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**Town of Arnprior
Regular Meeting of Council: October 28th, 2024**

Correspondence Package No. I-24-OCT-18

Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-24-OCT-18 be received as information and filed accordingly.

General Information Items:

1. Correspondence from the Government of Ontario

- a) Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Allocation Notice
- b) Ontario Ready to Meet the Challenges of Soaring Energy Demand
- c) Ontario Strengthening Supports to Combat Hate and Create Safer Communities
- d) Ontario Reducing Costs for Future Homeowners
- e) Ontario Helping Workers Plan for Retirement
- f) Ontario Increasing Wildland Firefighting Capacity
- g) New Judges Appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice
- h) Ontario Supporting Grieving Families of Stillborn Children
- i) Ontario Fighting Gridlock and Making Life Easier for Drivers

2. Correspondence from the County of Renfrew

- a) County Council Summary – September 25th, 2024

3. Correspondence from the Renfrew County & District Health Unit

- a) RSV Protection Available for Infants and High Risk Children

4. Correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario

- a) Watch File – October 10th, 2024
- b) Watch File – October 17th, 2024
- c) AMO Policy Update – Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes

5. Correspondence from Other Municipalities

- a) Regional Municipality of Waterloo - Solve the Humanitarian Crisis (Homelessness, Mental Health and Addictions)
- b) Township of Nairn and Hyman – Opposing that Radioactive Material being Transported through the Township of Nairn and Hyman
- c) Town of Tilsonburg – Continued Funding Support Southwest Community Transit
- d) Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Tile Drain Loan Limit

6. Correspondence from the Ontario Provincial Police

- a) OPP Annual Billing Letter

7. Correspondence from Arnprior Public Library

- a) Arnprior Public Library Newsletter

8. Correspondence from the Terry Fox Foundation

- a) Thank you from Denise Johnston, Run Organizer



Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Allocation Notice

Ministry of Infrastructure

The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior

September 2024

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Overview

2025 OCIF Funding

The amount of Funds the municipality named on this Allocation Notice is eligible to receive under the Agreement in the 2025 Funding Year is as follows:

2025 formula allocation	\$913,627
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Terms and Conditions

The provision of Funds to the Recipient are subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement.

OCIF Financial Reporting Requirements

In addition to the other reporting requirements noted in the Agreement (e.g., submission to Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the 2022 Financial Information Return, etc.), the Recipient must report on funding twice each year, providing information on how program funding is or will be used, and again after year-end on how funding was actually used.

In the spring, prior to the start of the construction season the Recipient will submit to the Ministry an **initial report** that includes information on planned/proposed projects that make use of OCIF funding. The Recipient will also submit to Ministry a **final report for the year** on or before March 31st that will include the amount of interest earned on Funds over the year, information on actual annual expenditures and a status update on projects that make use of OCIF funding, indicating whether each project is still in progress or completed. Standard reporting forms and detailed instructions on how to access these forms will be provided closer to each reporting timeline.

Payment of Funds

As per section F.2.1 of the Agreement and subject to the submission and acceptance of all required reporting, the province will make payments in accordance with the following schedule:

- Allocations of \$150,000 or less will be provided in one payment;
- Allocations greater than \$150,000 but less than \$1 million will be provided through six payments; and
- Allocations greater than \$1 million will be provided through twelve payments.

As per section A3.2(b) of the Agreement, the province may withhold payments until it determines all reporting has been submitted and is satisfied with the Recipient’s plan to utilize funding.

Data Sources

- **Core infrastructure:** Current replacement values (CRVs) estimates were derived from CRV template submissions, Asset Management Plans and Schedule 51A of the Financial Information Returns (FIR).
- In cases where CRVs for OCIF eligible core infrastructure were not provided through a CRV template submission and not included in a municipality's asset management plan, the Ministry is using its own CRV estimates for those assets.
- To derive CRV estimates, four years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) of FIR data were considered, giving priority to the most recent available data.
- For municipalities that submitted a CRV template through the CRV data collection process, CRVs used for 2025 OCIF were capped at 200% of their MOI FIR-based estimates and limited to 60% of MOI FIR-estimates as their lowest point. In cases where the Ministry did not receive a template submission, CRVs from asset management plans were anchored to +/- 40% of MOI's FIR-based estimates.
- Categories included are:

<u>Line</u>	<u>Item</u>
611	Roads - Paved
612	Roads - Unpaved
613	Roads - Bridges and Culverts
614	Roadways - Traffic Operations & Roadside Maintenance
621	Winter Control - except Sidewalks, Parking Lots
622	Winter Control - Sidewalks, Parking Lots only
650	Street Lighting
811	Wastewater Collection/Conveyance
812	Wastewater Treatment and Disposal
821	Urban Storm Sewer System
822	Rural Storm Sewer System
831	Water Treatment
832	Water Distribution/Transmission
- **Weighted property assessment:** Measures the size of the municipality's tax base. Refers to the total assessment for a municipality weighted by the tax ratio for each class of property (including payments in lieu of property taxes (PILs) retained by the municipality).

Data sources: Final 2022 Market Change Profile (MCP) and 2024 starting tax ratios (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and municipal tax rate bylaws) and Municipal FIRs (2021 or 2022 for PILs). 2024 OMPF (Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund) data released October 2023.

- **Median household income:** Statistics Canada's measure of median income for all private households in 2020.

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Below are the key data source values used to calculate your 2025 allocation:

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	Inputs	
a	Core infrastructure CRV estimate	\$474,020,176
b	Adjusted core infrastructure	\$557,283,509
c	Weighted property assessment	\$1,240,507,518
d	Number of households	4,671
e	Median household income	\$75,500
Ind 1*	Indicator 1 (h ÷ i)	0.1182
f	Indicator 1 – Raw (b ÷ c)	0.4492
g	Indicator 1 of eligible municipalities: Median, Lowest, Highest Value	g1: Median: 0.3071 g2: Lowest: 0.0206 g3: Highest: 1.5097
h	Difference between Indicator value and Median (f – g1)	0.1421
i	Difference between the Maximum and the Median Value (g3 - g1) ¹	1.2026
Ind 2*	Indicator 2 (l ÷ m)	0.1335
j	Indicator 2 – Raw (b ÷ d ÷ e)	1.5802
k	Indicator 2 of eligible municipalities: Median, Lowest, Highest Value	k1: Median: 1.1538 k2: Lowest: 0.0794 k3: Highest: 4.3485
l	Difference between Indicator value and Median (j – k1)	0.4264
m	Difference between the Maximum and the Median Value (k3 - k1) ²	3.1947
Ind	Infrastructure Index (Ind1+Ind2)/2	0.1258
n	Median of Infrastructure Indices of all eligible municipalities	-0.0416
o	Percentage points away from the Median	16.74
p	Core infrastructure multiplier (per \$100,000 of core infrastructure) \$173.143 + \$24 x (Ind - n) ÷ 10% ³	\$213.33
q	Median core infrastructure multiplier	\$173.143
	2024 OCIF Allocation	\$794,458
	2025 OCIF Allocation Maximum of (p x a ÷ \$100,000) or \$100,000, up to \$10 million, limited to ±15% variance from 2024 grant**	\$913,627

****Core infrastructure value must be divided by \$100,000 before applying the core infrastructure multiplier.**

Please Note: Due to rounding, some calculations may vary from the results shown.

*The re-weighted indicators are on a scale of -1 to +1.

Note 1: Since the indicator is above the median, the difference between the maximum value and median is calculated (g3-g1)

Note 2: Since the indicator is above the median, the difference between the maximum value and median is calculated (k3-k1)

Note 3: Since the index is above the median, the funding multiplier per \$100,000 of core infrastructure is greater than \$173.143

Details of how grants are calculated, including the infrastructure index and the way in which it impacts OCIF funding by comparing it to the median infrastructure index of all eligible municipalities, can be found in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund program guidelines at: www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-community-infrastructure-fund#section-5.

NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Ready to Meet the Challenge of Soaring Energy Demand

Province prioritizing energy affordability for families and businesses as it plans for continued growth

October 22, 2024

[Energy and Electrification](#)

TORONTO – Today, the Ontario government released [Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power](#), outlining the challenges facing the province as demand for energy continues to rapidly grow, as well as the province's path to managing this demand. The government also announced it would release the province's first-ever Integrated Energy Plan with a generational horizon out to 2050, which will ensure the entire energy sector is aligned behind the government's pro-growth agenda to reduce costs and province-wide emissions.

"Ontario's energy policy will literally determine the success of our province, today and for the next generation," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. "Unlike previous governments that pursued siloed and short-term decision making that led to skyrocketing energy rates, our government will introduce the province's first integrated energy plan that will avoid the consequences of bad planning and ensure we have the affordable energy we need to power new homes, attract investment and create jobs."

According to Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator, the province's demand for electricity is forecast to increase by 75 per cent by 2050, the equivalent of adding four and a half cities the size of Toronto to the grid. There is also continued demand for other fuels like gasoline and natural gas, that currently play a critical role in powering our vehicles, heating our homes and attracting new jobs in manufacturing, including the automotive industry and agriculture.

"Just like our great grandparents built the first hydroelectric dams at the turn of the century, our grandparents who launched the build out of our nuclear fleet in the 1960's, it will be our generation and our government that builds for our children and grandchildren," continued Minister Lecce. "Our competitive all-of-the-above

approach will deliver more affordable power to our families – with non-emitting nuclear energy as our anchor – to keep costs and emissions down without a costly and unnecessary carbon tax.”

Ontario's Affordable Energy Future outlines the challenges and priorities that must be addressed in the government's first-ever integrated energy plan to ensure the province continues to make new investments, including:

- **Integrated Planning for Growth:** Ontario's plan needs to coordinate all energy resources, including electricity, natural gas and other fuels, to ensure that the province's energy needs are anticipated and met in a coordinated and long-term manner, anchored by the largest expansion of non-emitting nuclear energy on the continent.
- **Affordability:** Ontario's plan needs to anchor energy affordability as a main driver in planning decisions by driving savings through competition, unlike previous governments that were driven by ideology.
- **Ontario's Alternative to a Carbon Tax:** Ontario's plan will never include a carbon tax. Instead, Ontario will meet its emission reduction targets with affordable and clean power that supports families and businesses to move away from higher emitting sources of energy.
- **Reducing Costs for Families Through Energy Efficiency:** Ontario's plan needs to provide ways to reduce energy consumption in addition to generating more power. The government will act on this priority ahead of an integrated energy plan by launching a significant expansion of energy efficiency programs on January 1, 2025.
- **Ontario as an Energy Superpower:** Ontario's plan needs to build on its competitive advantage and export clean energy and technology to the world, where it is in the best interests of Ontarians to drive revenue and jobs to our province.

This integrated plan will outline the total energy required by 2050, the financial investments to deliver on the need through the province's all-of-the-above approach to energy planning to reduce costs and province-wide emissions. The government intends to introduce legislation that would, if passed, support the implementation of this new energy plan and position the province to support electrification and energy affordability while competing for international investments which are looking for jurisdictions that provide access to clean, reliable electricity.

“Six years ago, the people of Ontario put their trust in us to end the previous government’s failed and ideologically driven energy experiments that burdened hardworking people and businesses with billions of dollars of bad deals,” said Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy Intensive Industries. “We got to work quickly on fixing the hydro mess. As a result, renewed access to clean and affordable energy has put Ontario back on the map for growing industries, but this is only driving demand for even more energy.”

To inform the province’s first integrated energy plan, the government has launched a consultation and engagement process with the public, Indigenous communities and other groups. These engagements will build on electricity generation and transmission announcements already announced as part of the province’s Powering Ontario’s Growth plan, including:

- **Ontario’s Largest Competitive Energy Procurement** – Advancing [competitive procurement](#) for new energy resources to Ontario’s growing energy needs.
- **Nuclear Energy** – Advancing reliable, affordable and clean nuclear power through [pre-development work at Bruce Power](#), [four small modular reactors at Darlington](#) and supporting Ontario Power Generation’s plan for [refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station](#).
- **New Transmission Infrastructure** – Designating and prioritizing transmissions lines in [Southwestern](#), [Northeastern and Eastern Ontario](#) that will power job creators including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.
- **Additional Competitive Procurements** – A successful re-contracting of existing resources at about a 30 per cent discount and planning more competitive procurements for non-emitting electricity resources including wind, solar, hydroelectric, and bioenergy.

Quick Facts

- Increasing electricity demand stems primarily from Ontario’s rapid increase in population, new manufacturing facilities, advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) data centres, the electrification of industry, and the charging energy required for electric vehicles.
 - The province will need nearly 2,200 MW of electricity for EV supply chain companies by 2050, the equivalent of 2.2 million homes.
 - Industrial electricity demand is set to increase by 50 per cent in just the next five years.
 - Ontario’s first Integrated Energy Resource Plan will be launched in 2025.
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Quotes

"Having attracted over \$44 billion in automotive investments from both domestic and international companies over the last four years, Ontario has become a leading jurisdiction in the global production and development of EVs and EV battery materials. As we look to build upon this success, visions like Ontario's Affordable Energy Future will play an important role in maintaining our province's competitive business environment and fostering on-going opportunities for our highly skilled workforce now and into the future."

