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**Town of Arnprior  
Regular Meeting of Council: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Correspondence Package No. I-24-OCT-17**

**Recommendation:**

**That** the Correspondence Package No. I-24-OCT-17 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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- b) Ontario Expanding Access to Palliative Care
- c) Ontario Releases 2023-24 Public Accounts
- d) Ontario Expanding Diagnostic Services in Ottawa Long-Term Care Homes
- e) Ontario Increasing Support for Young Entrepreneurs
- f) Ontario Investing in Free Business Training for Racialized and Indigenous Entrepreneurs
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- i) Ontario Connecting One Million More Women to Life-Saving Breast Cancer Screening
- j) Ontario Supporting Indigenous Economic Development
- k) Ontario Expanding Basic Constable Training Program

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- a) Call for nominations 2024 Warden's Community Service Awards
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  - d) [Watch File – October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024](#)
  
- 5. Correspondence from the Arnprior Fish and Game Conservation Club Inc.**
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September 24, 2024

Robin Paquette  
CAO  
Town of Arnprior  
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Dear Ms. Paquette:

I am pleased to share that the governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1.5 million in our new Agricultural Workforce Equity and Diversity Initiative (AWEDI) to help minority groups start and grow businesses in the agri-food sector.

Funded through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP), AWEDI provides grants of up to \$100,000 to support agribusiness ventures led by underrepresented groups, including Indigenous peoples, 2SLGBTQI+ people, persons with disabilities, youth, women or members of French linguistic minority communities.

AWEDI is open to applications from organizations, research bodies, municipalities or Indigenous communities. Successful projects will support underrepresented groups in accessing spaces and equipment to grow or process agri-food products, as well as resources to help with financing.

Applications will open on October 8, 2024, and will be open until December 3, 2024.

Our government is committed to increasing the entrepreneurial diversity of our agricultural sector through our Grow Ontario Strategy. AWEDI will reinforce additional efforts our government has taken to cultivate agri-food talent, while enabling more Ontarians to share in the success of our growing agri-food industry. Should you have any questions about this or any other Ministry programs, please call 1-877-424-1300.

Sincerely,

Rob Flack  
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness



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Le 24 septembre 2024

Bonjour,

Je suis heureux de vous annoncer que les gouvernements du Canada et de l'Ontario investissent jusqu'à 1,5 million de dollars dans notre nouvelle Initiative pour l'équité et la diversité dans le secteur agricole (IEDSA) afin d'aider les groupes minoritaires à lancer et à faire croître des entreprises dans le secteur agroalimentaire.

Financée dans le cadre du Partenariat canadien pour une agriculture durable (PCA durable), l'IEDSA offre des subventions pouvant atteindre 100 000 \$ pour appuyer les agroentreprises dirigées par groupes sous-représentés, y compris des Autochtones, des personnes 2SLGBTQI+, des personnes handicapées, des jeunes, des femmes ou des membres de collectivités francophones minoritaires.

L'IEDSA accepte les demandes d'organismes, d'organismes de recherche, de municipalité ou de collectivités autochtones. Les projets retenus appuieront des groupes sous-représentés dans l'accès à des lieux et à du matériel pour cultiver ou transformer des produits agroalimentaires, ainsi qu'à des ressources pour les aider avec le financement.

La période de réception des demandes s'amorce le 8 octobre 2024 et se poursuivra jusqu'au 3 décembre 2024.

Notre gouvernement est déterminé à accroître la diversité entrepreneuriale de notre secteur agricole grâce à notre stratégie Cultiver l'Ontario. L'IEDSA renforcera les efforts additionnels consentis par notre gouvernement pour cultiver le talent agroalimentaire, tout en permettant à une part plus importante de la population ontarienne de participer au succès de notre industrie. Si vous avez des questions concernant ce programme ou d'autres programmes du ministère, veuillez composer le 1 877 424-1300.

Veuillez recevoir mes plus cordiales salutations.

Le ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et de l'Agroentreprise,

Rob Flack



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## NEWS RELEASE

## Ontario Expanding Access to Palliative Care

\$19.75 million to build 84 additional hospice beds, connecting more people to end of life care close to home

September 17, 2024

[Health](#)

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**TORONTO** — The Ontario government is connecting more people to comfortable and dignified end-of-life care, close to their community and loved ones by adding up to 84 new adult hospice beds across the province. This expansion will bring the total number of publicly funded hospice beds across Ontario to 768.

“Our government is ensuring people and their families have access to the comprehensive care they need in their community, close to their loved ones, at every stage of life,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By investing in the expansion of end-of-life care in communities across the province, we are taking another step to connect Ontarians to compassionate and specialized care closer to home.”

As part of Ontario’s 2024 budget, the provincial government is investing up to \$19.75 million in capital funding to build 84 new adult hospice beds and 12 new pediatric hospice beds. An [Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#) for the new adult hospice beds opens today with beds expected to be operational by 2027. Existing hospice residences or other applicants who wish to develop or expand new hospice beds can reach out to their local Ontario Health Region for details.

Through this process, Ontario is also looking for applicants with longer term expansion opportunities to meet the future needs of Ontario’s growing communities. Since 2018, Ontario has invested over \$26.5 million to add 153 new hospice beds, bringing the total to 768, giving more families the option of high quality and dignified end-of-life care.

Ten new pediatric hospice beds have already been added for Keaton’s House – Paul Paletta Children’s Hospice, the first pediatric hospice in Hamilton, and two new pediatric hospice beds at Roger Neilson Children’s Hospice located at the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

Through the Ontario government's [Your Health](#) plan, the province is making it easier and faster for people of all ages to connect to the care they need, where and when they need it. This includes investing up to \$147.4 million over three years to expand access to palliative care services, including increasing funding by 45 per cent for all hospice beds across the province.

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### Quick Facts

- The Expression of Interest is now open for four weeks and will close at 5 p.m. on October 18, 2024. A standardized evaluation will be undertaken, including consideration of capacity in relation to demand for hospice beds.
  - Existing hospice residences or other interested applicants are encouraged to reach out to their Ontario Health Region for additional application details.
  - Once these 84 new beds are open, the province will provide an additional \$15.9 million in operational funding per year.
  - Palliative care, which includes end-of-life care, can begin as early as the diagnosis of a serious illness and focuses on improving the quality of each individual's life. This integrated form of care ensures people can access the supports they need when facing illness, death, grief, and/or bereavement.
  - The [Ontario Palliative Care Network \(OPCN\)](#), led by Ontario Health, is a partnership of health service providers (including hospices, long-term care homes, hospitals and others), community and social support service organizations, health system planners, Ontario Health Teams, and patient and family/care partner advisors, formed to develop a coordinated, standardized approach to palliative care.
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### Quotes

"Hospice Palliative Care Ontario welcomes this call for expressions of interest for new hospice beds. Community hospice residences provide the highest quality of care in a home-like setting and focus on the patient's and their family's needs. Ontario is leading the way in Canada in hospice care, and this investment will increase access to much-needed hospice beds for Ontarians."

- Rick Firth

President and CEO, Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

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### Additional Resources

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

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Ontario Provincial Framework for Palliative Care](#)
- [Ontario Palliative Care Network Information and Resources](#)

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## Ontario Releases 2023-24 Public Accounts

Province continues to responsibly invest in infrastructure, health care and education

September 19, 2024

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TORONTO — Today, the Ontario government released the *2023-24 Public Accounts*, which provide the final audited financial results of the province for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.

The Ontario government recorded a \$0.6 billion deficit for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, compared to a forecasted deficit of \$1.3 billion in the *2023 Budget*. This nearly \$700 million improvement resulted from a combination of higher revenues, increased program spending and lower-than-planned interest on debt expense.

“Our government’s targeted and responsible fiscal approach is supporting our plan to rebuild Ontario’s economy, keep costs down and attract jobs and investment back to our province,” said Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board. “As we continue to face global economic uncertainty, we remain focused on implementing this plan, including through historic infrastructure investments in the schools, hospitals, roads and highways the people of Ontario depend on.”

Public Accounts show that the government is delivering on its commitment set out in the [2023 Budget: Building a Strong Ontario](#) with annual revenues climbing by \$13 billion from the previous year, and total investments of \$195.2 billion across all programs. This represents a 4.7 per cent or \$8.8 billion increase in program spending over the previous fiscal year. Notable investments highlighted in the *2023-24 Public Accounts* include:

- Infrastructure investments increased by 22.9 per cent, to a total of \$23.6 billion, to build more roads, highways, public transit, hospitals, schools, and other community infrastructure.
- Health sector program spending increased by 8.9 per cent, to a total of \$85.5 billion, to continue to connect people to the care they need, closer to home.



- Education sector program spending increased by 7.6 per cent, to a total of \$37.2 billion, supporting Ontario families. This increase includes support for enrolment growth, educator compensation, and the continued implementation of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system, which reduces average out-of-pocket child care fees for parents across the province.

“The *2023-24 Public Accounts* show we are taking a responsible, targeted approach to the province’s fiscal plan, making significant investments in health care, education and social services,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “The Public Accounts demonstrate that the government has continued to make investments to support people and businesses, while upholding our commitment to bring regular and transparent fiscal updates to the people of Ontario.”

