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Correspondence Package No. I-24-SEP-15**

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-24-SEP-15 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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 - d) [Township of Stirling Rawdon - Public Sector Salary Disclosure](#)

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August 20, 2024

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I am writing to let you know that I have issued a new [Provincial Planning Statement \(PPS 2024\)](#) under the *Planning Act*, coming into effect on October 20, 2024.

The PPS 2024 sets out a streamlined, province-wide land use planning document that gives municipalities the tools and flexibility you need to hit your housing targets in a way that is responsive to local challenges and reflective of local priorities. The PPS 2024 will replace the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 (PPS 2020). In addition, A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2019, as amended (A Place to Grow) will be revoked effective the same date. For consultation details regarding the PPS 2024, please see [ERO # 019-8462](#).

The October 20, 2024 effective date provides a two-month transition, allowing time for in-progress planning decisions to be resolved, and providing municipalities a window of time to prepare for adoption of the new policies.

In addition, a 30-day consultation ([ERO# 019-9065](#)) beginning on August 20, 2024, will seek feedback on any specific planning matters in process that might need to be addressed through a potential transition regulation under the Planning Act. Your

municipality is invited to share any feedback through the consultation.

To provide municipalities with implementation support, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will provide training for municipal staff in September and October 2024. Our government will also consider developing Provincial guidance to support implementation.

Our government made an administrative amendment to the Greenbelt Plan that ensures policies in A Place to Grow, and the PPS 2020 will continue to apply in those cases where the Greenbelt Plan refers to them. This amendment will take effect on October 20, 2024.

To align with the PPS 2024, the changes made to the Planning Act "area of employment" definition (in the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023) have been proclaimed to come into effect on October 20, 2024. This includes transition provisions which allow municipalities to adopt official plan policies to continue protection of a historic area of employment despite any existing uses that no longer meet the new definition.

We look forward to our continued work together to get at least 1.5 million homes built by 2031. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to your local Municipal Services Office contact.

Sincerely,



Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing

Attachments:

- [Provincial Planning Statement, 2024](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Protecting Communities and Supporting Addiction Recovery with New Treatment Hubs

Province banning consumption sites near schools and daycares while investing \$378 million more in 19 new treatment hubs

August 20, 2024

[Health](#)

OTTAWA — The Ontario government is protecting the safety of children and communities by banning supervised drug consumption sites within 200 metres of schools and child care centres. The government is also mandating new protections to better protect community safety near remaining sites, including new requirements for safety and security plans, as well as new policies to discourage loitering and promote conflict de-escalation and community engagement. In order to restrict access to dangerous and illegal drugs moving forward, the government will also introduce legislation this fall that would, if passed, prohibit municipalities or any organization from standing up new consumption sites or participating in federal so-called “safer” supply initiatives. If passed, the legislation will also prohibit municipalities from requesting the decriminalization of illegal drugs from the federal government.

As part of a comprehensive system of care that prioritizes community safety and focuses on giving people their lives back through treatment and recovery, as well as upstream investments in prevention, the province is investing \$378 million in 19 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs. These new hubs are in addition to more than \$3.8 billion the province is currently investing through its Roadmap to Wellness and nearly \$700 million for supportive housing through the Homelessness Prevention Program and Indigenous Supportive Housing Program each year.

“Communities, parents and families across Ontario have made it clear that the presence of consumption sites near schools and daycares is leading to serious safety problems,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We need to do more to protect public safety, especially for young school children, while

helping people get the treatment they need, which is why we're taking the next step to expand access to a broad range of treatment and recovery services, while keeping kids and communities safe."

Crime in the vicinity of these sites is significantly higher compared to surrounding neighbourhoods. In Toronto, reports of assault in 2023 are 113 per cent higher and robbery is 97 per cent higher in neighbourhoods near these sites compared to the rest of the city. Near the Hamilton site, reports of violent crime were 195 per cent higher compared to the rest of the city, and the crime rate near the Ottawa site was 250 per cent higher than the rest of the city. The government's new direction is also informed by reports from police services in Ontario and across Canada that hydromorphone distributed at consumption sites is being diverted and trafficked, increasing the supply of dangerous and illegal drugs in communities where these sites operate.

In response to these concerns, Ontario is taking the next step to create a system of care that prioritizes community safety, treatment and recovery. HART Hubs, similar to existing hub models in Ontario that have successfully provided people with care, will reflect regional priorities by connecting people with complex needs to comprehensive treatment and preventative services that could include:

- Primary care
- Mental health services
- Addiction care and support
- Social services and employment support
- Shelter and transition beds
- Supportive housing
- Other supplies and services, including naloxone, onsite showers and food

HART Hubs will add up to 375 highly supportive housing units, in addition to addiction recovery and treatment beds, that will help thousands of people each year transition to more stable long-term housing. With a focus on treatment and recovery, HART Hubs will not offer "safer" supply, supervised drug consumption or needle exchange programs.

The ban on consumption sites within 200 metres of a school or child care centre will result in the closure of nine provincially-funded sites and one self-funded site, located in Ottawa, Guelph, Hamilton, Thunder Bay, Kitchener and Toronto, no later than March 31, 2025. These provincially-funded sites will be encouraged to submit proposals to transition to HART Hubs and will be prioritized by the province during

the review process and could be eligible on average, for up to four times more funding under the HART Hubs model than they receive from the province as a consumption site.

The development of HART Hubs is one of the many investments the Ontario government makes to build a health care system that connects people with mental health and addictions care, including:

- Investments through the Roadmap to Wellness and Addictions Recovery Fund, including \$124 million over the next three years as part of Budget 2024, are creating more than 500 addiction recovery beds and new models of treatment like mobile mental health clinics
- \$152 million over three years for supportive housing to assist individuals facing unstable housing conditions and experiencing mental health and addictions challenges
- More than \$19 million over three years to create 10 new Youth Wellness Hubs that the government is adding to the network of 22 hubs already opened since 2020, bringing the total number of Youth Wellness Hubs to 32 across the province
- More than \$650 million in annual funding for the Homelessness Prevention Program and \$41.5 million for the Indigenous Supportive House Program, which the government increased by \$202 million annually in the 2023 provincial budget
- \$20 million to support more than 100 Mobile Crisis Response Teams in communities across the province so that health care professionals can attend crisis situations in partnership with police

“We are investing more than any government in Ontario’s history to create a nation-leading system of mental health and addictions care,” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “The new HART Hubs are a next step in the vision first outlined in the Roadmap to Wellness and expanded on in the Addictions Recovery Fund to provide the substantial regional resources that are needed to keep our communities safe and give people their lives back through treatment and recovery.”

Through [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#) and building on the Roadmap to Wellness, the province is taking action to make it easier and faster for individuals to connect to mental health and addictions services in your communities.

Quick Facts

- The creation of HART Hubs will be done in partnership with the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.
- While HART Hubs will not be allowed to deliver needle exchange programs, needle return or collection services may be considered during the application process.
- Through the Roadmap to Wellness, Ontario is investing \$3.8 billion over 10 years to fill gaps in mental health and addictions care, create new services and expand programs, in addition to funding provided for supportive housing, homelessness prevention and other social services.
- As part of [Budget 2024](#), Building a Better Ontario, the government is building on its work through the Roadmap by investing an additional \$396 million over three years to improve access and expand existing mental health and addictions services and programs.

Quotes

"Today's announcement is a real game changer. This major investment will truly support people to get their lives back on track through needed treatment and recovery, while ensuring that neighbourhoods in Windsor and across Ontario remain safe."

- Drew Dilkens
Mayor, City of Windsor

"I commend the provincial government for moving forward with a detailed plan to save lives, restore families and improve communities struggling with the stranglehold of addictions. I am confident that the new HART Hub model, focused on recovery, will show the positive results cities have been desperately requesting for our most vulnerable citizens, not just in Guelph, but across Ontario."

- Cam Guthrie
Mayor, City of Guelph

"Today's announcement by the provincial government will deliver safer streets for the residents of Ontario through increased funding for mental health and addiction supports as well as preventing injection sites from being located next to daycare centres and schools. I commend the provincial government for taking these necessary steps to protect our children and residents."

**- Alex Nuttall
Mayor, City of Barrie**

"Grateful for the Ford government's focus on treatment for addictions and not band-aid solutions. I share their concern about the proliferation of safe injection sites in area close to families and children. This needs to stop."

**- Patrick Brown
Mayor, City of Brampton**

"Collaboration between the province and municipalities is key to addressing community wellness. The HART Hubs reflects a focus on treatment and recovery, which mirrors efforts Greater Sudbury and local health providers have been using. I look forward to working with the province on helping people transition to stable, long-term housing."