- Vic Fedeli

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

"The Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO) strongly supports the vision released by Energy and Electrification Minister Stephen Lecce to significantly expand power production in the province to keep pace with growing consumer demand. By focusing on long term planning using reliability, affordability, and sustainability as its cornerstones, together we will maximize the potential of continuing Ontario's Clean Energy Advantage to help advance the energy transition and fight climate change."

- Colin Anderson

President and CEO, Association of Power Producers of Ontario (APPrO)

"As we conclude manufacturing month, this is a welcome announcement. Knowing energy will be there, at the right price, must be central to Ontario's industrial advantage for decades to come. We applaud Minister Lecce's low carbon, low-cost approach articulated in the Energy Vision announced today."

- Dennis A. Darby

P.Eng., ICD.D, President & CEO, Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters

"Ontario's Energy Vision is a pivotal step towards a sustainable future. By prioritizing affordability and energy efficiency, we will make progress toward meeting emissions targets while also empowering businesses to invest and create jobs. The Electricity Distributors Association supports local hydro companies playing an essential role in this comprehensive approach to secure Ontario's transition to a low carbon future."

- Teresa Sarkesian
President & CEO, Electricity Distributors Association

"As a key economic driver, Ontario's energy system must be reliable, affordable and sustainable. That's why the Ontario Chamber of Commerce welcomes the government's long-term, integrated planning. To be successful, Ontario must leverage its diverse energy mix, ensure predictability for business and investors, drive energy efficiency, incentivize behavioural change by consumers and businesses, and meet our climate goals - all while keeping costs down. By positioning Ontario to meet its energy needs with 90% clean electricity, this plan promises economic benefits for generations to come."

- Daniel Tisch
President and CEO, Ontario Chamber of Commerce

"Affordable and stable energy supply is critical to Ontario's future and all sectors of the economy, including homebuilders, rely on this approach to fully deliver for Ontarians. The government's integrated Energy Plan will place Ontario in the best position possible to meet our energy demands in the years to come as the province manages continuing and significant growth."

- Richard Lyall
President, Residential Construction Council of Ontario (RESCON)

"Ontario's energy grid is a critical part of not only our communities, but our competitive economic advantage. Today's announcement of the first-ever Integrated Energy Plan will provide important momentum and a comprehensive, coordinated energy framework with a generational vision, helping to connect homes and businesses faster through to 2050. On behalf of ACEC-Ontario's 140 member companies employing over 27,000 professionals, we congratulate Minister Lecce, Premier Ford and the Ontario Government for their vision and leadership in securing Ontario's reputation as a leading energy powerhouse in Canada and across North America. We look forward to Engineering Ontario Forward on important initiatives that will benefit communities and industries across the province."

- Andrew Hurd
Executive Director, ACEC-Ontario

"OCNI fully supports the Ontario government's vision for a long-term, integrated energy plan focused on affordability, energy efficiency, and sustainable growth. This approach reinforces Ontario's leadership in global energy and highlights nuclear's essential role in meeting future demands. We're confident that through strong partnerships and innovation, Canada's nuclear supply chain will continue to deliver clean, reliable energy for years to come."

- Brian Fehrenbach
Interim President & CEO, Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries
(OCNI)

"We commend the Minister of Energy and Electrification on prioritizing affordability for ratepayers when planning to meet the unprecedented increase in demand for electricity. With more than 3 GW of energy storage to be connected before the end this decade, storage will continue to provide critical flexibility and help optimize the system, ensuring affordability and reliability for Ontario. Energy Storage Canada and its members look forward to working with Minister Lecce and the sector in meeting tomorrow's energy needs."

- Justin W Rangooni
Executive Director Energy Storage Canada

"On behalf of the Labourers International Union of North America (LIUNA) and our over 120 000 members across Ontario, we applaud Minister of Energy and Electrification, Stephen Lecce, and the Ford government for prioritizing clean, reliable and affordable energy for today and for our future. As Canada's largest building trades union, LIUNA Members stand ready to continue supporting the infrastructure necessary to fuel Ontario's economy and sustain our province as a global economic powerhouse and a world leader in clean energy."

- Joseph Mancinelli
International Vice President, Canadian Director, Regional Manager of
Central and Eastern Canada, LIUNA

"We welcome the government's recognition of the urgent need to move forward with a comprehensive, all-hands on deck approach to energy planning, essential to ensuring Ontario businesses have the needed supply of clean energy—including nuclear and natural gas—to meet our economic and population growth projections. Our economic ambitions depend on getting our energy mix right—businesses will choose to invest and grow in Ontario based on access to energy that is clean, reliable, and competitively priced in North America. Toronto Region Board of Trade and our members look forward to continuing to bring the important voice of business and industry to the table as the government moves forward with its plan."

- Giles Gherson
President and CEO, Toronto Region Board of Trade

"CanREA applauds the Ontario government's vision and commitment to affordable, reliable and clean electricity. Ontario's Affordable Energy Future will drive savings through competition. CanREA's members are ready to deliver the cost-effective, scalable and flexible wind, solar and energy-storage solutions Ontario customers need."

- Vittoria Bellissimo

President and CEO, Canadian Renewable Energy Association (CanREA)

"AMPCO supports the Government in its ongoing efforts for affordable electricity and supporting our world class energy efficient industries in Ontario. AMPCO further supports removing punitive carbon taxes from our clean electricity system."

- Mark Passi

Chair, Board of Directors, AMPCO

"Ontario has for many years proven itself to be a global leader on the use of clean, sustainable, and affordable nuclear power to reduce emissions and drive economic growth. The nuclear industry stands ready to build on decades of success and play a foundational role in the province's ambitions to expand its role as a regional energy superpower."

- John Gorman

President and CEO, Canadian Nuclear Association

Additional Resources

[ERO Posting](#)

[IESO Annual Planning Outlook](#)

[Province Launches Largest Competitive Energy Procurement in Ontario History.](#)

[Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity.](#)

[Powering Ontario's Growth](#)

[IESO Distributed Energy Resources \(DER\) Potential Study.](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Strengthening Supports to Combat Hate and Create Safer Communities

Applications opening soon for Ontario's Anti-Hate Security Prevention Grant program

October 21, 2024

[Citizenship and Multiculturalism](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing \$12.75 million this year to help address the rise of hate incidents and keep communities safe across the province. This is part of the government's \$25.5 million investment over two years in the new Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant to help faith-based and cultural organizations implement measures to ensure their community spaces remain safe and secure.

"Everyone in Ontario should be able to practice their faith and express their beliefs, without the fear of experiencing acts of hate, intimidation or violence," said Graham McGregor, acting Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. "We continue to invest in the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant program to support communities in establishing safe and inclusive environments for all Ontarians, regardless of their background, religion or culture."

The grant provides up to \$10,000 to eligible community organizations to help them protect their spaces from hate-motivated incidents, graffiti, vandalism or other damage. Grant funding can be used for measures such as hiring security staff, surveillance cameras, security assessments, cybersecurity and building repairs.

The Anti-Hate Security Prevention Grant application portal opens on October 31, 2024, and closes on December 2, 2024. Previous grant recipients are encouraged to apply again for 2024-25. Organizations can review eligibility and learn more at [Ontario.ca/AHSP](https://ontario.ca/AHSP).

Eligible organizations include:

- Religious and spiritual communities (e.g., mosques, synagogues, temples, churches, etc.)
- First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and Indigenous organizations

- Cultural groups (e.g., 2SLGBTQQIA+ groups, Black, Asian and other diverse organizations offering programs, workshops and ceremonies that promote their communities' cultures)
- A complete list can be found at [Ontario.ca/AHSP](https://ontario.ca/AHSP)

Since 2021, the government has invested a total of \$86 million to support over 2,000 faith-based and cultural communities.

Quick Facts

- Indigenous, Black, Muslim, Jewish and 2SLGBTQQIA+ communities have been among the most targeted groups of hate crimes in recent years. There were more than 2,400 police-reported hate crimes incidents in Ontario in 2023.
- The Ontario government is investing more than \$1.5 million through the 2022-2024 Safer and Vital Communities Grant program. This funding will help 17 community-based, not-for-profit organizations and First Nations Chiefs and Band Councils, support projects that prevent online hate crime, human trafficking and fraud.

Quotes

"The Beth Radom Congregation is very appreciative of the funds from the Ontario government to enhance security for our building. We were able to install security cameras and update our alarm system, which has proven valuable during this recent rise in antisemitism in Toronto."

- Mark Vernon
President, Beth Radom Congregation

"Places of worship are powerful symbols and when they are subject to acts of hate, all of society is diminished. Through the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant, the Toronto and Region Islamic Congregation (TARIC) recognizes the importance of this essential support in making enhancements to further protect our congregants, visitors, and property."

- Shaykh Imran Ally
Resident Imam of the TARIC Islamic Centre

"Thanks to the Ontario government's Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant, we are able to further strengthen security, ensuring a safer, and welcoming space for the community to practice their faith. This support helps us foster peace and a safer environment for our congregation and beyond."

- Udayan Pandey
Director BAPS Inc., Canada

"The Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant was a timely and necessary investment by the Government of Ontario for the security and safety of cultural communities in Ontario, including our Gurdwara. Thank you again for providing this essential funding used to protect our community."

- Manohar Singh Bal
Secretary, Gurdwara Guru Nanak Mission Centre

"The Ontario Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant has been an essential source of support in helping faith-based communities like ours create safer spaces for worship and fellowship. At the Church of Virgin Mary and St. Athanasius, we have experienced firsthand how this funding empowers us to implement critical security measures, providing our congregation with a greater sense of peace and security. We thank the Government of Ontario for its ongoing commitment to safeguarding vulnerable communities and fostering a more safe province for all."

- Fr. Angelos Saad
Church of Virgin Mary and St. Athanasius

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Increasing Funding to Combat Antisemitism and Islamophobia](#)
- [Ontario Supporting New Initiatives to Combat Hate in London](#)
- [Ontario Strengthening Supports to Combat Hate and Create Safer Communities](#)

Related Topics

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Reducing Costs for Future Homeowners

Province prioritizing affordability for families by unveiling plan to fix “last mile” barriers

October 21, 2024

[Energy and Electrification](#)

TORONTO –The Ontario government is removing barriers that slow the construction of new homes and businesses by making it easier and more affordable to connect to the province's world-class clean electricity grid.

According to Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator, the province's demand for electricity is forecast to increase by 75 per cent by 2050. That includes growing demand from new homes and industry, each of which will need to be connected to the province's growing grid. Under existing rules, the process can be slow and burden homebuyers and new businesses with unreasonable costs.

“Too many families face barriers to homeownership, and that is why we are acting on all fronts to reduce the cost for future homeowners and investors,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. “We are taking a generational lens to fixing a long-standing barrier for young Canadians to enter the housing market. As our population increases, our government will act decisively to implement our plan to connect the “last mile” so that ultimately, we cut costs for prospective homeowners and end the barriers to job-creating investment.”

The government intends to introduce legislation that will, if passed, support the construction of new homes and businesses by making it easier and more affordable to make those “last mile” connections. The legislation would amend *the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* to enable regulation making authority to protect existing ratepayers while reducing upfront capital costs of new lines that would otherwise increase the costs to new homes and businesses.

Minister Lecce has also asked the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to implement all recommendations from its [Housing Connections Report](#), to dramatically reduce barriers to home building, job-creating investment, and agricultural expansion. Ontario's plan to reduce costs for families and businesses owners includes:

- Amending the Distribution System Code (DSC) to extend the revenue horizon for connecting residential developments from 25 years up to 40 years, allowing the costs of new infrastructure that will serve this province for generations to be spread over a longer period.
- Amending the DSC to provide clarity regarding the conditions under which a local distribution company should extend the connection horizon for new developments.
- Establishing a new capacity allocation model that considers multi customer, multi-year projects.
- Establishing a Housing Electricity Growth Forum to bring together designated municipalities with housing targets, impacted local utilities, industry and construction leaders, and the OEB to discuss ways to accelerate connections while reducing costs.
- Minister Lecce also asked the OEB to consider further amendments to the DSC to extend the connection horizon for new electricity lines to housing development projects to 15 years.

“Our government knows that we need all hands-on deck when it comes to addressing the province’s growth and housing supply challenges,” said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “We owe it to the hardworking people of Ontario to help deliver the fully functioning infrastructure that supports the homes they need.”

These moves to reduce the costs of connecting to the grid will form a key part of the government’s vision for the future of the energy sector, which will be released in the coming days, and build on [Powering Ontario’s Growth](#), the government’s pragmatic plan to meet growing energy demand and reduce emissions by expanding Ontario’s reliable, affordable and clean grid, including:

- **Ontario’s Largest Competitive Energy Procurement** – Advancing [competitive procurement](#) for new energy resources to Ontario’s growing energy needs.
- **Nuclear Energy** – Advancing reliable, affordable and clean nuclear power through [pre-development work at Bruce Power](#), [four small modular reactors at Darlington](#) and supporting Ontario Power Generation’s plan for [refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station](#).
- **New Transmission Infrastructure** – Designating and prioritizing transmissions lines in [Southwestern, Northeastern and Eastern Ontario](#) that will power job creators including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.
- **Keeping Costs Down** – Launching new energy efficiency programs on January 1, 2025, building on the government’s [\\$342 million expansion of existing energy](#).

