



**Town of Arnprior
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Recommendation:

That the Correspondence Package No. I-25-APR-07 be received as information and filed accordingly.

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- c) [Notice of Public Hearing: B5/24, B6/24, B7/24](#)
- d) [Notice of Public Hearing: ZBL-2/25](#)

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7. Correspondence from Canadian Nuclear Laboratories

- a) [Earth Day Clothing & Plant Swap](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Premier Doug Ford Unveils Cabinet to Protect Ontario

Experienced team will deliver on historic mandate from the people to protect Ontario's economy and workers

March 19, 2025

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — Today, Premier Doug Ford unveiled his cabinet with an experienced team that will deliver on the government's mandate to do whatever is necessary to protect Ontario in the face of tariffs from the United States, while building a stronger, more competitive and resilient economy.

"As Ontario faces one of the greatest challenges in our history, workers and families are counting on us to stand up for their jobs and wellbeing," said Premier Doug Ford. "Our government will double down on our plan to build, train and reskill workers for better jobs and bigger paycheques, tear down internal trade barriers, retool companies for new customers in new markets, attract more investments and cut through red tape to develop our vast natural resources, including critical minerals in the Ring of Fire. No matter what, we will protect Ontario."

Ontario's new Executive Council is as follows:

- Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs
- Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health
- Trevor Jones, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- Doug Downey, Attorney General
- Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Graham McGregor, Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Nolan Quinn, Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security
- Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
- Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
- Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines
- Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance

- Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and the Minister Responsible for Ring of Fire Economic and Community Partnerships
- Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care
- Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources
- George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement
- Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Red Tape Reduction
- Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs
- Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
- Neil Lumsden, Minister of Sport
- Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
- Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
- Caroline Mulroney, President of the Treasury Board and Minister of Francophone Affairs
- Michael Tibollo, Associate Attorney General, as part of the Ministry of the Attorney General
- Zee Hamid, Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform, as part of the Ministry of the Solicitor General
- Sam Oosterhoff, Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries, as part of the Ministry of Energy and Mines
- Kevin Holland, Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products, as part of the Ministry of Natural Resources
- Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as part of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, as part of the Ministry of Health
- Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business, as part of the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, as part of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

To effectively deliver on its plan to protect Ontario, the government is also making changes to certain ministries' areas of authority and responsibilities:

- The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will now have responsibility over conservation authorities
- The Minister of Energy and Mines and the Associate Minister of Energy-Intensive Industries will now have responsibility over broadband expansion and connectivity

Premier Ford and his team are ready to protect Ontario.

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NEWS RELEASE

Be Bear Wise and Prevent Bear Encounters

Take precautions and follow these tips as bears emerge from hibernation

March 20, 2025

[Natural Resources](#)

The Ontario government and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding the public to exercise caution and prevent attracting black bears as they begin to come out of hibernation.

In Ontario, black bears wake up from hibernation between mid-March and late April. During this time of year, there is little natural food for bears, causing them to search for other food sources, including garbage and bird feed.

To keep our communities safe and bears in their natural habitat, follow these simple and effective precautions:

- Never feed or approach bears
- Store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids, preferably indoors
- Wait until pickup day to put out garbage for collection
- Remove bird feeders for the spring and summer (instead you can offer birds natural alternatives such as flowers, nesting boxes or fresh water)
- Clean food residue from outdoor barbecue grills and grease traps after each use
- Keep dogs on leash and store pet food indoors
- Alert your neighbours about bear activity and share these Bear Wise tips to reduce attractants in your community

It is important to know how to handle a bear encounter, and who to call if you encounter one. The province operates a non-emergency, toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at 1-866-514-2327. The line operates from March 17 to November 30 and is available 24/7.

If a bear is posing an immediate threat by showing threatening or aggressive behaviour, remain calm and call 911 or your local police department.

Quick Facts

- Visit ontario.ca/bearwise to learn more about how to avoid attracting bears and what to do if you encounter one.
- Bears have excellent memories and will return to where they have found food in the past, sometimes travelling over 100 kilometres.

Additional Resources

- [Be Bear Wise — Know Who to Call](#)

Related Topics

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Ready to Respond to Wildland Fire Season

Additional staff and equipment prepared to protect people and communities

March 27, 2025

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TORONTO — Ontario is ready to respond to this year’s wildland fire season, which lasts from April 1 until October 31. This year the government has filled nearly 100 additional permanent positions to support the 2025 fire season and help ensure people and resources are in place to protect communities.

“We are ready to protect people, communities and properties across Ontario from wildland fires,” said Mike Harris, Minister of Natural Resources. “When wildland fires hit, our brave and dedicated FireRangers, pilots and support staff are prepared to battle these fires and protect Ontarians.”

Last year, the province partnered with the federal government to invest a total of \$64 million in the wildland fire program. This investment has allowed Ontario to enhance its firefighting capacity for the 2025 fire season and includes funding for forest fire suppression equipment and technology, such as fuel systems, trucks and emergency management software.

Approximately 50 per cent of all wildland fires are caused by humans. There are actions the public can take to reduce the risks of forest fires:

- Before starting an outdoor fire, check the interactive map at ontario.ca/forestfires and ensure you are aware of the fire hazard and restrictions in place in your area.
- Follow Ontario’s [outdoor burning regulations](#), including igniting fires no sooner than two hours before sunset and extinguishing them no later than two hours after sunrise.
- Ensure campfires do not get too big and are fully extinguished at the end of the evening or prior to leaving the site. Have tools and water on hand to control outdoor fires.
- To learn more about how to prepare your community or property to reduce the risk or impact of a wildland fire please visit [how to prevent forest fires](#) and

ontario.ca/firesmart.

Ontario is recognized as an international leader in wildland fire management and proudly 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.

Quick Facts

- Ontario has a fleet of specialized aircraft used to manage wildland fires, hundreds of highly trained staff, 14 fire management headquarters, three attack bases and 11 forward attack bases, two regional fire centres, one provincial fire centre (which houses the ministry emergency operations centre), two regional logistics centres and one provincial logistics centre, seven aircraft hangars and one flight training centre. Together, these resources are used to coordinate the protection of 90 million hectares of public land in Ontario.
- In 2024, Ontario saw more than 470 fires and nearly 90,000 hectares burned – compared to the 10-year average of 694 fires and 201,780 hectares burned.
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Quotes

"As we prepare for the upcoming wildland fire season, our government is working hard to make sure municipalities, First Nations communities and partners across the province have the resources and equipment they need to keep neighbourhoods and families safe. The people of Ontario are our top priority. Together, we're committed to ensuring we are resilient, ready and strong in the face of natural disasters and emergencies."

- Jill Dunlop

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response

"The Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs applaud the Ontario Government in taking steps to protect people, communities, and properties across the province. These are all great steps as wildfires are becoming more intense and unpredictable. Education, preparedness, and response measures need to adapt to protect Ontarians."

- Rob Grimwood

Deputy Fire Chief and President, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

Additional Resources

- [Ontario's response to wildland fires](#)
 - [Find out how to prevent forest fires](#)
 - [Find out how to become FireSmart around your property](#)
 - [Learn more about the science behind fire](#)
 - [Learn how to become a fire ranger](#)
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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Raising Minimum Wage to Support Workers

Increase to \$17.60 an hour will take effect October 1

April 01, 2025

[Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is increasing the minimum wage from \$17.20 to \$17.60 an hour effective October 1, 2025, to support workers and businesses. This annualized wage increase is based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.4 per cent and will bring Ontario's minimum wage to the second highest provincial rate in Canada.

"Our government will continue to have the backs of Ontario workers, investing in skills training and development and helping ensure that work pays," said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. "Ontario's minimum wage remains one of the highest in the country. Now more than ever, workers and businesses need fair, balanced and predictable wages."

A worker making the general minimum wage and working 40 hours per week will see an annual pay increase of up to \$835.00 as a result of these changes. Under the [Employment Standards Act](#), Ontario's minimum wage increases annually based on the Ontario CPI, a measure of inflation that represents changes in prices experienced by Ontario consumers.

This increase is just one of the ways the government is supporting Ontario workers and helping make Ontario the best place to work, live and raise a family. Most recently, Ontario passed the [Working for Workers Six Act, 2024](#), which is helping more workers enter the skilled trades, removing barriers to employment, protecting workers and supporting frontline heroes and women at work.

Quick Facts

- About 36 per cent of workers at or below the wage of \$17.60 per hour are in retail trade and 24 per cent are in accommodation and food services.
 - Over the past seven years, Ontario's minimum wage has increased from \$14 per hour in 2018 to \$17.60 later this year.
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Additional Resources

- New [minimum wage rates](#) starting October 1, 2025.
- Learn about rights and responsibilities under the [ESA](#).
- [Ontario’s Poverty Reduction Strategy](#).

Related Topics

Business and Economy

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

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Taking Action to Protect Workers Amid Economic Uncertainty

Province delivering support to businesses, while making Ontario the best place in the G7 to invest, create jobs and do business

April 07, 2025

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing approximately \$11 billion in relief and support for workers and businesses as it protects the province's economy from economic uncertainty and the impact of U.S. tariffs.

"In the face of President Trump's attacks on Ontario's economy, our government will do whatever it takes to protect Ontario workers and businesses. Today's measures will help give workers and businesses the support they need in the face of growing economic uncertainty," said Premier Doug Ford. "We can't control President Trump, but we're in full control of the kind of future we build for ourselves. The best way to protect Ontario is to build the most competitive economy in the G7, breaking down internal trade barriers and diversifying our trade so we can build a more resilient, prosperous and secure province."

As a first step to support workers and businesses, the province is:

- Deferring select provincially administered taxes for six months from April 1, 2025, to October 1, 2025, giving businesses and job creators approximately \$9 billion worth of cash flow they need to keep workers employed and weather the economic turmoil.
- Through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), issuing a further \$2 billion rebate for safe employers to support businesses and help keep workers on the job, in addition to the previous \$2 billion rebate distributed in March.

To protect Ontario's economy, the government will deliver on its mandate to break down internal trade barriers, make the province's economy the most competitive in the G7, including by speeding up timelines and approvals for development, as well as diversifying trading partners and helping businesses if they need to retool and retrain workers for new customers in new markets.

“We are ready to protect Ontario’s workers, businesses and families from the economic uncertainty of U.S.-imposed tariffs,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. “Today’s measures help Ontario to weather the storm while continuing to build on our plan for ongoing prosperity.”

“In the last year, the WSIB provided historic, 50-year-low premiums to over 320,000 employers and surplus rebates to over 280,000 safe employers,” said David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development. “Ontario is looking to provide further relief to employers through an additional distribution that will help them keep workers on the jobs, whatever comes our way from President Trump.”

“In the face of economic uncertainty, Ontario stands ready with a plan that will defend the interests of our families and workers, protect our economy and jobs, and build a strong, stable future for generations to come.” said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

The government is ready to do whatever is necessary to protect Ontario.

Quick Facts

- Ontario is granting relief to businesses remitting taxes under Ontario’s 10 business-focused tax programs, including the Employer Health Tax, Insurance Premium Tax, Gasoline Tax, Fuel Tax, Mining Tax, Tobacco Tax, International Fuel Tax Agreement, Beer, Wine & Spirits Tax, the Retail Sales Tax on Insurance Contracts and Benefit Plans and the Race Tracks Tax.
- Providing up to \$9 billion in cash flow support to about 80,000 Ontario businesses by offering six months of interest and penalty relief will allow them to temporarily delay payments for select provincially administered taxes, giving them more flexibility to deal with any challenges resulting from U.S. tariffs.
- The six-month period begins April 1, 2025, and ends October 1, 2025. All taxes owed must be paid by October 1, 2025.
- The WSIB surplus rebate announced last November returned \$2 billion in surplus funds to Ontario businesses. Eligible businesses who are safe employers received their distribution amount in March.
- Last year, the government also provided additional support for workers by removing the \$150 fee for apprentices taking their first Certificate of Qualification exam, saving each apprentice at least \$330 in total when combined with other fee removals and deductions that the province has implemented since 2019.

- The province also unlocked \$400 million in health and safety programs for workers and employers developed by the WSIB, to support workers and ensure they have the supports they require.

Quotes

"In these uncertain times, Ontario businesses need certain relief. By achieving better results and strong financial management we are able to return this surplus right when businesses need it the most."

- Jeffery Lang

President and CEO, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Returning Over \\$2.5 Billion to Workers and Businesses Through Fee Reductions and WSIB Rebates](#)

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Taxes and Benefits

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NEWS RELEASE

Premier Ford Announces Updated Parliamentary Assistant Roles

Renewed team will deliver on government's mandate to protect Ontario

April 07, 2025

[Office of the Premier](#)

TORONTO — Today, Premier Doug Ford announced his team of parliamentary assistants, who will take on an essential role in supporting cabinet and delivering on the government's mandate to protect Ontario against President Trump's tariffs and economic uncertainty.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Ontario's new and returning team of parliamentary assistants, who will step into key roles in their ministries," said Premier Ford. "Now more than ever, our team of parliamentary assistants is ready to support our government's mandate to protect Ontario and build a stronger and more competitive economy that can withstand whatever comes our way."

Below is the complete list of parliamentary assistants, including additional responsibilities as designated:

- Tyler Allsopp, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Deepak Anand, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security (Research Excellence)
- Aris Babikian, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
- Robert Bailey, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Rural Affairs
- Will Bouma, Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth
- Ric Bresee, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility
- Monica Ciriello, Parliamentary Assistant to the Attorney General

- Steve Clark, Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier
- Lorne Coe, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services
- Michelle Cooper, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance
- Rudy Cuzzetto, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mines
- George Darouze, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board
- Billy Denault, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
- Jess Dixon, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education
- Andrew Dowie, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Mohamed Firin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
- Hardeep Singh Grewal, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation
- Silvia Gualtieri, Parliamentary Assistant to the Solicitor General
- John Jordan, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care
- Anthony Leardi, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health
- Dawn Gallagher Murphy, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Long-Term Care and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources
- Billy Pang, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education
- Natalie Pierre, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Sport
- Steve Pinsonneault, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Rural Affairs
- Joseph Racinsky, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Red Tape Reduction
- Matthew Rae, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Brian Riddell, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement
- Bill Rosenberg, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and Parliamentary Assistant to the President of the Treasury Board

- Sheref Sabawy, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- Amarjot Sandhu, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure
- Stéphane Sarrazin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (Small Business) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs
- Brian Saunderson, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Chris Scott, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mines
- Dave Smith, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Finance
- David Smith, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy and Mines
- Laura Smith, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Housing)
- Effie Triantafilopoulos, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming
- Paul Vickers, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
- Daisy Wai, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility

In addition, Steve Clark will serve as Government House Leader while Anthony Leardi will serve as Deputy Government House Leader. Matt Rae will serve as Chief Government Whip while Natalie Pierre and Steve Pinsonneault will serve as Deputy Government Whips. Will Bouma will continue to serve as Chair of the Government Caucus.

