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Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: September 23rd, 2024
Correspondence Package No. I-24-SEP-16

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-24-SEP-16 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources - Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program
- b) Convenience Stores Across Ontario Can Now Sell Beer, Wine, Cider and Ready-to-Drink Beverages
- c) Ontario Laying the Groundwork for New Investments and Good-Paying Jobs
- d) Province Renames Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship
- e) Ontario Driving Economic Growth in Rural Communities
- f) Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season
- g) Ontario Connecting People to Faster Emergency Care
- h) Ontario Strengthening Emergency Preparedness

2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew

- a) Construction Update - September 2024
- b) Summer Company wrap-up event celebrates young entrepreneurs

3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County & District Health Unit

- a) Drug Strategy in Development for Renfrew County and District

- 4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario**
 - a) [Watch File – September 5th, 2024](#)
 - b) [Watch File – September 12th, 2024](#)
- 5. Correspondence from the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association**
 - a) [Request for Inclusion in County Meetings and Committees](#)
- 6. Correspondence from the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark**
 - a) [Planning Session for Municipal Government Leaders](#)
- 7. Correspondence from Arnprior Regional Health Foundation**
 - a) [Thank You Letter](#)
- 8. Correspondence from the Council of Canadians (Kitchissippi Ottawa Valley)**
 - a) [Event Details – Climate Matters in the Upper Ottawa Valley](#)
- 9. Town of Arnprior Correspondence**
 - a) [Event Poster – Senior’s Active Living Fair](#)
- 10. Correspondence from Other Municipalities**
 - a) [Town of Tilsonburg – Cellular Coverage](#)

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September 11, 2024

Good morning,

I'm pleased to inform you that, in partnership with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is now accepting applications from municipalities, Indigenous communities, planning authorities and conservation authorities to participate in the extension of the [Flood Hazard Identification and Mapping Program \(FHIMP\)](#), where up to 50% matched federal funding can be received for eligible flood mapping projects. The extension of the FHIMP through 2028 builds on the success of the program in Ontario to date, whereby 56 projects across 36 organizations were funded.

Project proposals can now be made under two funding streams:

1. For proposals where any funds are requested prior to February 2025, applications will be accepted until 4:30 pm EST on October 9, 2024. This may include multi-year projects.
2. Where funds are not requested until or after February 2025, applications may be submitted through April 2027. This funding stream will remain open until that time, or until all funding has been allocated. Both single year and multi-year project proposals are eligible.

All funding is available on a first come, first serve basis, with applications being assessed against eligibility criteria.

Increasing the accuracy of publicly accessible flood maps in the province will inform land use planning decisions by helping reduce risks to people and property, directing development away from flood-prone areas, and providing certainty for developers and property owners. Eligible projects include those that support:

- flood hazard assessment, priority setting and scoping;
- the acquisition of data used in hydrological and hydraulic modeling;
- the development of flood hazard modelling and mapping;
- the dissemination of flood hazard information;
- NEW! erosion hazard studies, if they are included as part of a flood study;
- and

- NEW! regional modelling and mapping (completed at coarse level resolution).

I am also pleased to inform you that MNR continues to acquire lidar data under the [Ontario Elevation Mapping Program](#). If you are planning to include lidar as part of your FHIMP proposal, please contact MNR's Geospatial Ontario section at pmu@ontario.ca.

To support the application process, we will be hosting two identical information webinars, which will cover information such as the application process, technical requirements, and program changes. Dates for these webinars are:

- Tuesday September 17, 2024, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm EST
- Tuesday September 24, 2024, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm EST.

To register for a webinar, please complete this form: [Webinar Registration](#)

I encourage you to visit www.ontario.ca/page/flood-hazard-identification-and-mapping-program for additional program information or contact FHIMPapplications@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Keyes
Director, Development and Hazards Policy Branch

NEWS RELEASE

Convenience Stores Across Ontario Can Now Sell Beer, Wine, Cider and Ready-to-Drink Beverages

Expansion delivers on government's promise to give people more choice and convenience

September 05, 2024

[Finance](#)

TORONTO — Starting today, all licensed convenience stores in Ontario can sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages, marking the largest expansion of consumer choice and convenience in provincial alcohol sales since the end of prohibition almost 100 years ago. As of September 5, 4,187 [convenience stores across Ontario are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages](#), in addition to nearly 3,000 other licensed retail outlets as well as takeaway options from licensed bars and restaurants.

“Today’s expansion delivers on our government’s promise to give people in Ontario the same choice and convenience enjoyed by people throughout the rest of Canada,” said Premier Doug Ford. “With today’s announcement, we’re also creating new opportunities to produce and sell world-class Ontario-made beer, wine and ready-to-drink beverages in nearly 4,200 convenience stores across the province.”

The government’s phased expansion, which began earlier this year, is giving customers across Ontario more choice and convenience, supporting businesses and helping to promote Ontario-made beverage producers. By the end of October 2024, as part of the [government’s plan to expand alcohol sales](#), every eligible convenience, grocery and big-box grocery store in Ontario will be able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages if they choose to do so.

“People finally have more options to responsibly and conveniently support local Ontario breweries and wineries – or whatever their drink-of-choice may be – even closer to home, and today’s announcement is another milestone in the government’s commitment to deliver more choice and convenience to consumers,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “In addition to supporting Ontario retailers, domestic producers and workers in the alcohol industry, our vision for a better marketplace has come to life thanks to people and businesses across the province.”

The government is also permanently allowing the transfer of wine and spirits between locations with the same owner and/or affiliated licensees in order to help bars and restaurants effectively manage inventory, and is allowing licensed grocery and convenience stores to display alcoholic beverages in multiple areas of a store, while maintaining small-producer shelf space requirements as well as policies that will continue to ensure the safe and responsible sale of alcohol.

The government will continue to work closely with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) and The Beer Store, in addition to consulting and meeting with industry partners, local beverage alcohol producers and other stakeholders as it completes the launch of this new marketplace.

Quick Facts

- To support a vibrant beverage alcohol industry, at least 20 per cent of the beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink beverages on display in grocery and convenience stores must be produced by craft producers.
 - The government is enhancing protections for winery retail stores, offering additional support to the local industry. These time-limited measures are designed to incentivize the co-location of these stores and ensure their viability in the evolving alcohol marketplace. The measures include extending protections and incentives for co-located winery retail stores until January 1, 2036 and enabling co-located winery retail stores to offer home delivery services.
 - Over time, Ontario's new, more open marketplace will introduce up to an estimated 8,500 new stores where these products can be sold.
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Quotes

"Today is a milestone for the province of Ontario. Modernizing the retail sale of beverage alcohol is now a reality with the expansion to the province's thousands of convenience stores. We commend Premier Ford and Minister Bethlenfalvy for working with CICC and delivering on their commitment to increase both convenience and choice to Ontarians, with our responsible retailers. As the voice of convenience in Ontario, we will continue to provide industry expertise, and will continue to work with government in order to effectively expand alcohol stores to convenience in Ontario."