[efficiency programs](#) which are helping families and businesses reduce their electricity use so they can save money on their energy bills.

- **Additional Competitive Procurements** – A successful re-contracting of existing resources at about a 30 per cent discount and planning more competitive procurements for non-emitting electricity resources including wind, solar, hydroelectric, and bioenergy.
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Quick Facts

- New regulatory making authority could allow the government to reduce costs for first-mover customers by allowing costs of new infrastructure to be allocated as additional customers in high-growth areas connect to the line, rather than all costs being paid by the “first mover.”
 - The Housing Electricity Growth Forum will be chaired by the Deputy Minister of Energy and Electrification and the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The first meeting will take place before the end of the year.
 - Ontario’s electricity system is among the cleanest in the world, powered by a diverse supply mix including nuclear, hydroelectric, renewables, natural gas and biomass.
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Quotes

"We are actively listening to job creators in every industry across Ontario, addressing the barriers they've identified around connecting to the energy grid quickly and cost-effectively. By providing tools to get faster, more responsive, and more affordable last-mile connections to the grid, we're ensuring industries can continue to invest and grow in our province, creating good, high-paying jobs for families now and into the future. We have also heard from Local Distribution Companies across the province about the need to continue efforts to build out the last mile connection and will continue working with them to ensure economic growth in every community in Ontario."

- Sam Oosterhoff
Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries

"As our province continues to attract record numbers of new investments by both domestic and international companies, these businesses will require clean, affordable and reliable sources of energy as they expand and grow their operations in Ontario. Reducing electricity cost burdens on businesses will help to ensure a competitive business climate that will spur economic growth and the creation of new, good-paying jobs for our highly skilled workforce."

- Vic Fedeli

Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

"We thank the Minister of Energy and Electrification for his endorsement of our recommendations. We are grateful to our stakeholders for their participation as we developed our advice, and we look forward to working with them to implement this important work."

- Susanna Zagar

Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Energy Board

"We recognize the importance of making it more affordable to connect new homes and businesses to Ontario's electricity grid. The government's initiative to reduce upfront costs will help ensure that our growing communities have access to reliable and affordable power and will continue to make Ontario a destination of choice for families and economic investment."

- Teresa Sarkesian

President and CEO, Electricity Distributors Association

"Facilitating supportive infrastructure like last mile connections is precisely the type of leadership we need from the Minister of Energy and Electrification to build more homes in Ontario. I'm very happy to see the Ministry continue to reduce regulatory barriers and help make housing more attainable for Ontarians."

- Scott Andison

CEO, Ontario Home Builders' Association

Additional Resources

[Powering Ontario's Growth](#)

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

[Building More Homes](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Helping Workers Plan For Retirement

Province implementing target benefit pension plan framework

October 17, 2024

[Finance](#)

TORONTO — Ontario is helping workers prepare for their retirement by implementing a permanent framework for target benefits. This framework will help support the sustainability of multi-employer pension plans and pave the way for more employers to offer these plans, helping workers save for their retirement.

Target benefit pension plans provide a monthly stream of income in retirement at a predictable cost for employers. Multi-employer pension plans that provide target benefits are often created by a union or association within a specific industry, especially industries involving the skilled trades. Members of these plans can move from employer to employer while continuing to participate in the same pension plan, which supports job mobility and helps to attract more people into the skilled trades.

“Our government recognizes that retirement savings are crucial to protecting the financial security of workers and retirees, which is why this new permanent target benefits framework is so important,” said Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy. “These plans and their respective members are now supported with clear rules and responsibilities so that workers have a stable retirement with a secure stream of income they deserve.”

Following consultations with the sector, the government has finalized the regulations to establish a permanent target benefit framework, which will come into effect on January 1, 2025. Multi-employer pension plans that wish to convert their benefits to target benefits can apply to the regulator for consent beginning in 2025.

The target benefit framework includes measures to strengthen plan governance, enhance plan communication to members, and improve the management of plan funding. Once pension plans begin operating under the target benefit framework,

the government will monitor the new regime to ensure that it is meeting these objectives and needs of workers and retirees with benefits in these plans.

Quick Facts

- Currently, there are 68 multi-employer pension plans in Ontario, many of which were established for workers in the skilled trades. They have over one million participants and hold nearly \$48 billion in assets.
 - In 2023, 1.3 million people worked in skilled trades-related occupations in Ontario. Over the next decade, the province is expected to need over 500,000 more workers in skilled trades-related occupations.
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Quotes

"With this new permanent target benefits framework, our government is ensuring workers and retirees – the Golden Generation of Skilled Tradespeople who built this province into what it is today – receive the financial security and reliability that they have earned. This is part of our government's plan to attract, retain, and train the province's workforce who are shaping Ontario's bright future."

- David Piccini

Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

"For many years, LiUNA has advocated for permanent and appropriate regulations for multi-employer pension plans to provide our members with secure pensions in their retirement. On behalf of our members, we commend Premier Doug Ford, Minister Bethlenfalvy and the Ministry of Finance for collaborating with the sector to bring long overdue reform that will promote secure pensions for LiUNA members in Ontario's construction and non-construction related industries. With this new permanent framework, the government is showing that it understands the unique challenges faced by unionized employees in the Ontario construction and non-construction related industries that participate in multi-employer pension plans and are stepping up to support their success both on the job and in retirement."

- Joseph Mancinelli

Chair, Board of Trustees of the LiUNA Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada, LiUNA International Vice President and Canadian Director

"Our membership has been waiting seventeen years for the government of Ontario to meaningfully consult with the multi-employer pension sector and develop a permanent framework for target benefits pension plans. MEBCO is pleased to see the government's continued support on this file and their continued commitment to engage with us to help workers prepare for their retirement."

**- Alex D McKinnon President
Multi-Employer Benefit Plan Council of Canada (MEBCO)**

Additional Resources

[Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario](#)

[Ontario Introducing Over 35,000 Students to Careers in Skilled Trades](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Increasing Wildland Firefighting Capacity

Investments in new aircraft and personnel helping ensure province prepared for fire seasons

October 16, 2024

[Natural Resources](#)

SAULT STE. MARIE – The governments of Ontario and Canada are investing \$64 million to strengthen the province’s wildland fire program. The funding program will enhance Ontario’s firefighting abilities, allowing the province to hire and train key personnel and fund the purchase of new support equipment and technology, including fuel systems, tankers, trucks and software systems.

“Our government is making critical investments in our wildland fire program – on the ground and in the air – to keep Ontario at the leading edge of wildland firefighting,” said Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources. “As an internationally recognized leader in wildland fire safety, we are preparing for more frequent and complex fire seasons to protect our communities now and in the future.”

To help keep communities safe this fire season and in the future, Ontario is also:

- Contracting the services of four additional medium helicopters to support fire suppression, increasing Ontario’s total number of contracted helicopters to 13.
- Ensuring support for communities impacted by fires and floods by contracting the services of an additional plane to assist with community evacuations, if needed.
- Creating more than 100 additional permanent positions to build leadership and experience within our wildland fire program. These new year-round positions will support improved career path opportunities for fire rangers and other staff.
- Investing \$5 million to help attract and retain wildland firefighting staff. This investment recognizes the critical services of wildland firefighters and pilots with an incentive/retention payment of up to \$5,000 for the 2024 fire season.
- Supporting wildland firefighters and investigators with improved access to benefit entitlements and eligibility for the same presumptive benefits as municipal firefighters and fire investigators.

"I am so proud of Ontario's highly trained and skilled members working in wildland firefighting," said Kevin Holland, Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products, "and as we strengthen our forestry sector, it's crucial to leverage these skills to ensure the safety and resilience of Ontario communities affected by wildfires. Our training programs and investments are essential in supporting all communities that depend on our wildland firefighters."

With the end of this fire season approaching, Ontario continues to look to future seasons and other ways to improve and modernize our equipment, personnel, and air fleet.

Quick Facts

- To date this year, there have been 450 wildland fires, with 89,395 hectares of forests burned.
- Ontario participates in agreements with its provincial, territorial, federal, and international partners that allow for the sharing of personnel, equipment, and aircraft between agencies during periods of escalated wildland fire activity.
- So far this year, Ontario has deployed staff, equipment, and aircraft to partners in Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador and the Northwest Territories to support their wildland fire management operations.

Quotes

"To protect our communities, we must prioritize investing in wildland fire equipment and personnel during and in between fire seasons. These investments are essential for building resilience and ensuring we are prepared for any challenges that may arise in the future. By taking action now, we are strengthening our response capabilities and supporting those who work tirelessly to keep us safe."

- Ross Romano
MPP, Sault Ste. Marie

"Our government understands the importance of investing in people, training, and technology to keep our communities safe, practiced and prepared. These proactive investments will help ensure communities across the province have the resources and equipment they need to prepare for future wildland fire seasons."

- Trevor Jones

Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response

"As climate change intensifies, so too do wildfires. To keep Ontarians safe for future wildfire seasons, the federal government is partnering with the provinces and territories to provide the support they need to protect lives and communities. This joint investment with the Government of Ontario highlights our commitment to working together to mitigate and prepare for future wildfire challenges through the Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Program."

- Jonathan Wilkinson

Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

"By investing in modern fire-fighting technology and supporting wildland firefighters, we can better protect the people of Northern Ontario. The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities fully supports the Ministry's efforts to enhance wildland firefighting across the province."

- Danny Whalen

President, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

"Northwestern Ontario Municipalities Association fully endorses the government's investments for wildland firefighting. Funding for wildfire management is crucial for Indigenous and Northern communities. By building capacity and resources, we can ensure the safety of Northern Ontario and protect our natural landscapes."

- Wendy Landry

**Mayor of Shuniah and President of the Northwestern Ontario
Municipalities Association**

Additional Resources

[Forest fire information map](#)

[Ontario's response to wildland fires](#)

[Find out how to prevent forest fires](#)

[Learn more about the science behind fire](#)

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BULLETIN

New Judges Appointed to the Ontario Court of Justice

October 15, 2024

[Attorney General](#)

The Ontario government is pleased to announce the appointment of two new judges to the Ontario Court of Justice, effective October 24, 2024.

Justice Christopher Chorney was called to the Ontario bar in 1996. He began his career practicing criminal law as a sole practitioner in Toronto. From 1999 to 2004, Justice Chorney was an assistant Crown attorney in York Region. He then worked in Criminal Law Policy at the Ministry of the Attorney General, as counsel at the Office of the Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice, legal counsel at the Court of Appeal and Crown counsel at the Crown Law Office – Criminal. Since 2017, he has been an assistant Crown attorney at the Toronto West Crown Attorney's Office, where he has been involved in all aspects of criminal prosecution.

Justice Chorney has been a volunteer mentor with the Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council, counselling legal professionals who have recently immigrated to Canada. He was an adjunct professor of criminology at Ryerson University, now Toronto Metropolitan University, and has presented at continuing legal education programs for the Ontario Bar Association, Law Society of Ontario, Osgoode Professional Development and the National Judicial Institute. Justice Chorney also developed an interactive introduction to criminal justice program with the Ontario Justice Education Network.

Chief Justice Sharon Nicklas has assigned Justice Chorney to Walkerton.

Justice Christa Reccord was called to the Ontario bar in 2011 and to the Newfoundland and Labrador bar in 2003. She spent most of her career as counsel with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. Most recently, Justice Reccord was the acting deputy chief federal prosecutor, where she managed the day-to-day operations of the National Capital Regional Office.

Justice Reccord has volunteered as president of the Rotary Club of Ottawa Metro, where she assisted with the sponsorship of youth exchange students and other youth programs and participated in other fundraising and service activities. She has

also volunteered with Roger Neilson Children's Hospice, which provides respite and end-of-life care to families of children with life-limiting illnesses, and has been a member of Barristers for a Better Bytown.

Chief Justice Sharon Nicklas has assigned Justice Reccord to Pembroke.

Additional Resources

- [Read about the Ontario Court of Justice](#)
 - [Read about the appointment of judges to the Ontario Court of Justice](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Supporting Grieving Families of Stillborn Children

New commemorative document, elimination of fees and simplified application providing support during a difficult time

October 15, 2024

[Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement](#)

TORONTO – Ontario parents who have experienced a stillbirth now can receive a commemorative document in remembrance of their child. The Ontario government is also removing the associated cost and simplifying the process of obtaining a certified copy of stillbirth registration.

“A stillbirth is a heartbreaking experience for any family. Our government understands the importance of honouring the memory of a lost loved one, and we are proud to be the first jurisdiction in Canada to eliminate fees for stillbirth documents,” said Todd McCarthy, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement. “We are standing by our grieving families by providing this commemorative document and easing administrative and financial burdens during what is already an extraordinarily difficult time.”