Laurie Scott, Ernie Hardeman and Logan Kanapathi will be nominated for committee chairships in the coming days.

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Proposing to Expand Strong Mayor Powers to 169 Additional Municipalities

Expansion will help municipalities deliver on provincial priorities like building homes and infrastructure

April 09, 2025

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

TORONTO — Ontario is proposing to expand strong mayor powers to the heads of council in [169 additional municipalities](#) effective May 1, 2025 to help deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure across Ontario.

This significant expansion reflects Ontario's commitment to streamline local governance and help ensure municipalities have the tools they need to reduce obstacles that can stand in the way of new housing and infrastructure development. The powers would allow heads of council of single- and lower-tier municipalities with councils of six members or more to support shared provincial-municipal priorities, such as encouraging the approval of new housing and constructing and maintaining infrastructure to support housing, including roads and transit.

"Heads of Council are key partners in our efforts to build homes and infrastructure across the province," said Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "By extending strong mayor powers to these additional municipalities, we are providing mayors every tool at our disposal to empower them to get homes and infrastructure built faster. Mayors know their municipalities best, and we support them in taking bold actions for their communities."

Ontario's strong mayor powers, initially introduced for Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, have been gradually rolled out across the province. The province currently has 47 municipalities with these enhanced powers, which have helped to cut red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities in their communities. These enhanced powers come with increased accountability for heads of council and maintain essential checks and balances through the oversight of councillors.

Strong mayor powers and duties include:

- Choosing to appoint the municipality's chief administrative officer.
 - Hiring certain municipal department heads and establishing and re-organizing departments.
 - Creating committees of council, assigning their functions and appointing the chairs and vice-chairs of committees of council.
 - Proposing the municipal budget, which would be subject to council amendments and a separate head of council veto and council override process.
 - Proposing certain municipal by-laws if the mayor is of the opinion that the proposed by-law could potentially advance a provincial priority identified in regulation. Council can pass these by-laws if more than one-third of all council members vote in favour.
 - Vetoing certain by-laws if the head of council is of the opinion that all or part of the by-law could potentially interfere with a provincial priority.
 - Bringing forward matters for council consideration if the head of council is of the opinion that considering the matter could potentially advance a provincial priority.
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Quick Facts

- Strong mayor powers have been used across the province to support the building of more homes. For example, they have been used to facilitate a new housing complex near transit in Ajax and to direct staff in St. Catharines to prioritize housing developments.
 - Certain strong mayor powers can only be used to support [prescribed provincial priorities](#), which include building new homes and constructing and maintaining infrastructure like roads that support new and existing housing developments.
 - This tool complements historic and [ongoing investments in housing-enabling infrastructure](#) and the new [Provincial Planning Statement](#) that helps municipalities support growth by reducing and streamlining planning rules.
 - The proposal will be posted on [Ontario's Regulatory Registry](#) until April 16, 2025.
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Quotes

"Increasing housing supply is a top priority for municipalities in every part of Ontario. Strong mayor powers can provide an additional tool to help municipalities play their important role in getting houses built. As the most trusted order of government, municipalities can be counted on to exercise new powers accountably and in the best interests of the public and the communities they serve."

- Robin Jones
AMO President, Mayor of Westport

"Windsor is experiencing unprecedented growth driven by large-scale infrastructure projects that are transforming our economy and community. With strong mayor powers, I've been able to support key initiatives in housing, transit and infrastructure, aligning with provincial priorities. With the province's support, we've streamlined processes, reduced barriers and launched initiatives like Housing Solutions Made for Windsor and the Strengthen the Core Downtown Windsor plan, driving further growth and development."

- Drew Dilkens
Mayor of Windsor

"As one of Canada's fastest growing cities, Pickering is proud to have received over \$5.2M in funding from Ontario's Building Faster Fund for exceeding its provincial housing target. We have a collective responsibility in addressing this housing crisis, and I thank the Ford government for introducing strong mayor powers, which provides municipalities the autonomy and ability to streamline and accelerate the home building process."

- Kevin Ashe
Mayor of Pickering

Additional Resources

- [Ontario Expanding Strong Mayor Powers](#)
 - [Ontario Providing New Tools to Municipalities to Build More Homes Sooner](#)
 - [Strong Mayor Powers Expanded to Mayors in 26 Municipalities](#)
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BACKGROUND

Strong Mayor Powers Proposed for 169 Additional Municipalities

April 09, 2025

[Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

The heads of council of the following municipalities would [get access to strong mayor powers](#) effective May 1, 2025:

1. Township of Adjala-Tosorontio
2. Town of Amherstburg
3. Town of Arnprior
4. Municipality of Arran-Elderslie
5. Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh
6. Township of Athens
7. Town of Atikokan
8. Town of Aylmer
9. Town of Bancroft
10. Township of Black River-Matheson
11. Town of Blind River
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18. City of Brockville
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20. Municipality of Central Elgin
21. Township of Central Frontenac
22. Municipality of Central Huron
23. Municipality of Central Manitoulin
24. Township of Centre Wellington
25. Township of Champlain
26. City of Clarence-Rockland

27. Township of Clearview
28. Town of Cobalt
29. Town of Cobourg
30. Town of Cochrane
31. Town of Collingwood
32. City of Cornwall
33. Town of Deep River
34. City of Dryden
35. United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde
36. Township of East Zorra-Tavistock
37. Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley
38. City of Elliot Lake
39. Town of Englehart
40. Town of Espanola
41. Town of Essex
42. Town of Fort Erie
43. Town of Fort Frances
44. Municipality of French River
45. Town of Gananoque
46. Township of Georgian Bay
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58. Town of Hearst
59. Town of Huntsville
60. Municipality of Huron East
61. Municipality of Huron Shores
62. Township of Huron-Kinloss
63. Town of Ingersoll
64. Town of Iroquois Falls

65. Town of Kapuskasing
66. City of Kenora
67. Township of Killaloe, Hagarty & Richards
68. Municipality of Killarney
69. Municipality of Kincardine
70. Township of King
71. Town of Kingsville
72. Town of Kirkland Lake
73. Township of Lake of Bays
74. Municipality of Lakeshore
75. Municipality of Lambton Shores
76. Township of Lanark Highlands
77. Town of LaSalle
78. Town of Latchford
79. Township of Laurentian Valley
80. Municipality of Leamington
81. Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands
82. Town of Lincoln
83. Loyalist Township
84. Township of Malahide
85. Town of Mattawa
86. Municipality of Meaford
87. Municipality of Middlesex Centre
88. Town of Midland
89. Township of Minden Hills
90. Town of Minto
91. Municipality of Mississippi Mills
92. Township of Muskoka Lakes
93. The Nation Municipality
94. Municipality of Neebing
95. Town of New Tecumseth
96. Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake
97. Norfolk County
98. Township of North Frontenac
99. Township of North Glengarry
100. Township of North Huron
101. Municipality of North Middlesex
102. Municipality of North Perth
103. Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands

104. Town of Orangeville
105. City of Orillia*
106. Township of Oro-Medonte
107. City of Owen Sound
108. Town of Parry Sound
109. Town of Pelham
110. City of Pembroke
111. Town of Penetanguishene
112. Town of Perth
113. Township of Perth East
114. Township of Perth South
115. Town of Petawawa
116. Town of Petrolia
117. Town of Plympton-Wyoming
118. City of Port Colborne
119. Municipality of Port Hope
120. Town of Prescott
121. County of Prince Edward
122. City of Quinte West
123. Town of Rainy River
124. Township of Ramara
125. Town of Renfrew
126. Township of Rideau Lakes
127. Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
128. Town of Saugeen Shores
129. Township of Scugog
130. Township of Seguin
131. Township of Severn
132. Town of Shelburne
133. Municipality of Sioux Lookout
134. Town of Smiths Falls
135. Township of South Algonquin
136. Municipality of South Bruce
137. Township of South Frontenac
138. Municipality of South Huron
139. Township of Southgate
140. Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
141. Township of South-West Oxford
142. Township of Springwater

143. Township of St. Clair
144. Town of St. Marys
145. City of St. Thomas
146. Township of Stone Mills
147. City of Stratford
148. Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc
149. Township of Tay
150. Tay Valley Township
151. Town of Tecumseh
152. Municipality of Temagami
153. City of Temiskaming Shores
154. Township of The Archipelago
155. Town of The Blue Mountains
156. Town of Thessalon
157. City of Thorold
158. Town of Tillsonburg
159. City of Timmins
160. Municipality of Trent Hills
161. Township of Uxbridge
162. Town of Wasaga Beach
163. Municipality of West Grey
164. Township of West Lincoln
165. Municipality of West Nipissing
166. Municipality of West Perth
167. Township of Whitewater Region
168. Township of Wilmot
169. Township of Woolwich

Currently, there are 47 heads of council with strong mayor powers in the province of Ontario. Below is a list of these municipalities and the dates those powers were granted:

1. Town of Ajax: July 1, 2023
2. Town of Aurora: October 31, 2023
3. City of Barrie: July 1, 2023
4. City of Belleville: October 31, 2023
5. Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury: October 31, 2023
6. City of Brampton: July 1, 2023
7. City of Brantford: July 1, 2023
8. City of Burlington: July 1, 2023

9. Town of Caledon: July 1, 2023
10. City of Cambridge: July 1, 2023
11. Municipality of Chatham-Kent: October 31, 2023
12. Municipality of Clarington: July 1, 2023
13. Town of East Gwillimbury: October 31, 2023
14. Town of Georgina: October 31, 2023
15. City of Greater Sudbury: October 31, 2023
16. City of Guelph: July 1, 2023
17. Town of Halton Hills: October 31, 2023
18. City of Hamilton: July 1, 2023
19. Town of Innisfil: October 31, 2023
20. City of Kawartha Lakes: October 31, 2023
21. City of Kingston: July 1, 2023
22. City of Kitchener: July 1, 2023
23. City of London: July 1, 2023
24. City of Markham: July 1, 2023
25. Town of Milton: July 1, 2023
26. City of Mississauga: July 1, 2023
27. City of Niagara Falls: July 1, 2023
28. City of North Bay: October 31, 2023
29. Town of Oakville: July 1, 2023
30. City of Orillia: April 3, 2025 *
31. City of Oshawa: July 1, 2023
32. City of Ottawa: November 23, 2022
33. City of Peterborough: October 31, 2023
34. City of Pickering: July 1, 2023
35. City of Richmond Hill: July 1, 2023
36. City of Sarnia: October 31, 2023
37. City of Sault Ste. Marie: October 31, 2023
38. City of St. Catharines: July 1, 2023
39. City of Thunder Bay: October 31, 2023
40. City of Toronto: November 23, 2022
41. City of Vaughan: July 1, 2023
42. City of Waterloo: July 1, 2023
43. City of Welland: October 31, 2023
44. Town of Whitby: July 1, 2023
45. Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville: October 31, 2023
46. City of Windsor: July 1, 2023
47. City of Woodstock: October 31, 2023

*The City of Orillia was granted temporary strong mayor powers on April 3, 2025 to help the municipality respond to the ice storm that impacted the region in late March. These powers will become permanent on May 1, 2025, at the same time as strong mayor powers are extended to the other municipalities listed above.

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Council and Committee Monthly Summary

March 2025

Below you will find highlights of the County of Renfrew County Council and Committee meetings held March 12 and March 26, 2025.

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

The full [Council and Committee packages](#) can be found online.

The [March 12, 2025](#) and [March 26, 2025](#) meetings are on YouTube.

Warden's Address

Key highlights

- The Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC), a local solution launched just days after the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, marked its fifth anniversary on March 27 as it continues to serve residents without access to primary care. A collaboration between family doctors, paramedics, local hospitals, and health organizations, RC VTAC has been instrumental in reducing pressure on Emergency Departments and providing accessible health-care services. In 2024 alone, it received nearly 74,000 calls and diverted approximately 1,000 Emergency Room visits monthly. Through a variety of services, including phone and video appointments, in-home assessments, and referrals, RC VTAC addresses a range of health concerns. The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, was in Renfrew on March 27 for a celebration to mark the five-year milestone.
- Nominations are open for the 2025 Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards and it is time to celebrate the best of Ottawa Valley tourism! The Ottawa Valley Tourism Awards recognize industry achievements, inspire future excellence, and honour those making a lasting impact in our region. The OVTA is encouraging member businesses, events and individuals to [self-nominate](#) or nominate a deserving fellow member for one of these six awards: Tourism Champion, Business/Organization of the Year Award, Event of the Year Award, Tourism Marketing Award, Sustainability Champion Award and New Tourism Product Award.
- Registration for the 18th annual [Warden's Golf Tournament](#) is now open. This year's event is being held at the Dragonfly Golf Links at Renfrew on Friday, June 20, with proceeds going towards the Darlene Aikens Memorial Fund of Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County to help send kids to camp and the Renfrew County Housing and Homelessness Fund.
- On March 4, the Warden attended Enterprise Renfrew County's Francophone Networking Breakfast hosted in partnership with Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation. He congratulated Luc Fleurant and Bernadette Demong of Ottawa Valley Taekwon-Do on winning the Francophone Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Delegations

- At the March 26 Development and Property Committee, Business Development Officer David Wybou, made a presentation about the proposed [HYPE \(Helping Your Place Excel\)](#) Regional Incentive Program for Renfrew County. In February, County Council approved \$100,000 in the Economic Development budget for the County of Renfrew initiative designed to drive economic development through financial incentives that support key areas of investment. Aligned with the County's Strategic Plan, Trail Strategy, Active Transportation Plan, Climate Action Plan, Housing/Homelessness Plan, and Economic Development Strategic Plan, it promotes Housing, Tourism, Business Retention & Expansion, and Investment Readiness. This program will provide up to 50% matching grants for eligible projects in local municipalities that have a Community Improvement Plan in place. The total grants cannot exceed \$15,000 annually per property. The program is open to property owners, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations. The program provides funding for projects that enhance: Agriculture & Agri-Tourism, Brownfield Redevelopment, Affordable Housing & Secondary Dwellings, Energy Efficiency & Environmental Enhancements, Accessibility Improvements, Commercial, Institutional & Industrial Development, and Regional Trail Expansion. Following the presentation, the Development and Property Committee recommended that County Council receive and accept the Helping Your Place Excel (HYPE) Program details for consultation. Direction was given to staff to proceed with amending the County of Renfrew Official Plan permitting County Council to provide grants and/or loans to support local Community Improvement Plan initiatives. County staff is also available to those communities without a CIP and that want to discuss a path forward.