**- Paul Lefebvre
Mayor, City of Greater Sudbury**

Additional Resources

- [Protecting Community Safety and Connecting More People to Addiction Recovery Care](#)
- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)
- [Roadmap to Wellness: A Plan to Build Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions System](#)
- [Find out how you can access mental health support](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Investing \$400 Million in Roads and Bridges to Enable More Homes

Provincial funding will help municipalities build and repair local infrastructure

August 20, 2024

[Infrastructure](#)

OTTAWA — Beginning tomorrow, August 21, the Ontario government will be accepting applications for funding under the \$400 million Housing-Enabling Core Servicing stream of the [\\$1 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#) to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will support the construction of new homes. Of the \$400 million, the government is allocating another \$120 million to projects in small, rural and northern municipalities that do not have housing targets to better support the unique needs of these growing communities.

“Our government is working with our municipal partners to support their infrastructure needs and get more homes built across the province,” said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. “This investment, in addition to the \$970 million we are investing in water infrastructure through the first intake of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, will help unlock more housing opportunities beyond 511,000 homes, bringing us another step forward in our historic partnership with municipalities to build the infrastructure and homes that our communities need to grow and prosper.”

Municipalities will be able to submit applications for the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing stream starting tomorrow. Eligible projects include any road and bridge assets that enable housing infrastructure and promote growth in communities. These projects must be a net new, rehabilitation, repair, reconstruction or replacement project. More information about the program and how to apply is available at ontario.ca/housinginfrastructure.

The remaining funding under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program will help municipalities target other key infrastructure priorities, including maintaining the health and safety of local water and wastewater systems. More information

about this funding, including eligibility and application intake details, will be announced later this year.

“We are ensuring that, even though high interest rates and global uncertainty have impacted housing starts, we are laying the groundwork for a long-term building boom as economic circumstances improve,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “We will continue to do our part to give municipalities the tools they need to build more homes faster. Whether it’s helping communities maintain roads and bridges or upgrade water and wastewater systems, our government is focused on making historic investments in infrastructure to help get shovels in the ground for new homes in Ontario.”

Earlier this month, Ontario also announced [the launch of a second intake of applications under the \\$1.2-billion Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund](#).

Combined, the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund are providing municipalities with more than \$1.9 billion in provincial funding for housing- and community-enabling infrastructure, as part of the province’s capital plan of over \$190 billion to build critical infrastructure and support growing communities.

Quick Facts

- Under the first intake of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, the government is [investing \\$970 million](#) in 54 water infrastructure projects that will enable over 500,000 new housing units in 60 municipalities across the province.
- Applications for the second intake of funding for the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund close on November 1. Details about the second application intake and eligibility can be found at ontario.ca/watersystemsfund.
- Municipalities with assigned housing targets are receiving a total of \$262 million from the Building Faster Fund for 2023 performance against housing targets.
- Ontario is also providing municipalities improved and flexible borrowing terms for housing-enabling water projects under [Infrastructure Ontario’s loan program](#). This new lending stream would build on the valued financing Infrastructure Ontario already provides to many municipal partners and would provide them with options for deferred interest payments until projects are substantially complete, longer loan terms, more flexible repayment terms, and lower administration costs.

Quotes

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is helping municipal partners build and repair local roads and bridges that will connect residents to housing, jobs and other opportunities for generations to come. This investment is another step forward in our plan to build at least 1.5 million homes across the province and ensure communities have the critical infrastructure they need to grow."

**- Prabmeet Sarkaria
Minister of Transportation**

"With the province's population growing faster than ever before, our government is using every tool available to get shovels in the ground to quickly deliver Ontario's Plan to Build. These investments show that we can build the critical infrastructure to help more Ontarians achieve the dream of home ownership while also ensuring a strong fiscal foundation for future generations."

**- Peter Bethlenfalvy
Minister of Finance**

"AMO thanks the Ontario government for its leadership in making historic investments of nearly \$2 billion towards housing-enabling infrastructure. Municipalities are planning for infrastructure expenditures of more than \$250 billion over the next 10 years. This funding is welcome, as it will help pave the way to increase housing supply, support growth and strengthen the economy."

**- Colin Best
President, Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)**

Additional Resources

- [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#)
- [Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund](#)
- [Ontario's Water Infrastructure Investments Helping Build More Than 500,000 New Homes](#)
- [Ontario Investing Over \\$1.8 Billion to Build More Homes](#)
- [Ontario Builds: our infrastructure plan](#)

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Ontario Giving Municipalities the Tools They Need to Get More Homes Built Faster

Updated Provincial Planning Statement will continue to cut red tape to speed up homebuilding

August 20, 2024

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

OTTAWA – The Ontario government is releasing a new set of land-use planning rules that will continue to provide municipalities with the tools and flexibility they need to hit their housing targets in a way that is responsive to local challenges and reflective of local priorities. Building on the government's *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, the new [Provincial Planning Statement](#) (PPS) will help municipalities support growth by reducing and streamlining planning rules, simplifying approvals to build homes and eliminating duplication. It also gives municipalities additional tools and flexibility that, along with the government's historic and ongoing investments in housing-enabling infrastructure and its expansion of strong mayor powers, will help get more homes built across the province.

"In the face of high interest rates and a challenging global economy, our government is working closely with municipalities to cut red tape and give them the tools they need to build more homes and hit their housing targets," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "The new Provincial Planning Statement recognizes that municipalities know best where and what types of homes are needed to address the unprecedented population growth we've seen. It gives them the tools and flexibility they need to get it done."

The new PPS, which consolidates the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, streamlines land-use planning and cuts red tape by creating one province-wide land-use planning policy statement, which eliminates over 100 pages and 30,000 words of administrative burden and will save municipal staff an estimated 6,600 hours.

The PPS is a set of directions provided by the province that municipal planners, planning boards, and decision makers follow for land-use planning and development in Ontario. They use the PPS to make long-term plans for how their community will grow. This helps them, as well as the province, forecast and plan for which areas will be used for new housing, which areas will be used for industry, and which areas will be reserved for farming, parks and other greenspaces so that we will have the homes and businesses we need, while ensuring the protection of agricultural lands, cultural heritage and natural areas.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Minister Calandra outlined key changes to the PPS, such as encouraging the building of more homes in areas close to major transit stations, including subway, GO, light rail and rapid transit bus stations. The new PPS also promotes building more homes on underused low-density lands like shopping plazas and malls.

The new PPS also encourages building a broader range of housing options, including housing for students and seniors. It supports better and more integrated planning for future growth in a way that maximizes public investment by, for example, promoting better coordination between municipalities and school boards.

The new PPS is responsive to input from three rounds of consultations over two years, including engagement with Indigenous communities and organizations, and represents provincial land-use planning interests from 21 government ministries, such as the protection of agricultural areas, aggregates, and natural heritage and the planning for infrastructure such as roads and energy supply. The new PPS will come into effect on October 20, 2024.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is currently experiencing unprecedented growth, with more than 500,000 new residents in 2022 and projections forecasting an additional two million by 2031.
- Ontario is supporting standardized designs for housing, including for modular homes, and innovative construction methods, such as through upcoming changes to the Building Code to support the use of [mass timber](#).
- Through the first round of investments from the province's [Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund](#), the province is enabling the construction of more than 500,000 new homes by investing \$970 million to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure. In response to the high demand for funding, the government is

also allocating an additional \$250 million for a second round of applications, bringing the total amount in the fund to \$1.2 billion.

- Ministers, Associate Ministers, and Parliamentary Assistants held about 700 meetings with municipalities and municipal organizations from across Ontario at the 2024 AMO conference. They discussed key priorities including housing, infrastructure, and public health, including mental health and addictions and emergency health services.

Additional Resources

- [Provincial Planning Statement](#)
- [Ontario's Housing Supply Progress](#)
- [Building 1.5 million homes in Ontario](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Reducing Wait Times for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Procedures

Community surgical and diagnostic centres connecting people to faster, more convenient care with their health card

August 26, 2024

[Health](#)

TORONTO — As part of the [Your Health](#) plan, the Ontario government is taking the next step to make it easier and faster for people to connect to publicly-funded surgeries and procedures by adding approximately 60,000 gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy procedures at community surgical and diagnostic centres across the province each year.

“When it comes to wait times for surgeries and procedures, the status quo is not acceptable. That’s why our government is taking bold action to boost access to surgeries and diagnostic imaging so Ontarians can conveniently access the care they need sooner, closer to home,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We continue to lead the country with the shortest surgical wait times of any province, and increasing access to GI endoscopy procedures will help improve rapid access to diagnostic care for early disease detection when and where people need it.”