The government will provide its next financial update as part of the *2024 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review*, also referred to as the Fall Economic Statement, on or before November 15, 2024.

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### Quick Facts

- For the seventh year in a row, the government has received a clean audit opinion from the Province’s Auditor General.
- Ontario has a double-A credit rating with three of the four credit rating agencies. In June, [Morningstar DBRS upgraded Ontario’s credit rating](#), the first credit rating upgrade since 2006.

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### Additional Resources

[2023-24 Public Accounts](#)

[Public Accounts 101 Video](#)

Read the [2024-25 First Quarter Finances](#)

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Expanding Diagnostic Services in Ottawa Long-Term Care Homes

Investments in programs helping reduce preventable emergency room visits

September 20, 2024

[Long-Term Care](#)

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OTTAWA — The Ontario government is expanding access to diagnostic services in long-term care homes in Ottawa to help improve residents' quality of life and reduce avoidable emergency room visits and hospital stays.

The new Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Plus (CPLTC+) program will allow paramedics to begin delivering diagnostic services like bloodwork and ultrasounds to residents. The government is also providing funding to allow more long-term care homes to receive the equipment and training they need to provide diagnostic services to residents in the comfort of their home.

"We are fixing long-term care, so residents get the right care in the right place," said Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care. "Providing more diagnostic services to long-term care residents in their own homes will help reduce avoidable hospital visits and 911 calls."

CPLTC+ builds off the existing Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program and will be rolled out across six paramedic services, including Ottawa Paramedic Service.

The government is also investing an additional \$6 million provincewide to continue the Equipment and Training Fund in 2024-25. Launched last October as part of the [Your Health Plan](#), the fund helps homes buy diagnostic equipment and train staff so they can better manage and treat residents' conditions that most often lead to preventable hospital visits, such as urinary tract infections, falls, pneumonia and congestive heart failure.

The fund has supported more than 700 projects at close to 220 homes across Ontario. In Ottawa, over \$53,000 investments include:

- St. Patrick's Home and Extendicare Medex each purchased a bladder scanner.

- Residence Saint-Louis Bruyère and New Orchard Lodge each purchased an electrocardiogram machine.

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

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### Quick Facts

- The Ontario government is investing \$9 million this year across the province in CPLTC+ and the Equipment and Training Fund.
- Along with Ottawa, CPLTC+ is being rolled out by paramedic services in Cochrane District, Durham Region, Hastings-Quinte, Middlesex-London and York Region.
- As part of its plan to fix long-term care and address sector waitlists, the government is building 58,000 new and upgraded long-term care beds across the province.
- Ontario is offering [incentives of up to \\$25,400](#) to students and recent graduates of personal support worker education programs to launch careers in long-term care homes and in the home and community care sector.
- The Ontario government is investing up to \$4.9 billion to create thousands of new positions for personal support workers and nurses in long-term care.

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### Quotes

"As part of our government's Your Health plan, we are taking bold and innovative action to connect Ontarians, at every stage of life, to faster, more convenient care. The investments our government is making to enhance diagnostic services for long-term care residents in Ottawa is one of the many steps we are taking to close service gaps and increase timeliness of care, providing more people with the right care, in the right place."

**- Sylvia Jones**  
**Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**

"Visits to emergency rooms for residents in long-term care facilities can be very stressful. These new programs will allow them to receive much needed diagnostic care at their residence. By investing in these essential services, the provincial government is helping to provide long term care residents here in Ottawa a more personalized and comfortable healthcare process. This initiative not only enhances their overall well-being but also reduces the strain on emergency rooms."

**- Mark Sutcliffe  
Mayor of Ottawa**

"Through the CPLTC+ program, community paramedics will support the care already provided by long-term care staff to enhance the overall health and wellbeing of residents. By responding to medical issues quickly, diagnosing conditions in real time, and providing immediate treatments, we are helping prevent complication and promoting recovery right where the patient lives with minimal disruptions in their routine. This will also reduce paramedic transports to hospital, keeping our resources available in the community."

**- Manon Lavergne  
Deputy Chief, Ottawa Paramedic Service**

"The Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians advocated strongly for more diagnostics in long-term care, knowing the importance of eliminating as many disruptive and avoidable trips to hospital for frail residents. These measures result in better health outcomes and quality of life."

**- Dr. Rhonda Collins  
President, Ontario Long Term Care Clinicians**

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

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## NEWS RELEASE

## Ontario Increasing Support for Young Entrepreneurs

\$2 million investment will help young people in rural and northern communities start a business

September 26, 2024

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

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**Burlington** — The Ontario government is investing \$2 million in Futurpreneur Canada, a non-profit entrepreneurship organization, to help 300 young entrepreneurs start a new business. This investment will create approximately 1,200 new jobs with a focus on rural and Northern communities in Ontario.

“Young entrepreneurs are vital to our future economy and our goal is to provide the tools, resources and capital they need to succeed,” said Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business. “Futurpreneur Canada’s Core Startup Program will support young entrepreneurs’ business dreams and help launch a new generation of successful businesses.”

[Futurpreneur Canada](#), provides financing, mentoring tools and resources to aspiring business owners aged 18-39 through their flagship loan initiative, the [Core Startup Program](#). The program offers collateral-free loans of up to \$75,000, two years of mentorship and in-person programming. Ontario’s investment will support entrepreneurs in rural, remote, and Northern communities to boost economic growth and create new jobs in these regions.

“Today’s announcement of the Government of Ontario’s continued partnership with Futurpreneur will help grow our reach and impact, particularly with entrepreneurs from rural communities,” said Karen Greve Young, CEO, Futurpreneur Canada. “Through this funding, Futurpreneur will provide loans with mentorship to help young entrepreneurs in Ontario start 300 new businesses this year, contributing to inclusive and sustainable economic development across the province.”

Small businesses play a critical role in our communities and are an essential part of Ontario's economy, employing over 2 million people. Ontario offers a range of programs and supports to assist entrepreneurs towards starting and growing new

companies, including [Regional Innovation Centres](#), [Small Business Enterprise Centres](#), [Starter Company Plus](#), [Summer Company](#) and tailored options, advice and business analysis through [business advisory services](#).

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### Quick Facts

- Collateral-free loans of up to \$75,000 are comprised of up to \$25,000 from Futurpreneur Canada and up to \$50,000 from the Business Development Bank of Canada.
  - Ontario has supported Futurpreneur with \$7 million in funding since 2021, helping to start and grow close to 900 business and creating nearly 3,500 jobs across the province.
  - Provincial funding of Futurpreneur programming is for Ontario residents only.
  - Small businesses account for 98 per cent of the more than 400,000 business across the province.
  - As announced in the 2024 Budget, Ontario is investing an additional \$6.8 million in funding to support programs for small businesses including \$4.8 million for Starter Company Plus, \$1.5 million for Summer Company and \$500,000 to the Fédération des gens d'affaires francophones de l'Ontario.
  - Ontario's [Small Business Enterprise Centres](#) provide entrepreneurs access to advisors, programs and services, as well as learning opportunities for small business owners specific to their region.
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### Quotes

"As we continue to build a strong economy, investing in young entrepreneurs is key to ensuring Ontario's future success. By supporting initiatives like Futurpreneur Canada, we are not only helping to create new jobs, but also fostering innovation and economic growth in Oakville North—Burlington and across the province. This investment reflects our commitment to empowering the next generation of business leaders and ensuring Ontario remains open for business."

- Effie Triantafilopoulos  
MPP, Oakville North—Burlington



"Futurpreneur presents a unique opportunity for young entrepreneurs. The Core Startup Program offers financial support, mentoring and networking tools to help aspiring business owners succeed and contribute positively to Ontario's economy."

- Natalie Pierre  
MPP, Burlington

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## Additional Resources

- [Futurpreneur Canada](#)
- [Small Business Enterprise Centres](#)
- [Starter Company Plus](#)
- [Summer Company](#)
- [2024 Ontario Budget: Building a Better Ontario](#)

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Investing in Free Business Training for Racialized and Indigenous Entrepreneurs

Applications now open for the 2024-25 Racialized and Indigenous Supports for Entrepreneurs grant program

October 02, 2024

[Citizenship and Multiculturalism](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$5 million in the Racialized and Indigenous Supports for Entrepreneurs (RAISE) program for 2024-25 to provide free access to business coaching, training and grants for more than 400 Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs. This is part of the government's \$15 million investment over three years to provide more than 1,200 entrepreneurs with the training and support to launch and grow successful small businesses.

"Many Indigenous, Black and racialized people continue to face systemic barriers in starting and growing their businesses," said Graham McGregor, who is acting for the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism Michael Ford while he is on leave. "That's why our government is making sure the next generation of diverse entrepreneurs is equipped with the tools, resources and capital they need to transform their passions into successful and competitive businesses."

The RAISE program helps eliminate barriers faced by Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs who want to start or grow their businesses. The government is now accepting applications for the 2024-25 intake which will provide eligible entrepreneurs with free online business development training, culturally responsive coaching, networking supports and a one-time grant of \$10,000.

Interested entrepreneurs can learn more about the program and apply [here](#).

Applications close on October 30, 2024.

