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Regular Meeting of Council: June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Correspondence Package No. I-24-JUN-12**

**Recommendation:**

That the Correspondence Package No. I-24-JUN-12 be received as information and filed accordingly.

**General Information Items:**

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

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources – Proposed Changes to the Aggregate Resources Act (Streamlining Approvals)
- b) Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee – Notice of Vacancies
- c) Ontario Connecting People to More Consistent, High-Quality Health Care
- d) Joint Statement on the Canada Community-Building Fund
- e) Premier Ford Renews Team that is Rebuilding Ontario's Economy
- f) Ontario Helping Seniors Stay Fit, Healthy and Active
- g) Ontario Connecting More Seniors to Dental Care and Affordable Prescription Drugs

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

- a) Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus releases infrastructure policy paper
- b) County of Renfrew experiencing major heat wave stay safe
- c) Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games Legacy Fund will support young athletes for years to come
- d) County of Renfrew announces new bridge housing initiative
- e) County of Renfrew Warden's Golf Tournament raises \$5,000 for charity

**3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU)**

a) [Heat Warning Issued by Environment Canada](#)

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

a) [Making Canada's Growth a Success – The Case for a Municipal Growth Framework](#)

b) [FCM Releases Roadmap to Improve Quality of Life for Canadians by Strengthening Municipal Finances](#)

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

a) [Watch File – June 6th, 2024](#)

b) [Watch File – June 13th, 2024](#)

**6. Correspondence from Parks and Recreation Ontario**

a) [Announcement of New Board Directors](#)

**7. Correspondence from Watson and Associates**

a) [Assessment of Bill 185, Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024](#)

**8. Correspondence from the Centre for Studies in Aging and Health**

a) [Call for Letters of Intent under the Dementia Community Investment](#)

**9. Correspondence from Other Municipalities**

a) [Sudbury and District Health Unit – Household Food Security](#)

b) [Municipality of Tweed – OPP Funding](#)

**RE: Streamlining of approvals under the *Aggregate Resources Act* and supporting policy**

Greetings,

Further to my letter dated May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I am writing to inform you that a decision notice has been posted regarding the “Proposed changes to the *Aggregate Resources Act*, Ontario Regulation 244/97 to expand self-filing activities and a new policy regarding amendments to existing aggregate approvals” (ERO #[019-6767](#)).

The Ministry of Natural Resources has made changes under the *Aggregate Resources Act* to expand the list of small or routine site plan changes to an existing pit or quarry that can be self-filed (subject to conditions). The ministry has also implemented a new policy for amending an existing aggregate licence, permit or site plan where approval by the ministry is required.

On August 18, 2023, Ontario Regulation 244/97 was amended to add additional site plan changes that can be made without ministry approval when certain conditions and eligibility criteria are met. For a complete list of these changes, conditions and eligibility criteria, please refer to section 7.2 of the regulation, which can be viewed at: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/970244>

In addition, the ministry has introduced a new amendment policy that clarifies the requirements and approach to public notification and consultation, as well as provides direction on the requirements when applying for an amendment, and guides ministry decision-making for amendment applications (including what constitutes significant and non-significant amendments). Effective immediately, this policy replaces 14 existing aggregate policies and procedures. For a complete list, please refer to the decision notice.

To view the complete details of this decision, please click on the link above or visit the Environmental Registry of Ontario at [ero.ontario.ca](http://ero.ontario.ca) and search for ERO number 019-6767.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact us by email at [aggregates@ontario.ca](mailto:aggregates@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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June 6, 2024

I am writing you in my capacity as Chair of the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee.

The Committee is mandated by the Attorney General of Ontario to provide a list of recommended candidates that exhibit the traits and characteristics of a Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancies that arise on the Justice of the Peace Bench. As you know, these important judicial officers are critical to the efficient functioning of our courts, with jurisdiction over the majority of provincial regulatory offences, municipal by-law prosecutions and most bail hearings, among other duties.

Justices of the peace are recruited from the communities they serve with a focus on recruiting individuals who have strong connections to the community. It is critical that all Ontarians see themselves reflected on the Bench, so the Committee is especially committed to connecting with prospective candidates from diverse communities, with particular emphasis on Indigenous and bi-lingual communities. Justices of the Peace do not need to have prior legal training as a lawyer or paralegal. All Justices of the Peace that are appointed go through an extensive education process and are mentored throughout their careers on the bench.

As leaders in your community, your knowledge and guidance would be most appreciated in identifying potential candidates for this important role. We are asking for your support in distributing our notice of vacancies.

For more information on the vacancies, the JPAAC process and the role of justices of the peace in Ontario, please visit our website at <https://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/jpaac/>.

Attached to this e-mail is our current advertisement, which can be used in any community newsletters, e-mails to constituents, social media or other communications with your constituents. Please feel free to forward this and to use the advertisement in any communication that you wish.

The Committee is accepting applications for vacancies until **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee, thank you for taking the time to consider this request and for your help in recruiting outstanding candidates for this important role in Ontario's justice system.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Charitsis, B.B.A., LL.B  
Chair, Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee

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## **Advertisements for Justice of the Peace Vacancies**

### **JUSTICE OF THE PEACE VACANCIES**

#### **Ontario Court of Justice**

At the request of the Attorney General and in accordance with the *Justices of the Peace Act*, the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee (JPAAC) invites applications for vacant justice of the peace positions in the province of Ontario in the following court locations:

<b>Barrie (Bilingual-1)</b>	<b>Newmarket (2)</b>	<b>Sudbury (1)</b>
<b>Brampton (5)</b>	<b>Oshawa (3)</b>	<b>Sudbury (Bilingual-1)</b>
<b>Brampton (Bilingual-1)</b>	<b>Oshawa (Bilingual-1)</b>	<b>Timmins (Bilingual-1)</b>
<b>Dryden (Indigenous-1)</b>	<b>Ottawa (2)</b>	<b>Thunder Bay (1)</b>
<b>Haileybury (1)</b>	<b>Ottawa (Bilingual-2)</b>	<b>Toronto (8)</b>
<b>Hamilton (2)</b>	<b>Ottawa (Indigenous-1)</b>	<b>Toronto (Bilingual-1)</b>
<b>Kenora (2)</b>	<b>Owen Sound</b>	<b>Toronto (Indigenous-1)</b>
<b>Kingston (2)</b>	<b>(Indigenous-1)</b>	<b>Welland (1)</b>
<b>Kitchener (1)</b>	<b>Sault Ste. Marie (1)</b>	
<b>Kitchener (Bilingual-1)</b>	<b>Sioux Lookout</b>	
<b>London (Bilingual-1)</b>	<b>(Indigenous-1)</b>	
	<b>St. Catharines (1)</b>	
	<b>St. Catharines</b>	
	<b>(Indigenous-2)</b>	

A justice of the peace is an independent judicial officer who presides in court over various proceedings under federal and provincial statutes. This is a full-time appointment that requires travel within the province.

#### **Qualifications:**

Applicants must meet minimum qualifications as set out in the *Justices of the Peace Act*. Candidates must have at least 10 years of paid or volunteer experience, and:

- have a university degree;
- have a diploma or advanced diploma granted by a college of applied arts and technology or a community college following completion of a program that is the equivalent in class hours of a full-time program or of at least four academic semesters;
- have a degree from an institution, other than a university, that is authorized to grant the degree; or meet the educational equivalency requirement set out in s.2(1.3) of the *Justices of the Peace Act*.

More information about the qualifications to become a justice of the peace can be found [here](#).