In the past, the process for receiving a stillbirth certificate could be burdensome and costly for parents. A certified copy of a stillbirth registration, which is required for legal purposes, cost \$22, and there was a \$15 fee to search for a registration of a stillbirth. Ontario recognized these administrative and financial burdens and took steps to support grieving families.

“This initiative marks an important step forward in acknowledging the deep pain that comes with the loss of a stillborn child,” said Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women’s Social and Economic Opportunity. “It is critical that families have a way to remember their children that acknowledges their grief and honours their loved one’s memory. It is my sincere hope that the changes introduced by the Ontario government will show that even in the most difficult times, families are not alone, and their heartbreak is recognized.”

The commemorative document and the process changes were developed in consultation with parents and families who have experienced the loss of a child due to stillbirth, as well as professionals providing support for impacted families.

The document, along with resources and information to assist parents and families with the experience of stillbirth, is available at [Ontario.ca/StillbirthPackage](https://ontario.ca/StillbirthPackage).

Quick Facts

- Every year, approximately 1,400 stillbirths occur in Ontario.
 - October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month; October 15 is [Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day](#).
 - In addition to Ontario, three other jurisdictions in Canada offer provincial commemorative documents of stillbirth: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba.
 - Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada to eliminate fees for stillbirth documents.
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Quotes

"Today's announcement is an incredibly important step forward for Ontario parents who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. It shows incredible care for bereaved parents and reminds them that their babies matter at a time of profound loss. PAIL (Pregnancy and Infant Loss Network) is proud to work closely with the Government of Ontario to transform care and support for families who experience the loss of their baby and commend the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement for their commitment to this initiative."

- Michelle LaFontaine
Regional Program Manager, Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Network

"The provincial government's recognition of the need to provide support to grieving mothers, fathers and families whose child is stillborn speaks to our humanity. Demonstrating respect for lost future family members in this initiative is an honourable gesture and commemoration that will help families in their grief. I know the professionals in the bereavement sector will welcome this additional option for grieving families."

- Jim Cassimatis
CEO/Registrar, Bereavement Authority of Ontario

Additional Resources

- Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Network offers peer-led support to any family in Ontario who has experienced a pregnancy loss or an infant death. Families can access this support at any time, and for as long as they wish. More information about PAIL Network can be found at [Pregnancy & Infant Loss \(PAIL\) Network](#).

Media Assets



Commemorative Document of Stillbirth

Related Topics

Home and Community

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

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Fighting Gridlock and Making Life Easier for Drivers

Province proposing restrictions for bike lanes, raising highway speed limits, freezing knowledge and road test fees and fixing potholes

October 15, 2024

[Transportation](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is making life easier for drivers by introducing legislation that would, if passed, require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic. Municipalities would be required to demonstrate that the proposed bike lanes won't have a negative impact on vehicle traffic.

"Cities in Ontario have seen an explosion of bike lanes, including many that were installed during the pandemic when fewer vehicles were on the road and their impacts on traffic were unclear," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Too many drivers are now stuck in gridlock as a result, which is why our government is bringing informed decision-making and oversight to bike lanes as well as taking steps to increase speed limits safely and clean up potholes."

These proposed changes are part of upcoming legislation that will kick off the fall sitting of the Ontario legislature on October 21, 2024, with a focus on tackling gridlock and getting drivers and commuters across Ontario out of traffic.

Ontario is also moving forward with plans to make life more convenient for drivers by increasing the speed limit to 110 km/h, where it is safe to do so, on all 400-series highways. This builds on the safe and successful increase of [speed limits](#) on more than one-third of provincial 400-series highways to date. The government is also developing a design standard to allow vehicles to travel safely at speeds higher than 120 km/h on new highways.

In addition, to help make Ontario roads safer and prevent accidents and damages that can occur from potholes, the government is consulting with municipalities to develop a potholes prevention and repair fund to open in the 2025 construction

season. The program would support smaller municipalities with road maintenance and set standards to help improve road conditions and promote high-quality roadwork across the province.

The government is also proposing to enshrine in the legislation the current freeze on knowledge and road test fees so that any future increases would require a legislative amendment. The freeze on fee increases, which was scheduled to rise roughly 4.5 per cent a year, will help save Ontarians \$72 million this decade.

Quick Facts

- The proposed legislation would build on the success of the [Get It Done Act, 2024](#), which has kept costs down by freezing fees for driver's licences and Ontario Photo Cards, automating licence plate renewals, and prohibiting new tolls on provincial highways.
 - In July, the province raised the speed limit to 110 km/h on several stretches of Highway 401, Highway 403, Highway 416 and Highway 69.
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Additional Resources

[Get It Done Act, 2024](#)

[Raising speed limits in Ontario](#)

Related Topics

Driving and Roads

Information about road conditions, driver's licences, vehicle registration and commercial vehicles. [Learn more](#)

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County Council Summary

September 25, 2024

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council meeting September 25, 2024.

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

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

[September](#) meeting YouTube link.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- Warden Peter Emon congratulated former Warden Bob Sweet on receiving the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual gala on September 28 in recognition of his contributions to the business world. The event will acknowledge the decades that Mr. Sweet dedicated to fostering economic growth and commitment to the Petawawa and County of Renfrew community.
- On behalf of Council, the Warden expressed sincere condolences to the Lentz family on the passing of Norman Lentz, on September 21. He noted Mr. Lentz proudly served in municipal politics from 1967-2014.

During the month of September, Warden Peter Emon attended 17 meetings on County business:

- From September 5-7, along with Paramedic Service Chief Michael Nolan, he convened with 90 leaders from across the country in Timmins to discuss the substance use crisis in small communities and villages. The purpose of this event was to start the conversation about creating guidelines and templates, for policies and strategies related to treatment, harm reduction, recovery, prevention, and enforcement. These guidelines and templates when developed could and may be applied locally for municipalities, especially in small and rural settings, to assist in receiving government support.
- The Ontario East Municipal Conference from September 11-13 in Ottawa, noting the sessions were well organized and provided information on a diverse number of topics including economic development and housing; special events and perilous partnerships; accelerating bio-based manufacturing in Canadian municipalities; enabling stickiness with youth and the youth population; workforce development – programs and services supporting business growth and attraction.
- The grand opening of the Men's Shed in McNab/Braeside. The Men's Shed aims to improve the mental and physical health of members through activities men will actually join, in this case through camaraderie while completing woodworking projects.
- The grand opening of the Whitewater Senior Active Living Centre, which is located in the former Ross Township office.

Announcements

- The County of Renfrew will be launching the Warden's Community Service Awards early next month. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize individuals, not-for-profit organizations and for-profit businesses who go above and beyond in their communities. Nominations will be open in early October so watch for additional information. We look forward to presenting these awards at the November session of County Council.

Delegations

- Allison Miller, Project Officer with the Labour Market Group of Renfrew and Lanark, provided an overview of the organization, a labour market update for Renfrew County and she highlighted the Labour Market Planning Session with guest speaker David Colletto on October 10 and encouraged elected officials and economic development partners to attend to be part of the discussion.
- Ayden Townsend of Roth IAMS presented the Building Conditions Assessment report following an assessment of the assets within the Renfrew County Housing Corporation portfolio. The report set out capital renewal costs required within the housing portfolio and encouraged a longer-term strategic plan to guide how to invest in or divest assets over the next 20 to 30 years be developed.
- Aimee Bailey of Circle of Turtle Lodge and others were on hand for a Truth and Reconciliation recognition event at the Noojimokamig [new-JIH-mah GAH-mig] Garden, which included a tobacco ceremony for members of County Council and County staff. Participants were asked to offer prayers to the Creator and show their respect for the children who did not make it home from Residential Schools ahead of the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. An orange flag was raised outside the County Administration Building as part of the ceremony and it will be lowered on September 30 to honour the lives lost.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Glenn Doncaster, Chair

- County Council directed staff to proceed with the purchase and installation of flashing beacon lights for the stop signs at the intersection of County Road 2 (White Lake Road), County Road 52 (Burnstown Road), Point Road and Bellamy Road in the hamlet of White Lake in the Township of McNab/Braeside. The cost will be shared 50/50 with the Township of McNab/Braeside per County of Renfrew Policy for Enhanced Traffic Warning Devices.
- County Council directed staff to proceed with submitting an application for funding under the \$400 million Housing-Enabling Core Servicing stream, recently announced by the Province of Ontario, for the reconstruction of County Road 51 (Petawawa Boulevard), County 26 (Doran Road), Hilda Street and Mohns Avenue to a roundabout intersection, in the Town of Petawawa.
- County Council approved a contract as submitted by Planmac Engineering Incorporated, Mississauga, Ontario, in the amount of \$196,831, plus applicable taxes, for Engineering Services for the reconstruction of County Structure B053 (Constant Creek Bridge), located on Ferguson Lake Road, approximately 5.3 km north of County Road 508 (Calabogie Road), Township of Greater Madawaska.

- County Council adopted a By-law to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Renfrew and the Townships of Laurentian Valley and Whitewater Region for the sale of certain properties formerly owned by CN Rail. It is proposed that this property will become part of the County of Renfrew's recreational trail system.
- County Council approved a Road Access Agreement between 2833868 Ontario Inc., on County Road 37 (Murphy Road), on Part of Lot 18, Concession 7, in the geographic Township of Petawawa, Town of Petawawa, County of Renfrew. The owners have made application for the severance of two new lots fronting onto Murphy Road (County Road 37). The creation of the new lots has been granted on the condition that the applicant enters into an agreement with the County of Renfrew regarding access to County Road 37 due to restrictions in entrance spacing and sight-line requirements.

Community Services Committee

Presented by: Anne Giardini, Chair

- Council reviewed the memorandum with the Early Years and Child Care Division of the Ministry of Education detailing information about the implementation of a new cost-based approach to Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) funding, effective January 1, 2025. The County of Renfrew has been lobbying for more CWELCC spaces, as it has not received any additional spaces in 2025 or 2026. Chair Giardini noted three centres in Renfrew County are at risk of closure if the County is not allocated more spaces so these centres are allowed to enroll in CWELCC to receive provincial funding. This memorandum has impact on non-CWELCC centres.
- The Renfrew County Housing Corporation engaged OrgCode Consulting to develop a comprehensive 10-Year Homelessness and Housing Plan. The plan is intended to guide the development of future service pathways for homelessness and housing supports, with strategies aimed at achieving the following goals:
 - Provide Housing – secure stable housing - with supports if needed - for individuals without homes.
 - Prevent Future Homelessness – identify evidence-informed strategies to assist people in retaining their current housing to prevent future homelessness.
 - Expand Housing Options – increase the availability of diverse housing options, particularly those with support services.
 - Enhance the Homelessness Response System – improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall system for addressing housing crises and homelessness.
- County Council approved the County of Renfrew taking a leadership role with respect to the operations of a Warming Centre located in the City of Pembroke for the 2024/2025 winter season; with some conditions:
 - The Warming Centre ad-hoc committee be again stood up as the oversight committee, with a review of the Terms of Reference to determine if updates are required;
 - The municipalities that participated in last year's Warming Centre model contribute funding equal to 2023/2024 amounts;
 - That staff be directed to work with the City of Pembroke on an appropriate location that provides for a more cohesive and effective delivery of services;
 - The City of Pembroke initiates the appropriate steps with respect to their zoning by-law to allow flexibility on placement of a Warming Centre;

- Staff be directed to apply the allocated funds from the Homelessness Prevention Program funding envelope toward this initiative to a maximum of \$100,000.

The County of Renfrew worked with Mesa community partners in Mental Health, Addiction and Treatment, to identify a lead applicant for a Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub in Renfrew County. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing/Ministry of Health recently announced the Province of Ontario was investing up to \$378 million over four years in support of a Demonstration Project that will create 10 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs. A full proposal was submitted by the September 20, 2024 deadline, naming the County of Renfrew and Pembroke Regional Hospital as co-applicants for this funding.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- Registration is now open for the [Municipal Agriculture Economic Development & Planning Forum](#) (MAEDPF) being held October 22-24, 2024, in Pembroke and co-hosted by the County of Renfrew and Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness. The event kicks off with a welcome reception the evening of October 22; with a bus tour to various agricultural sites, farm-to-fork lunch and dinner on October 23; and conference day featuring speakers and presentations on October 24. Early-bird pricing is in effect until September 29, and includes a variety of pricing options. The MAEDPF is open to municipal and First Nations economic development and planning staff from across rural Ontario who support the agriculture sector, individuals involved with agriculture economic development and policy making and those working in the food, farming and agri-food value chain.
- Staff has met with the City of Pembroke to review a draft agreement outlining the expectations of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) as the eligible tourism entity to receive municipal accommodation tax funds. The proposed draft agreement is for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. Effective January 1, 2025, a municipal accommodation tax of 4% will be applied to all stays of 30 days or less at hotels, motels, short-term rentals, and campsites at Riverside Park. The projected annual revenue, based on a 50% occupancy rate, is \$397,142 of which the OVTA is to receive 50%, less the cost of administration and collection. Staff also met with the Town of Petawawa regarding the implementation of a municipal accommodation tax in the Town and naming the OVTA as the eligible tourism entity to receive 50% of the funds.
- On August 13, 2024, staff entered into a data-sharing agreement with Esri Canada to contribute data to their Community Maps of Canada. This collaboration will enhance Esri's base map information for our region. The County will provide only publicly available data, including roads, property parcel outlines, trails, forest tracts, municipal boundaries, and other points of interest. Additionally, under our current Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) with Esri, the County can share data on behalf of lower-tier municipalities if they wish to contribute, such as trails, municipal parks, sidewalks, parking lots, and other points of interest on the base maps. There is no cost to join or participate in this program.
- On August 20, 2024, the Province of Ontario released the final version of the Provincial Planning Statement 2024, which is set to take effect on October 20, 2024. The PPS is a set of directions provided by the province that municipal planners, planning boards, and decision makers follow for land-use planning and development in Ontario. Planning approval authorities are required to be consistent with the PPS when making decisions under the Planning Act.