A call for applications for new licences opens today, with new licences expected to be issued starting in Winter 2025 that will connect nearly 60,000 more people to procedures each year. This expansion of services will help reduce wait times for GI endoscopy procedures across the province from the date the order/requisition was received to the date people receive their procedure.

This builds on the call for applications for [MRI and CT scans](#) launched in June to connect nearly 100,000 more people to MRI and CT scans at community surgical and diagnostic centres across the province each year. A third call is to be launched in the fall to expand access to orthopedic surgeries.

New community surgical and diagnostic centres build on the successes the Ontario government has achieved since the launch of Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care including:

- Achieving the shortest surgical wait times of any province in Canada in 2023, with over 80 per cent of people receiving their procedure within clinically recommended target times as of July 2024.
- Funding up to 65,568 MRI and 31,220 CT operating hours in existing community surgical and diagnostic centres over the past year.
- Adding 49 new MRI machines in 42 hospitals across the province.
- Adding four new licensed cataract centres to provide more publicly funded cataract and other eye surgeries. In the past year, the government has funded 32,000 eye surgery procedures at community surgical and diagnostic centres.
- Eliminating the backlog of cervical cancer screening tests at the end of August 2023. Testing turnaround times returned to the pre-pandemic standard of 10 to 14 days.

As the government significantly expands the number of surgeries and procedures being done through community surgical and diagnostic centres, it is ensuring these centres are integrated and linked with the broader public health system. This includes requiring new facilities to provide detailed staffing plans that protect the stability of staffing resources at public hospitals, report into the province's wait times information system and participate in regional central intakes, where available, to ensure people get the care they need as quickly as possible. All community surgical and diagnostic centres are under the [oversight of Accreditation Canada's](#) new quality assurance program which provides the same strong requirements as public hospitals to improve quality standards at facilities and ensure consistent patient safety and quality care.

Quick Facts

- Existing community surgical and diagnostic centres have begun their transition to the new Quality Assurance (QA) program. Routine inspections by Accreditation Canada's new QA program are set to begin October 2024.
- As legislated in Bill 60, all applications must submit a detailed staffing plan, details on how they consulted with health system partners, show current linkages to the health care system as well as detailing their processes for providing information and obtaining patient consent amongst other requirements.
- No centre can refuse an insured service to a patient who chooses not to purchase uninsured upgrades and no patient can pay to receive insured services faster than anyone else.
- This is an open province-wide call for applications – all eligible applicants are welcome to apply.

- The [call for applications is open](#) for 10 weeks starting August 26, 2024, and will close at 11:59 p.m. on November 4, 2024.
- Questions about the call for applications process, the application guidelines, and/or the application form must be emailed to ICHSC.Applications@ontario.ca by September 6, 2024, 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) so answers can be posted on the ministry's website to assist all applicants in completing their application.
- For over 30 years, community surgical and diagnostic centres have been providing publicly funded diagnostic imaging, surgeries and procedures in the community.
- There are currently over [900](#) community surgical and diagnostic centres throughout Ontario; the majority provide routine diagnostic imaging services.

Additional Resources

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Learn more about community surgical and diagnostic centres including services, locations, patient safety and more.](#)
- [Learn about what OHIP covers and how to contact the Ministry of Health if you believe you may have been charged incorrectly.](#)
- [Ontario Taking Next Steps in Plan to Further Reduce Wait Times for Surgeries and Diagnostic Procedures](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Province Launches Largest Competitive Energy Procurement in Ontario History

Procurement will ensure long-term affordability as electricity demand forecasts to rise 60 per cent by 2050

August 28, 2024

[Energy and Electrification](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government is launching the largest competitive energy procurement in the province’s history, focused on generating affordable electricity for families and businesses. This builds on the province’s plan to procure up to 5,000 megawatts (MW) of energy through a series of procurements to help foster economic prosperity and meet the growing demand for clean and reliable energy.

The government announced a plan of action for more affordable energy, supporting Ontario’s diverse supply mix including nuclear, hydroelectric, renewables, natural gas, and biomass. The Second Long-Term Procurement (LT2) will plan future energy initiatives in communities that provide consent while protecting prime agricultural areas, including:

- Requiring energy project developers to receive municipal support resolutions to ensure local support and consent for new projects.
- Prohibiting all projects in specialty crop areas and ground-mounted solar in prime agricultural areas to prevent solar farms.
- Incentivizing projects located in northern Ontario and those which avoid prime agricultural areas, along with a plan to unlock Crown Lands for renewable energy.
- Incentivizing economic opportunities for projects with or by Indigenous communities on whose traditional territory the projects are proposed.
- Requiring Agricultural Impact Assessments for projects that are permitted on all prime agricultural areas.

“With energy demand growing rapidly, our government is stepping up by advancing our largest energy procurement in our history. Our ‘all-of-the-above’ energy resource approach will expand access to affordable electricity to families and businesses across Ontario while opposing the regressive carbon tax,” said Stephen

Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. “Unlike the former government who imposed energy projects on unwilling communities, we are putting municipalities in the driver’s seat as we expand energy generation. We are delivering more affordable and reliable energy while protecting prime agricultural areas.”

The Minister’s letter to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) outlines that the procurement should be transparent, competitive, and cost-effective to secure technology-agnostic energy resources, including wind and solar. This includes explicit directions to protect prime agricultural areas. The Minister is also requesting that the IESO bring options to expedite delivery of the procurement to help meet growing demand.

“This historic plan will deliver the new electricity our dynamic province and growing agricultural sector will need while protecting farmland,” said Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Agribusiness. “By requiring municipal support resolutions and Agricultural Impact Assessments for new energy projects, banning solar farms on prime farmland and crop areas, and promoting new projects in the North, we’ve secured a four-tier lock to ensure a balance between our energy needs and the needs of our farmers.”

To advance Ontario’s expanded electricity needs, the IESO is expected to report back with a procurement design framework by September 20, 2024, and consider how to conclude energy and capacity procurements by February 28, 2026. The accelerated timelines will ensure that Ontario can continue to support large-scale investments that require a clean and reliable energy supply to create well-paying jobs across the province.

By launching a competitive procurement framework, the government is ensuring long-term affordability for Ontario’s ratepayers and businesses. This procurement also builds on the government’s recent procurement of nearly 3,000 MW of new battery storage projects ranging from five to over 400 MW in capacity.

“Our forecasts show that Ontario will need more resources to meet demand as our population and economy grows and continues to electrify,” said Lesley Gallinger, Chief Executive Officer of the Independent Electricity System Operator. “We’ve been engaging with the sector and communities, and with this accelerated timeline, we are ready to move quickly to secure supply from all eligible technologies.”

Advancing the largest energy procurement is just one part of the government’s plan to meet growing energy demand and reduce emissions by expanding Ontario’s clean, reliable, and affordable energy grid, including:

- **Nuclear Energy** – Advancing clean, reliable, and affordable nuclear power through the largest [pre-development work at Bruce Power in 30 years, four small modular reactors at Darlington](#) and supporting Ontario Power Generation’s plan for [refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station](#)
 - **New Transmission Infrastructure** – Designating and prioritizing transmission lines in [Southwestern, Northeastern and Eastern Ontario](#) that will power job creators, including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.
 - **Keeping Costs Down** – Launching new energy efficiency programs on January 1, 2025, and building on the government’s [\\$342 million expansion of existing energy efficiency programs](#) which are helping families and businesses reduce their electricity usage and save money on their energy bills.
 - **Additional Competitive Procurements** – Successfully re-contracting existing capacity resources at about a 30 per cent discount and plans for additional competitive procurements to re-secure both existing capacity and energy resources.
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Quick Facts

- The IESO has forecast that by 2050, Ontario’s electricity consumption will rise by 60 per cent. This demand stems primarily from Ontario’s rapid increase in population, new manufacturing facilities, advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) data centres, the electrification of industry, and the charging energy required for electric vehicles.
 - The IESO has recommended cadenced procurements of approximately 5,000 MW of new electricity resources to be procured by 2034.
 - The Canadian Department of Natural Resources estimates that data centres currently consume one per cent of all electricity used in Canada.
 - In Spring 2024, the Ontario government secured nearly 3,000 MW of capacity, including the largest battery storage procurement in Canada’s history.
 - Ontario’s electricity system is among the cleanest in the world, powered by a diverse supply mix including nuclear, hydroelectric, renewables, natural gas, and biomass.
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Quotes

"As Ontario's economy grows, the importance of having an abundant supply of clean and reliable energy in every corner of the province cannot be overstated. Our province's industry and workers rely on dependable electricity grid to keep factories, mines, greenhouses, and construction sites going. This historic procurement will ensure the work underway to expand our province's energy grid will continue to be powered by clean, reliable, and affordable electricity for years to come"

- Hon. Sam Oosterhoff
Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries

"AMO commends the province for investing in clean energy and empowering municipalities to assess the suitability of energy projects for our communities. Energy is essential for our prosperity. Municipalities look forward to seeing the IESO's procurements deliver the clean, reliable and affordable energy needed to power more homes and businesses."