The online training includes modules on business financials, cash flow management, business operations, marketing and public relations strategies and digital transformation. In partnership with DMZ at Toronto Metropolitan University, the program also provides one-on-one and small group business coaching, as well

as networking opportunities to assist entrepreneurs in developing and achieving their business action plans, building networks, connecting to market opportunities and accessing information and services.

Since its initial launch in 2022, the government has supported more than 900 Indigenous, Black and racialized entrepreneurs to build the skills they need to succeed.

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### Quick Facts

- Ontario launched the RAISE program in 2022 with an initial investment of \$5 million to support over 400 entrepreneurs.
- In 2023, Ontario renewed its commitment to the program with a \$15 million investment over three years to support over 1,200 additional aspiring Indigenous, Black and other racialized entrepreneurs.
- To be eligible for the RAISE program, businesses must be registered/incorporated, based in Ontario and owned by an Indigenous, Black or other racialized individual.

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### Quotes

"Supporting Indigenous entrepreneurs with the resources their businesses need to thrive is an essential part of our government's commitment to advancing economic reconciliation. The RAISE program is helping break down barriers and create opportunities for Indigenous business owners so they can contribute to economic growth in their communities and across the province"

- Greg Rickford

**Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation**

"One of Ontario's greatest strengths is our people, and our government is focused on providing our small business owners with the supports they need to start-up, scale-up and succeed. By ensuring more Indigenous, Black and racialized entrepreneurs have access to critical training, coaching and networking opportunities through the RAISE program, we're empowering more businesses to grow and contribute to strong, vibrant communities across the province"

- Nina Tangri

**Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction**

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the RAISE program for their transformative grant, which has been a true catalyst in advancing our mission at Rili Budding Scientists' Lab. With RAISE's support, we've been able to broaden our reach, empowering young minds through hands-on STEM education and fostering a passion for innovation in the next generation. RAISE's belief in our vision has made a profound difference, and we are deeply thankful for the lasting impact this grant will have on our community and beyond. Thank you for being a vital partner in shaping future scientists and innovators!"

- Dr. Umang Suthar  
Founder of Rili Budding Scientists' Lab

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### Additional Resources

- [Ontario Investing in Free Training for Racialized and Indigenous Entrepreneurs](#)
- [Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Ontario: Ontario's Anti-Racism Strategic Plan](#)

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Expanding Access to Mental Health Services

\$19 million investment will connect more people to early psychosis intervention and support

October 07, 2024

[Health](#)

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**TORONTO** — The Ontario government is partnering with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to expand access to the provincial Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI) program. The expanded EPI program will connect more people aged 14 to 35 who are experiencing early phase psychosis to the care they need, when they need it.

“Our government is taking action to improve access to mental health support services that better reflect the needs of people and their families who are experiencing mental health challenges,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By expanding the Early Psychosis Intervention program, we are ensuring those experiencing some of their first mental health challenges can connect to the care they need earlier on their journey to wellness.”

The EPI program helps diagnose psychosis early and provides timely access to individually tailored and age-appropriate mental health services that can help people live functional lives, such as returning to school, work and building social relationships. The program, in partnership with the Slight Family Centre for Youth in Transition at CAMH, will develop supports and resources to deliver evidence-based, standardized care.

“Supporting people living with mental illness is a priority for our government and we are working every day to ensure people across Ontario have access to the services and resources they need to manage their mental health and live fulfilling lives,” said Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. “By investing in community supports like Early Psychosis Intervention, we are making sure Ontarians have the resources they need that make a difference in their lives.”

Through [Your Health](#) the government is making it easier for people of all ages to connect to the care they need, when the need it. In 2020, the province introduced the [Roadmap to Wellness](#), a plan to build a modern, world-class mental health and

addictions system. The government continues to introduce and expand on innovative new programs to ensure access to connected and convenient services to support the health and well-being of all Ontarians.

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### Quick Facts

- The word psychosis is used to describe conditions in which people have trouble distinguishing between what is real and what is not. When this occurs, it is called a psychotic episode.
  - The Early Psychosis Intervention program provides support and services to individuals experiencing some of their first mental health challenges, ensuring they have the treatment they need to minimize or avoid episodes of distress later in life while supporting recovery.
  - Ontario is creating 10 new Youth Wellness Hubs, adding to the network of 22 hubs the government has already opened since 2020, bringing the total number of [Youth Wellness Hubs](#) to 32 across the province.
  - 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.
  - 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.
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### Quotes

"The Provincial Early Psychosis Intervention Program ensures all Ontarians affected by early phase psychosis have access to the same high-quality care across the province. This program has an emphasis on shared decision making and improving quality of life. Treatment is personalized to the individual and their care partners to support optimal recovery."

**- Dr. Chris Simpson**  
**Executive Vice-President, Clinical Institutes and Quality Programs, and**  
**Chief Medical Executive, Ontario Health**

"We know that 75 per cent of serious mental illness starts before age 25. With this understanding, we have an opportunity to engage sooner to change, and even possibly reverse the course of mental illness. We are grateful to the Ontario government for investing in the provincial Early Psychosis Intervention Program, which will help youth and their families get evidence-based, standardized and comprehensive care so they can attain their recovery goals."

- Sarah Downey

President and CEO, The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

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## 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 in Transportation for Rural Communities

Province boosting public transit in northern and underserved areas

October 07, 2024

[Transportation](#)

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THUNDER BAY — The Ontario government is investing \$5 million annually to help smaller communities across the province build safe and reliable transit services. The funding is being delivered through the new Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF).

“No matter where you live, Ontarians deserve reliable public transportation to access employment, visit friends and family and maintain healthy, independent lifestyles,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. “The Ontario Transit Investment Fund is another targeted step our government is taking to make life easier for people living in the north, rural areas, or other communities with limited transportation options.”

The OTIF will help municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations deliver transit services in unserved and underserved parts of the province, particularly in rural communities. It will support local and inter-community transit projects like bus service, on-demand shared rides and door-to-door transportation.

“The Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF) is a significant step toward improving connectivity for residents in rural and underserved areas,” said Kevin Holland, MPP for Thunder Bay – Atikokan. “In northwestern Ontario, where many communities lack access to public transportation, this program will create new opportunities for people to access services, visit family, and stay connected with larger urban centres.”

Applications for OTIF will be accepted on an ongoing basis, with programs expected to begin in 2025.

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## Quick Facts

- Municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations [can apply for OTIF funding](#).
- Applicants are encouraged to form project teams with key partners and stakeholders to deliver a coordinated, integrated and sustainable transit service for their communities.
- Connecting communities underserved by passenger transportation services is one of the actions in Ontario's regional transportation plans for the [southwest](#) and [north](#).

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## Quotes

"As we advance our commitment of connecting northern and First Nation communities, our government recognizes that reliable transportation requires innovative solutions. Bridging the gaps in rural and remote regions of Ontario is not one-size-fits all and the Ontario Transit Investment Fund marks an important opportunity for municipalities and service providers in the north."

- Greg Rickford

**Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs and  
First Nations Economic Reconciliation**

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Connecting One Million More Women to Life-Saving Breast Cancer Screening

Lowering the age of self-referral to mammograms to 40 connecting more women to life-saving screening sooner

October 08, 2024

[Health](#)

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TORONTO — Starting today, women over the age of 40 can self-refer for publicly funded mammograms through the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP). This historic expansion will give an additional one million women the option to connect to important screening services to detect and treat breast cancer sooner.

“Breast cancer affects one in every nine women in Ontario and we know early detection and increased access to treatment and care saves lives,” said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “That is why today our government is proud to take this historic step by connecting an additional one million Ontarians to the care they need, when and where they need it.”

Research has shown regular screening with mammography can help detect breast cancer before it has the chance to spread. By lowering the age of self-referral from 50 to 40, more women can now easily self-refer for mammograms through any [OBSP site](#) or by calling [1-800-668-9304](tel:1-800-668-9304) without needing a referral from a primary care provider.

To support this historic expansion of publicly funded mammograms, the province has invested nearly \$20 million to increase the ability of participating OBSP partners to connect more women to screening by adding more site hours, appointment spots and training additional staff.

Of the one million women between ages 40-49 that are now eligible for mammograms, it is estimated that an additional 305,000 will self refer for screening. That’s why, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the province is encouraging all eligible women to have conversations with a health care provider or call [Health811](#) to have a conversation about their risk of cancer and the potential benefits of breast cancer screening to determine if screening is right for them.

As part of [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#), the Ontario government is connecting more people to the services they need, when they need them. This includes ensuring communities have the tools they need to diagnose and treat illnesses earlier and keep people healthier.

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### Quick Facts

- Through the OBSP, hospitals and other participating clinics perform approximately 700,000 screening mammograms each year in Ontario.
  - When found early, many people survive breast cancer, with a 100 per cent, five-year relative survival rate for those diagnosed at stage 1. However, the survival rate drops to less than 30 per cent for those diagnosed at stage 4. Early detection is critical.
  - Through Your Health, the Ontario government has added 49 new MRI machines and approved 50 new CT machines in hospitals across the province, this is in addition to the 100,000 people that will be connected to diagnostic imaging through the province's community surgical and diagnostic centre expansion.
  - The province is continuing to grow the health care workforce adding a historic number of new nurses and laboratory technologists through the [Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#), [As of Right rules](#) and the 700 additional education seats for medical radiation and imaging technologists, medical laboratory technologists, medical lab technicians and medical radiation extenders announced in the 2024 budget.
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### Quotes

"Breast cancer screening is critical to detect cancer early, when it's easier to treat. It's incredibly important that Ontario is expanding access to breast cancer screening through self-referral for people 40+ and will undoubtedly help to reduce the risk of dying of breast cancer for more people in Ontario. Everyone in Canada should have equitable and timely access to breast screening, no matter where they live or who they are."