- Anne Kothawala

President & CEO, Convenience Industry Council of Canada, CICC

"As both a store owner and President of the Ontario Convenience Stores Association, I am excited to announce that convenience store owners across Ontario are eager to begin offering beverage alcohol in our stores as of today. This long-awaited opportunity represents a significant advancement for our industry and has the potential to substantially increase foot traffic, thereby enhancing the overall performance of our businesses. We understand that the introduction of beverage alcohol sales will come with its own set of challenges, particularly in terms of adhering to the rigorous regulations established by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). However, we are confident in our ability to meet these challenges head-on, just as we have successfully managed the complexities of tobacco and lottery sales. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Premier Ford for championing this initiative. We look forward to collaborating with the AGCO, LCBO, and the Ministry of Finance to ensure a smooth transition into this new category and to contribute positively to the province's retail landscape."

- Kenny Shim

President of the Ontario Convenience Stores Association

"Today is a fantastic day for Ontario's craft beer lovers. Our local craft breweries are excited to be able to sell their fantastic products on convenience store shelves across the province starting today. The Ontario Craft Brewers (OCB) have been relentless in advocating for a new retail system that puts consumers first and makes it easier to find local beer. Today is a big step in making that a reality. And because of the government's focus on supporting local, we are thrilled that at least 20 per cent of products will be from local producers in communities right across this province. So, we encourage everyone who goes to pick up their next beer at their local convenience store to choose local - it means more jobs, more investment, and stronger communities right across Ontario. I think that's something we can all Cheers!"

- Scott Simmons
President of Ontario Craft Brewers

"This is a historic day for the rapidly growing Ready-to-Drink (RTD) industry in Ontario. Simply put, the old system made it too hard for consumers to find locally-made craft cocktails on store shelves. That is why this change is so important. Allowing RTDs to be sold at convenience stores right across the province will provide small Ontario businesses like ours with the chance to reach our consumers, grow our businesses, and create more local jobs in communities across the province. We are thrilled with this new opportunity and what it can mean for Ontario consumers and our sector."

- Natasha Fritzley
Chair of Ontario Craft Ready-to-Drink Coalition

"Ontario Craft Wineries would like to thank the Ontario government for their proactive consultation with us throughout the retail modernization process. We have long supported an expanded market and today's announcement will allow us to get more local Ontario grown wine into the hands of Ontario consumers. More choice and convenience for consumers also means more opportunity for local wineries to grow and reinvest in their businesses, which is a win for our communities. Positioned for success, our members look forward to working with the LCBO and our new retail partners to grow the Ontario VQA wine industry."

- Richard Linley
President, Ontario Craft Wineries

"Grape Growers of Ontario welcome the news that the Ontario government is moving forward with an expanded and more modern beverage alcohol marketplace. The availability of Ontario wine (VQA) in more stores across the province is a tremendous growth opportunity for Ontario grape growers and the economy of the province, and great news for wine lovers who now enjoy more choice and convenience than ever."

- Matthias Oppenlaender
Chair, Grape Growers of Ontario

Additional Resources

- [Ready-to-Drink Beverages and Large Beer Pack Sizes Available in Grocery Stores Sooner Than Planned](#)
- [Ontario Consumers Will be Able to Buy Beer, Cider, Wine and Low-Alcohol Ready-to-Drink Beverages at Convenience, Grocery and Big Box Stores](#)
- [Where to buy alcoholic beverages](#)

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STATEMENT

Ontario Laying the Groundwork for New Investments and Good-Paying Jobs

September 06, 2024

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

TORONTO — Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, issued the following statement on today's monthly employment release by Statistics Canada, which showed that while employment in Ontario dipped last month, the province has added more than 150,000 jobs so far this year.

"As we continue to face ongoing economic headwinds, our government is on a mission to rebuild Ontario's economy while keeping costs down for workers and families.

Across the province, we're continuing to get shovels in the ground for infrastructure projects that will drive economic growth and job creation for decades to come. We're spending nearly \$100 billion to expand our transportation infrastructure; investing in critical housing-enabling projects to help bring the dream of home ownership within reach for more people; training and up-skilling hundreds of thousands of workers for the jobs of the future; and, last month, launched the largest competitive energy procurement in Ontario history to ensure families and business have access to affordable electricity amid rising demand.

These investments, along with our competitive business environment, are already showing strong returns. Last month, we celebrated another major milestone in our auto sector. Building on the \$44 billion in electric vehicle and battery investments attracted over the past four years, [Goodyear Canada Inc.](#) announced a \$575 million investment to modernize and expand its tire manufacturing plant in Napanee. The project will create 200 new, highly skilled manufacturing jobs by 2027 and secure more than 1,000 jobs in Napanee.

Our government remains laser focused on laying the groundwork for new investments, better jobs and bigger paycheques in auto, tech, life sciences and other key sectors. We're going to continue supporting Ontario workers and families."

Related Topics

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Information about Ontario's economy and how to do business here. Includes economic development opportunities, research funding, tax credits for business and the Ontario Budget. [Learn more](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Province Renames Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship

Medal redesignated to honour Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

September 08, 2024

[Citizenship and Multiculturalism](#)

TORONTO — Today, on the second anniversary of the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the provincial government is renaming the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (OMGC) to the Queen Elizabeth II Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (QEIIOMGC). The renaming of this provincial medal of merit celebrates the connection between those who are bestowed this honour and Her Late Majesty's sense of duty and exemplary lifetime of service.

The Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship was first presented by Queen Elizabeth II during a Royal Visit to Ontario in 1973. Since then, 573 Ontarians have received this honour, recognizing the many ways they have driven positive change in their communities and helped build a stronger province.

"The new name for this honour is a tribute to the strong connections forged between Her Late Majesty and our province during her long and extraordinary reign," said the Honourable Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. "The renamed medal will ensure her legacy of service will continue to inspire Ontario's volunteers and civic leaders for generations to come."

Applications are now open until January 15, 2025 and Ontarians are encouraged to submit nominations through the program's [application portal](#). Nominating someone is easy and can be done in [three steps](#): gathering the required information; creating an account on the [Ontario Honours and Awards Portal](#); and submitting the application on the portal.

"Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II led a life of leadership and exceptional service," said Michael Ford, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "The redesignation of the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship will ensure Her Majesty's legacy continues to live on through this provincial medal of merit and its recipients."

To be eligible for this honour, the nominated individuals must stand as a model Ontarian who exemplifies civic-mindedness, integrity and community leadership. The nominee must be a resident of Ontario and have contributed to areas meaningful to the Late Queen Elizabeth II, such as: the environment; arts and culture; seniors; education and youth; community and civic engagement; health care and hospices; social clubs; history and heritage; sport and recreation, faith or animal care.

Quick Facts

- Details on the eligibility for the QEIIOMCG are available [online](#). After the first cycle of awards, the nomination deadline will be November 15 every year.
 - The QEIIOMGC is Ontario's second highest civilian honour and is included in the [Canadian Honours Order of Precedence](#).
 - Since 1973, 573 remarkable individuals from across Ontario have been invested with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.
 - The Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship was originally established in 1973 as an event for the Queen to participate in during her Royal Visit to Ontario when she visited Queen's Park.
 - The province gives out thousands of honours and awards every year — learn more about [Ontario's medal and recognition programs](#).
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Additional Resources

- Find out how to nominate someone for the province's highest honour, [The Order of Ontario](#).
 - Learn more about [volunteering in Ontario](#).
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Driving Economic Growth in Rural Communities

Eighty-five projects receiving funding through the Rural Economic Development Program to help boost the local economy

September 10, 2024

[Rural Affairs](#)

BELLEVILLE – The Ontario government is investing more than \$5.7 million in 85 projects that are helping create jobs and boost economic development in rural communities across the province. The funding through the recent intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) program supports projects that diversify and grow local economies, build community capacity and address barriers to economic development and labour force challenges.