- Robin Jones
AMO President, Mayor of Westport

"CanREA welcomes Minister Lecce's announcement. The coming procurement of 5GW of new energy projects—including wind and solar—is great news. Low-cost, quickly deployable and reliable non-emitting projects are a critical part of the solution for Ontario's growing energy needs. Across Canada, CanREA members have been successful in building and operating renewable energy and energy storage projects—in partnership with project stakeholders and rights holders, including Indigenous communities, municipalities, landowners and farmers. Together, we will build the affordable, reliable and clean energy system that Ontarians need, expect and deserve."

- Vittoria Bellissimo
President and CEO, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA)

"Energy Storage Canada (ESC) applauds the ambitious leadership of Premier Ford and Minister Lecce in driving forward the province's Clean Energy Advantage. Already the third largest market for energy storage and smart grid technologies in North America, this upcoming procurement will secure Ontario's position at the forefront of the global race for a clean, reliable, and abundant energy future. Our members are eager and ready to work with municipalities, farmers, and Indigenous communities to deliver the most competitive prices, build market-leading Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES) projects, and invest in our local supply chains."

- Justin Rangooni
Executive Director, Energy Storage Canada

Additional Resources

[IESO Resource Adequacy Update](#)

[Powering Ontario's Growth](#)

Learn about Ontario's plan to provide families and industries with reliable, low-cost and clean power.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Students Going Back-to-Basics with Fewer Distractions This Fall

Province limiting cellphone use in class, banning vaping and rolling out more modernized curriculum

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[Education](#)

CALEDON — The Ontario government is investing \$47.5 million to support safe and healthy learning, along with implementing the most comprehensive plan in Canada to restrict student use of cellphones and ban vaping in schools. By removing distractions, students can focus their attention on academic achievement, which will include modernized courses in business and career studies, and technological education.

“With their constant stream of notifications and pings, it’s no surprise to anyone that cellphones constantly grab our attention. This is why it was necessary to restrict cellphones in the classroom and enable students to restore focus on learning so they can achieve better academic outcomes,” said Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education. “This school year is shaping up to be the first in years without the threat of pandemic disruptions or negotiations with teachers’ unions. We’re excited for the year ahead where students can look forward to uninterrupted learning, extra-curriculars and a back-to-basics, modernized curriculum that will set them up for success.”

The [new provincewide measures](#) are taking effect on September 1, 2024 to directly counter the alarming rise of vaping and cellphone distractions in schools. The new rules will help combat the negative impact mobile devices, social media and vaping are having on academic achievement, mental health and physical well-being.

The government is investing \$47.5 million to support the implementation of the new rules, including:

- \$15 million to support the expansion of programs that offer direct supports for students who are at risk of substance use and addictive behaviours
- \$1 million to School Mental Health Ontario to develop webinars and resources for parents and students to learn how to talk about the adverse effects of

vaping and excessive cellphone usage

- \$1.5 million for school boards to work with their parent involvement committees to enable parents and community partners to run grassroots campaigns to deter vaping and cellphone distractions
- Further, as announced in Budget 2024, \$30 million to school boards for vape detectors and other security upgrades in schools

“By banning vaping in schools, our government is setting students up for success and prioritizing their health and well-being inside and outside the classroom,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier, Minister of Health and MPP for Dufferin-Caledon. “We are also reminding parents to keep their kids up to date on all routine vaccinations this school year to ensure our schools and communities remain safe for everyone.”

Beginning this fall, there will be a new graduation requirement and several new courses for Grade 9 and 10 students as the government continues to modernize the curriculum:

- Grade 9 students will be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. These courses will allow students to explore and apply fundamental technological concepts as well as the engineering design process.
- Two experiential courses in Business Studies for students in Grades 9 and 10 will help students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset, learn the importance of taking initiative, find creative solutions to issues as well as learn how to start and run a business.
- For Grade 10 students, mandatory learning on mental health literacy has been expanded in the Career Studies course. Students will learn how to recognize the signs of being overwhelmed as well as where to find help locally when needed.

The government has also made a historic \$16 billion investment to support school construction, renewal and improvement over 10 years. Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested more than \$3.6 billion in capital construction projects in education, including 139 new schools, 109 additions and renovations to existing facilities, creating more than 98,000 student spaces and over 8,000 new licensed child care spaces.

Quick Facts

- In [April 2024](#), Ontario revised the provincial Code of Conduct to update the rules on the use of personal mobile devices and vaping and tobacco products in schools. These tough new measures are designed to remove distractions,

improve student outcomes and promote healthy decision-making among students.

- In addition to explicitly banning e-cigarettes in schools and school-related settings, Ontario is responding to the popularity of vaping among students by strengthening existing mandatory learning on cannabis and vaping and digital citizenship, with an emphasis on the elementary curriculum.
- To increase awareness among Ontario parents about new cellphone and vaping rules in classrooms impacting their children this fall, the government has launched an advertising campaign. Visit [Ontario.ca/SchoolRules](https://ontario.ca/SchoolRules) for more information.
- [The Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023](#), which received Royal Assent in June 2023, ensures the province's public education system focuses on what matters most: important life-long skills, like reading, writing and math.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Cracking Down on Cellphone Use and Banning Vaping in Schools](#)
- [Policy/Program Memorandum 128](#)
- [Parents' Guide to the Provincial Code of Conduct](#)
- [Cellphones and other personal mobile devices in schools](#)
- [Cannabis and schools](#)
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- [Parent guide to Ontario school system](#)
- [Ontario's Curriculum Review and Revision Guide](#)
- [Getting back-to-basics in education](#)

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County of Renfrew officials attend 2024 AMO Conference in Ottawa

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The County of Renfrew delegation met with Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions to discuss Mesa funding. Involved in the meeting (from left) were Parliamentary Assistant Natalie Pierre; Chief Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services; Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon; Associate Minister Michael Tibollo; Councillor Michael Donohue, Health Committee Chair; Councillor James Brose, Community Services Committee Chair and Andrea Patrick, Director of Community Services.

RELEASE DATE:

August 23, 2024

Representatives from the County of Renfrew met with several Members of Provincial Parliament during the 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference, advocating for funding towards programs to enrich the lives of Renfrew County residents.

The annual conference, held in Ottawa from August 18-21, 2024, is the top educational forum for municipal leaders and attracted 2,500 participants from hundreds of municipalities and organizations across Ontario.

Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon said the participation of County of Renfrew councillors at the AMO Conference is crucial in ensuring that the needs of the community are heard at the provincial level.

"We repeated our commitment to fostering meaningful collaborations and continued advocating for the strategic investments needed to support our community," he said. "County delegates spoke of working together with provincial and municipal partners to address our challenges and create opportunities that will continue to make the County of Renfrew a leader in Ontario."

Aside from having dozens of speakers, sessions and workshops to choose from, Renfrew County elected officials and senior staff attended five delegation meetings before provincial ministries to discuss issues that directly impact service delivery and quality of life in Renfrew County:

- Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions – Seeking additional program and capital funding for Mesa, the County's collaborative approach to compassionate care in the community to address homelessness, addictions and mental health challenges, which was launched earlier this year.
- Ministry of Education – Requesting additional spaces to provide safe and affordable child care for families in Renfrew County.
- Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response – Discussing the need for sustainable funding for the Emergency Management Program and the need for a coordinated volunteer corps to assist municipalities establish a surge capacity for civil protection.
- Ministry of Long-Term Care – Requesting base funding to continue the Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care program and increased funding for the County of Renfrew to support additional hours of direct client care across Renfrew County.
- Ministry of Finance – Expressing concerns about the impact of delays in property tax reassessment and requesting the province commit to a firm date for the reassessment, ideally before the next election cycle

Warden Emon noted the objective at the 2024 AMO conference was to discuss workable solutions with key decision-makers to enhance the community and align the County's strategic plan initiatives.

"We also benefited from the opportunity to learn from other communities, from presenters in sessions and hallway conversations," he added. "We had productive discussions with government officials and made significant progress on issues that are vital to our community's well-being and future development. We had good

conversations about the complexities of homelessness, mental health and addiction crises that we and other rural communities are facing. The government committed to working with us on more options for treatment and assistance to those in need.”

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario’s 444 municipal governments. AMO supports and enhances strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the values of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada’s political system.