- Andrea Seale  
CEO, Canadian Cancer Society

"The Ontario Association of Radiologists (OAR) strongly supports the Ontario government's decision to expand access to breast cancer screening by lowering the self-referral age to 40. This important step will connect more women to timely and essential mammogram services, significantly improving early detection and treatment outcomes. We are encouraged by the government's ongoing commitment to enhancing women's health and providing greater access to life-saving care."

**- Dr. David Jacobs  
President, Ontario Association of Radiologists**

"We applaud the Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP) for its groundbreaking decision to lower the recommended age for mammography screening to 40! This important update is a major step forward in our commitment to women's health and proactive cancer detection. By allowing women to begin screening earlier, we enhance the potential for early diagnosis and treatment, ultimately improving outcomes for many. We encourage all women aged 40 and above to take advantage of this new guideline and discuss screening options with their healthcare providers. Early detection can save lives."

**- Dr. Supriya Kulkarni  
President, Canadian Society of Breast Imaging, Breast Division Lead,  
Department of Medical Imaging, University of Toronto**

"The expansion of the Ontario Breast Screening Program now means people aged 40 to 49 can access the benefits of screening along with the hundreds of thousands of people across the province who are regularly screened each year. To support timely access to screening, Ontario Health developed a mammogram wait times tool to help people find information including available appointment times for OBSP site locations near them."

**- Judy Linton  
Executive Vice President, Clinical Institutes and Quality Programs, and  
Chief Nursing Executive, Ontario Health**

## Additional Resources

- [Ontario Connecting More Women to Breast Cancer Screening Earlier](#)
- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Learn more about breast cancer testing and prevention](#)
- [Learn more about the Ontario Breast Screening Program](#)

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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Supporting Indigenous Economic Development

Applications open for new round of programs supporting economic development for Indigenous communities

October 08, 2024

[Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government has launched the annual intake for funding applications under the [Indigenous Economic Development Fund \(IEDF\)](#) and the [Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program \(ICCGP\)](#). This funding provides \$3.2 million through the IEDF and \$6 million through the ICCGP to Indigenous businesses, communities, and organizations to help develop infrastructure, create growth plans and support access to skills training to help strengthen Indigenous communities and local economies.

“Our government is working in partnership with First Nations communities to support meaningful Indigenous-led infrastructure, skills development, and economic diversification opportunities that promote prosperity across the province,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. “With targeted, tailored supports like the IEDF and ICCGP, we are strengthening our commitment of ensuring economic reconciliation becomes a reality for Indigenous entrepreneurs, organizations, and communities.”

Applications for the Indigenous Economic Development Fund and the Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program are open until November 14, 2024 at 5 p.m. (EST), and can be submitted through [Transfer Payment Ontario](#). Interested applicants must register with Transfer Payment Ontario to submit and manage requests for funding opportunities.

For 2024-25 Ontario recently announced [support for 48 initiatives across the province](#) through the ICCGP, and the IEDF’s Economic Diversification and Regional Partnership grant streams.

The IEDF provides grants through the Economic Diversification and Regional Partnership grant streams to Indigenous businesses, communities and organizations for projects that diversify Indigenous economies and provide access

to training opportunities. The ICCGP funds the development of community capital projects that contribute to a sustainable social base and support economic participation in Indigenous communities, both on and off reserve.

Previously funded projects have included employment training programs, tourism initiatives, business centre renovations, and the construction of community, language and cultural centres.

Providing funding through the IEDF and ICCGP is part of Ontario's commitment to economic reconciliation with Indigenous People.

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### Quick Facts

- Ontario is also investing \$3 million in funding through the Capacity and Growth Fund to support Indigenous economic development, food security and wealth creation to help create an environment where Indigenous people and businesses can thrive.
  - Ontario's Business and Community Fund also provides ongoing funding under the IEDF to support Indigenous Financial Institutions in Ontario to provide grants and financing to Indigenous entrepreneurs, businesses, communities, and organizations.
  - Ontario will continue delivering a \$25 million funding commitment over three years from 2022 to 2025 to support Indigenous partners for economic recovery and development.
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### Additional Resources

- Read more about [Ontario's Indigenous Economic Development Fund and Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program and how to apply.](#)
  - Learn more about [available funding opportunities from the government of Ontario.](#)
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## NEWS RELEASE

# Ontario Expanding Basic Constable Training Program

Province getting more boots on the ground in small, medium-sized and First Nation communities

October 09, 2024

[Solicitor General](#)

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TORONTO — The Ontario government is increasing enrollment in the Basic Constable Training (BCT) program at the Ontario Police College (OPC).

Starting in 2025, the BCT program will accommodate an additional 80 recruits per year, with priority being given for small, medium-sized and First Nation police services. The expanded enrollment will bring the total number of officers trained per year to 2,080.

“Our government is bringing much needed relief to police services that face the most recruiting challenges,” said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. “By expanding the BCT program, we’re making sure they get the qualified candidates they need to keep their communities safe.”

Last year, the Ontario government eliminated the tuition fee for the BCT program and established four intakes per year at the OPC.

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## Quick Facts

- The BCT program is the initial training program that all police officers in Ontario must complete, as required under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (CSPA).
  - BCT includes courses in federal law, provincial law, traffic law, human rights, diversity and professional practice, leadership, ethics, mental health for first responders and for people in crisis, physical wellness and fitness for duty, community safety, defensive tactics, use of force and de-escalation techniques, firearms, and officer safety.
  - All law enforcement officers complete mandatory training on human rights and systemic racism, multiculturalism in Ontario and policing in First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities.
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## Quotes

"The decision to expand the Basic Constable Training program at the Ontario Police College by an additional 80 recruits each year is a clear recognition of the growing needs of police services across the province. For services in smaller and medium-sized communities, as well as First Nations police services, this initiative is a game-changer. As the President of the Police Association of Ontario and a proud member of a mid-sized police service, this announcement will provide a greater ability to put more boots on the ground, where we know they are needed most."

**- Mark Baxter**  
**President, Police Association of Ontario**

"The expansion of the Basic Constable Training Program at the Ontario Police College is a significant investment by the Government of Ontario in the public safety of communities. Adding an additional 80 recruits per year, including prioritizing places for small, medium-sized, and Indigenous police services, will have a very positive impact on the safety and well-being of all Ontarians."

**- Deputy Chief Roger Wilkie**  
**President, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police**

"The Aylmer Police Service welcomes the Ontario government's initiative to expand the Basic Constable Training program. By prioritizing seats for small and medium-sized services and First Nations police, this expansion will significantly enhance our ability to maintain staffing levels and service delivery in our community. In smaller services, staffing shortages are felt exponentially. With this initiative I am certain our staffing needs will be able to be maintained moving forward. On behalf of the Aylmer Police Service, we welcome and appreciate this announcement and investment in small and midsize police services."

**- Kyle Johnstone**  
**Deputy Chief of Police, Aylmer Police Service**

"Expanding the Basic Constable Training program is not just about increasing numbers; it's about investing in the future of policing in Ontario. At the London Police Service, we know firsthand how crucial it is to have well-trained, committed officers who reflect the values and needs of our communities. This initiative strengthens our ability to serve London with professionalism and care, and I'm especially encouraged by the focus on smaller and medium-sized services, as well as First Nations policing. It shows a real understanding that community safety isn't one-size-fits-all—it's about delivering tailored, thoughtful solutions for every part of our province."

- Thai Truong  
Chief, London Police Service

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### Additional Resources

[Ontario Police College](#)

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## **Nominations open for 2024 Warden's Community Service Awards**

The County of Renfrew is once again calling on residents to recognize community contributions of friends, colleagues and businesses as we are now accepting nominations for the annual Warden's Community Services Awards.

These awards are a meaningful way to honour and thank individuals, not-for-profit organizations and for-profit businesses for their community involvement and commitment.

Individuals in our community step up in many ways to improve and strengthen the quality of life we enjoy here in the Ottawa Valley – from participating in and organizing community events, devoting their time and energy to politics, supporting social organizations, coaching and managing sports clubs and teams and celebrating our culture and heritage. Nominate an outstanding individual from our community.

Not-for-profit organizations in Renfrew County contribute to and assist community members facing a wide range of challenges, and often these organizations offer services and support to those most in need. Do you know a not-for-profit that is a community champion? Nominate them for this year's award.

For-profit businesses are significant contributors to community well-being. Many for-profit-businesses sponsor sports teams and youth groups, support charity events, or contribute to local arts and culture. This is your opportunity to have these valuable corporate citizens recognized and acknowledged for their good deeds. You can nominate a local for-profit business that makes a difference in Renfrew County.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate the heart of our community by nominating those who make a difference!" said Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon.