### **Selection Criteria:**

In addition to reflecting the diversity of the population in Ontario, applicants should also display the fundamental skills and abilities, personal characteristics and community awareness attributes set out in the JPAAC [General Selection Criteria](#), including:

1. Skills and/or education that are clearly relevant and transferable to the work of a justice of the peace.
2. Work, volunteer or other experience that is clearly relevant and transferable to the duties and responsibilities of a justice of the peace.
3. An understanding of, and the skills, abilities, and personal characteristics applicable to, the [vacancy](#), including the pace of court, geographic and community needs.
4. Awareness and understanding of the breadth and depth of the [role](#) of a justice of the peace.
5. Keen interest in people and humanity, including cross-cultural experience and community engagement.
6. An ability to apply superior [interpersonal skills](#) in the courtroom and maintain decorum in adversarial circumstances.
7. A high level of achievement in the area(s) of employment and/or community service.
8. Experience providing functional advice, guidance and assistance to/at multiple levels of authority.
9. Ability and willingness to learn, substantiated through the candidate's record of life-long learning.
10. Demonstrated good judgment in the face of real or perceived conflict of interest.
11. Proven ability and experience in making sound, practical and timely decisions with complex factors.
12. Proven reputation for punctuality, reliability, organization skills and preparedness.
13. Highly developed intellectual and analytical skills.
14. Demonstrated flexibility and adaptability to change.
15. Ability to work both co-operatively and independently.
16. Ability to manage people, time, and resources.
17. Ability to present a clear, concise, and well-written application that is reflective of the candidate's interest and ability.

18. Bilingual ability (if applicable).

For vacancies that serve large Indigenous communities (one vacancy in each of Dryden, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Sioux Lookout, and Toronto and two in St. Catharines), candidates that are Indigenous people and/or people with an in-depth understanding of Indigenous languages, history, law and communities and the issues affecting those communities are encouraged to apply.

To apply for an appointment as a justice of the peace, refer to the current application form and instructions for completion and submission [here](#).

This website also provides information about the advertised [vacancies](#), the JPAAC [process](#) and the [role](#) of the justice of the peace in Ontario. Reviewing the JPAAC [Frequently Asked Questions](#) may also be helpful. **Applications must be received by 11:59 P.M. EST on Wednesday July 31, 2024.** Late applications will NOT be accepted.

To be informed about future vacancies, please register at: [Subscribe to Vacancy Notifications \(via e-mail\)](#).

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Maps: [Northern Ontario](#) & [Southern Ontario](#) (PNG)

\*Please be advised that these maps may be outdated and should be used for reference purposes only.

## Ontario Connecting People to More Consistent, High-Quality Health Care

New registration and oversight for personal support workers and physician assistants will help build a more connected, patient-centred health care system

June 04, 2024

[Health](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is improving consistency and patient understanding in the health care system through new changes that will allow personal support workers (PSWs) to register with the new Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority (HSCPOA) and that will regulate physician assistants (PAs) through the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO). These changes will provide better oversight in the health care system, supporting patient confidence and helping PSWs and PAs deliver connected and convenient care across Ontario.

“Our government is taking bold action to grow and support Ontario’s health care workforce now and for years to come,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “Through these changes, our government is reinforcing the critical role personal support workers and physician assistants play in our health care system while supporting the confidence of patients and their families.”

Beginning December 1, 2024, the more than 100,000 personal support workers in Ontario will have the option to register with the new HSCPOA. The HSCPOA will ensure consistent education and training for personal support workers, regardless of where they work and if they are part-time or full-time, to support their career growth and give patients confidence they are receiving high-quality care.

Those registered with the authority will also be listed on an online public register and be easily identified with the HSCPOA’s quality mark on their identification badge or paperwork in order to show employers, patients and their families proof of registration.

On April 1, 2025, physician assistants will be regulated with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario to improve their integration within Ontario’s health care system and facilitate quality care and patient safety. Physician



assistants help reduce wait times and improve patient access to care, especially in emergency departments and primary care in rural communities. Under the supervision of a physician, physician assistants may work individually or alongside nurses and other members of health care teams to provide health services such as:

- Taking patient histories
- Conducting physical examinations
- Ordering and interpreting tests
- Diagnosing and treating illnesses
- Counselling on preventive health care

Together these new regulatory changes will help build a more connected, patient-centered health care system by ensuring people continue to have access to timely, high-quality care when connecting to care in settings including emergency departments, primary care, home care and long-term care.

Through [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government continues to take every action to support the province's highly-skilled workforce work the full extent of their training and experience to ensure people have access to timely, high-quality care in all health care settings including emergency departments, primary care, home care and long-term care.

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### Quick Facts

- HSCPOA will begin working with personal support workers and employers this summer to raise awareness about the benefits of registration and when PSWs may begin to pre-apply online before December 1, 2024.
- CPSO will advise physician assistants this fall on when they may begin to apply online so that all eligible PAs are registered by April 1, 2025.
- As part of the 2023 budget, Ontario began to add the first of 52 new physician assistant training spots. Twenty-four have been added to date and once fully implemented, the investment will bring the total number of seats to 104.
- Since 2018, Ontario has seen a record-breaking number of new health care professionals join the workforce, adding 80,000 new nurses with another 30,000 nurses currently studying at Ontario colleges and universities, and adding over 24,000 new PSWs since 2020.
- The Ontario government is investing \$300 million over three years, or up to \$25,000 per student, to help thousands of people launch their careers as PSWs.
- More than 920,000 pharmacist assessments have been completed since [allowing pharmacists to treat and prescribe for 19 common medical ailments](#), including pink eye, uncomplicated UTIs and acne. Currently, more than 4,800

pharmacies (98 per cent of the pharmacies in the province) have participated in the program.

- Since [expanding the role of registered nurses to prescribe medications](#), 122 registered nurses have been authorized to prescribe, after meeting specific requirements, with close to 900 others in the process of meeting education requirements for RN prescribing.

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## Quotes

"I am delighted that the HSCPOA can now move forward with oversight of this important group of care providers in support of public protection. The public, including residents in their homes, hospitals, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or other health care environments, can expect that registered PSWs will be held accountable by HSCPOA for their supportive care services provided."

- Kathy Wilkie  
CEO, Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority

"Physician Assistants are skilled professionals who play an important role in the health care system. We look forward to welcoming them as CPSO registrants and supporting them in providing high-quality care to the patients of Ontario."

- Nancy Whitmore  
Registrar and CEO, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

"Regulation in Ontario is long overdue. The announcement that it is forthcoming, once again confirms the value and effectiveness of our profession. The government is to be commended for making a move that will not only improve healthcare efficiency, but also catch Ontario up with the other provinces that regulate PAs."

- James Dougan  
Ontario Director, Canadian Association of Physician Assistants

"Personal support workers (PSWs) are the backbone of long-term care in Ontario, accounting for nearly two-thirds of the sector's direct-care staff. From medication reminders to meal preparation to companionship, the impact PSWs have on the everyday lives of all long-term care residents cannot be understated. Allowing PSWs to register with the Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority will foster greater transparency and accountability within the profession and help PSWs grow their careers by offering more consistency when it comes to education and training."

- Stan Cho  
Minister of Long-Term Care

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### Additional Resources

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)
- [Health Human Resources](#)
- [Health and Supportive Care Providers Oversight Authority](#)

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## Joint Statement on the Canada Community-Building Fund

June 05, 2024

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

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Ottawa — Today, Sean Fraser, Canada’s Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Paul Calandra, Ontario’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto, and Colin Best, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), released a joint statement:

“The three levels of government have finalized a Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) agreement, which will ensure that critical infrastructure that supports housing continues to be built, maintained, and expanded. The renewal of this agreement means that our communities’ roads, bridges, and transit systems will be positioned to accommodate growth.