Development & Property Committee

Presented by: James Brose, Chair

- County Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Ad Hoc Committee. It is proposed that the Climate Action Ad Hoc Committee be established to guide the implementation of the County of Renfrew's Climate Action Plan. The Committee will focus on identifying priorities, facilitating stakeholder engagement, recommending actionable strategies, and ensuring alignment with the County's Climate Action Plan for both the County of Renfrew goals and community goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The goal is to achieve a 20% decrease in emissions from County operations and a 20-25% reduction in community-wide emissions by 2030 with 2021 as the baseline year.

Operations Committee

Presented by: Dan Lynch, Vice Chair

- Public Works and Engineering staff will coordinate with the organizer of the Everest Climb Cancer Fundraiser to explore and assess agreeable traffic management solutions to ensure County Road 512 (Foymount Road) remains open during the Everest Hill Climb fundraiser while promoting safety for road users and event participants. Staff will continue to explore other potential traffic mitigation measures with the organizer.

- County Council approved several contracts/agreements as submitted:
 - For engineering services for the replacement of County Structure B188 (Turcotte Bridge), located on Code Road, approximately 2.2km northeast of Micksburg Road, in the Township of Laurentian Valley, by Tatham Engineering Limited, Collingwood, Ontario in the amount of \$83,575, plus applicable taxes.
 - For pavement marking as submitted by Trillium Pavement Marking (TPM), Carleton Place, Ontario, for one additional year (2025) in the amount of \$707,042.54, plus applicable taxes. This is an extension of the 2003 contract.
 - For Engineering Services for the rehabilitation of County Structure B145 (Combermere Bridge), to include Contract Administration and Construction Inspection, for Jacobs Consultancy Canada Limited, Ottawa, Ontario, in the amount of \$379,123.30, plus applicable taxes.
- County Council passed a resolution to develop an Ad-Hoc Committee to review potential options for a transit system with application for the County of Renfrew. This follows the writing of an [in-depth report](#) by the Director of Public Works and Engineering, which can be found in the council package.
- County Council adopted a by-law approving the alterations to County Roads and Structures for the 2025 construction season. Approval of the alterations to a highway is intended to be the final step in the design process, where Council authorizes the work to proceed, subject to the budget and tender process. The approval is intended to apply only to those Capital Projects, which would result in alterations to the highway that could affect a person's access to and from their land, or that could significantly restrict or alter the use of the highway for a period of time. Only those projects that involve significant alterations are presented for approval. The By-law sets out 16 rehabilitation projects on County Roads, two bridge rehabilitation projects and the rehabilitation/reconstruction of five culverts.
- At the March 26 Operations Committee meeting, Committee approved the following recommendations:
 - The 2025 Work Plans as presented for the Algonquin Trail and the K & P Recreational Trail. On March 19, 2025, the Recreational Trails Advisory Ad Hoc Committee approved the 2025 Work Plans which include funds in the amount of \$203,900 for Algonquin Trail maintenance and \$25,000 for K & P Recreational Trail maintenance. The works will include dust suppression activities, repairs to signs and gates, general structural repairs, grading/surface repairs, fencing, ditching and vegetation management and tree planting.
 - The approved 2025 Budget also includes \$2,500,000 for Algonquin Trail Development, which includes allocations from the Active Transportation Fund for completion of the Algonquin Trail to Bissett Creek. Additionally, the Capital portion of the 2025 budget includes funds for the following Capital Projects on recreational trail infrastructure:
 - Replacement of AT009 (Jeffreys Creek) \$200,000
 - Engineering for AT032 (Highway 17 and Bissett Creek Overpass) \$110,000
 - Engineering for KP001 (Madawaska River 1) \$46,000
 - Legal and Ontario Land Survey Fees for Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority Land Transfer \$30,000
 - Legal Fees for Canadian National Transfer (Laurentian Valley and Whitewater Region) \$10,000

- A Contract for the purchase of three Light Duty Pick-Up Trucks, as submitted by Surgenor Chev Buick GMC Cadillac, Ottawa, Ontario, in the amount of \$163,740, plus applicable taxes.

Corporate Services Committee

Presented by: Jennifer Murphy, Chair

- By-laws were passed in relation to the 2025 Tax Policy:
 - A by-law to set tax ratios for County and lower-tier purposes.
 - A by-law to set tax rate reductions for prescribed property subclasses for County and lower tier purposes for the year 2025.
- County Council adopted a by-law to establish the 2025 Tax Rates for County of Renfrew purposes.

Health Committee

Presented by: Michael Donohue, Chair

- County Council adopted a revised by-law to accept the Service Agreement between the County of Renfrew and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for renewal of the 9-1-1 Primary Public Safety Answering Point (P-PSAP) Service Agreement for an indefinite term rather than a five-year term in the previous agreement.
- County Council adopted a by-law to enter into a collaborative agreement between the County of Renfrew, the University of Western Ontario and Scatr Inc. to participate in a Leading the Way: People with Living and Lived Experience (PWLLE) at the Forefront of Drug-Checking Initiative designed and developed by Western University research team. This project aims to engage the Mesa team and community paramedics in enhancing harm reduction strategies, including the optimal use of drug-checking services. Participation in this project will allow County of Renfrew Paramedics the opportunity to analyze the local drug supply and gather information that is not otherwise available. The Scatr machine will provide paramedics on the spot results, informing the identification of various substances and the estimated quantities of each substance in the sample.
- County Council adopted a revised by-law authorizing the lease of three additional ZOLL ONE program monitor/defibrillator units from ZOLL Medical Canada Inc. With the increased need in the community for paramedic service due to the expansion of the Mesa program and the Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (VTAC) program, there is a desire to appropriately support our paramedics and patients with three additional ZOLL ONE program monitor/defibrillator units. Adding three units to the existing contract will increase the County's monthly payments by \$2,650.61 and the annual cost by \$31,807.32. This will raise the annual cost from \$344,241.30 to \$376,048.62.

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Hosted by Warden Peter Emon

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RELEASE DATE:

April 7, 2025

Taste of the Valley Announces 2025 & 2026 Locations

The County of Renfrew is pleased to announce the host municipalities, locations and dates for Taste of the Valley events in 2025 and 2026. With a variety of excellent proposals to choose from, the difficult choice has been made.

The 2025 Taste of the Valley Host Communities are:

- July 26: Township of Bonnechere Valley at the Eganville Arena
- August 23: Township of Laurentian Valley at the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre
- September 20: Township of Greater Madawaska at the Calabogie Rink and Community Hall
- October 18: Township of Whitewater Region at the Cobden Fairgrounds and Ag Hall
- December 13: City of Pembroke, Knights of Columbus Hall

The 2026 Taste of the Valley Host Communities will be:

- August 8: Township of Madawaska Valley at the Barry's Bay Railway Station Museum
- August 22: Township of Admaston/Bromley at the Douglas Recreation Centre
- September 19: Town of Petawawa at the Petawawa Civic Centre
- October 17: Township of Whitewater Region at the Cobden Fairgrounds and Ag Hall
- December 12: Town of Renfrew at the Renfrew Armouries

All Taste of the Valley events will be hosted on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more than a decade, Taste of the Valley events have become increasingly popular for both residents and visitors to Renfrew County. Originally developed to promote and support local food producers in the Ottawa Valley, Taste of the Valley has evolved to encourage an expanded focus on the notion of "taste" with the celebration of local produce, food and beverage products, art and culture, all from within Renfrew County.

Local vendors have always looked forward to and enjoyed the Taste of the Valley events, which take the concept of local farmers markets and artisan shows to a higher level and attract a larger number of vendors and much larger crowds.

“Taste of the Valley markets are a lot of fun. They feature big crowds, lots of friends and great sales,” says local farmer and long-time Taste of the Valley vendor, Marshall Buchanan of Ottawa Valley Farm to Fork.

This year, the event series kicks off on Saturday, July 26 at the Eganville Arena, followed by the first Taste of the Valley ever to be held at the Alice and Fraser Recreation Centre in Laurentian Valley on August 23, then in Calabogie at the Calabogie Community Rink and Hall on September 20, and the season caps off with what is traditionally the largest Taste of the Valley event on Saturday, October 18 at the Cobden Fairgrounds.

Vendor applications are expected to launch at the beginning of May. To learn more and find the vendor guidelines, please visit the Taste of the Valley website at: www.totv.ca.

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Minister of Health Sylvia Jones helps celebrate five years of RC VTAC

Posted on Monday, March 31, 2025



The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Ontario Minister of Health, presents Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon with a certificate of achievement to mark the fifth anniversary of the launch of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC). Minister Jones was in Renfrew on March 27 to celebrate the milestone and tour the Clinical Assessment Centre and Paramedic Base on O'Brien Road. Photo by Pablo Bakovic

RELEASE DATE:

March 31, 2025

A made-in-Renfrew-County solution to address health-care needs in response to COVID-19, launched mere days after the declaration of the global pandemic, has marked its fifth anniversary as it continues to evolve to provide impactful service for residents who do not have access to primary care.

The Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC), a collaboration between family doctors, the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service, primary-care teams, Renfrew County Hospitals, and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, officially launched on March 27, 2020. The goal was to reduce demands

on local Emergency Departments and provide Renfrew County residents, who did not have a family physician or could not access their family physician, with the appropriate level of care to address health-care concerns, including those related to COVID-19.

To mark this significant milestone, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, was in Renfrew to tour the Clinical Assessment Centre and Paramedic Base on March 27. She was joined by MPP Billy Denault, elected officials, RC VTAC staff and other distinguished guests for the formal remarks in the atrium of Renfrew County Place.

"On behalf of Premier Ford and our entire government, I want to congratulate the world-class team at the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre on a successful five years," said Minister Jones. "The innovative model of RC VTAC and the services you provide are a critical piece of our government's work to connect more people to the care they need, when they need it, close to home."

She presented Renfrew County Warden Peter Emon with a certificate of achievement to mark the RC VTAC anniversary and recognized Paramedic Chief Michael Nolan for his quick actions in response to the plane crash at Toronto Pearson Airport in February. Chief Nolan presented Minister Jones with a helmet and epaulettes to bestow the distinction of Honorary Paramedic Chief.



The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Ontario Minister of Health, was bestowed the distinction of Honorary Paramedic Chief by County of Renfrew Paramedic Chief Michael Nolan, who presented the Minister with her own helmet and epaulettes during a visit to Renfrew on March 27 to mark the fifth anniversary of the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre. Photo by Pablo Bakovic

MPP Denault was excited to welcome Minister Jones to Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke to celebrate the innovative and local asset of RC VTAC.

"RC VTAC's five years of service to our community marks a milestone that is befitting of an asset so important to provide care to those who need it," he said. "It is a testament to our government's commitment to provide access to quality care that we have achieved this together in partnership with the County of Renfrew and the Province of Ontario."

RC VTAC continues to expand through collaborative efforts to meet the needs of the community, with approximately 30,000 people in Renfrew County still without a family doctor. In 2024, RC VTAC received nearly 74,000 calls and continually helps to divert 1,000 Emergency Room visits per month.

Through RC VTAC, Physicians and Paramedics assess and manage health concerns in multiple ways depending on the needs of individual callers. This includes:

- Phone appointments
- Video appointments
- In-home assessments and diagnostic testing by Community Paramedics
- Referral to other services, including mental health support.

Callers may also be directed to in-person Clinical Assessment Centres in Pembroke, Renfrew, Arnprior, Petawawa, and Eganville where they can be examined by Paramedics who work collaboratively with Physicians to make diagnoses. Options to further expand clinic locations are always being explored to best serve the residents of Renfrew County.

Another integral part of RC VTAC is Integrated Virtual Care (IVC), the next step in hybrid care, which provides comprehensive care to patients who do not have access to a family physician or a Family Health Team. Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre (PCFHC) is the lead organization with two satellite locations – the West Champlain Family Health Team in Pembroke and the North Renfrew Family Health Team in Deep River.

The IVC family physicians are embedded into the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Team (FHT), working predominantly remotely, fully supported by the FHT's local interdisciplinary health-care providers (Dietitian, Social Worker, Pharmacist, Respiratory Therapist, Midwife, Registered Practical Nurse, Nurse Practitioner). IVC patients access in-person care at home and virtually depending on their individual needs and preferences. To date, nearly 7,000 patients have been attached to a named family physician, and there have been more than 30,000 physician appointments.

Permanent funding for RC VTAC was announced in March 2023 with a \$3.2 million annual investment by the Government of Ontario through the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health.

"RC VTAC continues to play a crucial role in providing accessible health-care services to residents across Renfrew County. RC VTAC helps bridge the gap in health-care access, ensuring that residents receive timely medical advice and support without needing to travel long distances," said Warden Emon. "Since its inception in March 2020, RC VTAC has emerged as a trusted and essential component of the local health-care system, ensuring that residents receive the care they need while alleviating pressure on traditional health-care facilities."

In 2022, the County of Renfrew was honoured with the Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and RC VTAC received the Community Impact Award from the Upper Ottawa Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards Gala. In 2023, IVC received the Bright Lights Award from the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario.

Recent feedback reveals high satisfaction rates among patients utilizing RC VTAC, with 86% of respondents reporting satisfaction or high satisfaction with their experience. Satisfaction was notably high across all service modalities: 89% for virtual appointments, 92% for hybrid appointments, and an impressive 98% for in-person paramedic appointments.

"RC VTAC enhances timely access to integrated health-care services for all residents, addressing any non-emergency medical concerns they may have," noted Chief Nolan. "It has served tens of thousands of residents, leading to fewer 911 calls and emergency department visits, thereby preserving these critical resources for those experiencing life-threatening emergencies."