“Whether it’s an inspiring individual, a dedicated not-for-profit, or a standout business, your nominations for the Warden’s Community Service Awards help shine a light on their incredible contributions. Let’s honour those who uplift and enrich our community. We look forward to highlighting the efforts of Renfrew County residents again this year.”

Once the nominations are received, they will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the Warden Emon, the Director of Development and Property and one member of County Council. All nominees are considered based on the criteria as to how they contribute to the County of Renfrew’s quality of life.

For the criteria or to nominate an individual, not-for-profit organization or for-profit business for a Warden’s Community Service Award, complete the [fillable PDF](#) or [online form](#) on the County of Renfrew website. For other inquiries or to submit the fillable PDF, email [wardensawards@countyofrenfrew.on.ca](mailto:wardensawards@countyofrenfrew.on.ca). To request a faxed or mailed copy of the nomination documents call 613-735-7288.

The nomination deadline is November 1, 2024 and the awards will be presented at the November 27, 2024 session of Renfrew County Council.

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# Construction Update - October 2024

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Posted on Monday, October 07, 2024



*County Structure C204 - Bellows Creek Culvert, Township of Whitewater Region*

## **Construction Update – October 4, 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](https://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca/en/news/construction-update-october-2024.aspx).

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

### **Upcoming Projects**

**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 October 14 and is expected to be completed late-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic

and will be closed to all traffic for a period of days. A signed detour will be in place during closures.

### **Ongoing Projects**

#### **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 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., commenced 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 and short-term closures will be required with signed 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 is anticipated to be completed mid-October. During construction, the road will be reduced to a single lane of traffic in locations and short-term closures will be required with signed detours in place.

#### **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., commenced 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 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 mid-October. 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 is closed with alternate routes, using South McNaughton Rd., Bonnechere Rd., and Highway 60, posted.

**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 early-October. During construction, the road at the structure will be limited to a single lane of alternating traffic.

**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 mid-October. During construction, the road at the bridge is closed to traffic with an alternate route, using Highway 17 and Highway 41, posted.

**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 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 was completed late-September.

**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 was completed mid-September.

**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 was completed late-September.

**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 was completed mid-September.

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

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# Taste of the Valley event in Cobden October 19

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Posted on Monday, October 07, 2024



*The Cobden Agricultural Hall and Fairgrounds will once again be a hub of activity on October 19 as the Cobden Taste of the Valley event takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Township of Whitewater Region. This will be the largest TOTV market of the season with more than 140 vendors.*

## **RELEASE DATE:**

October 7, 2024

The Taste of the Valley vendor market – the fourth event in the 2024 series – is taking place on Saturday, October 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Cobden Agricultural Hall and Fairgrounds located at 43 Astrolabe Road, Cobden.

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 Cobden event, featuring more than 140 vendors set up in the parking lot and inside the Agricultural Hall, 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.

“The Township of Whitewater Region is thrilled to be a partner once again with the County of Renfrew to host the largest Taste of the Valley event,” said Debbie Ready, Finance Clerk with the Township. “Each year, this community event brings together more than 4,000 friends and neighbours, highlighting the incredible local vendors who showcase the best of what Renfrew County has to offer. Join us to support our local artisans, farmers and creators, and celebrate the flavors of our vibrant community!”

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 on Saturday, December 14.

“We’ve already had a successful Taste of the Valley season and we look forward to capping it off with our largest vendor market in Cobden,” said Scott Hamilton, Economic Development Coordinator with the County of Renfrew’s Economic Development Division.

“Attendees will have a wide range of homegrown products to choose from; they will not be disappointed in the selection of all things grown, made and created in Renfrew County,” he added.

For more information about Taste of the Valley, visit [www.TOTV.ca](http://www.TOTV.ca) or follow on social media at [@TasteoftheValleyRC](https://www.instagram.com/TasteoftheValleyRC).

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# County of Renfrew Open House



**October 21, 2024**



**3-6 pm**



**9 International Drive, Pembroke**

## The event includes:

- **Career Fair** - Learn about open positions within the County of Renfrew and opportunities in the municipal sector
- **Touch a Truck** - Paramedic, Public Works, Development & Property vehicles
- **Opportunity for students, residents and staff** to gain an understanding of the County and its departments
- **Tour of Council Chambers**

## Learn about our departments:

**Community Services** - Community Housing (RCHC), Children's Services, Ontario Works, Mesa

**Development & Property** - Economic Development, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, Forestry, Real Estate, Planning, GIS

**Emergency Services** - County of Renfrew Paramedics, Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre, Emergency Management, Mesa

**Finance & Administration** - Provincial Offences Administration, Information Technology, Human Resources, Corporate Services

**Long-Term Care** - Miramichi Lodge and Bonnechere Manor

**Public Works & Engineering** - Capital Works and Operations Divisions



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

## For Immediate Release

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(Pembroke, Ontario, September 26, 2024)

### **RSV Vaccine Available for High-Risk Older Adults**

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is pleased to announce that the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccine is available for older adults at higher risk of severe illness. RSV is a common seasonal respiratory virus that spreads through respiratory droplets from coughing or sneezing. Certain groups are at higher risk of severe health complications and hospitalization.

Currently, Ontario's publicly funded RSV prevention program is available to high-risk older adults. Eligible individuals include adults aged 60 years and older who are also:

- residents of long-term care homes, Elder Care Lodges, and retirement homes
- patients in hospital receiving alternate level of care (ALC), including similar settings (for example, complex continuing care, hospital transitional programs)
- patients receiving hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
- recipients of solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplants
- those experiencing homelessness
- those who identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis

**It is important to note that individuals who received the RSV vaccine last year do not need to receive another dose this year, as studies have shown that the RSV vaccine provides multi-year protection.**

"RSV immunization is an important new tool to help older adults at higher risk of severe RSV infection protect themselves and their communities. Getting vaccinated now will provide ongoing protection as RSV activity increases later this fall and winter." states Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

RSV vaccines are available through your healthcare provider. Eligible individuals who do not have a healthcare provider may book an appointment by calling RCDHU's immunization line at 613-732-9436 or 1-800-267-1097, extension 509.

For more information, refer to the Ministry of Health's [Respiratory Syncytial Virus](#) webpage.

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## For Immediate Release

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(Pembroke, Ontario, October 4, 2024)

### **RCDHU Fall Vaccine Program Update**

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is pleased to offer COVID-19 and flu community immunization clinics this fall.

**As of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, clinics will be available to high-risk and priority groups aged six months and older.** COVID-19 vaccinations will be offered by **appointment only**. Starting October 11<sup>th</sup>, both vaccines will also be available to high-risk individuals at participating pharmacies.

Currently eligible high-risk and priority groups include:

- All adults 65 years of age or older
- Residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings
- People with underlying medical conditions that increase their risk of severe [COVID-19](#) or [flu](#) infections
- People who are pregnant
- People from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities
- Members of racialized and other equity-deserving communities
- Healthcare workers and first responders
- People with significant exposure to birds and mammals (such as poultry, livestock, processing plant workers, wildlife officers/researchers, and veterinarians)
- All children 6 months to 4 years of age

High-risk and priority groups are eligible to receive their COVID-19 vaccine if it has been at least 6 months since their last COVID-19 vaccination or test-confirmed COVID-19 infection.

#### **Residents looking for COVID-19 and flu immunization:**

- COVID-19 immunization appointments **must be booked** through the [Ontario Provincial Appointment Booking system](#).
- Flu vaccines will also be available at the time of your appointment should you choose to get one at that time. You do not need to indicate this when booking your appointment.

- Please note, appointments **cannot** be booked directly through RCDHU. If you need assistance booking an appointment, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900.

**Residents looking for a flu vaccine only:**

- Flu vaccines will be offered at RCDHU clinics on a walk-in basis. Wait times will vary.
- Flu vaccines are also available through [participating pharmacies](#). It is recommended that you contact the pharmacy ahead of time as appointments may be required.
- Flu vaccines are also available through participating healthcare providers.

**Starting October 28<sup>th</sup>, COVID-19 and flu vaccines will be available to anyone 6 months of age and older at RCDHU clinics, participating pharmacies, and participating healthcare providers.**

“I strongly encourage everyone 6 months of age and older to receive their updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines as soon as they're eligible to protect themselves and the wider community as respiratory illnesses pick up this fall season,” states Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

For RCDHU's clinic dates and locations, please visit our [COVID-19 and Flu Clinic Schedule](#). Stay connected by visiting [www.rcdhu.com](http://www.rcdhu.com).

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## **AMO Policy Update – AMO Response to BILD Report**

A recent [report](#) released by Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) cited municipal approval timelines and development charges as key issues in explaining declining housing starts.

AMO Executive Director Brian Rosborough responded with the following statement:

- Ontario’s housing market is complex and under pressure from unanticipated population growth, interest rates, labour shortages and inflation that has outstripped wages.
- Legislative changes in 2022, introduced at the request of lobbyists for the development industry, reduced development charges which cover costs for infrastructure for new houses, destabilized the system and brought development to a standstill in many communities.
- To its credit, the province recognized the mistake and Minister Calandra has worked with municipalities and the industry to reverse the worst elements of the 2022 legislation and restore stability and predictability to the system.
- The province has made substantial investments in infrastructure to support additional housing starts. AMO and the Ministry have also been working together to help the Government of Canada to avoid similar,

disastrous mistakes and to better understand the realities of Ontario's complex housing market.