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The County of Renfrew delegation met with the Ministry of Education to discuss the need for additional child-care spaces. Involved in the meeting (from left) were Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski; Parliamentary Assistant Billy Pang; the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education; Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon; Andrea Patrick, Director of Community Services and Councillor Neil Nicholson, member of the Community Services Committee.



The County of Renfrew delegation met with the Ministry of Long-Term Care to discuss the Community Paramedicine Long-Term Care Program. Involved in the meeting (from left) were Chief Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services;

Councillor Michael Donohue, Health Committee Chair; the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care; Mike Blackmore, Director of Long-Term Care and Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer.



The County of Renfrew delegation met with the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response to discuss the need for sustainable funding for the Emergency Management Program. Involved in the meeting (from left) were Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski; Councillor Michael Donohue, Health Committee Chair; Associate Minister Trevor Jones and Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon.



The County of Renfrew delegation met with the Ministry of Finance to discuss the impact of delays in property tax reassessment. Involved in the meeting (from left) were Councillor Jennifer Murphy, Finance Committee Chair; Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon; Parliamentary Assistant Dave Smith; Councillor Michael Donohue, Health Committee Chair; and Daniel Burke, Treasurer/Manager of Finance.

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Taste of the Valley event in Killaloe September 7

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The Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards will host the second Taste of the Valley event for 2024 as the vendor market takes over the municipal hall parking lot at 1 John Street Killaloe September 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

RELEASE DATE:

August 27, 2024

The Taste of the Valley vendor market – the second event in the 2024 series – is taking place on Saturday, September 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Killaloe at the municipal hall parking lot, located at 1 John Street.

Organized by the County of Renfrew’s Economic Development Division, the Taste of the Valley event series highlights all things grown, made and created in Renfrew County. While the original concept for the Taste of the Valley was to promote and support local food producers in the Ottawa Valley, over the years the events have evolved to encourage an expanded focus on the notion of “taste” with the celebration of local food, products, art and culture.

The Killaloe event will feature more than 60 vendors set up in the parking lot of the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards municipal hall and will include fresh local produce alongside unique handcrafted products from talented artists and artisans, as well as baked goods, prepared hot food, jams and preserves from bakers and food producers across Renfrew County.

"I'm thrilled to see the Taste of the Valley event making its debut in Killaloe!" says Colton Charbonneau, Community Development Coordinator for the Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards. "This exciting occasion promises to bring a vibrant array of local flavors and community spirit to our township for the very first time."

Under a new approach which began in 2023, Taste of the Valley events in 2024 are being held in partnership with host municipalities in Madawaska Valley; Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards; Petawawa, and Whitewater Region, drawing thousands of visitors from the Ottawa Valley, Ottawa and surrounding areas. The 2024 Holiday edition is being hosted in partnership with the Town of Renfrew.

"Taste of the Valley events always feature a variety of local vendors, including farmers, artists, artisans, bakers, and food producers. The events celebrate local culture and support the regional economy by connecting producers directly with consumers," notes Scott Hamilton, Economic Development Coordinator with the County of Renfrew's Economic Development Division.

For more information about Taste of the Valley, visit www.TOTV.ca or follow on social media at @TasteoftheValleyRC.

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Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, August 21, 2024)

Overdose Alert for Renfrew County and District

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is alerting residents about an increase in overdoses and suspected overdose-related deaths in the Renfrew catchment area.

Although specific substance(s) related to the overdoses have not been confirmed, it is important to remember that *all* street drugs must be considered highly toxic and potentially fatal.

Friends, family members and individuals who use street drugs can work together to reduce the risk of an overdose by putting the following measures in place:

- **Don't use alone** – If you overdose and are with someone, they can get urgent help.
- **Carry naloxone (Narcan®)** – Naloxone can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose and kits are available for free throughout Renfrew County and District at local pharmacies and other locations. For more information on where to get a kit please visit [this link](#).
- **Don't mix drugs** – Don't mix drugs with other drugs or alcohol, as it puts you at higher risk of overdosing.
- **Go slow** – The quality of street drugs is unpredictable. If you are using street drugs, start by using in small amounts (testers or test doses) to check the strength of what you are using.
- **Know your tolerance and set a limit for yourself** - Risk of overdose increases if you are a new user or have not used in 3 or more days.
- If you have no other choice than to use alone, always call the Overdose Prevention Hotline 1-888-688-6677 ([National Overdose Response Service](#)) to have someone standing by to call for help if needed. A volunteer will check in periodically and call 9-1-1 if there's no response.

Understanding the signs of an overdose can help to save a life. These signs can include, but are not limited to:

- Person can't be woken up.
- Breathing is slow or has stopped.
- Snoring or gurgling sounds.

- Fingernails and lips turn blue or purple.
- Pupils are tiny or eyes are rolled back.
- Body is limp.
- Person may be having a seizure.

It is essential to give naloxone (if available) and call 9-1-1 immediately if you suspect that you or someone else is experiencing an overdose. While opioids like fentanyl are often involved in overdoses, street drugs may contain other substances, including potent tranquilizers for which the overdose reversal drug naloxone is not effective. It is also possible that an individual treated with naloxone may have a re-emergence of the opioid overdose once the naloxone 'wears off', since the duration of action of most opioids exceeds that of naloxone. All overdoses are a medical emergency and calling 9-1-1 is an important step in saving someone's life.

Note that the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act can protect you, the person who is overdosing and others at the scene from simple possession charges or breaches in pre-trial release, probation orders, conditional sentences, or parole related to simple possession.

We ask that people who are aware of overdoses assist us by completing RCDHU's anonymous online [Overdose Reporting Form](#), which is used to support tracking overdoses within the community. The Overdose Reporting Form does not ask for any identifying information and can be completed directly on RCDHU's website.

Support is available; the [Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System](#) delivers assessment, counselling and treatment programs to individuals who use substances.

It's ok to not be ok...If you, or someone you know are experiencing feelings of stress, anxiety, grief etc. supports can be accessed [here](#).

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AMO Policy Update – Record-Setting AMO 2024 Conference Focuses on Core Municipal Priorities

Note: This revised version of the update corrects the name of our incoming president.

The AMO 2024 Annual Conference in Ottawa, Ontario was attended by over 3300 participants and focused on priorities such as: homelessness and the opioid crisis, infrastructure for housing, and the need for a fundamental rethink of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship.

Elections were also held for the 2024-2026 [AMO Board of Directors](#). The Board plays a critical role in setting policy priorities and shaping positions that reflect the breadth and diversity of the municipal sector in Ontario.

Social and Economic Prosperity Review

AMO President Colin Best [provided remarks](#) that celebrated both AMO's 125th year and the work of municipal Councils and staff, and highlighted for provincial-municipal partnership to tackle systemic

challenges that are undermining Ontario's economic competitiveness and quality of life.

Mayor Robin Jones from the Village of Westport was elected as the new President of AMO. [Her speech](#) echoed the need for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review and the importance of working together as a sector.

Neither the Premier nor his Cabinet spoke to whether the government plans to work with AMO on a rethink of the provincial-municipal fiscal framework. However, the need for such a review was highlighted in many ways throughout the 2024 AMO Conference, including:

- In commitments by all three Opposition parties as part of speeches by leaders Marit Stiles, Bonnie Crombie, and Mike Schreiner;
- In a mainstage panel featuring the President of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the CEO of the Ottawa Hospital, and the Peel Region Chief of Police on the importance of strong and sustainable municipalities to the economy, healthcare, and public safety;
- In questions such as those put to the Ministers' Forum by Burlington Mayor and AMO Board Member Marianne Meed Ward, Township of Brock Mayor Walter Schummer, and Ottawa Councillor Wilson Lo about the need for a review and the unsustainable demands of pressures like transit; and
- In Wednesday morning plenary panels on Housing and Infrastructure moderated by Steve Paikin, to be broadcast this fall as part of TVO's *The Agenda*.

AMO will continue to call for a Social and Economic Prosperity Review and focus on developing potential options from both an uploading and a revenue perspective throughout the fall.

Homelessness and the Opioid Crisis

The Minister of Health, the Hon. Sylvia Jones, announced \$378 million to support 19 treatment and social support hubs for individuals with mental health and substance abuse challenges. Addressing the opioid crisis and the related homelessness crisis are key priorities for AMO and Ontario's 444 municipal governments.

"The homelessness and opioid crises are hurting people, communities, and businesses in every corner of Ontario," said Colin Best, Past AMO President. "Today's announcement responds directly to municipal asks for resources. Funding is needed for treatment and wraparound supports. It is an important step towards the comprehensive, long-term strategy that is needed to address root causes of homelessness."

The Minister of Health also announced the closure of nine safe consumption sites in cities across the province, and the Ontario government's intention to prohibit the opening of any new safe consumption sites.