Learn more at www.rcvtac.ca or call 1-844-727-6404, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Members of Renfrew County Council attended the fifth anniversary celebration for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre in Renfrew on March 27. Joining the Honourable Sylvia Jones (centre), Deputy Premier and Ontario Minister of Health, were (from left) Councillors Gary Serviss and Lori Hoddinott, MPP Billy Denault, and Councillors Dan Lynch, Rob Weir, Jennifer Murphy, Neil Nicholson and James Brose. Photo by Pablo Bakovic

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Northeastern Public Health Reports First Confirmed Cases of Measles in the Region

Timmins, Ontario — Northeastern Public Health (NEPH) is reporting 2 cases of measles in the District of Timiskaming. The risk to the public is low and the health unit continues to monitor the situation.

The individuals diagnosed with measles are currently in isolation and following the appropriate public health measures. Upon investigation of one of the confirmed cases of measles in the health unit area, an exposure was identified on Saturday, March 29, 2025, on Ontario Northland Buses and rest stops along the way.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can lead to serious complications. A person with measles is contagious four days before and four days after the rash appears. The measles virus can live in the air for up to two hours, even after the person with measles has left the area.

The virus spreads through the air when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes. The first symptoms of measles are a fever, a runny nose, sneezing, a cough, and red, sore, watery eyes. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. A rash usually appears after two to three days and starts on the face before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you were present at the locations identified below, were born on or after January 1, 1970, and are not up to date with your vaccination, you are asked to call public health.

If you think you have been exposed and live in the:

- Northeastern Public Health region (formerly Timiskaming Health Unit and Porcupine Health Unit), call 1-877-442-1212
- Renfrew County and District Health Unit region, call 613-732-3629
- North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (NBPSDHU) region, call 705-707-1455
- Public Health Sudbury and Districts region, call 1-866-522-9200.

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| Location | Date and Approximate Time of Exposure |
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| Veteran's Park Cobden, Ontario | March 29, 2025 11:30 am to 2:00 pm |
| Ontario Northland Bus From: Veteran's Park in Cobden, Ontario Scheduled departure: 12:00 pm To: Bus Terminal in North Bay, Ontario Scheduled arrival: 3:15 pm | March 29, 2025 12:00 pm to 3:15 pm |
| Pronto 3520 Petawawa Boulevard Petawawa, Ontario | March 29, 2025 1:00 pm to 3:15 pm |
| Ontario Northland Bus Terminal North Bay, Ontario | March 29, 2025 3:15 pm to 6:15 pm |
| Northgate Mall North Bay, Ontario | March 29, 2025 3:15 pm to 6:15 pm |
| Ontario Northland Bus From: Bus Terminal in North Bay, Ontario Scheduled departure: 4:15 pm To: Bus Terminal in Timmins, Ontario Scheduled arrival: 10:00 pm | March 29, 2025 3:15 pm to 10:00 pm |
| Englehart Motel Englehart, Ontario | March 29, 2025 7:20 pm to 9:20 pm |
| Ontario Northland Bus From: Bus Terminal in North Bay, Ontario Scheduled departure: 3:45 pm To: Bus Terminal in Sudbury, Ontario Scheduled arrival: 5:20 pm | March 29, 2025 3:15 pm to 5:30 pm |

If you are protected against measles, it is very unlikely that you will develop the disease. As a precautionary measure, watch for measles symptoms until 21 days after the date of exposure.

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People are considered protected if they have at least one of the following:

- Proof of vaccination with two valid doses of measles-containing vaccine (e.g. MMR vaccine)
- Blood work showing antibodies to measles
- Documentation of prior laboratory-confirmed measles infection
- Born before 1970 (with the exception of health care workers and military)

If you do not have any of the above, you are not protected against measles.

If you think you have been exposed, and you are not protected against measles:

- If you attend or work at a school, childcare, or healthcare setting, you **MUST** stay home and contact your local public health unit for further direction.
- If you have had no doses of MMR vaccine, stay at home and contact your local public health unit for further direction.
- If you have had one dose of MMR vaccine, call your healthcare provider or your local public health unit to receive an additional dose of MMR vaccine. Notify your healthcare provider of your exposure so that they can take appropriate precautions to limit the spread of measles. Unless you work in a healthcare setting, you can immediately return to work, school, or daycare after you get a second dose of measles-containing vaccine.
- If you (or a family member) are at high risk of complications as listed below, contact your healthcare provider or your local public health unit to discuss options to reduce the risk of measles infection through vaccination or a product called immunoglobulin. For these to be effective, they must be given very soon after exposure.
 - Babies under one year age who have not received measles vaccine
 - People with a severely weakened immune system
 - Pregnant individuals who are not protected against measles
 - If you are uncertain about your vaccination status, call your healthcare provider or check the Legacy Porcupine Health Unit website via ICON, or the Legacy Timiskaming Health Unit website via ICON, to determine if you have received an MMR vaccine in the past.
- Watch for measles symptoms until 21 days after the date of exposure.
 - If you develop symptoms and need medical care, call ahead before you visit the doctor, clinic, or hospital to inform them of your exposure to measles so they can prepare for your arrival and take appropriate precautions. Wear a mask if you need to seek medical attention.

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- If you develop symptoms and do not need medical care, call your local public health unit.

Symptoms can appear 7 to 21 days after contact with someone who has the measles virus. Measles symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A runny or blocked nose
- Sneezing
- Coughing
- Red, sore, watery eyes
- Spots in the mouth. Small white spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips after a few days. These spots usually last a few days.
- A rash usually appears a few days after the cold-like symptoms. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.

If you think you have measles, isolate immediately and call your health care provider to discuss testing. Call before visiting any healthcare setting so that they can prepare for your arrival. Wear a mask if you need to seek medical attention.

For more information about measles and the measles vaccine, visit <https://phu.fyi/measles>.
For information in French, visit <https://phu.fyi/rougeole>.

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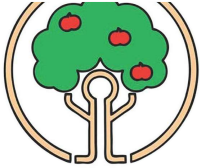
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Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

April 4, 2025

Dear Community Partner:

The Renfrew County and District Health Unit would like to take this opportunity to partner with you on our 3rd annual **Yellow Ribbon** campaign. It is scheduled to take place in the spring. It is a public awareness campaign to lower the incidence of animal bites, hospital visits, and the unnecessary use of costly rabies post-exposure treatment.

I have attached the campaign material for you to review. It is a postcard with key messages along with the inclusion of a yellow ribbon. They are meant to be displayed on a counter accessible to the public. Initially I can offer you 25 postcards with ribbons and an additional 50 postcards. You can request more postcards and yellow ribbons while supplies last. Please respond to this letter and make any additional resource requests through environmentalhealth@rcdhu.com.

This campaign cannot be successful without your business partnership whose prime motivation is animal population health and safety, care for animals and support for their owners to make their pets' lives more comfortable and fulfilling.

Please respond to this correspondence by **April 11** if you are interested in supporting this campaign.

Sincerely,

David Tantaló

Tracy Saar
Senior Administrative Assistant, Health Protection



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Yellow Ribbon Campaign

-  Some animals need space (while in training, post-op, aggressive, nervous, old, or unwell).
-  If your pet needs space, **tie yellow ribbon to its collar or leash.**
-  If you see yellow, give the animal space. Do not pet without asking.

**CAUTION...
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- Progress in Asset Management: Risk Assessment webinar.
- AMO RFP to provide services creating a Municipal Civility & Anti-Harassment Strategy.
- New Statistics Canada podcast: What Does It Take to Exit Homelessness?
- Plan your stay in Ottawa for AMO 2025.
- Save the date for AMO's Rural Healthy Democracy Forum - June 11, 2025.
- Book your AMO 2025 Conference hotel!
- Opportunity to showcase your products and services at AMO 2025 Conference.
- Be an equity informed leader.
- Register today for the OSUM 2025 Conference hosted by the Town of Collingwood.
- OSUM Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall opportunities - Take advantage today.
- Boost resilience with the All-Risk Municipal Grant.
- Enhance your road data in 2025.
- Blog: The Future of FOI: Smarter Compliance, Lower Costs, and Reduced Risk.
- Upcoming Net Zero Workshop registration now open.
- Free webinar - Impact a Claim with 10 days.
- Subscribe to the Canoe Trader newsletter.
- Equity Market Investment in Uncertain Economic and Political Times.
- Building Linkages in Emergency Management - June 3-4.
- Seminar: Should municipalities be required to engage in heating planning?
- Careers.

AMO Matters

[Register for session 3](#) on Progress in Asset Management: Lifecycle Management & Financial Strategy on March 27 at 12 PM. There is still time to [register to attend session 2](#), on Risk, today at 12 PM.

AMO [has issued an RFP](#) to develop a comprehensive strategy that will enable AMO to support municipally elected officials and staff with the tools, resources, and education to foster civility and combat harassment in local communities. Deadline to submit proposals is March 20 at 4:00pm.

Federal Matters

The Statistics Canada podcast 'Eh Sayers' has released a new episode "[What Does It Take to Exit Homelessness?](#)" featuring a conversation on homelessness, data, and regaining and maintaining housing.

Education Opportunities

From outstanding educational programming, networking, the trade show and delegations, the AMO Annual Conference is a busy, event filled time for participants. For a change of pace delegates have an opportunity to explore the wonderful sites and sounds of the City of Ottawa in summer. [Ottawa Tourism has pulled together must sees, and great suggestions](#) on planning your visit. [Register for AMO 2025 today!](#)

AMO and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), are thrilled to announce the inaugural Rural Healthy Democracy Forum taking place in the scenic Municipality of Mississippi Mills. This full-day event will bring together municipal and sector leaders, academics and experts for insightful discussions on the state of democracy in rural Ontario. Save the date for June 11. Program and registration information coming soon.

You can now book your accommodations for the 2025 AMO Conference in Ottawa August 17-20. [Here is where you will want to click](#) for all the information you need and links to conference hotels.

AMO has launched its Exhibitor and Sponsorship opportunities for the 2025 conference in the City of Ottawa August 17-20. Our event provides you exposure to over 3,000 of Ontario's municipal leaders representing Ontario's 444 municipalities and a \$68 billion sector. Both the Exhibit Hall and Sponsorship opportunities sell out fast. Click [here](#) to download the Exhibitor Package and [here](#) for the Sponsorship Package.

AMO's new [Equity, Inclusion and Innovation Workshop for Municipal Leaders](#) will support you in making a real impact on your community and council. Through presentations, discussions, and interactive activities, elected officials will explore practical strategies to create more inclusive and equitable local governance and service delivery. Don't miss this important event on March 25, 12:00pm-3:00pm. Register today.

Join the 2025 OSUM Conference host the Town of Collingwood April 30-May 2 for compelling programming and opportunities to engage, network and address the issues top of mind for small urban leaders. [Registration is open](#) and you can [book your accommodations here](#).

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LAS

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Make 2025 the year of data! Get a study done through the [LAS Road & Sidewalk Assessment Service](#) so you can make informed repair decisions based on high-quality, objective data. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn more.

Our Freedom of Information Solutions partner [writes about how municipalities can reduce risk and improve efficiency](#) in the face of growing challenges in managing FOI requests.

LAS is hosting a workshop on Net Zero & Low Carbon Initiatives for your municipal buildings. [Join us in person](#) on May 14 at the [Coldstream Net Zero Fire Hall](#) or at our [virtual workshop](#) on June 18. Workshops qualify for a 75% IESO incentive. [Registration is now open](#).

[Join us on March 26](#) for this free one-hour risk webinar as Andy C. Jairam, Partner, Loopstra Nixon LLP discusses the 10-day notice provision and its role in claims management.

Check out the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) monthly newsletter to stay up-to-date on program developments and new offerings. [Subscribe today](#).

ONE Investment

The threat of tariffs for Canada has created uncertainty in recent months. [Read how ONE Investment](#) continues to offer a proven Canadian Equity investment solution for municipalities that considers these current market factors.

Municipal Wire*

[Building Linkages in Emergency Management](#) is an event that you won't want to miss, dedicated to advancing emergency management practices. It provides a unique opportunity to network with a diverse group of professionals, including emergency managers, first responders, municipal leaders, and others with a role in emergency management.

The Boltzman Institute is hosting a seminar at the University of Toronto on March 20 exploring the question "[Should Ontario municipalities be required to engage in heating planning?](#)"

Careers

[Digital Communications & Marketing Coordinator - Association of Municipalities of Ontario \(AMO\)](#).

Closing Date: March 28, 2025.

[Deputy Clerk - Toronto and Region Conservation Authority](#). Closing Date: April 4, 2025.

[Manager, Indigenous Relations - City of Thunder Bay](#). Closing Date: April 17, 2025.

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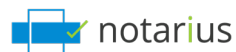
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- Impact of trades & tariffs on small urban municipalities - OSUM Conference 2025.
- OSUM Sponsorship and Exhibit Hall opportunities - Take advantage today.
- Managing Communications through Crisis: April 16 - 17.
- Human Rights-Based Approach to Municipal Planning: May 8 virtual workshop.
- Understanding Competing Human Rights: May 13 virtual workshop.
- Canoe webinar: A Tariff Update Session.
- Blog: 6 Reasons Why Municipal Software Platforms Should Work Together.
- Help homeowners save money through Sewer & Water Line Warranty Service.
- Group benefits webinar: April 1.
- Upcoming Net Zero Workshop registration now open.
- ASE: Here We Grow Again!
- Call for participation: Zoning Changes Solutions Lab.
- Ontario Geothermal Association conference.
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AMO Matters

AMO has [developed resources](#) to help municipal decision makers considering electricity generation and storage projects protect residents, sensitive lands, and municipal finances while securing local benefits and supporting growth.

[Register](#) for the final asset management session on Growth on April 3 at 12 PM. There is still time to [register](#) to attend session 3, on Lifecycle & Financial Strategies, today at 12 PM.

Provincial Matters

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The OSUM Conference includes an important conversation on the impact of the trades and tariffs dispute. Join your colleagues in discussion with Tony Stillo, Director of Canada Economics at Oxford Economics, on scenarios and potential economic impacts for Ontario and small urban communities. [Registration is open](#) and you can [book your accommodations here](#).

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

Explore how a human rights-based approach to municipal planning can enhance municipal decision-making, ensuring policies and services are inclusive, equitable, and legally sound. [Register for the May 8 Human Rights Based Approach to Municipal Planning workshop](#).