“Our government values rural communities throughout the province and this program provides municipalities, Indigenous communities, and not-for-profits with essential funding for projects that contribute to local economic vitality,” said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. “The Rural Economic Development program is another example of how our government is ensuring small towns and communities across Ontario continue to share in the province’s growth and economic prosperity.”

In Belleville, the Belleville Downtown District Business Improvement Association (BIA) is receiving up to \$57,427 to launch a new program that will support the business community in the downtown area.

The BIA will develop an in-person Membership Care Program (MCP) that will work with member businesses to connect them to services such as the Welcoming Streets Program to address local challenges and provide training to businesses and their staff. The BIA will also hold town hall meetings to help manage communication between business and residents. This project will support the community by addressing labour force challenges and help attract and retain investment and businesses.

The Corporation of Prince Edward County is also receiving \$65,000 through the RED program for their Workforce Development Training for Community Benefit project. The funding will support the development of a community benefits framework to

address the need for a skilled local workforce and provide employment opportunities in the region. The project will involve developing and piloting the framework and rolling out the full training programs to residents based on the lessons learned from the pilot. The project will help create a pipeline of skilled workers through local training and skills development.

“Our government recognizes the need to prepare rural Ontario for expansion through the Rural Economic Development Program,” said Steve Pinsonneault, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Rural Affairs. “We are committed to supporting projects that continue to benefit rural communities. The projects we are investing in will incorporate the right tools necessary to help build the best possible future for the entire province.”

“Our project would not have been possible without the generous support of the provincial government and we extend our deepest thanks for their commitment to rural community revitalization,” said Danielle Hanoman, Executive Director, Belleville Downtown District BIA. “This is just the beginning of a renewed chapter for downtown Belleville, and I am confident that together, we will create a vibrant and thriving community that we can all be proud of.”

The RED program provides cost-share funding support towards activities that create strong rural communities. This includes funding assistance to build local capacity and improve job prospects. The program aligns with the government’s priorities of removing barriers to investment, opening doors to rural economic development, and creating good jobs across the province.

Quick Facts

- The latest intake of the RED program closed on February 21, 2024.
- Since 2019, the RED program has committed more than \$27.4 million to fund 473 projects that are helping to attract investment, create jobs, and boost economic development in rural communities across the province.
- The Ontario government is holding public consultations that will ultimately inform the development of the new Rural Economic Development Strategy. Please visit our [website](#) to have your say.

Additional Resources

[Rural Economic Development Program](#)

Related Topics

Rural and North

Information about the province's Far North and rural communities. Get connected to business improvement organizations and learn more about funding and programs that support rural, northern and Indigenous communities. [Learn more](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season

Flu, COVID-19 vaccines and expanded RSV immunization program expected by early October for those at risk

September 10, 2024

[Health](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is reminding everyone to stay safe this respiratory illness season and prevent unnecessary visits to the hospital by staying up to date on vaccinations. To protect against serious illness throughout the upcoming respiratory illness season, it is recommended everyone get their flu and COVID-19 shots as soon as they become available to them.

“As we approach this respiratory illness season, our government is ensuring Ontarians are prepared and have the tools they need to keep themselves and their loved ones safe and healthy,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We are working closely with our partners to make it easier for people of all ages to be protected this fall and access the care they need close to home and within their community.”

Starting in early October, flu shots will be available for the most vulnerable and high priority populations, including hospitalized individuals, hospital staff, and residents and staff in long-term care homes, followed by those in retirement homes and other congregate settings and individuals 65 years and older. Free flu shots for the general public aged six months and older will be available starting October 28, 2024, at doctor and nurse practitioner offices, participating pharmacies and some public health units. To learn more about the flu shot this fall, visit [Ontario.ca/flu](https://ontario.ca/flu).

It is safe and convenient to receive both the COVID-19 and flu shots at the same time, reducing the need for multiple visits to a doctor, nurse practitioner or local pharmacy. Ontario expects to receive shipments of the updated COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government by early October following approval by Health Canada. Initial doses will be prioritized for higher risk populations and more details will be provided once doses are distributed to Ontario.

Beginning in October, families with infants and high-risk children up to 24 months old, will now have access to the [new RSV immunization](#), Beyfortus®, through the recently expanded publicly funded RSV prevention program. Families can access the Beyfortus® immunization through their health care provider, as well as within hospital settings for infants born during the 2024/25 respiratory illness season. Pregnant women also have the option of receiving a single dose of Abrysvo®, to provide protection for their infant from birth to six months. The RSV prevention program has also expanded this fall to include all retirement home residents. For more details on the RSV program, visit [Ontario.ca/rsv](https://ontario.ca/rsv).

“Staying up to date on vaccination helps everyone stay healthy this respiratory illness season, especially those who cannot protect themselves including younger children and others who can’t be immunized,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health. “With a large rise in cases of whooping cough (pertussis) this year, particularly in children and teens aged 10-18, it is especially important for parents and guardians to ensure their children are up to date with all of their vaccinations as well as vaccines for pregnant individuals.”

Vaccines in [Ontario’s routine immunization schedule](#) are provided free of charge if you meet the eligibility criteria. If you are unsure about which immunizations you or your family have received or are eligible for, talk to your health care provider or [public health unit](#).

Through [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is providing people with the tools they need early to connect to the care they need to keep themselves, and their loved ones safe and healthy.

Quick Facts

- As recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), individuals should receive the most recent formulation of the COVID-19 vaccine in the fall as it is expected to provide a better immune response against currently circulating COVID-19 strains. Full details on COVID-19 vaccination this fall will be available by visiting [Ontario.ca/COVID-19](https://ontario.ca/COVID-19).
- The risk of severe outcomes from RSV infection is highest among infants under six months of age and children under 24 months of age with chronic conditions such as chronic lung disease, congenital heart disease, compromised immune systems, or neuromuscular disorders.
- All Ontarians should stay up to date on their immunizations, especially children. Talk to a health care provider or public health unit if you are unsure if your child

has missed routine immunizations or if you are unsure about which immunizations they have received.

- Vaccines in Ontario's routine immunization schedule are provided free of charge if you meet the eligibility criteria.
- Visit [Health811 online](#) or call 811 (TTY: [1-866-797-0007](#) toll free) for health advice and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Quotes

"Sanofi applauds the Government of Ontario for its robust offerings to protect against influenza and RSV, including Fluzone® High-Dose for seniors and Beyfortus® for newborns and infants. These initiatives reflect our shared commitment to public health driving us forward in protecting the health of Canadians through innovative solutions. Beyfortus® availability for all infants marks a significant milestone in safeguarding against RSV and providing support to families and the healthcare system."

**- Delphine Lansac
General Manager, Vaccines, Sanofi Canada**

"We appreciate the efforts of the Ontario government in promoting vaccination and prioritizing the health and wellness of Ontarians during the fall and winter season when respiratory illnesses are more common. Vaccination plays an important role in preventing illness and reducing the burden on our healthcare system. We are committed to working closely with our partners to ensure that vaccines are readily available and accessible to all individuals in Ontario."