The new PPS 2024 replaces the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for Greater Golden Horseshoe, integrating them into a single planning document which applies to the entire province. Based on staff's review, the amended planning statement will have minimal policy impacts to the County of Renfrew and our local municipalities. The provincial summary of the changes and a copy of the revised PPS is available at [Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca/provincial-planning-statement-2024).

- County Council directed staff to undertake an Official Plan Amendment, to enable policies that would allow the County to provide grants/loans to local Community Improvement Plan (CIP) initiatives, which includes: the preparation of a Regional Incentives Program; that the Regional Incentives Program have a staff-delegated governance structure; and that the Regional Incentives Program include a recommended funding amount for Council to consider in the 2025 budget.

Finance & Administration Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- County Council directed the Warden to convene a special meeting of County Council for a review of the proposed draft Procedure By-law and the provision of a preliminary update on the Asset Management and Long-Term Financial Plans on October 28, 2024.
- County Council approved the 2025 Budget Guidelines with a 3.25% annual levy target increase. The budget development process will culminate with a two-day budget workshop in early 2025.
- County Council approved that the County of Renfrew's non-union salary grid be adjusted annually based on the June 12-month average of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Ontario (all items) as determined by Statistics Canada. The adjustment will be effective for Pay Period #1 each year. The 2025 adjustment is calculated to be 3.08%.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) opened a new Clinical Assessment Centre (CAC) on September 9, 2024, at the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre at 154 Civic Centre Road. It will be open every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and patients can make an appointment by calling RC VTAC. The Paramedic-Led clinic will offer respiratory/ear/nose/throat assessments, specialized injections, minor procedures such as structure removal, tick removal/Lyme disease management and a Paramedic Health Review for unattached patients.

With the opening of the new Eganville Paramedic Base, the team is also working on plans to open another Clinical Assessment Centre in Eganville in the coming months. RC VTAC services remain in demand as four more physicians have recently retired.

Additional Information

Craig Kelley, Chief Administrative Officer/Deputy Clerk

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For Immediate Release

(Pembroke, Ontario, October 22, 2024)

RSV Protection Available for Infants and High-Risk Children

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is pleased to offer a new immunization program to protect infants and high-risk children against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection this fall season.

RSV is a major cause of respiratory illness among infants and young children. It often causes a mild illness, however, some infants and young children can develop severe infections and need to be treated in hospital. RSV season typically runs from November to April.

Eligible infants and high-risk children include those who are:

- Ontario residents and born in 2024 prior to the RSV season
- Ontario residents born during the 2024-2025 RSV season
- Born or being medically cared for in Ontario during the RSV season
- Children up to 24 months of age [who remain vulnerable](#) from severe RSV disease through their second RSV season

Infant immunization with Beyfortus® is the preferred way to protect infants against RSV infection. However, an RSV vaccine (Abrysvo®) is also available to people who are pregnant to protect their newborn against RSV. Generally, only one product is needed to protect infants. Pregnant people should speak to their healthcare provider before receiving Abrysvo®.

"RSV immunization is recommended for infants entering their first RSV season to protect them during the crucial early weeks and months, when they are most vulnerable to severe RSV infections," states Dr. Jason Morgenstern, Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU.

RSV immunization is available through your healthcare provider, RCDHU (by appointment only), and **prior to discharge from a labour and delivery unit in hospital.**

For more information on the Infant and High-Risk Children RSV prevention program, visit the provincial [Respiratory Syncytial Virus webpage](#). To book an immunization

appointment with RCDHU, call 613-732-9436 or 1-833-773-0004. To stay up to date on all things related to respiratory illness, visit www.rcdhu.com.

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October 10, 2024

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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

On October 19-20 AMO will be joined by a coalition of experts, municipal and community leaders and many more to examine and develop strategies and tools to strengthen understanding and engagement with municipal government and our democratic processes. Read more about AMO's [Healthy Democracy Project](#). The [Forum](#) is in partnership with Toronto Metropolitan University.

Register for the ROMA 2025 Annual Conference by **October 31** to access early bird rates. For full registration and hotel information, [click here](#).

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Municipal leadership is often a pin cushion for our culture's broader issues. Conflict and misunderstanding is a big part of many municipal leaders current realities. This workshop provides an opportunity to 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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Municipal Wire*

Ontario Nature presents their report, [Municipal Contributions to Canada's Protected Areas Target: A Review of Wise Practices in Ontario](#). Join the October 16 [webinar](#) that will share municipal achievements in biodiversity conservation.

Careers

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[Chief Administrative Officer - Township of Lake of Bays](#). Closing Date: November 22, 2024.

[Director, Watershed Science and Engineering - Rideau Valley Conservation Authority](#). Closing Date: October 25, 2024.

[Supervisor, Parks Maintenance - City of Brampton](#). Closing Date: October 15, 2024.

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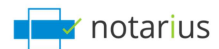
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The Ontario government's [Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund](#) will revitalize existing infrastructure and support new construction across the province. Apply by October 29, 2024 for repair and rehabilitation projects.

[Application intake](#) is open until December 3 for organizations including municipalities to support underrepresented groups in starting or growing their own agri-food business.

The Ministry of Energy is [seeking comments](#) on a proposed energy efficiency framework to improve energy affordability and expand efficiency programs offered by local distribution corporations.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is [seeking comments](#) on a proposed regulation that would override municipal by-laws to remove barriers to building additional residential units.

The IESO and Ministry of Natural Resources are hosting a webinar on October 22 to provide clarity on project siting and updates on the LT2 RFP. [Registration is now open](#).

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Municipal Wire*

On October 22 at 11am the Ontario Geothermal Association (OGA) will present leading practices to support municipal understanding of drilling processes for geo-exchange low carbon energy systems and protection of local aquifers and water supply systems. [Register here](#).

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Careers

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[Chief Operating Officer - Kenora District Services Board](#). Closing Date: November 8, 2024

[Manager, Public and Government Relations - Peel Regional Police](#). Closing Date: October 27, 2024

[Planner II - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: October 25, 2024.

[Community Planning Project Manager - County of Wellington](#). Closing Date: October 20, 2024.

[Manager, Building Inspections - City of Markham](#). Closing Date: October 31, 2024.

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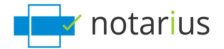
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AMO Policy Update - Province to Introduce Legislation Governing Bicycle Lanes

Yesterday, the Government of Ontario announced it will introduce legislation that would require municipalities to receive approval from the province before installing new bike lanes that would result in the removal of lanes for traffic. [According to the government news release](#), “municipalities would be required to demonstrate that the proposed bike lanes won’t have a negative impact on vehicle traffic.”

Bicycle lanes are an essential element of urban transportation planning and road safety. Requiring provincial approval would be a significant overreach into municipal jurisdiction. Based on local knowledge and community input, municipalities develop transportation plans that balance traffic flow with planning priorities like active transportation, multimodal transportation and environmental and health protection. AMO is not aware of any consultation with municipalities regarding bicycle lanes or of the evidence the province considered in its decision.

It is unclear how the Ministry of Transportation will be in a better position than municipalities to make decisions about local transportation matters. Rather than micromanaging bike lanes, the Ministry of Transportation could focus on accelerating its own approval processes to help support new housing.

There have been recent examples of unintended consequences when the province has tried to take over local decision-making. We urge the province to respect local decision-making when considering transportation improvements, and not repeat its mistakes of the past.

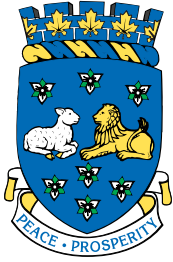
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September 26, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Solve the Crisis

Please be advised that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo at their regular meeting held on September 25, 2024, approved the following motion:

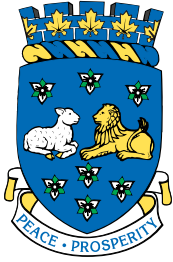
Whereas there is a humanitarian crisis in cities, large and small, urban and rural, across Ontario. We need immediate action at all levels of government, starting with the Province; and

Whereas the homelessness, mental health and addictions crisis continues to grow with 3432 drug related deaths in Ontario in 2023 as well as with an estimated 234,000 Ontarians experiencing homelessness and over 1400 homeless encampments across Ontario communities in 2023; and

Whereas the province has provided additional funding for mental health, addictions and homelessness programs, including the recently announced Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs, it does not adequately address the growing crisis and the financial and social impact on municipalities and regions across the province; and

Whereas municipalities and regions are stepping up and working with community partners to put in place community-specific solutions to address this crisis, but municipalities and regions lack the expertise, capacity, or resources to address these increasingly complex health care and housing issues alone; and

Whereas this is primarily a health issue that falls under provincial jurisdiction and municipalities and regions should not be using the property tax base to fund these programs; and



Whereas there is no provincial Minister focused on this crisis leading to unanswered questions that span over a dozen ministries, and a lack of support to manage the increasing needs of those who are unhoused.

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Waterloo supports the Solve the Crisis Campaign;

And calls on provincial and federal governments to commit to immediate action to solve the Humanitarian Crisis that Ontario is facing as the numbers of unhoused individuals and those suffering with mental health & addictions grows exponentially;

AND that the province officially makes Homelessness a Health Priority;

AND appoints a responsible Minister and Ministry with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports;

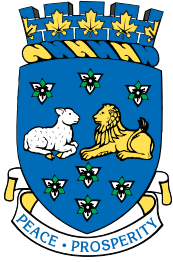
AND request that the provincial government strike a task force with broad sector representatives including municipalities, regions, healthcare, first responders, community services, the business community and the tourism industry to develop a *Made in Ontario Action Plan*;

AND that this provincial task force reviews current programs developed by municipalities, regions and community partners that have proven successful in our communities, to ensure that solutions can be implemented quickly and effectively to tackle this crisis.

AND provides the adequate, sufficient and sustainable funding to ensure that municipalities have the tools and resources to support individuals suffering with mental health and addictions, including unhoused people and those from vulnerable populations that may be disproportionately impacted;

And that this Council calls on the residents across the Region of Waterloo to join us in appealing to the provincial and federal governments for support by visiting SolveTheCrisis.ca and showing your support;

And further that a copy of this motion be sent to:



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- **The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada**
- **The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario**
- **The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health**
- **The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **The Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services**
- **The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions**
- **Local and area MPs, MPPs and Heads of Council**
- **The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors and Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario**

Please accept this letter for information purposes only. If you have any questions please contact Regional Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca

Please forward any written responses to this letter to William Short, Director, Council & Administrative Services/Regional Clerk
regionalclerk@regionofwaterloo.ca

Yours sincerely,

William Short, Director Council and Administrative Services/Regional Clerk

cc: Region of Waterloo Councillor Dorothy McCabe Dorothy.McCabe@waterloo.ca



October 11, 2024

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

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

RE: Opposition to the Transportation and Deposition of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) and Mine Tailings from the Former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site

On behalf of the Councils of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin, we are formally submitting the attached joint resolution regarding our serious concerns over the proposed transportation and deposition of radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

Our Councils recently convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on October 2, 2024, to discuss this matter in response to information presented at a Town Hall Meeting on September 11, 2024, by the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. During our deliberations, it became evident that the materials slated for transport are not correctly categorized as NORM, but rather as mine tailings containing not only radioactive substances like niobium and uranium but also other hazardous heavy metals.

We are gravely concerned about the potential environmental and health impacts this project may have, particularly on Agnew Lake—a critical drinking water source for our communities. Our position is that ALTMA should be remediated using clean materials to mitigate existing contamination rather than accepting additional hazardous materials that could exacerbate environmental harm.

