positive impact for Ontarians. [Submissions](#) due May 31.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

Nominations are open for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration, Ontario's highest honour for public service. [Nominate someone](#) from your municipality by April 30.

Applications to the Ministry of Infrastructure's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund [are open](#) until April 19, 2024. Review the program and application guidelines online.

On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Optimus SBR sent a survey to municipalities on March 26. It closes April 23, 2024. Complete it to provide the province feedback on its asset management requirements and supports.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

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AMO's is offering two education opportunities focused on planning issues and strategies: [April 17 Foundations in Planning workshop](#) builds foundational knowledge and insight into planning legislation and municipal roles and responsibilities. Our [April 18 Advanced Land Use Planning workshop](#) includes analysis of case studies and lessons learned to build your strategic management and decision making on local planning matters.

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As an elected municipal official we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) in 3 sessions focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [May 8 Session 1 workshop](#), [May 29 Session 2 workshop](#), and the [October 2 Session 3 workshop](#).

As AMO and municipalities await provincial direction, your Association has developed a course that helps and guides municipal leaders in the development, communication, adherence, and issues management of codes of conducts. [Register for the April 25 Code of Conduct workshop](#) today.

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights May 23 workshop](#).

[Register today](#) for OSUM 2024 Conference study tours hosted by the City of Orillia. Gain firsthand insight into the City of Orillia's local initiatives.

LAS

Our Electronic Meeting Management and Livestreaming Service partner conducted a survey that garnered over 500 responses from city/municipal clerks. [Read the results](#) in our latest blog.

Canoe's [spring webinar series](#) 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. [Register here to attend](#).

Is a road or sidewalk survey part of your Summer 2024 plans? [Contact Tanner](#) for a no-obligation quote through the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#). Better data helps you make better decisions for your infrastructure.

Municipal Wire*

Registrations for Canada's inaugural Basic Income Guarantee Forum are open. [BIG 2024](#) takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

Explore economic trends impacting Canada and the world at the [Summer Institute on Economic Security and Local Resilience](#) (SIESLR) conference on July 18-19, 2024 in Orillia. Register by June 1.

The Future of Aging Summit in Toronto from May 15-17, will bring together policymakers and others focused on building age-friendly societies. See the speaker lineup and register at [agingsummit.ca](#).

Careers

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[Administrator - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: April 27, 2024.

[Director of Planning and Development - Town of Petawawa](#). Closing Date: April 26, 2024.

[Corporate Project Manager - County of Hastings](#). Closing Date: May 12, 2024.

[Director of Infrastructure Services & Town Engineer - Town of Erin](#). Closing Date: April 23, 2024.

[Manager, Works Operations - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 3, 2024.

[Director, Communications and Customer Experience - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: May 15, 2024.

[Chief Administrative Officer - Municipality of West Grey](#). Closing Date: May 14, 2024.

[Director of Operations and Human Resources - Municipality of Casselman](#). Closing Date: May 1, 2024.

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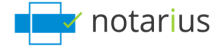
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AMO is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility and nomination requirements. Elections will occur at the AMO Annual Conference in August.

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

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AMO Matters

AMO is seeking candidates to serve on its Board of Directors. [Click here](#) for information on eligibility and nomination requirements. Elections will occur at the AMO Annual Conference in August.

The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award celebrates municipal governments in Ontario that implement new and innovative ways to make public services, facilities, and infrastructure better for Ontarians. View full details [here](#).

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

Learn about youth perspective on civic engagement and some approaches to building new relationships with the young people in your communities from AMO's 2023 Youth Fellows, Catherine, Morgan, and Jacob, in [this month's edition of Municipal World](#).

Circular Materials (CM) replied to a [letter from municipal governments](#) on CM blue box advocacy. [CM's response](#) remains vague on the details of the changes they are seeking and on the details on how the

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Provincial Matters

[211](#) is a public enquiry line available in Ontario every day and in times of emergency. 211 is supporting Emergency Preparedness Week to raise awareness of the 211 service. [Free print materials are available to municipalities](#) for use during Emergency Preparedness Week, or for displays any time of year.

Not sure what to do for energy reporting this year? The Ministry of Energy is hosting a webinar to review the July 1, 2024 energy reporting requirements for BPS organizations under [O.Reg 25/23](#). Register today - the webinar will be held on [May 8](#) and again on [June 4](#). For any questions, contact the Ministry at BPSsupport@ontario.ca.