AMO and Hicks Morley have developed training to support municipal elected officials and council in understanding their obligations related to human rights and understanding how to manage seemingly competing human rights. [Register for this important Competing Rights May 13 workshop](#).

LAS

The [Canoe Procurement Group](#) is hosting a webinar [exclusively for Canoe members](#) on April 3 at 3:00pm EST. Staff will update on tariff changes and the impact they may have on the Canoe program. [Register here](#).

Municipal technology improves resource management and enhances citizen services, but software and community development have their limits. [Read the blog](#) to explore potential solutions.

Learn about the advantages and cost savings opportunity with the LAS Group Benefits service. Our program partner, Mosey and Mosey, will also offer an update about what is driving the cost of employee group benefit plans. [Attend live April 1](#) to ask questions.

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The LAS [Automated Speed Enforcement](#) program continues to grow! We are looking for a few municipalities ready to join our next intake with live cameras in September. [Contact Tanner](#) to learn

more about this important community safety program.

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Careers

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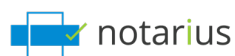
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- Municipal Codes of Conduct: Essential to Good Governance: Virtual workshop.
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AMO's [Advanced Strategies for Elected Officials to Master Conflict Relationships](#) (NCR 2.0), building on the Navigating Conflict Relationships, will take you to the next level of in understanding and navigating relationships. This workshop will prepare attendees for difficult conversations that are guaranteed to lead to a positive conclusion and relationship.

AMO Education has developed a course that helps and guides municipal leaders in: developing or revitalizing existing codes of conduct. This work shop will assist in establishing buy-in or ownership at council on expectations on of ethical behaviour and how to ensure adherence, how to address and manage breaches and the role of Integrity Commissioners as a supporting resource. [Register for the May 14 Municipal Codes of Conduct workshop](#).

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

Need a facility assessment to meet your Asset Management Plan requirements? The [Canoe Procurement Group's](#) approved supplier, [Roth IAMS](#) makes this process simple. [Contact Sarah](#) to learn more.

Build a net zero energy facility that will impact the bottom line of your organization. Join us for a [1-day in person workshop](#) on May 14 in Middlesex Centre (includes a tour of Canada's [Coldstream Net Zero Fire Hall](#)). Space is limited, so [register early](#).

Municipal Wire*

The [AMCTO-Mitacs Municipal Innovation Internship Program](#) is a program that matches Ontario municipal governments with post-secondary students studying in Ontario. Municipalities can submit their project proposal(s) for consideration by May 9. The internship program will take place from January-August 2026.

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[Licensed Mechanic - Town of Oakville](#). Closing Date: April 13, 2025.

[Manager, Professional Practice & Client Experience - County of Simcoe](#). Closing Date: April 9, 2025.

[Finance Coordinator, Budget and Final Planning - City of Kawartha Lakes](#). Closing Date: April 6, 2025.

[Director of Legislative Services/Clerk - Township of Tiny](#). Closing Date: April 18, 2025.

[Communications Manager - Bruce County](#). Closing Date: April 14, 2025.

[Government Relations Manager - Bruce County](#). Closing Date: April 14, 2025.

[Director, Strategy Transformation and Organizational Performance - City of Richmond Hill](#). Closing Date: April 20, 2025.

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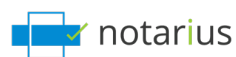
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From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
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AMO Policy Update – New Advocacy on Development Charges, Buy-Canadian & Buy-Ontario Initiatives, and Codes of Conduct

Municipal & Development Sector Collaboration on Development Charges Reform

Ontario's housing crisis persists, with housing starts continuing to lag. All partners in Ontario's housing system – including municipalities and developers – must do their part and find new ways to increase housing supply.

AMO's evolving approach to this important issue is informed by:

- Ontario's persistent housing supply shortage, exacerbating affordability challenges. Tariffs and trade measures could continue to impact housing starts, creating additional urgency.
- Municipal development charges (DCs) and planning approvals continue to be unfairly blamed for the crisis. Both federal and provincial governments have committed to reducing DCs.
- A shifting approach to development sector advocacy. In January, the Ontario Home Builders Association (OHBA)/BILD released [a study](#) that recognized DCs as essential for growth, and advocated for targeted DC modernization as opposed to blanket reductions.

To build momentum for constructive and informed progress, AMO and OHBA have partnered to call for DC reform that is mutually agreeable. AMO and OHBA [wrote to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#) to identify preliminary areas for reform to be considered collaboratively by homebuilding, provincial, and municipal partners. A cross-sector expert working group could recommend targeted and measured DC reform aimed at reducing housing production barriers and increasing clarity and predictability around DCs.

AMO consulted municipal finance experts to identify potential areas for reform. While the letter initiates the desired discussion, much work remains to be done. AMO has invited the Municipal Finance Officers Association (MFOA) and their DC expert table to support discussion. Their participation will be key in assessing impacts on municipal property taxes and user fees, informing recommendations that promote affordability by considering the total cost of homeownership.

Results of AMO Survey on Municipal Procurement from US

To help inform policy discussions around banning US suppliers from participating in government procurement, AMO has conducted a survey of municipalities regarding non-construction procurement and is releasing [a summary of the survey results](#).

Municipalities reported that over 98% of their procurement is from companies with Canadian addresses, but many of those businesses are integrated with the US market. US procurement was primarily for goods and services without Canadian alternatives, and needed to deliver essential services including:

- IT and communications products
- Emergency services equipment and medical supplies
- Heavy machinery and vehicles
- Health and safety including chemicals and equipment for water treatment.

AMO will continue to provide guidance to the province on how municipalities can support provincial buy-Canadian and buy-Ontario initiatives without impacting essential service delivery.

AMO Advocacy on Code of Conduct Legislation

[AMO wrote to Minister Flack](#) urging the government to reintroduce code of conduct legislation with two recommended amendments:

- **Removal of office vote requirement should be adjusted from unanimous to a supermajority (2/3 vote).** A vote to remove an elected municipal official from office is different than a regular council vote and should have a higher threshold, but given the other checks and balances built into the process a unanimous vote is too high a threshold.

- **The legislation should include a progressive range of discipline options for integrity commissioners.** The province should use the penalty framework established under the *Education Act* in 2023, including censure of a member, barring attendance at meetings, barring a member from sitting on committees, and barring a member from being chair or vice chair of committees

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AMO Policy Update – New Provincial Cabinet

Premier Ford Unveils New Cabinet

Yesterday, Premier Ford unveiled his new cabinet following his government's electoral victory at the end of February. The cabinet is largely the same as its pre-election make-up, with some notable changes including the appointment of a new Minister and Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

AMO is writing letters to these select Ministers to offer congratulations and advance AMO's top advocacy priorities:

- Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the urgent need to:
 - Establish a more sustainable municipal-fiscal framework
 - Secure stimulus to enable municipalities to emerge stronger from trade disruptions and tariffs
 - Develop an 'all of government' plan to tackle homelessness, and
 - Implement municipal codes of conduct.
- Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs on top rural municipal advocacy priorities including their access to housing-enabling

infrastructure funding, homelessness, improving access to primary and hospital care, and supporting energy, broadband and cellular infrastructure expansion.

- Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade offering support and collaboration in response to trade disruptions, including on reviewing inter-provincial trade barriers, retooling supply chains, and leveraging local municipal economic development capacity.
- Stephen Crawford, Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement on the impact of international trade and tariff negotiations on municipal procurement and the need for provincial clarity on 'Buy Canadian' strategy in collaboration with our sector.
- Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines on continued collaboration in support of successful long-term electricity procurements, finalization of the provincial Integrated Energy Plan and Natural Gas Policy, and clarity on the province's broadband implementation plan following Ontario's Starlink cancellation.
- Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health on the implementation of the Primary Care Action Plan, aligning public health standards to funding levels, making the community paramedic program permanent, and building a continuum of community mental health and addictions services to help tackle the root causes homelessness.
- Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care on ensuring provincial operating grants better reflect real costs of operating municipal long-term care homes and reviewing proposed amendments to the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act*, 2021.
- Doug Downey, Attorney General on the need for a third-party review of the provincial offenses system.
- Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services on development of a new administrative funding model for municipal delivery of social services, improvements to income security to help address the homelessness crisis, and preparing for a potential surge of asylum seekers.

- Paul Calandra, Minister of Education on advancing the extension and implementation of a renewed Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) bilateral agreement, and future planning for primary and secondary schools.

AMO will be engaging the Ministers of Finance and Infrastructure with a revised 2025 pre-budget submission. The submission will outline economic impacts of the ongoing trade war on municipalities. It will also call for stimulus investments in community housing and municipal infrastructure to help sustain Ontario's construction sector and invest in critical community infrastructure. Lastly, it will re-affirm the continued importance of action on [long-standing municipal priorities](#) including infrastructure, reducing municipal subsidies for areas of provincial jurisdiction, and tackling the root causes of homelessness.

This policy update is also available on [AMO's Website](#).

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Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior

File No. A12/24

Notice of Public Hearing
Application for Minor Variance

In The Matter of Section 45, of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990; and
In The Matter of an application for minor variance, with respect to the following:

Take notice that the minor variance application will be heard by the Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior on **Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON.

Location of Property: 132 Mac Beattie Drive., Arnprior ON

Purpose and Effect of Minor Variance Application:

Permission is requested for variance from Section 6.4.11(c) of the Town of Arnprior Zoning By-law No. 6875-18, to allow pool equipment to be setback 0.2 m from the exterior side lot line whereas the by-law requires 1.5 m.

Official Plan: Low/Medium Density Residential Area
Zoning: Residential Three (R3)

A key plan is attached. Application A12/24 as well as additional related information, are available for inspection during regular office hours. For more information about this matter, contact the Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment (613)-623-4231 ext. 1816, planning@arnprior.ca or 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

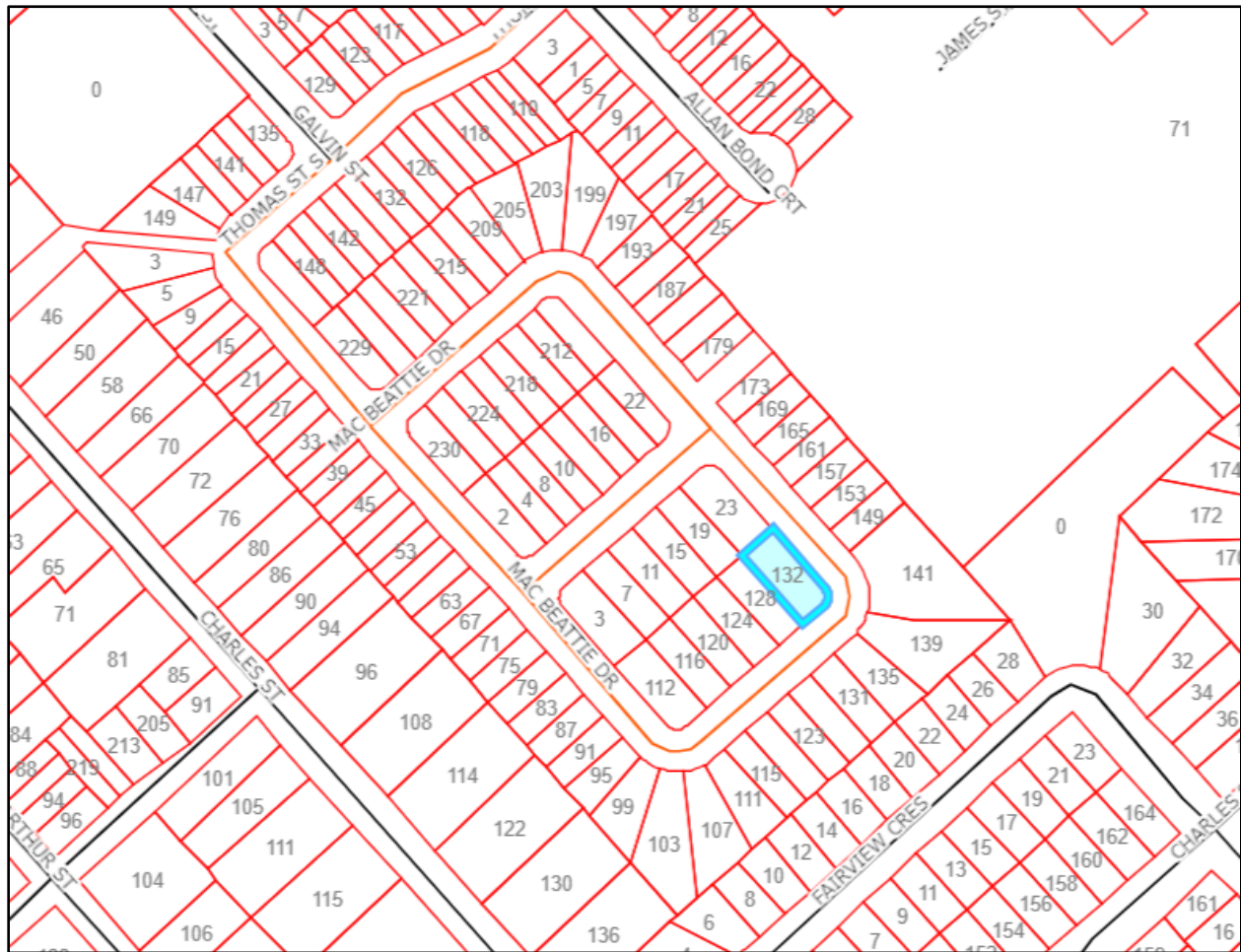
If you wish to make written comments on this application, they may be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment at the address below. If you do not attend the hearing, it may proceed in your absence. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Arnprior Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Town of Arnprior Committee of Adjustment.

Dated this 1st day of April 2025.

Alix Jolicoeur

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
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Town of Arnprior
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Key Plan:





Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior

File No. B1/25

Notice of Public Hearing
Application for Consent

In The Matter of Section 53, Chapter P.13 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990; and
In The Matter of an application for consent, with respect to the following:

Location of Property: 8 Gardner St., legally described as Plan 553 Lot 9, Arnprior, ON

Purpose and Effect of Consent Application:

The purpose of the application is to sever a parcel of land for the creation of a new lot (severed lands) to sever an existing semi-detached into two lots.

Take notice that the consent application will be heard by the Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior on **Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON.

A key plan is attached. Additional information and materials regarding this application are available for inspection during regular office hours at Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior.