**- Najah Sampson
President, Pfizer Canada**

"The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) thanks the Government of Ontario for its commitment to keeping Ontarians safe and healthy throughout the respiratory illness season. Ontario's hospitals encourage people to access the flu shot, COVID-19 vaccine, and RSV immunization to keep themselves and their loved ones healthy in the fall and winter months. Not only does vaccination keep people from getting sick, but it also helps hospitals by reducing the number of avoidable emergency department visits and hospital admissions."

- Anthony Dale
President and CEO, Ontario Hospital Association

"Convenient access to care, including critical vaccinations and timely treatment, is vital to the health and well-being of our communities. Ontario's pharmacy professionals are committed to working together with our government and health care partners this respiratory illness season to ensure Ontarians have the support and services they need to stay healthy."

- Justin Bates
CEO, Ontario Pharmacists Association

Additional Resources

- To learn more about the flu shot, visit [Ontario.ca/flu](https://ontario.ca/flu)
- To learn more about Respiratory Syncytial Virus, visit [Ontario.ca/rsv](https://ontario.ca/rsv)
- To learn more about COVID-19, visit [Ontario.ca/COVID-19](https://ontario.ca/COVID-19)
- Learn about eligibility for [COVID-19 antiviral treatment](#)
- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

Related Topics

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Connecting People to Faster Emergency Care

Investments in emergency care reducing ambulance offload times by more than 50 per cent

September 12, 2024

[Health](#)

HASTINGS — The Ontario government is investing over \$910 million to increase the availability of ambulances across the province and connect people and families to emergency care faster and closer to home.

“When someone experiences an emergency, it is vital that they receive the care they need as quickly as possible,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By strengthening all aspects of the health care system and ensuring faster access to emergency care, our government is providing paramedics and emergency departments with the tools they need as we connect more people across the province to high-quality care, when they need it most.”

Ontario is increasing land ambulance funding to municipalities by an average of eight per cent, bringing the province’s total investment to over \$877 million this year, including over \$10.7 million in Land Ambulance Services Grant funding for Hastings County. This increase in base funding will help municipalities address increased costs so they can continue to deliver high-quality emergency care.

To further reduce delays paramedics encounter when dropping patients off at a hospital, Ontario is also investing over \$33 million through the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program to help hospitals hire more nurses and other eligible health professionals that are dedicated to offloading ambulance patients in hospital emergency departments.

This program allows paramedics to get back out into the community faster and respond to their next 9-1-1 call sooner and has played a significant role in reducing ambulance offload times and increasing ambulance availability for 9-1-1 patients across the province. As a result of this investment, provincial ambulance offload time has been reduced by more than 50 per cent since its peak in October 2022.

To ensure people receive urgent critical care sooner, Ontario is continuing to implement the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) across the province. The system helps prioritize and triage emergency medical calls to 9-1-1 so that paramedics can be dispatched sooner. Over the last year, the province has rolled out the system to Mississauga, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Ottawa and Renfrew. The province is now accelerating the system's implementation at the 15 remaining dispatch sites across Ontario by May 2027, over a year ahead of schedule.

With [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the government continues to take action to strengthen the health care system so that it is responsive and is evolving to meet the health needs and priorities of Ontarians, no matter where they live.

Quick Facts

- The government's additional investments in the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program over three years will help municipalities cover around 800,000 dedicated hours to support offloading ambulance patients in the emergency department.
 - Hastings County is receiving nearly \$400,000 in Dedicated Offload Nurses Program funding for 2024/25.
 - Currently, over 200 patient care models led by paramedic services across the province are now approved to provide appropriate and timely care options for eligible 9-1-1 patients in the community, instead of in the emergency department.
 - The government is helping more students who want to become paramedics by adding more than 300 spaces in paramedic programs at provincial colleges across Ontario, making it easier for future paramedics to access education and training closer to home.
 - The [Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#) is providing over 350 first-year paramedic students studying in [select Northern postsecondary institutions](#) with funding for free tuition, books, compulsory fees and other direct educational costs. After graduating, students will need to work in the same region they studied for a minimum of six months for every full year of study funded by the grant.
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Quotes

"The ongoing commitment of the Province to support land ambulance operations through annual and predictable increases of Land Ambulance Service Grants is reflective of their understanding of the growth in demand for emergency prehospital care due to population growth and an ever-aging population. This commitment to maintaining critical resource levels is combined with sustained funding of the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program, which helps to free ambulances for emergency responses more quickly following arrival at hospital. Our Association is also very pleased with the announced accelerated implementation of the Medical Priority Dispatch System, a tool for more accurate and reliable telephone triage and prioritization of incoming ambulance calls. We have long advocated for this program which is based on much stronger quality improvement processes, international recognition, and the ability to improve ambulance availability for the most critical patients."

**- Chief Michael Sanderson
President, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs**

"We are pleased to see the continued investments in our communities through the land ambulance service grant and offload delay nursing program funding. Our frontline paramedics face new challenges and increasing call volumes are taxing our emergency rooms. This funding is instrumental to effectively meet the growing demand while ensuring that ambulances are readily available to serve the public."

**- Chief Carl Bowker
Hastings-Quinte Paramedic Services**

"AMO welcomes this important increase in base funding. Municipalities are at the frontlines of Ontario's health care system by providing emergency medical services to those most in need. Important investments like this keep paramedics on the road responding to residents rather than waiting in hospital emergency departments."

**- Mayor Robin Jones
AMO President, Mayor of Westport**

"Our ambulance services are an important part of health care, especially in rural areas like Hastings-Lennox and Addington. I am so pleased to see the Ontario government, under the leadership of Premier Ford, increase and expand this incredibly necessary component of our health care system with new local Paramedic bases in Stirling and in the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

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- Ric Bresee
MPP, Hastings—Lennox and Addington

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

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Strengthening Emergency Preparedness

Applications are now open for the province's \$5 million Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

September 16, 2024

[Treasury Board Secretariat](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is expanding its support for local emergency readiness with a second round of funding for the [Community Emergency Preparedness Grant](#) (CEPG) for 2024-25. This new \$5 million investment will help equip municipalities and organizations with essential resources, equipment and training to better prepare for natural disasters and emergencies.

"Our government is ensuring that municipalities and community organizations across the province have the tools needed to face future challenges head-on," said Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response. "This funding will strengthen resilience across communities, providing essential emergency supplies, equipment and training. A safer, more prepared Ontario starts with ensuring our communities have the resources they need to respond effectively in times of crisis."

The CEPG is part of the government's three-year, \$110 million investment to strengthen emergency preparedness in Ontario, providing communities with the resources they need to stay safe, practiced and prepared. The next round of CEPG funding will be tailored to each recipient's unique needs and can be used for purchasing equipment such as generators, sandbagging machines, thermal imaging drones and radio systems. It can also be directed towards emergency management training and awareness initiatives.

Applications are open until October 31, 2024, 5:00 p.m. ET.

Quick Facts

- Eligible applicants must be located in Ontario and include:
 - Small- and medium-sized municipalities (with populations under 100,000 people);
 - Local services boards established under the *Northern Services Board Act*;

- First Nations communities, Tribal Councils and Indigenous service organizations that support emergency management programming in First Nations communities;
 - Non-governmental organizations with an emergency preparedness mandate or responsibility;
 - Non-governmental organizations that provide fire protection services to communities;
 - Non-municipal fire departments or entities providing fire protection services as defined in the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* in unincorporated Ontario.
- In 2023-24, the \$5 million grant program supported 113 recipients across Ontario.
 - Recipients who received funding in 2023-24 will be ineligible, allowing other communities and organizations from across Ontario to benefit from this program.
 - Applicants must have a [My Ontario Account](#) and register for [Transfer Payment Ontario](#).
 - The province is hosting [information sessions](#) to help guide applicants through the application process. Participants must register in advance if they are interested in attending.