Infrastructure investments support affordable and inclusive communities that Canadians live and work in. The CCBF has paved roads like Rollins Drive and Chelford Crescent in Belleville, renovated community spaces like the Bayview Hill pool in Richmond Hill, and protected public spaces like the Centeen Park seawall in Brockville. The fund provides predictable and sustainable funding for communities to make sure that municipalities can keep making the investments their communities need.

The deal announced today will see the federal government invest \$4.7 billion over the next five years.

We recognize the importance of infrastructure in increasing Canada’s housing supply. By working together to strategically invest in projects aligned with regional housing goals, we will help increase the number of affordable homes in Ontario.

Through this agreement, we have aligned on three priority goals, including:

- Reporting on affordable units created to meet the needs of communities and increase capacity of the non-profit sector;
- Working across all orders of government to **leverage public lands** to meet housing needs; and

- Supporting innovation in construction techniques by committing to a provincial innovation strategy for modular and prefabricated housing, including working with the federal government to develop and adopt a design catalogue.

Through CCBF, we will work together to build healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods across the province.

We are taking a Team Canada approach to build more inclusive and connected communities, which will help support more housing by creating the public infrastructure that Ontarians need.”

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Information for families on major life events and care options, including marriage, births and child care. Also includes planning resources for municipalities. [Learn](#)

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# Premier Ford Renews Team that is Rebuilding Ontario's Economy

Government is ready to get it done by delivering on core commitments

June 06, 2024

[Office of the Premier](#)

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**TORONTO** - Today, Premier Doug Ford unveiled his renewed team that will keep rebuilding Ontario's economy and deliver on the government's core commitments, including building Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, keeping costs down by fighting the carbon tax and training more people for rewarding careers in the skilled trades.

"As our province and economy continue to grow, this is the team that is working side-by-side with workers, businesses, labour partners, Indigenous leaders and every member of Team Ontario to rebuild our economy," said Premier Ford. "We're at an important moment in our province's history with clear choices. Our team is choosing growth and prosperity. We're choosing lower taxes and better jobs with bigger paycheques. Let's Get it Done!"

Cabinet now includes the following ministers:

- Premier Doug Ford remains Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Sylvia Jones remains Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- Peter Bethlenfalvy remains Minister of Finance
- Paul Calandra remains Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Raymond Cho remains Minister of Seniors and Accessibility
- Stan Cho becomes Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, with responsibility for OLG
- Doug Downey remains Attorney General
- Jill Dunlop remains Minister of Colleges and Universities
- Vic Fedeli remains Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Rob Flack becomes Minister of Farming, Agriculture and Agribusiness
- Michael Ford remains Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Mike Harris becomes Minister of Red Tape Reduction
- Michael Kerzner remains Solicitor General

- Andrea Khanjin remains Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Natalia Kusendova-Bashta becomes Minister of Long-Term Care
- Stephen Lecce becomes Minister of Energy and Electrification
- Neil Lumsden becomes Minister of Sport
- Todd McCarthy becomes Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement, with responsibility for Supply Ontario
- Caroline Mulroney remains President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Francophone Affairs
- Michael Parsa remains Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- David Piccini remains Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- George Pirie remains Minister of Mines
- Greg Rickford becomes Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and remains Minister of Northern Development
- Prabmeet Sarkaria remains Minister of Transportation
- Todd Smith becomes Minister of Education
- Graydon Smith becomes Minister of Natural Resources
- Kinga Surma remains Minister of Infrastructure
- Lisa Thompson becomes Minister of Rural Affairs
- Stephen Crawford becomes Associate Minister of Mines as part of the Ministry of Mines
- Trevor Jones becomes Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response as part of Treasury Board Secretariat
- Sam Oosterhoff becomes Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries as part of the Ministry of Energy and Electrification
- Nolan Quinn becomes Associate Minister of Forestry as part of the Ministry of Natural Resources
- Nina Tangri remains Associate Minister of Small Business as part of the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Vijay Thanigasalam becomes Associate Minister of Housing as part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Michael Tibollo remains Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions as part of the Ministry of Health
- Charmaine Williams remains Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity as part of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

In addition, outside of Cabinet, Steve Clark has been appointed Government House Leader.

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Media Assets



*L-R: The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*



*Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification*



*L-R: The Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming; Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario*



*L-R: Michelle DiEmanuele, Secretary of the Cabinet and Clerk of the Executive Council; Rob Flack, Minister of Farming, Agriculture and Agribusiness*



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*L-R: Michelle DiEmanuele, Secretary of the Cabinet and Clerk of the Executive Council;  
Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care*

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## Ontario Helping Seniors Stay Fit, Healthy and Active

Up to \$15 million investment in Seniors Active Living Centres bringing resources and activities closer to home

June 11, 2024

[Seniors and Accessibility](#)

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**TORONTO** — The Ontario government is helping more seniors stay fit, healthy and active in their community by investing up to \$15 million to support all current Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) programs across the province that connect seniors with resources and activities.

“Senior Active Living Centres help build healthier, safer communities by providing a community hub for older adults,” said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. “Our government’s expansion and investment in Seniors Active Living Centre programs will help even more older adults, including those in remote areas, get the supports they need to live healthy, independent lives.”

The up to \$15 million investment is an increase of close to 10 per cent from last year, resulting in a majority of SALC programs getting a funding increase from \$42,700 to up to \$50,000 to deliver a variety of programs such as book clubs, fitness classes, health and wellness services, social groups, and other special events.

Due to the overwhelming success of Ontario’s more [than 300 Seniors Active Living Centres](#) being delivered by municipalities, new changes to the *Seniors Active Living Centres Act, 2017* came into effect as of June 1, 2024 that enable more types of organizations to deliver Seniors Active Living Centre programs.

A call for proposals for organizations to deliver SALC programming will open later this summer. In addition to municipalities, other local and community-based organizations such as Legions, Lion’s Clubs, and other social and recreational clubs are now welcome to apply.

Organizations that deliver SALC programming contribute 20 per cent of the cost of delivering the program, with the province providing the remaining 80 per cent.

This announcement comes as Ontario marks [Seniors Month](#), a time to celebrate the accomplishments of older people in the province.

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### Quick Facts

- The number of seniors aged 65 and over is projected to increase significantly, from 2.8 million or 18.4 per cent of population in 2022, to 4.4 million, or 20.3 per cent by 2046.
  - While more seniors live in large urban centres, smaller or rural regions tend to have a higher proportion of seniors in their communities.
  - There are now 316 Seniors Active Living Centre programs across Ontario.
  - Seniors can use the online [search tool](#) to find a program near them.
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### Additional Resources

- [Seniors Active Living Centres](#)
  - [Guide to Programs and Services for Seniors](#)
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## Ontario Connecting More Seniors to Dental Care and Affordable Prescription Drugs

Increased income eligibility will expand access to care for low-income seniors

June 19, 2024

[Health](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is ensuring that the province's most vulnerable seniors can continue to connect to dental care and affordable prescription medications by increasing access to the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and the Seniors Co-Payment Program.

On August 1, 2024, the annual income eligibility thresholds for the [Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program](#) and the [Seniors Co-Payment Program](#) will be increased for single Ontarians aged 65 and over from \$22,200 to \$25,000, and from \$37,100 to \$41,500 for couples.

"Our government is continuing to take action to ensure that Ontarians have access to the health care and services they need, at every stage of life," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "By breaking down barriers to accessing these programs, we are making it faster and easier for low-income seniors to connect to the care they need, when they need it."

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program connects almost 150,000 low-income seniors to free, routine dental care each year. Eligible seniors are encouraged to [apply](#) by going online and downloading and printing the application form or by picking one up at their [local public health unit](#). Seniors who are eligible under the new income thresholds can apply starting July 1, 2024.