The province is conducting a [survey](#) to inform the creation of a Rural Economic Development Strategy. Share your ideas on how the province can support rural communities plan for economic success.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback on proposed changes to repeal the five-year DC phase in and reinstate certain costs as eligible for DCs. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The province has posted land use planning changes to be made under *Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act* [for comment](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing to allow digital publication of public notices for certain land use and development charge by-laws where local newspapers are not available. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking input on barriers to the development of additional residential units. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is proposing expanding the list of municipalities required to report municipal planning data, and to enhance the quality of the data provided. [Comments are open](#) until May 10, 2024.

The Ministry of Energy is proposing exempt energy infrastructure relocation from seeking leave to construct if the relocation supports priority transit. [Comments are open](#) until May 11, 2024.

Federal Matters

If you are a municipality located in the Lake Erie watershed and interested in DFO's Fish and Fish habitat restoration initiative, contact [DFO](#) on how to participate in upcoming engagements.

Education Opportunities

AMO Education has partnered with the Abilities Centre to deliver a workshop designed to enhance elected official understanding and approach to inclusion. Register for this important [Disability Inclusion June 5 workshop](#).

AMO has partnered with the Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst to prepare elected officials in understanding cybersecurity and to make critical decisions related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cyber security incidents. Register for the [June 12 Cybersecurity workshop](#) to learn how to prevent, prepare, and respond.

Don't miss this time limited opportunity: register for the [May 7 antisemitism workshop](#) and the [May 15 anti-islamophobia workshop](#). These important workshops provide you invaluable insight on the historical and contemporary roots of antisemitism and anti-islamophobia, how to address these and how to build relationships and allyships.

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Our [latest blog](#) uses a real case scenario to help Ontario municipalities understand their legal responsibilities regarding workplace safety.

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Municipal Wire*

Registrations for Canada's inaugural [Basic Income Guarantee Forum](#) are open. BIG 2024 takes place from May 23-26 at the University of Ottawa. Elected officials and staff are encouraged to attend.

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[Asset Management Coordinator - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing Date: May 17.

[Deputy Treasurer/Manager of Finance - Township of Oro-Medonte](#). Closing Date: May 17.

[Manager, Budgets & Financial Planning - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: May 30.

[Engineering Technician II - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: May 12.

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Today, MPAC is honoured to share three significant documents with you.

First, we present our [2023 Annual Report](#) which celebrates our many achievements and accolades in 2023. These accomplishments are a testament to our collaborative efforts with municipal and provincial partners, the innovative solutions we have introduced over the last year, and our steadfast determination to deliver exceptional value to the people of Ontario.

As part of our commitment to enhancing accountability and transparency, we are also happy to share our third annual [Performance Report](#). This document provides a wealth of statistics on how well we are meeting our goals in areas such as capturing new assessment, the proportion of property assessments that are accepted without going to appeal, Customer Contact Centre satisfaction and many more.

The third document is a copy of MPAC's Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2023. If you have any questions regarding the Financial Statements, please contact Mary Meffe, Vice-President, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer, at (289) 539-0306 or mary.meffe@mpac.ca.

As we strive to uphold the highest standards in service delivery in our pursuit of excellence, we are grateful for your continued support.

Should you have any questions regarding the reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Alan Spacek
Chair, MPAC Board of Directors

Copy Nicole McNeill, President & CAO
Mary Meffe, VP, Corporate Services & CFO

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 8.3.

Resolution Number 2024-071

Title: Resolution stemming from February 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 - Correspondence #8

Date: March 20, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Pothier

Seconded by: Councillor Laframboise

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports the Resolution passed by Public Health Sudbury & Districts on January 18, 2024, regarding household food insecurity;

AND BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to Premier Doug Ford; Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, Michael Parsaco; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); our local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); and all Ontario Municipalities.

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MAYOR



Public Health
Santé publique
SUDBURY & DISTRICTS

January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Dear Recipient:

Re: Household Food Insecurity

At its meeting on January 18, 2024, the Board of Health carried the following resolution #06-24:

WHEREAS food security is a chronic and worsening health issue as documented by annual local data on food affordability and as recognized by multiple Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA) resolutions: [A05-18](#) (Adequate Nutrition for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program), [A18-02](#) (Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage), [A15-04](#) (Basic Income Guarantee), and [A23-05](#) (Monitoring Food Affordability in Ontario and the Inadequacy of Social Assistance Rates)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts call on the provincial government to incorporate local food affordability findings in determining adequacy of social assistance rates to reflect the current costs of living and to index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward; and

THAT in the context of the Public Health Strengthening roles and responsibilities deliberations, the Board of Health urge all health system partners to remain committed to population health assessment and surveillance as it relates to monitoring food environments and, specifically, to monitoring food affordability; and share this motion broadly with local and provincial stakeholders.