This joint resolution calls upon your government and relevant ministries to halt any further actions related to the transportation of this hazardous product to the ALTMA site. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2024-EM2-12

DATED: October 2, 2024

MOVED BY: Vern Gorham

SECONDED BY: Jason Cote

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin convened a Joint Emergency Meeting on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 to discuss the proposed plan to transport and deposit radioactive naturally occurring materials (NORM) at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA); and

WHEREAS the Councils reviewed information received from the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission regarding this proposed plan at the Town Hall Meeting dated September 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS the Councils strongly agree that the materials that are planned to be deposited are not correctly defined as naturally occurring radioactive materials but rather mine tailings that contain not only the radioactive substance Niobium and uranium but also contain heavy metals that pose significant environmental and health risks; and

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

WHEREAS the Councils agree that the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA) needs to be remediated using clean materials to mitigate the existing environmental impacts, rather than being used for the deposition of additional hazardous materials; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin formally oppose the transportation and deposition of these materials from the former Beaucage Mine and Waste Site, Nipissing First Nations lands and adjacent lands operated by the Ministry of Transportation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin respectfully demand that the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines, the Ministry of Transportation, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission provide answers to our questions and that the municipalities receive notification of all forward movements of this project; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, the Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Nootchtaï and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek Council Members; Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow and the Whitefish River First Nation Council Members; Chief Patsy Corbiere and the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Council Members; the United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising; Ontario Ombudsman; the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission; the Canadian Environmental Law Association; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

We respectfully request your immediate attention to this matter and urge the Province of Ontario to prioritize the protection of our community's health, safety, and environmental integrity.

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

Yours truly,



Belinda Ketchabaw
CAO Clerk Treasurer
Township of Nairn and Hyman

Cc:

Honourable George Pirie, the Minister of Mines
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Re: Continued Funding Support - Southwest Community Transit

Please be advised that the Town of Tillsonburg Council, at its meeting held on October 7, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution # 2024-474

Moved By: Councillor Luciani

Seconded By: Councillor Spencer

Whereas the County of Brant, Middlesex County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Norfolk County, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Grey County, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, and Wellington County have successfully utilized government funding to create and sustain local community transit through Southwest Community Transit; and

Whereas 85,000 riders have utilized the Southwest Community Transit services in the first half of 2024 alone, demonstrating significant community reliance on these services; and

Whereas the economic impact of this transit system is estimated to be \$748,800,000 annually, largely due to its role in providing transportation to employment opportunities; and

Whereas the current funding for this critical small urban and rural



inter-community transit service is set to expire in March 2025, putting the sustainability of the service at risk:

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Tillsonburg council urges the provincial government to continue funding Southwest Community Transit beyond March 2025 to ensure the ongoing viability of this essential service for small urban and rural Ontario

Be it further resolved that this resolution be circulated to the County of Brant, Elgin County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, Oxford County, Municipality of Strathroy Caradoc, Municipality of East Zorra Tavistock, Perth County, City of Stratford, Municipality of Lambton Shores, Wellington County, Bruce County, Municipality of Bayham, Municipality of Thames Centre and other relevant stakeholders for their support and advocacy.

Carried

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Pickersgill
Executive Assistant
Town of Tillsonburg

Cc: All Ontario municipalities



March 22nd, 2024

The Honourable Lisa Thompson
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
11th Floor
77 Grenville St.
Toronto, ON M5S 1B3

RE: Township of Adelaide Metcalfe – Request to Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Dear Minister Thompson,

On March 18, 2024, the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe Council approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS farm drainage is of paramount importance in Ontario due to its significant impact on agricultural productivity and sustainability. Effective drainage systems help mitigate waterlogging, control soil moisture levels, and enhance soil structure, thereby optimizing growing conditions for crops;

WHEREAS improved drainage also facilitates timely field operations, reduces erosion, and minimizes nutrient runoff, contributing to environmental conservation efforts;

WHEREAS Ontario's diverse agricultural landscape, where weather variability is common, well-maintained drainage systems play a crucial role in ensuring stable yields, economic viability, and long-term resilience for farmers across the Province;

WHEREAS the Tile Loan Drainage Act, R.S.O 1990, c. T.8 allows for the borrowing of money for the purpose of constructing drainage works;

WHEREAS the maximum annual limit for these loans, unchanged since 2004, is currently set at \$50,000.

WHEREAS costs for Tile Drainage has increased markedly since 2004;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requests that the Province through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Loan limit to a minimum of \$100,000.

AND THAT this resolution be circulated the Honourable Lisa Thompson – Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities.



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October 22, 2024

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Hon. Rob Flack

Sent by Email: Rob.Flack@pc.ola.org

RE: Request for Support – Increase Tile Drain Loan Limit

Please be advised at its meeting held on October 21, 2024, Council of the Township of Clearview passed the following resolution supporting the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe's request that the Province consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Councillor McArthur, Be It Resolved that Council of the Township of Clearview hereby support the motion from the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe requesting that the Province, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, consider increasing the maximum annual Tile Drain Loan Limit to a minimum of \$100,000; and,

That Council direct staff to send this support motion to the Honourable Rob Flack - Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and all Ontario municipalities. Motion Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Sasha Helmkey-Playter, B.A., Dipl. M.A., AOMC
Clerk/Director of Legislative Services

cc: Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
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Dear Mayor/Reeve/CAO/Treasurer,

Please find attached the OPP municipal policing 2025 Annual Billing Statement package.

This year's billing package includes a statement for the 2023 year-end reconciliation. The final cost adjustment calculated as a result of the 2023 annual reconciliation has been included as an adjustment to the amount being billed to the municipality during the 2025 calendar year.

The final reconciliation of the 2025 annual costs will be included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.

For more detailed information on the 2025 Annual Billing Statement package please refer to the resource material available on the internet, www.opp.ca/billingmodel. Further, the Municipal Policing Bureau will be hosting a webinar information session in October/November. An e-mail invitation will be forwarded to the municipality advising of the session date.

If you have questions about the Annual Billing Statement please e-mail OPP.MPB.Financial.Services.Unit@OPP.ca.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ridout". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Steve Ridout
Superintendent
Commander,
Municipal Policing Bureau

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Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Please refer to www.opp.ca for 2025 Municipal Policing Billing General Information summary for further details.

			Cost per Property \$	Total Cost \$
Base Service	Property Counts			
	Household	4,846		
	Commercial and Industrial	216		
	Total Properties	<u>5,062</u>	189.44	958,923
Calls for Service	(see summaries)			
	Total all municipalities	209,489,870		
	Municipal portion	0.4832%	199.98	1,012,291
Overtime	(see notes)		12.29	62,197
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)		1.67	8,454
Total 2025 Estimated Cost			<u>403.37</u>	<u>2,041,865</u>
2023 Year-End Adjustment	(see summary)			108,184
Grand Total Billing for 2025				<u>2,150,048</u>
2025 Monthly Billing Amount				179,171

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Notes to Annual Billing Statement

- 1) Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Costs - The costs allocated to municipalities are determined based on the costs assigned to detachment staff performing municipal policing activities across the province. A statistical analysis of activity in detachments is used to determine the municipal policing workload allocation of all detachment-based staff as well as the allocation of the municipal workload between base services and calls for service activity. For 2025 billing purposes the allocation of the municipal workload in detachments has been calculated to be 50.7 % Base Services and 49.3 % Calls for Service. The total 2025 Base Services and Calls for Service cost calculation is detailed on the Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 2) Base Services - The cost to each municipality is determined by the number of properties in the municipality and the standard province-wide average cost per property of \$189.44 estimated for 2025. The number of municipal properties is determined based on MPAC data. The calculation of the standard province-wide base cost per property is detailed on Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary included in the municipal billing package.
- 3) Calls for Service - The municipality's Calls for Service cost is a proportionate share of the total cost of municipal calls for service costs calculated for the province. A municipality's proportionate share of the costs is based on weighted time standards applied to the historical billable calls for service. The municipality's total weighted time is calculated as a percentage of the total of all municipalities.
- 4) Overtime - Municipalities are billed for overtime resulting from occurrences in their geographic area and a portion of overtime that is not linked specifically to a municipality, such as training. Municipalities are not charged for overtime identified as a provincial responsibility. The overtime activity for the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 has been analyzed and averaged to estimate the 2025 costs. The costs incorporate the estimated 2025 salary rates and a discount to reflect overtime paid as time in lieu. The overtime costs incurred in servicing detachments for shift shortages have been allocated on a per property basis based on straight time. Please be advised that these costs will be reconciled to actual 2025 hours and salary rates and included in the 2027 Annual Billing Statement.
- 5) Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) - Municipalities with court security responsibilities in local courthouses are billed court security costs based on the cost of the staff required to provide designated court security activities. Prisoner transportation costs are charged to all municipalities based on the standard province-wide per property cost. The 2025 costs have been estimated based on the 2023 activity levels. These costs will be reconciled to the actual cost of service required in 2025.

There was no information available about the status of 2025 Court Security Prisoner Transportation Grant Program at the time of the Annual Billing Statement preparation.
- 6) Year-end Adjustment - The 2023 adjustment accounts for the difference between the amount billed based on the estimated cost in the Annual Billing Statement and the reconciled cost in the Year-end Summary. The most significant year-end adjustments are resulting from the cost of actual versus estimated municipal requirements for overtime, contract enhancements and court security.

OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Salaries and Benefits	Positions	Base		Total Base Services and Calls for Service	Base Services	Calls for Service	
		FTE	%				\$/FTE
Uniform Members	Note 1						
Inspector		26.56	100.0	187,318	4,975,177	4,975,177	-
Staff Sergeant-Detachment Commander		8.60	100.0	156,717	1,347,770	1,347,770	-
Staff Sergeant		38.53	100.0	168,657	6,498,335	6,498,335	-
Sergeant		226.23	50.7	143,480	32,459,478	16,460,024	15,999,454
Constable		1,618.15	50.7	120,835	195,529,705	99,147,813	96,381,892
Part-Time Constable		11.97	50.7	91,572	1,096,112	555,839	540,272
Total Uniform Salaries		1,930.04			241,906,577	128,984,959	112,921,618
Statutory Holiday Payout				6,207	11,906,411	6,262,929	5,643,483
Shift Premiums				1,129	2,095,821	1,062,740	1,033,081
Uniform Benefits - Inspector				29.47%	1,466,114	1,466,114	-
Uniform Benefits - Full-Time Salaries				36.38%	85,791,541	44,909,750	40,881,790
Uniform Benefits - Part-Time Salaries				18.75%	205,571	104,245	101,326
Total Uniform Salaries & Benefits					343,372,035	182,790,737	160,581,298
Detachment Civilian Members	Note 1						
Detachment Administrative Clerk		164.29	50.7	75,342	12,377,949	6,276,748	6,101,201
Detachment Operations Clerk		3.41	50.7	69,798	238,011	120,750	117,260
Detachment Clerk - Typist		1.74	50.7	62,349	108,488	54,867	53,620
Court Officer - Administration		28.73	50.7	92,124	2,646,719	1,342,245	1,304,474
Crimestoppers Co-ordinator		0.89	50.7	73,240	65,184	32,958	32,226
Cadet		1.62	50.7	51,219	82,974	41,999	40,975
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries		200.68			15,519,324	7,869,568	7,649,757
Civilian Benefits - Full-Time Salaries				36.13%	5,606,608	2,843,009	2,763,599
Total Detachment Civilian Salaries & Benefits					21,125,933	10,712,577	10,413,355
Support Costs - Salaries and Benefits	Note 2						
Communication Operators				6,682	12,896,527	6,782,230	6,114,297
Prisoner Guards				2,061	3,977,812	2,091,915	1,885,897
Operational Support				7,119	13,739,955	7,225,785	6,514,170
RHQ Municipal Support				3,208	6,191,568	3,256,120	2,935,448
Telephone Support				157	303,016	159,355	143,661
Office Automation Support				938	1,810,378	952,070	858,308
Mobile and Portable Radio Support				357	693,298	364,522	328,776
Total Support Staff Salaries and Benefits Costs					39,612,554	20,831,997	18,780,557
Total Salaries & Benefits					404,110,521	214,335,311	189,775,210
Other Direct Operating Expenses	Note 2						
Communication Centre				150	289,506	152,250	137,256
Operational Support				1,112	2,146,204	1,128,680	1,017,524
RHQ Municipal Support				360	694,814	365,400	329,414
Telephone				1,458	2,813,998	1,479,870	1,334,128
Mobile Radio Equipment Repairs & Maintenance				168	326,258	171,540	154,718
Office Automation - Uniform				4,487	8,660,089	4,554,305	4,105,784
Office Automation - Civilian				1,154	231,585	116,485	115,100
Vehicle Usage				10,219	19,723,079	10,372,285	9,350,794
Detachment Supplies & Equipment				1,073	2,070,933	1,089,095	981,838
Uniform & Equipment				2,360	4,583,144	2,409,725	2,173,418
Uniform & Equipment - Court Officer				1,037	29,793	15,109	14,684
Total Other Direct Operating Expenses					41,569,403	21,854,744	19,714,660
Total 2025 Municipal Base Services and Calls for Service Cost					\$ 445,679,925	\$ 236,190,055	\$ 209,489,870
Total OPP-Policed Municipal Properties						1,246,809	
Base Services Cost per Property						\$ 189.44	

OPP 2025 Estimated Base Services and Calls for Service Cost Summary

Estimated Costs for the period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Notes:

Total Base Services and Calls for Service Costs are based on the cost of salary, benefit, support and other direct operating expenses for staff providing policing services to municipalities. Staff is measured in full-time equivalent (FTE) units and the costs per FTE are described in the notes below.

- 1) Full-time equivalents (FTEs) are based on average municipal detachment staffing levels for the years 2020 through 2023. Contract enhancements, court security, prisoner transportation and cleaning staff are excluded.