"Supervised safe consumption sites are a critical part of tackling the opioid crisis. The evidence shows that harm reduction saves lives, saves money, and reduces crime. It takes the pressure off our police, paramedics, and hospitals. Municipalities – in collaboration with health, police, and other partners – are best positioned to decide whether supervised, safe-consumption sites are right for their communities," said Best.

Progress on Infrastructure Programs

The Minister of Infrastructure, the Hon. Kinga Surma, announced the launch of the application process for the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing stream of the \$1 billion [Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program](#). Under this process, municipalities can apply for \$400 million in funding to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will support the construction of new homes. Of the \$400 million, the government is allocating another \$120 million to projects in small, rural and northern municipalities that

do not have housing targets to better support the unique needs of these growing communities.

The application process was also launched for the \$200 million Community, Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund under the Ministry of Tourism and Sport.

Finalized Provincial Planning Statement

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Paul Calandra, announced the release of the updated Provincial Planning Statement. The finalized statement streamlines previous provincial planning policies and responds to municipal feedback provided as part of the consultation process.

“The new Provincial Planning Statement is an important part of enabling municipalities to effectively plan for growth” said new AMO President Robin Jones, Mayor of Westport. “The inclusion of intensification targets, requirements to use provincial population growth estimates as part of planning, and the protection of agricultural and employment lands respond directly to municipal feedback. AMO looks forward to working with the province on key implementation priorities, like the development of guidance to support effective engagement with Indigenous communities.”

Minister’s Forum Discussion at AMO 2024

The [Minister’s Forum](#) provided another direct opportunity for elected municipal officials to engage on important issues such as northern economic development, childcare, gender-based violence, the energy transition, and community safety.

Councillor Mara Nagy from the City of Pickering and Deputy Mayor Lori Hoddinott of the Township of McNabe/Braeside put to Minister Calandra questions about the ongoing lack of progress on implementing Code of Conduct legislation for municipalities to support consistent standards and enforcement mechanisms for ethical conduct. When questioned on his commitments at the 2024 ROMA Conference to bring forward proposals in the near future, Minister

Calandra pointed to ongoing consultations with the Integrity Commissioner of Ontario.

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AMO Matters

AMO is pleased to welcome its [2024-2026 AMO Board of Directors](#). In accordance with AMO By-law No. 1, elections occurred at the AMO Annual Conference, hosted by the City of Ottawa in August 2024.

At the 2024 AMO Conference in Ottawa, the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, [announced \\$378 million](#) to support 19 treatment and social support hubs for individuals with mental health and substance abuse challenges. Addressing the opioid crisis and the related homelessness crisis are key priorities for AMO and Ontario's 444 municipal governments.

The Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award jury presented its highest award to The Regional Municipality of York for its [automated transit facility inspection program with artificial intelligence](#).

The Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award jury presented its highest award to the Town of Midland for its project: [Leveraging AI for Enhanced Risk Assessments for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure](#).

The Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award jury presented its highest award to the City of Peterborough for addressing encampment through its [Modular Bridge Community Housing Project](#).

Provincial Matters

Apply for Ontario's new [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund](#) that will revitalize existing infrastructure and support new construction across the province. Email CSRIF@ontario.ca to register for the webinar on August 27!

The Design of Public Spaces Standards Development Committee seeks feedback on [initial recommendations](#) on proposed changes to the Accessible Built Environment Standards and the Ontario Building Code by August 24.

Education Opportunities

The [AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing Symposium](#), October 1 - 2, will convene elected officials, municipal staff, federal and provincial representatives, Indigenous partners, and other sector partners for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration on how we can work together to advance community and supportive housing solutions in communities across Ontario. View full details and [register today](#).

AMO has released a number of its fall education workshops. Sign up today for a range of workshops including, communication skills, planning for and understanding cyber security, Indigenous cultural awareness and a number council leadership programs. [Click here](#) to see all opportunities.

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[2024 Healthy Democracy Forum](#) is a 2 day working session, October 19 - 20, on a number of initiatives and strategies for municipalities to undertake. Join government officials, academics, community leaders and colleagues. Read more about AMO's [Healthy Democracy Project](#). The Forum is in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University.

Municipal Wire*

From September 5-7, the [Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction](#) and the City of Timmins are hosting a summit for elected officials on the substance use crisis in small Canadian communities. To attend, please RSVP at rsvp@ccsa.ca.

Careers

[Director of Council Services, Clerk - County of Brant](#). Closing date: August 26, 2024.

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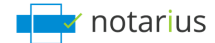
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AMO Matters

Thank-you to everyone who made AMO125 a success! To a record number of delegates, exhibitors, sponsors, and media, thank-you for participating in the 2024 AMO Conference. To our outstanding speakers and panelists, thank-you for bringing your experience and your voice to important public policy discussions. To our partners at the province and TVO, thank-you for your remarkable contributions to the event. To our facilities, suppliers and production partners, thank-you for your professionalism and service. Thank-you for supporting AMO in its work on behalf of municipalities in every part of Ontario.

AMO encourages you to read AMO's Workforce Development [Project Roadmap](#) which identifies priority areas and future actions for AMO and its partners to support municipal employee recruitment and retention.

Provincial Matters

The Ontario government is launching a [call for proposals](#) for new community-based projects that prevent and address gender-based violence. The deadline for proposals is October 11, 2024 at 5pm.

The Ontario government is accepting applications for its new \$200-million [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund](#) that will revitalize existing infrastructure and support new construction across the province. Apply now!

Education Opportunities

The [AMO Knowledge Exchange on Community and Supportive Housing Symposium](#), October 1 - 2, will convene elected officials, municipal staff, federal and provincial representatives, Indigenous partners, and other sector partners for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration on how we can work together to advance community and supportive housing solutions in communities across Ontario. View full details and [register today](#).

AMO has released a number of its fall education workshops. Sign up today for a range of workshops including, communication skills, planning for and understanding cyber security, Indigenous cultural awareness and a number council leadership programs. [Click here](#) to see all opportunities.

Since 2022 AMO has been working on building a healthy and sustainable local democracy in Ontario. The [2024 Healthy Democracy Forum](#) is a 2 day working session, October 19 - 20, on a number of initiatives and strategies for municipalities to undertake. Join government officials, academics, community leaders and colleagues. Read more about AMO's [Healthy Democracy Project](#). The Forum is in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University.

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Today, more than ever, there is a growing need to make the built environment more accessible for people with disabilities. [Register now](#) for our webinar on September 12 with RothIAMS to learn more about eliminating barriers in municipal facilities. RothIAMS is an approved supplier through the [Canoe Procurement Group](#).

The LAS-endorsed Sewer and Water Line Warranty Program through SLWC came in handy for a Windsor homeowner who was challenged with a damaged sewer on her property. [Learn more about the warranty coverage](#) for the expensive repair and her experience.

For public sector owners, the traditional approach to engaging contractors is an extensive process. With public funds at stake, the sector could consider "Job Order Contracting". Read our [latest blog](#) to learn more.

Do you want to enhance your understanding of municipal investments? [This new on-demand training](#), which is perfect for municipal finance staff, will review the *Municipal Act* investment regulation, discuss current municipal finance challenges, and overview investment options available to the municipal sector.

Municipal Wire*

If you have knowledge of full-time, ongoing roles in municipal work that might be relevant to students considering their career options, you are invited to participate in this [survey](#). Click [here](#) for more information on the project.

From September 5-7, the [Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction](#) and the City of Timmins are hosting a summit for elected officials on the substance use crisis in small Canadian communities. To attend, please RSVP at rsvp@ccsa.ca.

Circular Materials and Waste to Resource Ontario invite municipal waste staff to meet on the transition. [Register here](#) for the September 26 10am-12pm event at the Toronto Fairmont Royal York.

Pollution Probe and QUEST Canada aim to talk for one hour with Ontario communities for an [OEB-funded project](#) to address your innovative energy needs. Register at rkiro@pollutionprobe.org until September 16.

Careers

[Director of Human Resources - City of Woodstock](#). Closing date: September 20, 2024.

[HR Business Analyst - Niagara Region](#). Closing date: September 4, 2024.

[Environmental Compliance/QMS Coordinator - City of Orillia](#). Closing date: September 6, 2024.

[Economic Development Officer - Municipality of Redlake](#). Closing date: September 27, 2024.

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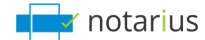
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From: Lindsay Debertin <LDebertin@countyofrenfrew.on.ca>

Sent: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:01 AM

Subject: Join Us for Small Business Month in October!