Quotes

"Pelham has experienced extreme weather events recently and has seen the damage they can inflict. With the support of the 2023-24 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, our municipality has benefited from having access to enhanced training, the ability to continue to share emergency preparedness knowledge with residents and new reliable equipment so our firefighters can continue their good work for the community."

- Marvin Junkin
Mayor of the Town of Pelham

"We are thankful for the financial support provided by the province's 2023-24 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. This funding has helped us purchase a trailer-mounted generator that supplies emergency backup power to vital infrastructure in case of system failure during storms. This new asset strengthens our emergency preparedness planning and protects our systems and community during crucial times."

- Shaun Martinho

Director of Public Operations, The Corporation of the Town of Kingsville

Additional Resources

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Construction Update - September 2024

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County Road 64 (Opeongo Road) - Bonnechere Valley Township

Construction Update – September 5, 2024

The County of Renfrew Department of Public Works and Engineering provides monthly updates on construction projects within the County. This notice should be shared with members of the public, or in public forums, in order to keep residents, businesses, and stakeholders informed of any potential upcoming traffic interruptions due to construction projects. For up-to-date information on active projects and their traffic impacts, please visit [Municipal511](#).

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

Upcoming Projects

County Road 70 (Ruby Road) – Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards
The rehabilitation of County Road 70 (Ruby Rd.), from County Road 512 (Brudenell Rd.) to Gorman Rd., is anticipated to commence the week of September 9 and is anticipated to be completed late-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Road 508 (Calabogie Road) – Township of McNab/Braeside

The rehabilitation of County Road 508 (Calabogie Rd.), from County Road 52 (Burnstown Rd.) to Goshen Rd., is anticipated to commence the week of September 9 and is anticipated to be completed late-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Structure C325 (Neilson Creek Culverts) – Township of Bonnechere Valley

The rehabilitation of County Structure C325 (Neilson Creek Culverts), located on Lake Clear Road, approximately 2.2km south of County Road 512 (Foymount Rd.), is anticipated to commence the week of September 16 and is anticipated to be completed early-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic and will be closed to all traffic for up to five (5) days.

Ongoing Projects**County Road 30 (Lake Dore Road)** – Township of North Algona/Wilberforce

The rehabilitation of County Road 30 (Lake Dore Rd.), from Sperberg Rd. to Trailblazers Rd., commenced the week of July 29 and is anticipated to be completed mid-September. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Road 37 (Murphy Road) – Town of Petawawa

The reconstruction of County Road 37 (Murphy Rd.), from Woodland Crescent to County Road 51 (Petawawa Blvd.), commenced construction on June 17 and is anticipated to be completed late-November. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations and short term closures will occur with detours in place.

County Road 73 (Deep River Road) – Town of Deep River

The rehabilitation of County Road 73 (Deep River Rd.), from Algonquin St. to Champlain St., commenced the week of August 26 and be completed mid-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations and short-term closures may be required with detours in place.

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

The reconstruction of County Road 512 (Foymount Rd.), from Miller Rd. to B257 (Harrington Creek Bridge), resumed construction on May 27 and is anticipated to be completed early-September. The works in this phase will primarily occur from Lake Clear Rd. to Harrington Creek Bridge, and will include the replacement of County Structure B257 (Harrington Creek Bridge). During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Road 512 (Foymount Road) – Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

The rehabilitation of County Road 512 (Foymount Rd.), from Hubers Rd. to County Road 515 (Palmer Rd.), commenced the week of September 2 and is anticipated to

be completed late-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

County Road 515 (Palmer Road) – Township of Madawaska Valley

The rehabilitation of County Road 515 (Palmer Rd.), from County Road 62 (Combermere Rd.) to Finch Rd., commenced the week of August 5 and is anticipated to be completed late-September. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations.

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

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

County Structure B108 (Tramore Bridge) – Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

The rehabilitation of County Structure B108 (Tramore Bridge), located on Tramore Road, approximately 0.25km north of County Road 58 (Round Lake Rd.), commenced construction on July 15 and is anticipated to be completed early-October. During construction, the road at the bridge will be closed to traffic with an alternate route, using County Road 58 (Round Lake Rd.) and Highway 60, posted.

County Structure B181 (Peter Black Bridge) – Township of Laurentian Valley

The rehabilitation of County Structure B181 (Peter Black Bridge), located on County Road 24 (White Water Road), approximately 1.5km east of Highway 41, commenced construction on June 17 and is anticipated to be completed early-October. During construction, the road at the bridge will be closed to traffic with an alternate route, using Highway 17 and Highway 41, posted.

County Structure C001 (Berlanquet Creek Culvert) – Township of Admaston/Bromley

The rehabilitation of County Structure C001 (Berlanquet Creek Culvert), located on County Road 5 (Stone Road), approximately 4km west of Highway 132, commenced the week of July 15 and is anticipated to be completed late-September. During construction, the road at the structure will be limited to a single lane of alternating traffic.

County Structure C134 (Campbell Drive Culvert) – Township of McNab/Braeside

The rehabilitation of County Structure C134 (Campbell Drive Culvert), located on Campbell Drive, approximately 3km west of Highway 417, commenced the week of July 15 and is anticipated to be completed late-September. During construction, the road at the structure will be limited to a single lane of alternating traffic.

County Structure C204 (Bellows Creek Culvert) – Township of Whitewater Region

The rehabilitation of County Structure C204 (Bellows Creek Culvert), located on County Road 12 (Westmeath Rd.), approximately 4.5km east of County Road 21

(Beachburg Rd.), commenced on July 15 and is anticipated to be completed late-October. During construction, the road at the structure will be limited to a single lane of alternating traffic.

County Structure C268 (St. Columbkille's Culvert) – Township of Laurentian Valley

The rehabilitation of County Structure C268 (St. Columbkille's Culvert), located on County Road 58 (Round Lake Rd.), approximately 50m south of TV Tower Rd., commenced on September 3 and is anticipated to be completed late-October. During construction, the road at the structure will be limited to a single lane of alternating traffic.

Completed Projects

County Road 1 (River Road) – Townships of McNab/Braeside and Horton

The rehabilitation of County Road 1 (River Rd.), from Moore St. to Dochart St. as well as from Algonquin Trail to the Bonnechere River crossing in Castleford, commenced on July 2 and was completed late-August. Line painting remains to be completed.

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

The rehabilitation of County Road 5 (Stone Rd.), from Mhusk Rd. to Highway 60, commenced construction on June 3 and was completed late-July.

County Road 8 (Cobden Road) – Township of Whitewater Region

The rehabilitation of County Road 8 (Cobden Rd.), from County Road 9 (Bulger Rd.) to the urban limits of Cobden, commenced the week of August 12 and was completed late-August. Line painting remains to be completed.

County Road 19 (Mud Lake Road) – Township of Laurentian Valley

The rehabilitation of County Road 19 (Mud Lake Rd.), from County Road 24 (White Water Rd.) to the City of Pembroke boundary, commenced the week of July 8 and was completed early-August. Line painting remains to be completed. Additional minor shoulder repairs are anticipated with minimal traffic disruptions.