You are entitled to attend this Public Hearing in person to express your views about the application or you may be represented by Counsel for this purpose. If you wish to make written comments on this application, they may be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment at the address below. If you do not attend the hearing, it may proceed in your absence.

If a person or public body has the ability to appeal the decision of Corporation of the Town of Arnprior in respect of the proposed consent to the Ontario Land Tribunal but does not make written submissions to Corporation of the Town of Arnprior before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Corporation of the Town of Arnprior in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior at Town of Arnprior 105 Elgin Street W., Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

Dated this 1st day of April 2025.

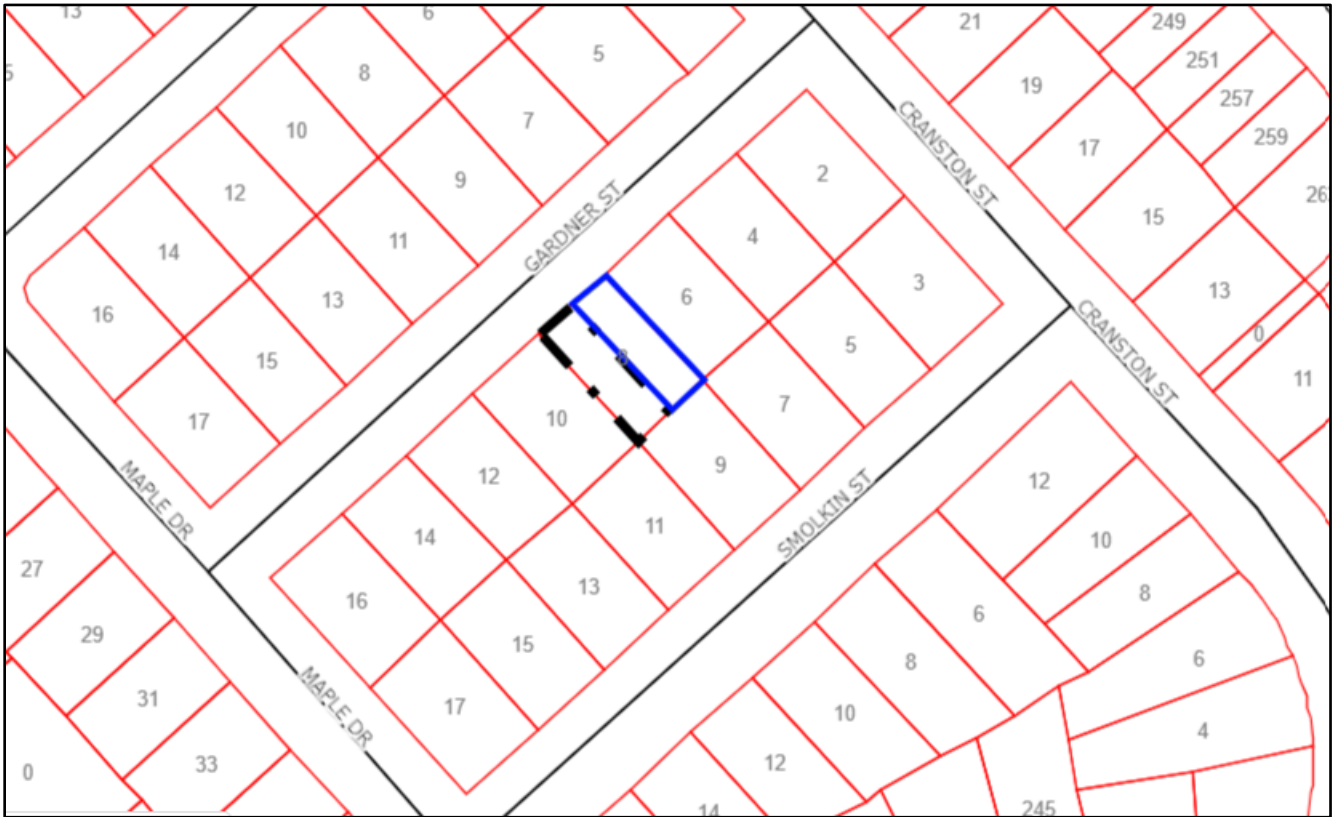
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Key Plan:

 Proposed lands to be severed

 Proposed lands to be retained





Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior

File Numbers: B5/24; B6/24; & B7/24

Notice of Public Hearing
Application for Consent

In The Matter of Section 53, Chapter P.13 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990; and
In The Matter of an application for consent, with respect to the following:

Location of Property: 24 Ottawa St., 258 Albert St., and 269 and 257 John St. N., legally described as Plan 7, Lot 12, 14 and 39, Part of lot 10 and part of lot 35, Arnprior, ON and Plan 7 E Part of Lot 10, Arnprior, ON.

Purpose and Effect of Consent Applications:

B5/24 - The purpose of the application is to sever a parcel of land for the creation of a new lot containing the existing single-detached dwelling at 258 Albert Street.

B6/24 - The purpose of the application is to sever two parcels of land for the creation of two new vacant lots with frontage on Albert Street.

B7/24 - The purpose of the application is to sever a parcel of land for the creation of a new lot containing the existing single-detached dwelling at 24 Ottawa Street.

Take notice that the consent application will be heard by the Committee of Adjustment for the Town of Arnprior on **Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON.

A key plan is attached. Additional information and materials regarding this application are available for inspection during regular office hours at Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior.

You are entitled to attend this Public Hearing in person to express your views about the application or you may be represented by Counsel for this purpose. If you wish to make written comments on this application, they may be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment at the address below. If you do not attend the hearing, it may proceed in your absence.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Corporation of the Town of Arnprior in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior at Town of Arnprior 105 Elgin Street W., Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

Dated this 8th day of April 2025.

Alix Jolicoeur

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

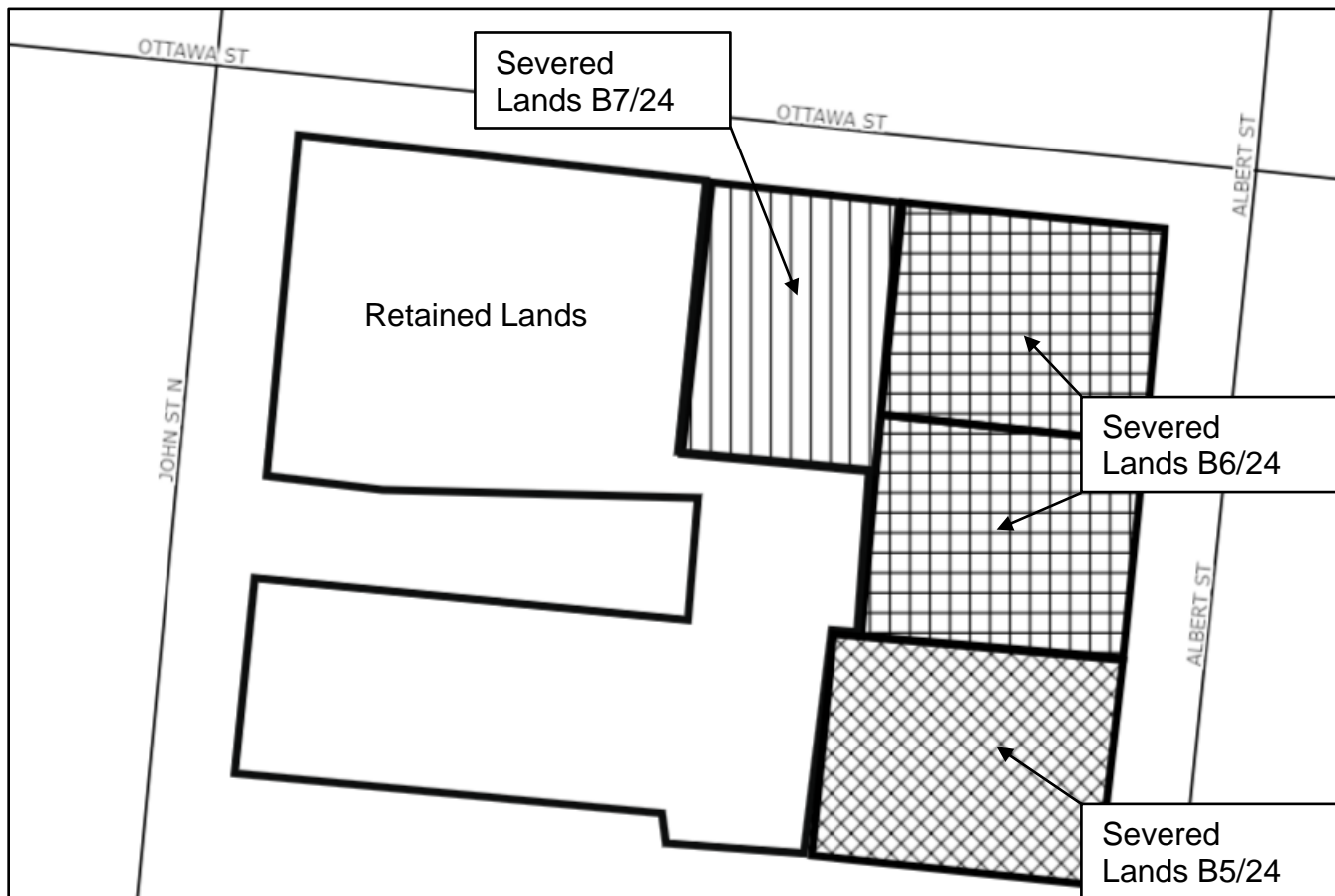
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105 Elgin Street West

Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

Key Plan:





**The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior
Notice of Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment
ZBL-2/25 and Notice of Public Meeting**

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

And Further, Take Notice that an in-person public meeting giving the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the zoning amendment will be held on **Monday, April 14, 2025**, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior.

Subject Lands:

The land affected by the amendment is known as 87 Claude St. and legally described as Plan 77 Lot 22 Part of Lot 21; and Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 49R-11313, Arnprior Ontario (see key map).

Purpose, Effect & Location of the Amendment:

The purpose of the proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 is to amend the zoning of the subject property from "Residential Two (R2)" to "Residential One (R1)" to permit a single detached dwelling.

More Information:

Copies of the proposed amendment, material provided under Section 34 of the Planning Act and any additional information relating to the proposal, are available for inspection at 105 Elgin St. W. by contacting the Planning office at 613-623-4231 ext. 1816 during regular office hours or by emailing planning@arnprior.ca.

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

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

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

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

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

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

providing the Town with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Dated at the Town of Arnprior this 25th day of March 2025.

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

Key Map:





Save the Date!

Pathways to Success: A Partnerships Event

May 14, 2025
Pembroke Legion



Dear Community Partner,

We are excited to invite you to an upcoming event at the *Royal Canadian Legion Branch 72* ([202 Pembroke St E.](#)), aimed at strengthening our community's support for adult learners and job seekers. Hosted by Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) Adult and Continuing Education, this interactive partnership-building event will bring together key stakeholders from social services, education, and employment sectors to discuss and explore pathways to success.

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Morning Session

Pathways to Success: Strengthening Community Partnerships

Targeted Audience: Educators, Social Services and community partners that serve adults in our community to develop a pathway to success

Time: 8:30 AM to 12:00

*Coffee and tea will be available
Lunch provided from Valley Buns for morning participants*

This morning session will focus on building stronger connections and collaboration between community partners and Adult and Continuing Education of RCDSB. Together, we will discuss

challenges, identify opportunities, and highlight best practices to better serve adult learners and job seekers.

Key Highlights:

- Focus on adult learners and job seekers
- Networking, information sharing, and collaboration opportunities
- Strengthening referral systems to support adult learners working toward their high school diploma, enhancing job readiness skills or improving language skills

Afternoon Session

Pathways to Success: Community Resource Fair



Targeted Audience: Adults interested in learning more about the services in the community

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

This session will provide our adult learners and job seekers with the opportunity to explore a range of services available to them in our community. Attendees will have access to information booths from RCDSB, Ontario Works, Employment Ontario, and other social service agencies and employers.

Key Highlights:

- Learn about education, job opportunities, and adult services
- Connect with community resources

We look forward to your participation in this event and working together to create stronger pathways for adult learners and job seekers in our community. **Please complete the Google Form that is attached to this email to indicate your interest in the event.**

Warm regards,

Adult and Continuing Education - Renfrew County District School Board

This event is sponsored in part by:



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Earth Day Clothing & Plant Swap!

Trade your unused clothing, accessories, and plants for new finds that fit your style and your space! Bring what you no longer need, then shop sustainably for free, fresh fashion and greenery. Fashion for the Earth—where your closet and home flourish together! Entry is free, with a registration set up to know the number of expected visitors.

Clothing donations will be collected April 7-18 at CRL Buildings 1565 and 700. Public donations can be brought to the Minwamon Building (B1565), the first building by the Entrance gate at 286 Plant Road.

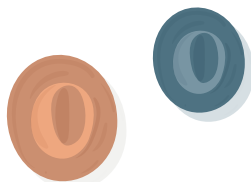


Tuesday, April 22nd | 3pm-6pm



Chalk River Legion (25 Legion Street)

**Register
Online!**



MTO Contract 2024-4052
Construction on Highway 417
Notice: Start of Construction

April 04, 2025

GIP Paving will be commencing construction on Highway 417 under MTO Contract 2024-4052 on April 28th, 2025. The work related to this project involves selective resurfacing on Highway 417 EBL/WBL between Panmure Road (IC 163) and Campbell Drive (IC 187); resurfacing of the Ottawa Road 29 and Panmure Road carpool lots; replacement of structural sign boards; rock wall stabilization along Scheel Drive; and the resurfacing of the ramps at Panmure Road (IC163), Kinburn Side Road (IC 169), OR29 (IC 180) and White Lake Road (IC 183).

Ramp Closures

As part of this project, ramp closures will be required for ramp resurfacing, with permitted closure times as outlined below for the ramps and speed change lanes:

- Sunday; 20:00 – 23:59
- Monday to Thursday; 0:00 – 06:00, 20:00 – 23:59
- Friday; 0:00 – 06:00
- Saturday; Not Permitted

Simultaneous Ramp Closures: Opposing directions of on-ramps / off-ramps will not be closed at the same time at any interchange.

Consecutive Ramp Closures: Adjacent interchange on-ramps / off-ramps in the same direction will not be closed consecutively.

Closure Frequency: Each individual ramp will only be closed for a maximum of three (3) different closures.