Good morning,

Enterprise Renfrew County is thrilled to announce the upcoming Small Business Month this October, proudly brought to you by Enterprise Renfrew County in partnership with Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation. This month-long series of events is generously sponsored by the City of Pembroke, Town of Petawawa, Township of Laurentian Valley, Township of Madawaska Valley, Township of Greater Madawaska, Town of Arnprior, and Township of Whitewater Region.

What's Happening:

Throughout October, we will be hosting a variety of workshops designed to elevate your business. Whether you're looking to enhance your skills, gain new insights, or connect with other entrepreneurs, we have something for everyone. These in-person events will be held at various locations across the County of Renfrew.

Event Dates:

Join us for a series of workshops designed to elevate your business. All in-person events are \$28.25, food will be provided for each event.

- **October 7:** Calabogie Community Hall, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- **October 9:** Ash Grove Inn, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
- **October 16:** Whitewater Municipal Office, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- **October 18:** Petawawa Quality Inn & Suites, 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
- In addition to these in-person events, we will be hosting a free **webinar** on **October 21** from **1:00 PM to 2:00 PM**.

For detailed information on the workshops available for each event date, please visit: [Workshops & Events | Enterprise Renfrew County](#)

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/24SBM>

Kind regards,
Lindsay Debertin
Program Officer
Enterprise Renfrew County
Office: 613-735-8224 ext. 466
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Note: My office hours are Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

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SMALL BUSINESS MONTH



To Register Visit:

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Elevate your business this October 2024 with a series of in-person and virtual workshops designed to help you enhance your business expertise.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow your business and network with like-minded professionals!

Sponsored by:



SMALL BUSINESS MONTH



To Register Visit:

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OCTOBER 7

Create Effective Social
Media Content Using Meta
Business Suite & AI
with MIMI Marketing Co.



Collaborate to Elevate:
Strategic Co-Marketing
for Growth
*with Ottawa Valley Tourist
Association*



8:30AM to 12:00PM

Calabogie
Community Hall

Catering by
The Babbling Gourmet



\$28.25 to register



SMALL BUSINESS MONTH



To Register Visit:

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OCTOBER 9

Create Effective Social
Media Content Using Meta
Business Suite & AI
with [MIMI Marketing Co.](#)



Photography Playground
with [Madawaska Media](#)



8:30AM to 12:00PM

The Ash Grove Inn
Barry's Bay

Catering by
The Ash Grove Inn

The ash grove inn
& Restaurant

\$28.25 to register



SMALL BUSINESS MONTH



To Register Visit:

www.EnterpriseRenfrewCounty.com/workshops-events

OCTOBER 16

Boost Your Business with Effective
Email Marketing and CRM Integration

Website Design Overview
for DIY Entrepreneurs

with Crummy Media



8:30AM to 12:30PM

Whitewater
Municipal Office
Cobden

Catering by
Sconed Bakeshop

Sconed
Bakeshop

\$28.25 to register



SMALL BUSINESS MONTH



To Register Visit:
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OCTOBER 18

Email Marketing Essentials
& AI for Small Business Marketing
with Crummy Media



12:30PM to 4:00PM

Quality Inn & Suites
Petawawa

Catering by
J&J Catering



\$28.25 to register



SMALL BUSINESS MONTH



To Register Visit:
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OCTOBER 21

Navigating New Normals:
Adaptive Marketing for Business

with  **Crummy**
media solutions
Connecting Your Business to Success

Webinar 1:00PM to 2:00PM



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 2024 | 2:00 - 4:30 PM

NICK SMITH CENTRE, ARNPRIOR

Enjoy an afternoon of great music. All proceeds support the Grove Home resident's programming.

Tickets can be purchased at: The Grove Home (Arnprior) Nicholson's (Pakenham), or by calling Marilyn (613-839-5735) or June (613-797-2075)

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Walk N' Roll Route

Event Route

Race Course

Start/Finish

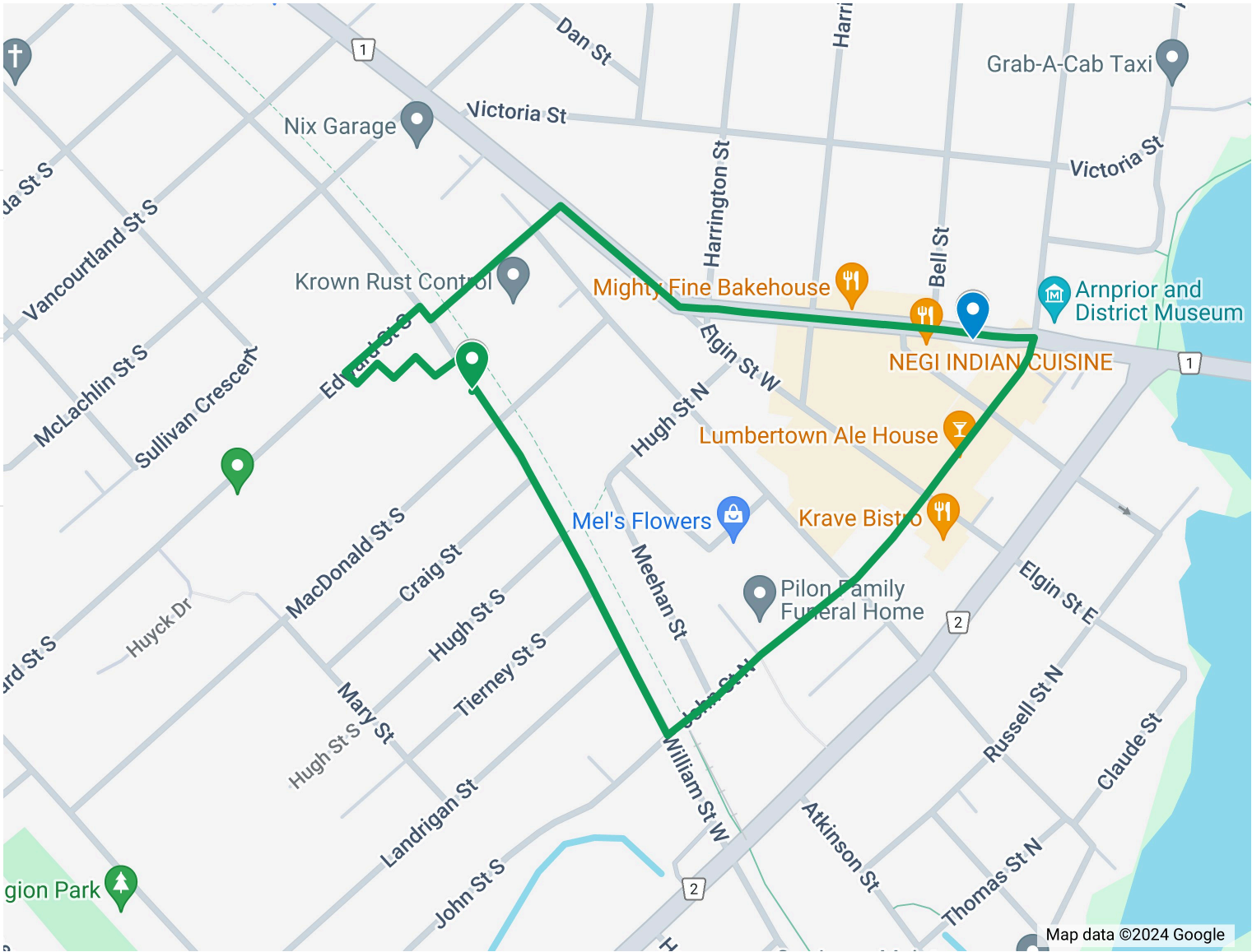
Start & Finish

Halfway Water Station

Halfway Water Station

This map contains the route for L'Arche Arnprior's Walk N' Roll fundraiser on October 5th.

Included in the map is the route we will travel and where the halfway water water station will be located.



Walk N' Roll Event Set-Up

Event Stations



Event Location



Gate



Stage



St. Johns Ambulance



Games



BBQ



Silent Auction/ Raffle



Registration



Tent w Lunch Tables



Merchandise Table



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Pictured is the event set up of L'Arche Arnprior's Walk N' Roll fundraiser.