- The solution to the housing affordability crisis will be found through collaboration between the province, municipalities and the development industry, and through industry innovation.
- Ontario has an extraordinarily capable and prosperous development industry. Pointing fingers at municipalities and lobbying the province for taxpayer subsidies is not the solution to the headwinds it is facing today.

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- Foundations in Land Use Planning & Advanced Land Use Planning - October virtual workshops.
- Advanced Councillor Training workshops.
- Understanding Competing Human Rights - September 26 workshop.
- Indigenous Community Awareness training.
- Roads budgets made simple.
- Transitioning to Net Zero Buildings with LAS.
- Policing Board discussion groups.
- Learn about food waste reduction by businesses.
- Blue Box Transition engagement session.
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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

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.

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.

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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.

As an elected municipal official, we know the pressure you deal with is real and we are here to support you. AMO has developed [Advanced Councillor Training](#) focused on core elements of leadership. Register for the [September 25 Strategic Thinking, Planning and Leading workshop](#), and the [October 2 Community Engagement Strategic Approaches workshop](#).

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. Register for this important [Competing Rights September 26 workshop](#).

OFIFC and AMO are offering training to build indigenous cultural competency in municipal government. Through a self-paced learning module and live virtual component, this training will provide knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger Indigenous-municipal relations forward in Ontario. [Register today](#) for the October 8 workshop.

### LAS

If you're not already using Citylogix Software for your road budgetting, you'll want to check it out. [Contact Tanner](#) to find out how LAS' [Road and Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) can help you easily plan your maintenance activities and maximize your public works dollars.

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.

### 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.

### Careers

[Water Resources Engineer, Natural Hazards - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority](#). Closing date: October 11.

[Municipal Planner - Municipality of Red Lake](#). Closing date: October 12.

[Hearing Officer - City of Vaughan](#). Closing date: September 30.

[Planning and Regulations Supervisor - Kettle Creek Conservation Authority](#). Closing date: October 17.

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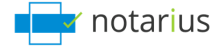
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- What municipal staff need to know about cyber risk.
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### Education Opportunities

The [AMO Knowledge Exchange Symposium](#) is a forum convened by AMO to advance collective collaboration on solutions for Ontario's housing crisis. **Register on-site** at the Delta Hotels Toronto Convention Center on October 1.

The [October 2 Community Engagement Strategic Approaches workshop](#) builds your understanding on the importance of a proactive approach to enhance community understanding and involvement in the important priorities of your council work. Understanding can be the bridge to positive change and growth. Join AMO to enhance your skills in community engagement to vitalize your leadership role and health of your community.

The OFIC and AMO workshop provides historical and current insight and knowledge into the damage brought to Indigenous communities. This workshop builds your understanding and insight that is critical to building strong, productive and meaningful relationships between municipalities and Indigenous leaders

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provide knowledge and tools to utilize in moving improved and stronger Indigenous-municipal relations forward in Ontario. [Register today](#) for the October 8 workshop.

Your community elected you to provide sound and confident leadership in the best interest of your community. During a crisis, this approach to leadership is critical. AMO's workshop on [Managing Communications through Crisis](#) provides insight and tools to support in being this leader.

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No cyber risk experience required! Join us for a half-day webinar [Cyber Risk Management for Municipalities](#), on October 23 for a four-module training session designed to support your understanding of cyber risk.

Digital interactions are increasingly becoming the preferred means of communication between residents and their local governments. As reliance on digital solutions becomes more prevalent, the need for accessible websites becomes more crucial. Read more [here](#).

The LAS-endorsed Sewer and Water Line Warranty program, offered by SLWC, came in handy for a City of Windsor homeowner, whose warranty protected against the financial hit of a huge plumbing bill. Read more [here](#).

### Municipal Wire\*

The Independent Electricity System Operator is [hosting a webinar](#) for municipalities and Indigenous communities on October 10 to discuss details of the upcoming "LT2" procurement that will open this winter.

### Careers

[Senior Financial Analyst - Town of Georgina](#). Closing Date: October 20, 2024.

[Director of Finance - District of Parry Sound Social Services Board](#). Closing Date: October 18, 2024.

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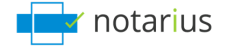
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Did you miss the [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund](#) webinar? [View the video](#) and learn how to apply for the Ontario government's new \$200-million fund.

### Education Opportunities

The ROMA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the launch of the 2025 Conference. Register by **October 31** to access early bird rates. For full registration and hotel information, [click here](#).

Don't be disappointed! Book your trade show booth today to ensure your participation in the 2025 ROMA Conference. Limited spaces available. Download the [exhibitor package](#) or [sponsorship package](#) today.

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**Municipal Wire\***

WOWC is holding its annual [Western Ontario Municipal Conference](#) in Chatham-Kent on October 25, 2024. Explore and collaborate on a wide range of topics affecting our municipalities.

Ontario Nature presents their report, [Municipal Contributions to Canada's Protected Areas Target: A Review of Wise Practices in Ontario](#). Join the [webinar](#) that will share municipal achievements in biodiversity conservation.

**Careers**

[Commissioner, Corporate Services - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: October 30, 2024.

[Asset Management Technician - City of Cambridge](#). Closing Date: October 14, 2024.

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We hold our regular monthly meetings starting at 7.00 p.m. in the Community Hall at the Arnprior Public Library on the fourth Wednesday of every month except July, August & December.

**2024 AFGCC Memberships** can be purchased at Al's Corner Store at corner of Galetta Side Road and old Hwy #17. Memberships are also available from some Executive Committee members. Contact [arnpriorfishandgameclub@gmail.com](mailto:arnpriorfishandgameclub@gmail.com). Memberships cost again this year are \$20 (**cash only please**). Membership sales constitute the only source of non-interest recurring revenue for the club at this time.

**Earth Day Clean Up event at Baskin East boat ramp.** On 20 April 2024 Executive members collected several bags of refuse and litter in a clean up



of the parking area surrounding the club's boat ramp on Baskin Drive East. We were impressed by the number of cannabis containers and other paraphanlia that we encountered during this litter clean up. The other remarkable observation is that this area has become an unofficial dog park for many residents as they allow their pet to follow their vehicle along the road. We know the

Town administration is interested in the boat ramp parking area in their search for an accessible dog park despite its current use for boat trailer parking in this limited parking area.

**AFGCC Family & Youth Fishing Day.** The club organized another AFGCC free-of-charge youth fishing day on Saturday, 8 July at the Mclean Avenue Park on the Ottawa River in Arnprior. The club provided poles, bait and refreshments. More than 30 youths and many adults participated in this Ontario Family Fishing Events supported derby. Several mudcat, perch and pike were



caught and released. A big thank you is owed to Blake Corbin for taking the lead on organizing this event.

## Dates to Note

### 25 September 2024

Regular monthly meeting at 7.00 p.m. in Arnprior Public Library Main Hall community meeting room

### 23 October 2024

Regular monthly meeting at APL at 7.00 p.m.

### 27 November 2024

Annual Beef & Bean event with representatives from MNR beginning at 5.00 p.m. (TBC)

### 22 January 2025

Annual General Meeting and Regular Monthly Meeting at APL at 7.00 p.m.

### 15 February 2025

Youth Ice Fishing Derby (TBC)



We hope to hold the Youth Winter Ice Fishing derby during Family Fishing Week in February (TBC).

**Beef & Bean with MNR.** At our next regular meeting we will be discussing the traditional Beef and Bean event with MNR representatives that we hold annually in November. The issue is the low membership turnout. At the last event two years ago we saw more executive members than actual club members show up. Two representatives from MNR were there and provided some useful information and answered many questions. Executive members prepared the various food offerings at their own expense in their own kitchens prior to this event. We endeavour to meet all Public Health Unit requirements for community social events such as this one. But we need more members to show up if this event is to continue. More information will be forthcoming prior to the event.

**Youth Mentored Hunt program.** In past years, your club has supported several youths from the Arnprior area to participate in this event. The Pandemic disrupted the program but we continue our search for an update on the program. However, it does appear from our research that due to the interruption, this program has to restart from zero again. As an interim measure, the club executive discussed and agreed to reimburse any youth (age 18 and under and with parental permission) in the Town and Township who successfully pursues the non-restricted Firearms Safe Handling training (PAL) and Hunter Education Safety courses immediately upon proof of successful completion. For courses locally see [One Stop \(CFSC & Hunter Education\) - FSESO](#). However, please contact a club executive member via the email address [arnpriorfishandgameclub@gmail.com](mailto:arnpriorfishandgameclub@gmail.com) before registering for the training.