Notifications: When the closure dates have been determined for a ramp, a minimum of one (1) week advance notice will be given prior to any ramp closure. The ramp names will correspond to the diagrams at the end of this notice.

Highway Closures

Single lane closures of Highway 417 EBL and WBL will be in effect for the duration of the construction project from April 28th, 2025 to Fall 2025. The traffic control will consist of advance signage and TC-54 traffic barrels. The daily permitted times for the closures on the highway are as follows for each direction:

Eastbound Lanes

- Sunday; 20:00 – 23:59
- Monday to Thursday; 00:00 – 06:00, 09:00 – 23:59
- Friday; 00:00 – 06:00, 09:00 – 14:00
- Saturday; Not Permitted

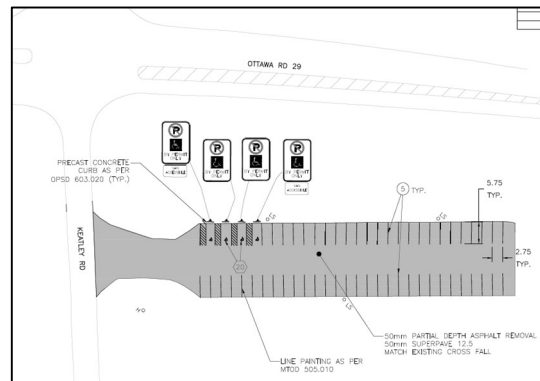
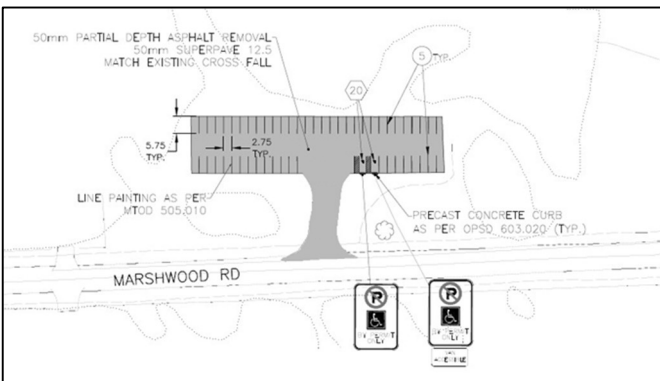
Westbound Lanes

- Sunday; 20:00 – 23:59
- Monday to Thursday; 00:00 – 14:00, 18:00 – 23:59
- Friday; 00:00 – 14:00
- Saturday; Not Permitted

The location of paving works where lane closures are expected is from 0.7km West of Campbell Drive IC to 1.6km East of Panmure RD IC.

Carpool Lots

The project includes milling, paving, and line painting of the carpool lots at the Ottawa Road 29 and Panmure Road interchanges. These lots will be closed with a minimum of three weeks notice once the specific dates are confirmed. The closure will not occur simultaneously, and each parking lot will be closed for a maximum of 48 hours.



Scheel Drive:

Rock stabilization, rock ditch cleanout, and shoulder widening for snowmobile use will be part of this construction project along Scheel drive underneath Highway 417. The estimated duration for this work is currently early July 2025 to Fall 2025. A single lane closure of one direction may be present with flagging during the following times:

- Monday to Friday; ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset
- Saturday and Sunday; Not permitted

Please see below for the location of the Scheel Drive work zone where lane closures can be expected:

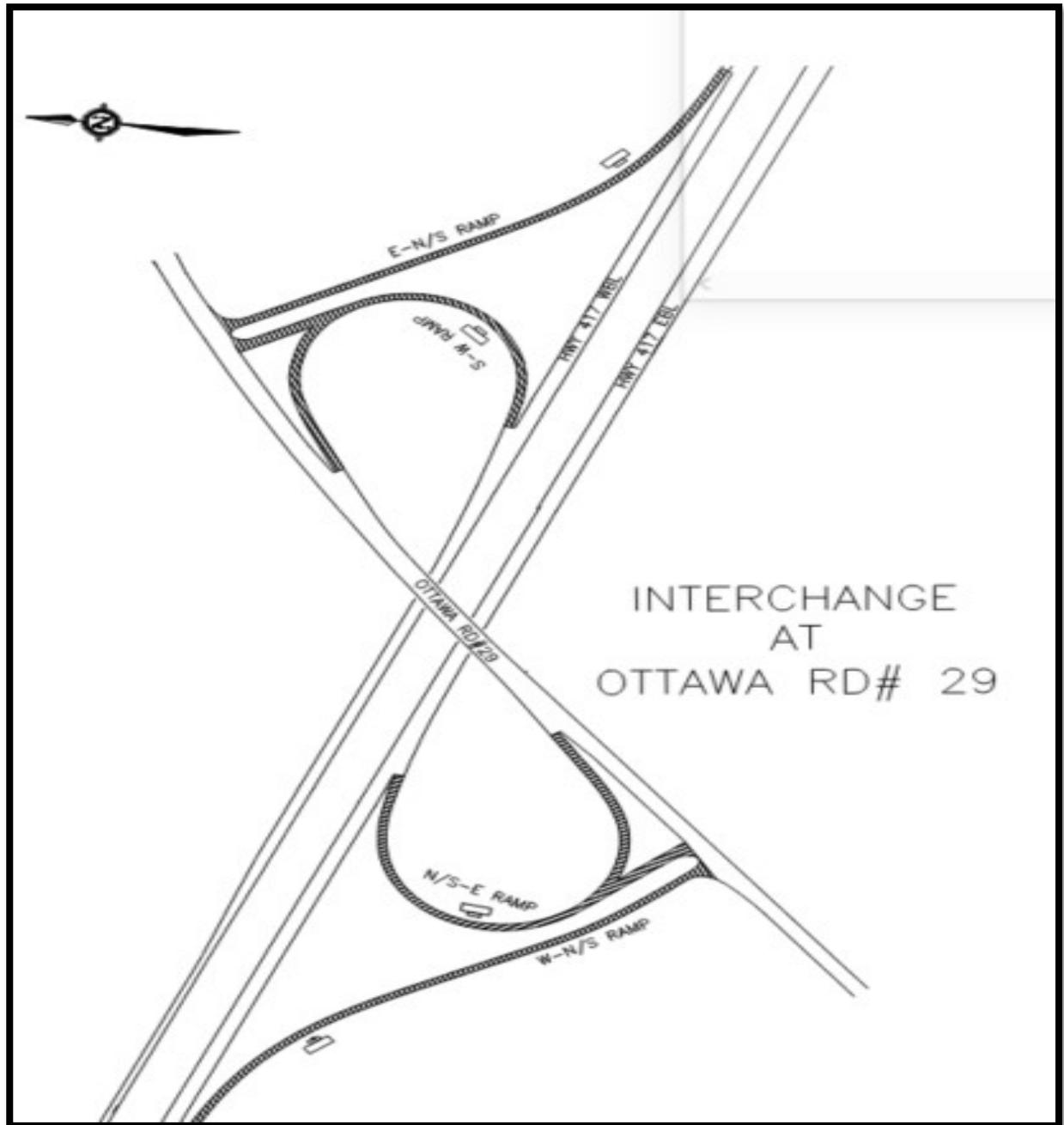


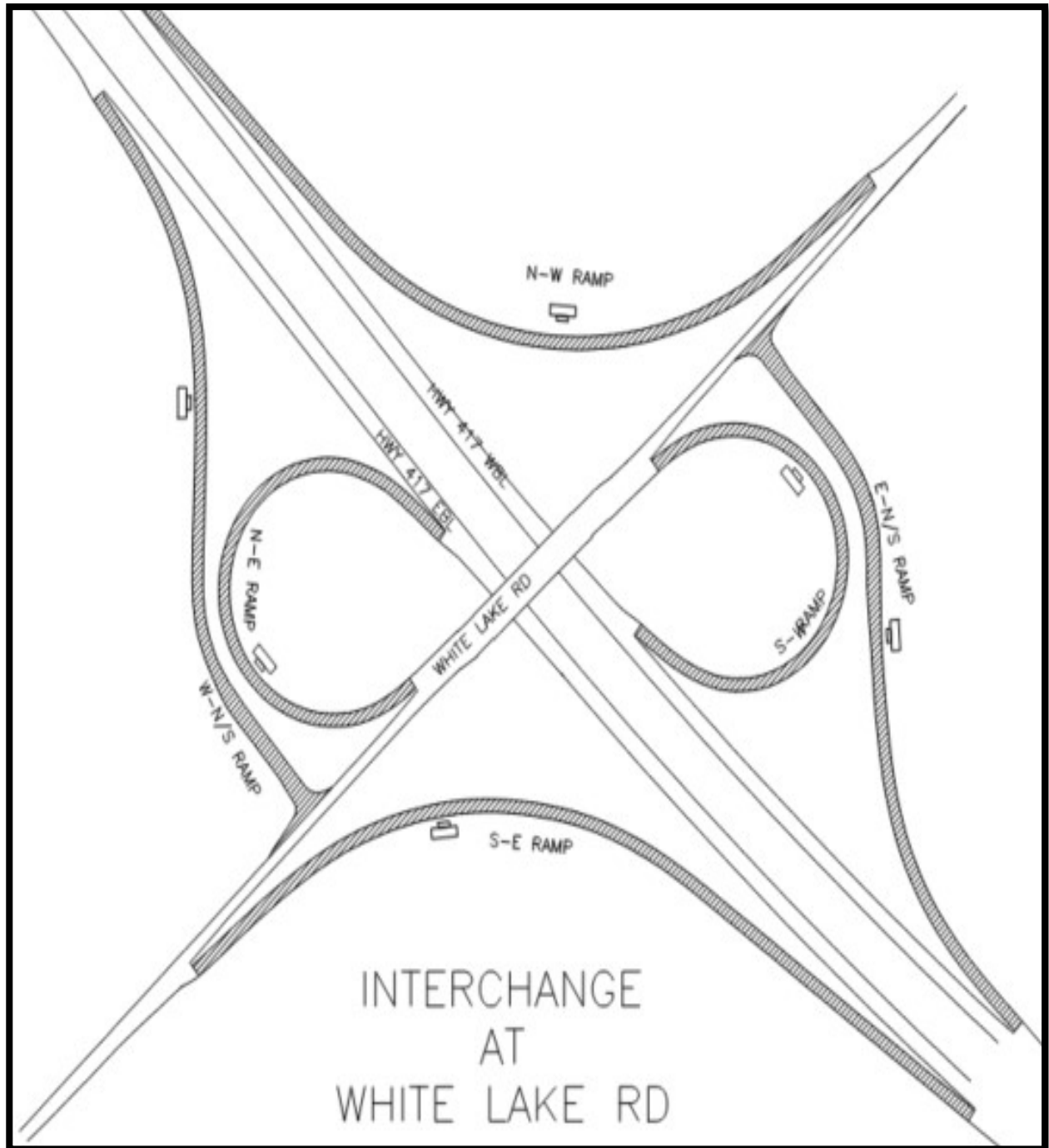
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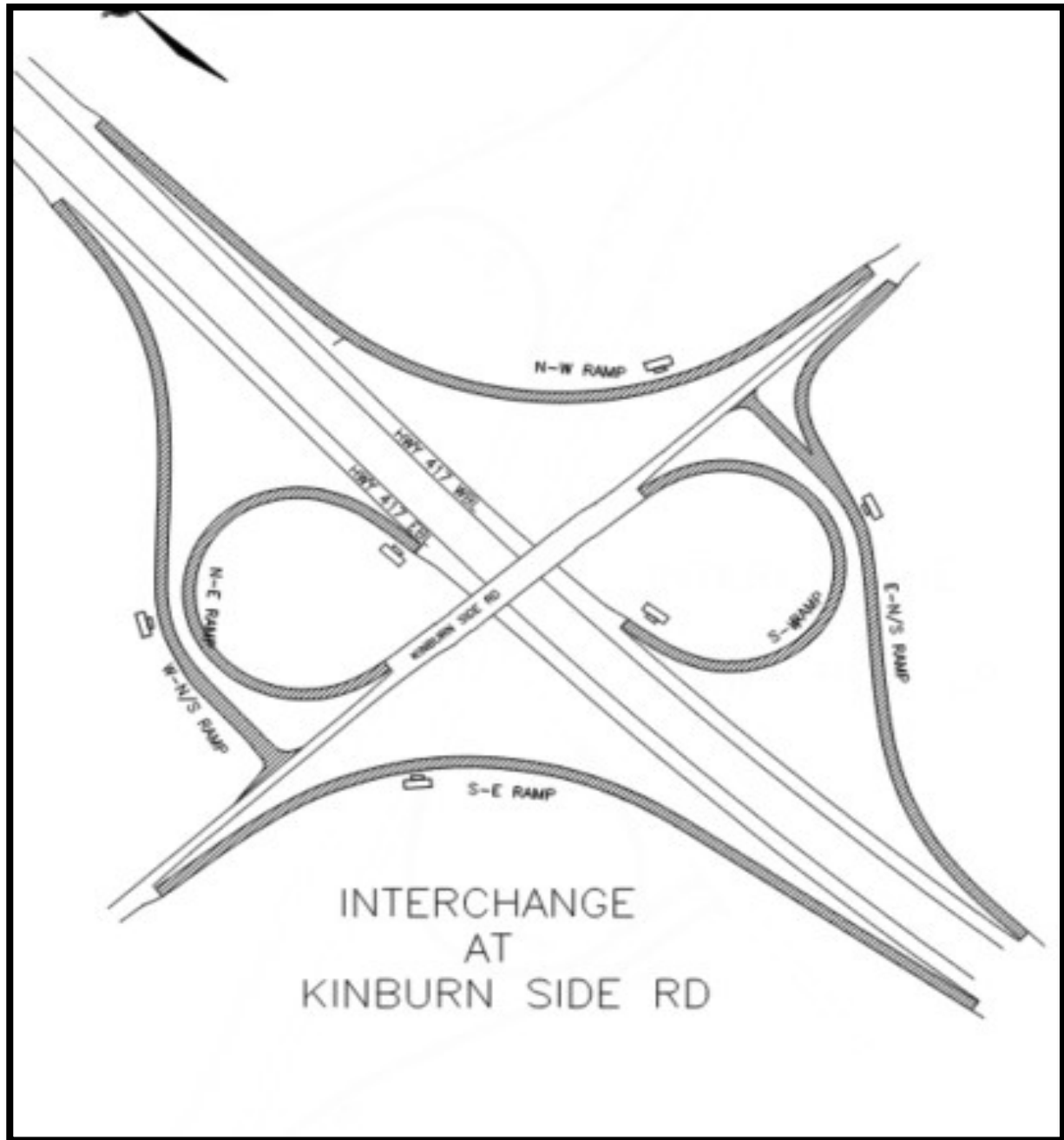
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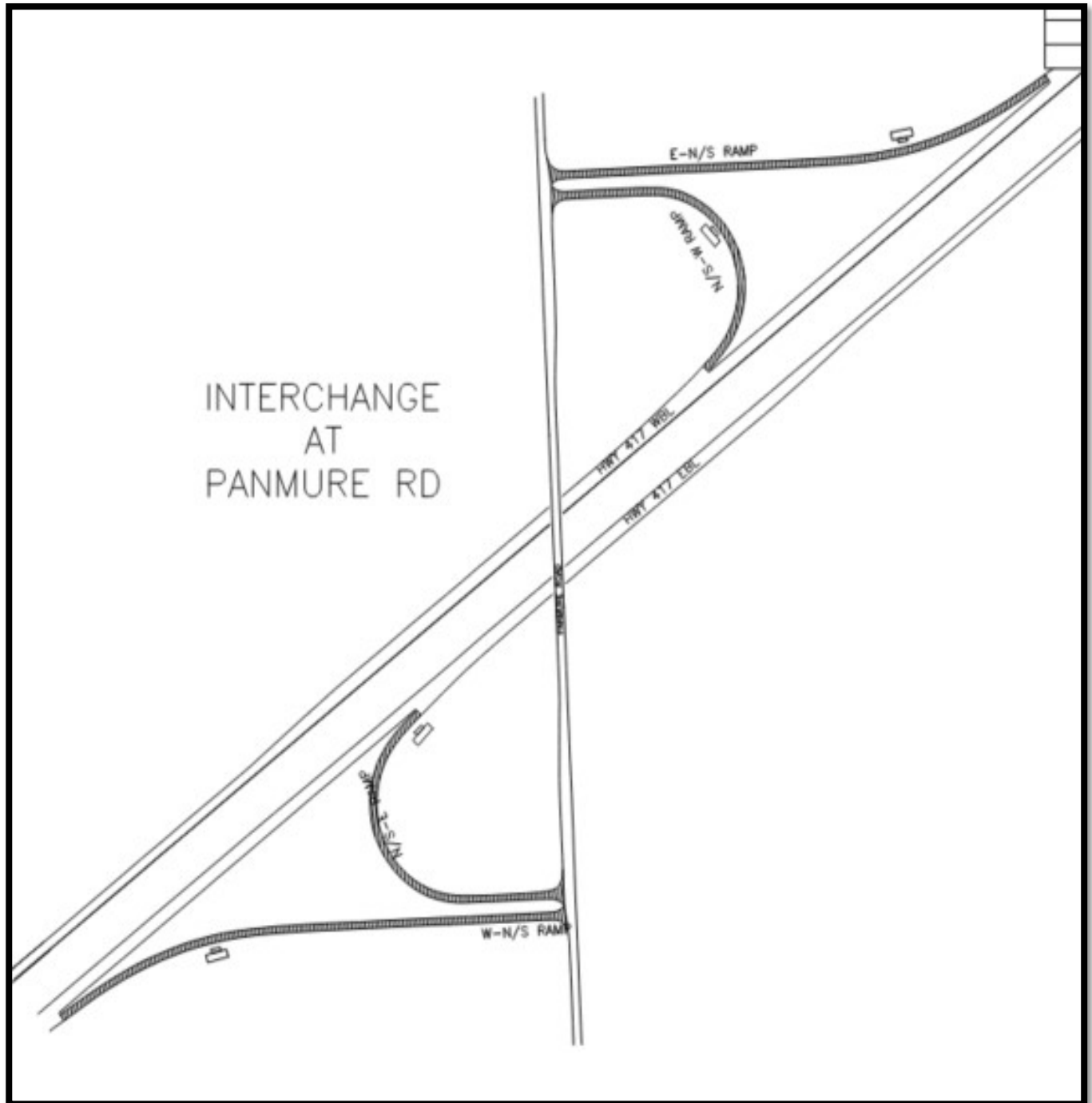
GIP Paving Inc.'s representative is Hardik Sakariya who can be reached at 343-571-6022. MTO's Contract Administration for the project is Egis Canada and the Contract Administrator is Brayden Goodhue, who can be reached at 613-857-0603.