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

The rehabilitation of County Road 64 (Opeongo Rd.), from Wieland Shore Rd. to Highway 41, commenced construction on May 27 and was completed late-August.

County Road 65 (Centennial Lake Road) – Township of Greater Madawaska

The rehabilitation of County Road 65 (Centennial Lake Rd.), from former Matawatchan/Brougham Township Line to Civic Address 2872, commenced construction on July 2 and was completed early-August. Line painting remains to be completed.

County Structure B102 (Brennans Creek Bridge) – Township of Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards

The rehabilitation of County Structure B102 (Brennans Creek Bridge), located on County Road 512 (Queen Street), approximately 1.45km south of Highway 60, in

Killaloe, commenced construction on July 2 and was completed late-August. Additional works are required on hand railings; however, limited traffic disruption is anticipated.

County Structure C062 (John Watson Culvert 2) – Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan

The replacement of County Structure C062 (John Watson Culvert 2), located on John Watson Rd., approximately 3.3km west of County Road 66 (Opeongo Rd.), commenced the week of August 12 and was completed late-August.

County Structure C221 (Kenny's Culvert) – Township of Whitewater Region

The replacement of County Structure C221 (Kenny's Culvert), located on Pleasant Valley Rd., approximately 0.5km north of County Road 12 (Westmeath Rd.), commenced the week of August 26 and was completed late-August.

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

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Summer Company wrap-up event celebrates young entrepreneurs

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The 2024 Summer Company Wrap-up event was held August 29 in conjunction with the Pembroke Business Improvement Area's Pembroke Youth Market. Receiving certificates of completion were program participants (front from left) Kyle Radford, Cayden McKinnon, Haley Vanderzwaag, Isa Jilani O'Brien, Ki Myra, Scarlytte Merrill and Katie White. Also taking part in the event (back from left) were Bonnechere Valley Mayor Jennifer Murphy; County Councillor James Brose, Development and Property Committee Chair; Whitewater Region Councillors Connie Tabbert and Joey Trimm; Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon; Madawaska Valley Mayor Mark Willmer; Pembroke Mayor Ron Gervais; Deep River Mayor Suzanne D'Eon and McNab/Braeside Councillor Scott Brum.

RELEASE DATE:

September 9, 2024

The County of Renfrew has celebrated the success and completion of the 2024 Summer Company Program, which saw seven youth launch and grow their businesses with the support of Enterprise Renfrew County.

On August 29, the Summer Company program participants displayed their businesses and sold their products at the Pembroke Youth Market, which also featured regular participants of the Pembroke Business Improvement Area's (PBIA) summer Youth Market series.

Those in attendance were welcomed by Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke MPP John Yakabuski, who commended the Summer Company participants for taking on the role as business owners.

"This takes initiative and a willingness to deal with some challenges along the way, which isn't always easy," he said. "Congratulations on all the work you have done this summer and I know being successful in this program has provided the opportunity to showcase your entrepreneurial spirit and created a good foundation for your future endeavours."

County of Renfrew Warden Peter Emon was also on hand to introduce the program participants and their businesses as he noted participants have not only developed their business ideas but have also gained valuable real-world experience in areas such as marketing, finance and customer relations.

"This program contributes significantly to our local economy by fostering innovation and creating employment opportunities for our youth," the Warden said. "It's a testament to our commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders and innovators in Renfrew County."

Elected officials from the students' home municipalities presented certificates of completion to the participants along with Development and Property Committee Chair James Brose.

"Each participant brought forth unique business ideas, ranging from mobile car detailing businesses to retail services such as care package subscriptions and lawn game rentals," Chair Brose noted. "These young entrepreneurs have not only launched their businesses but have also demonstrated exceptional creativity and determination in navigating the challenges of starting and running a business."

Congratulations to all participants for successful completion of the program – Isa Jilani O'Brien, Sports Hub (lawn game rental); Kyle Radford, Ottawa Valley Grill Doctor (BBQ cleaning services); Haley Vanderzwaag, BlueBird Company (care box subscription service); Scarlytte Merrill, "Got Your Back" Babysitting Services; Cayden McKinnon, On-The-Go Car Care (car detailing services); Katie White, Unicorn Kitty Balloons (animal balloon service); Ki Myra, Ki's Creations (clay art).

The Summer Company program, delivered by Enterprise Renfrew County on behalf of the Ontario Government, is a youth entrepreneurship program for students aged 15-29 years which provides start-up funding, training and mentorship while cultivating essential entrepreneurial skills. The next intake deadline will be May 2025 for the summer season. Visit www.EnterpriseRenfrewCounty.com for more information.

Enterprise Renfrew County is a non-profit government organization funded by the Government of Ontario, County of Renfrew, Town of Renfrew and the City of Pembroke. Its mandate is to encourage and contribute to the enterprising spirit and economic development of Renfrew County by assisting entrepreneurs with the development of new or existing companies.

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Renfrew County & District Drug Strategy

For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, September 11, 2024)

Drug Strategy in Development for Renfrew County and District

Like many communities across North America, the opioid crisis is having a tragic impact on local families and communities across Renfrew County and District (RCD). In 2023, there were 69 opioid overdose-related emergency department visits and 41 suspected drug poisoning deaths in RCD, with both increasing relative to 2022. The rate of suspect drug poisoning deaths in 2023 was over 3 times the rate in 2018 to 2019.

Local nonprofits, private and public sector organizations, and persons with lived experience have joined forces to begin the development of a Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS), led by co-chairs Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health for the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), and Jama Watt, Strategic Implementation Lead for the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team.

The drug strategy will focus on four key pillars: prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and community safety. Each pillar will be addressed by a working group comprised of related local organizations and people with direct experience of the issues.

"The RCDDS truly brings together individuals from every sector – community and social services, addiction treatment, government, residents, public health, and healthcare," states Dr. Morgenstern. "It's exciting because the strategy will help coordinate the many great initiatives already underway, while systematically identifying the most effective ways to enhance our response."

"The County of Renfrew's [mesa initiative](#), tackling homelessness, substance use, addictions, and mental health, is a great example of one initiative that is helping achieve the goals of the drug strategy," Dr. Morgenstern adds.

"Building on that, we have Addiction Treatment Services, MacKay Manor and Pathways Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services, and organizations like The Grind continuing to work hard to connect residents to treatment, while organizations such as Renfrew County and District Health Unit, the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families, Youth Wellness Hubs, and school boards, among others, are actively continuing work in education, awareness, and prevention," notes Watt.

The goals of the local drug strategy include reduced drug-related harms and overdoses, enhanced community safety, a coordinated response to drug addiction to help ensure individuals receive the help they need, and a reduction in healthcare and social service costs.

Once a draft strategy and report is developed, a key next step will be community consultation and input, expected by early 2025.

In the meantime, RCDDS partners remind residents that support is available. The [Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System](#) delivers assessment, counselling, and treatment programs to individuals who use substances. Additionally, RCDHU's [harm reduction program](#) offers safe supplies, which can be accessed at 141 Lake Street in Pembroke, OATC Renfrew, and Arnprior Shoppers Drug Mart. You can call or text 613-602-6056 during RCDHU's business hours before you arrive to pick up or return supplies. Walk-ins are also accepted.