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Household food insecurity is one of the strongest predictors of poor health, making it a serious public health issue (PROOF, 2023). Individuals who are food insecure are at higher risk of diet-related diseases like diabetes and are at higher risk for a wide range of chronic conditions such as depression and anxiety disorders, arthritis, and chronic pain. Household food insecurity leaves an indelible mark on children's health and well-being (PROOF, 2023). The experience of food insecurity in childhood is associated with mental health concerns throughout childhood and into early adulthood (PROOF, 2023). In Ontario, the healthcare costs of individuals who are the most food insecure can be more than double that of individuals who are food secure (PROOF, 2023, Tarasuk et al., 2015).

Thank you for your attention to this important issue – the solutions for which will not only help many Ontarians in need but also protect the sustainability of our critical health and social services resources.

Sincerely,



Penny Sutcliffe, MD, MHSc, FRCPC
Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
Honourable Peter Bthlenfalvy, Ministry of Finance
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
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Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health
Jacqueline Edwards and Jennifer Babin-Fenske, Co-chairs, Greater Sudbury Food Policy Council
Richard Lathwell, Local Food Manitoulin
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SMITHS FALLS
Regular Council Meeting

Resolution Number 2024-04-074
Title: Basic Income Guarantee
Date: Monday, April 8, 2024

Moved by J Miller
Seconded by P McKenna

WHEREAS, per Statistics Canada data, in 2020 the median after-tax household income in Smiths Falls was \$56,400, the lowest of any lower or single-tier municipality in Lanark County (Beckwith the highest, at \$107,000), and compared to \$77,000 for Lanark County as a whole;

WHEREAS, per the 2021 Census of Canada 1490 out of 9085 residents of Smiths Falls (16.4% of the total) lived in low income, based on the Low Income After Tax (LIM-AT) measure;

WHEREAS, of the 1490 Smiths Falls citizens living in low income in 2021, 120 of them were children five years old or younger, 215 of them were children between the ages of six and 17, and 365 of them were seniors aged 65 or over;

WHEREAS, the level of income is one of the most important social determinants of health, and relates to many other determinants including education and literacy, healthy behaviours, one's social environment, and employment and work conditions;

WHEREAS, low income is strongly correlated with a wide range of negative health outcomes, including heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and poor mental health, and with shorter life expectancies compared to higher income persons;

WHEREAS, the minimum wage in Ontario and the maximum amounts of financial support available through Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) are deeply insufficient to meet the basic needs of full-time minimum wage workers, or of individuals or families drawing OW or ODSP support;

WHEREAS, ongoing, widespread, and rapid changes in labour markets, including due to outsourcing, artificial intelligence, automation, and advance of the "gig" economy, are causing more and more people to be exposed to labour changes beyond their control, adding to their vulnerability to low income;

WHEREAS, basic income is a means by which individuals, families, and whole communities can be less vulnerable to negative changes in health, relationship or family status, and labour markets, and better able to navigate transitions and challenging circumstances;

WHEREAS, basic Income is money distributed to eligible people, regularly, reliably, and without work requirement, and which, absent other income, should meet basic human needs;

WHEREAS, basic income exists in Canada in the form of longstanding programs like the Canada Child Benefit and the Guaranteed Income Supplement for seniors, programs with demonstrated positive impacts on basic income recipients, economies, and our greater society;

WHEREAS, there is need to establish basic income security for working-age adults in Canada who, at present and in general, lack sufficient social protection against low income;

WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence that basic income is not a disincentive on the pursuit or retention of employment and that, further, basic income is more likely to support such pursuit or retention given its stabilizing effect in the lives of people;

WHEREAS, the gross cost of a basic income program is reduced to a net cost once various funding options are exercised and the fiscal benefits of basic income are realized (e.g., basic income as a local economic stimulus);

WHEREAS, Canada, one of the wealthiest nations in the world, has the fiscal capacity to support a

basic income guarantee for working-age adults;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by public health authorities, including the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit per its November 2023 report on food insecurity within the health region;

WHEREAS, the call for basic income in Canada has been and is being made by many other interests, including a growing number of municipalities in Ontario and beyond, and by a range of provincial and federal parliamentarians;

WHEREAS, a 2022 national public opinion poll suggests that six in 10 adults in Canada support the concept of basic income;

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Smiths Falls wishes to add its municipal voice to the call for a basic income guarantee for working-age adults in Canada.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Town of Smiths Falls supports the concept of a basic income guarantee for working-age adults to help combat low income and economic vulnerability within our community;
- 2) That the Town of Smiths Falls calls upon the federal and the provincial and territorial governments to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 3) That the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls directs the Mayor to write (a) a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, copy to relevant federal ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MP Scott Reid; and (b) a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford; copy to relevant provincial ministers and to Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston MPP John Jordan, calling on these orders of government to collaborate on the design, introduction, implementation, and ongoing evaluation of a national basic income guarantee program for working-age adults;
- 4) That the Council of the Town of Smiths Falls directs the Mayor to write a letter to each of the Mayor's counterparts in the lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County, encouraging each municipality to also pass a resolution similar to that adopted by the Town of Smiths Falls;
- 5) That a copy of this resolution be shared with all other municipalities in Ontario, and with the presidents of the Eastern Ontario Mayors Caucus, the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried

Mayor



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

RECORDED VOTE

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: April 8/2024.