The equivalent of 85.71 FTEs with a cost of \$17,779,996 has been excluded from municipal costs to reflect the average municipal detachment FTEs required for provincially-mandated responsibilities eligible for Provincial Service Usage credit.

Salary rates are based on weighted average rates for municipal detachment staff by rank, level, and classification. The 2025 salaries incorporate the 2025 general salary rate increase set in the 2023 to 2026 OPPA Uniform and Civilian Agreements (uniform and civilian staff - 4.75% in 2023, 4.50% in 2024 and 2.75% in 2025.)

The benefit rates are estimated based on the most recent rates set by the Treasury Board Secretariat, (2024-25). Statutory Holiday Payouts, Shift Premiums, and Benefit costs are subject to reconciliation.

Two new premiums were added in these new agreements: a 3% Frontline Patrol Premium (which applies to Constables and Sergeants in Frontline roles only) and a 3% Second-In-Command Premium (which applies to members when temporarily backfilling a short term platoon command position.) An allowance of \$2,101 per Constable FTE and \$3,330 per Sergeant FTE for the Frontline Patrol Premium and \$76 per Constable FTE for the Second-In-Command premium have been included in the salary rates for Constables and Sergeants. These allowances are subject to reconciliation.

FTEs have been apportioned between Base Services and Calls for Service costs based on the current ratio, 50.7% Base Services : 49.3% Calls for Service.

- 2) Support Staff Costs and Other Direct Operating Expenses for uniform FTEs are calculated on a per FTE basis as per rates set in the 2024 Municipal Policing Cost-Recovery Formula.

OPP 2025 Calls for Service Billing Summary

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Estimated costs for the period January 1 to December 31, 2025

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
					A	B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	13	7	8	8	9	5.9	53	0.0029%	6,108
Drugs	4	2	1	2	2	88.1	198	0.0109%	22,801
Operational	795	804	884	788	818	3.9	3,189	0.1751%	366,849
Operational 2	281	327	271	249	282	1.7	479	0.0263%	55,144
Other Criminal Code Violations	50	61	60	61	58	7.1	412	0.0226%	47,368
Property Crime Violations	171	263	297	287	255	6.2	1,578	0.0866%	181,502
Statutes & Acts	201	181	189	150	180	3.5	631	0.0346%	72,568
Traffic	102	111	156	117	122	3.8	462	0.0254%	53,108
Violent Criminal Code	79	125	134	148	122	14.8	1,798	0.0987%	206,843
Municipal Totals	1,696	1,881	2,000	1,810	1,847		8,800	0.4832%	\$1,012,291

Provincial Totals (Note 4)

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count					2025 Average Time Standard	Total Weighted Time	% of Total Provincial Weighted Time	2025 Estimated Calls for Service Cost
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Four Year Average				
					A	B	C = A * B		
	Note 1							Note 2	Note 3
Drug Possession	2,803	2,979	2,483	2,363	2,657	5.9	15,676	0.8608%	1,803,207
Drugs	1,127	1,050	797	920	974	88.1	85,765	4.7092%	9,865,380
Operational	178,171	180,823	176,502	180,423	178,980	3.9	698,021	38.3272%	80,291,662
Operational 2	48,046	48,395	46,304	47,019	47,441	1.7	80,650	4.4283%	9,276,939
Other Criminal Code Violations	12,123	12,103	12,206	12,931	12,341	7.1	87,619	4.8110%	10,078,638
Property Crime Violations	46,799	47,403	48,878	49,446	48,132	6.2	298,415	16.3855%	34,325,987
Statutes & Acts	31,261	32,888	32,697	34,047	32,723	3.5	114,531	6.2887%	13,174,266
Traffic	32,067	34,757	38,776	32,713	34,578	3.8	131,397	7.2148%	15,114,318
Violent Criminal Code	19,343	20,055	21,513	22,640	20,888	14.8	309,139	16.9743%	35,559,474
Provincial Totals	371,740	380,453	380,156	382,502	378,713		1,821,214	100%	\$209,489,870

Notes to Calls for Service Billing Summary

- 1) Displayed without decimal places, exact numbers used in calculations
- 2) Displayed to four decimal places, nine decimal places used in calculations
- 3) Total costs rounded to zero decimals
- 4) Provincial Totals exclude data for dissolutions and post-2021 municipal police force amalgamations.

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Grand Total	1,696	1,881	2,000	1,810	1,846.75
Drug Possession	13	7	8	8	9.00
Drug Related Occurrence	4	4	6	8	5.50
Possession - Cocaine	3	2	1	0	1.50
Possession - Methamphetamine (Crystal Meth)	1	0	0	0	0.25
Possession - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	5	1	1	0	1.75
Drugs	4	2	1	2	2.25
Possession of cannabis for purpose of selling	1	0	0	0	0.25
Trafficking - Cocaine	3	1	0	2	1.50
Trafficking - Other Controlled Drugs and Substances Act	0	1	1	0	0.50
Operational	795	804	884	788	817.75
Accident - non-MVC - Commercial	1	0	0	0	0.25
Accident - non-MVC - Master Code	0	0	1	0	0.25
Accident - Non-MVC - Others	0	0	1	0	0.25
Accident - non-MVC - Public Property	0	0	0	1	0.25
Animal - Bear Complaint	0	0	0	3	0.75
Animal - Bite	1	1	2	1	1.25
Animal - Dog Owners Liability Act	0	3	1	0	1.00
Animal - Injured	3	5	3	1	3.00
Animal - Left in Vehicle	8	6	6	6	6.50
Animal - Master Code	0	5	2	2	2.25
Animal - Other	4	2	1	4	2.75
Animal - Stray	5	4	3	6	4.50
Assist Fire Department	2	1	3	4	2.50
Assist Public	175	102	171	97	136.25
By-Law - Master Code	0	0	0	2	0.50
Distressed / Overdue Motorist	1	0	2	0	0.75
Dogs By-Law	0	0	2	1	0.75
Domestic Disturbance	96	101	111	130	109.50
Family Dispute	75	63	73	61	68.00
Fire - Building	2	1	1	4	2.00
Fire - Other	1	0	1	2	1.00
Fire - Vehicle	3	2	1	2	2.00
Found - Household Property	2	0	0	2	1.00
Found - Others	2	0	1	2	1.25
Found - Personal Accessories	3	4	0	2	2.25
Found Property - Master Code	27	38	37	31	33.25
Hate or Bias Motivated Incident - Non Criminal	0	0	0	1	0.25
Insecure Condition - Master Code	3	5	3	2	3.25
Lost - Accessible Parking Permit	1	0	0	0	0.25
Lost - Household Property	0	0	3	0	0.75
Lost - Jewellery	0	0	1	1	0.50
Lost - License Plate	1	0	0	0	0.25
Lost - Machinery & Tools	0	0	0	1	0.25
Lost - Others	1	6	4	0	2.75

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Lost - Personal Accessories	4	4	7	1	4.00
Lost - Radio, TV, Sound-Reprod. Equip.	1	1	0	0	0.50
Lost Property - Master Code	6	11	16	7	10.00
Medical Assistance - Master Code	0	0	1	1	0.50
Medical Assistance - Other	0	0	0	1	0.25
Missing Person - Master Code	0	2	1	1	1.00
Missing Person 12 & older	7	3	4	6	5.00
Missing Person Located 12 & older	5	10	14	13	10.50
Missing Person Located Under 12	3	3	2	1	2.25
Missing Person under 12	1	1	5	1	2.00
Neighbour Dispute	57	94	83	100	83.50
Noise By-Law	2	2	0	1	1.25
Noise Complaint - Animal	4	3	5	4	4.00
Noise Complaint - Business	0	0	1	0	0.25
Noise Complaint - Master Code	54	64	44	45	51.75
Noise Complaint - Others	0	4	1	1	1.50
Noise Complaint - Residence	7	2	8	5	5.50
Noise Complaint - Vehicle	0	1	0	1	0.50
Other Municipal By-Laws	4	2	7	4	4.25
Overdose/Suspected Overdose	0	1	0	0	0.25
Overdose/Suspected Overdose -Opioid Related	0	0	1	0	0.25
Phone - Master Code	0	1	1	2	1.00
Phone - Nuisance - No Charges Laid	11	1	1	7	5.00
Phone - Obscene - No Charges Laid	1	0	0	0	0.25
Phone - Other - No Charges Laid	0	1	2	3	1.50
Phone - Threatening - No Charges Laid	1	0	0	3	1.00
Protest - Demonstration	0	0	2	1	0.75
Smoking By-Law	0	1	0	0	0.25
Sudden Death - Accidental	0	1	1	0	0.50
Sudden Death - Apparent Overdose/Overdose	0	1	0	1	0.50
Sudden Death - Natural Causes	15	10	9	19	13.25
Sudden Death - Others	2	2	3	1	2.00
Sudden Death - Suicide	0	0	3	1	1.00
Suspicious Package	0	2	1	1	1.00
Suspicious Person	83	89	101	60	83.25
Suspicious vehicle	32	26	26	37	30.25
Traffic By-Law	1	1	1	0	0.75
Trouble with Youth	50	89	54	45	59.50
Unwanted Persons	27	22	40	44	33.25
Vehicle Recovered - Automobile	0	0	4	1	1.25
Vehicle Recovered - Trucks	0	0	1	0	0.25
Operational 2	281	327	271	249	282.00
911 call - Dropped Cell	51	26	15	28	30.00
911 call / 911 hang up	37	32	29	38	34.00
False Alarm - Cancelled	1	1	0	0	0.50

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
False Alarm - Others	145	199	158	119	155.25
False Holdup Alarm - Accidental Trip	10	11	12	15	12.00
Keep the Peace	37	58	57	49	50.25
Other Criminal Code Violations	50	61	60	61	58.00
Animals - Cruelty	1	1	0	0	0.50
Animals - Others	0	1	0	0	0.25
Bail Violations - Breach of Recognizance	0	0	1	1	0.50
Bail Violations - Fail To Comply	25	20	18	20	20.75
Bail Violations - Master Code	2	0	0	3	1.25
Bail Violations - Others	1	0	5	4	2.50
Breach of Probation	9	12	15	9	11.25
Breach of Probation - In relation to children	0	1	0	0	0.25
Child Pornography - Master Code	0	1	0	0	0.25
Child Pornography - Other	0	1	0	0	0.25
Child Pornography - Possess child pornography	1	1	0	0	0.50
Common nuisance	0	0	1	0	0.25
Counterfeit Money - Master Code	1	1	0	0	0.50
Damage/Injury -fail to exercise reasonable care -animal/bird	0	0	0	1	0.25
Disobey court order / Misconduct executing process	0	1	0	0	0.25
Disturb the Peace	4	10	8	11	8.25
Indecent acts - Master Code	0	0	2	1	0.75
Indecent acts - Other	0	0	1	2	0.75
Killing an Animal	0	0	0	1	0.25
Obstruct Public Peace Officer	2	0	0	3	1.25
Offensive Weapons - Careless use of firearms	1	0	1	0	0.50
Offensive Weapons - Carry concealed	0	1	0	0	0.25
Offensive Weapons - In Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0.25
Offensive Weapons - Other Offensive Weapons	1	0	1	0	0.50
Offensive Weapons - Other Weapons Offences	0	3	1	1	1.25
Offensive Weapons - Possession of Weapons	0	0	2	1	0.75
Offensive Weapons - Prohibited	0	1	0	0	0.25
Other Criminal Code * Sec. 337 - Sec. 352	0	1	1	0	0.50
Personate Peace Officer	0	1	0	0	0.25
Possess Firearm while prohibited	0	1	0	0	0.25
Public Mischief - mislead peace officer	0	0	0	2	0.50
Trespass at Night	0	1	1	0	0.50
Utter Threats to damage property	0	1	1	0	0.50
Utter Threats to Property / Animals	0	0	1	1	0.50
Uttering Counterfeit Money	2	0	0	0	0.50
Property Crime Violations	171	263	297	287	254.50
Arson - Others	0	0	0	1	0.25
Break & Enter	9	12	15	14	12.50
Fraud - Account closed	1	1	0	0	0.50
Fraud - False Pretence Over \$5,000	0	0	0	1	0.25
Fraud - False Pretence Under \$5,000	2	4	1	7	3.50