**OFAH Zone meetings.** If you have an OFAH membership, you will note the changes happening at the OFAH to their web site, Charter and by-laws including the splitting into two organizations to comply with the new Ontario non-profit legislation requirements. The OFAH Executive Director stated at one of the Town Hall meetings I listened to that the Zones would continue in the future. To find information about the OFAH zones you need to go to [ofah.org/zonee](http://ofah.org/zonee). The zones apparently manage their own zone pages on the main OFAH site. Very little is up to date on the Zone E page and the next Zone E meeting date and location is TBD. There was a Zone E regular meeting held in June but very little attendance and not much business discussed. For Zone F, there is a notice for a General meeting on the Zone F page (see [ofah.org/zonef](http://ofah.org/zonef)) scheduled for 26 September 2024 at the Legion in Perth commencing at 6.30 p.m. There is a Zoom link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85688455841?pwd=x99efaZl2p3UAfsC5Wm5i4k5pkYUvo.1> Meeting ID: 856 8845 5841 ; Passcode: 188492

**Volunteers welcome.** We welcome your active participation in and contribution to any one of the various Club activities. If you have a wildlife habitat enhancement or fishing conservation idea that you wish to pursue, you are welcome and encouraged to join us. We are also currently in need of Club members to take on various organizational tasks. Our meetings are normally in person at the Arnprior Public Library on the fourth Wednesday at 7.00 p.m. AFGCC club members will endeavour to continue meeting in person at the APL on the fourth Wednesday of every month except July, August and December. Please consider joining us.

To discuss how you can contribute or have any questions please contact: [arnpriorfishandgameclub@gmail.com](mailto:arnpriorfishandgameclub@gmail.com) or call 613-296-2119.



# Nigig Nibi Ki-Win Gamik Society

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Tel.: 613-625-2173  
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September 5, 2024

Town of Arnprior  
105 Elgin St. W  
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Kwey Town of Arnprior,

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Nigig Nibi Ki-win Gamik Society, I am reaching out to humbly request your support and contribution towards our Christmas Giving Tree project. We believe that your commitment to making a positive impact aligns perfectly with our mission, and we kindly request your consideration in supporting our efforts.

Nigig is a child-well being agency whose purpose is to assist and prepare Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation children and youth to lead the future, with the support of family and community. Our agency offers essential services like cultural supports, counseling, child and family well-being programs, and prevention services.

We are writing to humbly request your support with a monetary donation or any in-kind support that you can provide. Your contribution will directly impact our ability to purchase Turkey dinners, toys and clothes for families in need at Christmas.

Your assistance would be invaluable and greatly appreciated. Any amount, no matter how small, will make a significant difference in our efforts. We also welcome non-monetary donations such as turkey's, toys and children's clothing.

To express our gratitude for your generosity, we would be pleased to acknowledge your contribution publicly on our website and social media platforms, unless you prefer to remain anonymous.

We would be thrilled to discuss this opportunity further. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 613-625-2173 x233 or [senioradministratorcwb@nigignibi.com](mailto:senioradministratorcwb@nigignibi.com).

Thank you for your time, consideration and support. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and create a better future for the children and families of Algonquin of Pikwakanagan First Nation.

With sincere gratitude, Mi'gwech,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kayla Martinat". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Kayla Martinat*

Senior Administrator, Child Well-Being

(613) 625-2173 x0

Nigig Nibi Ki-win Gamik Society

Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation



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September 19, 2024

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

Dear Premier Ford:

This is to advise that City Council, at a meeting held on August 26, 2024, passed the following resolution regarding Renovictions and Safe and Adequate Housing:

"WHEREAS the City of Kitchener adopted the resolution, "Renovictions' - Safe and Adequate Housing" on October 18, 2021, advocating to the Province of Ontario to take additional and meaningful steps to address the ever-increasing problem of Renovictions;

WHEREAS the City of Kitchener is taking meaningful steps to help address the issue with the legislated tools available to municipalities including adopting Inclusionary Zoning By-law and a Rental Replacement By-law;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to urge the Province of Ontario to proclaim and bring into force all regulations pertaining to Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023,

THEREFORE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to request to the Province of Ontario to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006, and/or related regulations to:

- a. reintroduce vacancy control legislation which ties rents to residential units rather than tenancies;
- b. introduce rent control to cover units first occupied after November 15, 2018;
- c. require landlords of residential units to be responsible for finding temporary accommodation or provide sufficient relocation assistance for their tenants for the duration of the renovations if tenants intend to return post - repair/renovation;

- d. require landlords to obtain a building permit before issuing an N13 notice of termination, provide a copy of the applicable permit to tenants together with any N13 notice of termination, require evidence that the permit was delivered with the N13 notice of termination as part of any L2 application to end a tenancy filed on that basis, and require the approved permit be provided to the LTB as part of any L2 application to end a tenancy filed on the basis of an N13 notice of termination;
- e. provide the same rights and compensation afforded to tenants in buildings with five (5) or more units to those in buildings with less than five (5) units;
- f. increase the required compensation for tenants in no-fault evictions;
- g. remove ex parte eviction orders for breached repayment agreements;
- h. require landlords to attach a plain-language tenants' rights information package to N13 eviction notices;
- i. regulate N11s and buy-out agreements; and
- j. amend Above Guideline Increase (AGI) rules to eliminate the eligibility of capital expenditures that constitute general repair and maintenance of the property; add a new subsection requiring landlords to save 10 percent of rental income to be accessed for capital expenditures; and require landlords to notify tenants of the decrease in advance of the date when rent is required to be reduced as specified in an order permitting an AGI related to eligible capital expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kitchener supports the resolution adopted by the City of Toronto to urge to the province of Ontario to make the following operational changes to the Landlord Tenant Tribunal (LTB):

- a. allow tenants the right to in-person LTB hearings to eliminate technological barriers for individuals who do not have access to digital devices or reliable internet connection;
- b. simplify LTB notices with plain language so they are easily understood and ensure all forms include a tracking number that is linked to a public registry; and
- c. establish a provincial rental registry that tracks building ownership, rental rates, AGIs and their expiry dates, and LTB eviction filings and their outcomes; and monitor data on N12 and N13 evictions.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and housing, all other municipalities within Ontario, the Region of Waterloo and other Municipalities for their consideration and possible endorsement.”

Yours truly,



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A. Fusco  
Director of Legislated Services & City Clerk

Cc: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Colin Best, President, Association of Municipalities Ontario  
Will Short, Clerk, Region of Waterloo  
Ontario Municipalities  
Sloane Sweazey, Senior Policy Advisor, City of Kitchener

The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles  
RESOLUTION PAGE



Regular Meeting of Council

**Agenda Number:** 7.4.  
**Resolution Number** 2024-325  
**Title:** Resolution stemming from May 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council - Item 10.1 -  
Correspondence #12  
**Date:** August 14, 2024

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**Moved by:** Councillor Loftus  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Laframboise

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles hereby supports Resolution #26-24 passed by Public Health Sudbury and Districts, regarding recommendations for Government Regulations of nicotine pouches;**  
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; our local member of Provincial Parliament (MPP); the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Public Health Sudbury & Districts; and all Ontario Municipalities.**

CARRIED

  
MAYOR



April 22, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

Dear Premier Ford:

**Re: Recommendations for Government Regulation of Nicotine Pouches**

In July 2023, Health Canada gave approval to Imperial Tobacco Canada to sell Zonnica under the [Natural Health Product Regulations](#) as a Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) product. Consequently, Zonnica is sold under the Health Canada approval without adhering to the restrictions of the Federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#) and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#).

Since this time, nicotine pouches have become widely available to youth. These flavoured pouches can be legally purchased by those under 18 years of age in Ontario. The unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to accessibility, normalization, and potential health hazards. Nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children<sup>1</sup> and youth<sup>2</sup>. Exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of children and youth and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco<sup>2</sup>.

In March 2024, Public Health Sudbury & Districts released an advisory alert to local health system partners sharing concerns related to nicotine pouches. Additionally, letters were sent to education directors, educators, and parents to increase awareness of the availability and risks of nicotine pouches to children and youth.

At its meeting on April 18, 2024, the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts took further action and carried the following resolution #26-24:

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*WHEREAS Health Canada approved nicotine pouches for sale under the Natural Health Product regulations providing no restrictions on advertising or sale to children and youth; and*

*WHEREAS the unrestricted sale, display, and promotion of nicotine pouches contribute to their accessibility, the normalization of nicotine use, and potential health hazards; and*

*WHEREAS nicotine is highly addictive and its use, in any form, is unsafe for children and youth; and*

*WHEREAS exposure to nicotine can have adverse effects on the developing brains of adolescents and young adults and increases the likelihood of initiation and long-term use of tobacco products; and*

*WHEREAS the emergence of nicotine pouch products occurred rapidly without requiring adherence to the restrictions of the federal [Tobacco and Vaping Products Act, 1997](#), and the [Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017](#); and*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage Health Canada to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap that permits the sale of nicotine pouches to youth under 18 years of age; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Board of Health urge Health Canada to strengthen regulations to restrict the sale of new and emerging tobacco and nicotine products, ensuring that nicotine availability to children and youth never occur again; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to exclusively sell nicotine pouches from behind pharmacy counters, limit their display in retail settings, and restrict their promotion, especially to youth; and*

*FURTHER THAT the Government of Ontario expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.*

We strongly encourage the Government of Ontario to follow immediately the Government of British Columbia and the Government of Québec to exclusively sell nicotine pouches in pharmacies, specifically behind the counter. This decision reduces product availability, restricts their promotion, and limits their display in retail settings.