ISSUE: 9.3 Basic Income Guarantee

BYLAW/RESOLUTION NO. _____

MEMBER	YEA	NAY
J Brennan		✓
D Quinn		✓
J Miller	✓	
P McKenna	✓	
S Robinson		✓
C McGuire	✓	
S Pankow	✓	
TOTAL	4	3

Carried

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- requested by J. Brennan

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May 1, 2024

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group (MMEWG) continues to actively follow the procurement processes the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is undertaking to procure additional capacity to meet projected future energy needs. Details released regarding the Long-Term 2 Request for Proposals (LT2 RFP) plus subsequent LT RFPs has raised many concerns.

The IESO RFPs call for 5 TWh of new energy generation, and proposes that this be mostly derived from 2000 MW of new energy generation produced by mostly wind and solar by 2030. It further proposes that a portion of this generation could be derived by repowering on the current footprint of existing wind turbines that will reach their end of contract life between 2026 and 2034.

Since existence, the now Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group, formerly known as the Multi-Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group, has continued to advocate for stronger safety measures and best practices related to wind turbine installations across the province. To date, many of the concerns raised have not been addressed with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks confirmed in a recent IESO engagement session that no changes to the existing setbacks are planned.

Severe health effects to many residents living within the vicinity of project sites have been identified and continue to jeopardized the health and well-being of many residents. The current setbacks from other activities are not sufficient to protect against the full range of noise emissions from wind turbines. The MMEWG will be making a presentation on this topic to the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit in the March in an effort to bring these concerns to the forefront in advance of the repowering of current projects.

Public safety continues to remain a paramount concern of the MMEWG. Setbacks for tower collapse remain insufficient. The current blade length plus 10 metres requirement not a strong enough protective measure for existing projects let alone repowered turbines on existing footprints. Setbacks for ice throw are also insufficient, as the blade

length plus 10 metre setback is less than the ice throw distance witnessed in Ontario. Ontario has witnessed turbine fire and flaming debris on the ground at 200 metres, while setback was 50 metres. A Ministry review failed to recommend industry standard protective barriers for fire suppression in spite of examples of fires in similar turbines.

In 2013, 115 municipalities declared themselves “Unwilling Hosts” for wind turbine projects. With the expected surge in proposals given the ambitious procurement efforts being undertaken by the IESO, and little change in the regulations, the MMEWG strongly recommends that municipalities reaffirm their unwillingness to host projects until the appropriate ministries address the concerns and make stronger rules and regulations to ensure that, as municipal leaders, provide measures necessary for the health, safety and well-being of citizens within our jurisdiction, as mandated by the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*. Over the past month, the municipalities of Arran-Elderslie, Chatsworth and East Zorra-Tavistock have taken this step.

For consideration, a DRAFT declaration has been attached. Should your municipality declare its intention, please let us and we will continue to keep you apprised of any advancements in the industry and regulations.

Warm Regards,



p.p.
Tom Allwood,
Chair, Multi-Municipal Energy Working Group
Councillor, Municipality of Grey Highlands

DRAFT

Independent Electrical System Operator
By email: engagement@ieso.ca

Re: Municipality/Township of _____ – Wind Turbine Projects

Please be advised at the Municipality/Township of _____ Council meeting held on _____, the following resolution was approved:

WHEREAS the Independent Electrical System Operator (the IESO) has proposed to move forward with three RFPs where new wind turbine projects can receive a contract from the IESO; and

WHEREAS people living near existing wind turbines report considerable impact on their lives due to noise and other emissions from the wind turbines; and

WHEREAS there are gaps in the enforcement of key terms of the Renewable Energy Approvals governing existing projects relative to noise standards and resolution of complaints; and

WHEREAS municipal approval is required to locate one of these projects in the Municipality/Township of _____; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council does not support the establishment of any new wind turbine projects within the municipality; and

THAT the IESO be directed to advise potential applicants of this resolution.

Sincerely,

Clerk, Municipality/Township of _____

c:

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