The Seniors Co-Payment Program helps keep costs down for low-income seniors who need prescription medications by reducing co-pays to \$2 or less and removing annual deductibles. Eligible seniors who will be 65 on or after July 1, 2024, can apply starting today so they can benefit as soon as possible. Seniors can complete an application [online](#) or request a paper application form be mailed to them by

calling the Seniors Co-Payment Program toll free at 1-888-405-0405 or 416-503-4586. Seniors currently enrolled in the Seniors Co-Payment Program do not need to re-apply.

This increase to the annual income eligibility will also help ensure seniors currently enrolled in these programs that have received additional, financial government support, will continue to be eligible and benefit from these health services.

"The health and well-being of Ontario's seniors is a priority for our government," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "By expanding the eligibility threshold for these programs, we are helping to ensure that more seniors across the province can access the dental and health care they deserve to stay healthy, improve their quality of life and age with dignity."

Through [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is making it easier and faster for people to connect to the care they need, closer to home.

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#### Quick Facts

- Launched in 2019, the [Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program](#) helps connect eligible low-income seniors across the province with free, routine dental care. To date over 149,000 seniors have enrolled in the program. Seniors who do not have a Social Insurance Number (SIN) or did not file taxes last year, can still [apply](#).
- The [Seniors Co-Payment Program](#) helps low-income seniors access the medication they need with no annual deductible and a reduced co-payment of \$2 or less for each eligible prescription. In 2023, over 400,000 seniors were enrolled.
- People in Ontario are automatically enrolled in the Ontario Drug Benefit Program on the first day of the month after they turn 65 years old. This program covers most of the costs of more than 5,000 prescription drug products. Seniors pay the first \$100 of their prescription drug costs each year (the deductible) and up to \$6.11 for every prescription (the co-payment).

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#### Additional Resources

- Learn more about Dental Care for Low-Income Seniors at [Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental](#)
- [Get Coverage for Prescription Drugs](#)
- [Ontario Expanding Access to Dental Care and Affordable Prescription Drugs for Vulnerable Seniors](#)

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

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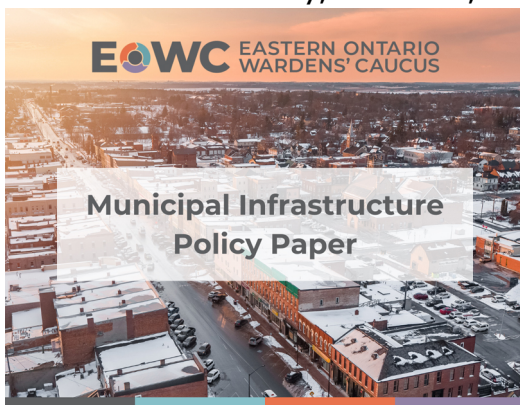


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# Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus releases infrastructure policy paper

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Posted on Thursday, June 06, 2024



**June 5, 2024 – Eastern Ontario** – The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), under its strategic priority of infrastructure, has released the 2024 Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper. This paper covers key infrastructure data and recommendations from across the region. The information will support Eastern Ontario's municipal policy and program advocacy, applications for government funding, and future partnerships around infrastructure that will help enable the region's prosperity and housing for all. Additionally, the paper will shape the advocacy initiatives as part of the infrastructure priority in the EOWC's 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

The EOWC recognizes that as the region continues to grow, the demand for essential municipal services also increases. However, maintaining and expanding infrastructure falls on a relatively small and widely dispersed population, creating a growing deficit and an impossible challenge for local municipalities and ratepayers.

"Investing in infrastructure is not just about building roads and bridges; it's about laying the foundation for economic growth and ensuring a high quality of life for all people across Eastern Ontario," says EOWC Chair Peter Emon. "Our Municipal

partnerships and investment in rural and small urban communities can make a significant difference. We cannot do it alone and we look forward to finding solutions with our Ontario and Federal Government partners to address the growing infrastructure deficit to support our region's growing communities."

As part of our research findings, we have identified five key messages:

1. Rural and small urban Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with infrastructure investment.
2. Rural Eastern Ontario communities are major exporters to Ontario and other jurisdictions.
3. There is an upfront cost to growth, creating a burden for smaller rural communities.
4. Small, rural municipalities lack the tax base to sustain infrastructure investment and asset management.
5. Innovation is key to cost-effective infrastructure management.

The EOWC requests that the Federal Government and the Ontario Government partner with municipalities to address the growing infrastructure deficit by:

1. Ensuring eligibility for programs and funding fits both rural and small urban circumstances.
2. Providing predictable, non-competitive, permanent infrastructure funding streams, as federal and provincial funding programs are often unpredictable and irregular in their timing.
3. Taking an integrated approach to infrastructure investments, considering the return on investment that is shared by communities and the Province, as investing in housing goes hand-in-hand with investing in institutional, commercial, or industrial (ICI) land uses.
4. Reevaluating debt financing options for small municipalities with limited resources to raise funds, ensuring that funds are directed towards infrastructure development rather than servicing debt interest. Specific considerations should include higher upfront/advance contributions as well as the contribution to GDP of "local" investments to provincial priorities.
5. Working with the provincial Financial Accountability Office to ensure that missing/incomplete data that would make their infrastructure reports more robust is provided, that the evolution in asset management plans is reflected in both municipal and FAO work, and that the FAO and the EOWC compare their methodologies for estimating infrastructure deficits/backlogs.

## **About the EOWC**

municipalities across Eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres, serving 800,000 residents. For more than 20

years, the EOWC has gained support and momentum by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with the government, businesses, non-profit organizations, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public.

**Notes:**

Read more about the [EOWC's Infrastructure Policy Paper](#), view our [Key Takeaways and Recommendations](#), or download your copy at [EOWC.org](#).

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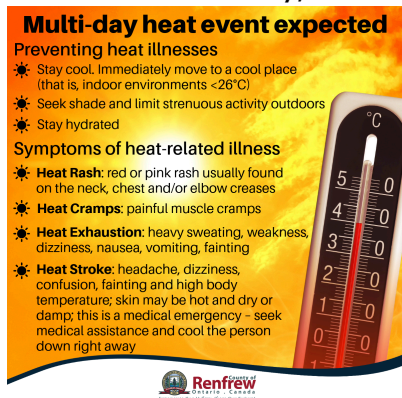
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# County of Renfrew experiencing major heat wave: stay safe

Posted on Monday, June 17, 2024




**Multi-day heat event expected**

**Preventing heat illnesses**

- ☀️ Stay cool. Immediately move to a cool place (that is, indoor environments <math>< 26^{\circ}\text{C}</math>)
- ☀️ Seek shade and limit strenuous activity outdoors
- ☀️ Stay hydrated

**Symptoms of heat-related illness**

- ☀️ **Heat Rash:** red or pink rash usually found on the neck, chest and/or elbow creases
- ☀️ **Heat Cramps:** painful muscle cramps
- ☀️ **Heat Exhaustion:** heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, fainting
- ☀️ **Heat Stroke:** headache, dizziness, confusion, fainting and high body temperature; skin may be hot and dry or damp; this is a medical emergency - seek medical assistance and cool the person down right away



## RELEASE DATE:

June 17, 2024

The County of Renfrew is advising the public to be aware of the hot and humid weather scheduled for the area this week and take the necessary precautions.

On Monday, June 17, Environment Canada issued a heat warning for all areas of the Renfrew County stating: a prolonged heat event will begin today. Dangerously hot and humid conditions are expected through most of the week.

This means that the temperature is expected to reach highs of 30 to 35 degrees Celsius in the daytime for much of the week and a humidex value close to 40 to 45. There overnight the lows are expected to be 18 to 23 degrees.