Walk N' Roll Parking Map

Parking & Event Location



Parking



Parking



Parking



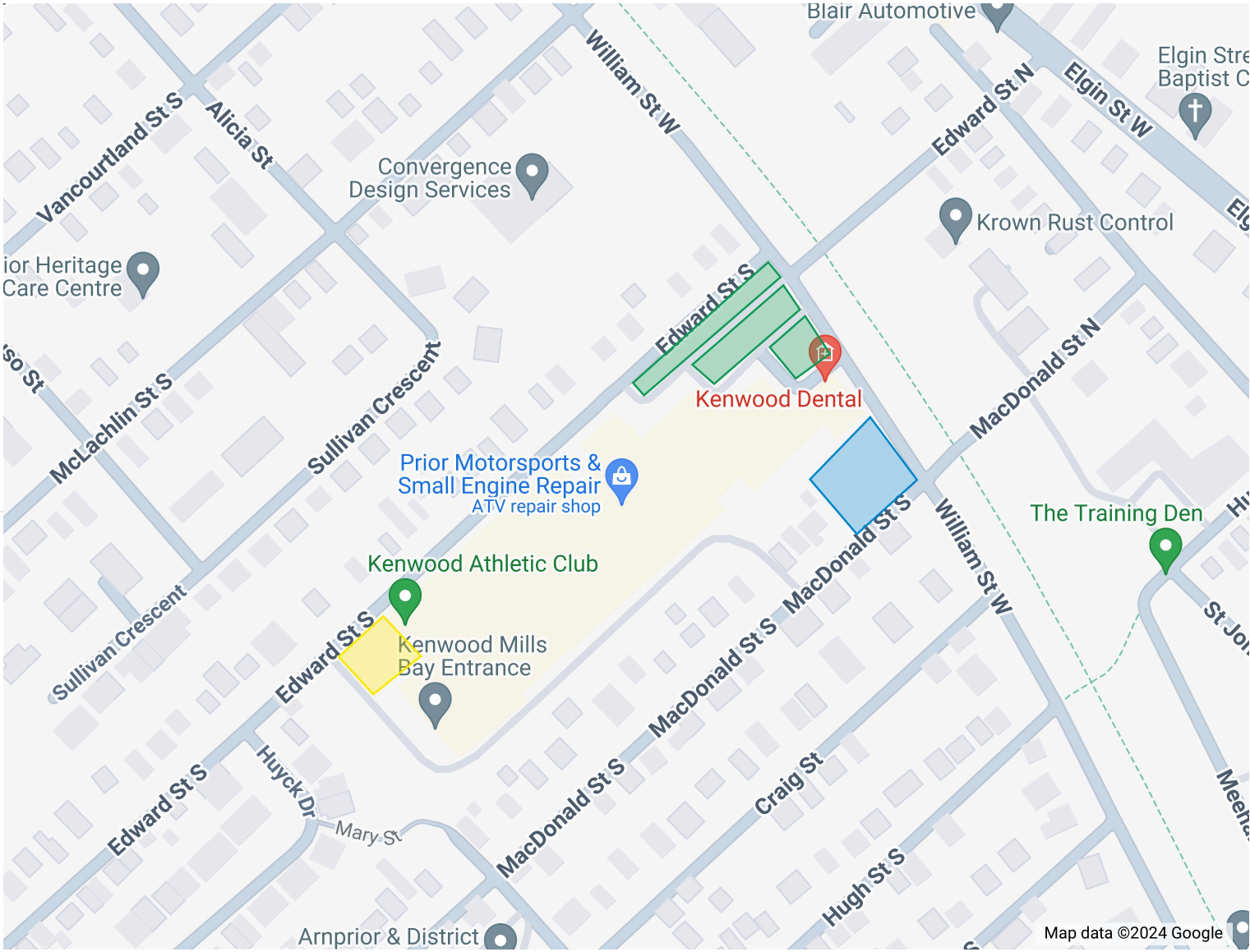
Overflow Parking



Event Location

This map contains a layout of parking and the location of the after event lunch and entertainment.

Please note the Kenwood Centre's restrooms will remain open for the duration of this event.





**The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior
Notice of Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment
ZBLA-3/24 and Notice of Public Meeting**

Take Notice that pursuant to the requirements of the Planning Act, the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior advises that an application for amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 6875-18, as amended, has been received and was deemed a complete application.

And Further, Take Notice that an in-person public meeting giving the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the zoning amendment will be held on **Monday, September 23rd, 2024** at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior.

Subject Lands:

The lands affected by the Amendment are known as 150 Stave Court Drive, legally described as Concession 12, Part of Lot 4, RP49R1457 Part of Part 8, Town of Arnprior.

Purpose, Effect & Location of the Amendment:

The purpose of the proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 is to reduce the minimum required setback from a Provincial Highway right-of-way for a structure without a foundation from 14 m to 8 m, and to permit a reduction of the front yard setback from 6 m to 0 m in order to permit installation of 29 self-storage buildings.

More Information:

Copies of the proposed amendment, material provided under Section 34 of the Planning Act and any additional information relating to the proposal, are available for inspection by contacting the Planning office at 613-623-4231 ext. 1816 during regular office hours or by emailing planning@arnprior.ca.

Any Person may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Arnprior to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town of Arnprior on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Town of Arnprior c/o Planning, Town of Arnprior, 105 Elgin St. W., Arnprior ON K7S 0A8.

If you are receiving this notice because you are the owner of property in the area of the amendment that contains seven or more residential units, you must also post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents of your property.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record. The Town to such persons, will disclosed/make this information available as the Town deems appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Town with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Dated at the Town of Arnprior this 3rd day of September 2024.

Kaila Zamojski, Clerk
Town of Arnprior
105 Elgin Street West
Arnprior, ON
K7S 0A8

Key Map:





THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

June 26, 2024

The Corporation of the Township of Harley
903303 Hanbury Rd
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Please be advised that at the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2024, the Town of Cobalt adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 2024-125

MOVED BY: Councillor Wilcox
SECONDED BY: Councillor Starchuk

WHEREAS the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) establishes accounting standards for the public sector which must be followed by all Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, section 294.1 states that a municipality shall, for each fiscal year, prepare annual financial statements for the municipality in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for local governments as recommended, from time to time, by the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada;

AND WHEREAS PS3280 is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations (ARO) that was approved by PSAB in March 2018;

AND WHEREAS the standard must be applied by all public sector entities who prepare their financial statements under PSAB, including all Canadian municipalities;

AND WHEREAS many small municipalities do not have accountants or engineers on staff to complete the ARO obligations and this major accounting changes will force small municipalities to hire consultants to complete this work and cause a significant financial burden to municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt supports the resolutions from the Township of Harley, Coleman Township, Township of Larder Lake, Township of Casey, Township of Hudson & Township of Kerns and hereby calls upon the province of Ontario to provide financial assistance to municipalities to complete the ARO;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Timiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

CARRIED

Kind Regards,

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Town Manager, Clerk/Treasurer
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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

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

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund
Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less that 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

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

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virginia LaTour', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario



August 21, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office, Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: Concerns with the Transport and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA)

Dear Premier Ford,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Township of Baldwin to formally submit the attached resolution passed jointly by the two Councils at a Joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024.

Our two Townships very recently learned of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine Site and Nipissing First Nation reserve lands and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman. The decision to transport and deposit NORM has far-reaching implications for the environment, public health, and safety of our communities, and this significant decision was made without any consultation with our municipalities and the other municipalities located near Agnew Lake or along the Highway 17 corridor.

In addition to the participation of our municipalities in this Emergency Council Meeting, many representatives from surrounding First Nations attended the meeting, underscoring the widespread concern across our region about this impending project. The planned transportation of NORM is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, therefore we respectfully request your attention to this urgent matter.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION: 2024-EM1-2

DATE: August 19, 2024

MOVED BY: Councillor McVey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin have been informed of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine and Nipissing First Nation reserve land, and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) in the Township of Nairn and Hyman; and

WHEREAS this decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin; and

WHEREAS the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipalities bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these communities; and

WHEREAS there are significant concerns among residents regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many residents rely on for safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake heightens the concerns regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source; and

WHEREAS according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin held a joint Emergency Council Meeting on August 19, 2024;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demands full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site; and

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin insists that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearings to ensure transparency and community involvement; and

THAT the Province of Ontario enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; the Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

For more information regarding this matter, please contact our municipal office by email at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or by phone at (705) 869-4232.

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members
Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members
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August 21, 2024

Premier's Office
Room 281
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Ford,

Re: Public Sector Salary Disclosure

At the August 6, 2024 Standing Committees meeting, Committee made the following recommendation:

Moved by Councillor Dean Graff
Seconded by Councillor Don Stewart

That the report from the CAO-Treasurer entitled, "Public Sector Salary Disclosure" be received; and

That Committee recommends to Council the following resolution be adopted and forwarded to the Province of Ontario Premier's Office, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act be updated to reflect the inflation rates since 1996; and further

That the Act be further updated so that the inflation rate is applied each year to the requirement to report public salaries.

Carried.

This resolution was subsequently ratified and confirmed by Council at their meeting of August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

Sydney Dodson
Deputy Clerk

/sd

Cc: Roxanne Hearn – CAO/Treasurer, Premier Doug Ford, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, all Ontario Municipalities