To follow the development of the RCDDS, visit: <https://www.rcdhu.com/rcdds/>.

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Apply for Ontario's new [Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund](#) intake to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to enable housing. [Register](#) for the September 26 webinar.

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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Our Business Development Intern's term has come to an end. Juan Park writes about his experience [working with LAS](#) and what opportunities await him in the future.

Many municipalities are considering how to transition their buildings to net zero operations. Whether using [heat pumps](#) or other low carbon technologies, LAS is here to help. Sign up for one of our customized [Low Carbon/Net Zero workshops](#) to learn how to transition effectively. [Contact Christian](#) for more information.

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Mediation is a powerful and efficient way to resolve freedom of information appeals. [This episode](#) explores the value-add of mediation and how building trust, active listening, and education can lead to win-win settlements for both parties. IPC Commissioner Kosseim speaks with Shaun Sanderson, a mediator at the IPC, about how mediation works, what parties should do to prepare, and what they can expect to get out of the process.

Sewer Safety Week will take place September 16-20. A reminder to always call Ontario One Call at 1-800-400-2255 for a free sewer safety inspection. To learn more, visit enbridgegas.com/sewersafety.

Join the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) virtually on September 24-25 to learn about current issues that are impacting community safety and well-being. Hear about successes and how to evaluate the impact of this work. [Register today](#).

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

[Manager, People & Inclusivity - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: September 20, 2024.

[Deputy Fire Chief - City of Orillia](#). Closing Date: September 23, 2024.

[Contracts Manager, Operations - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: September 17, 2024.

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During the AMO Conference in Ottawa, *Municipal World* interviewed leaders across the municipal landscape to discuss key issues that have the most significant impact on municipalities across Ontario. You can access AMO Podcasts Series [here](#).

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Understand cybersecurity and learn how to make critical decisions related to preventing, preparing for, and responding to cyber security incidents at the [Cybersecurity for Municipal Councillors](#) virtual workshop on September 24.

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The [Managing Communications through Crisis](#) workshop in October teaches participants how to manage all aspects of crisis communications during an emergency, providing attendees with techniques to communicate with community and media effectively and proactively.

Transform conflict into collaboration. The [Navigating Conflict Relationships as an Elected Official](#) October workshop teaches skills in building collaborative relationships and negotiating difficult ones in your role as an elected municipal official.

The [AMO Knowledge Exchange Symposium](#) will explore innovation and action on what municipalities could be doing to find solutions to the housing and homelessness challenges in our communities. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the solution.

[Foundations in Land Use Planning](#) familiarizes participants with legislation, processes, and provides real life examples to give a deep understanding and insight into important planning matters. From a strategic perspective, [Advance Land Use Planning](#) analyzes case studies and real life examples through instructor lead instruction and group discussion.

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Consider this bright idea from LAS. Our [Facility Lighting Service](#) provides a complete turn-key solution for municipal lighting upgrades - both inside and out! [Contact us](#) today for your free proposal just in time for your 2025 budget.

Many municipalities are considering how to transition their buildings to net zero operations. Whether using [heat pumps](#) or other low carbon technologies, LAS is here to help. Sign up for one of our customized [Low Carbon/Net Zero workshops](#) to learn how to transition effectively. [Contact Christian](#) for more information.

AI has emerged as a groundbreaking technology with vast potential to change long-standing practices in your municipality. [Read our latest blog](#) to help you understand how AI is reshaping how organizations operate and deliver services.

Municipal Wire*

Municipal staff are encouraged to attend the OAPSB's fall discussion groups around the implementation of the *Community Safety and Policing Act*. [Sign up today!](#)

On September 24, join the [Ontario Food Collaborative](#) for a [free webinar](#) to hear how [Circular Innovation Council](#) and [Too Good To Go](#) are helping Canadian businesses reduce food waste.

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

[General Manager, Board Services - Ottawa-Carleton District School Board](#). Closing date: September 27, 2024.

[Project Manager, Affordable Housing Dev & Renewal - Region of Durham](#). Closing date: September 16, 2024.

[Director of Council Services - City of Orillia](#). Closing date: September 25, 2024.

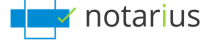
[Director of Housing Services - Wellington County](#). Closing date: September 20, 2024.

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August 27, 2024

Craig Kelly
Chief Administrative Officer
County of Renfrew
9 International Dr.
Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

Dear CAO Kelly,

Subject: Request for Inclusion in County Meetings & Committees

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association, an association which values the relationship with the County of Renfrew and is committed to contributing positively to each of the municipalities, the County and the wellbeing of all residents.

One of the mandates of the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association is to develop clear and consistent messaging on fire related concerns where a County-wide response is required. In order to achieve this mandate, an improved method for communicating with Renfrew County Council on these matters in a professional and consistent manner is required.

Therefore, the Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association respectfully requests that a representative from our Association meet with County representatives to determine the best path forward for an Association representative to participate at County of Renfrew meetings and/or committee meetings which fall within the Association's mandate and purpose. Our participation in these meetings would provide valuable insight and foster a more comprehensive understanding of the issues and opportunities facing our County

We understand the importance of maintaining a structured and efficient meeting process and assure you that our representative will be fully prepared and respectful of the meeting protocols. We are eager to collaborate closely with your office and other stakeholders to achieve our objective of a fire safe County.

We kindly request a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss this proposal further and to determine how we can best contribute to the ongoing efforts of the County of Renfrew. Please feel free to contact myself at 613-735-6821 ext. 1214 or sselle@pembroke.ca to schedule this meeting or to discuss any questions you may have.



Renfrew County Fire Chiefs' Association

Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to the opportunity to work more closely with you and to contribute to the continued growth and development of the County of Renfrew.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Selle".

Scott Selle
Fire Chief, Pembroke Fire Department
Vice Chair, Renfrew County Fire Chiefs Association
County of Renfrew Mutual Aid Coordinator

Oliver Jacob

From: Allison Miller <donnela@algonquincollege.com>
Sent: September 4, 2024 10:07 AM
Cc: Jamie Bramburger; Christie Laurin; Chidimma Anyi
Subject: You're Invited!

A Labour Market Planning Session for Municipal Government Leaders in Renfrew and Lanark Counties - [Thursday, October 10th at the Best Western Pembroke Inn](#)

Municipalities in rural areas are facing labour shortages. They are also dealing with pressing socio-economic issues that are putting strain on their front line staff who support the most vulnerable people in society. The Labour Market Group of Lanark-Renfrew invites elected officials and municipal government workers to a half day discussion and learning session focused on developing strategies to support labour force attraction within the municipal government sector.

A special presentation by the CEO of Abacus Data, David Coletto, will set the stage for the day.

Guest Speaker David Coletto gives insights on, “Leading Through The Scarcity Mindset and What it Means for Rural and Small Town Communities”

In this data-filled, engaging presentation, Dr. David Coletto, one of Canada’s top pollsters and CEO of Abacus Data, breaks down how a new, more intense scarcity mindset is impacting the workforce and consumer market as well as demands of residents, with a focus on its impact on rural and small town communities.

Through his expert analysis, derived from polling thousands of Canadians weekly, Coletto provides an incisive look at the current socio-economic landscape shaped by the growing challenges in accessing essential services like healthcare, housing, food, and energy, and unveils how a burgeoning scarcity mindset is reshaping expectations and behaviours across Canada.