“Heat related emergencies can be prevented by taking steps to avoid heat-related illnesses,” said County of Renfrew Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan. “Please monitor how you are feeling and also consider those with risk factors. Check on your elderly neighbours, friends and people without the means to shelter in a cool place from the effects of persistent hot weather.”

prevent heat-related illness:

- Drink plenty of cool liquids, especially water, before feeling thirsty.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing made of breathable fabric.
- Take a cool shower or bath until you feel refreshed.
- Take a break from the heat by spending a few hours in a cool place.
- Avoid sun exposure. Shade yourself by using a wide-brimmed hat or umbrella.
- Do not leave your pets or children in a parked vehicle or in direct sunlight.
- Plan outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day.
- Check in with neighbours and family members who may be at higher risk of heat related illness or who live alone, to ensure they are comfortable and well-hydrated.

Look for these typical signs and symptoms of heat illness:

- Dizziness or fainting
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- Rapid breathing and heartbeat
- Extreme thirst
- Decreased urination with unusually dark yellow urine.

If you experience any of these symptoms during extreme heat, immediately move to a cool place and drink liquids. Water is best. If you don't feel better soon after, seek medical help immediately. Please check your local municipality for cooling centres in the area.

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# Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games Legacy Fund will support young athletes for years to come

Posted on Monday, June 17, 2024



*On June 10, the County of Renfrew announced details about the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games Legacy Fund, which sees \$375,000 entrusted to the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation. Taking part in the cheque presentation (from left) were County Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Finance and Administration Committee Chair; Games Organizing Committee members Shannon Fraser, JodyAnne McDonald, Warden Peter Emon (Chair); Kellie Innes, Games Administration Committee; Cindy Burwell, Games Manager; Kim Chenard, Foundation Board member; Simon Brooks, Games volunteer; Matt Bradley, Foundation Board Chair and Amy Ramos Chang; Games Organizing Committee.*

## **RELEASE DATE:**

June 17, 2024

Hosting the Best Games Ever in Renfrew County was no small feat and did not come without its challenges, but the lasting legacy of the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario

to come.

On June 10, Melissa Bishop-Nriagu, Renfrew County native and Olympic runner who served as the Games Ambassador, had the privilege of announcing that the Games Legacy Fund will consist of \$375,000, which has been entrusted to the recently renamed Ottawa Valley Community Foundation. Attending the meeting virtually, she made the announcement and indicated the positive impact this fund will have on local athletes.

“As a young athlete, this is something I would have applied for while growing up and trying to make my Olympic dreams come true; this is something that will absolutely be used in our community,” she said. “I am so proud of our community for hosting and pulling off something so big. This is just the start of what our communities can do. You have put Renfrew County on the map with the Ontario Winter Games and I am so proud to have been a part of it.”

The Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games, held over two weekends in February 2023, featured 2,300 participants, including athletes, coaches, officials and sport reps in 22 different sports played at 15 venues in nine host communities. Close to 1,400 volunteers contributed 12,250 hours to help make the games a resounding success and 51 sponsors and donors gave generously to the Games. It is estimated the Ontario Winter Games added more than \$4 million to the local economy.

Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon, Chair of the Games Organizing Committee, highlighted aspects of the granting process for the Games Legacy Fund, which will see the first applications accepted in early 2025.

The three granting areas will be:

- Youth Sport Grant (up to age 21) – \$20,000 annually (grants up to \$1,000 per request for equipment costs, travel costs, registration, etc.);
- Sports Clubs – \$20,000 annually (four grants per year of \$5,000) for teams, clubs and organizations with a specific need;
- Major Sports Infrastructure – \$40,000 annually (two grants per year up to \$20,000) for new builds or infrastructure improvements in existing sports facilities that will improve accessibility, ensure more people can participate, improve the quality of the facility or provide a new option for sport.

The Warden expressed his pride in hosting the Best Games Even and stated it truly was a team effort from multi-year commitment of the Games Organizing Committee, the host municipalities offering up their venues, volunteers across Renfrew County dedicating their time and energy, and the County of Renfrew staff who assisted in the background.

believe we more than accomplished that objective,” Warden Emon said. “From the beginning, the Games were meant to bring a legacy to the region and we are thrilled to be able to announce those details tonight.”



*Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon (left), Chair of the Renfrew County 2023 Ontario Winter Games, and Matt Bradley, Chair of the Board for the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation, shake hands to solidify the partnership to have the Foundation oversee and distribute the \$375,000 Games Legacy Fund.*

In terms of the Games Legacy Fund, he called the partnership with the Ottawa Valley Community Foundation a perfect marriage because the goals of the organizations are so well aligned.

Matt Bradley, board Chair, Ottawa Valley Community Foundation, explained the group changed its name because the Foundation’s catchment area has continued to expand since it was formed in 2008 to meet social and capital needs in the community.

“We are honoured here today to be asked to be the stewards of the excess money coming out of the beautiful games, the Ontario Winter Games in Renfrew County,” Mr. Bradley said. “We will ensure those monies are properly invested and distributed in accordance with the vision of the Games Organizing Committee. We thank the committee and the County of Renfrew for their trust in the Foundation.”

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### RELEASE DATE:

June 18, 2024

## County of Renfrew announces new supportive bridge housing initiative

The County of Renfrew is proud to announce the launch of a new initiative to provide supportive bridge housing for residents in our community. This initiative is in partnership with Carefor, a non-profit organization renowned for its holistic care and support services for residents.

The County has signed a three-year lease at the Carefor facility, located at 700 Mackay Street in Pembroke. This lease is for a separate area within the facility that is currently vacant. Renovations of the space are expected to be underway later this month to create rooms for up to 14 residents with an occupancy target of late Fall 2024.

Bridge housing is a short-term, continuous stay accommodation that helps people 'bridge' the gap from homelessness to permanent housing. As part of this collaborative approach to providing compassionate care, the County is exploring opportunities to partner with other service providers within the community to provide necessary staffing and innovative programming for residents.

This move is part of the County's recently introduced *Mesa* initiative, a comprehensive plan to better support individuals struggling with mental health, addictions, and homelessness. The goal is to provide wraparound support services to individuals, enhancing their housing stability and overall health.

Addressing these needs is part of the County of Renfrew's strategic plan goal of Community Wellness and Health Care. While individual departments and organizations have been providing services in these areas, this initiative provides an opportunity to move beyond the silos and align existing efforts to offer wraparound care for all community members to thrive. *Mesa* also addresses gaps identified through the Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

In conjunction with this, the County has engaged OrgCode Consulting to prepare an update to the 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. To ensure that this plan reflects

the needs and perspectives of the community, a series of public engagement sessions will be held this week. We invite all residents to participate in these sessions to share their feedback and insights.

**Public Engagement Sessions:**

- **Date:** June 19, 2024 | **Time:** 5:00 - 7:30 pm | **Location:** Renfrew Legion
- **Date:** June 20, 2024 | **Time:** 5:00 - 7:30 pm | **Location:** Algonquin College, Pembroke
- **Date:** June 21, 2024 | **Time:** 5:00 - 7:30 pm | **Location:** Arnprior Legion

In addition to the in-person sessions, an online survey has been made available. We encourage everyone to share their feedback through this survey, which can be accessed at: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/RRKB8QG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RRKB8QG). The survey closes June 20.

Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon said the County of Renfrew is excited to partner with Carefor to bring much-needed bridge housing to our community.

“This initiative, combined with our ongoing collaborative efforts through the *Mesa* program, underscores our commitment to working with community partners to better support individuals struggling with homelessness, mental health, and addictions challenges,” he said. “Success for all in our area starts with the community providing stable housing and supports through various linked and coordinated programs.”

Councillor Anne Giardini, Community Services Committee Chair, is interested in the feedback from the engagement sessions.

“Public input is crucial in shaping our 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan. We look forward to hearing from residents across the County during the upcoming sessions and through our online survey,” she added.