Until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the Government of Ontario to expand the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy to create a comprehensive, coherent public health-oriented framework for the regulation of vaping and all nicotine-containing products.

We thank you for your speedy attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre  
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC  
Acting Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honourable Mark Holland, Minister of Health of Canada  
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April 22, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Minister of Health of Canada  
House of Commons  
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We applaud your pledge to take action to review the approval process for flavoured nicotine sales and advertising. We acknowledge the advisory Health Canada issued in March stating nicotine pouches should be used for nicotine replacement therapy in adults and the emphasis on keeping them out of reach of children and youth.

However, only until tighter restrictions of nicotine pouches are implemented, the widely available and accessible product will continue to expose children and youth to nicotine. The Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts strongly encourages the federal government to take immediate action to close the regulatory gap by restricting the sale of nicotine pouches to those under 18 years of age. We also support Health Canada in their assertion to halt the legal purchasing loophole and ensure that nicotine availability to children and youth never occurs with new and emerging products.

We thank you for your attention to this important issue, and we continue to look forward to opportunities to work together to promote and protect the health of Canadians.

Sincerely,



René Lapierre  
Chair, Board of Health



M. Mustafa Hirji, MD, MPH, FRCPC  
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The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

## Resolution

### **Provincial decision regarding alcohol sales in convenience stores and locations that sell fuel to drivers, and the development of a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy**

#### Resolution No. 2024-332

Moved by: Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas excessive consumption of alcohol has a negative impact on many communities because of detrimental health effects, road safety, and other harms; and

Whereas the number of cases of individuals driving under the influence are increasing in Ontario, and the Timiskaming District has recently seen its highest rate ever for impaired driving infractions with 10 in April of 2024; and

Whereas jurisdictions with broader access to alcohol have higher rates of driving under the influence and crashes associated with alcohol; and

Whereas alcohol causes at least seven types of cancer and is a risk factor for, disease, disability and premature death, and is a direct cause of 4,300 deaths and 195,000 emergency department visits per year in Ontario; and

Whereas alcohol related emergency department visits increased 18 percent after the introduction of alcohol sales in grocery stores in Ontario; and

Whereas 35 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have indicated that they consumed alcohol at 13 years or younger; and

Whereas 49 percent of youth in grades 10 and 11 in the Timiskaming District have been drunk at least once in their life; and

Whereas alcohol related harms cost the Ontario economy 7 billion dollars a year; and

Whereas alcohol is a factor in many domestic, sexual and physical assaults in Ontario; and

Whereas most tax revenue generated by the sale of alcohol goes to the province yet the costs and harms that are alcohol related are borne by the municipalities in the form of policing and social services and public health costs.

Therefore be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores requests the Government of Ontario reverse their decision to allow alcohol to be sold in more locations and implement the following recommendations:

1. Permit municipalities to opt out of retail alcohol expansion;
2. Grant municipalities the powers to use zoning to determine where new alcohol retail locations are acceptable;
3. Not permit alcohol sales within 150 m of schools, daycares, or substance use facilities;
4. Prohibit the sale of Alcohol at gas stations;
5. Require health warning labels on all alcohol containers;
6. Dedicate a portion of provincial alcohol revenue to addressing alcohol related harms; and
7. Develop and implement a comprehensive provincial alcohol strategy, in partnership with municipalities, that prioritizes health and safety and considers the costs associated with alcohol consumption.

Further that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health; the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming Cochrane; AMO; FONOM; ROMA; Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA); Timiskaming Health Unit (Planet Youth Timiskaming); Temiskaming Shores OPP Detachment Board; and all Ontario Municipalities.

**Carried**

Certified True Copy  
City of Temiskaming Shores



Logan Belanger  
Municipal Clerk



**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD  
September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**2024-204**

**Moved by Councillor Champagne  
Seconded by Councillor Trahan**

WHEREAS on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Council for the Municipality of East Ferris supported a resolution received from the Town of Petrolia calling upon both the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Boards to re-establish a combined OGRA and ROMA annual conference;

AND WHEREAS on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, correspondence was received from ROMA Chair, Robin Jones, stating that in 2019 the ROMA Board of Directors and the OGRA Executive Committee decided not to hold a joint conference, but agreed that there are matters the organizations can work together on;

AND WHEREAS with ROMA being the rural voice of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) it makes great sense for the ROMA and AMO conferences to be a combined conference, not only financially for municipalities but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff;

AND WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, moving to a combined ROMA/AMO conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris call upon both the ROMA & AMO Boards to establish a combined ROMA/AMO annual conference;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED should the conferences be combined and held during the winter months, as has been past practice for the ROMA conference, that a hybrid participation option be considered as winter weather can be unpredictable and not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to ROMA, AMO, MPP Vic Fedeli, and all municipalities in Ontario.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**



CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2024-204 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 24th day of September, 2024.

Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk

September 20, 2024

**BY E-MAIL**

Hon. Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
5th Floor  
777 Bay St.  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Khanjin:

### **Ontario Deposit Return Program**

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I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to formally address the recent discussions surrounding the Ontario Deposit Return Program, particularly regarding our community residents asking us about the recycling of nonalcoholic beverage plastics.

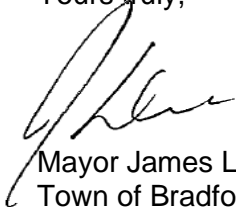
Whereas the Ontario Deposit Return Program has successfully incentivized the recycling of alcoholic beverage containers, resulting in the removal of over 204,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, we recognize the potential for similar success with nonalcoholic beverages.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks highlighted in their June 2023 letter that they are considering the adoption of a deposit-and-return system for nonalcoholic beverages. This initiative presents a unique opportunity to further promote recycling, reduce litter, and encourage sustainable practices among consumers.

Therefore, I am proud to announce that our Council endorses the expansion of the Ontario Deposit Return Program to include nonalcoholic beverage containers. We believe that this expansion will not only enhance environmental stewardship but also foster a culture of sustainability within our community.

We encourage all stakeholders to support this initiative and work collaboratively towards its implementation. Together, we can make a significant impact on our environment and set a positive example for future generations.

Yours truly,



Mayor James Leduc  
Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury

CC:

Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Member of Provincial Parliament for York-Simcoe  
MPP Sandy Shaw, Opposition Environment, Conservation and Parks Critic  
Ontario's Municipal Councils and Conservation Authorities



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## Resolution

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Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
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### **Delivered via email**

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October 4, 2024

### RE: Motion from Mayor Lucas Cleveland regarding Support of Involuntary Care for Individuals with Severe Mental Health and Addictions Issues

Please be advised that the Town of Cobourg Council, at its meeting held on September 25, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has announced the creation of highly secure facilities to provide involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues under the Mental Health Act, including dedicated mental health units in correctional centres and regional secure care facilities; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg, along with municipalities across Ontario, are facing growing challenges in addressing the complex needs of individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues, which place a significant strain on local emergency services, healthcare systems, community resources, and public safety; and

WHEREAS individuals experiencing severe mental health and addictions issues often cannot voluntarily seek the care they need, and involuntary care, provided with compassion and appropriate safeguards, can ensure they receive the necessary treatment to help stabilize their condition and improve community safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Cobourg supports the BC government's approach to providing secure, involuntary care for individuals with severe mental health and addictions challenges, as a compassionate and necessary intervention for those unable to seek help on their own; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg urges the Province of Ontario to implement similar measures to ensure that individuals with severe mental health and addictions issues in Ontario have access to secure, involuntary care when necessary; and



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FURTHER THAT this motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), The Premier, Honourable David Piccini, MPP, all other Members of Provincial Parliament and all Ontario municipalities to seek their endorsement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristina Lepik".

Kristina Lepik  
Deputy Clerk/Manager, Legislative Services

cc. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);  
the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);  
Honourable, David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development and Northumberland – Peterborough South MPP;,  
All other Members of Provincial Parliament; and  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of  
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October 1, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Re: Rideshare Services

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Please be advised that Council adopted the following resolution at their Council meeting held on September 23, 2024:

C-2024-226

“Whereas, the Township of Brock faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ride-sharing service to address transportation gaps within our community; and

Whereas Rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists, and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient, and reliable ways to travel; and

Whereas, the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

Whereas, transferring the responsibility of ride-share regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Township of Brock Council hereby expresses its support for the migration of ride-share regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level;

Be It Further Resolved that the Township of Brock Council formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ride-sharing services across the province;

Be It Further Resolved that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Laurie Scott, Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock; the

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Region of Durham; all Durham Region lower-tier municipalities, and all Ontario municipalities.”

If this information is required in an accessible format,  
please contact the Township at 705-432-2355.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Clerks@Brock.ca.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maralee Drake".

Maralee Drake  
Deputy Clerk

MD:dh

cc. Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation – [minister.mto@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mto@ontario.ca)  
Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing – [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)  
Laurie Scott, MPP Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock - [laurie.scott@pc.ola.org](mailto:laurie.scott@pc.ola.org)  
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All Ontario municipalities