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Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Fraud - Forgery & Uttering	4	1	0	2	1.75
Fraud - Fraud through mails	0	1	2	0	0.75
Fraud - Master Code	1	6	6	6	4.75
Fraud - Money/property/security Over \$5,000	2	5	9	3	4.75
Fraud - Money/property/security Under \$5,000	12	10	12	18	13.00
Fraud - Other	13	13	13	23	15.50
Fraud - Steal/Forge/Poss./Use Credit Card	1	1	4	3	2.25
Fraud - Transportation	0	0	1	1	0.50
Fraud - Welfare benefits	0	1	0	0	0.25
Identity Fraud	4	3	3	6	4.00
Identity Theft	0	0	0	2	0.50
Interfere with lawful use, enjoyment of property	4	4	5	2	3.75
Mischief	36	48	47	24	38.75
Mischief Graffiti - Non-Gang Related	2	3	2	2	2.25
Mischief with Data	0	1	0	0	0.25
Personation with Intent (fraud)	4	9	16	7	9.00
Possession of Stolen Goods over \$5,000	0	0	2	1	0.75
Possession of Stolen Goods under \$5,000	0	0	3	0	0.75
Property Damage	8	15	7	25	13.75
Theft Over - Master Code	1	2	4	1	2.00
Theft from Motor Vehicles Over \$5,000	1	2	0	1	1.00
Theft from Motor Vehicles Under \$5,000	7	3	13	12	8.75
Theft of - Automobile	1	1	7	3	3.00
Theft of - Mail	0	0	2	0	0.50
Theft of - Trucks	0	1	1	1	0.75
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	2	9	11	5.75
Theft Over \$,5000 - Construction Site	0	0	1	1	0.50
Theft Over \$5,000 - Bicycles	0	0	0	1	0.25
Theft Over \$5,000 - Boat (Vessel)	0	0	1	0	0.25
Theft Over \$5,000 - Farm Equipment	0	1	0	0	0.25
Theft Over \$5,000 - Other Theft	0	3	3	2	2.00
Theft Over \$5,000 Shoplifting	0	0	1	1	0.50
Theft Under \$5,000 - Bicycles	1	2	5	4	3.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Building	1	0	1	1	0.75
Theft Under \$5,000 - Construction Site	0	3	6	0	2.25
Theft Under \$5,000 - Gasoline Drive-off	29	68	35	34	41.50
Theft Under \$5,000 - Master Code	2	2	10	6	5.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Other Theft	12	25	28	35	25.00
Theft Under \$5,000 - Persons	2	1	0	0	0.75
Theft Under \$5,000 - Trailers	0	3	0	0	0.75
Theft Under \$5,000 Shoplifting	9	6	22	24	15.25
Unlawful in a dwelling house	0	0	0	1	0.25
Willful act / Omission likely to cause mischief	1	0	0	0	0.25
Statutes & Acts	201	181	189	150	180.25
Custody Dispute	1	1	0	1	0.75

OPP 2025 Calls for Service Details

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For the calendar years 2020 to 2023

Calls for Service Billing Workgroups	Calls for Service Count				Four Year Average
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Landlord / Tenant	39	45	62	22	42.00
Mental Health Act	57	46	39	54	49.00
Mental Health Act - Apprehension	4	11	10	8	8.25
Mental Health Act - Attempt Suicide	10	5	8	7	7.50
Mental Health Act - No contact with Police	1	4	3	2	2.50
Mental Health Act - Placed on Form	6	5	7	4	5.50
Mental Health Act - Threat of Suicide	34	20	17	14	21.25
Mental Health Act - Voluntary Transport	28	18	14	7	16.75
Trespass To Property Act	20	26	29	31	26.50
Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA)	1	0	0	0	0.25
Traffic	102	111	156	117	121.50
MVC - Fatal (Motor Vehicle Collision)	0	1	0	0	0.25
MVC - Others (Motor Vehicle Collision)	0	1	2	0	0.75
MVC - Pers. Inj. Failed to Remain (Motor Vehicle Collision)	0	0	1	1	0.50
MVC - Personal Injury (Motor Vehicle Collision)	4	7	6	5	5.50
MVC - Prop. Dam. Failed to Remain (Motor Vehicle Collision)	6	6	8	6	6.50
MVC - Prop. Dam. Non Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	45	57	50	45	49.25
MVC - Prop. Dam. Reportable (Motor Vehicle Collision)	46	38	84	54	55.50
MVC (Motor Vehicle Collision) - Master Code	1	1	5	5	3.00
Road Rage	0	0	0	1	0.25
Violent Criminal Code	79	125	134	148	121.50
Aggravated Assault - Level 3	1	1	0	0	0.50
Aggravated Sexual Assault	0	0	1	0	0.25
Assault - Level 1	31	38	53	60	45.50
Assault Peace Officer	0	3	0	1	1.00
Assault With Weapon or Causing Bodily Harm - Level 2	2	3	4	8	4.25
Criminal Harassment	5	27	29	12	18.25
Criminal Harassment - Offender Unknown	1	0	1	0	0.50
Extortion	0	0	0	2	0.50
Forcible confinement	0	1	0	0	0.25
Indecent / Harassing Communications	5	5	1	18	7.25
Invitation to Sexual Touching	0	0	0	2	0.50
Robbery - Master Code	0	1	0	0	0.25
Robbery - Other	0	1	0	1	0.50
Robbery - With Threat of Violence	2	2	1	2	1.75
Sexual Assault	9	8	13	9	9.75
Sexual Interference	2	3	0	1	1.50
Utter Threats - Master Code	3	7	3	1	3.50
Utter Threats to Person	17	22	27	30	24.00
Utter Threats to Person - Government Employee	0	2	1	0	0.75
Utter Threats to Person - Police Officer	1	1	0	1	0.75

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OPP 2023 Reconciled Year-End Summary
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Reconciled cost for the period January 1 to December 31, 2023

			<u>Cost per Property \$</u>	<u>Reconciled Cost \$</u>	<u>Estimated Cost \$</u>
Base Service	Property Counts				
	Household	4,403			
	Commercial and Industrial	215			
	Total Properties	<u>4,618</u>	174.11	804,062	765,027
Calls for Service					
	Total all municipalities	187,830,598			
	Municipal portion	0.4754%	193.38	893,017	849,021
Overtime			16.49	76,162	52,307
Prisoner Transportation	(per property cost)		<u>1.45</u>	<u>6,696</u>	<u>5,403</u>
Total 2023 Costs			<u><u>385.43</u></u>	<u><u>1,779,938</u></u>	<u><u>1,671,758</u></u>
2023 Billed Amount				<u><u>1,671,754</u></u>	
2023 Year-End-Adjustment				<u><u>108,184</u></u>	

Notes

The Year-End Adjustment above is included as an adjustment on the 2025 Billing Statement.

This amount is incorporated into the monthly invoice amount for 2025.

The difference between the estimated and billed amount is due to rounding the bills to the nearest dollar throughout the year.

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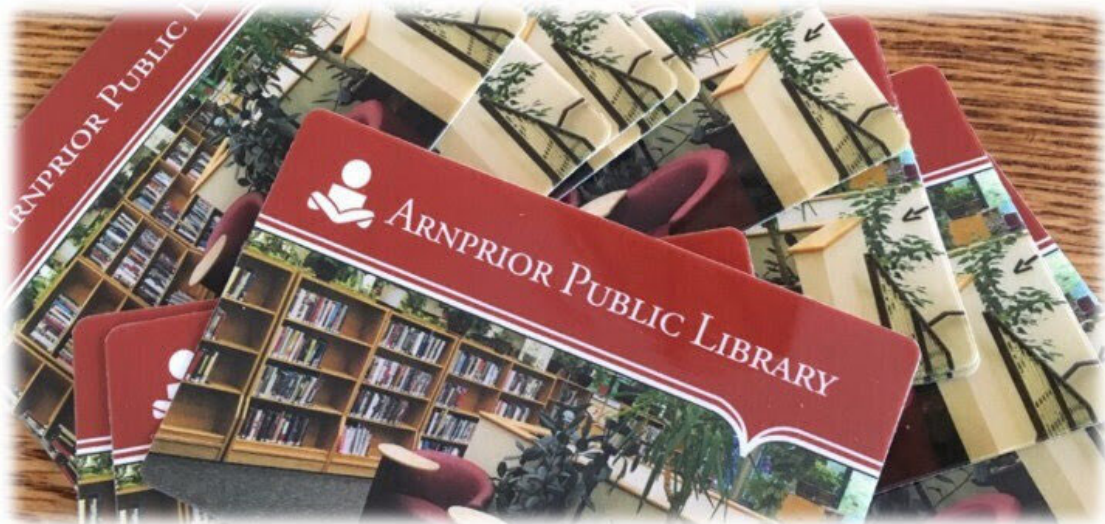


Hello Library Friends, Happy Fall!

Welcome to our not-so-monthly Newsletter with information about your library!

We also welcome the more than 1,000 new card holders who have signed up for memberships at the library so far in 2024.

There's much to discover beyond the traditional books and digital resources and we hope you have the opportunity to explore everything your library offers.



We're excited to be facilitating a full line up of fall programming, both new and established. Beginner Mahjong, afternoon Bridge Club, Monday Art meet-ups, Paper Quilling Workshops and language learning have all been added to our

lineup of long standing programs which includes Book Clubs, Whatknot Knitting meetups, Chess Club, ESL training and our monthly Busker's Cafe.

Of course, the children's department is humming with the full range of programs - from babies to teens in addition to a full schedule of regular class visits and outreach. Remember to ask for your Take and Make science kits courtesy of our friends at Let's Talk Science.

Our popular Advent Calendar evening is set for the end of November. Registration for this evening of holiday fun for parents opens October 29th.

We've been a busy spot each weekday afternoon as families continue to navigate the school bus situation affecting all students in the County. We're pleased to be able to offer that safe space and hope that many kids who have recently discovered the library will continue to stop by!



To top it all off you'll want to check out our NEW website COMING THIS WEEK! It features all the same great information and resources in a format that's easy to navigate.

You'll want to check out the **Events Calendar** on the updated website, where you can book tickets or register for some programs and easily add them directly to your own digital calendar.

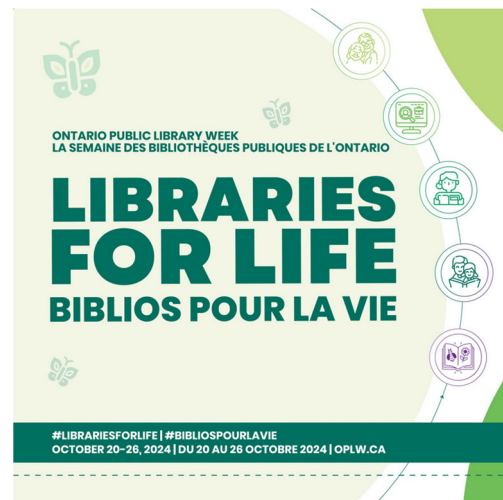
You won't miss upcoming events either when you check out the list of *Library News* on the home page. This information will also continue to be published on our social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook).

[Here's a sneak peek at the revamped website:](#)



Ontario Public Library Week is October 20 - 26

Stop by the library to participate in our fantastic collaborative mural project. It's the chance for adults to "colour the town" while the kids can take home a poster and bring it back decorated for display in the Art Corridor. Special thanks to our very talented Tracey for this one-of-a-kind mural!



To bookend Ontario Public Library Week, we're pleased to host Bob McDonald, author and host of CBC's Quirks and Quarks. Join us for a lively presentation, engaging conversation and the opportunity to meet Bob.



White Pine Books will be on hand so you can purchase and get your own copy of his book(s) autographed.

Tickets are free, but you **must register** for this event. Seating is limited and we will be taking a wait list when we reach capacity.

In addition to our weekly lineup of programs here are some highlights rounding out October:

Monday October 21

We will launch two new endeavours: **Monday Art** when artists of all talents meet and work on their individual projects weekly from 10am - noon. This is a collaborative program with the Art Loft. All skill levels are welcome. Bring your project. Work on it alongside other artists. The library provides the space and refreshments.

At 6pm we will launch our weekly **Spanish Conversation** meet-up with thanks to our volunteer Sonia for leading this group. Everyone is welcome to both programs!



Sandwiched in between on October 21 - OnTrac will be on site for their community outreach, so bring your questions about job seeking and resume building! 1pm - 4pm.

There's been interest in relaunching our Scrabble meet-up. Tentatively set for Thursday afternoons in the Art Corridor. Let us know if you're interested by completing [THIS FORM](#) and we'll be in touch for the start date.

For those who have shown an interest in a French conversation group, we are partnering with the new École élémentaire catholique des Deux-Rivières to find a volunteer lead for this meet-up. Details are coming soon. You're welcome to [add your name](#) to the language learning list!

We end the month with the next installment of the Busker's Cafe.

We'll also be providing some Rangoli activity kits in celebration of Diwali. These kits have been generously provided by The Local Immigration Partnership (LIP) of Lanark & Renfrew Counties.



We will continue our partnership with LIP on Saturday, November 2nd as we help the Mexican community celebrate *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead). There will be activities at the library and next door at the Arnprior & District Museum. Stories, crafts, snacks and decorating the library entrance with strings of paper marigolds. Watch for details at both locations!

And as you mark your calendars, please note that the library will be closed on November 11th in observance of Remembrance Day.



Our regular hours are:

- Monday & Tuesday 11am - 7pm
- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am - 5pm
- Saturdays 10am - 2pm

There's so much to explore at your library, and if you have an idea for something new, we'd love to hear from you.

Send us an email library@arnpriorlibrary.ca or give us a call 613-623-2279.

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"The answer is to try and help others"
- TERRY FOX



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Thank you so much
for allowing the
Levy Fox Run to use
the Robert Simpson Park
for our event.

We raised a total of

\$8,853.40!

See you next year!

Denise Johnston
Run Organizer