Additional traveller information services available at www.ontario511.ca











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& Regional Clerk**

March 27, 2025

The Honourable Arif Virani
Minister of Justice
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Virani:

RE: Motion to amend prior motion presented to Regional Council on February 26, 2025, re: Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "Nazi symbols of hate", Our File: C00

As a follow-up to our previous correspondence sent on February 28, 2025, please be advised that the Council of the Region of Durham, at its meeting held on March 26, 2025, adopted the following recommendations of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- A) That subject to a 2/3rds majority vote, the resolution with respect to Banning the Nazi Swastika in Canada, adopted at the February 26, 2025 Regional Council meeting, be reconsidered; and
- B) That subject to Part A) being approved, that the resolution be amended to replace all references to Nazi swastika(s) with the words "Nazi symbols of hate", and make any necessary associated grammatical revisions.

For your reference, the resolution now reads as follows:

"Whereas in recent years, Nazi iconography has surfaced with alarming frequency in the public sphere, used by an increasing number of groups and individuals to promote hate and instill fear within Canadian society; and

Whereas since the atrocities of WWII, the Nazi hakenkreuze, has become universally synonymous with systematic violence, terror and hate. Its growing presence in our country poses a threat to every single Canadian citizen, undermining the core values of equality, diversity, and inclusion that define our nation, and

Whereas eighteen countries have already taken action to ban these symbols, it is imperative that Canada follow suit;

Therefore be it resolved, that Durham Region Council supports B'Nai Brith's call to the Government of Canada to pass legislation banning, with exceptions for certain educational and artistic purposes, the public display of Nazi symbols of hate and iconography, including the Nazi hakenkreuze. Specifically, demanding that the Government of Canada immediately:

1. Ban the Nazi hakenkreuze
2. Ban all Nazi symbols of hate and iconography

Durham Region Council agrees that the people of Canada are counting on the federal government to ensure a future free from hate, where every Canadian is protected, valued, and respected; and

That a copy of this motion is sent to all Canadian Municipalities."

Alexander Harras

Alexander Harras, M.P.A.
Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
AH/tf

c: B'nai Brith Canada
All Canadian Municipalities



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Pembroke, Ontario
613-735-5635

April 09, 2025

The Honorable Lisa McGee, Mayor of Arnprior and Members of the Council:

Greetings from the team of McDonald's Arnprior!

We are getting ready for our annual **McHappy Day** event. This event will be held on Thursday May 08, 2025. During this event a portion of every item sold will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC). RMHC exists to enable access to Canada's children's hospitals for families who live far away. Giving families a warm and compassionate place to stay, close to the medical care their seriously ill child needs.

In an average year, RMHC helps over 26,000 families across Canada. We would like to do our part to help Ronald McDonald House to grow. Raising donations is our way to support RMHC to build more houses and help even more families that are in need in all communities across Canada, just like ours.

To help raise awareness and help support our community we are asking if you would be able to help support us in our campaign. We are looking for individuals who would like to join us at the restaurant that day and interact with our guests and show their community spirit. Our event will be an activity from 6am to 11pm, with the bulk of the festivities between the 9am – 7pm time frame. Any time that you can spare and show your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We are looking forward to receiving your positive response.

Respectfully yours,

John Bonham
General Manager
McDonalds Arnprior
16 Baskin Dr W.
(613) 639-9507



RENFREW COUNTY 55+ SUMMER GAMES 2025

MAY 5

CRIBBAGE - 1:00 P.M.
Cobden Legion - 43A Main Street

MAY 8

8-BALL POOL - 1:00 P.M.
Cobden Legion - 43A Main Street

MAY 14

DARTS-MENS/WOMENS DOUBLES - 10:00 A.M.
Deep River Legion - 50 Mcelligott Dr.

MAY 15

BOWLING - 9:30 A.M.
Renfrew - 233 Raglan St. South

MAY 15

CORNHOLE - 10:00 A.M.
Chalk River Lions Hall - 11 Kellett St.

MAY 21

EUCHRE 1:00 P.M.
Chalk River Lions Hall - 11 Kellett St.

MAY 21

DARTS - MIXED DOUBLES - 10:00 A.M.
Deep River Legion - 50 Mcelligott Dr.

MAY 21

PICKLEBALL- MENS/WOMENS - 9:00 A.M.
Deep River Arena - 2 Club House Road

MAY 22

PICKLEBALL - MIXED DOUBLES - 9:00 A.M.
Deep River Arena - 2 Club House Road

MAY 23

PREDICTION WALKING - 10:00 A.M.
NORDIC WALKING - 1:00 P.M.
Calabogie Community Hall

MAY 26

PREDICTION CYCLING- 10:00 A.M.
Westmeath Recreation Centre - 119 Synton St.

MAY 28

GOLF - 9:00 A.M.
Eganville - White Tail Golf Course

MAY 28

BOCCEE BALL - 9:00 A.M.
Deep River, 17 Double Dip Rd
Pat McAnulty Park

MAY 29

BID EUCHRE - 1:00 P.M.
Pembroke Seniors Centre - 42 Renfrew St.

MAY 29

LAWN BOWLING - 10:00 A.M.
Deep River - 14 Club House Road

MAY 30

CONTRACT BRIDGE - 1:00 P.M.
Pembroke Seniors Centre - 42 Renfrew St.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Georges Martin - gsamartin@sympatico.ca
Val Hinsperger - valhinsperger@gmail.com

COST PER PERSON:
OSGA PARTICIPANT = \$15.00
EVENT FEE = \$3.00 EACH
ADDITIONAL FEES:
\$50 FOR GOLF
\$15 FOR BOWLING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH EVENT
FORMS AVAILABLE AT:
→<https://osga55plus.ca>
→Your Community Recreation Dept
→Your Senior Active Living Centre



Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

2 WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT

Late registration will be accepted up to 10 days prior to the event if schedule permits.

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|--------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|--|--|
| First Name: | | | Last Name: | | |
| Female ____ | Male ____ | Year of birth: | Email: | | |
| Address: | | | City/Town: | | |
| Postal Code: | | | Phone Number: | | |

Check all events you wish to enter and indicate the division you wish to participate when there is more than one option. For games that require partner, list your partner's name(s).

| ✓ | Date | Events | Town | Time | Division |
|---|----------------------|--|-------------|----------|--|
| | May 5 th | Cribbage | Cobden | 1:00 PM | Open Doubles Partner: |
| | May 8 th | 8-Ball Pool | Cobden | 1:00 PM | |
| | May 14 th | Darts – Men's Doubles | Deep River | 10:00 AM | Partner: |
| | May 14 th | Darts – Women's Doubles | Deep River | 10:00 AM | Partner: |
| | May 15 th | 5 Pin Bowling | Renfrew | 9:30 AM | <input type="checkbox"/> Singles <input type="checkbox"/> Teams Captain: Average: |
| | May 15 th | Cornhole | Chalk River | 10:00 AM | Open Doubles Partner: |
| | May 21 st | Euchre | Chalk River | 1:00 PM | Open Doubles Partner: |
| | May 21 st | Darts – Mixed Doubles | Deep River | 10:00 AM | Partner |
| | May 21 st | Womens Pickleball (Skill 3.0-3.5) 55+ ____ 65+ ____ (Skill 3.5+) 55+ ____ 65+ ____ | Deep River | 9:00 AM | Partner: |
| | May 21 st | Mens Pickleball (Skill 3.0-3.5) 55+ ____ 65+ ____ (Skill 3.5+) 55+ ____ 65+ ____ | Deep River | 9:00 AM | Partner: |
| | May 22 nd | Mixed Pickleball (Skill 3.0-3.5) 55+ ____ 65+ ____ (Skill 3.5+) 55+ ____ 65+ ____ | Deep River | 9:00 AM | Partner: |
| | May 23 rd | Prediction Walking | Calabogie | 10:00 AM | <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ (3K) <input type="checkbox"/> Men <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ (1.6K) <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| | May 23 rd | Nordic Walk | Calabogie | 1:00 PM | <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ (3K) <input type="checkbox"/> Men <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ (1.6K) <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| | May 26 th | Prediction Cycling | Westmeath | 10:00 AM | |

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| | May 28 th | Bocce Ball | Deep River | 9:00 AM | Open Doubles Partner: | |
| | May 28 th | Golf | Eganville | 9:00 AM | <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ <input type="checkbox"/> 65+ <input type="checkbox"/> 75+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Men <input type="checkbox"/> Women |
| | May 29 th | Lawn Bowling | Deep River | 10:00 AM | Open Doubles Partner: | |
| | May 29 th | Bid Euchre | Pembroke | 1:00 PM | Open Doubles Partner: | |
| | May 30 th | Contract Bridge | Pembroke | 1:00 PM | Open Doubles Partner: | |

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| Do you have difficulty climbing stairs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Do you require wheelchair assistance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| Emergency Contact | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| First Name: | Last Name: |
| Relationship: | Phone Number: |

The Ontario Senior Games Association (OSGA) has requested that participants register, sign the waiver form, and pay their membership fees online this year using the OSGA data base at <https://osga55plus.ca/>

This will enter you into the database.

If you are NOT registering on-line, please fill out this form, including the waiver form and submit the forms to the address below along your OSGA Fee plus event/game fees.

| Fees | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| OSGA Participant | \$15.00 | |
| Event/Game | \$3.00 (each) x _____ | |
| Golf <u>Extra</u> (includes cart) | \$50.00 | |
| Bowling <u>Extra</u> | \$15.00 | |
| Total: | | |

You must read and submit the registration and waiver forms. If you registered online then you would have completed the waiver forms and would not have to submit the waiver forms with the games form.

Mail Completed registration form with Cheques payable to Renfrew County 55+ Games to:

Val Hinsperger
Box 449
Eganville, ON K0J 1T0

Etransfer to:
Renfrewcounty55@gmail.com

For more information contact Val Hinsperger
valhinsperger@gmail.com
(613)402-3408 or (613)628-5577

NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED

If you are driving to an event and are willing to provide a ride to someone, please check this box

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