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# County of Renfrew Warden's Golf Tournament raises \$5,000 for charity

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Posted on Wednesday, June 19, 2024



*The winning team of the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Warden's Golf Tournament was the Sweetness Dream Team. Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon (second from right) presented the trophy to team members (from left) Brad Sweet, former Warden Bob Sweet, Bob Lafleur and Peter Barnes. The team shot a 59 on the day to earn the title.*

## **RELEASE DATE:**

June 19, 2024

Rain did not stop a determined group of 120 golfers from hitting the links for the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Renfrew County Warden's Golf Tournament on June 7.

The fundraising tournament, hosted by Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon, was held at the Dragonfly Golf Links at Renfrew in Admaston/Bromley Township. The participants enjoyed 18 holes of golf, fun contests along the way, lunch on the go,

two special causes in the community.

The first recipient is Autism Ontario – East Region, while the second recipient is the County of Renfrew’s Housing and Homelessness Fund to help deal with this pressing and growing issue in our community.

The Warden expressed his gratitude to the golfers who endured the rain and came prepared with multiple outfits to suit the changing conditions throughout the day, the sponsors who contributed to the overall success of the day and the staff of the Dragonfly Golf Links for helping to make the day so special.

Since its inception in 2005, the Warden’s Golf Tournament has raised nearly \$70,000 for various charities and organizations across Renfrew County.

“We, and our entire region, continue to be extremely appreciative of your generous contributions throughout the day towards these two funds, they will offer valuable assistance to our community members who need reassurance they are noticed and matter,” Warden Emon said.

Once the scores were tallied, a familiar team took home the trophy – The Sweetness Dream Team – which shot a 59 on the day. The team consisted of former Warden Bob Sweet, Brad Sweet, Peter Barnes and Bob Lafleur.

We would also like to thank our generous sponsors, without whom this tournament would not have been such a success: Valley Refrigeration, Hicks Morley, Rondeau Electric, Brawn Construction, Cambium Consultant & Engineering, Cowan, Emond Harden Labour and Employment Law, Greenwood Paving Pembroke Ltd., Junk Away/Bio Care Services Inc., Jp2g Consultants Inc., KPMG, Menard Law, Mis Municipal Insurance Services, St. Michael Insurance, 2MK, Valley Window & Door, Vice & Hunter LLP, Workzoom, CDW, Dell Technologies, St. Michael Insurance and Algonquin Puzzle Company.

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## For Immediate Release

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(Pembroke, Ontario, June 17, 2024)

### **Heat Warning Issued by Environment Canada**

Environment Canada has issued a prolonged heat event for Renfrew County and District, beginning today. Dangerously hot humid conditions are expected through most of the week. Hot and humid air can also bring deteriorating air quality.

Daytime temperatures through most of the week are expected to be 30 to 35 degrees Celsius, with humidex values of 40 to 45 degrees Celsius. Overnight lows will be 18 to 20 degrees Celsius with a humidex between 26 to 30 degrees Celsius.

It is important to take steps to prevent heat-related illness during this heat event. Extreme heat can put everyone at risk from heat related illness, however, older adults, infants and young children, people with chronic health conditions, those who work or exercise in the heat, people experiencing homelessness, and people without access to air conditioning are at greatest risk.

Renfrew County and District Health Unit recommends taking the following actions to prevent heat related illness:

- Drink plenty of cool liquids, especially water, before feeling thirsty.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing made of breathable fabric.
- Take a cool shower or bath until you feel refreshed.
- Take a break from the heat by spending a few hours in a cool place.
- Avoid sun exposure. Shade yourself by using a wide-brimmed hat or umbrella.
- Do not leave your pets or children in a parked vehicle or in direct sunlight.
- Plan outdoor activities for cooler parts of the day.
- Check in with neighbours and family members who may be at higher risk of heat related illness or who live alone, to ensure they are comfortable and well-hydrated.

Look for these typical signs and symptoms of heat illness:

- Dizziness or fainting
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- Rapid breathing and heartbeat
- Extreme thirst
- Decreased urination with unusually dark yellow urine

If you experience any of these symptoms during extreme heat, immediately move to a cool place and drink liquids. Water is best. If you don't feel better soon after, seek medical help immediately.

For additional tips on how to stay safe and what to do during an extreme heat-related event please visit [Emergency Preparedness | Renfrew County and District Health Unit \(rcdhu.com\)](https://www.rcdhu.com). For more information visit [www.rcdhu.com](https://www.rcdhu.com) or call 613-732-3629 or 1-800-267-1097.

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# Making Canada's Growth a Success

The case for a Municipal Growth Framework



Municipalities are responsible for maintaining and delivering most of the infrastructure and services that support Canadians in their daily lives, including roads, water, public transit and essential community services.

However, in light of the historic population growth our country is experiencing, municipalities are struggling to fund these services under a 19th century revenue framework that was never designed for the realities of the 21st century.

To ensure that Canada's growth is successful, FCM is urging the federal government to bring together all orders of government to discuss and develop a Municipal Growth Framework: a new, more equitable way to fund local governments.

Drawing on input from municipalities, provincial and territorial municipal associations (PTAs) and public finance experts, this paper comprehensively outlines the fiscal context that municipalities are currently operating within and highlights how this structure is limiting Canada's progress.

It concludes by offering concrete recommendations for a renewed partnership between orders of government that would enable Canada's long-term growth and work towards ending chronic homelessness.



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# FCM Releases Roadmap to Improve Quality of Life for Canadians by Strengthening Municipal Finances



June 6, 2024

**Calgary, AB** - The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is urgently calling for action from the federal government to equip municipalities with the tools they need to ensure the quality of life Canadians deserve. The organization published a report with recommendations detailing how to achieve a new, fair and predictable municipal growth framework. This plan would allow local governments to maintain and build the infrastructure residents need daily and deliver the services they depend on in their everyday lives.

"The time for bold, visionary and impactful ideas has come. A new municipal growth framework would notably enable better public transport and relieve congestion in our cities. It would ensure more affordable housing and facilitate access to home ownership. Municipalities could

our children. We could offer more services to citizens who rely on these resources daily" said FCM President and Mayor of the Township of Gore Scott Pearce. "Our report, [\*Making Canada's Growth a Success\*](#), charts a course for action that will benefit Canadians for generations to come."

FCM is calling on the federal government to commit by the next Fall Economic Statement to convey a conversation with all orders of government to work together to negotiate a new municipal growth framework.

The analysis and recommendations contained in FCM's paper were formed following an extensive research period that involved collecting information and data from public finance experts, municipalities, provincial and territorial municipal associations. The information gathered showcases the growing need to find sustainable financial solutions for municipalities to ensure residents are not being left behind.

Within this renewed framework, FCM would notably like to see the following recommendations implemented:

- Linking federal transfers to economic growth by indexing them to Canada's Gross Domestic Product.
- Increase the annual transfer to municipalities by \$2.6 billion. Paired with the existing Canada Community-Building Fund, this would bring the total annual federal transfers to \$5 billion.
- Advance a new cost-matching agreement with provinces and territories to match the \$5 billion federal contribution to municipalities.
- Allow municipalities to use federal funding for both operating and capital costs, so they can prioritize local projects that foster population growth and economic development.
- Develop a cohesive plan with all orders of government to end chronic homelessness.

number of issues”, said Mike Savage, Big City Mayors' Caucus chair and Mayor of the Halifax Regional Municipality. "We are limited by a financial system that doesn't give us the power to solve local problems on the scale needed in 2024 and beyond. Cities provide important services and infrastructure, but they only get 8 to 10 cents for every tax dollar. We need to get federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal leaders around the same table, working together to negotiate this framework. This needs to happen immediately. Canadians can't wait any longer.”

Calgary Mayor Jyoti Gondek emphasized the need for a new growth framework to address issues such as Canada's historic population growth and disastrous weather events that are on the rise.