Key learning objectives include:

- Understand the emerging scarcity mindset: Gain insights into how and why Canadian consumer and worker expectations are shifting towards a scarcity mindset and the impact this has on their behaviour.
- Analyze the influence of zero-sum thinking: Explore how zero-sum thinking is influencing behaviour and decision-making, providing a new lens through which to view market dynamics.
- Strategize for impact: Learn how to adapt your strategies to effectively engage with consumers and stakeholders in a landscape marked by increased scarcity and competition.

[Please Register HERE](#)

Agenda

8:30am – Welcome and networking
9:00 am – Guest Speaker David Coletto
10:00 am – Round table Discussion/Strategy Development
11:30 am – Closing Remarks

We look forward to seeing you there, The Labour Market group of Renfrew and Lanark

Speaker Bio:

David Coletto is CEO and a founding partner of Abacus Data a full-service market research and strategy firm based in Ottawa and Toronto. With over a decade and a half of experience in the industry, David and his partners founded Abacus eleven years ago and since then it has grown into one of Canada's most respected market research firms. David has worked with many of Canada's leading associations, corporations, and non-profits including Cooperation Canada, Oxfam, Shaw Communications, the Canadian Medical Association, the Bank of Canada, and the Canadian Real Estate Association. He earned a PhD in Political Science from the University of Calgary in 2010 and is an adjunct professor at Carleton University. He is the host and producer of inFocus with David Coletto a new podcast that explores the intersection of public opinion, politics, public policy, and consumer behaviour. He's a Millennial, a foodie, a cyclist, and an avid traveller. He's been tracking Canadian public opinion and consumer trends on technology, news consumption, and public policy for years and is one of Canada's leading experts on generational change and Millennials in particular.

Allison Miller

Project Officer, Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark

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September 4, 2024

Corp. of the Town of Arnprior
105 Elgin St. West P.O. Box 130
Arnprior, ON K7S 3H4

Dear Corp. of the Town of Arnprior,

On behalf of the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation (ARHF) please accept my gratitude for your donation of \$50,000.00. Your tax receipt is included below.

Your donation makes it possible for local Physicians, Nurses, and Front-Line workers to provide exemplary care and puts life-saving tools in the caring hands of healthcare staff so that they can focus on what matters most: the people in their care.

If you have any questions about our Foundation, would like to volunteer, or have fundraising ideas don't hesitate to email us at foundation@arnpriorhealth.ca.

Also, please feel free to follow and/or like us on Facebook and Instagram to get the most current news, invitations and updates as they happen!

Thanks again for your support of the Arnprior Regional Health Foundation. Together we can ensure a healthy community now, and for years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Gardiner
Executive Director, Arnprior Regional Health Foundation

THANK YOU SO MUCH MAYOR M'GEE, COUNCIL +
STAFF FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF HEALTHCARE
LOCALLY. WE ARE SO HONORED TO HAVE YOU
AS PARTNERS AND EXCITED TO BRING THE FIRST
CT SCANNER TO OUR COMMUNITY!

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**Climate
action is
urgent says
an Ottawa
Valley artist
in Grade 5!
ARE YOU IN?**

TAKE ACTION NOW

Climate Matters in the Upper Ottawa Valley!

A public forum in Eganville

Tues. Oct. 1, 2024

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, 57 Veterans Way, Eganville, ON

This is the opportunity for local organizations, municipalities, and individuals to share experiences, efforts, and needs in the face of climate change.

How can we get support to take full advantage of helpful climate action programs, resource materials, grants, etc., to ramp up climate action throughout the Ottawa Valley? **How do we TAKE ACTION NOW?**

 **THE COUNCIL
OF CANADIANS**
Kitchissippi-Ottawa Valley

Registration:
[actionnetwork.org/events/
climate-matters-ov](http://actionnetwork.org/events/climate-matters-ov)
Entry donations appreciated
Light refreshments provided
Please bring your own lunch

Climate Matters in the Upper Ottawa Valley!

Forum Program, October 1, 2024



Forum Moderator: Lois Thomson
Co-owner Reel impact Communications Inc.
Publishers of The Madawaska Highlander

- 9:30 - 10:00 Registration & Networking. Pick up your forum kit, beverage and a muffin and browse displays.
- 10:00 - 10:15 Welcome & Land acknowledgement
- 10:15 - 10:45 **Setting the Stage: Why Must we Work Together for Climate Action?**
Presentation by the *Climate Matters!* Action Group on climate change hazards, concerns, and strategies relevant to Upper Ottawa Valley communities, forests, lands, and watersheds.
- 10:45 - 11:00 Health Break & Networking. Choose a Focus Group for the next session.
- 11:00 - 12:00 **What is being Done? What Needs to be Done?**
Participants will break into smaller discussion groups to share knowledge and ideas about climate action that is being done and/or that needs priority attention.
- 12:00 - 12:30 Brown Bag Lunch Break & Networking. To prevent mistakes with special diets and to keep our costs down, please bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, juice, and water will be available.
- 12:30 - 2:00 **What are our Climate Action Obstacles, Opportunities & Challenges?**
This session begins with a facilitated brainstorming to identify participants' views. Then we will break into smaller groups to discuss ways to build on assets and break down the barriers.
- 2:00 - 2:15 Health Break & Networking
- 2:15 - 3:00 **Next Steps: How will we Work Together on Climate Action?**
Open discussion to explore the best way to accomplish shared goals for climate action.
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Final Remarks and Farewell until Next Time**



Organized by: Kitchissippi-Ottawa Valley Chapter's *Climate Matters!* Action Group volunteers with support from national Council of Canadians, Climate Hub, Small Change Fund, Seniors for Climate, and The Madawaska Highlander.



Advance Registration by Friday September 27: actionnetwork.org/events/climate-matters-ov
Freewill donation appreciated. Help us keep up this work! kovclimatematters@gmail.com



Senior's Active Living Fair



All Free!

* **Presentations**

* **Demonstrations**

* **Seminars**

* **Swimming and
Skating**

* **Lunch**

Meet vendors and partake in presentations, seminars, and demonstrations to teach you about the resources and opportunities for seniors in our community.

 **Thursday November 14, 2024**

 **Nick Smith Centre
77 James Street, Arnprior**

 **10:00am - 2:00pm**

FREE ADMISSION

September 17, 2024

Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry of
Canada, Government of Canada
Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic
Development, Government of Canada
Arpan Khanna, MP
Ernie Hardeman, MPP

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg, at its meeting on
September 9th, 2024 passed the following resolution:

- A. THAT report EDM 24-029 titled “Cellular Coverage Concerns” be received;
- B. THAT Council of the Town of Tillsonburg endorses the following:
 - a. Whereas the residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services;
 - b. Whereas many areas in and around the Town of Tillsonburg are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality;
 - c. Whereas the Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, “*Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more*



crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

d. THAT the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

C. THAT the Council of the Town of Tillsonburg requests that the Federal Government and ISED make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and time manner and provide action and enforcement on the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved cell tower installations; and

D. THAT a copy of this resolution be also sent to all Ontario municipalities, SWIFT, local telecommunications providers, the local MP and MPP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Laura Pickersgill".

Laura Pickersgill
Executive Assistant
Town of Tillsonburg

Cc: All Ontario Municipalities, SWIFT, Bell Canada