"As municipalities like Calgary continue to grow and face the challenges of serving new and existing residents, we need more financial resources like those in FCM's Municipal Growth Framework. Ottawa needs to step up and ensure that municipalities receive the necessary support to serve the well-being of all Canadians,” said Mayor Gondek.

The FCM report and its recommendations can be [downloaded](#).

FCM's paper, [Making Canada's Growth a Success](#), was released as part of the press conference following the meeting of the Big Cities Mayors Caucus, held in conjunction with FCM's annual conference.

For more information, please see FCM's [backgrounder](#).

*The [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) unites more than 2,100 local governments at the national level, representing more than 92 per cent of Canadians in every province and territory.*

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June 06, 2024

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## AMO Matters

Have you considered serving on AMO's Board? Participate in setting strategic objectives, policy and program initiatives, and the budget. Deadline to submit nomination form: Monday, June 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. (ET). [Click here](#) for more information.

AMO's leadership has committed to undertaking the development and implementation of an organizational IAP. We are seeking to engage a firm that will guide and support this initiative and AMO in integrating an Indigenous lens into our work. For more information and to download the RFP [click here](#).

[Registration open](#) to municipal elected officials and senior municipal staff for a webinar on June 14 with Conservation Ontario and AMO. The webinar explores recent updates to Conservation Authorities' roles in the land use planning and development process, and important considerations for municipal elected officials.

## Education Opportunities

The [Municipal Codes of Conduct pre-conference workshop](#) on Saturday, August 17 is for those municipal leaders who are looking to guide and strengthen their council and corporation's conduct, behaviour, and practices. Register today - space is limited.

It is important to know that AMO will never solicit its members participation in our annual conference through other parties. A number of members have reported receiving emails from third parties to book your hotel rooms for the conference. This is a scam/phishing exercise. Be diligent, hackers are becoming more and more sophisticated. If it seems odd, or doesn't feel right, trust your instinct. Feel free to reach out to us at [events@amo.on.ca](mailto:events@amo.on.ca).

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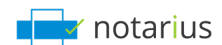
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## Provincial Matters

The [EnAbling Change Program](#) provides grants of between \$5,000 and \$150,000 to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations, industry organizations and professional associations, to educate stakeholders about accessibility, help support compliance with accessibility requirements and promote cultural awareness about the value and benefits of accessibility. Deadline: June 27, 2024

At the request of the Attorney General and in accordance with the *Justices of the Peace Act*, the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee (JPAAC) invites applications for vacant justice of the peace positions in the province of Ontario. This is a full-time appointment that requires travel within the province. Applications must be received by 11:59 P.M. EST on July 31, 2024. [EN](#) | [FR](#).

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April 11, 2024

To Our Municipal Clients:

Re: Assessment of Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*

On behalf of our many municipal clients, we are writing to inform you of the Ontario Legislature's proposed changes to the *Development Charges Act* (D.C.A.) under Bill 185 (*Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*) and to Ontario Regulation 82/98 under the D.C.A. These proposed changes are with respect to:

- The definition of eligible capital costs (to include certain studies);
- The removal of the mandatory phase-in of charges;
- The process for minor amendments to development charge (D.C.) by-laws;
- A reduction of time for the D.C. rate freeze related to site plan and zoning by-law amendment planning applications;
- Modernizing public notice requirements; and
- Implementation of the Affordable Residential Unit exemptions.

Further details with respect to these proposed changes are provided below.

With respect to changes to the *Planning Act* arising from Bill 185, Watson will be preparing a subsequent letter summarizing the changes.

## 1. Revised Definition of Capital Costs

On November 28, 2022, the Province enacted Bill 23, *More Homes Built Faster Act*, which included a number of discounts, exemptions, and reductions to D.C.s. As part of this legislation, the definition of capital costs (subsection 5 (3) of the D.C.A.) was amended to remove studies, including D.C. background studies.

Bill 185 proposes to reverse the capital cost amendments of the *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23) by reinstating studies as an eligible capital cost. The following paragraphs are proposed to be added to subsection 5 (3) of the D.C.A.:

5. *Costs to undertake studies in connection with any of the matters referred to in paragraphs 1 to 4.*
6. *Costs of the development charge background study required under section 10.*



The proposed amendment will allow municipalities to fund studies, consistent with by-laws passed prior to the *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23). This will allow for the funding of master plans, D.C. background studies, and similar studies that inform the capital costs of the D.C. background study.

## 2. Removal of the Mandatory Phase-in

The *More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23) required the phase-in of charges imposed in a D.C. by-law over a five-year term. D.C. by-laws passed after January 1, 2022, were required to phase-in the calculated charges as follows:

- Year 1 of the by-law – 80% of the charges could be imposed;
- Year 2 of the by-law – 85% of the charges could be imposed;
- Year 3 of the by-law – 90% of the charges could be imposed;
- Year 4 of the by-law – 95% of the charges could be imposed; and
- Years 5 to 10 of the by-law – 100% of the charges could be imposed.

Bill 185 proposes to remove the mandatory phase-in of the charges. It is proposed that this change would be effective for D.C. by-laws passed after Bill 185 comes into effect.

For site plan and zoning by-law amendment applications that were made prior to Bill 185 receiving Royal Assent, the charges payable will be the charges that were in place on the day the planning application was made (i.e., including the applicable mandatory phase-in).

Note, the Bill also proposes to allow minor amendments to D.C. by-laws that include these phase-in provisions. As provided in further detail below, these amendments would not require the preparation of a D.C. background study or undertake the statutory public process, and the amendments would not be subject to Ontario Land Tribunal appeal. This provision will only be available for a period of six months after Bill 185 takes effect.

## 3. Process for Minor Amendments to D.C. By-laws

Section 19 of the D.C.A. requires that a municipality must follow sections 10 through 18 of the D.C.A. (with necessary modifications) when amending D.C. by-laws. Sections 10 through 18 of the D.C.A. generally require the following:

- Completion of a D.C. background study, including the requirement to post the background study 60 days prior to passage of the D.C. by-law;
- Passage of a D.C. by-law within one year of the completion of the D.C. background study;
- A public meeting, including notice requirements; and
- The ability to appeal the by-law to the Ontario Land Tribunal.



Bill 185 proposes to allow municipalities to undertake minor amendments to D.C. by-laws for the following purposes without adherence to the requirements noted above (with the exception of the notice requirements):

1. To repeal a provision of the D.C. by-law specifying the date the by-law expires or to amend the provision to extend the expiry date (subject to the 10-year limitations provided in the D.C.A.);
2. To impose D.C.s for studies, including the D.C. background study; and
3. To remove the provisions related to the mandatory phase-in of D.C.s as discussed in section 2 of this letter.

Minor amendments related to items 2 and 3 noted above may be undertaken only if the D.C. by-law being amended was passed after November 28, 2022, and before Bill 185 takes effect. Moreover, the amending by-law must be passed within six months of Bill 185 taking effect.

Notice requirements for these minor amending by-laws are similar to the typical notice requirements, with the exception of the requirement to identify the last day for appealing the by-law (as these provisions do not apply).

#### 4. Reduction of D.C. Rate Freeze Timeframe

Bill 108, *More Homes, More Choices Act, 2019*, which received Royal Assent on June 6, 2019, provided several changes to the D.C.A. including the requirement to freeze the D.C.s imposed on certain developments. This applied to developments that were subject to a site plan and/or a zoning by-law amendment application. The D.C. rate for these developments is “frozen” at the rates that were in effect at the time the site plan and/or a zoning by-law amendment application was submitted (subject to applicable interest). Once the application is approved by the municipality, if the date the D.C. is payable<sup>[1]</sup> is more than two years from the approval date, the D.C. rate freeze would no longer apply.

Bill 185 proposes to reduce the two-year timeframe to 18 months and move this timeframe from being identified in O. Reg. 82/98 to being identified in the D.C.A. Transition provisions are included that require the two-year D.C. “freeze” for site plan and zoning by-law amendment applications that were approved prior to Bill 185 receiving Royal Assent to remain in effect.

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<sup>[1]</sup> In the case of Rental Housing and Institutional development, once the application is approved by the municipality, if the date the first building permit is issued is more than two years after the date of approval, the D.C. rate freeze would no longer apply.





Note that the streamlined process for minor amending by-laws does not appear to include the ability to amend D.C. by-laws to meet this legislative change.

## 5. Other Proposed Changes

Along with the proposed legislative changes outlined in Bill 185, the Province has identified related proposed regulatory changes regarding modernization of the public notice requirements. In addition, the Province has noted that implementation of the Affordable Residential Unit exemption will occur on June 1, 2024.

### 5.1 Modernizing Public Notice Requirements

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The D.C.A. sets out the requirements for municipalities to give notice of public meetings and of by-law passage. These requirements are prescribed in sections 9 and 10 of O. Reg. 82/98 and include giving notice in a newspaper of sufficiently general circulation in the area to which the by-law would apply. The proposed regulatory changes would modernize public notice requirements by allowing municipalities to provide notice on a municipal website if a local newspaper is not available.

### 5.2 Implementing the Affordable Residential Unit Exemption

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*The More Homes Built Faster Act* (Bill 23) identified an exemption for Affordable Residential Units. This exemption was subsequently revised through Bill 134, *Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023*, which received Royal Assent on December 4, 2023. The exemption is summarized as follows:

- Affordable Rental: Where the rent is no greater than the lesser of the income based affordable rent<sup>[1]</sup> set out in the Affordable Residential Units Bulletin and the average market rent identified in the Affordable Residential Units Bulletin.
- Affordable Owned Unit: Where the price of the residential unit is no greater than the lesser of the income-based affordable purchase price<sup>[2]</sup> set out in the Affordable Residential Units Bulletin and 90% of the average purchase price identified in the Affordable Residential Units Bulletin.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Based on the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile of gross annual incomes for renter households in the applicable local municipality and where the rent is equal to 30% of the income of the household.

<sup>[2]</sup> Based on the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile of gross annual incomes for households in the applicable local municipality and where the purchase price would result in annual accommodation costs equal to 30 per cent of the income of the household.



The Provincial Backgrounder has indicated that this exemption will come into force on June 1, 2024, and that the Affordable Residential Units Bulletin will be posted on Ontario.ca.

Note, no commentary has been provided on the Attainable Unit exemption at this time.

## 6. Summary Comments on the Proposed Amendments

Many of these changes to the D.C.A. appear positive for municipalities by assisting in ensuring that growth pays for growth to the extent possible. This is achieved by allowing for the inclusion of growth-related studies that will allow municipalities to appropriately plan for additional development. Furthermore, the removal of the mandatory phase-in provisions ensures discounts to D.C.s are not provided to development and redevelopment that municipalities do not aim to incentivize. The reduction in the D.C. rate freeze timeline helps to ensure development that is not proceeding quickly does not receive D.C. discounts. Additionally, the ability to make minor amendments to D.C. by-laws to align with the legislative changes without onerous administrative requirements will assist municipalities in aligning policies with the amended legislation quickly. Modernizing the public notice requirements further assists municipalities in areas where there is no local newspaper.

With respect to the implementation of the Affordable Residential Unit exemption on June 1, 2024, as stated in previous correspondence, while it is an admirable goal to create additional affordable housing units, further D.C., community benefits charge, and parkland exemptions will continue to provide further financial burdens on municipalities to fund these exemptions.

Watson will be providing a submission through the Environmental Registry of Ontario on these legislative changes. Watson will also be seeking an opportunity to speak as a delegation to the Standing Committee, if possible, to provide our comments on behalf of our municipal clients. We will continue to monitor the progress of Bill 185 through the legislature and will continue to keep our clients informed of any changes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

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## Call for Letters of Intent under the Dementia Community Investment

The Public Health Agency of Canada is pleased to share with you the following [Call for Letters of Intent](#) under the **Dementia Community Investment**.

The objective of this current funding opportunity is to support both **emerging and advanced**, community-based projects that meet one or both of the following objectives:

1. Optimize the health and wellbeing of people living with dementia (PLWD) and family/friend caregivers; and/or
2. Increase knowledge of dementia and risk and protective factors.

In addition, all projects must undertake intervention research to assess the effectiveness of the program or initiative and promote/apply this knowledge to support expansion of the project's reach to new communities, sectors, populations and/or jurisdictions.

The Dementia Community Investment invites eligible organizations to submit their Letter of Intent by 14:59 EDT (2:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time) on July 24, 2024.

**Key eligibility and application requirements and details on how to apply can be found on the [Call for Applications website](#).**

***Please distribute widely to your networks to amplify the opportunity to potentially interested applicants.***

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À : Membres du Comité de coordination fédéral-provincial-territorial sur la démence

L'Agence de la santé publique du Canada est heureuse de partager avec vous [l'appel à la lettre d'intention](#) suivant sous la rubrique de **l'investissement en matière de démence dans les communautés**.

L'objectif de cette possibilité de financement est d'appuyer des projets communautaires à la fois **émergents et avancés** qui répondent à au moins l'un des deux objectifs suivants :

1. Optimiser la santé et le bien-être des personnes atteintes de démence (PAD) et de leurs aidants naturels, qu'ils soient des aidants familiaux ou des amis;
2. Améliorer les connaissances sur la démence ainsi que sur les facteurs de risque et de protection.

En outre, tous les projets doivent entreprendre des recherches d'intervention pour évaluer l'efficacité de l'intervention ou de l'initiative et promouvoir ou appliquer ces connaissances pour appuyer l'élargissement de la portée du projet à de nouvelles collectivités, secteurs, populations ou juridictions.

L'Investissement en matière de démence dans les communautés invite les organismes admissibles à soumettre leur lettre d'intention d'ici 14 h 59 HAE (heure avancée de l'Est) le

24 juillet 2024.

**Vous trouverez les principales conditions d'admissibilité et de demande et les détails sur la façon de présenter une demande sur le site [Web de l'Appel de demandes](#).**

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January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
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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: AO5-18 (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  
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Municipality of Tweed Council Meeting  
Council Meeting



**Resolution No.** 229  
**Title:** Councillor P. Valiquette  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024

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**Moved by** P. Valiquette  
**Seconded by** J. Palmateer

WHEREAS it is apparent that the Ontario Government has overlooked the needs of small rural Ontario;  
AND WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads, bridges, water/wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities, libraries and other tangible capital assets;

AND WHEREAS small rural Ontario's operating needs consume the majority of property tax revenue sources;

AND WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

AND WHEREAS in 2015 the provincial government moved to standardized billing for all non-contract J.P.P. (5.1) locations;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway; and \$534 million to Ottawa for the repatriation of Hwy 174;

AND WHEREAS the annual cost of the Ontario Provincial Police, Municipal Policing Bureau for small rural non-contract (5.1) municipalities is approximately \$428 million;

AND WHEREAS this annual cost is significantly less than the repatriation costs of the Gardiner Express Way, the Don Valley Parkway and Highway 174 (Ottawa Region) but provides a greater impact to the residents of the Province overall;

AND WHEREAS this will afford relief to small rural municipalities for both infrastructure and operating needs while having a minimal impact on the provincial budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Municipality of Tweed call on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct staff to circulate this resolution to Premier Doug Ford ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)), Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)) and all Municipalities in Ontario.



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